

St Mary's Church West Chiltonton

Faithful Hopeful Joyful Prayerful

My brothers and sisters in Christ.

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.

You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.

Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Early April this year marks both the great week of Holy Week and the start of the Easter season: Holy Week 5 – 11 April, Easter Day 12 April.

How has your Lent been? Have you managed the 40 days of giving something up or did you choose to take something on? Did you slip up on the way and have to start again? Or just gave up because it became too much of a chore and burden? Whatever your response may have been, well done for giving it a go if you stuck with it.

God does not expect us to be perfect only Jesus is perfect. We are called to try and when we succeed, we can rejoice that we have achieved our goal and give thanks to God. When we have failed or did not meet our expectation, what is our response? Do we give up or learn from that experience and try again? Seeking God's strength and guidance.

The season of Lent is 40 days, the joy of the Easter season is 50 days taking us from Easter Day until Pentecost. From the Day of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, through his Ascension into Glory and then the joy of receiving the Holy Spirit. We have more days of rejoicing and celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We at St. Mary's will be offering service throughout this season to celebrate and give thanks for the blessings we receive and give thanks to God for his

Son Jesus Christ for the ultimate sacrifice of his life for our eternal salvation.

I heartily encourage and invite you to join us throughout this joyful season of Easter at St Mary's. So throughout this Easter season may it bring upon you many blessings and a sense of hope and optimism for the future as we move from the wet and windy winter to the possibilities of the new birth of spring, the warmth and new growth that this season brings.

A Prayer for Easter Day.

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

May the Angels and Saints watch over you and your families, may St Mary pray for you, and the Holy Family encourage and strengthen you.

God Bless

Fr. Stephen

God is love

1 John 4:8 Passion Translation

What's on at St Mary's in April

Sunday 5	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Family Communion
Wednesday 8	10am Holy Communion
Thursday 9	7pm Holy Communion
Friday 10	2pm Holy Communion
Sunday 12	8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion 6pm Evensong
Wednesday 15	10am Holy Communion
Sunday 19	8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion
Wednesday 22	10am Holy Communion
Sunday 26	8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion
Wednesday 29	10am Holy Communion

Lunches

Lent Lunch 2 April

Friendship lunches resume on 16 April

12 – 2pm in the Church Hall

All welcome

Dear Friend

This is rather a worrying time, rather than worry, pray Psalm 91 over yourself and this nation. Here is a short piece from Psalm 91 that I love:

When we live our lives within the shadow of God Most High, our secret hiding place, we will always be shielded from harm.

How then could evil prevail against us or disease infect us? God sends angels with special orders to protect you wherever you go, defending you from all harm.

If you walk into a trap, they'll be there for you and keep you from stumbling.

You'll even walk unharmed among the fiercest powers of darkness, trampling every one of them beneath your feet!

Psalm 91:9-13

Passion Translation



Wishing you a blessed Easter, Maria

West Chiltington and Nutbourne Open Gardens

Save the Dates: Saturday 20 – Sunday 21 June

We have 17 beautiful individual gardens to show you over this weekend stretching from the edges of the village through the old village, and out to Nutbourne through to West Chiltington Common. We have a number of local artists and artisans who will display the results of their endeavours and have items for sale including glassware, pottery, hand knits, toys, paper crafts, woodwork and paintings to name a few. There will be ploughman's lunches in the church hall, with a gallery of paintings by a local art group.

Children in the village are invited to make summer scarecrows of any type to be displayed in the churchyard at the edges of the paths and there will be a prize for the best. Our new High Sheriff of West Sussex, Dr Tim Fooks, accompanied by his wife Sarah, will be opening the event. So come and see the scarecrows and have a ploughman's lunch, view the gallery and then do a tour of the gardens. Mini-buses will be circling the whole village so you can grab a free lift to another garden (donations welcomed!). Tickets will be available in June and are valid for both days. There will be teas and refreshments for sale in several of the gardens.

We would love to have another garden, whether large or tiny in Nutbourne and another in the Common. For more information contact Andrea on 01798 812957.





Club of Storrington & Pulborough District

**Storrington community Village Day set for 27 June 2020
1.00pm – 5.pm – Hormare Recreation Ground, Storrington**

The Storrington Village Day organizing committee has started planning for this grand summer community event and promises a fun day of singing and dancing by local school children, a funfair and games, dog show, Morris Dancing, bar and barbeque, Lions giant book fair, grand raffle, a display of classic cars from SADCASE enthusiasts, a scarecrow building competition, teas and cakes, as well as lots of charity, craft and trade stalls.

This free annual event was revived last year and is led by The Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District with strong support from Storrington & Sullington Parish Council and local community clubs and groups. The new Committee Chairman, Rotary President Mark Foss, is keen to have a big village input and is encouraging as many groups as possible to join in and contribute to a fun day for the whole community. All proceeds from the event will be used to support many village activities for young people and cheques of £4,250 have been awarded to a number of local organizations in the community.

Last year's Village Day Committee Chairman, Tony Vaughan said "We were delighted to see the successful revival of Storrington Village Day and it is great to see money raised at this very popular community event going straight back into supporting our young people in Storrington." Tony also thanked the event organizers and sponsors whose help in various ways enables the committee to invest in the events' attractions.



Cheque presentation to 2nd Storrington Guides by Rotarian Tony Vaughan

The following young people's groups received donations:

Sandra Wilson Dance School - £300

Storrington Primary School - £700

1st Sullington & Storrington Scouts – £1000

2nd Storrington Guides – £500

1st Storrington Rainbows & 2nd Storrington Brownies – £500

1st Sullington Brownies – £500

2464 (Storrington) Squadron ATC – £500

Maxwell Smith 'our maxwell' charity – £250

Building Hope and Confidence



THE MOTHERS' UNION

Our theme for this year

With that in mind we held our diocesan 'Wave of Prayer' on 27 February, which makes its way around the World, giving thanks for past and present links across the world, and for our own diocese. We felt the strength of members worldwide.

We had long awaited news from Mundri, South Sudan, which has been in conflict and their churches have been damaged. Bishop Bismark has now been able to return to continue his ministry. We received colourful photos from members there.

We enjoyed the Lent lunch at West Chiltonton after our service in the Church.

The meeting on 5 March meeting was well attended considering the incessant rain that day. Thanks to Daphne for leading the prayers and Anna for playing the piano.

Thank you to Scilla Page who was our speaker from Walburton, who informed us of baby baskets which are given to new mums in great need, with the cooperation of midwives. They are filled with essentials by members donating nearly new, buying and making items for the first couple of months. We intend to start collecting in our branch for this worthwhile cause.

I took a prayer shawl to Palestine recently for the family I stayed with, who were delighted to receive it for their daughter and her baby due in May.

Next meeting 2 April. A Lent Lunch, West Chiltonton Church hall followed by a talk by Family Support Work.

Sonia Fox

Arts Society South Downs

Wednesday 1 April

Douglas Skeggs will give a talk on James Whistler
and the Gentle Art of Making Enemies

Wednesday 6 May

Jenifer Toynbee-Holmes will give a talk on
Augustus John King of Bohemia

Meetings at Fittleworth Village Hall

Coffee from 9.50, Lecture 10.45

New Members, Visitors (£6) warmly welcomed

Please call Hilary – 01403 785302

www.theartssocietysouthdowns.org.uk

The Big Hat Beer and Music Festival Greyhound Brewery

Friday 10 April

12 noon until 10.30pm

West Chiltington Village Hall

A ticketed event: The Card Shop Storrington or West
Chiltington Post Office or online via their website

**Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District
Events for April**



**Rotary Film Night
at Sullington Parish Hall
Wednesday 8 April 2020**



**Performance commences at 7.30pm with an interval and
Bar & Raffle. Tickets £5 from 'The Card Shop' in
Storrington. Unsold tickets will be available for purchase
on the door on the night.**

**Anyone needing transport should contact Roger Jamieson
on 01798 813956**

**For further details please contact Ken Collins
on 01903 740745**

Rotary Club of Storrington & Pulborough District

All proceeds go to charitable causes supported by Rotary. Registered Charity No.1029115

The April film is “Judy”, starring Renee Zellweger and is the Oscar winning film about the life of Judy Garland. The showing commences at 7.30pm, at Sullington Hall, Thakeham Road, RH20 3PP

The May film on Wednesday 13 May, will be “Official Secrets”, starring Keira Knightley and Matt Smith. The true story of a British whistleblower working in the UN.

Tickets are £5 and are available from the Card Shop in Storrington. Any unsold tickets will be available on the door, on the night.

Rotary Quiz Night



Saturday 4 April at 7.30pm

Pulborough Village Hall

A fun night out for teams of 2 to 6 with speed rounds, music and 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

The address for Pulborough Village Hall is Swan View, Lower Street, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 2BF



The Mary How Quiz Night is Back! Are You a Match for the Inn-Quizzator?

Local health screening charity, the Mary How Trust for Cancer Prevention, is holding its popular Spring Quiz on Saturday 25 April at West Chilton Village Hall.

Join Doug 'The Inn-Quizzator' Brown for an evening of fun brain-teaser questions, with team prizes, a licensed bar, and a raffle.

Teams are 6 to 8 people. Tickets cost £8 per person. Doors open at 7pm; eyes down at 7.30pm.

Bring a picnic for a tasty half-time break. A licensed bar will be open throughout the evening, selling beer, wine and soft drinks, as well as tea, coffee and cake.

The team prizes are generously sponsored by LMC Auto Services. Will your team snap up first prize?

The Spring Quiz is supported by Freeman Brothers Funeral Directors as part of their "165 charitable acts for 165 years" celebration of their anniversary throughout 2020.

This quiz night is always entertaining, and a fun way to support your local health screening charity. Roanne Moore, Fundraising Manager of the Mary How Trust, says, "Do join us – it's a great chance to pit your wits against the Inn-Quizzator! Come braced for fun, and your support will help us spot cancer early. Thank you for giving your community a healthier future."

Tickets are on sale now from Eventbrite: [tinyurl.com/MaryHowTrust-SpringQuiz2020](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/Mary-How-Trust-Spring-Quiz-2020-tickets)



West Chiltington Croquet Club

The 2020 croquet season begins on Monday 13 April at 9.45am in the Recreation Ground, Mill Road. New members are very welcome and equipment is available to borrow. Players are requested to wear flat shoes and be prepared for the weather!

The club plays GOLF croquet and currently runs hosted sessions on Monday and Friday mornings at 9.45am. Play on Wednesday afternoons starts at 1.45pm, after which tea, coffee and cake are available in the Pavilion. There will also be other opportunities to play during the week.

Taster sessions will be held on Tuesday May 19, June 16 and July 21 at 1.45pm. Meet up in the recreation ground car park and learn more about the game.

More details are available on our website: www.westchiltingtoncroquet.com, telephone number: 01798 368941, or email: wchiltcroquet@gmail.com

We tend to use prayer as a last resort,
but God wants it to be our first line of defence.
We pray when there's nothing else we can do,
but God wants us to pray before we do anything at all.

Oswald Chambers

West Chiltington Village Show

Saturday 11 July

The Show supports the Purple Bus Project

The Purple Bus Project will bring much needed young people's activities to the village every week. We are delighted to be part of the team, which includes the Show, West Chiltington Parish Council and Horsham District Council who are finding money for the project. Raffle ticket sales will support our £1,500 contribution. Following a successful initial project it may be extended or lead to a more permanent facility. A very exciting prospect for young people and the village.



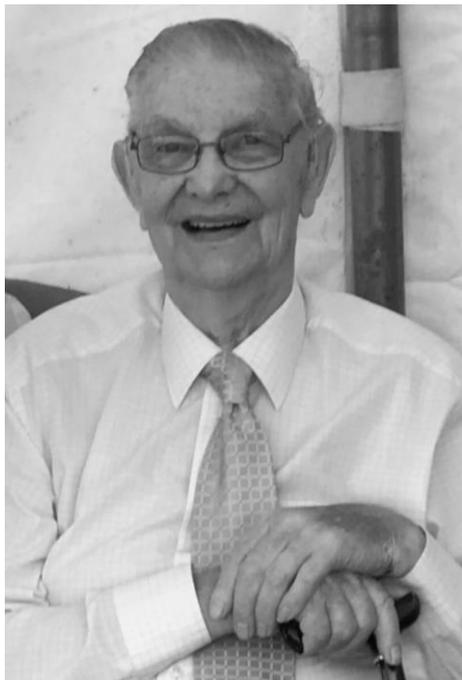
We really appreciate Nyetimber again generously sponsoring the competitions. From 1919 to today, competitions have been at the heart of our village show. Why not have a go, you could win a bottle of Nyetimber Classic Cuvee!

There is something for everyone; gardeners, florists, artists, crafters, bakers, embroiderers, knitters and photographers. You have six months to plan, develop, create and grow items to exhibit at this year's show. Entry forms



will be delivered with the May Sussex Local and available in local shops. For more information contact Pat at pathampton@hotmail.com or www.westchiltshow.org/competitions

Last year over 60 stalls showcased their products at the show, why not join them this year. If you would like to book a stall or find out more contact Diane at familysmith1989@btinternet.com



We were deeply saddened to hear of the demise of Reg Slater, West Chiltonington's oldest born resident. He was a formidable show competitor and then secretary, treasurer and chairman of the committee. I spent many hours talking with Reg about the show and its history – his knowledge, enthusiasm and experience was infectious. I count myself lucky to have had time with him.

Visit our web site for all competition, stallholder and volunteer information and lots more www.westchiltshow.org

VE Day 75th Anniversary

Celebrate with Ladies that Boogie

Friday 8 May

Further details p29 and in next month's issue

Mary How Trust Film Society Presents



“Knives Out”

The Mary How Trust Film Society will be screening “Knives Out” on Tuesday 28 April at 7.30pm at West Chiltoningon Village Hall.

“A deliciously entertaining whodunit” – The Guardian

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

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Licensed bar, raffle, refreshments.

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 Chiltoningon

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, www.maryhowtrust.org

PACT Spring Lecture

‘Leadership for Tomorrow’ in Parliament and the Church



Nola Leach
Chief Executive of CARE
(Christian Action Research and
Education)

CARE has done fantastic work over 40 years. It has been at the coal face helping Parliament make ethical decisions about family, justice and life issues.

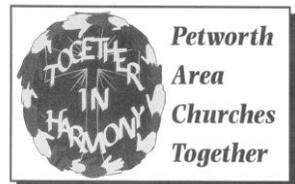
All welcome

7:30pm Friday 24 April 2020

St Mary's Parish Church, Petworth GU28 0AD

Free entry, wine and canapés to follow, free parking in town centre car park (6 minutes walk)

Further information: Gerald Gresham Cooke 01798 342151 or by email: geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com



www.petworthareachurchestogether.com



West Chiltington Theatre Arts Club April News

Our club meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. We have a thriving membership but are always ready to meet new friends who enjoy theatre visits and interesting speakers. Each month we publish a newsletter and also have a website under the club's name. We visit a local theatre monthly except December during the pantomime season.

At April's meeting on Tuesday 14 we welcome Mark Perry Nash with a presentation entitled 'Twilight of a Troubled Dynasty'. We have a full programme of speakers mapped out for this year.

April's theatre trip is to Guildford for 'Quality Street', which is sold out.

Our May theatre trip is to Guildford to see 'Sheila's Island' by Tim Firth ('Calendar Girls'). This tells of Sheila, Denise, Julie and Fay on their company's annual outward-bound team-bonding weekend. Sheila has been elected leader and, using her cryptic crossword-solving skills, she has unwittingly stranded her team on an island in the Lake District – this comedy has been described as 'Lord of the Flies' meets 'Miranda'!

Our coach leaves the Village Hall Car Park at 12.45pm.

Visits to local theatres, are very popular and the tickets we buy always sell quickly. Travelling by coach with friends makes the journey so much easier with no parking problems or extra cost.

Should you wish to join our club why not come as a visitor on Tuesday 14 April for a £2 fee. We have a membership of over 170, but new members are always welcome. A year's membership costs just £16 per person. If you wish to join, please contact our Secretary, Antony Bignell: antony700@btinternet.com or by post: 2 Southside, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 2DH

The Arts Society West Sussex

**On Tuesday April 7th Ian Swankie will talk on
Great Railway Stations - Evoking the Spirit
of Romance and Adventure**

In this talk we visit some of the most splendid stations in the world. We will look at the magnificent architecture and brilliant engineering and discover numerous artworks within the stations.

**On Tuesday May 5th Nicola Moorby will give a talk on
Turner vs Constable:
The Great British Paint Off!**

The story of the epic rivalry between these two creative giants of British Art reveals their different backgrounds and temperament. The subject also provides an enjoyable overview of British Art in the nineteenth century

**Meetings held in Fittleworth Village Hall at 2pm
Doors open 1.40. Tea and coffee after the lecture
Please call 01903411086 or contact jackiebuckler@sky.com
Visitors most welcome - £5
www.theartssocietywestsussex.org**

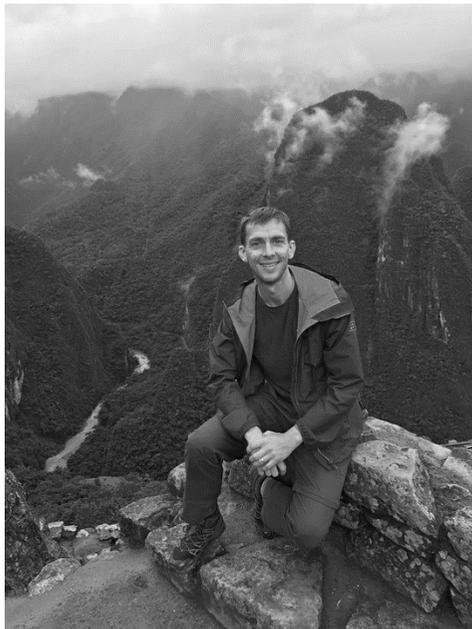
Guard well the splendid, God-given ability you received
as a gift from the Holy Spirit who lives within you.

2 Timothy 1:14 Living Bible



WEST CHILTINGTON PROBUS CLUB

Some 40 members gathered for lunch at the Roundabout Hotel this month where the guest speaker, Nick Meinertzhagen delivered an excellent talk 'My Journey – The Inca Trail'.



Nick, a family man recently sold his business and was looking to contribute to the local community. He chose The Chestnut Tree House, a fine local organisation offering support for terminally ill children and their families. Nick joined their trip to Peru and with 30 others undertook the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu. The talk was not a just series of family snaps but a very moving personal account of his journey and that of his fellow travellers who were bound together by a common purpose.

The physical aspects of the trek were tough, altitude sickness was a key issue, Nick along with many others suffered a headache for the whole trip. The highest point on the trek was some 4,200 metres. Alongside many wonderful photographs Nick interwove the story of personal endeavour, shared experience, team work and the dedication and friendliness of the guides & porters (wikies). It was reassuring to hear that guides and porters are valued members of the community and their health, welfare and financial well-being are constantly reviewed. Each member of the team had personal reasons for the trip and were able to raise money for a very good cause. In total, the team raised £150,000 which is enough to support the charity's work for 16 days. Nick is next taking part in a 55km walk, if you would like to know more about Chestnut Tree House and it's work please visit www.chestnut-tree-house.org.uk

We are moving slowly, albeit damply into a new season and as the hours of light overtake the long dark nights we look forward to a refreshing spring lunch at the Angmering Hotel and a wide range of social events including inter probus golf and croquet days.

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.

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

Yet even in the midst of all these things,
we triumph over them all, for God has made
us to be more than conquerors, and his
demonstrated love is our glorious victory
over everything!

Romans 8:37

Passion Translation

West Chiltington Creative Threads

Project is postponed

West Chiltington Horticultural Society

for people who enjoy gardens and gardening



Paul Patton was our speaker at the March meeting and, if we have not seen enough water over the last few months, he was encouraging us to make a pond in our gardens. His own preference is for a wildlife pond which he felt is an essential element in maintaining the ecological balance in the garden. As well as providing a home for frogs, newts and many insects, the water would be welcomed by birds and mammals, including hedgehogs if you were very lucky.

Paul took us through the steps in making a pond. At the outset it is important to ensure that the pond is in a fairly open position so that it does not become a depository for leaves in the autumn. Try to make it an interesting shape and have sections which are of different depths. This will allow you to include a wider range of plants although Paul cautioned us not to include too many plants as no more than 50% of the pond area should be covered to allow light to get to the water. For a small garden pond it was important to seek out some of the less vigorous varieties of our favourite plants, otherwise we would find ourselves burdened with a major maintenance job every year in an effort to keep them in check.

When constructing the pond it is important to ensure that one section has a slope into the water to allow easy access for birds and mammals coming for a drink as well as an exit route for those unfortunate enough to fall in. He also encouraged us to include a small fountain as this would not only allow oxygen to be added to the water but provide a restful background ambience. However, on hot days this water feature can add to water loss and Paul told us that when topping up we should add no more than 10% of the total volume of the pond each day.

But it is not all fun and, as with all garden features, some routine maintenance is to be expected. The surface should be kept clear of excess floating weed so that light can enter the pond. If algae strikes then it can be difficult to remove so prevention is the best cure. Chemicals are available but a small block of barley straw will do the job as well. From time to time it may be necessary to clean the bottom of the pond as sludge will build up which can have an adverse effect on the pH pond water. This should be removed but as this is the spot where

many insect larvae live the removed matter should be left next to the pond to allow the creatures to find their way home.



This was the first meeting of the year where members were able to submit specimens for the competition table and it was a reminder that spring was here with some delightful daffodils and spring flowers.

Attendance at our March meeting was, unfortunately, very much down as coronavirus seems to be a discouragement to going out. Our next meeting on 8 April is due to be a talk by Chris Stewart called "Earthworms- everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask."

For more information contact Carys Pickett 01798 815371, email westchilthorts@gmail.com or go to the website www.westchiltingtonhorticulturalsociety.co.uk

Thursday 12th March



After arranging our 100th Birthday Celebration for February 2021 – having only just celebrated our 99th last month – the ladies listened to other brief issues of business (especially the never ending menace of potholes in our area) before settling down attentively for the Speaker (and yes we do like to celebrate at WCWI).

Our Speaker, Stephen Morphew's talk title was "Japan as a Tourist" and, since some of us had already been to that country, it was nice to



recollect our memories of such a beautiful place and people. We were told that even today relatively few "gaijin" (foreigners) visit Japan from Europe and he hoped that his talk would inspire more to make the journey! Maybe we should suggest founding a Japanese WI?

Stephen, being a professional tutor with more than 35 years of public presentations, now lives in Japan (and has indeed married a beautiful Japanese wife) so definitely needs to know the protocol and how to behave. Some behavioural customs and manners were passed on to us and here are a few:

Japan is a cash society, a lot of shops do not even accept credit cards, moreover many Japanese ATMS do not accept foreign debit and credit cards so cash is the norm especially the 1,000 yen note!

Japan has one of the world's lowest crime rates.

Japan is known worldwide for its traditional arts, including tea ceremonies, calligraphy and flower arranging. Japanese culture – art, religion, samurai, geisha, shiro (castle) etc. are all part of the story and tradition is respected and honoured.

don't wear shoes in the house. Most homes have a small vestibule called a "genkan" where shoes should be removed and slippers put on.

don't give a tip in Japan as tipping is not a standard practice and in fact will be perceived as an insult. Service workers like waiters, taxi drivers and hairstylists receive a reasonable wage and do not expect any bonus payment from their customers.

Japan is crazy about vending machines which offer customers a multitude of convenient buys of just about anything – even raw eggs!

never shake hands but "bow" out of respect to the other person – the lower the "bow" the greater respect is shown and ladies are expected to always bow lower than the men! Not too sure about that one!

"Queue" behind each other in a marked line before boarding the train – no pushing or shoving but an orderly fashion to show respect to others- and always stand left on the escalator.

all cyclists ride on the pavements.

So just a few hints on how to behave in Japan as a tourist and what to expect – it sounded good to us and some of these ideas worth adopting in this country.

Wendy Chalu thanked Stephen on our behalf and said that we had been "Transported to another world of colourful detail and intriguing culture" thank you Stephen. Our next meeting on April 2nd will feature "The Nine Day Queen" so if interested in joining us phone Secretary Cathy Dyson on 01903 366261

Russ Fry



Still Life with Red Peppers – those of you who read last month’s article will already know this isn’t a hitherto undiscovered masterpiece by Cézanne, but two very different one act plays by Noel Coward that will form our spring production “An Evening with Noel Coward” on 21-23 May. “Still Life” is set in the refreshment area of a 1930’s railway station and depicts the sadness of Alec and Laura’s secret love affair as it develops over several months, contrasting with the uncomplicated relationship of two of the station staff. Sounds familiar? The play was later adapted into the film Brief Encounter.

In complete contrast, “Red Peppers” is a lively comedy about a second-rate music hall double act – a husband and wife team – who bicker in their dressing room and quarrel with colleagues in between performing their musical numbers.

This promises to be a very entertaining evening with drama, pathos, comedy, singing and dancing and a plethora of steam train effects! Tickets will be available online via our website and from our usual box offices from mid-April; look out for our posters or check the website for updates.



The Three Days of Christmas

As well as casting and rehearsing for the above, we recently held our AGM during which Chairman Geoffrey Steward outlined the highlights of 2019, including our extremely successful drama festival and 70th anniversary celebrations. But he stressed we need more members – especially younger ones!

We have brilliant facilities at West Chiltington Village Hall (other societies performing in the festival were very envious) so do please get in touch if you think you might like to join us, whether it be on stage or otherwise. There are membership benefits and even one-off help with front of house is always appreciated. Full details can be found on our website www.wcuds.co.uk along with a calendar of upcoming events – why not come and meet us at our next Play Reading for Fun on 12 June? Alternatively, you can contact our Publicity Officer Jean Trew on 01798 874952.

Jean Trew

**WEST CHILTINGTON
FLORAL CLUB**

(Affiliated to NAFAS)



Our first meeting of the year was our February afternoon meeting with a demonstration by Linda Brayne entitled “New Beginnings”, which included a varied selection of colourful arrangements. In April we look forward to welcoming Jennifer Thompson with her demonstration “A Moment of Time”.

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

Tackling child poverty

Former teacher Fiona Mackay has been commissioned as the Children's Society diocesan ambassador. She had been a speaker ambassador since retiring from her career in 2016 and last year was asked to develop her role into diocesan ambassador.



The Church of England-based Children's Society aims to fight child poverty, tackle neglect and support victims through working with local authorities, dioceses around the country and planting 100 plus hubs in major cities. Hubs are where children are able to access a hot meal, costing the Children's Society £4 per child. Funds not only come from individual fundraising but Society charity shops. In the Diocese of Chichester they can be found in Brighton, Shoreham, Horsham and Chichester.

Fiona, who was commissioned by Bishop Martin Warner at the Diocesan Synod, said: "The happiness of children is of fundamental importance. If they're not happy then they can't succeed and they can't concentrate in school, they don't see the point in education. "I believe that education is the absolute key thing for not just happiness but for future development."

Fiona is touring the diocese raising awareness of the charity. She said: "Prayer is the strongest weapon of all." Some four million children are in poverty in the UK alone, with predictions of that number increasing in

2020. Fiona said: "Many children, even in this beautiful county of Sussex, live in poverty, and that is why I have chosen to do this."

To find out where your nearest hub is, email supportercare@childrenssociety.org.uk. If you would like to set up a hub for children in your community, fully funded by the Children's Society contact Ruth.Andoh-Baxter@childrenssociety.org.uk the Relationship Manager.

Taken from "Faith in Sussex"





Dear Friends,

February signalled the start of Lent, and we are currently encouraging individuals and churches to think about how they could take FSW up, rather than give something up. Many churches have engaged by holding Lent lunches or asking their congregations to collect the money they would have otherwise spent on treats during Lent and donate it to us. All support in this way is hugely welcome, and we thank everybody who is participating.

During half term we ran a number of extra activities to keep our families active. Despite the terrible weather we ran additional sessions in Bognor, Haywards Heath, Coldean, Rustington and Pulborough, which were greatly enjoyed by participants. Our practitioners have been involved with a lot of important school meetings in the last month, as the lack of support for children with special educational needs is vast and our families benefit greatly from having us to advocate for them when trying to secure appropriate assistance for their children.

We have a very busy events season starting next month with our Easter Walk – registration is open now. Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.

February's work in numbers

184 individual meetings with families supporting 11 grandparents, 171 parents and 204 children

46 supported meetings with other agencies

29 group sessions supporting 21 grandparents, 301 parents and 319 children

134 food deliveries made

Prayer points

Give thanks that one of our families who has been extremely traumatised by a domestic violence situation has now been rehoused in a safe area away from their abuser and has started to make friends in the new community

Pray for a successful outcome for a number of large funding bids that we have recently submitted

Pray for our Board of Trustees as they finalise the budget for next year and have some important decisions to make

Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

Be still and know that I am God!

Psalm 46:10 New Living Translation



West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan: Call for Development & Employment Sites 13/3/20 – 24/4/20

As part of the preparation of the West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan, we need to identify site allocations for development in order to address local needs. We are calling out to landowners in the Parish of West Chiltington who may have an interest in promoting their land for development. The Neighbourhood Plan is looking to address our needs over the next 15 years.

If you are a landowner – or represent a landowner - and wish for your land to be considered for allocation in the Neighbourhood Plan, you are required to provide us with details using the ‘Site Submission’ form available from West Chiltington Parish Council. Email clerk@wcpc.org.uk or phone 01798 817434.

The form should be used to suggest new potential development sites to West Chiltington Parish Council or to provide updates to sites which have already been submitted to the Council. Please fill in a separate form for each site you wish to be considered.

Completed forms must be received by West Chiltington Parish Council by 5pm Friday 24 April 2020.

DO submit sites that:

- Are likely to become available for development or redevelopment within the next 1-5, 6-10 or 11+ years
- Could accommodate 5 or more dwellings (for housing proposals)
- Is above 0.25ha or 500m² floorspace (for economic development proposals)
- Are accompanied by a clear site map (ideally 1:1250 scale on an OS map base) clearly showing the site boundary. We will not accept sites unless a map is provided.

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 / www.wcpc.org.uk / Find us on Facebook