



Autumn Term

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

# newsletter

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## At Thakeham we CARE

### Welcome

Dear All,

We hope you all had a restful half term break!

We have made a great start to the second half of the Autumn term with Wonder class enjoying a Safari trip, Beatles class having a prickly visitor, another EYFS September 2024 starters Open Event and the first of our Parent Consultations evenings. We also enjoyed hearing all about the Year 5/6 PGL trip!

Please check the Dates for your Diary section as there are exciting events coming up. **Don't forget we have our Bag2School collections later next week (Weds 8<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Excess Hall)** so if you have any good quality adults and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels, please pop them into the bag provided before half term or any black sack(s) will do! 😊

If you wish for your child to have a Christmas lunch from Chartwells on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, please ensure you have ordered this by **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.

Best wishes from the Thakeham Family.

Email us at: [office@thakehamps.co.uk](mailto:office@thakehamps.co.uk)

Call us on: 01903 740176

## Who Are We Celebrating This Fortnight?

Positive,  
Persevering Perry



Co-operative  
Caring Chloe



Headteacher  
Award



Reflective,  
Reviewing Rowan



Curious,  
Questioning Cleo



Iga (Marley)  
Rudee (Franklin)

Reuben (Beatles)  
Mia (Wonder)

## Attendance Figures

Thank you for your support in helping our pupils to see the value in each and every day at school. We track attendance because only a little missed can have a huge long-term impact on a child's progress. **Our target is 97%**. Current attendance percentages for the new academic year to date are:

Beatles Class: **98%**  
Wonder Class: **99%**  
Marley Class: **97%**  
Franklin Class: **97%**

## Our School Values

**CARE – COURAGE – AMBITION – RESPECT – ENJOYMENT**

These are the values that drive our school. They feed into how we learn, how we act with one another, how we teach, how we handle our pastoral elements; so much of what we do! So, it is important we remember them. Our Super Learning Heroes relate directly to these and are how we make our values child friendly. They all come under our new, 'Thakeham Way'.

## School Life

Some of the exciting activities some of our pupils have experienced over the last few weeks!

### Beatles Class Hedgehog Visit

Last half term Beatles enjoyed a fabulous finish with a visit from Graham with his lovely rescued friend Henry the hedgehog. Graham runs a hedgehog rescue centre and it was lovely to support his charity and learn a bit more about how we can care for hedgehogs and other British wildlife in our gardens.

Henry loved exploring the classroom despite it being his bedtime! Graham was so impressed by the children's knowledge, questions and their behaviour, well done Beatles class. Following his visit, the children were inspired to make hedgehog homes, we make clay hedgehogs and they did some hedgehog drawing and fact sharing.



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### Beatles Class Pumpkin Hunt

As our stunning start for this term, Beatles class went on a pumpkin hunt to help their friend Humpkin Pumpkin to find his lost pumpkins. The children's used maps to locate where the pumpkins would be and were rewarded with a huge pumpkin to share in the classroom which they have enjoyed scooping out, picking seeds with tweezers and looking at with the magnifying glasses. They then acted out the story, 'We're going on a pumpkin hunt' and did some super story writing when they got back to class.





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### Wonder Class Dinosaur Safari Trip



On Monday, Wonder class travelled back in time (to 65 million years ago to be precise!) where they got to learn lots of interesting dinosaur facts. Once having an eventful bus tour, the children “travelled” to Lyme Regis to do some fossil hunting, just like Mary Anning in the 1800s.



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### **Franklin's week at PGL – 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October**

We, Franklin class, went on an adventure to PGL. We got there on Monday and left on Friday afternoon. At PGL there were three groups. The first thing we did as soon as we got there was walk to the Devil's Punch Bowl. We ate lunch there and played different games: football, climbing and using the climbing frames. Some of us really enjoyed playing football; but others preferred climbing trees and the climbing frame. Then we went to the 'tree of knowledge', to find out who was in our room and what our room number was. After that we walked back to our rooms; we unpacked the stuff into the drawers. We went for dinner, which was our first ever meal, at PGL, it was delicious!

#### **Activity**

The activities we did were:

- Instructor
- Rock climbing
- Giant swing
- Trapeze.
- Abseiling.
- Campfire.
- Obstacle course
- Archery tag
- Archery
- Film
- Balloon splash
- Zipline
- Sensory trail
- Problem solving

#### **Food**

For breakfast there was: bacon, veggie sausage, hash browns, porridge, yogurt, cereal, toast, butter jam salt, sugar, mayo, ketchup, vinegar, and sandwiches. For lunch there was pasta, sausages chips, burgers, fruit like apples and bananas. My Favorite meal was always breakfast spreading Butter on my hash browns and toast

#### **Trapeze**

When we did the trapeze I had three goes it was really fun - really, really fun - it was my third favorite activity (we were jumping of a platform, and hitting a ball). We had to climb up steps While the overs pulled a rope then they counted To three and we would jump.

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### Franklin's week at PGL

#### Activities

Most of the activities were amongst the tall trees, which were swaying with the wind, like there strongly stood the scary Jacob's ladder. The challenge cause - the art over leaping over things – was some of Franklin class' favourite thing.

#### Food

Thursday's dinner is not as good as Wednesday's dinner. Although the main was lovely, the pudding was a cake with hard, chocolate custard (even though it tasted of nothing ).Apart from that everything was fabulous. Some of us like the fact that they had lots of counters so you would get your food really quickly.



## Dates for Your Diary

- **7<sup>th</sup> November:** Wonder/Marley/Franklin classes Parents Evening (3:45-6:45pm)
- **8-9<sup>th</sup> November:** Bag2School drop off in the Excess Hall
- **10<sup>th</sup> November:** Bag2School collection
- **17<sup>th</sup> November:** Children in Need Day (letter sent today)
- **1<sup>st</sup> December:** School Christmas Fayre (SAVE THE DATE, more info coming soon!)
- **11<sup>th</sup> December:** Beatles class Nativity – (9:30am - more info to follow)
- **12<sup>th</sup> December:** Whole School Nativity – 2:00pm (more info to follow)
- **14<sup>th</sup> December:** Whole School Nativity - (9:30am – more info to follow), Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- **15<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term
- **18<sup>th</sup> December-1<sup>st</sup> January** – Christmas holidays
- **2<sup>nd</sup> January:** Inset Day
- **3<sup>rd</sup> January:** Return to school

### Inset Days 2023/2024

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

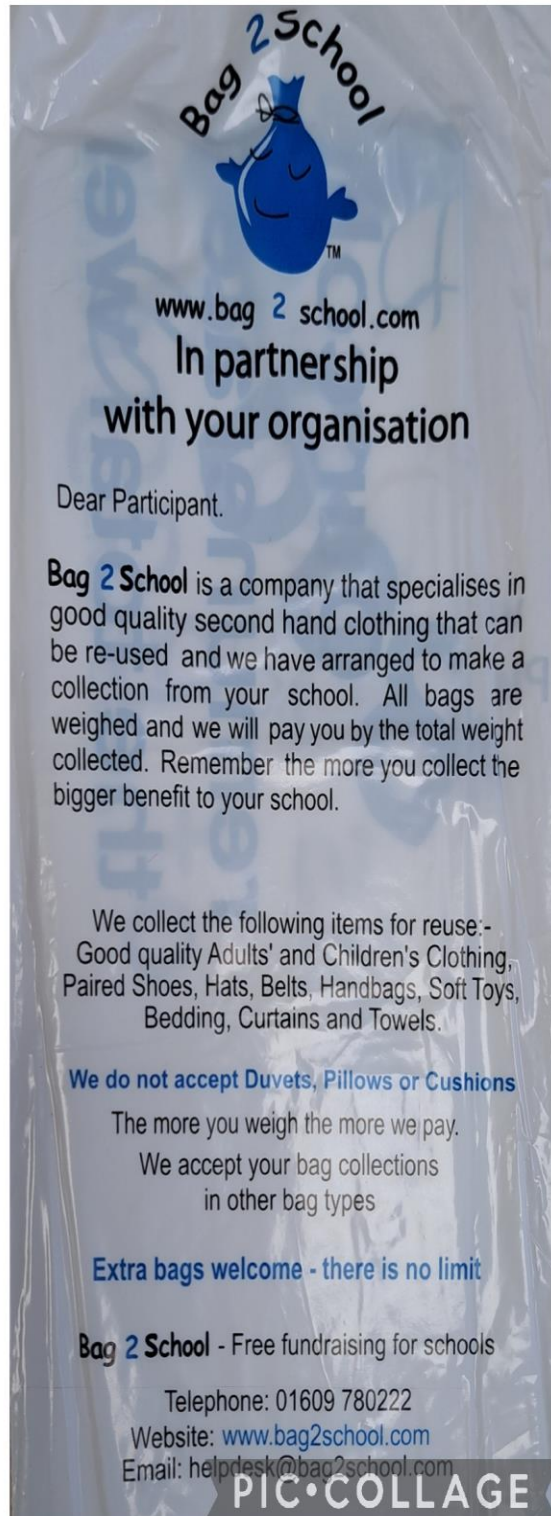
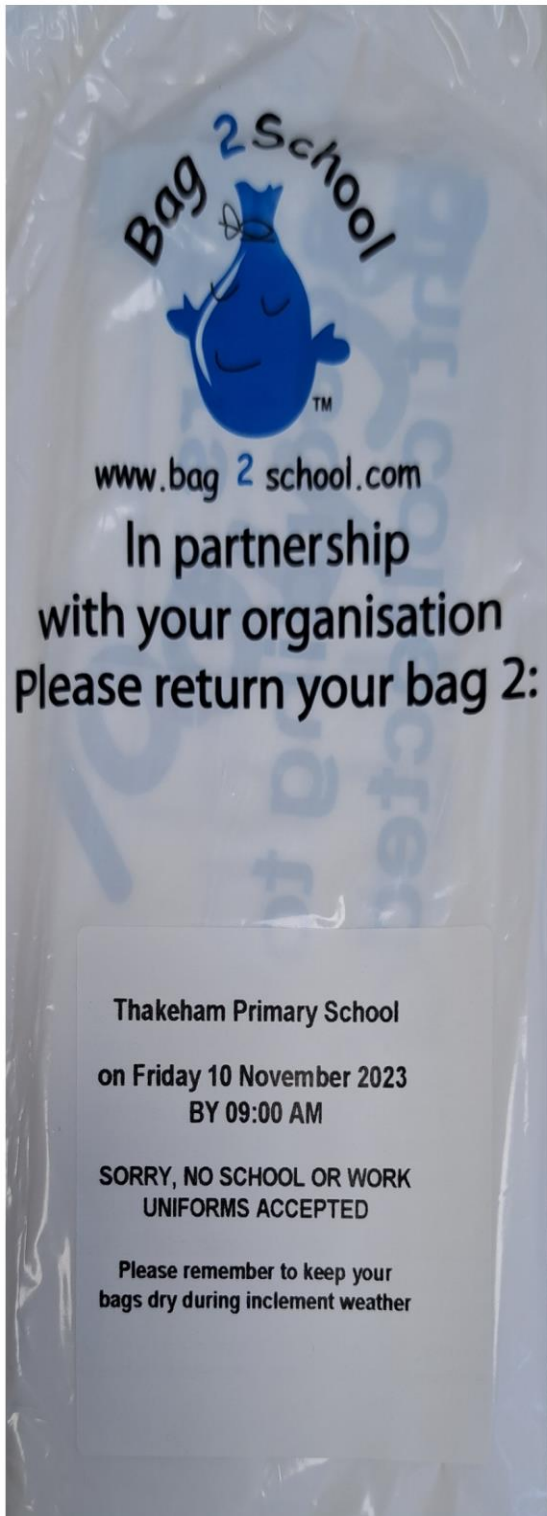
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024



## Bag2School drop off

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Excess Hall (8:40-8:50am and 3:00-3:15pm)



# Merry Christmas

Join our festive lunch by ordering on  
ParentPay for

.....Thursday 14th December.....

## MAINS

Roast Turkey in Gravy,  
Or  
Quorn Roast in Gravy

## SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Mini Sausage, Stuffing,  
Carrots and Cabbage

## DESSERT

Snowy Cupcake

**Scan QR code to order, no later than  
Thursday 30th November !**

*\*Special diets will remain in place.*





Apply online at:  
[westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](https://westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)

# Was your child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?

If so they are eligible to start school  
in September 2024

## Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.  
If your application is received after the deadline,  
your chance of securing a place at one of your  
preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from  
**Monday 2 October 2023.**  
If you would like further advice or  
information, phone: **03330 142 903.**

**Deadline: Monday 15 January 2024**

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.







# Thakeham Primary School

## Open Events for EYFS

### September 2024



Thakeham Primary School is a small, caring, happy school; a really special place to learn and grow together. We focus on each individual child's needs, developing their skills and nurturing their talents within a strong family environment.

Our curriculum is designed to ensure creative, engaging learning experiences, designed to foster the skills and attitudes needed for life-long learning, enabling children to approach the challenges of an ever changing world, with confidence and resilience. As well as meeting national expectations, our curriculum is personalised to meet the needs of our children in our community.

[If you are considering a place for your child at Thakeham Primary School, please contact us to attend one of our open events.](#)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (3:45-4:30pm) Stay & Play

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (3:45-4:30pm) Stay & Play

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (9:30am-10:30am) Open Morning

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023 (9:30am-10:30am) Open Morning

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (5:00pm-6:00pm) Open Evening

#### Contact details:

01903 740176 / [office@thakehamps.co.uk](mailto:office@thakehamps.co.uk)

Thakeham Primary School  
Rock Road  
Pulborough,  
West Sussex  
RH20 3AA

Further information can be found on our website:

[www.thakehamps.co.uk](http://www.thakehamps.co.uk)





## WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH

Each webinar will take place on Zoom at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

FREE TO ANY  
PARENT/CARER  
LIVING IN  
SUSSEX

- 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD)
- 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM AND RESILIENCE
- 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER DEPRESSION
- 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER (OCD)



SUPPORTED BY HEADS ON AND NHS CHARITIES TOGETHER'S COVID APPEAL

### WANT TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS?

Scan here:



Or visit:

<https://ticketlab.co.uk/series/id/1081/Sussex-CAMHS-ParentCarer-Webinars/>

#### NEED TO GET IN TOUCH?

If you have any questions, please email: [CAMHSParticipationTeam@sptf.nhs.uk](mailto:CAMHSParticipationTeam@sptf.nhs.uk)

Delivered by Sussex Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

## Sign up to the West Sussex Disability Register!

Do you have a young person in your family aged between 0-25 who has a disability? Sign up now to:

- Help influence services and plan events
- Receive regular eNewsletters with local events, activities and information
- Access discounts on local and national attractions
- Find out about free specialist library resources

[westsussex.gov.uk/disabilityregister](https://westsussex.gov.uk/disabilityregister)

## West Sussex Libraries SEND Resources

Your local library has more than books. Including:

- Sensory Stories
- Understand me – the communication library
- Story Magic and other activities
- Specialist books and resources to support children and young people with a range of needs including, autism, dyslexia, visual and hearing impairment.

Find out more: [westsussex.gov.uk/libraries](https://westsussex.gov.uk/libraries)

## Introducing TouchBase: A Therapy Practice Dedicated to Trauma Recovery

At TouchBase, our primary focus is on helping individuals recover from traumatic experiences. While our main clientele consists of children and young adults aged 5 to 25, we also offer therapy to adults seeking support. Our team of skilled and experienced therapists is fully equipped to provide the help you need. We have recently increased our capacity so have space for new clients now, so don't hesitate to reach out to us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please email [info@touchbase.org.uk](mailto:info@touchbase.org.uk) for more information

- [touchbase.org.uk](http://touchbase.org.uk)
- TouchBase\_UK
- TouchBaseBrighton

## Information-Participation-Support-Training

The West Sussex Parent Carer Forum (WSPCF) is a charity for parent carers of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

We support parent carers by providing information, support and training that equips them in their lifelong caring role and empowers them to participate in shaping services for their child or young person.

Become a West Sussex Parent Carer Forum member, it's FREE!

Only our members can access our popular events. By signing up you will automatically receive booking forms for events as soon as they are released. You will also receive key updates/information, important surveys and our regular newsletter.

Becoming a member is easy, simply click on the blue 'sign-up' button at the top of our website and complete the short form. You can unsubscribe at any time.

- Phone 07341 183449
- Email [office@wspcf.org.uk](mailto:office@wspcf.org.uk)
- Facebook [www.facebook.com/WestSussexParentCarerForum](https://www.facebook.com/WestSussexParentCarerForum)

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**THAKEHAM**  
**VILLAGE HALL**

**Craft Fair**  
**+ Table**  
**Top Sale**

**4TH NOV**  
**12PM - 4 PM**  
**THAKEHAM VILLAGE HALL**  
**1 ABINGWORTH CRESCENT, THAKEHAM RH20 3GW**

**LOCAL MAKERS & VENDORS**

**APPLY FOR A STALL**  
**VIA THE VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE**  
**[WWW.THAKEHAMVILLAGEHALL.CO.UK/BOX OFFICE](http://WWW.THAKEHAMVILLAGEHALL.CO.UK/BOX OFFICE)**



# Pulborough Pop-In



Parents/carers are welcome to come and join us in a relaxed and safe environment to chat about anything and everything!

Make friends, learn about the community, the schools, things to do in and around the area for families, natter about work and where to go on holiday!

Tea, coffee and biscuits available.  
Pre-schoolers are welcome.



## WHEN AND WHERE?

Every Wednesday (during term-time)

From 9am - 11am

@ Pulborough Library

£1 suggested donation

For more information, please contact  
Isla Moran 075 226 89948

[isla@pdcca.org.uk](mailto:isla@pdcca.org.uk)





# COME AND JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY

(Term Time)

FOR FUN  
FOR GAMES  
FOR FRIENDS  
FOR LAUGHTER  
FOR EXPERIENCES



Chanctonbury Leisure  
Centre Storrington

Fireworks

Kids Club

Fireworks Kids Club is a local children's club which meets in Chanctonbury Sports Centre every week in term time on a Friday from 6:00 pm till 7:15 pm.

This free club is open to all and is run by Life Community Church Storrington.

Our Fireworks Kids Club aims to create an environment outside of school where the kids can have fun, be safe, learn, and meet their friends. We will be playing loads of games with a different theme each week.

This club is aimed at children in School Year 3 (7 years old) to Year 5 (10 Years old).

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact [Nick@lccstor.org](mailto:Nick@lccstor.org).



## Festive Foodbank Donations Needed

### Items Needed:

Selection Boxes, Festive Biscuits, Savoury Crackers,  
Christmas Pudding, Christmas Cake, Chocolates and  
Sweets, Chutneys, Gravy, Pickles and any other  
festive food

Please leave your food donations at 1 Redkln Close,  
Horsham, RH13 5QL, Monday – Friday, 9.30am – 4.30pm.  
We are able to collect large food donations too, please  
contact our offices to arrange [info@horsham-matters.org.uk](mailto:info@horsham-matters.org.uk)



Donation Deadline:  
6/12/23



# HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



**18-20 DECEMBER**  
BOGNOR REGIS - RAP & LYRIC WRITING

**18-20 DECEMBER**  
CRAWLEY - DJ & MUSIC PRODUCTION

**21-22 DECEMBER**  
LITTLEHAMPTON - RAP & LYRIC PRODUCTION

**18-21 DECEMBER**  
WORTHING - ROCK & POP BAND

AGES 8 - 16YRS

**SIGN UP HERE**

[WWW.WESTSUSSEXMUSIC.CO.UK/HOLIDAYACTIVITIES](http://WWW.WESTSUSSEXMUSIC.CO.UK/HOLIDAYACTIVITIES)





Monthly  
Talk

History of the

*For Gallantry*



**Victoria Cross**



&

**George Cross**

*For Valour*

by **Tony Gledhill GC**



Friday  
3rd  
November  
2.30pm

**Members:**  
£6  
**Non-members:**  
£8

Storrington & District Museum,  
The Old School,  
School Lane,  
Storrington,  
RH20 4LL

JustGiving  
Donation Code



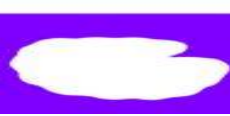
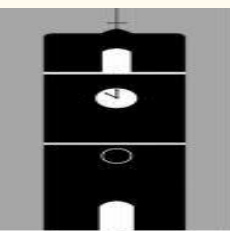
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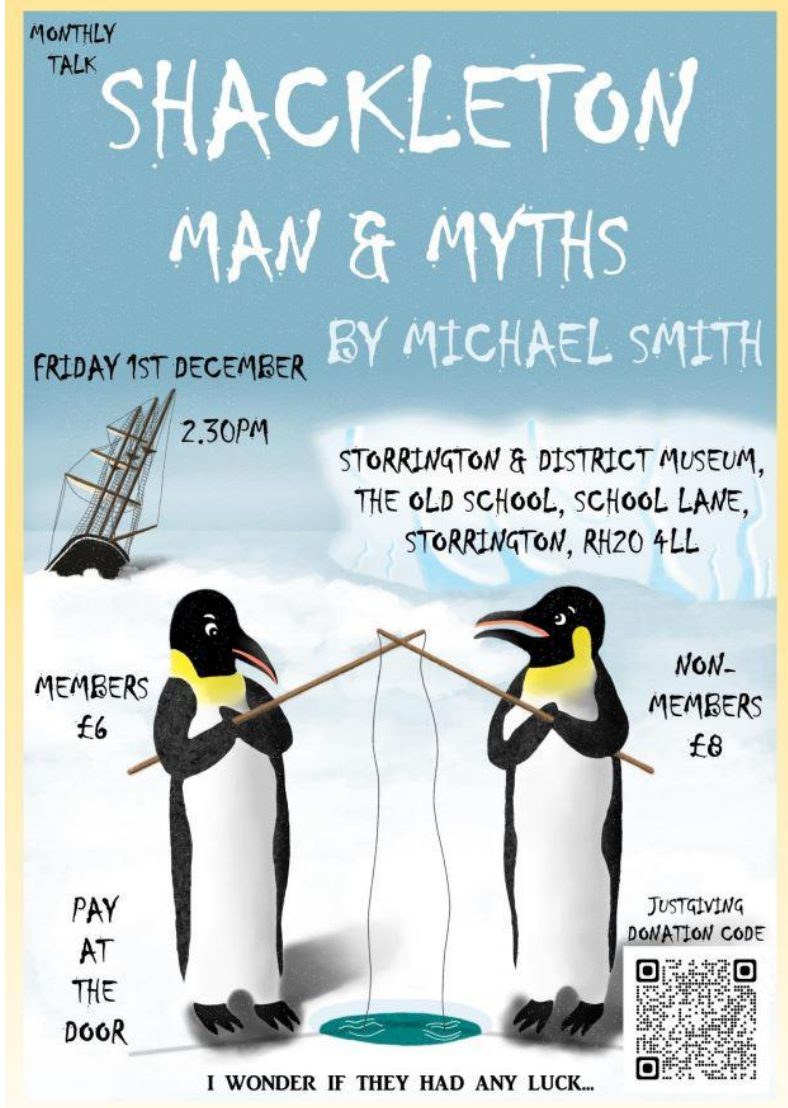
**EXHIBITION**

18-19 NOVEMBER  
WEEKEND  
10AM-4PM

STORRINGTON & DISTRICT MUSEUM,  
THE OLD SCHOOL,  
SCHOOL LANE,  
STORRINGTON,  
RH20 4LL

FREE ENTRY  
WORK BY LOCAL ARTISTS  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE





**SHACKLETON – MAN & MYTHS by Michael Smith**

**DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> at 2.30 p.m. at Storrington Museum,**

**The Old School, School Lane, Storrington, RH20 4LL.**

**Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton** (1874 – 1922) was an explorer who led three British expeditions to the Antarctic.

After the race to the South Pole ended in December 1911, with Roald Amundsen's conquest, Shackleton turned his attention to the crossing of Antarctica from sea to sea, via the pole. Disaster struck this expedition when its ship, *Endurance*, became trapped in pack ice and was slowly crushed before the shore parties could be landed. The crew escaped by camping on the sea ice until it disintegrated, then by launching the lifeboats to reach Elephant Island and ultimately South Georgia Island, a stormy ocean voyage of 720 nautical miles (1,330 km; 830 mi). The wreck of *Endurance* was discovered just over a century later.

Michael Smith is an author and journalist who specialises in the history of Polar exploration. He has written books on Polar history and lectured extensively.

Michael's latest book is *Shackleton – By Endurance We Conquer* (2014).

Venue: Old School, School Lane, Storrington RH20 4LL.

Members £6. Non Members £8. All welcome