

# THE BOXGROVE BUGLE

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# Who's Who in Boxgrove

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### From Father Ian

Religious people often draw on a battery of special words to describe the work and words of Jesus. To those in earlier generations, these words probably carried a more immediate meaning than is likely to be the case nowadays.

I do not mean to suggest that we are less intelligent than our forebears but, rather, that we have not spent as much time as they did learning these words and their meanings. Religious studies in school and Sunday school, and family conversations and reading, helped to give terms like sin, salvation, judgement and atonement relevance to lives informed by the bible.

But, even if we are no longer nurtured in biblical faith, these words can still find resonance in our needs and hopes.

As human beings most of us could say:

"I know that I am often in a mess, prone to make wrong decisions and thereby damage myself and others; that I need to be rescued from the power of the many things that overwhelm my life."

If we look at the story of Jesus we find powerful reassurance. Jesus teaches and shows the right way to live and think. His teaching is powerful because he shows by the sacrifice of his life that he means what he teaches and that it is real and costly.

Jesus helps us to draw close to him, judging with mercy, clearing the debt that usually accompanies forgiveness. He makes things right between God and humankind.

In church we are, in the coming days and weeks, marking again, and hopefully allowing ourselves to be drawn into at-one-ment with God.

Those who worship with the Church know that they have to keep working at all of this. Others might too easily dismiss it as irrelevant to their busy lives.

I see many people in connection with bereavement and crises of one sort or another. My experience tells me that those who have starved themselves of spiritual resources often end up paying a price.

So come to Church and be fed and nurtured. Don't dismiss the things of Jesus. His love supports us and perfects us, bringing us new life.

Happy Easter,

Father Jan

We are delighted that we will be welcoming Fr Richard Buckingham as our Guest Preacher for the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

#### THE BUGLE

Articles on any aspect of Boxgrove news - village or Priory-based - are always most welcome. The Boxgrove Bugle is distributed **free of charge** to each household within the parish and published on-line; copies are also sent further afield, as well as being available in the Priory for visitors and non-residents of the parish. It has a current print run exceeding 700 copies per month.

For the time being, items to be considered for publication should be sent to the Treasurer (see P2) for onward transmission to the Editor. Submission is requested by the **15**<sup>th</sup> **day of each month**, please, for publication on or around the last Sunday of each month. Alternatively, items clearly marked "**Boxgrove Bugle**" may be left in the Vicarage postbox. Any other items relating to the Bugle should also be referred to the Treasurer.

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#### PRIORY SUNDAY SCHOOL

8<sup>th</sup> April - 11.00am 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 11.00am 6th May - 9.45am

(10.00am Community Service in the Priory)

**20th May** - 11.00am **3rd June** - 10.45am

(11.00am Corpus Christi Service in the Priory with lunch afterwards on the Vicarage lawn)

I7th June - II.00am
Ist July - 9.45am
(10.00am Community Service in the Priory)
I5th July II.00am

Sunday School meets in the St Blaise Centre. Children are asked to arrive promptly so that the objective of the session can be explained to everyone at once. Children should be aged between 4 and 11 and they must already have started school.

There is no charge and parents do not need to accompany the children. They don't need to bring anything with them - just to come along!

For further information about Sunday School please contact Rosey Harris by email: <a href="mailto:roseyharris1@googlemail.com">roseyharris1@googlemail.com</a>.

Church services that may be of interest:

1st April - Easter Day 10.00am, Solemn Mass





# **WSCC Mobile Library**

6 & 20 April 2.10-2.40 pm

Boxgrove Village Hall

Library Service tel: 01243 382470



# THIS YEAR'S PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

will be on the weekend of 28-30 September

If you would like further details, please speak to Fr Ian or to David Iones

# Words spoken by the late Bishop Geoffrey Rowell on Easter Day 2007



"Jesus dies. His lifeless body is taken down from the cross. Painters and sculptors have strained their every nerve to portray the sorrow of Mary holding her lifeless son in her arms, as mothers today in areas of conflict around the world hold with the same anguish the bodies of their children. On Holy Saturday, or Easter Eve, God is dead, entering into the nothingness of human dying. The source of all being, the One who framed the vastness and the microscopic patterning of the Universe, the delicacy of petals and the scent of thyme, the musician's melodies and the lover's heart, is one with us in our mortality. In lesus, God knows our dying from the inside.

How can these things be said, and sung, and celebrated, as they will be by countless millions this Easter? Only because the blotting out of life by death is not the horizon. The definitive line is not drawn there. From that nothingness and darkness and the seeming triumph of the darkest powers of evil, new life was born, a new creation came to be. On Easter morning a tomb was found empty, a stone rolled away, and a new order broke into the world. The Easter stories of the Gospels are not about "the resurrection of relics", but about an amazing new life and transfiguration. It is not the resurrection of a principle but of a person, who calls us by name. In St John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene hears the calling of her name by the risen Christ, though blinded by her tears she thinks Him to be the gardener. Clutching his feet she tries to pin him down, to shut him up in the old order, but he tells her not to touch, not to seek to hold down his risen life. She is to go and tell the Good News of resurrection, that all may be drawn into the ascending energy of the love of God.

Jesus breathes on His disciples His life-giving Spirit, the divine life of the new creation. "Go and live that life, live out that love", for "Christ is risen and the demons are fallen". The principalities and powers are dethroned. They have no ultimate control of our lives. From the nothingness of death and the absence of God and meaning, Christ rises in triumph and love's redeeming work is done."

# Forthcoming events in the Priory

See also page 13 for service intentions throughout April

Tuesday 24 April, 7.00pm: Annual Parochial Church meeting - St Blaise Centre

Wednesday 23 May, 7.30pm: Shopwyke Singers Concert

Saturday 30 June, 7.30pm: Concert ~ William Waine & Friends

Friday 6 July, 7.30pm: Concert ~ Chichester Chorale

Tuesday 10 July, 7.00pm: David Bathurst ~ Talk on Pilgrimage Routes

Friday 13 July, 7.30pm: Southdowns Concert Band Summer Concert

# **JULIAN GROUP**

The Boxgrove and Tangmere Julian Group meets on the second Monday of each month at 3.15pm at the St Blaise Centre, Boxgrove. Notices with details of venue are placed on the Church noticeboard.

The theme for each monthly meeting is as follows:

9 Apr	God so Loved	St Blaise Centre,	
	(Enfolded in Love - Julian of Norwich)	Boxgrove	
14 May	Quiet Afternoon	(to be advised)	
II Jun	All Shall be Well (The Wisdom of Julian of Norwich - Long Text Ch 27)	St Blaise Centre, Boxgrove	



The light turned amber just in front of her. She did the right thing and stopped at the junction, even though she could have beaten the red light by accelerating through. The tailgating man behind her was furious and honked his horn, screaming in frustration as he missed his chance to get through the crossing.

As he was still in mid-rant he heard a tap on his window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered him to leave his car with his hands up; he was then taken to the police station, where he was searched, fingerprinted, photographed and placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. The driver was escorted back to the booking desk, where the arresting officer was waiting with his personal effects. The officer said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn and cursing at the driver in front of you. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' licence-plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the boot and naturally I assumed the car was stolen."



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#### THE OPTIMISTIC GARDENER

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# The Country Diary of an Elizabethan Woman

One of my favourite books which I dip into regularly is 'The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady' by Edith Holden. The reason I look at it so often is that it lives in the family bathroom - I'll say no more! I'm sure you've seen it. A book full of her illustrations of plants and animals seen throughout the year as she walked and cycled around the lanes of Warwickshire, and sometimes further afield.

Well I can't compare myself to Edith - for one thing my paintings haven't gone much beyond matchstick men - but I do cycle around this area a fair bit and I also like to keep a diary, so here is 'The Country Diary of an Elizabethan Woman'.

## Tuesday 13 February

Heard my first skylark of the year as I cycled across Tangmere airfield. Seemed an unlikely spot in that flat, rather soulless wilderness, but I'm sure the female skylark was most impressed.

## Sunday 18 February

Saw my first hawfinch ever. It was sitting in the field maple tree at the bottom of the garden, gorging itself on the seeds left hanging there over winter. It has striking markings, but the most striking thing about it is the grey, almost white beak which is

clearly a nutcracker. It hung around for twenty minutes and I felt rather sorry for it since there didn't seem to be a female hawfinch in the vicinity.

Apparently there has been a large number of migrant hawfinches in Britain this winter, possibly due to a bad harvest in their normal wintering grounds in Eastern Europe. Kingley Vale has been enjoying large flocks of them. Bird watchers rarely see hawfinches, since there are only about 15,000 resident in Britain - indeed they are on the RSPB's red list. They



Hawfinch: male

normally feed on Hornbeam seeds or cherry kernels, cracking them open with their huge 'nutcracker' beaks. So I was honoured to have seen this gorgeous visitor.

# **Tuesday 27th February**



The garden in snow

It has been extremely chilly in the last day or two, with more to come. Even the Met Office are calling it 'The Beast from the East'.

Set out on a bike ride yesterday, having been away for a few days in Cheshire and in need of exercise, but got as far a the chemists in Barnham before turning to head for home as the wind was razor sharp and reaching my bones. The folk of Yorkshire call it a Lazy wind and it

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doesn't bother to go round you but goes straight through! So achieved 1.35 miles! Wretched Beast from the East.

## Wednesday 28th February

While riding on the cycle track alongside the A27 last week I was appalled at the amount of litter festooning the grass verges. I determined to become part of the Plastic Revolution. As part of my Lenten resolve I am trying my best to avoid products with a plastic element; so I hunt out oil in glass bottles, butter in paper wrapping, loose courgettes and kiwi fruits etc etc. But it is



impossible to buy everything this way, especially in supermarkets, so in my last shop at Sainsbury's I ended up with tomatoes in a plastic box with a plastic film over the top, grapes likewise, raisins in a plastic bag, as well as frozen sweet corn, also bagged. At our local supermarket in Barnham, The Trading Post (yes folks, we're the height of sophistication in Barnham), I managed to buy loose tomatoes, oranges and pears. But even there not everything was plastic free.

So this morning I was interested to see that in Amsterdam there is a supermarket launching a new initiative today - a plastic-free aisle containing 700 products with no hint of plastic.

## Thursday I March

Have had our visiting cat around for most of the day. We call him Gateway as he has the same markings as the box for Gateway computers of the past. He has been using our garden as his second home and we have no idea where he spends the rest of his life. The people at the stables next door do feed him, and for all we know he could be sleeping in their establishment.



It is so bitterly cold at the moment that I am really concerned about Gateway. So at 5.30 pm, as the sun was thinking about heading down-under, I decided to see whether Gateway would follow me in the direction we often see him trotting from in the morning. About ¼ mile way on the site of some old glasshouses we have a new estate and, sure enough, as I walked past some of the houses on the edge of the estate, Gateway dashed in through the cat flap of number 39.

I rang the doorbell, not quite knowing whether I would be greeted by a little old lady bewailing her missing cat or by a 30 stone wrestler. The cat's owner (neither I.o.l. nor wrestler) was very grateful that I had brought her pet home through the Bleak Midwinter snow and I was surprised to learn that our Gateway was her Elli! I suppose I wasn't too surprised to learn that it wasn't called Gateway - I shouldn't think there are too many 'Gateways' taken to the vets - but I am very surprised that we now have to think of her as a 'she'!

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## Tuesday 5 March

No snow left on the ground. That was our winter, come and gone in a couple of days. Saturday saw a rapid increase in the heat and by Sunday you would think you were on a different planet! By Tuesday it was warm enough for Gerry to spend the entire day in the garden and for all four hives to show signs of life, with flying bees coming to and fro through their entrances. No doubt it won't be long before I'm frantically trying to stop them from taking their holidays and encouraging them to stay in my bee-friendly garden.

## Janet Reeves





On their way to their church wedding, a young couple was involved in a fatal accident.

They sat outside the Pearly Gates, waiting for St Peter to process them into Heaven, and started to wonder: could they get married in Heaven? When St Peter showed up, they immediately asked him.

St Peter replied, 'Actually, I don't know - this is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go and find out.' The couple sat and wait for St Peter to return, but he didn't.

Nine weeks later, the couple were still waiting. They started to wonder whether, if things didn't work out, they could get a divorce in heaven? Another month later, St Peter finally returns, looking somewhat exhausted and bedraggled.

'Yes,' he informs the couple. 'You can get married in Heaven.'

Terrific!', the couple responds enthusiastically. 'But we were just wondering, what if things didn't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?'

St Peter's face turned red with anger. He threw his clipboard on the ground. Frightened, the couple asked 'What's wrong?'

'Oh for goodness' sake!', St Peter shouted. 'It took me two-and-a-half months to find a priest up here; do you have any idea how long it'll take me to find a lawyer?'

#### **BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

I must first offer an apology for information I reported last month. The development of the 22 homes on Boxgrove Farm land is still being progressed by Bargate Homes and had NOT been sold on to another developer as I had been led to believe. For that I am sorry! Interestingly, a fresh application by Bargate Homes has been made to CDC planners with revised Documents and Plans.



Budgets have been set and increased by our Authorities, CDC by about 3%, amounting to 10 pence per week, WSCC by 4.95 %, but this include 2% which will go towards care of the elderly. The Police Budget has increased by a whopping 7.9%! This high increase is a result of a questionnaire conducted by our PCC, Katy Bourne, asking if the public were prepared to pay more for their Policing. One must assume we are. It is to be used to recruit more Police Officers, hopefully to keep crime levels in the District low.

The condition of the Priory Driveway was discussed. This drive services the Priory car park and three homes and is in a deplorable, some described as dangerous state. Lo and behold, despite the lack of response from English Heritage, we were notified that a Contractor would be coming on Tuesday and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to carry out repairs. This was done, but in much the same manner as has been done in the past, and from experience we know that it won't last too long! But we've tried!

The Boxgrove and Halnaker Traffic Calming Group presented the final submission document to the Council for approval. This will now go to WSCC Highways Officers for consideration, and hopefully acceptance for future prioritised funding and work plan. Support for this document was unanimously agreed by the Council and Jeremy Hunt, who has been very supportive of the work achieved by this TCG.

Attention to the footpath through the kissing gate into Tinwood Lane has resulted in a meeting between the WSCC PRoW (Public Rights of Way) Officer and Cllr Paul Addison on site. Despite his earlier findings when he inspected it a couple of months ago, the PRoW Officer agreed that this path is in a dangerous condition and that he would seek to do something about it.

The Public Works Loan was discussed rather heatedly, I'm sorry to say, but it appears that the balance of the Loan will remain with the Village Hall CIO. The Parish Council must continue to repay the loan and interest.

It was also resolved by the Council to contribute £245.48 towards a Defibrillator, which is to be sited in a unlocked box on an exterior wall at the entrance of the Village Hall.

Finally, I cannot let the subject of dog fouling in the Parish go without yet another mention. A resident reported to the recent Meeting that he had collected up 2.5Kgs. of loose and bagged dog excrement between the entrance to Warehead Farm and the first gate up towards the Windmill. This is about 5½ lbs of excrement!!! This is just not acceptable, particularly considering the PC has provided a bin for the purpose and signage to encourage dog walkers to abide by the law and clean up after their animals. This just such bad, thoughtless behaviour!

# Henry Potter

Chairman, Boxgrove PC

#### **NEWS FROM BOXGROVE WI**

Our 12 March meeting opened with the announcement, by our
President Chris Potter, of the death of Hazel Tester. Hazel had been a valued part of
the West Sussex Federation of WIs for a long time and was popular for her
infectious sense of fun and her capable handling of so many Annual Meetings. The
letter from Yyonne Price was read to members.

Chris then welcomed members and guests and our Speaker, Jim Weston. Apologies were received from Betty Norton, Margaret Marshall, Sally White and Frances Thompson.

Our Speaker's talk was headed 'Greenland and its Natural History', and the slides which accompanied the talk were informative and lovely to look at. Jim is often a Speaker on Cruise Ships in that area and his knowledge is passed on with much wit and humour. A vote of thanks to Jim was given by Wendy Austin Ward.

Janet Holt came over the hill from East Dean and Singleton WI to explain and finalise the details and timings of our attendance to promote the WI movement at the [then] forthcoming Members' Meeting at Goodwood Motor Circuit on 17/18 March. We were to be in the Daffodil Marquee helping visitors to make Daffodil Corsages and generally speaking about the WI Movement. Chris agreed to inform all of the Denmans HQ and the various courses available to Members.

After tea the meeting proceeded and members were disappointed that our Resolution to stop Female Genital Mutilation had not been passed. West Susssex fixtures were put on the board and passed around and a report on the Finances was given by the Treasurer. The Ladies who Lunch are going to Russell's Nursery and our two Book Clubs are still well attended. We discussed our annual Spring Fayre on 20 May and our popular Literary Lunch on Friday I 2 October.

Some of the suggestions to celebrate our  $100^{th}$  anniversary next year were: a visit to Highgrove, Book Bags, Support a Child, a friends evening for our local WIs, commemorative pens and free gifts.

Our April Meeting is "To speak with Cloth", with Jan Thompson. Chris thanked Henry Potter for putting out the tables and chairs, Sandy Bannister for organising the Raffle, Maggie Blake and Annie Green for the teas and cake respectively, and Jo Gavigan for making up the birthday posies.

### Chris Potter President



# **HOLY HOWLERS**

from the archives

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.'
The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

# THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY AND SAINT BLAISE, BOXGROVE MONTHLY CALENDAR AND MASS INTERCESSIONS

## **APRIL**

ı	SUN	EASTER DAY	Parish & people
2	Mon	in Easter Week	Parents
3	Tue	in Easter Week	Teachers
4	Wed	in Easter Week	Doctors
5	Thu	in Easter Week	MPs
6	Fri	in Easter Week	Religious
7	Sat	in Easter Week	Local politicians
8	Sun	SECOND IN EASTER	Sacrificial giving
		(Divine Mercy)	Sacrificial giving
9	Mon	Annunciation of the Lord	Yes to God
10	Tue	Feria	The suicidal
П	Wed	St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr	The mentally ill
12	Thu	Feria	Increased faithfulness
13	Fri	St Martin, Pope & Martyr	Those who lack shelter
14	Sat	Feria	The Church Commissioners
15	Sun	THIRD IN EASTER	Parish & people
16	Mon	St Magnus, Martyr	Teachers
17	Tue	Feria	Victims of torture
18	Wed	Feria	Victims of terrorism
19	Thu	St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr	Our care of the planet
20	Fri	Feria	The hostel at Kwa Mkono
21	Sat	St Anselm, Bishop & Doctor	Stronger belief
22	Sun	FOURTH IN EASTER	Parish and people
23	Mon	St George, Martyr, Patron	The English Nation
		of England	
24	Tue	St Mellitus, Bishop	Walsingham
25	Wed	St Mark the Evangelist	Better knowledge of the gospels
26	Thu	Feria	The sick & suffering
27	Fri	Feria	The departed
28	Sat	St Peter Chanel, Religious,	Better Christian witness
20	o	Missionary, Martyr	B : 1 0
		FIFTH IN EASTER	Parish & people
30	Mon	St Pius V, Pope	Prayerful living



# Boxgrove C.E.P School is rated "Good" by OFSTED!

Boxgrove CEP School are pleased to report that we were graded "Good" in our recent OFSTED inspection. We are all delighted with our report, which had many highlights.

Our inspector, Mr Bruce Waelend, commented on the children's impeccable behaviour and noted that the children enjoyed their learning across a broad curriculum. He could see that the children are happy, well taught and cared for, which came across in the parent and carer survey as well.

As one parent wrote, the school has "such a friendly atmosphere and my children are always excited to go and learn". He could see that the leaders knew the school well, that the staff team is ambitious and outward-looking and always on the lookout for ways to develop their skills and increase their knowledge.

The inspector reported that the well-being of the children at Boxgrove CEP School is central to the school's work.

#### Kim Thornton

Headteacher, Boxgrove CEP School



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# **Understanding Engineers**

The graduate with a science degree asks, 'Why does it work?'
The graduate with an engineering degree asks, 'How does it work?'
The graduate with an accounting degree asks, 'How much will it cost?'
The graduate with an arts degree asks, 'Do you want fries with that?'

# School Invites Bursary Applications



Are you aware of a child in your Parish who would benefit from a boarding education, regardless of family means? Christ's Hospital, near Horsham, invites applications for bursary places which can cover up to 100% of boarding fees.

Year 5 pupils who are considering secondary education in September 2019 are invited to apply.

Simon Reid, Headmaster, said: "All candidates applying for a place will be assessed on their potential, both academically and the broader curriculum opportunities.



Currently means-tested bursaries are granted to nearly 650 of our 892 pupils; 20% of those receive a free place with nearly 50% paying less than 10% of the full boarding fee. Children attending the School are provided with uniforms, meals, accommodation, all teaching and learning materials. Being part of the boarding school community is a life-changing adventure that many children will only have dreamt or read about."

The closing date for applications for **September** 2019 entry into Year 7 is **Friday**, **14 September 2018**.

Christ's Hospital was established over 460 years ago as a charitable boarding school and is proud to maintain its founding principles and ethos. It offers educational opportunity, particularly for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Admissions enquiries are warmly welcomed. Please telephone 01403 246555 or email hello@christs-hospital.org.uk for more information. www.christs-hospital.org.uk

My sister's friend has a lifesaving tool in her car that's designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped. It's a bit bulky, so she keeps it in the boot.

and, so as to be quite fair,

While working at a pizza parlour, I observed a man ordering a take-away pizza.

He appeared to be alone, so the cook asked him if he would like it cut into four pieces or six.

He thought about it for some time, then said, "Just four, please - I'm not sure I'm hungry enough to eat six pieces."

Richard Chevis recently received a 'Google Alert' pointing to a very moving piece written by American broadcaster and journalist **Al Cooper** concerning Billy Fiske, an American World War II pilot whose grave, as readers will know, is in the Priory churchyard. The Editor approached Mr Cooper, who has very kindly given permission for us to reproduce the article, which we have done verbatim.

Mr Cooper said, "I was delighted to hear from you, and to have firsthand - and kind - comments from so far away in response to an article published in the State of Utah. It is not my first article on the subject of Billy Fiske, but certainly the most recent. During the Salt Lake Winter Olympic Games in 2002, I was privileged to serve as a "protocol officer" for the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command, in which position I chose to provide some motivation and education for my colleagues with a series of weekly publications inspired by Olympic history. (I already knew the Fiske story as an enthusiastic WWII historian with an aviation focus.)



#### An American athlete who was born to be first

Even at the tender age of 16, Billy Fiske, the son of a wealthy Chicago banker wasn't afraid to be first. When he volunteered to be a driver for the U.S. Olympic Bobsled team in 1928, he was told to come back in four years. His response to the U.S. team chairman was a question: "Then what will I do with the new Bobsled my father gave me for my birthday?"

And so, a second U.S. Bobsled team was quickly assembled, and with Fiske driving took the Gold at St. Moritz, where, incidentally, he was already well known for his love of speed both on the ski slopes and on the Cresta run - known today as "skeleton", where traveling at speeds up to 80 miles per hour with his face just inches from the icy chute, Billy had already dominated the sport. His bobsled win made him the youngest athlete to take such a prize. An accomplishment which still stands.

In 1932 he repeated his performance at Lake Placid, N.Y. where he was the U.S. flag carrier and once again took the Gold - another "First."

Between games he was a student at Trinity Hall in Cambridge where he was well known for pushing his English 4.5 Bentley, painted out in "racing green", at the high speeds he loved, while making a name for himself on the country's golf links. He passed up the 1936 Games held in Germany, not wishing to aid Hitler in using the occasion to score public relations points before the sporting world.

Before returning to a comfortable employment in the States he discovered aviation and learned to fly at an aerodrome outside London, where once again his love for speed found fulfillment. He also "discovered" and married Rose - the Countess of Warwick who also became his first passenger in an open-cockpit biplane.

Back in New York, Fiske was enjoying his work in the financial affairs of his company when England went to war in 1939. With the encouragement of a friend and fellow-aviator Billy decided to pass himself off as a Canadian in order to join the fight (a citizen of "neutral" America would lose citizenship in the process - a choice a handful of U.S. citizens made.)

Billy enlisted in the Royal Auxiliary Air Force and began training with 601 (County of London) Squadron flying Hawker Hurricane fighters in the emerging Battle of Britain, with a relative handful of trained RAF pilots taking on armadas of Germany's finest to defend the island kingdom fighting alone.

I've never been able to find an eye witness account of the shoot -down of Hurricane number P358 in a dog fight which ranged from 12,000 feet above to the Sussex countryside below, but several squadron- mates flew beside him during his attempt to return to the field at Tangmere where he crashed and burned. He died 48 hours later. Once again Billy Fiske was first: The first American airman to give his life in World War II. Billy was 29.

At Boxgrove Priory near Chichester, England his memorial epitaph reads, Pilot Officer William Meade Lindsley Fiske III - Royal Air Force - An American citizen who died that England might live - 18 August, 1940.

Note: In all, three "Eagle" squadrons of American volunteers would wear RAF Blue before the U.S. officially entered the war. Many of them would also die in the skies over England and the channel. There is a special kind of honor at work in those who offer up their lives when it is not required of them, and for the cause of others. I have been privileged to know such men. ACC - ascooper@infowest.com

# Albert C. (Al) Cooper

Perhaps best known for his long-running radio program - Provident Living - Home & Country - Al Cooper writes a weekly newspaper column for several southern Utah publications, travels the country in his quest for untold stories of America and Americans, and for years led tours to his native New England. For many years he

worked for the Utah Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Services, helping the state and its counties plan and practice for emergencies. He was deployed to help other parts of the country dealing with tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, wildfire and other disasters, and played a key role in planning for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.



Al is the author of Fortifying Your Home Against the Unexpected, now in its 5<sup>th</sup> printing, and continues his commitment to public service by teaching Family & Community Preparedness classes by invitation. Al is a recipient of the George Washington Honor Medal from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, the Utah Department of Public

Safety's Medal of Excellence, and was the second person to be inducted into the Utah Emergency Management Hall of Fame.

Al is a veteran of USAF service in the Korean War, and has been honored for his continuing efforts to nurture friendly relations with the people of that land.

Al & Shirley Cooper have been married for 64 years, are the parents of four, grandparents of ten and great grandparents of seventeen, and make their home in Rockville, Utah.



To visit Al's regularly-posted blog articles go to: alcoopershomecountry.blogspot.com



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## **VEGAN SPICY BEAN CASSEROLE**

(another terrific recipe from Fiona and Tim Lamming)

This casserole is quick and easy to make. Use it as a main course with rice or couscous and green veg (eg broccoli, peas and mangetout), or put a large spoonful into a baked potato for a healthy snack. The base recipe is extremely versatile (especially for non-vegans!). Use a spoonful as a bed for a grilled pork chop or poached chicken breast. It also works well with fish - a salmon or tuna steak, poached or baked: just add your own potato, pasta or rice side and green veggies.

## Ingredients - serves 4 (main) or 6 (side)

2 tablespoons olive oil

I medium onion, chopped

I garlic clove, chopped and diced finely

I whole pepper (any colour but sliced and diced)

400g (or thereabouts) tin of mixed beans (eg Tesco Taco Mixed Beans 395g), including the liquid in the can

I small courgette, halved and quartered lengthways, then diced

I can/box of chopped tomato (one with garlic and /or chillies saves you having to add garlic or chillies!)

Freshly ground black pepper

- In a large, heavy-bottomed saucepan, sweat off the onion dice over a medium heat for 2-3 mins until softened and translucent. Add the chopped garlic and ground black pepper. Do not allow the onions to colour.
- 2. Add the diced pepper, mixed beans (including the liquid from the can) and diced courgette. Sweat for a further 2-3 minutes. You can add a little more olive oil at this point if required.
- 3. Add the chopped tomato and stir everything together.
- 4. Bring to the boil and reduce to a simmer. Cover saucepan with a lid.
- Either simmer in the pan for about 20mins or transfer to a slow cooker for a few hours.
- 6. Feel free to add a sloosh of wine (don't forget to use vegan wine if you are cooking vegan or veggie\*, otherwise any dry white or red wine will do).
- 7. Season to taste with freshly ground black pepper.
- 8. There is no need to add salt, as enough natural salt occurs within the ingredients themselves. If you want to add more salt, that is entirely personal taste, but you might just like to try without. Your heart, arteries, kidneys and brain will thank you. Really.
- 9. Serve with rice or couscous with green vegetables or salad and crusty bread as a main course. Add a spoonful as a topping to a baked potato. Put into a heatproof dish and add sliced or mashed potato as a topping for a tasty hotpot. The possibilities are endless!

\*Wine has been clarified traditionally or 'fined' by using either isinglass (fish bladder - particularly sturgeon), albumen (egg white) or - specifically for red wines - ox blood. None of these options is suitable if using wine in cooking for vegans. Or vegetarians, for that matter. If you are not using a specific wine that has been certified as 'vegan' then either (i) check for one that is, or (ii) leave the wine out altogether.

# Boxgrove and Halnaker Community Speed Watch What's been happening

Another busy month on The Street and the A285 through Halnaker, "speeders" wise. Weather permitting, we normally run two sessions in a day, twice a week, two each in Halnaker and Boxgrove.

Since we commenced recording and reporting "speeders" to the Police on 9 October 2017, we have

#### Overall

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Number of Sessions since start date	=	43
Vehicles recorded exceeding limit since start date	=	298
Letters sent to registered owner by Police	=	264
Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit	=	62mph
During the last Month		
Number of Sessions weather permitting	=	8
Vehicles recorded exceeding speed limit	=	70
Letters sent to registered owner by Police	=	68

Our CSW Team spent 1200 minutes by the roadside over the past month, placing us at the top - again - of the County rankings table, and demonstrating, the effort and commitment put in by the volunteers from Boxgrove and Halnaker, trying to make our villages a safer place to walk, cycle and live.

You may have noticed the Community Speed Watch signs we erected at the entrances of each Village. We are trialling them at our own risk to make drivers aware we are active in the villages and to slow down.

The Police and WSCC Highways are now discussing their use and we are hopeful that they can again be positioned at Village entrances.

Whilst not proven scientifically, the number of "Speeders" recorded has certainly reduced noticeably from the date of their original placement at Village "gates".

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# Join in a Record Breaking Night to Remember for St Wilfrid's Hospice

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To help to put a spring in your step, St Wilfrid's is also giving one free entry when you register 10 people or more. So don't delay, and register for the five- or ten-mile sponsored moonlit route around Chichester and watch out for some magical 10th Anniversary surprises on the way!

"The Moonlight Walk has always been one of the most moving and uplifting events organised by St Wilfrid's. It has a joyous atmosphere, with participants using the event as an opportunity to remember loved ones and help raise vital funds for the

Hospice", said Jerry Doyle, Head of Fundraising at St Wilfrid's.

"We want to make sure this year is an extra special, fun-packed event to show our appreciation to everyone who has supported it over the years. What better way to top off the celebrations than for us all to succeed in making the night a record breaker! So let's hit all the zeros, with 1,000 people, raising £100,000."



Anyone over the age of 12 can take part, so grab your walking shoes, invite your friends and register online at www.stwh.co.uk and help to make this a night to remember. Entry costs £16, and it is hoped that an additional £60 per person will be raised in sponsorship. All participants will receive a T-shirt and a snack breakfast.

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# Why not join this year's **Boxgrove 5k Run** being held in aid of Boxgrove CEP School?

The Run is organised by local volunteers to raise funds for local causes - this year Boxgrove CEP School, which is endeavouring to raise £170,000 to build a much-needed school hall for assembly, lunch, presentations, plays, etc. Please visit the school's website for more details.

The Run guides you round Boxgrove's beautiful Priory and the ruins, the quarry woods, the picturesque Tinwood vineyard and the local pub. It will be held on the same day as the school fayre, **Saturday 16 June**, and will start at 12.30, so entertainment for young ones and refreshments and games for all will also be available.

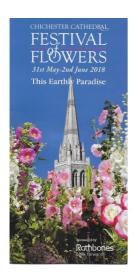
It promises to be an exciting and fun event for experienced and novice runners alike, along with a "Best Fancy Dressed Runner" award, to be judged by the school Head on the day! So, please put the date in your diary, share with friends and family, (especially the athletic ones), and come along and support us on the day.



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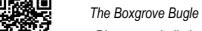
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# **HOLY WEEK 20018 (Year B)**

# 26 Monday in Holy Week

6.15pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm Mass, Music & Readings

## 27 Tuesday in Holy Week

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# 28 Wednesday in Holy Week

8.00am Mass 12.00pm Stations of the Cross 8.00pm Reception of Oils

# 29 Maundy Thursday

7.30pm Solemn Mass

# 30 Good Friday

12.30pm Stations of the Cross2.00pm Solemn Liturgy

# 31 Holy Saturday

8.30pm Vigil & First Mass of Easter

# APRIL 2018 (Year B)

# I Easter Day

8.00am Holy Communion † 10.00am Solemn Mass

# 2 Monday in Easter Week

9.00am Mass

# 8 Second Sunday in Easter (Divine Mercy)

8.00am Holy Communion † 9.30am Solemn Mass

## 9 The Annunciation of Our Lord 12.00pm Sung Mass

# 15 Third Sunday in Easter

8.00am Holy Communion † 9.30am Solemn Mass

# 22 Fourth Sunday in Easter

8.00am Holy Communion † 9.30am Solemn Mass

## 29 Fifth Sunday in Easter

8.00am Holy Communion † 9.30am Solemn Mass

# May 2018 (Year B)

# 6 Sixth Sunday in Easter

8.00am Holy Communion † 10.00am Solemn Mass

# 10 Ascension Day

7.30pm Solemn Mass

# 13 Seventh Sunday in Easter

8.00am Holy Communion †
9.30am Solemn Mass
11.15am Parish Mass

#### 20 Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion † 9.30am Solemn Mass

# 27 Trinity Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion †
9.30am Solemn Mass
11.15am Parish Mass

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