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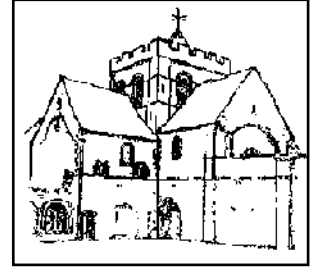
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From Father Ian

What a joy it was to lead the Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

I first visited the shrine when I was about eleven, and not once have I made a pilgrimage there and come away without perceiving an improvement in my spiritual disciplines and sense of wonder at the things that God does for us.



The image of Our Lady presides over the Holy House at Walsingham, and enables us to focus on her motherhood, her place within the family to which we all belong, and her loving care for us.

Having moved the Blessed Sacrament to a tabernacle in the main sanctuary at Boxgrove, it has now seemed suitable to place a small copy of the Walsingham statue into the chantry chapel in the Priory, thus providing a fresh focus for that lovely space: one which will cheer the many who have grown in their devotion to the Mother of God.

It is a lovely place to sit and ponder and pray. I pray, especially in that chapel, for all the families in the parish and associated with the church here.

As Christmas draws near, the time when we look especially to the Holy Family as our strength, our example and God's great gift to us, let us commit ourselves to the closest possible relationship with our Saviour and his family.

Father Ian



Please continue to support the Chichester District Foodbank.

Urgently needed items include tinned carrots, peas and green beans, sponge puddings, tinned fruit, tinned meat, rice, tinned potatoes/instant mash, tinned rice pudding/custard.

[Website link](https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/) for details of food donation points, opening hours, etc: <https://chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>; tel: 01243 773687



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Christmas Tree Festival

'It's the most wonderful time of the year'

Boxgrove Priory

ENTRY FREE

Friday 9th & Saturday 10th December 11am-5pm

Sunday 11th December 12 noon - 4pm

Saturday 6.30pm Sing-along-a-Christmas

Christmas Songs, Carols and Readings for all the family

Tickets £5 includes glass of mulled wine

Children Free

Sunday 4.30pm Christingle Service

Musical Entertainment throughout the day - Festive Refreshments

Christmas Raffle

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS IN THE PRIORY

Sunday 27 November

Advent Sunday (Masses at the usual times)
Westbourne House School Advent Carol Service 6.30pm (all welcome)

Sunday 4 December

Advent 2 (Masses at the usual times)

**Friday 9 December -
Sunday 11 December**

Christmas Tree Festival (see page 5). **Friday & Saturday 11am-5pm, Sunday 12pm-4pm**

Saturday 10 December

Sing-along-a-Christmas 6.30pm
Tickets £5 (to include a glass of mulled wine) from [Eventbrite](#) or on the door. Bring your friends and family - it's going to be lots of fun!

Sunday 11 December

Advent 3 (Masses at the usual times)
Christingle Service 4.30pm

Sunday 18 December

Advent 4 (Masses at the usual times)
Priory Carol Service 6.30, followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Saturday 24 December

Crib Service 4pm
Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Sunday 25 December

Low Mass 8.30am
Christmas Family Mass 10.30am

Saturday 4 February 2023

St Blaise Fair, 12noon-2pm
In aid of the Kwa Mkono Children's Hospital

ST BLAISE FAIR

Boxgrove Priory



Saturday 4th February 2023
12-2pm

Morris Dancers, Tombola, Book Stall, Bric-a-Brac



Jewellery, Homemade Cakes and Biscuits

All proceeds in aid of The Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Trust,
Kwa Mkono, Tanzania - <http://www.kwamkono.org.uk>



Hello from the Hall!

Hello everyone,

Christmas is well and truly upon us, isn't it? At the time of writing, we are in full festive mode as we gear up for not one, not two, but three Christmas events this November/December at the hall! Our craft market and family fun day on Sunday 27th November has a whole range of different entertainment throughout the day to keep shoppers and families entertained, and some wonderful local people have volunteered to run Santa's Grotto for us (but I'll leave their names a surprise, for now..!).

Our children's party in December was free to local residents and has completely sold out already; and tickets to our 'grown-up' Christmas party, featuring live music from Elvis (@SeanSingsElvis), followed by a DJ, are on sale now! We love putting on events like this for our local community and we hope you'll come along and support the hall at as many of the events as you can!

We want to take this opportunity to wish all our hall users and the whole local community a truly wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Times are hard for everyone at the moment, so why don't we worry less about gifts and rather spread festive cheer with kind words and well-wishes for our local neighbours.

Until next YEAR...!



BOOKS NEEDED

After Christmas, please consider donating books, CDs, and DVDs for sale at the **St Blaise Fair on 4 February 2023** in aid of the Priory's overseas charity, [Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre](#)

From January (please not earlier) items can be left in the foyer of the St Blaise Centre or, if transport is needed, **please phone Tim Pullan on 01243 532065**



I've heard that if you have relatives round on Christmas Day the police can force entry and make them go home.

Do you think this is a free service, or do you have to book?

CALENDAR AND INTERCESSIONS

DECEMBER 2022

1 Thu	Feria	Gratitude for revelation
2 Fri	Feria	The Poor and Deprived
3 Sat	St Francis Xavier	The local food bank
4 SUN	ADVENT 2	Parish and people
5 Mon	Feria	Retail workers
6 Tue	St Nicolas, Bishop	The Woodard Schools
7 Wed	St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	Liturgists
8 Thu	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM	Parish and People
9 Fri	Feria	Politicians
10 Sat	Feria	Repentance
11 SUN	ADVENT 3	Parish and People
12 Mon	Feria	Better care for one other
13 Tue	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	More confidence in God
14 Wed	St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor [Ember Day]	Espousing the kingdom
15 Thu	Feria	Parish and People
16 Fri	Feria [Ember Day]	Generosity in our judgements
17 Sat	Feria (O Sapientia) [Ember Day]	Greater yearning for God
18 SUN	ADVENT 4 (O Adonai)	An openness to God's call
19 Mon	Feria (O Radix)	Clear vision in seeking truth
20 Tue	Feria (O Clavis)	A ready acceptance of God's call
21 Wed	Feria (O Oriens)	More frequent communion
22 Thu	Feria (O Rex)	Social workers
23 Fri	Feria (O Emmanuel)	Troubled families
24 Sat	Feria (in the morning)	Spiritual readiness for Christmass,
25 SUN	NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Parish and People
26 Mon	St Stephen, Proto Martyr	Greater courage in discipleship
27 Tue	St John, Apostle & Evangelist	More reading of scripture
28 Wed	Holy Innocents, Martyrs	Those who have lost children through violence
29 Thu	St Thomas Becket	Pilgrims to Canterbury
30 Fri	HOLY FAMILY DAY	Greater religious practice within families
31 Sat	In the Octave of Christmas	Growth in wisdom



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CALENDAR AND INTERCESSIONS

JANUARY 2023

1 SUN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	Parish and People
2 Mon Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors	World Peace
3 Tue The Most Holy Name of Jesus	Avoidance of irreverence
4 Wed Feria	New followers of The Way
5 Thu Feria	Generosity to others
6 Fri Feria	An end to bullying
7 Sat St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest	Greater love for one another
8 SUN EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Parish and People
9 Mon The Baptism of the Lord	Courageous faith
10 Tue Feria	Care of the poor
11 Wed Feria	The sick
12 Thu St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot	Emergency responders
13 Fri St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor	Those at university
14 Sat Of Our Lady	Hearing God's call to us
15 SUN EPIPHANY 2	Parish and People
16 Mon Feria	Preachers
17 Tue St Antony, Abbot	Christians in Egypt
18 Wed Vot Mass of The Confession of St Peter	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
19 Thu St Wulfstan, Bishop	The Lutheran Church
20 Fri Sts Sebastian, & Fabian, Pope, Martyrs	The Roman Catholic Church
21 Sat St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	The Orthodox Church
22 SUN EPIPHANY 3 [Votive for Unity]	Parish and People
23 Mon Feria	The Coptic Church
24 Tue St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor	The Free Churches
25 Wed Conversion of St Paul the Apostle	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
26 Thu Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops	Assistant Bishops
27 Fri Feria	Churchwardens
28 Sat St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor	Theologians
29 SUN THE PRESENTATION (CANDLEMASS)	Parish and People
30 Mon Blessed Charles Stuart, King & Martyr	The Monarch
31 Tue St John Bosco, Priest	Attentiveness in faith

BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL

From the Parish Council



The major topic at the November meeting was the Planning Application for fifty new homes on the agricultural field, part of Boxgrove Farm, adjacent to the A27 and to the east of St Hugh's and Longmeadow. The access to this site is the existing entrance to the farmland very close to the roundabout on the A27. The Parish Council propose to object to this application mainly because this access presents a potential danger to traffic using The Street, turning off the A27 into Boxgrove, and entering and exiting the site. The application at this stage is purely for the access arrangements.

Agreement was reached to replace the bus shelter outside the Village Hall with a timber built shelter which will be more in keeping with the Conservation Area. The existing shelter has become shabby despite a clean-up about four years ago. A suggestion was received about the similar metal framed shelter in Halnaker being replaced with a more traditional shelter. It was agreed to consider this in the future. Both of these are at the Chichester-bound 55 bus stops.

At the October meeting, mention was made whether Boxgrove Parish should have an Emergency Plan. A draft plan has been drawn up and one aspect is to have a register of all vulnerable and elderly residents in order to offer help and assistance were there to be power and energy failures. Also, severe weather may present hardship which could require help. The residents who wish to be on this register can contact any PC Member or the Parish Clerk, email clerk@boxgroveparishcouncil.gov.uk. The Chairman's phone number can be found on the Bugle 'Who's Who' page. The register will be and remain confidential, but needs to contain contact details. The Village Hall are on board with this and will offer a warm environment and access to hot beverages.

It would also be useful if one or two of our residents stepped forward to help in the event of any emergency. It is for the benefit of us all.

Some new anti litter/anti dog-fouling signs have been ordered and will be in place to remind people that this country needs looking after. At the same time, two street signs have been ordered to put 'Blundens Way' on the map. This is the access into the old coalyard, which now is a holiday let venue - and a very fine one it is.

It is felt that our Neighbourhood Plan, which received assent in 2020, should be reviewed to keep up with changes that are taking place, and David Leah, who you may recall spearheaded the making of our Plan, offered to lead the review. If anyone feels that they would like to become involved in this review with David, please contact our Clerk, Imogen Whittaker (clerk@boxgroveparishcouncil.gov.uk).

The Parish Council draft budget for 2023/4 was discussed and minor changes agreed. Also, some proposals for projects were discarded, including a suggestion for adult exercise equipment and a boules arena. The twelve members of the public who attended the meeting were polled and it was their decision to discard these items from future agendas.

Finally, all the damaged slats to the park benches on the Playing Field and out on the footpath network have been replaced, and once again thanks to Ranger Graham Dipple for sanding and treating one of them: more to follow.

Henry Potter

Chairman of the Parish Council

Our Birthday Meeting in November gave us all lots of opportunity to socialise. However, before the fun and games could begin there was plenty of business to get through.

We gave our Christmas Food Bank donations to Jill Dipple. She had a really good collection of food and toiletries to take to their headquarters. All has been organised for our Christmas Tree as part of the Festival of Trees at the Priory. Arrangements for our Christmas Lunch at the Selsey Arms were finalised, and members were reminded of the request for homemade mince pies for the Chichester Community Choir concert at Boxgrove Village Hall in aid of the Dementia Hub in Tangmere on 2 December.

So, what did we get up to for our birthday party? It started with a wildflower quiz. The clues were either anagrams or cryptic clues. It was hard!! The top mark was 12 out of 30 scored by Chris Potter. And we call ourselves country women! The Beetle Drive that followed was great fun. Some of us were rather competitive, swept the board and won all the bars of chocolate. But there was plenty of laughter and chatter. Next up was the judging of the cupcake competition. The winner was Lynnette Middleton with her plate of beautifully decorated little cakes. We then managed to munch our way through a prodigious quantity of the yummy offerings. No-one was dieting that day.

The Craft Group, which meets on the fourth Monday in the month, are working on their decorations for the WI Christmas Tree. Lunch Club, which meets on the third Wednesday in the month is going to the "Old House at Home", Chidham, while the Book Club, which meets on the fourth Wednesday in the month, are discussing "Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine". The Garden Group, which looks after the long border at the St Blaise Centre, aborted their get together because of a poor weather forecast. In the event they could have met, as the forecast was wrong! Much needs to be done to prepare the garden for winter and to get the ground elder under control. Fingers crossed for a spell of good weather.

Our Christmas Meeting on 14th December will feature Margaret Watson on her Golden Harp. She will be entertaining us with Christmas music. She has visited us before, so we know we are in for a treat.

Boxgrove WI meets at the St Blaise Centre at 2.15pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Why not come along and meet us? We are a friendly bunch and always welcome new members. If you are interested contact me:

Wendy Austin-Ward

Secretary, Boxgrove WI

Contact me on **01243 773563, 07947 946538, or wpaustinward@outlook.com**



A woman is sitting quietly at her deceased husband's funeral. A man leans over to her and whispers, "Do you mind if I say a word?" She replies, "No, of course not - go right ahead".

The man stands, clears his throat, says "Plethora" and sits down again.

"Thank you", says the woman; "That means a lot".

THE OPTIMISTIC GARDENER

High Trees, December 2022 ~ No.59

Food for Free

To enjoy all Janet's pictures to the full, and in colour, read this article online via the '[Bugle](http://www.boxgrovepriory.co.uk/bugle.html)' page on the Priory website: <http://www.boxgrovepriory.co.uk/bugle.html>

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Everyone likes to get a free gift. Recently we had an extra box of food delivered with our normal supermarket delivery and, try as we might, we were unable to get this stranger's shopping collected and returned. Eventually the supermarket concerned told us to keep it - so the food-bank box in our local shop benefitted from this except for the odd perishable item which we kept.



Well, nature is very generous and is laden with free gifts if you know where to look. It also helps if you have the foraging mentality. As I've mentioned in the past, I am my mother's daughter (of course you are!) and she couldn't pass a blackberry patch without pausing to fill her plastic bag with its bounty. She was in her element one year when we camped in a Scottish field which provided us with field mushrooms for breakfast each morning.

I have inherited much from my mother (not all good) and this foraging gene is particularly strong in me. For the Reeves' household the year is divided into Food for Free seasons rather than months.

There is the first season of the Reeves' year - the Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*) season. Many people exert a lot of energy grubbing out the dandelions from their lawns. They don't appreciate that they have the main ingredient of a superior sparkling wine on their compost heap. Every 23rd April (St. George's day) my parents used to drag us out picking off dandelion heads until we had enough for a brew. What was the reason for it being 23rd April I hear you cry? Well on this day the dandelions are at their best - many are in flower and few have turned into dandelion clocks.



The next season arrives towards the end of May - the Elderflower season. There is plenty you can do with elderflowers (*Sambucus nigra*) and many of them involve making a cordial to start with. This does require a little bit of time and patience but once made, unlike elderflower wine, you can drink it straight away. This is such a quintessential taste of summer that I make pints of it each year and freeze it in pint milk cartons. Be warned! When it is frozen it does look remarkably like frozen milk so I tie a little strip of ribbon (foraged from left over wedding orders-of-service at Boxgrove!) to each handle; adding a dash of elderflower cordial to your cup of tea can prove to be very disappointing.

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Once we are into summer the Reeves' seasons come thick and fast. We range the hedgerows for blackberries and damsons (*Prunus domestica*) and the freezer begins to fill up nicely. There is one place where we can pretty well guarantee a damson crop on the August Bank Holiday weekend but I have to keep this location a well-guarded secret. Not only do damsons make the most delicious jam and jelly but they also make a fine substitute for sloes in damson gin or damson brandy.

Sloes (*Prunus Spinosa*) are another crop worth foraging. Though don't do what I did and mistake them in the freezer for a bag of black currants - they don't taste so good in a crumble! They do, however, make a wonderful liqueur in the form of sloe gin, and - even more 'cheffy' - a sloe gin icecream, when the berries are drained off the liquid after steeping for a year or so. This does require a little determination, as I needed a cherry stoner to remove the hard kernels, but once done it made the tastiest soft-scoop ice cream I have ever eaten!

A fruit which is much harder to find locally is the bilberry (*Vaccinium myrtillus*). This close relation of the blueberry likes high ground in quite acidic soil and is much more common in the north and west of Britain. It is the next 'superfood', as it contains greater concentrations of antioxidants and phytochemicals (whatever they are!) than blueberries. Indeed bilberries are said to have been a favourite of RAF bomber crews in the last war as they thought they improved their night vision. Although they also put out that carrots were being used to improve the vision of the RAF in an attempt to conceal the fact that Britain had radar - so it could simply be Bilberry spin! Bilberries have been used for different eye treatments



through the ages, as well as being used to treat chronic fatigue, gout, haemorrhoids, diabetes, UTIs and osteoarthritis. "Bring on the bilberry jam!" is what I say!

When summer morphs into autumn, and thoughts turn to warmer jumpers and soups for lunch instead of salads, that is the season for tramping through the woods armed with my mushroom basket and copy of "Mushrooms and other fungi of Great Britain", by Roger Phillips. Alternatively, I pack the thick leather gloves and Sainsbury's shopping bags and head off to Petworth Park to gather sweet chestnuts and possibly one or two walnuts. The squirrels always seem to get the hazelnuts before I do, otherwise they would also be on the menu.



I have been gathering chestnuts for many years now but only recently have I lighted on the best method to preserve them. I really ought to make a YouTube video of my technique - but then again who would be interested except for like-minded foraging totters?

My carefully honed method is as follows:

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- ▶ Collect chestnuts recently fallen - most are in their prickly cases, hence the leather gloves
- ▶ Remove from cases and bring home only plump shiny nuts - the smaller ones, or those with the tell-tale hole in the shell, are not worth the agony
- ▶ Set a pan of water to boil and meanwhile cut a cross in the pointy end of the nuts (I tend to do 24 at one sitting, otherwise I would have no finger-tips left!)
- ▶ Place in the boiling water and after two minutes remove one with a slotted spoon and dip in a bowl of cold water, then peel
- ▶ Continue to do this until the pan is empty, then add another four nuts, leaving at least two minutes before peeling the next batch
- ▶ After you have done your first complete batch, let them cool and then freeze
- ▶ Nurse your roasted finger tips and say, "Never again!"
- ▶ Next year do exactly the same



*Here is my chestnut
prep in action*

There are many hedgerow ingredients which I have not mentioned - ramsons (wild garlic), fat hen (a passable spinach substitute), Alexander's, wild sorrel, goosegrass, and the fruits of crabapples, rose hips and medlars. Some trendy London restaurants are even putting these on the menu and winning Michelin stars in the process. Well - the diners at these places are not getting their exercise at the green gym, and really should know that the best things in life are free!

Janet Reeves



PRIORY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will meet on the third Sunday of each month during term-time (excluding half-terms) at 10.20am in the St Blaise Centre, then to go over to the Priory for the second half of the service.

Children should be aged between 4 and 11 and they must have already started school. They are asked to arrive promptly, so that the objective of the session can be explained to everyone at once.

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 our Sunday School, please contact Vicky Willavise by email at vickywillavise@outlook.com.

We are always looking for more volunteers to support the Sunday School. If you would like to find out more, please contact Vicky Willavise (as above.)



*I was in Sainsbury's the other day. A woman was looking at frozen turkeys and said to an assistant, "Excuse me - do these turkeys get any bigger?"
With a straight face he replied, "No, madam - they're dead."*

BOXGROVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Review Update November 2022

You will probably remember that our Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the residents of Boxgrove in the referendum held in May 2021. This was prepared in accordance with the Chichester District Council's previous 5 year Local Plan.

Our NP must dovetail into CDC's latest Local Plan. This LP will not be completed until mid 2023, but it is now at a late stage and, amongst other issues, gives the numbers of dwellings that the Parishes will be allocated. Currently Boxgrove PC will be expected to provide fifty, but this may yet change. CDC have also identified potential sites in the parish.

Boxgrove PC has decided to start the work in reviewing our NP so that much of it will have been carried out by the time the CDC Local Plan is finalised. This NP Review will entail revisiting the policies in our NP and evaluating the sites proposed by CDC. Having an up to date NP gives better protection against speculative developments that are against the residents' wishes.

This work will, of course, be subject to consultation with you, the residents and approval by the PC, and ultimately a referendum will have to sanction it.

A few residents have volunteered to form an NP Review team to do the assessment.

The team will report progress to the PC and publish it on the notice boards and the village websites. There is also the dedicated NP website.

<https://www.boxgrovenp.co.uk/>

David Leah
Chair, Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan Review Team
17 November 2022



CHICHESTER
CATHEDRAL

Lunchtime concerts

The Cathedral Concerts are at 1.10pm on Tuesdays during term-time. The series is self-supporting, and thrives through the generosity of its audiences. There is no charge for admission but a minimum donation of £3 per person is invited (Gift Aided as appropriate).

The concerts have paused for Advent and Christmas but will resume in January

17 January

Peter Dyke (organ)

24 January

Peter Mallinson (viola), Matthias Wiesner (viola), Evgenia Startseva (piano)

31 January

Caroline Clipsham (piano)

7 February

Jenny Lewisohn (viola) & Antonio99 Oyarzabal (piano)

9 dog-friendly features to look out for in a village house

by Jennifer Hancock,
Director at [Property Acquisitions](#)

Life revolves around our dogs more than ever before. With 27% of UK adults having a dog, according to a recent 2022 report, it's of no surprise that many of our village house buyers own one (or a few) themselves. As dog lovers ourselves, we understand how they play a big part of family life, so it's very important that we find our clients a home that has adequate space for everybody.

There is a very strong dog community in West Sussex, so here are some dog-friendly features that I recommend you keep in mind when looking for a house in this part of the world ...

Dog showers

We have seen many dog showers in people's homes over the last couple of years, to include some really luxurious ones. They tend to be either in a utility room, boot room or outside, but they're especially useful in winter when walks are muddy and wet and you don't want your lovely furniture or clean floors to be covered in mud. I have just shown a buyer round a house in Midhurst where the owner is currently building one, but the best one I have ever seen was a low-level shower, nicely tiled with a door, where it had two different hand-held shower attachments. I must admit, I'd love to have a dog shower myself. If I were to move, it would be a serious priority on my list.



Enclosed large garden

Having a completely fenced-off garden is an absolute must, but having a bit of land for dogs to roam around has become a more popular request too. These not only provide hours of fun, but also a safe environment for them to roam. Since Covid-19 in particular, the size of a garden has become very important, with buyers asking us to find them something with at least half an acre.

Kitchens

Large kitchens are perfect for creating a dedicated area for dog beds and feeding, as well as the animals themselves. Some kitchen companies are now creating very clever integrated cabinets to keep dogs, beds, bowls and food tucked away, such as under the counter tops or within an island.

Utility rooms

Large utility rooms, with access to the garden, have become a must for dog owners, as they provide the perfect space for washing stations and storage for all the leads, toys, crates, treats, food and so on. We actually had a buyer turn down a house because the utility room was too small for their dogs, despite the house itself ticking all of their other boxes.

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Dog doors

Pet flaps are mostly known for cats, but we have started to see some seriously impressive dog doors being installed. This is most helpful if you have to be out of the house all day and need to leave your dogs at home. With a dog door they have the freedom to go outside when they need to, and for security reassurance homeowners often install a camera above.

Local walks

It's not just about the house when considering pets. You'll want to know that there are some great local walks, too. Luckily in West Sussex you really are spoilt for choice, especially in the South Downs National Park. Most villages also have a village green or a recreational ground. Some of our favourite places to take our dogs for a stroll include Cowdray, Petworth Park, Kingley Vale and Stoke Clump.

Local amenities

Most pubs and cafes are dog-friendly, but if good access to local amenities is on your house hunting list, then make sure you find out if they will allow you to bring in your canine companions. Many will provide dog water bowls and even doggy treats, which are guaranteed to keep those waggy tails wagging.

Proximity to vets

Don't forget to find out how close the local veterinary practices are. We're quite lucky in West Sussex, as there are plenty to choose from.

Avoid busy roads

Location is always important when buying a home, and this certainly applies when owning a dog. Stay away from busy roads, because if your furry friends were to escape, there could be deadly consequences.

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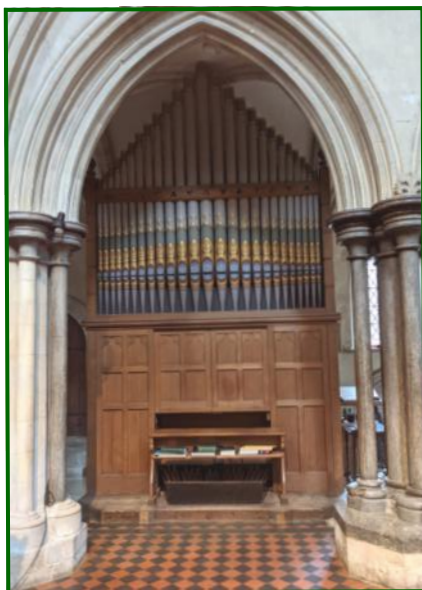
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We are also looking for volunteers who don't mind getting stuck in and sorting our donations; this will enable us to make the best use of them. So many people have so much experience which would be very welcome ...!

IT'S TIME TO OVERHAUL THE PRIORY ORGAN



The organ in Boxgrove Priory is small but beautiful. It's astonishingly versatile and, over the years, has provided the 'soundtrack' to thousands of services. But it is now in need of some TLC.

The plan is to dismantle it and take sections of it to the Organ Builder's workshop. Once there, it will be cleaned very thoroughly and all the leatherwork will be renewed. Then, returned and rebuilt in the Priory, it will serve us again, well into the future.

It costs money, of course, and we still need to raise about £15,000. Many thanks to those who have helped us by making donations, or by approaching Trusts and the like. We have a way to go with this project, but we are hoping that, with one more 'push', we shall be able to make the restoration happen.



The Priory purchases its fuel through the Church of England's Bulk Buying scheme. But, even so, we have been told that our fuel cost will rise from £7000 to £21000.

Please consider increasing your financial contributions to the Priory as a matter of some urgency.



Have you discovered V2 Radio yet?

[V2 Radio](https://www.v2radio.co.uk/) was founded by local businessman Justin Cottrell and began broadcasting from its studio in Chichester in January 2021. It covers a large area, from Cowes to Rye and north to Midhurst and Mid Sussex, and is available on mobile app, smart speaker, online and DAB.

Programmes are presented by experienced veterans of the broadcasting industry, some of whom are already well known to listeners in Sussex and further afield, having formerly been part of the Spirit FM team. The website (<https://www.v2radio.co.uk/>) covers news, local events, sport, travel, competitions, vouchers offering competitive prices for goods, places of interest to visit in the county, restaurants, etc, as well as publicising volunteering opportunities. You can also interact with the station via its social media links. To download the app, follow their QR code.



The potential pitfalls of gifting this Christmas

by *Serena Elliott*,
Solicitor with [Bate & Albon](#), Chichester



The time of year for spreading Christmas cheer is almost here and I am sure many of us will be considering what gifts to provide to our loved ones. Is consideration ever made of the tax implications of making gifts?

Inheritance Tax may have to be paid after your death on the gifts you have made in the last seven years, depending on who you give the gift to, the value of the gift and when the gift is given. Gifts to spouses are usually free from Inheritance Tax, in addition to gifts to charities and political parties. All individuals have an allowance of £3,000 called an annual exemption, which is the sum you can give away each year, without the gift being added to your estate for Inheritance Tax purposes. This annual exemption could be gifted to one lucky individual or split between several. Any unused annual exemption can be carried forward from last year; however this can only be carried forward for one tax year. You can also give as many gifts of up to £250 per person as you wish, as long as you have not already used another allowance on that person.

Another handy allowance is gifting to someone who is getting married or entering into a civil partnership where you can gift up to £5,000 to your child, up to £2,500 to a grandchild and up to £1,000 for other individuals. If you make regular payments to individuals out of your income (not savings), these can also be given free of inheritance tax, as long as you can afford these payments after meeting your usual living costs and they are paid for out of your regular income. They could be, for example, to assist with a person's living costs such as an elderly relative or a child under 18 or in full time education. It is important if you plan to use this allowance that you keep detailed records.

The situation becomes even more tricky if you are attorney under an Enduring or Lasting Power of Attorney or a Deputy under an order of the Court of Protection and wish to make gifts on behalf of that individual (the Donor). If the Donor still has mental capacity, then they can make the gift themselves, but what happens if they no longer have the mental capacity to agree to the gift? As well as negotiating the various allowances above, the question arises as to whether an Attorney or Deputy actually has the power to make a particular gift. There is no simple answer to this as it depends on the power you are provided by the Power of Attorney or Deputyship Order, who the gift is made to, the amount of the gift and also the resources of the Donor.

Unless the Power of Attorney or Deputyship Order states otherwise, you can only make gifts to family, friends and charities on a customary occasion (such as Christmas or Birthdays) and these gifts must be in the best interests of the Donor. It is essential that the gift is of a 'reasonable value' when taking into account the size of the Donor's estate. If a gift is considered to be outside this authority, then it would be necessary to apply to the Court of Protection for authority to make the gift. It is important to adhere to the rules, as if you are deemed to be acting outside your authority it could result in an investigation, you could be asked to pay back the money, removed as an Attorney or Deputy and in the most serious cases could be reported to the Police.

When considering making gifts for Estate and Inheritance Tax planning, please seek professional advice from a specialist such as a Solicitor or Tax Advisor.

Serena Elliott

For more information or advice please
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Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising free donations for Boxgrove Priory with [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/boxgrovepriory/?utm_campaign=raise-more)?

There are over 4,500 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation - including Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Tesco, Amazon, eBay, Argos, John Lewis, Laithwaites Wine, Booking.com, M&S, the AA and the RAC to name but a few - and it won't cost you a penny extra to help the Priory raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/boxgrovepriory/?utm_campaign=raise-more, and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want, and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Boxgrove Priory at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges, and the Priory will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.



Vessel of Grace

An Advent meditation in music and words

**Convent of the Poor Clares
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3pm, Sunday 4th December

The programme celebrates the mystery of the Incarnation, with readings from the 6th century BC to the present day and music ranging from the 11th century to contemporary works.

Admission is free and tea is served afterwards.

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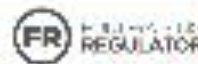
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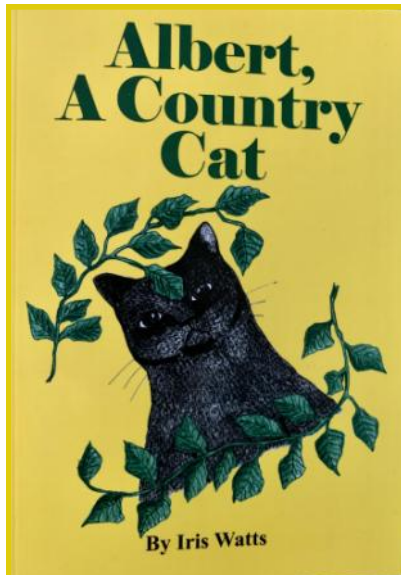
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Copies, price £5.00 are available in the Priory and all profits from the sale of the book will go towards the Priory's organ fund (see page 19).



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Latest news from St Wilfrid's ~ December 2022

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Would you like to have your Christmas tree collected and recycled by our kindly volunteer elves after Christmas? No hassle for you, no needles in your car, St Wilfrid's volunteers collect your tree from your front garden in early January and take it away to be recycled into chippings and mulch! All you need to do is make a donation to support people with a life limiting illness in your community.

Book now for this popular fundraiser!

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Christmas Cards Now Available

St Wilfrid's has 18 Christmas Card designs available this year.

To keep our cards sustainable, we have no foil or plastic on them to make them better for the environment. Last year we raised over £37,000 from selling our Christmas Cards, which is an incredible amount. In fact, it could help to pay for the running costs of the Hospice for almost two days! Shop for your Christmas cards and 2023 diaries in our 12 charity shops or online.

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Christmas Events and Gift Ideas at 4Sight Vision Support

4Sight Vision Support is getting ready for Christmas with its annual Christmas Concert and Grand Draw, as well as providing its supporters with card and gift ideas. Proceeds will help the charity in its work supporting blind and sight impaired residents of all ages throughout West Sussex.

The Christmas Concert with Seaford College Chapel Choir will be held on Monday 12th December at St Mary de Haura Church in Shoreham from 1 - 2pm. This year is particularly special, as the event was cancelled due to the pandemic for the last two years. Tickets are just £5 per person including festive refreshments, and can be pre-booked or bought at the door, first come first served.

The Grand Draw has a number of fabulous prizes, including £250 cash and two Ruby High Definition Electronic Magnifiers worth £355 each, kindly donated by Optelec. Tickets cost just £1 each.



Some of 4Sight Vision Support's Christmas gift ideas

Christmas cards are available with a variety of seasonal and fun designs, and there are gift ideas for those living with sight loss, including large print playing cards, large print Scrabble and large print calendars and diaries, as well as equipment such as talking kitchen scales. For those who enjoy walking, a book of 35 'Short Rambles in the Sussex Countryside and Days Out' by volunteer Jane Aston features walks carefully designed to be suitable for everyone, including those with sight loss or vision impairment.

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(Please see also Forthcoming Services & Events on page 6)

Sunday	8.30am	Low Mass
	10.30am	Solemn Mass
Monday	9.00am	Low Mass
Tuesday	10.00am	Low Mass with short homily (followed by coffee)
Wednesday	12.00pm	Low Mass
Thursday	10.00am	Low Mass
Friday	12.00pm	Low Mass
Saturday	10.00am	Low Mass

Confessions heard by appointment.

On the first Sunday of the month at the 10.30am Mass the setting of the Ordinary (Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei) will normally be congregational, with anthems and motets sung by the choir. There will not be Sunday School on that day (please see page 15 for Sunday School arrangements).

Readers are advised to check service times on the Priory [website](http://www.boxgrovepriory.co.uk/worship.html) (<http://www.boxgrovepriory.co.uk/worship.html>), as it is necessary from time to time to amend them.

You are encouraged to attend the services in person; however, if you prefer you can still 'join in' the Mass from the Priory, 'live' or at a time which may be more convenient for you, via the Parish [Facebook](#) page.



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