

# THE BOXGROVE BUGLE

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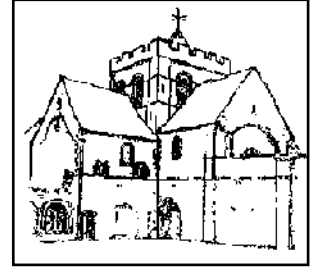
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## From Father Ian

My mother firmly believed that leaving your Christmas decorations in place after the twelfth night of Christmas would result in bad luck. I don't think she was alone in this, as all the families who lived around us followed the same pattern.



These days we have a slightly broader understanding of the way in which things work, recognising that in some parts of the world Christmas is kept with a different emphasis on different dates. For instance, in some places the real celebration of the birth of Christ happens on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January, the day we know as Epiphany. That is the day on which presents are given and on which the showing of Christ to the world is celebrated. We also know that there are other parts of the church working with a different calendar - and I refer here particularly to Christians of the Orthodox tradition - and their date for Christmas is always different to that in the West, because they use the Julian Calendar and not the Gregorian.

Here in the Western Church there is now quite a tradition of leaving Christmas decorations in place until the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, which is the feast of Candlemass, the day on which we remember Jesus being presented in the temple at Jerusalem. The story of that event shows us Simeon, a priest in the temple, who recognises Jesus as the expected one, the one to enlighten the whole world. This seems, to me, a good argument for Christians to prolong the period of Christmas celebration and leave, at least some, decorations in place.

And I don't know about you, but anything which cheers up the grey rainy weather that now seems to characterise January is a welcome boost to our minds and hearts!

In Boxgrove, I have always enjoyed the decoration and coloured lights so much in evidence around the village. This year, because of our very wonderful Christmas Tree Festival, the Priory churchyard was festooned with lights, making a very cheery and uplifting sight. I hope that we shall repeat a Christmas Tree Festival next year, as it made for a very happy lead into Christmas, and that we might find ways for residents in the village to display things relating to our festival.

There was no Boxgrove Bugle in January and so, belatedly, I wish everybody a very happy 2023!

*Father Ian*



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.



# THE BUGLE

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# 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>

# BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL

## From the Parish Council



We welcome a new Councillor, Julian Moore, a resident of Oakford Park in Halnaker, who was co-opted to the Council at the December meeting. The Council is still two Members short, and with Local Elections scheduled to take place on 4<sup>th</sup> May this year this is a good time to consider if you would like to help shape the future of your Community by joining the Council.

The Christmas tree came and went in front of the Almshouses for the second year now, decorated and lit at night. I'm sure it was a pleasing sight for all to see. Speaking of trees, the Council took up the offer of some subsidised tree 'whips' provided under the CDC Queen's Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy Scheme in celebration of that Jubilee last year. There are twenty-five such trees to be planted at random sites in the Parish; it will need careful monitoring in the event we suffer another drought such as last year. These saplings may require watering if that happens.

Some new signage has been introduced at various locations across the footpath network to even further discourage thoughtless folk who choose to drop litter and don't clear up after their dogs whilst out walking in our lovely countryside. We receive far too many complaints about dog faeces being left on the many footpaths, so please try and bring an end to this bad practice.

The Council was successful in a bid for Operation Watershed funding to alleviate the flooding affecting the A285 at the junction with Tinwood Lane and the area where the footpath crosses the Lane. This should commence in the near future. Our thanks to Jeremy Hunt, our WSCC Councillor for promoting and supporting our application for this funding.

The recent exceptional heavy rain of December and now January has resulted in serious flooding issues in the District, such that everywhere we see tankers evacuating sewers that are overloaded with high groundwater levels ingressing the leaking pipework. If this trend continues it is difficult to imagine how or when remedial work can be carried out to address the dreadful, for some, situation. It is a constant worry for many residents in the Lavant Valley. Fortunately the ground levels in the Parish are such that the 'dell' hole just east of Church Lane shows no sign of flooding yet!

The review of the Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan has been initiated with a meeting of a few interested residents, but the question of further designated sites for housing development must wait for the approval by the Planning Inspectorate of the CDC Local Plan Review. This major review is almost complete now, just needing acceptance of the full Council Membership on 24<sup>th</sup> January after which it will undergo a six week public consultation before going to the Planning Inspectorate for examination and hopefully final adoption. This review has taken Planning Officers at CDC two-and-a-half years to reach this stage, examining every facet of the needs of the District for many years to come. The constraints we face regarding infrastructure, transport, health issues, both General Practitioners and Hospital services are considerable, and the greatest worry is the state of our old, inefficient and

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overstretched Waste Water Treatment management! We all hope that these failings may lead to a rethink and a reduction in the number of new houses which are forced upon us.

On that hopeful note I will end this report.

**Henry Potter**

Chairman of the Parish Council



## **Boxgrove Christmas Tree Festival**

A very big thank you to everyone who made our very first Christmas Tree Festival in the Priory a huge success! With a wonderful selection of imaginative, stylish and fun Christmas trees decorated by members of the local community, Fortnum's raffle and tasty hot refreshments including Father Peter's infamous mulled wine! Festive singing was provided by Cavatina and a jolly sing-along Christmas concert proved very popular and raised much festive cheer.

An amazing £4700 was raised for the Priory - thank you!



## **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](mailto: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.)

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*Remember; once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.*

# CALENDAR AND INTERCESSIONS

## FEBRUARY 2023

1	Wed	St Brigid, Virgin	The Sick & Suffering
2	Thu	<b>The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemass)</b>	The Hostel at Kwa Mkono
3	Fri	<b>St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr, Patron</b>	Better learning from the saints
4	Sat	St Gilbert of Sempringham	The Church in England
5	Sun	<b>St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr, Patron</b>	Parish and people
6	Mon	St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	The Church in Japan
7	Tue	Feria	The Departed
8	Wed	St Cuthman of Steyning, Hermit	Faith even in adversity
9	Thu	Feria	The sick
10	Fri	St Scholastica	Religious communities
11	Sat	Our Lady of Lourdes	Pilgrims seeking healing
12	Sun	<b>Second Sunday before Lent</b>	Parish and people
13	Mon	Feria	An end to racism
14	Tue	Sts Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe	International cooperation
15	Wed	St Sigfrid, Bishop	World Peace
16	Thu	Feria	Respect for those of other faiths
17	Fri	com Jani Luwum	Greater courage in our faith
18	Sat	Of Our Lady	The Catholic Societies
19	Sun	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>	Parish and people
20	Mon	Feria	Penitents
21	Tue	St Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor	Service to others
22	Wed	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	A good keeping of Lent
23	Thu	St Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	Those addicted to gambling
24	Fri	Feria	
25	Sat	Feria	The terminally ill
26	Sun	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	Parish and people
27	Mon	Feria	Atheists
28	Tue	St Oswald, Bishop	Those hearing confessions



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## Hello from the Hall!

Hello from the hall.

Christmas and New Year will feel like a distant memory by the time you're all reading this, but we hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, nonetheless. As 2023 is well underway, so are we at planning upcoming events at the hall as we continue to open our doors to the community!

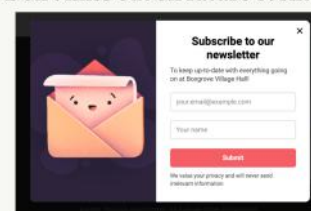
If you haven't already heard of our 'pop-ins', the hall is providing a warm space for anyone who would like to use it, every Monday and Wednesday from 10am-12pm. Please 'pop-in' to our Community Room (the first door on the left inside the hall), which is equipped with a hi-fi with CDs, board games, puzzles and books for everyone to use and enjoy. Teas/coffees are available for a small charge.

This year's monthly quiz nights began on 25<sup>th</sup> January and they run every last Wednesday of the month (8pm start). If you haven't been before, we encourage people to bring their own food but please buy our booze! The lovely Mark runs a very reasonable bar and the fantastic 'Big Al' delivers a new and stimulating quiz each time! Don't have a team to play with? Don't worry, come along and we can place you with other players! Oh, and there's always a cash prize!

Lastly, we're very excited to announce that we have a new newsletter you can sign up to, to keep up-to-date with everything going on at the hall. If you visit [www.boxgrovevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.boxgrovevillagehall.co.uk) and wait for the pop-up, you'll be able to put your email address in and keep in the loop!

Until next time...!

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## 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).

#### **7 February**

Jenny Lewisohn (viola) &  
Antonio Oyarzabal (piano)

#### **14 February**

Hannah Shilvock (bass clarinet) &  
Viola Lenzi (piano)

#### **21 February**

The Mayflower Ensemble:  
Alison Hughes (clarinet), Nicola Heinrich  
(cello) & Samantha Carrasco (piano)

#### **28 February**

Charles Harrison (organ)

# NEWS FROM BOXGROVE WI

Although the Christmas Season is behind us we do have happy memories of our December Meeting, when harpist Margaret Watson entertained us so well. She played an amazingly wide variety of music from Beatles to carols; music that was upbeat as well as gentle, soothing refrains.

January brought two young staff members from **4SightVision Support** to our meeting. Did you know that there are over 36,000 visually impaired people in West Sussex alone and this number is likely to increase by 20% over the next decade? 4SightVision Support is a charity that covers the whole of England, working closely with the RNIB and other organisations in the field of visual impairment. 4SightVision Support is split roughly on a county basis, so the young women who came to talk to us work primarily in West Sussex. We learned a great deal of what the charity can do for its clients and the aids available. Help and advice can be given on benefits and other help available from Social Services. The range of aids available is amazing - from special magnifiers for watching TV and reading, anti-glare glasses, speaking scales and speaking clocks, as well as access to Alexa through the RNIB for talking books, bus timetables, the radio and other services. Much can now be accessed from smart phones. The help available is prodigious.

We shall be at the St Blaise Fair in February, as we shall have a stall. The Craft Group are busy making things for the stall as well as collecting new, unwanted gifts to sell. We are also doing the refreshments, so a busy day for us.

Next month is our Annual Meeting. but before the meeting we shall discuss and vote on the Resolutions put before the whole WI membership, country-wide. The Resolution chosen by the members will then be discussed in full at the National Annual Meeting to be held in Cardiff in May.

Our County Federation has invited a number of interesting professional women to speak to members on International Women's Day, 8 March. The speakers include an Astronomer from East Sussex, Jane Green, and a member from Singleton WI, Zoe Mann, who recently climbed Kilimanjaro.

If you think you would like to join us, or just come along to meet us, you would be very welcome. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 2.25pm at The St Blaise Centre. You can contact me on **07947 946538** or email me at [wpaustinward@outlook.com](mailto:wpaustinward@outlook.com).

**Wendy Austin-Ward**  
Secretary, Boxgrove WI



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# THE OPTIMISTIC GARDENER

High Trees, January 2023 ~ No.60

## *Bulbs ~ the way to light up the garden*

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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What could be easier?

- get out the bulb catalogue
- take a deep breath, make the order and ignore the cost
- wait for them to arrive
- dig a hole and pop them in
- light the blue touch paper and retire

There are bulbs for almost every month of the year. I am always amazed to see daffodils in flower in Boxgrove on the verge next to the Priory entrance as early as December. Bulbs are really reliable and with a little forward planning you can enjoy their fireworks for most of the year. As a general rule, plant spring-flowering bulbs in autumn and summer-flowering bulbs in spring. Autumn bulbs and winter bulbs should be planted from late spring to summer.



*Prinses Irene &  
Queene of the Night*

I have been given some tulip bulbs for Christmas in 2022 and they are still sitting on the window-ledge awaiting planting; it may not be the perfect time to do so, but I am sure the Tulip orphanidea "Lizzy" and Tulip humilis will give me a display in 2023 and will improve with time. Tulips are one of my favourite bulbs for that joyous burst of colour they give in April and May. Now colour selection is not my strong point in gardening but I know I can rely on Sarah Raven to do this for me.

She has her own mail-order company in East Sussex and has a vast selection of plants, bulbs and seeds as well as copious quantities of tat (decorative tins, plates, ornate shelves, brass effect cutlery - you get the picture). However, her collection of bulbs is vast and she also groups various types together to produce pleasing combinations. For the last couple of years I have gone for her Venetian tulip collection - a startling selection of pinks, oranges and purples. My absolute favourite is the Royal Family of tulips - Prinses Irene (orange flames) and the Queen of the Night (deep purple).

For me, the ideal way to grow these fireworks is in large pots so that I can bring them close to the house when they are about to take centre-stage and then retire them to the Old -Tulips-home for the rest of the year. Some come through the winter but never with the same vigour so I have taken to feeding the dying down plants in their pots then storing to dry bulbs until November. Then I pop them into an area of the front lawn which I am optimistically calling "The Tulip Lawn".

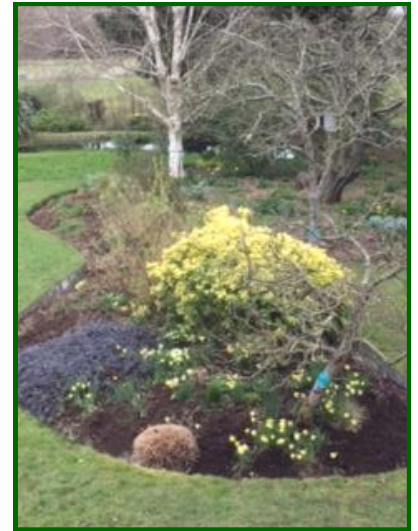


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Confession time! We have started to employ a gardener for two hours a week! Her name is Sue and she is an amazing bundle of energy as well as being very hard-working. Her passion is for daffodils, so I hope to impress her greatly in February and March when our wilder areas under the apple trees burst into life with the native daffodils which we have had there for decades but which are spreading nicely. We planted them into the grass, where they are perfectly happy - but even happier in the neighbouring border where they simply turned up one year (unasked but very welcome).

There are daffodils for every taste. I have to say my preference is for the single simple ones such as our native *Narcissus pseudonarcissus* - grown en masse. But if it's bling that you're after there are the big blowsy doubles such as 'Replete' or the multi-headed (more-for-your-money) types such as *Narcissus tazetta* 'Paperwhite' which, if grown indoors, will assault your nose with its distinctive fragrance.



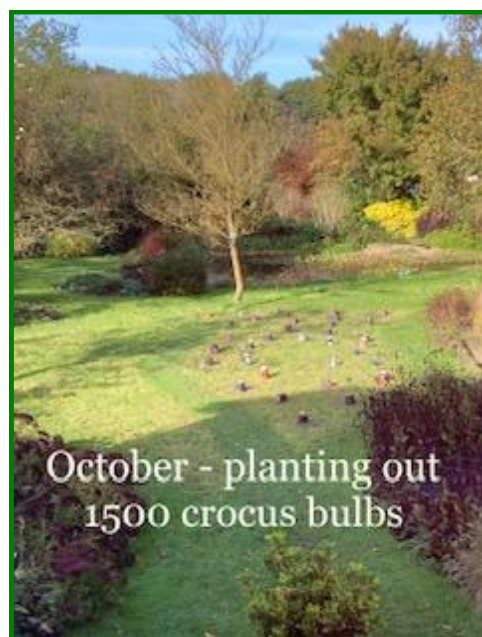
*Narcissus 'Replete'*



*Narcissus tazetta 'Paperwhite'*

We do have the odd daffodil in this category which I may have bought in the past when I was young and lacking taste! While I wouldn't grub them out or stamp on them I do throw them a disapproving glare as I walk past them.

This year's extravagance here at High Trees has been the purchase of 1,500 crocus bulbs for naturalising in the back lawn which we are rewilding. Crocus are a really



good early nectar source for bees and also look splendid en masse. We have two large patches of lawn which we are allowing to

grow long during the summer but cut back in the autumn, and when the Crocus bulbs do flower the grass in these areas should still be short enough to allow the blooms to show their heads.

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We have planted three varieties - Ruby Giant, Remembrance and Jeanne D'Arc. I considered planting them with our bulb planter for about three seconds and then resorted to my old friend YouTube to search for ways of planting multiple small bulbs, and Alan Titchmarsh leapt to the rescue. He suggested cutting the turf into 2 sections and peeling it open; then it was simply a matter of scattering a handful of the bulbs over the soil and folding back the turf to cover them. What I hope to get in March are drifts of Crocuses covered in bees; what I suspect I may get is the odd hardy bloom which has survived the wettest November on record in West Sussex. I am pretty sure there is a lot of Crocus soup under the lawn. I may just have to plant several hundred more! Watch this space!

I have only touched on the many, many bulbs which are available to the gardener throughout the year - here are some others:

**Spring-flowerers:** crocuses, narcissi, hyacinths, grape hyacinths, tulips, anemones, dog's-tooth violets, star-of-Bethlehem, lily-of-the-valley, white-flowered asphodel

**Summer-flowerers:** alliums, irises, lilies, gladioli, begonias, dahlias, galtonias, squill, agapanthus

**Autumn-flowerers:** colchicums, autumn crocuses, nerines, sternbergia

**Winter-flowerers:** snowdrops, aconites, cyclamen

Some of these are good for the prudent gardener as they increase year by year. I have autumn crocuses in the garden beside the pond which have been there for decades, get no TLC from me and have slowly spread. So a little investment in bulbs can reap rewards. I wonder whether I will still be saying this in March when I should be looking at a lawn full of vibrant Crocuses.

**Janet Reeves**



## WANTED

**Helpers to serve coffee (and biscuits, and wine)**  
after the main (10.30) Sunday service.

This involves providing milk and biscuits, setting up  
the tables and switching on the coffee machine  
and kettles before the service ...  
... serving and then clearing up afterwards.

Many people kindly volunteer to help at this stage, but it  
would be marvellous to be able to add them to the rota.

**The more the merrier,  
and the less frequently we all have to do it.**

Please contact Sue Organ: [sue.organ@zen.co.uk](mailto:sue.organ@zen.co.uk)

# BOXGROVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## Review Update January 2023

Our new Neighbourhood Plan group met for the first time on 7 Dec 2022 to review our existing NP.

The meeting discussed the updating process to be followed in respect of the sections of the plan to be reviewed and updated. These are 'About Boxgrove' today, the policies, and the new housing site selection process.

Because of the latest potential change in Government policy about local determination of housing need, it was decided to park the work about housing site selection for the time being, until the response from Chichester DC has been made. This will give us a clearer idea about our allocation.

The group are therefore concentrating our efforts on updating the 'About Boxgrove' section which is now about eight years old.

The team are now reviewing this and will consolidate our input at our next meeting later in January.

Following this we will move onto the policies and consider if we need to add additional ones such as more detailed housing design and bio-diversity.

This work will be subject to consultation with you, the residents, and the updates will be posted on our website from where you can contact the team.

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

**David Leah**

Chair, Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan Review Team

9 Jan 2023



### ***From the Registers***

#### **Baptism**

Edith

#### **Funerals**

Edwina Tremaine

Robert Wills

#### **Marriage Blessing**

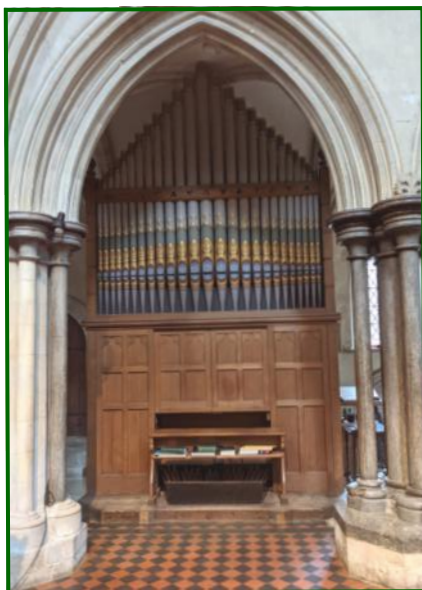
Ian & Kate

*Please keep all these in your prayers*



Visit the **Sussex Snowdrop Trust's** website at <https://www.thesussexsnowdroptrust.com/> to read about the wonderful work they do for children and their families.

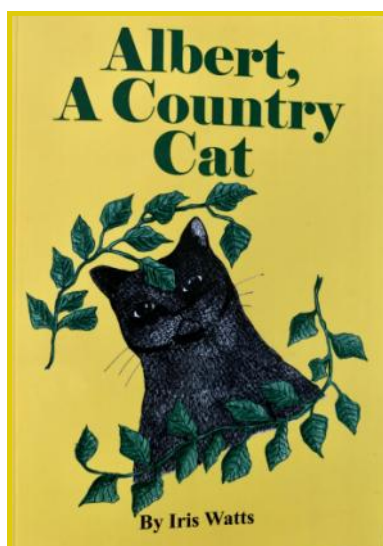
## IT'S TIME TO OVERHAUL THE PRIORY ORGAN



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.



Are you looking for a gift for a young friend?

***Albert, A Country Cat***, by Boxgrove author **Iris Watts** may be just what you're looking for!

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.



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# 2023 Price Correction and time to negotiate

by Jennifer Hancock,  
Director at [Property Acquisitions](http://www.propertyacquisitions.co.uk)

It's odd how different words can make a huge difference to our decisions and our thought process.

Having spent now forty years in property, and this year will be my twentieth year as a buying agent, I have watched the ups and downs and a lot of change, especially recently: Brexit, Covid, and now the Economy.

We all forget where prices were only three years ago, so why the word 'correction' is not being used more is puzzling. We like to see our property investment rise by huge amounts, but when there may be a slight adjustment it is seen in a completely different light, perceived as a downward spiral or bad news which throws panic into our thought process.

For many of us our home is our one and only property, therefore it's all relative with these ups and downs which we have seen before and will see again. However, now is the time to negotiate and sellers are coming to terms with the expectation of taking a reduction.



In 2023 we will see a lot of house transactions in every walk of life, as decisions have been delayed during the Covid pandemic especially and this has changed the way we think and work; and now we have so many new opportunities - our location can be our new office, for instance. Moving is in the forefront of our minds, with many exciting prospects.

Acting for buyers, and a life time of property knowledge in West Sussex, has resulted in being able to help prevent expensive mistakes which can be easily made without prior knowledge. The large majority of homes we acquire are quietly off market, and one of our main attributes is good negotiation skills and knowing the market inside out.

Whatever the reason for moving, careful thought and planning is necessary in the coming year and there is every reason why buying well is a possibility.

**Jennifer Hancock**

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# Considering a New Year's resolution - how about making a Will!

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



Recently, Solicitors for the Elderly launched an 'Update your Will' week to create awareness around the importance of having an up to date Will.

Research commissioned by Solicitors for the Elderly revealed that only 16% of people realise that remarriage can invalidate a Will and less than a third (31%) know that stepchildren will not be included unless it is clearly included in the Will. Sadly, one in ten British families (11%) have been caught out by a 'bad Will' - a Will that is out of date or badly drafted, by for example missing out on inheritance or their childhood home being sold without their knowledge.

It is recommended that people review or (if necessary) update their Will every five years, or when a major change takes place such as getting married, divorced, having a baby or even a death.

Wills not only deal with who your assets pass to on your death, but can also deal with who you would like to appoint as guardians for your children. If you die without appointing a guardian and there is no other parent with parental responsibility, then it may be necessary for the court to decide where those children live, if a disagreement arises. By preparing a carefully drafted Will, you can ensure that your wishes as to the care of your children are noted.

Now what happens if you pass away without a Will? In this case the Intestacy Rules shall apply.

Many people assume that their money will pass outright to their spouse, but this is not always the case. If you also have children, then under the Intestacy Rules your spouse will receive your belongings, the first £270,000 and the remainder will be split equally in two halves. Your spouse will receive the first half and your children will receive the other half.

I understand that some people reading this may not believe they own assets worth more than £270,000; however when taking into account the average cost of a house in our area, consideration should be made of whether this would be how you would like your estate to be distributed on your death. It could for example result in a spouse jointly owning the matrimonial home with their children, which in some cases can work - however the situation would become tricky if one of those children divorced or passed away, in which case the surviving spouse's occupation of the property would be compromised as the property may need to be sold.

None of us know how long we have left in this world and the greatest gift you can give to your family and loved ones is ensuring you have a carefully considered Will in place that protects them at a time that you will not be able to.

**Serena Elliott**

For more information or advice please  
contact me on **07955716791** or visit [www.batealbonsolicitors.co.uk](http://www.batealbonsolicitors.co.uk)

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## **Latest news from St Wilfrid's - February 2023**

### **The Moonlight Walk, 17 June 2023**

Earlybird tickets are available until **28 February** for our much-loved In Memory event, the Moonlight Walk (proudly sponsored by Henry Adams). Don't miss out on our £10 adult tickets, £5 youth tickets and £25 family tickets, which will go up to £18, £12 and £45 in March! For details, visit [stwh.co.uk/moonlight](https://stwh.co.uk/moonlight)



### **Make a Will Fortnight**

Did you know that 54% of adults haven't written a Will?

There is still time to sign up to our Make a Will Fortnight from 20 February - 3 March and have your Will written or amended by a local solicitor, in exchange for a donation to St Wilfrid's Hospice, to help us continue to deliver care to our local community. Make 2023 the year to sort out your Will and create peace of mind for you and your loved ones. [stwh.co.uk/MAWF](https://stwh.co.uk/MAWF)

### **Are you interested in taking part in the Great South Run?**

We have a number of places available for the Great South Run on the 14-15 October 2023. These exclusive spaces are available at a discounted rate of £25, with a suggested minimum fundraising target of £200. To find out more, please email [fundraising@stwh.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@stwh.co.uk) or call 01243 755184.

### **Could you join the St Wilfrid's team?**

Come and join Team St Wilf and help us make a difference to local lives. We employ full time, part time and bank staff across a variety of clinical and non-clinical departments and in our shops and donation centres including nursing, physiotherapy, retail, administration, housekeeping, maintenance, finance and human resources. For further details, visit [Stwh.co.uk/careers](https://stwh.co.uk/careers)



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Bob, a very wealthy 70-year-old widower, amazed everyone when he showed up at the Country Club with a breathtakingly beautiful and charming 25-year-old blonde who hung on his arm and listened intently to his every word.

His buddies at the club were aghast. At the first opportunity they cornered him and asked, "Bob, how did you get the trophy girlfriend?"

Bob replied, "Girlfriend? She's my wife!"

"Wow", they said, "how did you persuade her to marry you?"

"I lied about my age," Bob replied. "Ah - did you tell her you were only 50?"

Bob smiled quietly: "No, I said I was 90."



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](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.



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** 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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*I had to change my password the other day to one with eight characters, so I chose 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'*



## New Year's Resolutions, New Year's Recycling!

As we welcome the New Year and many of us try to keep our New Year's Resolutions, what better time to reaffirm a commitment to recycling our everyday items to do our bit for the environment.

West Sussex charity [4Sight Vision Support](#) has a long-established recycling scheme which helps to raise funds to support blind and sight impaired residents across the county. Additional items have recently been added to the scheme, many of which would otherwise go to landfill. Items include stamps from everyday post or stamp collections; old or foreign coins and notes; jewellery, watches, games consoles, cameras, tablets and mobile phones (any condition or age) and ink cartridges (except laser toner cartridges). You can recycle cracker, biscuit and cake wrappers, Pringles tubes, mini cheese nets, and cheese packets - but please wash them first! They would even love to have your old car, as they have the resources to turn old cars into cash via auction or scrap!



Michelle Russell of  
4Sight Vision Support  
at a donation point

In addition, if you received a gift that wasn't quite 'you' this Christmas and don't want it to go to waste, 4Sight Vision Support would love your new and unopened items to use as raffle and auction prizes in future.

Items for recycling can be dropped off at their Head Office in Victoria Drive, Bognor Regis, and unwanted Christmas gifts can be dropped here or at the charity's Shoreham Centre in Pond Road, all during normal office hours. For further details, or if your business/club/society/café would like to become a public recycling point, please call the Fundraising Team on 01243 828555 or email [fundraising@4sight.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@4sight.org.uk)



Please remember - if you have any unwanted sewing machines, carpentry, garden or engineering tools, Tim Pullan and Malcolm Knight collect such items for 'Tools with a Mission' and 'Tools for Self-Reliance' respectively to be despatched to Africa to help families and individuals to start or expand their business.

**Tim Pullan** 01243 532065  
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Please continue to leave any non-perishable food you can spare in our bin just inside the inner doors of the church. We welcome gifts, including furniture and electrical goods, at the Restore Shop in Terminus Road (Stonepillow Restore, Unit 3, Plot 27, Terminus Road, Chichester PO19 8UE; Tel: 01243 698547; [restore@stonepillow.org.uk](mailto:restore@stonepillow.org.uk)). We can collect larger items if needed.

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 ...!

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**Wednesday** and **Friday** at noon

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.

Please see page 7 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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We shall observe **Candlemass** on  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January as well as on 2<sup>nd</sup> February

**Saint Blaise's Day** is on 3<sup>rd</sup> February and the particular tradition associated with that Saint, the Blessing of Throats, will be offered on that day and also on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> is **Ash Wednesday**: Low Mass at 12noon and  
Solemn Mass at 7.30pm  
(each Mass will include the imposition of ashes)

Ash Wednesday, of course, represents the beginning of Lent,  
and this year we will be using the Diocesan Lent Course.

Details about **Lent Groups** will be available on a special leaflet in the Priory.

During Lent there will be half an hour's prayer in front of  
the Blessed Sacrament before the Friday Mass.

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