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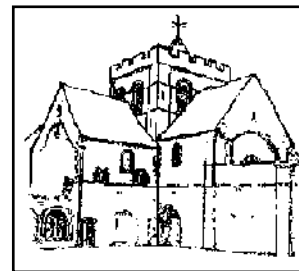
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FOR OTHER USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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From Father Ian

Most of the time, the Church of England's 'parliament' - General Synod - debates and makes decisions about the life and business of the Church, and often its debates do not spill into wider society or its media. But very recently there was a long debate about the nature of human relationships, and what the Church's response should be to gay people who ask for their relationship to be set within the sacramental life of God's family.



Should such a relationship be treated with the same respect and regard as a heterosexual relationship? Can the union of two gay people be described as a marriage?

It's complicated.

Those Christians who use the bible as a verse-by-verse source of instructions about right and wrong behaviours point us towards Leviticus 30:13 and to a few other texts which strongly condemn homosexuality. I do not believe that this is a legitimate way to use scripture.

The bible is a collection of writings from many different cultures, and from different points in history. There are many condemnatory verses about people who behave in this way or that, and very strict dietary rules - none of which we take seriously today, even though they are 'biblical'. The bible is precious because it shows us the human race gradually coming to understand, better, the things of God, culminating in the incarnation. We are still within that process, and we turn to scripture to see how our thoughts and beliefs compare to the various patterns suggested there; to the conclusions of previous generations and cultures. Above all, we look to Jesus, the perfect revelation of the God who is Love.

And how are we to judge the lives of those around us, and indeed our own lives?

If we quote scripture, let it be something which is life affirming and not condemnatory: God is Love, and those who live in Love live in God, and God lives in them (1 John 4:16). God is, I am sure, kinder and more loving than we can ever be. He has created us in his own image, judging us with mercy as he sees what we have made, and are making, of our lives. He looks joyfully, I suggest, at where we have leaned towards kindness and generosity, not cruelty and meanness.

The Church of England will go on discussing same-sex marriage for a while yet, having reached a staging post in the issue where priests will be permitted to bless gay relationships but not conduct gay marriages.

I said it was complicated. This is mostly, again, because of different cultures and approaches to scripture. The Archbishop of Canterbury is seen as the leader of the worldwide Anglican Church, and what might be acceptable, even almost normal, in Europe, is not so, for instance, in Africa. How is the Archbishop to avoid schism and break-up in the Anglican Communion?

More of this next month.

Every blessing,

Father Ian

THE BUGLE

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ST BLAISE FAIR 2023

Our annual St Blaise Fair held on Saturday 4th February was a great success, with many people coming along to support the event.

The Fishbourne Mill Morris dancers supported the event once again and gave a lively display. Tempting hot food was expertly produced by the Boxgrove V.I. and proved popular.

Stalls included second hand books and CDs and an extraordinary amount of Bric-a-Brac gave visitors a chance to grab a bargain! Homemade produce, local honey and handmade jewellery all added to the variety on offer, and in all over £1,300 was raised for Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Hostel in Tanzania.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success!

The Churchwardens



PRIORY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning in March, Sunday School will meet on the **first and third** Sunday of each month during term-time (excluding holidays) 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.)



From the Registers

Funerals

Helen Osbourne (Burial)

Sandra Smith

Please keep them in your prayers

BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL

From the Parish Council, February 2023



A recent virtual meeting of The Parishes and Chichester District Council, attended on line by Councillors and a few members of our Neighbourhood Plan Review team, dealt with the new anti-fraud measures put in place for the forthcoming Local Elections on May 4th this year.

THIS IS IMPORTANT! You will only be able to cast your vote if you produce some form of **PHOTO IDENTIFICATION**. This can be a Passport, even a recently out of date one providing the photo is still a true likeness, a digital Driver's Licence or a Bus Pass. Without any form of ID you will be turned away. Every citizen who is registered on the Electoral Roll will receive their Polling Card together with all the information you require to enable you to vote. If you choose to ask for a postal vote form there is no need for Identification, and if you don't have any form of ID and you wish to attend the Polling Station you can apply **IN PERSON** to the Officers at East Pallant House who will provide a Voting Certificate for you to present to the staff at your Polling Station. The Polling Station for Boxgrove this year will be the St Blaise Centre. The Parish Council is currently running with three vacancies since the recent resignation of Lara Moyler. This can be a dire situation as, if the attendance at a meeting drops to below four, the meeting can go ahead but no decisions can be made. If anyone considers they may be in a position to become a member of the Council, now is a good time with elections on 4th May. I shall be collecting a number of nomination papers, for existing members, and anyone else when they become available, so please ask. Being a Parish Councillor can be very rewarding.

The other item on the Agenda for that Virtual Meeting was a briefing by Tony Whitty, a senior Planning Officer at CDC, on the submission of the District Local Plan. This is now in a six week consultation period to give you, the public, the opportunity to comment on this magnum of a document. It is contained in 311 pages, but the comprehensive index helps to focus on the important major issues we face in our District, most importantly housing numbers, highways and healthcare infrastructure and waste water treatment. The aim of this Local Plan Review is to provide the Planning Inspectorate with the soundest possible evidence that we can only provide a certain number of new housing given the constraints we face in this part of the South East. Once the consultation period is over, any comments will be addressed by our Planning Officers, and the Plan forwarded to the Inspectorate for, hopefully, approval. If approved, the Plan will be a major consideration in all Planning applications for the future.

Work is progressing on the scheme to provide two new bus shelters at the northern end of The Street, adjacent to the Village Hall Car Park. The existing tired green metal framed shelter will be replaced with a timber cantilever type shelter with side windows, and opposite, on the eastern side, a new, again cantilever shelter but with a glazed window on the street side to give protection from the prevailing wind and rain. These new shelters will be more appropriate for a Conservation Area. We must thank two of our Boxgrove Rangers, Graham and Paul, for progressing this scheme, and a recent meeting with a WSCC Highways Engineer resulted in agreement to the precise location of the eastern shelter so the order for the shelters will now go ahead. They will be financed by some of the Community Infrastructure Levy held by the Council which was awarded from the housing development we have had in the Parish ...

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Work on the flood alleviation scheme on the A285, Stane Street, at the junction with Tinwood Lane is well under way as I write, so that will be a help towards highway safety at this point. This work has been facilitated under the WSCC Watershed Funding scheme and our thanks to Cllr Jeremy Hunt for progressing this.

The tree planting I mentioned last month is now complete, except for four holly bushes which I am nurturing in pots at home till they grow on a bit, and some of the 'whips' that were planted on the bank south of the A285 towards Chichester have been supplemented by a lot more planted along here by the Goodwood Estate. It is so good to see this tree planting programme being extended, in part, to compensate for the massive loss of almost all of our ash trees throughout the Country. Let's pray that the majority survive!

I am pleased to see that the Village Hall Management are planning a big Party to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May; however, instructions from the King's Pageant Master are that there will be no Beacon lighting on Windmill Hill. There are plans to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the D Day landings in 1944 when beacons will be lit next year on June 6th 2024.

So, until next time,

Henry Potter
Chairman of the Parish Council



The Chichester Local Plan ~ East / West Corridor

**A brief overview of the challenges facing the
Local Plan, how we have addressed these,
and key points relating to your area.**

Residents are encouraged to follow this link and answer just three questions so that the Chichester Local Plan can move forward and, once made, protect our area from speculative development.

<http://www.chichester.gov.uk/localplanconsultation>

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SOME DEFINITIONS

<i>Egotist</i>	<i>Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.</i>
<i>Tomorrow</i>	<i>One of the greatest labour saving devices of today.</i>
<i>Mosquito</i>	<i>An insect that makes you like flies better.</i>

CALENDAR AND INTERCESSIONS

MARCH 2023

1	Wed	St David, Bishop	The Church in Wales
2	Thu	<i>Sts Chad, Bishop & Cedd, Bishop</i>	Keeping a good Lent
3	Fri	Feria	Penitents and confessors
4	Sat	Feria	The Lonely
5	SUN	Second of Lent	Parish and people
6	Mon	Feria	Repentance
7	Tue	<i>Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs</i>	Home carers
8	Wed	<i>Edward King, Bishop</i>	The chronically sick
9	Thu	Feria	St Wilfrid's Hospice
10	Fri	Feria	The Bishop's Intention
11	Sat	Feria	Ordinands
12	SUN	Third of Lent	Lent Groups
13	Mon	Feria (Ember Day)	The Departed
14	Tue	Feria	Local Schools
15	Wed	Feria (Ember Day)	New Residents in the Parish
16	Thu	Feria (Ember Day)	Those with depression
17	Fri	St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	The people of Ireland
18	Sat	<i>St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor</i>	Increased generosity
19	SUN	Fourth of Lent	Parish and people
20	Mon	St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Foster fathers
21	Tue	Feria	Lent Study Groups
22	Wed	Feria	Those preparing for Baptism
23	Thu	Feria	Those preparing for Confirmation
24	Fri	Feria	Those working in finance
25	Sat	Annunciation of Our Lord	Willingness to serve God
26	SUN	Fifth of Lent	Parish and people
27	Mon	Feria	Those in poverty
28	Tue	Feria	The suicidal
29	Wed	Feria	Those who lack shelter
30	Thu	Feria	The mentally ill
31	Fri	Feria	The lonely

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February is the month for voting on Resolutions and is also our Annual Meeting. It may not sound very exciting, but these things are an essential part of WI life. Last year the Resolution was on Autism and ADHD, especially relating to its diagnosis in women and girls. This has now become an issue on which we campaign. This year we have four Resolutions to choose from:

1. Save our water - every drop matters: In an age of global warming and droughts this resolution calls on the UK government to ensure our long-term water security. It also encourages all WI members to take personal action to value and conserve water.
2. Women to women - turning over a new leaf in the lives of women tea-workers: Tea is picked largely by women workers. They struggle to access a living wage, decent housing, sanitation or education for their children. The NFWI calls on UK tea companies and retailers to take action to fix the broken tea buying system to enable plantation owners to give women tea pluckers a fair deal.
3. Online gambling harm: time for action: Online gambling has substantially increased, resulting in a growing number of people being exposed to the risks of gambling-related harms. Current legislation is inadequate to protect gamblers or their families from the effects of problem gambling.
4. Clean rivers for people and wildlife: Water quality in our rivers is shameful. Legally, designated bathing waters must be regularly monitored for pollution. Currently there are only two rivers that hold Designated Bathing Water status. By law, local councils must display information about water quality and pollution sources during the bathing season. The NFWI calls upon members, the wider public, local authorities and the Government to support and promote applications for official designated bathing sites on appropriate stretches of rivers. This should impact on river quality generally.

After some discussion members voted on the Resolution they most wanted to go forward to the Annual Meeting of the National Federation of WIs in May. By far the most popular Resolution was that on Clean Rivers. The Resolution which gets the most votes nationally will then be adopted as our Resolution and, hopefully, be accepted as an issue on which we shall campaign.

After fortifying ourselves with tea and some very delicious cakes, we went on to the Annual Meeting. The Financial Report showed that our finances are healthy, while the Committee Report reminded us of all the great talks and outings we had enjoyed. It is evident by the large turnout that members are very supportive of our group and

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MORE DEFINITIONS

Toothache *The pain that drives you to extraction.*

Secret *Something you tell to one person at a time.*

Wrinkles *Something other people have, similar to my character lines.*

appreciate all the activities we share. The only fly in the ointment is that in order to function we need three essential officers - President, Treasurer and Secretary. We are currently struggling to fill one of these posts. Let's hope that things sort themselves out by our next meeting in March. Jill has already planned a great programme for the forthcoming year and our off-shoot clubs - craft, lunch, book and gardening, are thriving.

Our meeting on the 8th March will start at 1.00 pm as we have decided to hold a lunch for our members before the talk on Bhutan by Janet Way.

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at the St Blaise Centre. Our normal meeting time is 2.15 pm. New members are always welcome. You can contact me on **07947 946538** or email me at wpaustinward@outlook.com.

Wendy Austin-Ward
Secretary, Boxgrove WI



Hello from the Hall!

Hello from the hall.

We are excited to announce we have been meeting with the fantastic team at CineMobile, who provide a mobile cinema experience to lots of other West Sussex villages, about offering monthly film nights in Boxgrove. We are hoping our first screening will be in March; this will be advertised around the village, on our website and on social media, so stay tuned for updates!

The King's Coronation will be held on 6th May and we have planned a wonderful event to bring the community together to celebrate this momentous occasion. With beautiful vintage china, courtesy of The Flying Saucer Vintage Crockery Hire, we will be serving an afternoon tea with



sandwiches, freshly-made cakes and scones with cream and jam and, of course, tea and coffee. The fantastic soloist John Royston-Ford will be providing live entertainment for us and tickets are available now for £15pp either direct at the hall or on our website www.boxgrovevillage.co.uk/tickets. We hope to see as many villagers joining us as possible!



Just a quick reminder that 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.

Until next time...!

THE OPTIMISTIC GARDENER

High Trees, March 2023 ~ No.61

A Spring in my step

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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It's here again. The time of the year when I wave goodbye to those idle days sitting at the sewing machine and making marmalade (no - I don't actually make marmalade in the sewing machine - rewrite this bit!)

Some people find the short days of winter difficult and yearn for those long summer evenings quaffing Pimms and getting kippered at the BBQ. Whereas I make the most of the slower pace in the garden to do those indoor jobs I have been saving for the entire year. In fact winter isn't long enough for me!



Having said that I get stupidly excited by the first snowdrop forcing its way up through the icebound soil and race in to record it in the gardening journal. (It was 11th January this year BTW).

I drag myself out on dreich afternoons to clear last year's mouldering vegetation to reveal the sapphire blue of the Iris reticulata and the emerging daffodils (Narcissus pseudonarcissus) which will soon be lighting up the wilder areas of the garden as well as popping up in the long border - uninvited but very welcome. But I try not to move anything which would provide shelter for overwintering fauna or tender emerging flora such as Penstemon.

And I've been lurking in the heated greenhouse. Well - it's not exactly balmy in there but provides enough warmth to protect the cuttings against the frosts. What I didn't do (trying desperately hard to be money-wise)

was to put in frost protection in the early part of December when I wasn't taking much notice of the Met Office weather forecast and I lost all of my Pelargonium cuttings as well as the double Marguerites (Argyranthemum).

I couldn't manage the garden without the haven of the heated greenhouse to retire to every time the rain starts or the soil is too waterlogged. Back in the dreich days of February (am I allowed to use this word if not from Scotland?) I took the onion seedlings out of the propagator to make room for the aubergines, tomatoes and peppers. They too appreciate the double glazing of the propagator inside a heated greenhouse. I like to grow a large proportion of my plants inside, pot them into modules and then, when they are a reasonable size, harden them off and plant them out. It means that I lose far fewer plants than when sowing directly outside. It also

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means I use far less seed. My spare fridge in the utility room is slowly having less use as a fridge for the niceties of life (the champagne chilling and the dressed crabs queuing up to be eaten) and more use as a seed store.



Every morning for the last fortnight I have woken up to the wittering of our resident house sparrows. They sit in the *Pyracanthus* which grows, Sleeping Beauty-like, against the wall of the house and above which is the outlet pipe-y thing which comes from our condensing boiler and produces clouds of hot steam on cold days. I can imagine the sparrows huddling near this sauna discussing which of the deluxe Swift-boxes they should rent for the summer and the pros and cons of their local takeaway - the Sunflower heart

feeder - as opposed to the hostelry further afield - the peanut feeder - to which they have to fly, oh, at least 10 yards!

Another joy of approaching Spring is wandering down to the pond to see what is singing there. We have an area where bog bean (*Menyanthes trifoliata*) grows, an uninspiring name for a very useful native plant. It provides the perfect nursery for the toad and frogspawn. The first indication that anything is happening is the chirruping coming from the pond and the occasional splash as the pairs of amphibians dive for cover on my heavy-footed approach.



As I am writing I have just read a Met Office forecast suggesting that we may have another chilly spell next week - so let's hope the frogs and toads don't feel the call-of-the-wild too soon and lose their first clump of spawn in the frozen pond.

There are plenty of jobs outside to be done in the winter when the days are warm enough. The apple trees benefit from a haircut; pruning in winter controls the overall shape, size and health of your tree. This is because the trees are dormant in winter, so by cutting back branches and shoots you are concentrating the flow of sap in spring into fewer buds, resulting in stronger growth.

Then there is the perennial battle (in our household at least) as to where the compost and manure will be used to top-dress the borders with mulch. All beds - both productive and ornamental - benefit from a blanket of compost spread over them at this time of year. This has several uses: it feeds the soil; it opens up the soil for more oxygen; it suppresses annual weeds; it traps in the winter rains so that when we get the ever-increasing long, hot summers there is less chance of evaporation from the surface of the soil. Just make sure you get the mulch down in that sweet moment between the winter dormancy and the sudden and swift emergence of your precious plants.

So you have made the quilt, bottled the marmalade and decorated the downstairs loo - and before we know it, the clocks will be going forward, we will respond to the call of the wild, and the earth will be rewarding us yet again with its many treasures.

Post script:

As I sought deferment activities this afternoon I decided to check the progress of my 1500 Crocus bulbs planted back in October with many expletives and back-aches. As you may remember, the planting process coincided with the wettest October on record in West Sussex, and so I was bracing myself for total failure in the bid to provide our pollinators with an early source of pollen and nectar. Imagine my delight on lifting one of the squares of turf where we had planted the bulbs to see the green shoots thrusting upwards and today, even better, spotting numerous spears of Crocus leaves piercing the sward. Photo to follow!



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



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

BOXGROVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Review Update February 2023

The Neighbourhood Plan Group has now had three meetings to review the existing plan.

We have now updated what we can about the changes in Boxgrove over the last 8/9 years, since it was prepared.

We are now reviewing our existing policies and will need to take account of the emerging Chichester Local Plan. This plan is now out for consultation until 17 March 2023. Please take an opportunity to view this.

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/37378/Chichester-Local-Plan---consultation-launched>

This Local Plan is unlikely to be finalised before mid 2024.

This has still allocated 50 new dwellings for Boxgrove Parish, whereas some other parishes, notably on the Manhood Peninsular, are proposed to have their allocation reduced. We will contest our allocation.

Over the coming months we will be studying the sites in our parish that CDC believe are developable before consulting with you about which you consider most appropriate. These sites almost surround Boxgrove and Halnaker with two smaller sites in Strettington.

In the meantime, we understand that the landowner of Rohan Livery Stables in Halnaker, opposite Tinwood Lane, is being promoted as potential residential development. We will also need to consider this in our review.

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

<https://boxgroveparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

David Leah

Chair, Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan Review Team
15 February 2023



Petworth House

Explorations in Paint exhibition

6 March-24 September - 10.30am-4pm

Free (normal admission charge applies) - no booking required



Explorations in Colour, a specially curated exhibition from the Royal Academy of Arts, features artworks not previously lent by the Royal Academy and a new work never before exhibited by Rebecca Salter PRA. Specially curated for the National Trust by Dr Lois Oliver and the Royal Academy Collections.

For full details visit

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/petworth/petworth-explorations-in-paint-exhibition

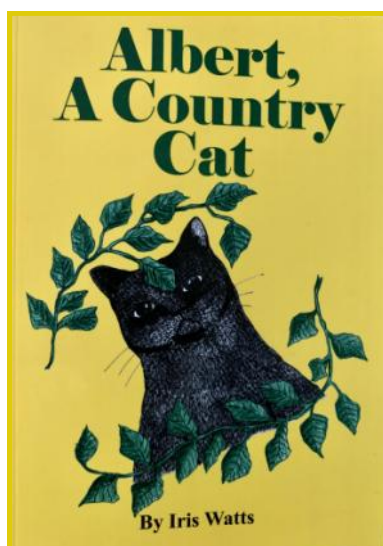
IT'S TIME TO OVERHAUL THE PRIORY ORGAN



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!

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Have recent years transformed our lives and where we live - it certainly looks that way?

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

Will there be a return to the City living again that many are discussing or will we continue life as we now know it in more rural locations with good Wi-Fi? As demand still outweighs supply for the Chichester, Midhurst and Petworth triangle, and buyers purchase off market to secure the good properties and locations, I see this trend continuing.

I did believe, after September and the mini budget, that we would see a fall in activity, but this hasn't happened. With access to London from Haslemere in under an hour, this patch continues to be a favourite spot, as 2023 clients are still very keen to secure those special village homes.

Perhaps we will see fewer under 50s moving as the equity in their homes is likely to be smaller, meaning they will be hit harder with interest rates rising when they re-mortgage; whilst more activity will be with those that own their homes or have relatively low mortgages on loan to value which enables their repayments to be less.



With good quality properties in our area and availability low, this is partly down to this area having three large estates - Goodwood, Cowdray and Leconfield - who, between them, own a substantial amount of properties and land which are rarely sold. This can be seen as a positive though, as it means that the land around us is kept in excellent condition and situated within the SDNP.

This is where the moving trends are at the moment, and it will be interesting to see how it continues throughout 2023 - and hopefully these properties will kick start and encourage others. Buyers are seeking village or edge of village properties, within close proximity to a pub and a shop and, for families, close to good schools, which we are also blessed with in this area. There are also plenty of buyers who sold their homes last year and are now in rented properties with cash in the bank.

I am very much looking forward to an interesting spring and summer ahead.

Jennifer Hancock

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Lasting Powers of Attorney – are they necessary?

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



Many people have Wills in place to provide for their loved ones on their death, but consideration also needs to be made of what would happen if you were unable to make decisions for yourself, during your lifetime. You may think that your family will be able to access your assets if you were unable to, or that doctors will abide by the wishes of your family regarding medication or life sustaining treatment; however this is unfortunately not always the case.

In order to ensure that trusted individuals are able to make decisions on your behalf and access your funds, you need to appoint 'Attorneys' within a document called a Lasting Power of Attorney. There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney, one which deals with your finances and property (called a Financial Decisions Lasting Power of Attorney) and one which deals with medication, life sustaining treatment and your welfare (called a Health and Care Lasting Power of Attorney). The Health and Care Lasting Power of Attorney can only be used if you are unable to make decisions for yourself; however the Financial Decisions Lasting Power of Attorney can be used if you are for example physically incapable of dealing with your finances, in addition to also remaining effective if you lose your mental capacity.

They are powerful documents and I understand that some people are hesitant about having them prepared, as there can be concerns that it means that their attorneys will 'take over.' Having Lasting Powers of Attorney prepared does not mean that your attorneys must start making decisions for you straight away, as the decision is ultimately up to you whilst you have mental capacity. Instead, they should be considered in the same way as an insurance policy and be ready in case they are required in the future.

The question then arises as to what would happen if a person was unable to make decisions for themselves in the future and had no valid Power of Attorney in place? In the absence of a valid Power of Attorney, an application would need to be made to the Court of Protection for a 'Deputy' to be appointed. Applications for Deputyship are usually made in respect of Financial Decisions and less commonly in respect of Health and Care.

These applications are usually lengthy and costly, with further annual costs being required to be paid to the Court of Protection by way of supervision fees and extra insurance. A report is also required to be submitted to account for all financial transactions carried out by the Deputy, on an annual basis.

The difficulty with this course of action is that there is usually a pressing need at that time, to be able to access finances for living costs and the provision of care. Unfortunately, banks and other financial institutions will not release funds until a Court Order appointing a Deputy has been issued. For this reason, I would recommend that everyone has Lasting Powers of Attorney prepared.

Serena Elliott

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 9. *Who needs to read rhetorical questions?*
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