

# THE BOXGROVE BUGLE

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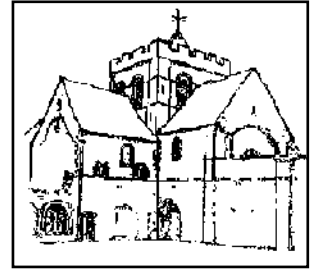
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## From Father Ian

The first daffodils appeared in the shops a couple of weeks ago, and those in my garden are beginning to chase away winter's gloom. But of course, this being England, we could yet experience snow, blizzards, or drought! The longer days of Spring, and the move into British Summer Time, feels good.



Easter is, of course, the greatest moment of renewal in the Church's year. The vanquishing of death, and the promise of something better to come, is a central message of Christianity, and each time we gather to worship on a Sunday, the 'first day of the week', we are keeping a mini-Easter.

Belief in our continuing relationship with God, and with each other, and the certainty that we remain 'ourselves' after we die, gives real focus to the Easter celebration, and it inspires us to ponder new ways of being, within the context of God's everlasting love for us.

In the Priory we mark someone's death, first and foremost, by prayer. All prayer is a process of building-up a confident relationship with God, and all prayer for the dead is rooted, deeply, in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the assurance because of our baptism, that we have a share in his heavenly kingdom.

I confess that I am saddened by the way that many pre-pay funeral plans, and things like the strangely-named 'pure cremation', are turning funerals into an exercise of just looking back and remembering. A Christian funeral certainly includes the remembering, and often with pictures and video, but also looks forward, asking, and answering the question 'what now for the dead person?' The one without the other lacks hope, and I want to encourage people to talk to me about this, and about the huge help that the Church can be in the process of dying, death and bereavement.

In last month's Bugle I spoke about a proper valuing of every relationship which is loving and faithful. This should apply not just to close relationships, but to our recognising that the peoples of the world are created by the same God, and are loved by the same God. National barriers, as history shows, move around from time to time, and the only true and lasting kingdom is God's kingdom. Our principal satisfaction and boast should begin with that fact, and it should shape our response to those of every nation and in every need.

Very best wishes,

*Father Ian*

**Parents** - Just a reminder that in order for me to supply a support form for a child's admission to Bishop Luffa School, I have to be able to give honest answers concerning the period of time that a child has been attending services - and, ideally, looking to show 'weekly' attendance.

**Fr Ian**

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## 2023 HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND MUSIC

(The Bishop of Chichester 'Martin, Our Bishop' will be with us to preside and preach on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday)

### **APRIL 2: PALM SUNDAY**

**8.30am Low Mass; 10.30am Palm Procession from the Vicarage** (bring a branch!). Children then go to Saint Blaise Centre for their own service/activity. Introit: Hosanna to the Son of David - Weelkes ~ Missa XVII - Plainsong ~ Acclamation: Christus factus est - Pinhey ~ Passion according to Saint Matthew - Plainsong ~ Communion: O vos omnes - Casals

### **APRIL 3: Monday in Holy Week**

**6.15pm Stations of the Cross; 7.30pm Low Mass** (Choir Music: Lamentations I - de Brito)

### **APRIL 4: Tuesday in Holy Week**

**6.15pm Stations of the Cross; 7.30pm Low Mass** (Choir Music: Te lucis ante terminum - Tallis)

### **APRIL 5: Wednesday in Holy Week**

**12noon Low Mass; 6.15pm Stations of the Cross; 7.30pm Low Mass** (Choir music: Lamentations - Tallis)

### **APRIL 6: MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**6.00pm Confessions; 7.30pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper, Footwashing and Procession to the Altar of Repose; Solemn Vigil until Midnight**

Gloria: Missa De Angelis - Plainsong ~ Sanctus etc: Byrd à 4 ~ Footwashing: Ubi caritas - Plainsong and Gjeilo ~ Communion motet: Ave verum - Byrd ~ Stripping of the altars: Psalm 51

### **APRIL 7: GOOD FRIDAY**

**12.30pm Stations of the Cross; 1.30pm Quiet time; 2.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

Christus factus est - Pinhey ~ Passion according to Saint John - Plainsong ~ The Reproaches - Sanders ~ At the carrying of the Sacrament: God so loved the world - Stainer

### **APRIL 8: HOLY SATURDAY**

**12.00noon Confessions; 8.30pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter**

Gloria: Missa de angelis - Plainsong ~ Litany of the saints ~ Sanctus etc: Thorne ~ Communion: Now the green blade riseth - French melody arr. Lindley

### **APRIL 9: EASTER DAY**

**8.30am Low Mass; 10.30am Solemn Parish Mass and Blessing of the Easter Garden.** Easter eggs are given to the children after this service and there is an Easter Egg hunt

Introit: Surgens Jesus - Philips ~ Mass setting: Schubert in G ~ Communion: Now the green blade riseth - arr Paterson ~ Regina caeli - Forrester

# **BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **From the Parish Council, March 2023**



First of all I must apologise for the failure of the Parish Council website since October last year. Sadly, due to the poor health of the Administrator of the website, it has been neglected, but that situation is now resolved by the creation of a new site, same access details as before. The new site is still being refined, but most of the information you need is there.

We are still short of Parish Councillors, so can I stress the need for a few more of you to grab a Nomination Pack, fill it in and stand for election on 4<sup>th</sup> May. I see several 'posts' on the local social media Boxgrove Community pages complaining about the PC so now's your chance to take part. Nominations must be handed in to the Returning Office at East Pallant House before 4pm on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

I have become very disappointed by the mindless incidences of petty vandalism which have occurred recently in the Parish. The plant and vegetable table at the junction of Crouch Cross Lane and The Street is being abused: a whole crate of sweetcorn cobs were carted away and dumped on the footpath locally known as Town Lane, and more recently a large quantity of green peppers were scattered along the footpath between Crouch Cross and the pedestrian bridge over the A27 to Tangmere - even some tossed into gardens en route. Then there was the wanton ruination of the attractive planter at the southern end of The Street when all of the pansies had their blooms torn off a couple of months ago. Imagine the sadness felt by the lovely volunteer residents who care for this feature. And today (13/03/2023) one of the trolleys which store tables in the Village Hall was taken from the compound beside the VH and trundled all the way to the Children's Play Area where it was abandoned! I ask, what is the sense of this behaviour?

Due to its presence within the Boxgrove Conservation Area, its unsightliness and the recent abuse, the Parish Council decided at the meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> to remove the table forthwith. It is no more!

Recent walks across the footpath network on the Common lead me to believe that the recently introduced signage to encourage folk to cherish and look after our countryside is having a positive effect. I've seen no litter nor dog faeces on the footpaths for a while now. Please keep up the good work: it is so much more pleasant.

I've noted the 'repairs' to the potholes carried out on The Street recently are already disintegrating, particularly to the trench which BT opened up last year just south of the junction with Stane Street travelling north.

The announcement that the Government are to increase the funding to Local Highways to facilitate more pothole repairs will be of little help unless the repairs are carried out properly. It will be more 'waste' of our taxpayers' money.

Finally, it is a big disappointment that any improvements to the A27 Chichester by-pass, along with the proposed Arundel by-pass, have been shelved to well into the next decade. Certainly of no consolation to people who live alongside 'rat run' routes, nor the effect considering the new housing that may appear over the next ten years or more with none of the required improvements.

Until next time,

**Henry Potter**  
Chairman of the Parish Council

# PRIORY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets 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](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.)



## ***From the Registers***

### **Baptism - Katie**

*Please keep Katie in your prayers*



## **Useful contact details**

### **Local Police**

Emergencies 999 or 112 ~ Other matters 0845 60 70 999 or 101

### **Citizens Advice**

Consumer helpline 0345 4040506

### **Action on Elder Abuse**

Confidential helpline 080 8808 8141

### **Action Fraud**

National fraud reporting centre 0300 123 2040



Remember to keep an eye on "**What's on at the Cathedral**" ([www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on-chichester-cathedral](http://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on-chichester-cathedral)) for all sorts of resources - services, lectures, concerts, exhibitions, and of course the new [Cloisters Kitchen & Garden](#), due to open in March.

# CALENDAR AND INTERCESSIONS

## APRIL 2023

1	Sat	Feria	Tax Officials
2	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Registrars and all who deal in data
3	Mon	<b>in Holy Week</b>	The Diocese of Chichester
4	Tue	<b>in Holy Week</b>	Sacristans
5	Wed	<b>in Holy Week</b>	That we might learn forgiveness
6	Thu	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	Greater charity and love
7	Fri	<b>Good Friday</b>	
8	Sat	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	Those without faith
9	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	Sharing Easter joy
10	Mon	Monday in Easter Week	The RSPCA
11	Tue	Tuesday in Easter Week	The motor industry
12	Wed	Wednesday in Easter Week	Civil Servants
13	Thu	Thursday in Easter Week	Politicians
14	Fri	Friday in Easter Week	Following Jesus more closely
15	Sat	Saturday in Easter Week	The unchurched
16	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> (Low Sunday)	Those seeking faith
17	Mon	Feria	English Heritage
18	Tue	Feria	Church architects
19	Wed	St Alphege, Bishop & Martyr	Composers
20	Thu	Feria	Authors
21	Fri	St Anselm, Bishop	The Abbey of Le Bec Hellouin
22	Sat	Of Our Lady	Teachers
23	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	Parish and people
24	Mon	<b>St George, Patron of England</b>	The English Nation
25	Tue	St Mark the Evangelist	Religious observers & commentators
26	Wed	Feria	Local Politicians
27	Thu	Feria	Faithfulness to the gospel
28	Fri	Feria	Doctors and nurses
29	Sat	St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor & Patron of Europe	The nations of Europe
30	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	The Press & Media

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# NEWS FROM BOXGROVE WI

## APRIL 2023



This month marks the end of an era. Boxgrove WI has decided it can no longer continue, after existing for 103 years. The problem is that under the rules of the Women's Institute every WI must have three Officers - a President, a Treasurer and a Secretary. Alas, try as we might, we were unable to find anyone who will pick up the baton as Secretary when I retire from the post at the end of March.

Nevertheless, we had a very enjoyable final meeting, deciding to hold a lunch instead of just having tea. Jill Dipple excelled herself in organising a delicious two-course meal. We also had a very interesting talk on the mysterious kingdom of Bhutan, a country hidden in the Himalayan mountains, sandwiched between China to the north and India to the south. The King holds Community, Bhutanese Culture and the Environment as the most important things for his people's happiness. Everyone is literate and education is for all. Bhutan was long cut off from the rest of the world as no-one was allowed to enter. However, tourism is now encouraged as it brings in income. But it is on their terms. Tourists cannot wander at will and must be part of an organised tour with a Bhutanese guide. It sounded a bit like Shangri-la! Although, how much longer the kingdom will be allowed to remain independent from either China or India remains to be seen.

The WI meeting duly ended with everyone agreeing to spend some of our funds on a teak bench to be placed in front of our Parish Church. A new bench is much needed and we thought it a fitting way to remember the existence of the WI in Boxgrove. A small plaque will be affixed to commemorate Boxgrove Women's Institute.

The meeting did not end there, however. Having closed the official WI meeting we reconvened as a village group and discussed the possibility of continuing as a women's group, but outside the umbrella of the WI. So, The Boxgrove Belles has emerged, fully formed like a butterfly from the chrysalis! We shall continue as before but we shan't need to conduct all the official WI 'business' - more time for socialising! We'll meet on the second Wednesday of the month at the St Blaise Centre at 2.15 pm, but the meetings will be less formal. Our groups will continue to meet - Craft, Lunch, Book and Gardening just as before. Fortunately there was unanimous agreement about forming the new group, and we shall hold our first meeting on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, when Sally Botwright, a qualified London Tourist Guide, will tell us about "London Docklands". We have had a number of talks from Sally. She is a good speaker and really knows her stuff.

So why not come along and see what this new group is like. Enjoy friendship, good speakers and a cup of tea and slice of cake (no, we are not foregoing that tradition!)

Contact: Wendy Austin-Ward on [wendyaustinward@gmail.com](mailto:wendyaustinward@gmail.com) or telephone/text on 07947 946538

Best wishes to you all,

Wendy  
13 March 2023



## Hello from the Hall!

Hello from the hall.

Wow, where are the months going? We can't wait to finally be entering Spring! Don't the daffodils popping up around the village make it look so pretty? We have been busy at the hall preparing for new events, such as our monthly cinema nights, as well as the larger annual events like the summer fayre (we've even started early stages preparation for the next 'Christmas in Boxgrove', too).



Our summer fayre this year will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 2-5pm and there is a great line-up of entertainment planned, alongside free entertainment, bouncy castles and face painting for the children. We really love planning these larger events with the whole community in mind, and can't wait to see everyone enjoying themselves!

Also with our community in mind, we have taken on board feedback about our planned celebrations for King Charles III's Coronation and have decided to offer a family-friendly cream tea at the hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, instead. From 2-4pm we will be serving tea/coffee, a fresh scone with cream and jam and a special coronation biscuit, alongside live entertainment from Ratpack performer John Royston-Ford. There will also be crafts and games available for the children. Tickets are available at just £5 per person and these can be bought from the hall direct or on our website. As this is a catered event, all tickets must be pre-booked!

Until next time...!



Those present at the 10.30 Mass on Mothering Sunday enjoyed Fr Peter's little story at the end of the service, and I think it is very much worth sharing with those who were not able to be there! Ed.

*As usual, Alice was having great trouble texting from her mobile, and she rang her son to ask for advice.*

*He replied, "Oh, Mother - not again. How many times have I explained to you how to use the texting app?!"*

*To which she gently replied, "Yes I know, Eric, and I'm sorry to bother you again - but how many times do you think I explained to you how to use your spoon?"*



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# Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham

## March 2023

There were fifty-eight pilgrims from the Diocese of Chichester joining other pilgrims from across the country enjoying a great weekend of worship, teaching and activities.

Our delightful theme was 'Bread of Heaven', shown especially on Saturday in the enactment of the Emmaus Gospel reading (Luke 24) by our own Chichester children and ending with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction before our journey home on the Sunday.



*Fr Mark Gilbert from Petworth with Mary and the Chichester Diocesan Group*

On Saturday the Liturgy of the Word took place at the Roman Catholic Shrine, followed by intercessions at various points on the Holy Mile between the RC and Anglican Shrines and then the Liturgy of the Sacrament in the Shrine Church. Many of the children walked the Holy Mile barefoot. All enjoying the experience! Saturday afternoon was a time of crafts, games and other activities, including prayer workshops in the Shrine and a treasure trail around the village, followed in the evening with a disco.

Sunday saw us packing minibuses before Mass, Benediction and Last Visit. Lunch and then on our way home. But there was much more than this - new friendships were formed, conversations were held, sprinkling from the well happened and candles were lit. In fact all that you would expect, and the joy to see in some of the children when they first entered the shrine, sang the Litany of Our Lady and entered the Holy House made all my paperwork worthwhile!

**Mary Nagel**



*My grandson just made the mistake of saying I was being over-dramatic. So I've changed the WiFi password. We'll see who's being over-dramatic now.*



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*As I watched the dog chasing his tail I thought how easily amused dogs are.  
Then I realised I was watching the dog chase his tail.*

# THE OPTIMISTIC GARDENER

High Trees, April 2023 ~ No.62

## *The Nature Diary of a Carolean Woman*

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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One of my favourite books, which I dip into regularly, is 'The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady' by Edith Holden. I'm sure you've seen it. A book full of her illustrations of plants and animals seen throughout the year as she walked and cycled around the lanes of Warwickshire, and sometimes further afield.

Well I can't compare myself to Edith - but I do cycle around this area a fair bit and I also like to keep a diary, so here is 'The Nature Diary of an Carolean Woman'.

### **Tuesday 14 February 2023**

First Brimstone seen, shortly followed by a Red Admiral. It was 9°C, mostly clear according to my cycling app, Cyclemeter, but I think they may have mistimed their emergence - the forecast is for another cold spell.

### **Sunday 19 February 2023**

When Gerry put the hens away yesterday evening he had been unable to find one of the cream legbars. There is one flighty hen who has managed to find her way out of Colditz, and at present we are not sure how. We both had a look again after eating, but there was no sign of her. This morning there was still no sign of this blue-egg-layer so we reluctantly decided she had gone AWOL and was probably residing in the guts of a local fox. I looked on the verges as I cycled to church down Lake Lane, but had no glimpse of a corpse or a mound of feathers.



When I got home, I was putting the details into the Cyclemeter when I noticed I had a voice message on the phone. It was Steph from next door, asking whether we had lost a hen! Great relief!! We went round with a box and found the hen corralled in one of their unfinished rooms in the extension, cowering behind a line of chairs. She had laid an egg in the corner of the room, much to young George's (6 years) delight as he found it. Steph and George came back with us to watch the release of the hen, and were amused by the bantam we call Pet making a dash for freedom every time we opened the door.

### **Tuesday 21 February 2023**

The frogs must be back!

For the last two years we have been treated to an aerial display thanks to a visiting local buzzard who stays around for precisely three weeks at this time of year. It sits in

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the lowest branch of our Pinus Radiata (Monterey pine) which overlooks both the pond and the rife at the bottom of our garden. We eventually decided that the reason for this interest in the High Trees garden was not to admire the hard work we have put in to it in the past few weeks but because a regular source of breakfast can be had in the form of frogs and toads who arrive around now.

Although at present the frogs and toads think it is too cold to be visiting our pond for their annual spawning, the buzzard doesn't give up hope that they will be here soon. He (or she - I'm no expert in buzzard-sexing) has arrived for the past three years to join our French cousins in feasting on frogs' legs. We have set up the wildlife camera down by the pond, but unfortunately it is also focussed on the field behind where the horses trigger it; so yesterday Gerry had to delete 2,567 pictures of nothing, but in the midst of this found four containing a buzzard. This is the best of the bunch. I don't think Simon King has got much to worry about.



### Thursday 2 March 2023

It is inevitable! I ordered a new queen bee from a supplier in Gloucestershire and it is due to be delivered on 25<sup>th</sup> April. I did this last year as well, to re-queen my bad-tempered colony with a Buckfast queen. It worked like a dream. A week after popping her in with her newly adopted family they had calmed down considerably - and I was able to breed another queen from her with an equally affable nature.

So now I am left with one colony with tetchy genes which I hope to re-queen this year. That is until yesterday when I went down for a quick look to see whether any of the hives needed some feed (bakers fondant icing) to see them through this cold weather. At this time in the season they will be unable to find enough forage and may well have cleared out the larder of their natural supplies - the honey I left on them at the back end of last year. The two colonies led by Buckfast queens ('Buckfast' and 'Newbuck') were flying strongly in yesterday's bright sunshine, but the third hive showed very few bees coming in and out of their entrance; and when I had a quick peep in the top they had hardly used any of the stores I had put on there a month ago.

So now, on 25<sup>th</sup> April I may well have no colony to put the new queen into - a monarch with no kingdom.

### Thursday 9 March 2023



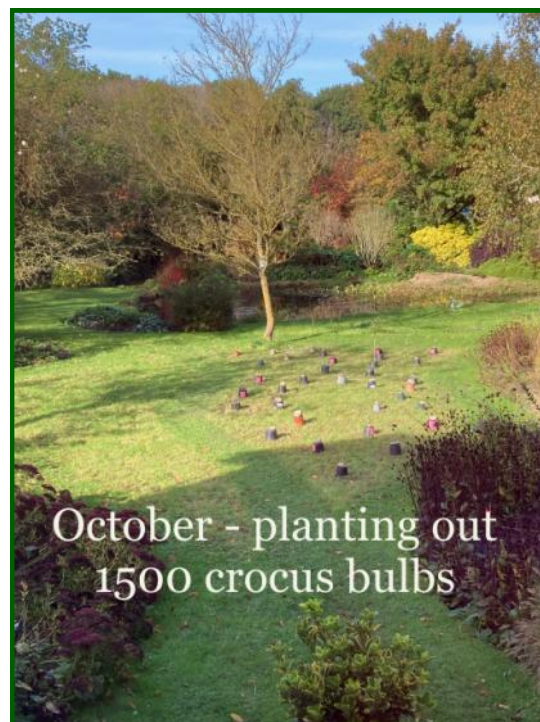
On looking through the thousands of shots of the Bogbean plants in the pond from the wildlife camera and feeling disappointed there were none of the feeding buzzard, we were intrigued to see pair of eyes in the water - little pinpricks of light which moved around in consecutive pictures. On going down on his daily pond inspection Gerry was delighted to see four clumps of "slobber" amongst the Bogbean. The frogs have arrived!

/continued ...

**Tuesday 14 March 2023**

Back on 8<sup>th</sup> February I couldn't wait any longer for the very late appearance of my Crocus bulbs. I was convinced that they had all turned into Crocus soup back in October, when we had planted 1500 bulbs in the 2x wild areas of the back lawn. We had done this over a couple of back-breaking days, and I was so looking forward to a splash of Spring colour - a prelude to the summer symphony of colour - but on this day there was still no sign that this would happen. So I dug up one of the turfs to see what was going on down below - no-one can have been more delighted than me on seeing four strongly-growing shoots which were clearly Crocuses.

Then the day came when the first bloom dared to open its petals, and of course I dashed out with the camera. Then next day I counted four flowers, and since then I have given up counting but delighted in their continued emergence.



*Crocus Jeanne d'Arc -  
the first bloom*

And now, in the middle of March, we are being treated to that longed-for explosion of colour - not quite a rival to the ocean of colour at West Dean Gardens' orchard which inspired me to carry out this task, but certainly enough early spring feasting for my honey bees.



*Crocus Ruby Giant*

**Janet Reeves**



***Seniors' morning thoughts ...***

*My mind is like an internet browser. At least nineteen open tabs, three of which are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.*

*Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it the most never use it.*

*I want to be 18 again and ruin my life differently; I have some new ideas.*

*I can't see well enough now to shop online, so I just drive to the store.*

# **BOXGROVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

## **Review Update March 2023**

*This is the text of our objection submitted to the Chichester Local Plan Consultation.*

The Neighbourhood Plan Team of Boxgrove Parish Council wish to contest the allocation of 50 dwellings during the Local Plan duration.

The Local Plan consultation period has not allowed sufficient time for proper local consultation and includes proposals that have never previously been consulted upon.

We do not understand how so many of the sites, previously discounted in the 2018 HELAA, for various reasons, are now designated in the 2021 HELAA as having 'no known constraints' to development on the same sites.

Furthermore, out of 11 Service Village Parishes, found to have potential sites for dwellings in 2018, 7 of these now have a zero allocation in the Local Plan. Boxgrove has been allocated 50 dwellings, despite over 50% of Boxgrove's land area lying within the boundary of the SDNP.

All of the sites identified are outside of the existing Settlement Boundary, and are therefore in 'The Countryside', in contravention of your Policy NE10.

The village school is at capacity and there are no known plans to expand it.

There are future capacity issues at the A27 Tangmere roundabout junction and concerns about future short cutting through Boxgrove and the already narrow and winding local roads to the north.

Boxgrove and the village of Halnaker both have Conservation Areas and there are a total of 51 listed buildings and two Scheduled Monuments in the Parish many of which would be affected by development on the sites identified.

The Conservation Area Character Appraisals identify many long views out of the CA's, which would be compromised by development.

Development would be in contravention of your Policies P9, P10 and P11 of the Local Plan.

All the sites, identified as potentially developable, are on agricultural land. These are either currently farmed, are vineyards or are livery. This land is graded 2 or 3 in contravention of Policy NE2 Natural Landscape.

In conclusion, we believe that the HELAA and the allocation of 50 dwellings for Boxgrove in the Local Plan are unachievable on most of the sites identified. We are sure that a small number of sites for a lower number of dwellings maybe achievable, and intend to consider this as part of the revisions to our Neighbourhood Plan.

David Leah  
Chair of Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan Team  
16 March 2023

<https://boxgroveparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/our-neighbourhood-plan/>

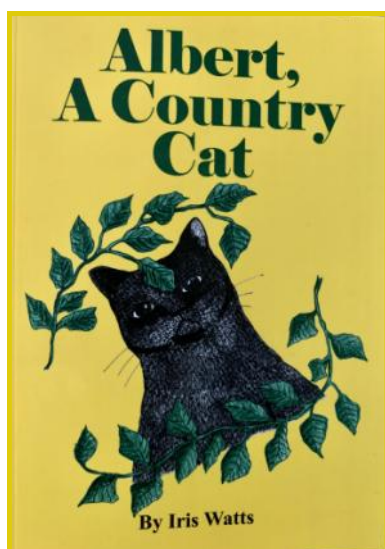
## IT'S TIME TO OVERHAUL THE PRIORY ORGAN



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.



*In a recent linguistic competition held in London and attended by, supposedly, the best in the world, Samdar Balgobin, a Guyanese man, was the clear winner, with a standing ovation which lasted over five minutes.*

*The final question was: 'How do you explain the difference between complete and finished in a way that is easy to understand?'*

*Some contestants said there was no difference between complete and finished.*

*Here is his astute answer:*

*"When you marry the right woman, you are complete. When you marry the wrong woman, you are finished. And when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are completely finished!"*



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## **Murder, Mystery and Mayhem - a Forensic Fundraiser with 4Sight Vision Support!**

4Sight Vision Support (4SVS) is inviting everyone to put on their deerstalkers and take part in a fun Murder Mystery Evening this April. The event will raise funds to help the charity's work supporting blind and sight impaired residents of all ages across West Sussex. Hosted by the Goring Region Occasional Players Ensemble, it promises to be an evening of intrigue, drama, speculation and of course good food!

The Murder Mystery Evening will take place on **Friday 21 April at 7.30pm** at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Kings Walk, Shoreham-by-Sea. The tickets priced at £15pp include a fish and chip meal, or a vegetarian option.

The Goring Region Occasional Players Ensemble is a small amateur dramatics company based in Worthing. They write their own material and the play for the evening is entitled 'Murder: A Fete Worse Than Death'. As the plot develops, clues are disclosed, enabling an astute observer to work out who committed the murder, what their motive was, and how they did it. At the end of the evening the audience has an opportunity to question the characters, if further information is required, before declaring their solution. There is a prize for coming up with the right solution (or closest to it!).



*The cast in 'Fete' attire*

Tickets for the evening must be booked by Monday 17 April. For booking details and further information please visit [www.4sight.org.uk/murder-mystery-23/](http://www.4sight.org.uk/murder-mystery-23/), call the Fundraising Team on 01243 828555 or email [fundraising@4sight.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@4sight.org.uk)



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## TWO RECIPES

*with many thanks to Sally Morris*



### Aubergine with Chickpeas

(based on a Nigel Slater recipe)

*Serves 2 hungry people*

**Ingredients** (all quantities are very approximate!)

- Aubergine (400g)
- Olive oil (about 120ml)
- Garlic (a couple of cloves according to taste)
- Tomatoes (3 medium-sized)
- Ras el hanout spice mix (1-2 level tablespoonsful according to taste)
- Chickpeas (400g can, with the water from the can)
- Mint (a couple of handfuls of fresh leaves)
- Cashew nuts (a handful)
- Feta (200g)
- Salt and pepper

### Method

Chop aubergine into 2cm cubes (no need to salt it first).

Warm olive oil in a pan, add the aubergine then cook over a low-ish heat until it is lightly browned on the outside but soft inside (10-15 minutes). You may need to do this in batches.

Peel and crush or chop garlic and add to the pan. Roughly chop the tomatoes and stir into the aubergine with the ras el hanout (skin the tomatoes first if you like, but not essential). Put the lid on the pan, and continue cooking on a low heat for about 10 minutes, until the tomatoes have softened – stir regularly, adding liquid if necessary, so that it doesn't stick.

Meanwhile, toast the cashews briefly in a dry pan, shred the mint leaves and crumble the feta. Stir the chickpeas, mint and cashew nuts into the mixture (I add the water from the can as it thickens up the sauce – use tap water if you prefer a thinner sauce). Simmer for 5 minutes, then crumble the feta over the mixture, season to taste and serve with couscous, flatbread or rice.

,,, and see overleaf for a complementary recipe for Flatbreads - Ed.



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

## Flatbreads

(from The Telegraph)

*Makes 6 large or 12 small*

### Ingredients

- 300g self-raising flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 tsp sea salt
- 300g yogurt
- 1 tbsp olive oil

### Method

In a large bowl, mix the flour, baking powder and salt together well. Add the yogurt and olive oil and mix thoroughly with a spoon until it all comes together to form a dough, which should be quite sticky.

Dust a clean work surface with flour, turn the dough out and knead for a few minutes. Place the dough back in the bowl and cover with a damp tea towel. Leave for 20 minutes.

Dust your work surface and rolling pin with flour, then divide the rested dough in half. Divide each half into three or six equal pieces, depending on whether you are making large or small flatbreads.

With your hands, gently pat the dough to flatten it, then use a rolling pin to roll each piece into a flatbread.

Place a griddle over a high heat and, once hot, lay a flatbread in the dry pan. Cook for about 1 minute without moving, then turn using tongs and cook for 1 minute on the other side. Ensure the dough is cooked through with charred lines. Transfer to a warm plate.

Repeat with the rest of the flatbreads.



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### Chatty Café at Petworth House

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The Chatty Café will be on Wednesdays in April and May from 10.30-12.00 and 14.00-15.30 in the Audit Room Café. No admission ticket needed.

*I was at the doctor's and he said I only had six months left. So I shot him.  
The judge gave me twenty years.*

# Wind the clock back and enjoy village life - who will find you this house?

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

Our lives these days are bristling with technology and everything seems to be on the fast track. From shopping online to our work life balance, a lot of us yearn for the slower pace of life. It is difficult to find the ideal place to live with a compromise between the fast and slow pace of life: these homes exist but perhaps are hard to find.

When a client asks for what they think is an impossible brief, we often surprise them! It could be something like a single-track approach, a good pub, a church, easy access to a train station or no road noise - and the list can be longer. The geographical position can often make a client change their wish list for the perfect house internally and externally when the ideal location is found. These houses seem to be hiding but are sold from time to time, mostly off market.

There can be fun compromises, albeit small, when you find these special spots. You may be asked to be on a flower rota at the village church, deliver the parish magazine or be there at the jumble sale in the village hall - a small price to pay to be reminded of our parents' era. Whatever age we are, we would all love something old as well as something new, and you can turn back your clock in one of the special villages that surround us such as Lodsworth, Graffham, Upperton, Kirdford, Boxgrove, Singleton and Chilgrove, whilst enjoying 21<sup>st</sup> century life.



One of our clients recalled only this week, when we went to see their property acquisition from autumn 2022, the wonder of a West Sussex village. Some of their stories including being greeted with the wonderful bygone tones of Carol Singers in December at their front door, another special dying tradition that somehow makes us feel nostalgic.

Looking through 'rose coloured spectacles' when it comes to where we live, the ideal location often seems impossible to find. However, we as buying agents have enormous pleasure in sourcing these homes for our clients. It is not easy, and sometimes there can be a delay whilst finding them, but they do exist and are absolutely worth waiting for - and not just in West Sussex.

**Jennifer Hancock**

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# Care Fees - what are the rules and will they ever change?

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



According to Age UK, the average cost of care fees in the UK are a staggering £31,200 per annum for a residential care home, with care costs increasing to £41,600 per annum if nursing care is required. Research undertaken by Age UK has also indicated that there is in fact a postcode lottery with the average cost of residential care varying drastically depending on where you live in the country.

For many, these high fees will result in wealth saved over a lifetime being depleted in a short space of time, leaving substantially less for loved ones on death.

Broadly speaking, if you have over £23,250 of capital you will be classed as a self-funder and will be responsible for the payment of your care. When your capital drops below this figure, you will still be expected to contribute from your income and the local authority will carry out a means test to establish how much you are responsible for paying.

Various governments have mooted changing these rules over the years, with the latest changes announced in September 2021. The latest plan includes a lifetime cap on the amount anyone in England will need to spend on their personal care, in addition to a more generous means test for local authority financial support.

The lifetime cap is set at £86,000, meaning no-one should pay more than this sum for their personal care, such as help with washing and dressing. Once this limit is reached, the ongoing costs would be paid for by local authorities.

Additionally, the threshold for obtaining local authority support for costs is increasing to £100,000, from £23,250, and those with assets between £20,000 to £100,000 will get help towards costs from the local council.

The changes are welcome; however there is always a downside. The cap does not include living costs, such as food, accommodation and energy bills, which the government has said individuals will have to contribute themselves. These costs will be set nationally and were set at the equivalent of £200 per week in 2021 to 2022.

Due to the current economic crisis, the implementation of these changes to the payment of social care have been postponed. They are now due to take effect from October 2025, which is after the next election. They are therefore not set in stone, and it will depend on the government in power at that time whether alterations will be made to the current plan.

I am saddened by yet more delay to the implementation of this scheme. My clients continue to pay large sums of money accumulated over a lifetime for care, and successive governments promise to overhaul the system without fulfilling these promises.

So, in answer to the question of whether the current rules on care fees will change - perhaps? Only time will tell ...

**Serena Elliott**

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## Latest news from St Wilfrid's - April 2023

### Are you having a Eurovision party?

The Eurovision Song Contest is being held in Liverpool this year on Saturday 14 May, and we know that many of us enjoy a good Eurovision party on the night! If you're planning a party, then why not fundraise for St Wilfrid's at the same time. We've put together a handy fundraising pack. Find out more at [stwh.co.uk/Eurovision](https://stwh.co.uk/Eurovision), or give the fundraising team a call on 01243 775302.

### You could win £2000 in the St Wilfrid's Spring Raffle!

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### Spaces still available for the Great South Run!

Why not get active and join #TeamStWilf this year? We have a number of places available for the Great South Run on 14-15 October. 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.

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Book your tickets now at [stwh.co.uk/moonlight](https://stwh.co.uk/moonlight)



### Seniors' morning - some more thoughts ...

*Sometimes the Universe puts you in the same situation again to see if you're still as daft.*

*Turns out that being a 'senior' is mostly just googling how to do stuff.*

*It's not my age that bothers me, it's the side effects.*

*"The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us." - Bill Watterson*



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.



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.

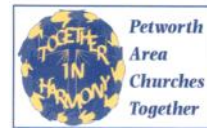
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## **PRIORY SERVICES AND EVENTS**

*(For Holy Week and Easter services see page 5)*

### **MASSTIMES**

**Sundays** at 8.30am and 10.30am [Solemn]

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday** and **Saturday** at 10am  
(Coffee after Mass on Tuesday)

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

On, usually, 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>), as it is necessary from time to time to amend them.

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