

# THE BOXGROVE BUGLE

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## July 2023



*Mmm - it's Cream Tea time again!  
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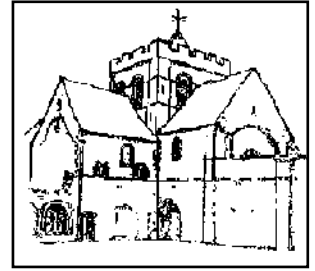
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# From Father Ian

## Contemplating 40 years

Time is a strange thing with its certain, if impossible, way of moving, simultaneously, at a variety of speeds. It can stand still, gallop, drag, telescope, and so forth. But all of our comments about time are inevitably retrospective.



As I contemplate the experiences of forty years, as a priest, some memories are more vivid than others. The more traumatic events are more easily, if perhaps unwillingly, conjured, than the routine. For example, my first burial was a young child killed suddenly in a traffic accident in front of his mother and then, at his graveside, I wrestled with the grandmother who, grief-stricken, tried to throw herself into the grave; or on another occasion I was called to help when a young man was threatening to jump to his death. There have been many calls to hospitals, and sometimes to domestic disputes, or family dramas.

All of these, and other such things, were challenges, manageable only because of a training which teaches a reliance on the grace of God, and not on a priest's own strength.

I have blessed many things, houses, and people, heard many confessions, said morning and evening prayer each day, in the course of which praying for the people in my community or parish. And I have celebrated Mass thousands of times, sometimes in memorable places: in the African bush, in Windsor Castle, in the driving rain, wearing an anorak on the south downs, or in a church building and often a beautiful one.

I have conducted marriages, funerals and baptisms, treating each, I hope, as deserving of my best efforts.

And sometimes, of course, I have failed. In which case I have borne the guilt of getting it wrong.

It has been my privilege to work with, for, and alongside, many spectacular people, and in so-doing I have learned a lot, and have enjoyed opportunities to teach and nurture. And I have loved and lost and mourned.

I wonder, each day, what further things God has in store for me, what further joys and challenges.

Please pray for me, as I, each day, pray for you all, and know how much I care about you and yours.

Every blessing,

*Father Ian*

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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***

### **Funerals**

Allan Beattie

Phyllis 'Nan' Norrell

*Please keep Allan and Nan in your prayers*



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# CALENDAR AND INTERCESSIONS

## JULY 2023

1	Sat	Of Our Lady	Those seeking healing
2	SUN	Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles	Leaders of industry
3	Mon	St Thomas the Apostle	Those Doubting the Faith
4	Tue	St Elizabeth of Portugal	The Portuguese Nation
5	Wed	Feria	The Diocesan Bishop
6	Thu	Feria	The Unity of the Church
7	Fri	Feria	The Departed
8	Sat	Feria	Those Struggling in Relationships
9	SUN	St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe	The unity of Christians
10	Mon	Feria	The departed
11	Tue	St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe	European Negotiations
12	Wed	Feria	Friendship among nations
13	Thu	St Henry II & Cunegund, Patrons of Bamberg	The Diocese of Bamberg
14	Fri	St Camillus de Lellis	Better knowledge of the faith
15	Sat	St Swithun, Bishop	Meteorologists
16	SUN	TRINITY 6	Local schools
17	Mon	Feria	Those facing trial
18	Tue	Feria	Victims of discrimination
19	Wed	St Gregory of Nyssa & his sister, Macrina	Victims of war
20	Thu	St Margaret of Antioch, Martyr	Safety of the unborn
21	Fri	Feria	Church schools
22	Sat	St Mary Magdalene	Witness to the Resurrection
23	SUN	TRINITY 7	Parish and people
24	Mon	St Sharbel Makhluf, Priest	The Additional Curates' Society
25	Tue	St James the Apostle	Those on Pilgrimage
26	Wed	Sts Anne & Joachim, Parents of the BVM	Grandparents
27	Thu	Feria	Christian Unity
28	Fri	Feria	The unchurched
29	Sat	Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Our Family and Friends
30	SUN	TRINITY 8	Parish and people
31	Mon	St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	The Jesuits



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 ([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](#)



## CREAM TEAS IN THE ST BLAISE CENTRE

During each Sunday in August (6, 13, 20 & 27) cream teas will once again be served in the St Blaise Centre between 2 and 5pm.



This is a lovely opportunity to enjoy delicious tea, coffee, scones and cakes in delightful surroundings, and to meet old and new friends.

All proceeds from the teas will be donated to Boxgrove Priory. Last year the cream teas raised over £1200 - it would be grand to exceed that figure this year.

Help is needed, both to make scones and cakes and assist in preparing and serving the teas on the day. If you are able to help in this way, please contact David Bathurst, the organiser, after 10.30 Mass on Sunday, by email on [davidbathurst@btinternet.com](mailto:davidbathurst@btinternet.com), or by phone on 07536 984943.



This year's Sussex Historic Churches Trust's **'RIDE + STRIDE PLUS'** will take place on **Saturday 9 September**

Mark Peters plans to visit as many "St Mary's" churches as he can in three or four hours on his bike, and hopes that kind members of the congregation will sponsor him. Half of his 'earnings' will go to the Priory, so do dig deep in your pockets to give him encouragement!



Last year a total of more than £37,500 (before adding gift aid) was raised across Sussex, 50% of which goes to the participant's church (or other nominated organisation) and 50% to the Sussex Historic Churches Trust. There's

still time to volunteer and raise some sponsorship for the Priory by doing your own ride! Visit the website for more details:

[https://www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/sussex Ride\\_and\\_stride.html](https://www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/sussex Ride_and_stride.html)



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# NEWS FROM THE BOXGROVE BELLES

## JUNE 2023

After our illustrated talk last month from volunteers of the Selsey Life Boat Station several members visited the station at Selsey at the end of May. Some of them preceded this visit with an enjoyable lunch at the Lifeboat Inn. The talk and slides showed the development of the lifeboat station and why they are now using the third station due to erosion. Then we were able to see the actual boats they use now, and the tractor needed to launch the larger boat.

We were lucky that our June Open Meeting fell within a sunny dry spell. We began the meeting with a few notices and, with our visitors in mind, news was heard about our smaller groups.

First, names were taken for next week's Lunch Group visit to The Bluebell Inn at Cocking. Then thanks were given to members of the Gardening Group, who had cleared the patio at the St Blaise Centre of its many weeds ready for our Open Meeting, and they were pleased to report that our celebration rose was in flower ready for the occasion! The Craft Group are still planning their next project, and they will next meet on 26 June at 2pm.

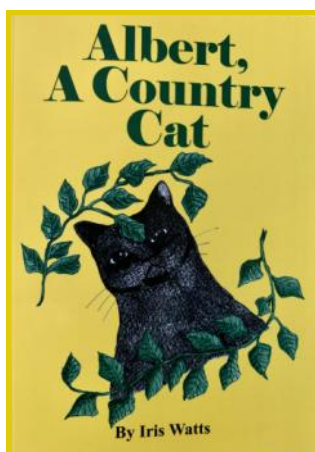
Then members and visitors were invited to enjoy the afternoon activities, as there was a garden raffle, a loaded plant stall and even games such as skittles and Connect Four to play. A special tea of cream or cheese scones and a variety of cakes was set out plus copious cups of tea or cold drinks for everyone to enjoy as they wished. It was a very relaxed afternoon, with people chatting to old friends and making new acquaintances. We hope people will come along and join us again, and maybe become paid up members.

Our next meeting will be a visit to Denmans Garden at Fontwell. We will meet at the Village Hall car park on Wednesday 12 July at 2pm.

Best wishes to you all,

**Jill Dipple**

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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.





## Hello from the Hall!

We hope everyone is enjoying the lovely sunny weather! We have been extremely busy preparing for our Summer Fayre on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July where we hope to bring the whole community together for a day of fun, family and entertainment. By the time you're reading this piece in The Bugle, the Summer Fayre would have been and gone - so if you did attend, thank you for supporting our event, we hope you enjoyed it! If you missed out this time, there's always next year! Thank you to all our sellers, vendors, volunteers and visitors - we couldn't do it without you!

Our next big event will be our Christmas Market, which we will start booking for soon. If you would like anymore information then please get in touch at: [community@boxgrovevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:community@boxgrovevillagehall.co.uk).

In other news, we have a new initiative at the Hall where we can raise funds for the building, while considering our impact on the environment, when you drop off your used ink cartridges to us! The used-ink programme we have signed up to, recycles the cartridges (rather than their ending up on landfill sites) and pays us in return, so we can continue to collect funds for the running of the Hall and future community events. So next time your ink runs out, be sure to drop your empty cartridges into the village hall, please!



Until next time...!



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*What do you call a dog magician?  
A labracadabrador.*

# THE OPTIMISTIC GARDENER

High Trees, July 2023 ~ No.64

## *National Meadows Day - 1st July 2023*



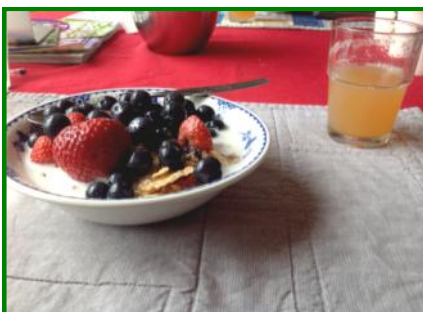
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Many organisations have their national day or week. For instance, did you know that 14 June is World Gin Day? And who could resist the temptation to celebrate National Kazoo day on 28 January? Some are completely bizarre - for instance If Pets Had Thumbs Day! Don't worry - if you missed that one this year the next soon comes around - 3 March 2024. One that will resonate with most of you - National Lost Sock Memorial Day?

But one I hope you will take to your hearts, as it is vital to our environment, is National Meadows Day. This year it is on Saturday 1 July and its aim is to celebrate wildflower grasslands with guided walks, wildlife hunts, arts & crafts, training workshops and more. Meadows Day events are aimed at educating people about this fast-disappearing habitat.

Did you know that 97% of wild flower meadows in the UK have gone in the last fifty years? Those we have left need to be protected and cherished. Grass with no wild flowers growing in it may be good for bowling greens, cricket pitches and croquet lawns (although I have always enjoyed the challenge of the mole hills on ours), but in lacking bugs, bees and butterflies we also lack birds. More importantly we don't get pollinators, and it is estimated that 84% of crops grown in Europe are insect pollinated.



*A typical High Trees breakfast*

Imagine breakfast without insect pollinated crops! No strawberries or blueberries on your cereal; no marmalade or raspberry jam on your toast; no apple juice to wash down the pills; coffee would be for the wealthy only. Personally I can't imagine the day starting without at least two cups of the brown stuff.

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Not long ago on warm summer nights, you would see clouds of insects around the lamp-posts. I am sure most of you will remember returning from a jaunt in your banger and having the pleasure of scraping off the windscreen to remove the splattered bugs all over it. But splattered bugs are now as rare as hens' teeth or cassette tape-recorders. Scientists call this the Windscreen Phenomenon. A German university carried out research into insect loss in their country and found that, between 1989 and 2016, flying insects captured in these regions decreased by a seasonal average of 76%.

So is it too late to get our insect life back? Some would say 'Yes', but others, like me, are more optimistic and see that changes made, even in small ways, have an impact. The lazy gardener needs only find an area of their lawn which has the most weeds and then desist from cutting it and let the grass and weeds grow long. According to Monty Don there are ten times more species and fifty times more individuals in long grass than grass that's mown once a week. Grass, and the length of it, is the key to a healthy and varied insect population - and the more insect life you have in your garden the healthier it will be.

I've written before about our attempts to create a wildlife area at High Trees. It's not simply a case of letting the garden go wild, sitting in the deck chair with a G&T (celebrating World Gin Day) and watching nature walk, fly or crawl in. To establish a wild area needs careful management and a fair bit of hard labour. For many years now we have had part of the garden which we leave to grow and don't mow. When we first began we killed off the grass and sowed annual meadow seeds which gave a glorious display that year, including poppies and oxeye daisies.



*Meadow cranesbill*

But gradually the vigorous grasses creep back in and outcompete the wild flowers - so if you want a species-rich meadow you have to do something about those pesky rye grasses. Establishing a crop of the parasitic yellow rattle (*Rhinanthus minor*) is easier said than done. It feeds on the roots of grasses thereby weakening them. Once they are in your meadow the effect is remarkably speedy. The trick is getting them established in the first place. Our meadow contains perennial plants which come back year after year. There are certain flowers which will compete with the

rye grass. We have meadow cranesbill (*Geranium pratense*) thriving in our wild area and quite a large amount of ragged robin (*Lychnis flos cuculi*). The other way to establish flowers in your meadow is to use plug plants. The most slug-resistant species I have found are:



*Ragged robin*

Meadowsweet  
Musk mallow  
Sorrel  
Meadow cranesbill  
Meadow buttercup  
Hedge woundwort  
Hedge bedstraw  
Ground ivy  
White deadnettle  
Greater birdsfoot trefoil

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This year I have planted out about twenty field scabious (*Knautia arvensis*) plugs in the meadow. I will give them the occasional drink and pull away any grass that becomes too familiar with them to start with, and then the bees and butterflies will be able to visit this nectar bar and drink to their hearts' content. I am sure you will be interested, as I was, in the fact that scabious was so called as its leaves have a texture not unlike scabby skin! The word scabies comes from the Latin word for "scratch" (*scabere*). According to the Doctrine of Signatures, this is why this plant was used to treat skin infections (scabies, mange, plague sores). Lovely!



*Field scabious*

Anyway - if it's not too late, make a date in your diary for National Meadows Day, Saturday 1 July, and do something to give pollinators a break.

Video from YouTube on creating a meadow: <https://youtu.be/kIJCwemp53g>.

**Janet Reeves**



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*Pilgrims relaxing in the Norton Bar at Walsingham*



# BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL

## From the Parish Council



First of all I must apologise. It has been very remiss of me not to have written a report from the Parish Council for the past two months. But what's worse is that nobody complained to me about the absence of a PC report.

However, I have lots to mention now. The Local Elections were held on 4 May but, needless to say, like about 60% of Parishes in the Country we didn't need to hold a Poll because there were no contested places. Boxgrove did manage to secure one more Councillor: Ms Jane Barnes was co-opted and was welcomed to her first PC meeting on 15 May. We are now six Councillors and there are still vacancies for three more, so if you would like to take part in shaping your Parish Council and the space you live in, come and join us. You will be welcomed.

I was elected and resumed the Chairmanship for a further year, and Cllr Julian Moore was elected Vice Chairman. Michael Bish remains as Chair of the Planning Sub Committee and represents Strettington, Cllr Jill Raikes from Crockerhill, Cllrs Tynan and Moore are both from Halnaker and Cllr Barnes and I are both from Boxgrove.

The most obvious thing that the Council is doing right now is replacing the rather tired bus shelter outside the Village Hall Car Park and the introduction of a completely new shelter on the opposite, southbound, side of The Street. Both of these were provided with funding from our Community Infrastructure Levy receipts and the entire project was spearheaded by our Boxgrove Rangers led by Graham Dipple and Paul Addison. As I write this, the old shelter is no more and the foundations are dug for both new units thanks to Graham and son Ben. The new shelters, I think you'll all agree, will be more in keeping with the landscape of our Conservation Area.

Way back in February this year, as part of HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee national green canopy scheme, the Parish Council secured twenty-four assorted tree 'whips' which were planted at various locations in the countryside. These 'whips' were subsidised by CDC at 50% cost, and thanks to the heavy rainfall earlier in the spring they got off to a good start; however the news isn't quite so good, as about six have failed - not, I might add, entirely due to lack of water, but interference from overgrowth and animal damage. The scheme is to continue for another year and I hope we can buy and plant more during '23/'24.

The planting of wild flowers in various parts of the Parish has had mixed results. The mix at the Windmill Car Park has certainly 'rewilded' the roadside, but other attempts were spoiled by Infrastructure Contractors who seem to have little regard nor care for our surroundings, tearing huge holes in grass verges.

WSCC Highways have yet again returned to deal with pot holes at the northern end of The Street, but still they have left untouched one area which is going to get worse.

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*As you grow old your friends drift away, you lose interest in sex and your children ignore you. There are other advantages, too, but those are the outstanding ones.*

Some seriously bad areas along the Redvins Road were recently treated with the new hot tarmac spraying process: it will be interesting to monitor how long these repairs last.

I'm pleased to say that Tinwood recently opened a new state of the art kitchen which will enable the provision of restaurant dining to support the vineyard tours and tasting sessions which have become so popular. It is good to see this enterprise grow and employing several local staff; it is all good for the local economy.

On a walk across the Common early in June I was feeling pleased that I only came across one pile of dog faeces on a footpath. I was thinking that the new signs asking us all to cherish and look after our countryside were having the necessary effect ... when someone reported on social media examples of bagged dog mess scattered in the road! And more recently two bags hooked on the strainer post on Tinwood's row of vines. And this was about 200 yards from a waste bin which the Parish Council provided and pay to have emptied. I ask, what is wrong with these people that have no regard for the countryside? Just horrible!

I'm pleased to see the two signs at the entrance to the old Coalyard at Halnaker. These were introduced after a relative of the Blunden Family - who ran the Coalyard for many, many years - asked if the Blunden name could be remembered in some way. So the PC ordered and bought the name plates and the proprietor of the holiday homes complex kindly installed them. So Blundens Way is there for all to see and be remembered. So many local folk were supplied with coal from Blundens for a very long time in years gone by.

If you haven't been yet, there is a coffee morning held at the Village Hall and this is a good opportunity to sit a while and enjoy a variety of hot drinks and biscuits - but, more importantly, to chat and socialise with fellow members of the community. It operates on Monday and Wednesday mornings, so do pop in and give it a try: you'll be most welcome.

And that just about concludes all I have to say for now.

Take it easy,

**Henry Potter**  
Chairman of the Parish Council



## **A (little) history of the Cathedral**

If you're welcoming visitors over the summer and want to take them to the Cathedral but are a bit nervous that they'll expect you to know more about its history than you feel you do, you can get 'ahead of the game' by reading 'A (little) history of the Cathedral' on the Cathedral's website at <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/about-us/little-history-cathedral>. There are also, of course, excellent guided tours: visit <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/visiting-us/tours> to find out more.



*As I watch this generation try to rewrite our history, of one thing I'm sure:  
it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.*



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## Host a Talk to Find Out More

4Sight Vision Support (4SVS) has been providing free support and specialist information to blind and sight impaired residents, and their families and carers, throughout West Sussex for over 100 years. The charity currently supports over 2,800 people across the county, but with an estimated 36,200 people living with sight loss or low vision in West Sussex (RNIB Sight Loss Data 2023) it is keen to spread its message further.

4SVS creates personalised plans to help people access support and maintain their independence after a sight loss diagnosis. Using a holistic, person-centred approach it provides advice, accessibility aids and a caring, friendly and inclusive community.

4Sight Vision Support is happy to arrange talks to groups, clubs and societies of all types, including special interest groups, sports clubs and Women's Institutes, as well as local and parish councils, to explain more about its range of services and discuss how it may support more people living with sight loss in each locality. It also supports children's groups in achieving badges (e.g. Scouts/Brownies Disability Awareness badges). Talks can be arranged at a time to suit the group and can be booked well in advance.



*4SVS speakers (L to R)  
Tina Mansfield, Julie Branson  
& Jess Passmore*

If hosting a talk would be of interest please email [lorraine.squire@4sight.org.uk](mailto:lorraine.squire@4sight.org.uk) or phone 01243 838001 to discuss this further.



## Petworth House

Petworth House and Park, Church Street, Petworth, GU28 0AE  
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### Five Colourful Histories - 1 hour talk

**Saturday 1 July, 2pm-3pm, £15**

Kassia St Clair, author of *The Secret Lives of Colour*, a top-ten bestseller and Radio 4 Book of the Week, explores the histories of five pigments, dyes and hues.

### Petworth Late: The House of Art and JMW Turner

**Friday 7 July, 6.30pm-8.30pm, £15**

Experience a magical evening atmosphere of art and culture at the National Trust's Petworth House during this Late opening. The highlight talks this evening will be themed on JMW Turner, a frequent visitor to Petworth.

### Archaeology in the Park - Guided Walk

**Wednesday 26 July, 10.30am-12.30pm**

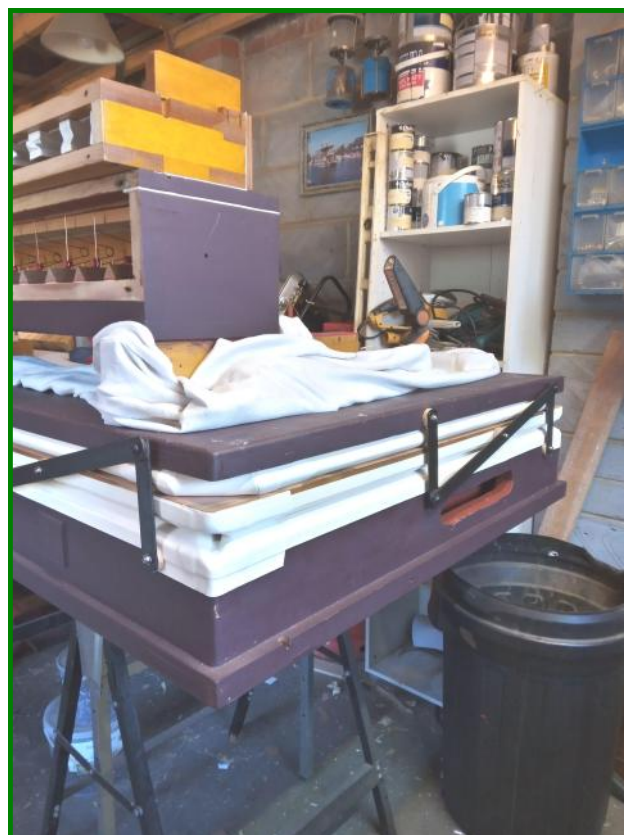
**Saturday 29 July 10.30am-12.30pm**

**Friday 28 July 2.30pm-4.30pm**

From medieval farmsteads and a Tudor hunting lodge to World War II remnants, learn about some of the archaeological findings we've uncovered. Free events. **Booking is essential for this event:** call 0344 249 1895.

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

### Save the date! Family Fun Day at West Park, Bognor Regis

Join us for our first ever Family Fun Day at West Park, Bognor Regis, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August.

From 11am - 3pm, bring the whole family along for an exciting day, including plenty of activities and games for the kids, live music and entertainment, a dog show and a whole host of shopping stalls from local businesses. Entry is free for everyone.

**To find out more about our upcoming events, visit [stwh.co.uk/familyfunday](https://stwh.co.uk/familyfunday)**

### A huge thank-you to our volunteers!

In celebration of National Volunteering Week back in June, we just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our amazing volunteers. We couldn't run our vital services, events and shops without volunteers, and we are hugely grateful for everything they do for us, our patients, and their loved ones.

Could you volunteer a few hours a week? We have plenty of volunteering roles available, from helping in our shops, helping out on our Ward, or spending some time looking after our beautiful gardens.

**Read our inspiring volunteering stories here: [stwh.co.uk/stories](https://stwh.co.uk/stories)**

### Charity places for the Great South Run

We have a small number of charity spaces for the Great South Run in October! Could you go the extra mile for St Wilfrid's Hospice and take on this exciting challenge to raise money for local hospice care? You can book your place for £25, with a minimum fundraising target of £200.

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### 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).

**4 July - Ida Pelliccioli, piano**

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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.

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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



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.

# Families seek long term homes, and downsizers are key in finding them

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

Over recent years in the South East, especially in the South Downs National Park, detached houses and village homes have jumped in popularity, which has been heightened due to the pandemic, resulting in the increased numbers of those 'working from home' needing space in the garden for an annexe/office. Many London families, and those from other counties, wish to settle in the South Downs.

Trends are changing and we are seeing younger families buying their 'forever home' far earlier than in the '90s and '00s. It was far easier to make smaller jumps in the property ladder years ago, as related expenses were far lower. Costs of moving, such as stamp duty, are a huge financial commitment, and are a big consideration.

Therefore buying a home to live in for many years is becoming more normal and more attractive, as it is possibly the largest financial outlay in a lifetime. It is more common now for families to look at this as a 'one off' payment and pushing to their maximum purchase price in order to avoid encountering re-occurring payments when moving.

Who are living in these houses and how it will change in the years to come?

As the older generation, often entering the final third of their lifespan, they have built up significant equity over decades and therefore are the 'downsizers' that are releasing their homes to families for their 'forever home'. The older generation see this for themselves as an opportunity also to release capital and help their own children and possibly grandchildren to make their way into the housing market and provide in turn for them an easier lifestyle and smaller outgoings and pay off any remaining mortgage.

The 'downsized properties' they will move to are usually with smaller gardens, closer to amenities, a shop and often a local pub and with a village community.

We are seeing this more and more often now as the jump from a first time buyer accelerates to the largest possibly that is affordable. It's interesting how the mindset has been on mortgage increases recently, but more and more buyers are considering initial outlay such as stamp duty and related expenses which they feel is just as important when it is spread over many years too.

Stock remains low as there is always hesitation for everyone to find these special homes, which is why we all need to take the plunge and see who is thinking of buying and selling. As buying agents we keep a 'black book' of possible clients who intend to move, and this is how the wheels continue to turn off market.

**Jennifer Hancock**

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in and around Chichester, contact me on  
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# Blended Families: can I protect my spouse and ensure my children ultimately inherit in my Will

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



A 'blended family' is a term that seems to be becoming more widely used as years pass by. A blended family is one where parents have children from a previous relationship and come together to live as one family unit.

Now, I am almost certain that this term was not considered when the law relating to Wills was updated with the Wills Act 1837. This means that there is little protection in place for these types of families, due to the law in this area not keeping pace with modern times.

If a parent in a blended family passes away, issues could arise if they died without having a carefully considered Will. If this occurred, then the estate would pass in accordance with the Intestacy Rules, where there is no Will, which is a set of rules which confirms exactly how an estate will be distributed on death. These rules do not for example provide for step-children, who are completely ignored, and therefore may not protect all of the loved ones you intended.

Unfortunately, this can lead to claims being made against the estate (meaning family members suing other family members) and in turn can lead to a long-term breakdown of the family relationship.

A difficulty can also arise if the parents in blended families have simple Wills passing an outright gift of the whole estate to each other and then, on the second death, equally between the children (both full blood and step-children).

Now this will work if the parents do not alter their Wills in the future or remarry. However, the surviving parent can always make a new Will whilst they have mental capacity, and this is where complications can arise.

I have come across this situation regularly where a surviving parent then changes their Will to provide a bigger percentage share to their own children and less or none at all to the step-children. This was obviously not intended when the couple first had Wills prepared together; however, as time moves on relationships evolve.

Wills can be prepared to ensure that the surviving parent can benefit from the assets for life, whilst ring fencing the inheritance ultimately for the children. This can be achieved through Wills containing a right for the surviving parent to benefit from the estate for their lifetime or a right for them to remain in the property for life.

At the risk of appearing a cynical lawyer: do not place reliance on the surviving parent. Instead, have the conversation now whilst you are both still alive and seek the advice of a professional. It could save much distress for your loved ones in the future.

**Serena Elliott**

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**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 6 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.

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.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE PRIORY

**Friday 30 June, 7.30 pm: Tom Robson (tenor) with Arculo - Byrd Song**

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**Saturday 1 July, 1.00pm: Walton Voices - 'The Sea Wind'**

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**Friday 7 July, 7.30pm: Chichester Chorale - Music by Henry Purcell**

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