

# THE BOXGROVE BUGLE

## THE MAGAZINE LINKING CHURCH AND PARISH

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## September 2023

*Choral Festival - 31<sup>st</sup> August - 3<sup>rd</sup> September*

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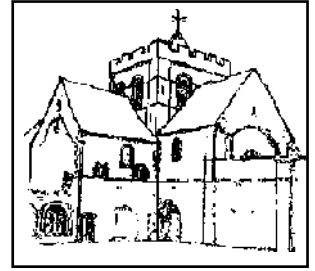
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# From Father Ian

## Keeping a Festival



There is a history of music festivals in Boxgrove Priory. In the mid-twentieth century there were festivals under the auspices of Imogen Holst, daughter of Gustav, the composer of 'The Planets' and an important figure in the establishment of a certain kind of 'British or English' music with roots in folk song. He was the best friend of Ralph Vaughan Williams.

After those festivals, there seem to have been sporadic festivals of church music, involving local church choirs.

And, because of its excellent acoustics, Boxgrove Priory has also provided a venue for instrumental music, including the 'Music at Boxgrove' Series.

But, because monks knew a thing or two about acoustics, their buildings are extraordinarily good for the human singing voice, and the sound of their gregorian chant must have sounded glorious at Boxgrove.

In our present day we, at Boxgrove Priory, are blessed by a choir that sings, beautifully, music from a range of times and countries. At Boxgrove, the backbone of what we do tends to be gregorian chant and renaissance polyphony, but there is also much that is contemporary, and from a variety of various other styles and periods.

We are about to hold our Choral Festival, under the direction of Joseph Wicks, and will be pleased to welcome back the Gesualdo Six and the Beaufort Singers, and to include in this year's programme, Richard Strauss's 'The Four Last Songs' performed by Katherine Gregory and Madeleine Brown. Other highlights will be the Rachmaninov Vespers, by candlelight, on the Saturday night (2<sup>nd</sup> September) - and the Mass setting by Poulenc, at the 11am Sunday morning. Solemn Mass.

These things will bring joy because they represent the gifts of God to us in music, and, as always, we take this thing and learn the skills associated with listening and performing, and make festival by offering them to him.

Do come and be part of this fabulous Festival. I guarantee that it will enrich your life.

Blessings,

*Father Ian*

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it's in colour and has all the hyperlinks.  
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# THE BUGLE

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## A NOTE FROM THE TEMPORARY EDITOR:

I beg the indulgence of readers of the Bugle. I lack the skills involved in achieving really good layouts in print and image. I am praying hard that we will soon have a new, more permanent Editor! Fr Ian

## DATES 2023

*NB: There is no Bugle in January or August*

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# BOXGROVE CHORAL FESTIVAL

## THE BEAUFORT — SINGERS —

31 August – 3 September 2023  
*All events at Boxgrove Priory*



31  
AUG

**The Gesualdo Six**  
English Motets  
7pm



1  
SEPT

**Katherine Gregory**  
Strauss: Four Last Songs  
7pm



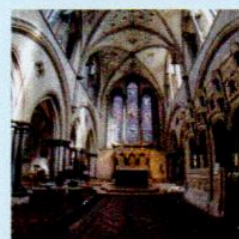
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SEPT

◆ **The Beaufort Singers** ◆  
◆ Rachmaninov: All-Night Vigil ◆  
◆ 7.30pm ◆



3  
SEPT

**Boxgrove Priory Mass**  
Poulenc: Mass in G  
11am



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INFO

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to secure your tickets:



# CALENDAR AND INTERCESSIONS

## SEPTEMBER 2023

### SEPTEMBER

1	Fri	Saint Giles, Religious	Vocations to the Religious Life
2	Sat	Of Our Lady	Faithfulness in vocation
3	<b>SUN</b>	<b>TRINITY 13 [week 22]</b>	<b>Parish and people</b>
4	Mon	Saint Cuthbert, Bishop	Sacrificial giving
5	Tue	Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin and Religious	The poor
6	Wed	Feria	The sick
7	Thu	Feria (Monthly requiem)	The departed
8	Fri	<b>Nativity of the BVM</b>	Obedient service to God
9	Sat	Saint Peter Claver, priest	Those working with the homeless
10	<b>SUN</b>	<b>ext sol NATIVITY OF THE BVM [week 23]</b>	<b>parish and people</b>
11	Mon	Feria	The Community of Alton Abbey
12	Tue	Name of Mary	Walsingham
13	Wed	Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor	Preachers
14	<b>Thu</b>	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Solemn Mass at 7.30pm)</b>	<b>The Soc of the Holy Cross</b>
15	Fri	Our Lady at the Cross	Witnesses to suffering
16	Sat	Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, martyrs	Engineers
17	<b>SUN</b>	<b>TRINITY 15 [week 24]</b>	<b>Parish and people</b>
18	Mon	Feria	Seafarers
19	Tue	Saint Theodore, Bishop	The Archbishop of Canterbury
20	Wed	Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest and the Martyrs of the	Pacific Oppressed Christians
21	Thu	<b>Saint Matthew the Apostle</b>	Greater knowledge of the Gospels
22	Fri	Feria	The Unity of Christians
23	Sat	Saint Pius of Petrelcina, Priest and Religious	Funeral Directors
24	<b>SUN</b>	<b>TRINITY 16 [week 25]</b>	<b>Parish and people</b>
25	Mon	Saint Sergei of Radonezh, Religious	The Hostel at Kwa Mkono
26	Tue	Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs	Young Christians
27	Wed	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest	The Sisters of Charity
28	Thu	Saint Wenceslas, Martyr	The Czech Nation
29	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Saint Michael and All Angels</b>	<b>Thanksgiving for angelic ministry</b>
30	Sat	Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor	Biblical scholars



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](#)

## THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - UPDATE

The Neighbourhood Plan team are currently updating our policies and will soon be having a mandatory 'Call for Sites' before starting the assessment process of identifying where our allocation can best be built.

This will be based on a professional assessment and public consultation.

Our allocation is 50 dwellings; however, the Chichester Local Plan is far from completed and this number could well change. We have contested this number for many reasons, and these are outlined in the last update. Our plan needs to dovetail with Chichester's so we can only progress as fast as they do.

There are many sites in the parish identified as being potentially 'developable' and currently three of these are being actively pursued by the developers.

Each of these have been informed of the above situation and that their sites will be assessed in due course as part of our NP preparation. None of these are in accordance with our 'made' Neighbourhood Plan.

Many of you will now have received the unofficial 'consultation' from **SP Broadway** about the site which they insist on, incorrectly, calling 'land NW of 56 Stane St', otherwise known as **Rohan Stables**, which is on the A285 opposite Tinwood Lane.

This only gives a broad outline of what they propose and therefore lacks any real detail that can be used to assess the site or make comparisons with any others that are proposed.

Residents are obviously free to make whatever comments they wish, but at this stage our recommendation is to ignore it and wait until we see the details of a proper planning application.

At that stage a public consultation will take place.

'Unofficial' comments made to SP Broadway at this stage could be used by their barristers, at any subsequent appeal, to our detriment.

We will, ultimately, need to choose a site otherwise the choice will be made for us.

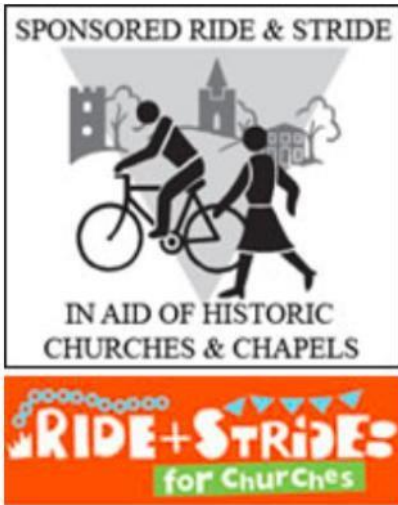
Please follow progress on our website and future updates

*David Leah*

Chair of Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan Team 7 July 2023

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





## 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)



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

## News from Boxgrove Belles July 2023

We were lucky with the weather on Wednesday July 12th as 17 members visited Denmans Garden at Fontwell. We had plans for a wet afternoon in hand but perhaps being prepared went in our favour!

Fortunately we found out in time that the garden closed at 4pm and as important last orders for tea was 3.30pm, so we met at Boxgrove Village Hall earlier than previously planned. The garden was possibly at its summer best, shrubs of so many different colours were either showing off their varied coloured foliage or their enormous flower stems or great big flower heads. The bronze and dark purple foliage stood out as did the mop head hydrangeas. The paths wander and although we were quite a large group we quickly became just groups of two or three. Some stopped to admire the many butterflies darting around and others looked longingly at plants they would like to have in their own gardens. I have to admit several of us at first thought the geese on the lawn were real, then realised they hadn't moved. Whoops!

As maybe you can guess 16 ladies were later seen sitting around two large tables enjoying a cup of tea or cold drink and some did indulge in a cake or two. What a lovely noise of friendly chatter could be heard, before it was time to visit the shop or buy one of those longed for plants.



We didn't have a meeting in August though the book club and the monthly lunch still went ahead.

Our next meeting will be the September meeting on Wednesday September 13th at the St Blaise Centre at 2.15 pm . We will be having a visit from a member of canine partners and one of their dogs who is a member of the Charity's national Demonstration Team.

Best wishes  
Jill Dipple

Contact Wendy Austin-Ward on [wendyaustinward@gmail.com](mailto:wendyaustinward@gmail.com) or telephone / text on 07947 94653



## Hello from the Hall!

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...!





# **BOXGROVE COMPANION DOG SHOW**

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**(with obedience)  
AND FAIR**

**SATURDAY  
30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**AT BOXGROVE VILLAGE HALL FIELD - PO18 0EE  
MANY STALLS - REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ALL DAY**

**Entries from 10:30am ~ Judging from 12 noon**

**Entry fees £2.00 per dog per class**



4 obedience classes  
7 pedigree classes  
14 novelty classes



**Trade pitches available - to be  
booked and paid for in advance**

**Schedules are available at the Village Hall and the Shop**

**Contact: 07751 017339**

Profits to be shared between:  
Boxgrove Priory (Reg Charity 1131214)  
Boxgrove Village Hall (Reg Charity 1167340)  
Dementia Support (Reg Charity No.1158640)



**Boxgrove companion dog show Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**



We look forward to welcoming all the dog- lovers of Boxgrove, and beyond, to our 23rd show, which will hopefully take place in decent weather!

A lot of effort is involved in setting up the show, and we need helpers from 9am to move tables and chairs etcetera, and a reverse process from 5 pm, which may also include some litter picking!

In addition to the dog show, there will also be “have a go“, agility, and many stalls to browse.

The tombola is a great moneyspinner, and we urgently need gift of prizes for this, and also for the raffle. These can be left at the village hall for safe storage.

Also, donations of cakes will be greatly appreciated, taken to the Hall kitchen on the day of, or the day before. A good proportion of our profit is made from the sale of refreshments, which will include “hotdogs“ and “Plowmans“ this year. Of course, we also appreciate extra help in this area too!

All profits from the dog show will be shared between, Boxgrove Priory, which is totally reliant on donations, the Village Hall community fund, which provides funds for the summer fair, and other events for our enjoyment, and this year, dementia support.

Sage house in Tangmere, provides a great service for sufferers and their families. This is a cruel and indiscriminate disease, which is affecting many people in our community.

This is a chance to offer your support by coming along to our show, to enjoy a great day out in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

***Sylvia, St, Aubyn-Hubbard, Show Organiser***

## BACK AT THE END OF JUNE

Father Ian's celebration of his fortieth Anniversary of being ordained a priest was marked by a Solemn Mass at which the Bishop of Chichester presided and Fr Richard Buckingham, preached. The Bishop spoke warmly of Fr Ian's service in this diocese and elsewhere, and the Duke of Richmond expressed his gratitude for Fr Ian's ministry at Boxgrove.





## **BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **From the Parish Council**



Please support Boxgrove parish councils application to WSCC for a 20 mph speed limit in the whole of Boxgrove.

*Please sign a petition, available at*

Boxgrove village stores

Boxgrove Village Hall.

The church of Saint Mary and Saint Blaise.

Boxgrove stables

The Anglesey Arms

And others.

There will also be a parish council representative calling door-to-door for signatures. Please be kind 😊



## **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.





**Bognor Regis Vision Support Centre**  
**36 Victoria Drive, Bognor Regis, PO21 2TE**  
**Registered Charity No. 1075447**



## **National Eye Health Week Checks Highlights Importance of Regular Eye Health Checks**

This September, 4Sight Vision Support (4SVS) will once again be lending its support to National Eye Health Week (NEHW). This nationwide awareness week will be held from 18 - 24 September and promotes the importance of good eye health and the need for regular eye health checks for all.

Sight is the sense people fear losing the most, yet many of us don't know how to look after our eyes - National Eye Health Week aims to change all that! Two million people in the UK are living with sight loss that is severe enough to have a significant impact on their daily lives, yet half of this sight loss is avoidable.

Regular eye health checks can detect early signs of conditions, including glaucoma, which can be treated if found soon enough. In addition, during an eye health check, other health conditions such as diabetes or high blood pressure may be detected. Those living with sight loss should continue to do so as checking for further changes in the eyes can help make the best use of remaining vision and prevent any unnecessary further sight loss. 4SVS will be raising awareness with a focus on prevention and the importance of getting things checked out.

In the run up to NEHW, 4Sight Vision Support, in partnership with Blind Veterans UK, is hosting a Sight Loss Awareness Day in Chichester on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. This drop-in event is free and is open to anyone of any age living with sight loss, their friends, families and carers, and presents an opportunity to find out more about the practical help and support that is available to those affected. It is being held at the Jubilee Hall, New Park Community Centre, Chichester from 1 - 3pm, refreshments are included.

When was the last time you had your eye health check? Why not pledge to make sure you are up to date this NEHW? If you need help finding your local optician or if you are unable to attend due to mobility please contact 4SVS for advice.

For further information contact 4Sight Vision Support 01243 838001 or email [fundraising@4Sight.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@4Sight.org.uk) Further information about Blind Veterans UK can be found at [www.blindveterans.org.uk](http://www.blindveterans.org.uk)

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**Registered Charity No. 1075447**

## Petworth House

Petworth House and Park, Church Street, Petworth, GU28 0AE  
Details at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/petworth>



### **Petworth Late: The House and Art of Joshua Reynolds**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30–8.30pm**

Experience a magical evening atmosphere of art and culture at Petworth House during this Late opening.

Enjoy a free drink on arrival, live music, highlight talks and watch the sunset over Petworth Park. Pay-for bar also available.

The highlight talks on this evening will be themed on Joshua Reynolds, the leading English portrait artist of the 18th century. 2023 marks 300 years since his birth and many of his works can be seen in our collection.

Please note arrival is via the Church Lodge entrance, in Petworth town.

£15 per adult. Booking is advised. Please call 0344 249 1895 or book online via our website.

### **History in the Park Guided Walk**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am–12.30pm**

This 2 hour guided walk explores the historic areas of the Deer Park, how it was used and how it changed. Covering the various areas of the Park and what they were used for throughout history, the walk explores Coney Park and Little Park all the way to Outwood and the lost gardens and commons as well as the emergence of the Brownian Deer Park.

Call 0344 249 1895 or book online via our website. Free event, but booking is essential as we have a limited capacity.

### **Explorations in Paint Exhibition**

**Ends Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am-4.30pm**

A specially curated exhibition from the Royal Academy of Arts, featuring artworks not previously lent by the Royal Academy and a new work never before exhibited by Rebecca Salter PRA.

Free exhibition, however normal admission applies.

## **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.)

## THE ONGOING WORK ON THE PRIORY ORGAN

*To find out more about the history of our organ, visit the Priory's entry on the National Pipe Organ Register at <https://www.npor.org.uk/survey/N15349>*

*The happy news is that, at the time of writing, the organ has been reassembled and is playing and sounding very well.*

*Over the coming weeks, final cosmetic work will be carried out on the coloured, stencilled, display pipes, and as the action beds into its new felts and so forth, adjustments will be made, and the tuning secured.*

*Meanwhile, here is the ceiling boss above the organ, normally concealed by the organ structure.*



## Sportive Cycle event launched from Sage House in Tangmere.

Local charity Dementia Support has teamed up with The Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham to launch their very first Cycle event from the charity's hub, Sage House in Tangmere.

The sportive will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, offering two wonderful scenic routes across the South Downs, along quiet roads in West Sussex with a 50 mile route or a 25 mile route option. Something for a variety of abilities and ages to get involved and both peddle bikes and electric bikes are welcome.

Cyclists will set off from Sage House - located just on the edge of the South Downs, and acting as the ideal base offering full facilities for participants.

The routes will be signposted, and there will be available a downloadable map in both Garmin and GPX format, and a medal for all finishers.

Daisy's Café at Sage House will be open during the event, where all entrants will be offered a complimentary hot drink, prior to the start. There will be cakes, drinks and meals for those who want some calorie replacement after the cycle, or maybe for friends and family while waiting to cheer cyclists as they return.

Karen Holman, keen cyclist and President of The Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham, Said, "This is a great opportunity for all cycling enthusiasts, with easy access from Sage House to some wonderful cycle routes, and the ideal base with all the facilities that Sage House has to offer for participants'

The Rotary Club of Bognor Hotham are organizing this event with considerable help from Dementia Support, from the team at the specialist dementia hub at Sage House in Tangmere. Any surplus generated by this event will be donated by the Club to the charity.

If you are interested in taking part, please visit <https://www.dementiasupport.org.uk/sportive> for further details on how to register.



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**Tel 01243 775302**  
**<https://stwh.co.uk/>**

## Latest News from St Wilfrid's Hospice September 2023

### Woof for Wilf

You and your furry pal could help make a difference to local lives this October, by just taking a walk.

This October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we are inviting dog owners to join us for a sponsored walk along West Wittering Beach. It will be a great way to meet other dog lovers and Hospice supporters, as well as getting your four-legged pal on their daily walk! We would also love to see some fancy dressed duos get into the Halloween mood. There will be a Halloween fancy dress competition with some fantastic prizes, including two tickets to Goodwoof 2024 at Goodwood!

If you would like to take part then please find out all the information and how to sign up on our website: [www.stwh.co.uk/woofforwilf](http://www.stwh.co.uk/woofforwilf)



## Christmas Trees

It may seem early, but Christmas is only just around the corner, and we want to give you the chance to get prepared extra early and save yourselves a lot of stress over the Christmas period.

We are once again offering our Christmas Tree Recycling service, 'TreeCycle', to the local area, where our St Wilfrid's volunteers will come and collect your real Christmas Tree from your doorstep, so you don't have to endure the struggle of getting it into your car and being covered in pine needles!

Christmas tree collections will take place in early January, and you must book your collection by January 7<sup>th</sup> 2024.

You can sign-up to have your tree collected now: [www.stwh.co.uk/christmastrees](http://www.stwh.co.uk/christmastrees)

## Moonlight Walk Early bird

Get involved in a walk to support local lives!

On Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> 2024, we are holding our much-loved Moonlight Walk. You can join hundreds of other walkers in taking a 5 or 10-mile route around Chichester in memory of loved ones, while also raising money to support St Wilfrid's Hospice.

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## Winter Raffle

Want a chance to win some great cash prizes?

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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.

Thank you for your support.





Please continue to support the Chichester District Foodbank.

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

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



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.

## Negotiating a lower price –how low do you go?



‘Do you think I can secure the house under the asking price, and how low can I go?’ are two of the most popular questions I am asked as a buying agent. During the market frenzy of Covid, securing a home for under the asking price was pretty much an impossible task. This was especially true for the good quality houses in the sought after locations, as the race for space meant demand far outweighed supply. However, with mortgage rates rising since the Mini Budget last Autumn, the tide has most definitely turned now, putting the balance of power in favour of buyers and haggling on price a little more possible.

What we’re seeing at the moment is that the difference between buyer and seller expectations has been steadily growing throughout this year. There is a price correction between the property market peak of 2021 and now. Many sellers believe they’re still in the market of 2022, whilst buyers are thinking more 2020/21, mainly fuelled by the pressures of increased mortgage rates and general cost of living. Purchasers are definitely more wary now as a result, and if they feel anything is wrong with the location or house itself, they want to haggle on price.

According to Hamptons, one of the UK’s largest estate agents, 54% of homes across England & Wales sold below their asking price in July, up from 47% in June and 34% in July last year. Price reductions have also reached their highest level in at least nine years, with buyers achieving a 4.5% discount average last month. We are seeing similar trends, as sellers realise that if they want to sell quickly, they need to be realistic about what is happening in the current market.

Currently, we are securing properties for buyers at guide price or slightly under, which wouldn’t have happened even a year ago. This is because demand in and around the waterside and rural villages of Chichester, Midhurst and Petworth is still as strong as it has been, whilst good quality houses are scarce.

So how can you maximise your chances of having a lower offer accepted?

It’s important to remember that a house is only worth what somebody is prepared to pay for it. Just because it’s been set at a particular asking price does not mean that that is the correct value. There are a number of factors to consider when making an offer, which takes into consideration things like the seller’s circumstances, location and if there are major works that need doing. With this knowledge, buyers can then make an offer – whether at guide or below it. Go too low however, and you risk losing out entirely, which is where the benefit of having a buying agent on side plays a vital role.

Our tips include putting the offer in its best light and explaining the circumstances. If you are a cash buyer for example, you are in a very good position in the current market. Vendors, particularly those who need to sell quickly, are choosing the buyer who has the ability to purchase over who is offering the highest price. This is because with funds ready in the bank, cash buyers can move forwards quickly and there is less risk of the sale falling through. Another good factor to include is if you are happy to be flexible on a completion date. Exchange can happen as soon as you can, but a long completion date can give a seller more time to find something else. This also then makes them a proceedable buyer, putting them in good stead for their onward purchase.

***For more information about buying a hom in and around Chichester, contact me on +44 7776452128 or visit [www.propertyacquisitions.co.uk](http://www.propertyacquisitions.co.uk)***

## The Dangers of Unregulated Legal Services



What is the first question any individual should ask before instructing a legal professional? The instant answer of “how much” may spring to mind, however have you considered instead asking “are you regulated?”

It sounds strange that this should even be an issue, however with emerging technology, internet wills and dare I say W.H.Smith Wills, the question is ever more important.

Certain categories of legal services such as Will writing do not require compulsory regulation, which is a bone of contention for me. This means anyone can draft a Will. After six years of training before I even set foot in a law firm and a further two years training before I was considered knowledgeable enough to provide any advice, I find it difficult to fathom that this level of advice could be provided without the appropriate legal training.

The crux of the matter is anyone can provide this advice and there is no set regulatory body to regulate all individuals providing this advice. You can be confident that all Solicitors are Regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority and Legal Executives by the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives. This provides protection to consumers, as ongoing legal training is required and part of the membership covers legal indemnity insurance, in case things go wrong.

Some Will writers do join regulatory bodies, however there is a large percentage who do not. It can therefore be a minefield for consumers to try to navigate, which is why a recent BBC article on this issue was most welcome. This article highlighted the issues faced and announced that the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) is investigating some Will writing services where individuals were being pressured into signing up for Will-writing services and provided with substandard advice.

In my mind any articles that highlight this issue to the wider public is positive for the legal profession, however it is frustrating that despite over a decade of calls to regulate the industry, the government has rejected the need for regulation on more than one occasion.

So what does this mean? Simply put - just be careful. Check whether the legal advisor is licenced and regulated. If you do not choose the classic route of a Solicitor or Legal Executive and instead opt for a professional Will writer, then check that they are a member of a recognised organisation such as the Institute of Professional Will writers or the Society of Will Writers.

It may be cheaper to use the services of an unregulated individual, but is it worth the risk?

Serena Elliott, Solicitor with Bate & Albon, Chichester

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# This Month's Recipe

## Cheese and Tomato Quiche

### *Shortcrust pastry:*

300g plain flour  
150g unsalted butter,  
60 ml, cold water  
10 ml lemon juice  
1 teaspoon of salt

Blitz flour and butter until they resemble fine breadcrumbs.

Add in the remaining ingredients and bring together.

Tip out, form a ball, wrap in clingfilm and rest it in the fridge for half an hour.

Once rested, roll out and line a 30 cm tin.

Fill with parchment paper and baking beans and blind bake at 180° c (or 160° c for a fan oven).

Cook for 20 minutes, take out beans and parchment and cook for another 5 to 10 minutes, until light and slightly golden.

Once cooked, brush with egg and return to the oven for five minutes. This will seal it and keep it crisp.

### *Filling:*

Five large free range eggs.  
200 ml of double cream  
100 ml of milk  
1 teaspoon of salt.

Bring all ingredients together with a whisk.

Halve about 10 to 15 cherry tomatoes.

Grate 150g of cheddar cheese.

Cut a handful of chive.

Arrange in the bottom and pour in the egg mix and bake for 30 minutes. Bring all ingredients together with a whisk

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Please see page 6 for Sunday School arrangements.

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