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From Father Ian

Boredom

Although it does not happen to me very often, I quite enjoy the business of being bored, and I think it is probably right to assume that the latter part of the school summer holidays finds many children expressing that sentiment, Adults, too, can be bored with their lives.



It is characteristic of the age in which we live that being excited, entertained, and frequently offered new experiences, is our daily expectation, whereas routine chores and the seemingly mundane things of life are less welcome to us.

This is, of course, a strange shift from the desire of earlier generations who, perhaps in the midst of war, yearned for the routine and predictable, though we have perhaps had a taste of the unwelcome excitements that can arise while we were facing lockdowns and the even less welcome deprivations of the covid restrictions.

Christians should have a view of time, and our existence within it, as requiring the excitement of sanctification; needing for it to be made holy by prayer, and by God's intervention when we ask him. There should be constant alertness about the possibilities presented each day, to grow in holiness, to worship God, to help our neighbours, and to build God's Kingdom. We are to have one foot in heaven!

As we look at Jesus's life we can see how he took the boredom of the people around him and infused it with his Holy Spirit, causing them to be curious about their understanding of the things of God, asking questions and seeking advancement into the deeper things of life, and their need for salvation.

So, bring on the boredom which makes us look for new things to do, to be, and to aspire to.

Blessings,

Father Ian

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NB: There is no Bugle in January or August

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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.

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

Wedding

Tom and Georgia



Useful contact details

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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

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National fraud reporting centre 0300 123 2040



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CALENDAR AND INTERCESSIONS

OCTOBER

1	SUN	TRINITY 17 [week 26]	Parish and people
2	Mon	The Holy Guardian Angels	Those in Danger
3	Tue	Dedication of Chichester Cathedral	The Cathedral Staff
4	Wed	Saint Francis of Assisi	The Unity of Creation
5	Thu	Feria (Monthly Requiem)	The Departed
6	Fri	Saint Bruno, Priest	The Charterhouse
7	Sat	Our Lady of the Rosary	Shrines of Our Lady
8	SUN	TRINITY 18 (HARVEST FESTIVAL) [week 27]	Thanksgiving for our food
9	Mon	Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs	The Church in France
10	Tue	Saint Paulinus, Bishop	The Province of York
11	Wed	Saint Ethelburga, Abbess	The lonely
12	Thu	Saint Wilfrid, Bishop, Secondary Diocesan Patron	Christian Unity
13	Fri	Saint Edward the Confessor	The Monarch
14	Sat	Of Our Lady	Pope Francis
15	SUN	TRINITY 19 [week 28]	Parish and people
16	Mon	Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	Closeness to the Heart of Jesus
17	Tue	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	Christian writers
18	Wed	Saint Luke the Evangelist	The Ministry of Healing
19	Thu	Saint Philip Howard and the Sussex Martyrs of the Reformation	Christians in Sussex
20	Fri	Feria	The Deanery parishes
21	Sat	Of Our Lady	Walsingham
22	SUN	DEDICATION FESTIVAL [week 29]	Parish and people
23	Mon	Feria	Saint Stephen's House
24	Tue	Saint Antony Mary Claret, Bishop	Mirfield
25	Wed	Saints Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs	Abused children & Recovering adults
26	Thu	Alfred the Great, King	The Paris of Lessay
27	Fri	Feria	Addicts
28	Sat	Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles	Bishops everywhere
29	SUN	ALL SAINTS [week 30]	Parish and people
30	Mon	Feria	Greater patience
31	Tue	Feria	The Peace of the World

“After all, Intercession is not asking God to do difficult things for Mrs Jones or Mr Smith...It is offering your will and love that God may use them as channels whereby His Spirit of mercy, healing, power, or light, may reach them and achieve His purposes in them”. *(Letters) Evelyn Underhill*



Keep an eye on "What's on at the Cathedral"
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](#)

OLD IMAGES OF BOXGROVE

Are you from an old Boxgrove family, or have you lived in the village for a long time? If so, can I ask you, please to help me with a project?

I have, over the past twenty-odd years been trying to establish a collection of old photos of Boxgrove, and would be glad if you could add to the collection.

Rather shockingly, history quickly disappears, and views of the village, and its occupants, soon fade from the community memory.

I am very grateful to the Blunden family for sending me some pictures for the collection, and will begin to publish them in the Bugle, from this month.

Fr Ian



Blacksmiths at Halnaker - Mr Stevens
(year ?)

Our Lady of Walsingham Festival

Saturday 14th October 2023

Programme

St Bartholomew's Church,
Ann Street,
Brighton,
BN1 4GP

www.olwfestival.uk

10:30 Solemn Mass

Celebrant: The Bishop of Lewes

Preacher: Fr Graeme Rowlands

11:30 Tea and coffee

12:00 'Mary in the Old Testament?'

The Revd Dr Earl Collins

12:45 Lunch*

13:45 'Mary in our lives today'

The Ven Dr Edward Dowler

14:30 Healing ministries

15:15 Benediction

*A day of
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fellowship
& teaching*

* there will be no charge for lunch,
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01243 641775

CREAM TEAS

Many congratulations to David Bathurst and his team of bakers, servers, and washer-uppers for their amazing work on the Sundays in August.

They raised the fabulous sum of £1,640!

Fr Ian



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 News from Boxgrove Belles - September

Anyone entering the St. Blaise Centre on Wednesday 13th September may have wondered what was happening. There was the sound of cheerful chatter, Belles was meeting for the first time after the summer break. This was brought to the end by the sound of the bell pinging and the meeting proper began.

This month's hostess Chris welcomed members and explained about the "Are we going in the right direction meeting?" which had been held by a small group. Members were told how much money we have and a bank account is being set up and the 'go to person' will be Wendy Austin-Ward.

Then the speaker, Ewen Macdonald with his dog Vimto from Canine Partners was introduced. He was an excellent speaker with a very clear voice. He told us how the dogs are trained and then matched with a person; a good match is essential. Vimto lay quietly unless he was told to show us what he could do. For example opening doors, turning on lights and operating switches were some of the many things he could do. As we had tea and cakes Vimto wandered amongst us hoping for a dropped crumb or two.

Our meeting on October 11th at 2.15pm will be a presentation of 'Rails to Midhurst' by Bill Gage - a talk on the impact of the railways on the social history of the area.

In November the members will share their thoughts on the future format of Boxgrove Belles.

Best wishes

Jill Dipple

Contact: Wendy Austin-Ward on wendyaustinward@gmail.com or telephone / text on 07947 946538



Hello from the Hall!

Sorry for the re-print last issue, we had a bit of a mixup and you got to read the previous month's update all over again! So although it feels like a little while ago now, we've been patiently waiting to be able to report back on our Summer Fayre! Thank you so much to everyone who came along to join in the fun with us- it was a fantastic day and the weather was very kind to us. It was so wonderful to see so many different people out enjoying the day and the different activities/entertainment on offer! A huge thank you to the hall trustees/volunteers who helped out on the day: Henry, Ian, Jane, Ian, James, Marco, Cliff and John- we couldn't have done it without you all!

Our next big event will be 'Christmas in Boxgrove' our craft market and family day which we are fully booked with stallholders for already! We have a fantastic lineup of local businesses attending, so you can start your Christmas shopping locally with some wonderful crafts, gifts, food and drink. We look forward to welcoming in the festive season with you on Saturday 2nd December!

Depending on when you are reading this issue of The Bugle, you may have just enough time to join us as we take part in the country's biggest coffee morning on Friday 29th September. We are holding our Macmillan Coffee Morning from 10am-1pm. All proceeds from the coffee morning will go directly to Macmillan and we will have some delicious cakes for you to enjoy, courtesy of some very generous local businesses and residents. Until next time...!



THE LABYRINTH IN BOXGROVE PRIORY



Installed in 2009, our labyrinth at Boxgrove, designed by Sian van Driel, is both a beautiful design feature in the new stone floor, and also a spiritual aid. Labyrinths and mazes pre-date the existence of the Christian Church but, as is often the case, what was secular and maybe even pagan has been Christianized over the centuries and made to serve the mission of the Church.

The words labyrinth and maze are not quite interchangeable. There is a useful trend to use 'labyrinth' to describe a defined path leading from one place to another, the route being curvilinear or winding. A maze, on the other hand, contains a number of potential routes where the way is found barred, and it is necessary to search for the authentic pathway.

At Boxgrove, then, we have a labyrinth where there is a point of entry and a winding route leading to a destination. The pathway which is walked defines a meditative journey and the arrival point is heaven.

Please ask Fr Ian if you would like to know more.



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.



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4Sight Vision Support: Free Will Writing Service

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 has recently teamed up with Bequeathed to offer a free, professionally drafted Will For Good.

A professional Will ensures that loved ones are taken care of in the future, and that money, property and possessions go to the people and causes that the individual cares about. Bequeathed have experience of working with hundreds of charities to help thousands of people make their will each year, offering an accessible and inclusive service. Their service allows you to make the right will for your needs in the way that suits you best.

The service is open to all. Simply visit www.bequeathed.org/4svs and follow three simple steps: fill in an online form, with support and guidance available; attend a 30 minute appointment, via telephone or video call, or in person; then receive your free Will For Good in the post, sign it in front of witnesses and return it to the legal firm.

4Sight Vision Support would ask users of the new Bequeathed service to consider making a donation or leaving a gift in their Will which would help ensure that the charity can continue to provide its vital services for years to come.

If you are interested in finding out more, please call 01243 838001 or email fundraising@4Sight.org.uk Further information [can also be found at www.4sight.org.uk/bequeathed](http://www.4sight.org.uk/bequeathed)

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



October Half Term: Halloween Trail

Saturday 14 th - Sunday 29 th October, 10.30am - 3.30pm

Explore the gardens and solve the spooky mystery of a stolen pumpkin on our Halloween trail this October Half Term.

With activities, games and challenges for the whole family to complete together. Pick up a free trail map from visitor reception. Normal admission applies.

Deer Rut Guided Walk

16 th October, 2pm - 4pm

18 th October, 10.30am - 12.30pm

20 th October, 10.30am - 12.30pm & 2pm - 4pm

23 rd October, 10.30am - 12.30pm

25 th October, 10.30am - 12.30pm

27 th October, 10.30am - 12.30pm

30 th October, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Discover more about the annual deer rut on this 2 hour guided walk. There is a chance we might see some examples so we recommend bringing binoculars, and there will be an element of hiding and remaining silent.

This walk will be outdoors on some uneven ground. Please come prepared for the weather and wear sturdy footwear.

Adult tickets are £5 each, children go free.

Call 0344 249 1895 or book online via our website.

THE OPTIMISTIC GARDENER - HIGH TREES HARVEST FESTIVAL

The season of harvest is upon us. If I were to organise a High Trees Harvest Festival it would be in August or September when my diary entries mainly consist of "*Watered and picked in the vegetable patch*". You would think that, after 35 years experience of growing fruit and vegetables, I would have learnt what quantity of plants to grow for a household of two people. But no! As I write this in early August we are entering the drowning-in-tomatoes season. Not yet to the extent that we could hold our own Tomatina festival - an annual festival in Spain where the 'throwaway culture' is exemplified:

Thousands upon thousands of people make their way from all corners of the world to fight in this 'World's Biggest Food Fight' where more than one hundred metric tons of over-ripe tomatoes are thrown in the streets.



However here in our more conservative UK my way of dealing with the 'pounds of overripe tomatoes' is to preserve this vitamin C-rich abundance for the winter months and in as many ways as possible. The simplest way is to freeze them whole but this takes up a lot of precious freezer space and the only sensible use of them after defrosting is in a stew. With the cherry tomatoes I

have taken to cooking large batches of them on Saturday morning when we have our traditional egg breakfast and freezing them in small rectangular containers (made for comb-honey) to be brought out for breakfasts when the only fresh alternative is the tasteless varieties available in January and February.

Another very good way to preserve them is as a tomato sauce - the sort you would use in a ragu or as a pasta sauce. And then my favourite way is to freeze batches of tomato soup. It is wonderful to have the taste of summer in the dark days of January - and I haven't found a commercial tomato soup which is quite as delicious as the homemade variety, especially when made with the tasty Gardener's Delight and the yellow cherry tomato, Sungold. I have a delicious recipe in an old Marguerite Patten book which I provide here at the end of this article. Not for vegetarians or vegans I fear.

The glut of courgettes was avoided this year by only planting yellow courgettes. The variety I grew is called "Gold Rush" and as well as being a less heavy cropper it also has the advantage of easy-to-spot developing courgettes before they leave puberty and become fully grown marrows skulking about among the leaves. I have a recipe book compiled by my sister called "The Courgette Compendium" in which she has managed to assemble 47 dishes which include this easy-to-grow (easy-to-forget) vegetable. My favourite is her recipe for Courgette and Aubergine Parmigiana but I suspect it is more about the vast quantities of cheese in this dish rather than the humble vegetables of the title! I do think that this dish would be possible to freeze and therefore preserve the glut of courgettes if you are lucky enough to have one! A much simpler recipe but also very tasty is marinated courgettes in which the lightly steamed slices of vegetable marinate in a mixture of mustard, oil & vinegar, and plenty of mixed fresh herbs. It can sit around in the fridge for a few days and just get better and better. I'm beginning to drool at the thought and regret my 'sensible' decision not to grow too many this year!

However if you freeze the courgette uncooked you will be bitterly disappointed with the defrosted results. The only vegetables which freeze well (in my humble opinion) are peas and broad beans - both quite starchy rather than watery. I simply blanch them in boiling water for a minute to retain their vivid green colour then open freeze them. Once they had reached freezing point I decant into small 100g quantities and put them back in the freezer. This means there is just enough for two when I open a bag.

One unexpected glut we have had to "endure" this year has been the crop of peaches from our one peach tree. Try as we might it was impossible to eat them all fresh; even those kept in the fridge defeated us so I ended up making a large Kilner jar of brandied peaches - simply layers of slices of peaches, caster sugar and brandy. I don't think I really did this for the peaches but the resultant peach brandy which will grace the Christmas table. I am also (as I write this) slowly dry-roasting the last lot in a very cool oven. Completely new venture and not to be done on a hot summer's day



Now to ponder what to do with the runner bean glut. This is another case of planting far too many and each year I tell myself that next year there will only be ten bean plants clambering up the sturdy 'A' frame constructed with out hazel poles. But every year I forget how many I am reducing to - so this year we have 14 plants - 8 runner bean and 6 climbing French bean. One of my favourite dishes is Gujarati green beans with black mustard seeds (c/o Madhur Jaffrey).

The beans needn't actually be from Gujarat and it is quite an anglicised recipe but very tasty. However like many vegetable dishes it doesn't freeze well. I'm not certain but I seem to remember that the runner beans my mother salted to preserve them for us in pre-freezer days tasted pretty good; so this year I plan to experiment with salting the surplus. They cooked rather like fresh ones but needed to be rinsed well and left to soak for an hour before cooking. Watch this space!

Our next glut will come from the apple trees which at present are laden with fruit; there won't be much room in the freezers to store too many bottles of apple juice in their pint-sized milk bottles (they tessellated beautifully in the bottom of the chest freezer) so we will simply have to make gallons of cider. Maybe that will be for another article!

Tomato soup
25g/ 1oz butter
1 medium onion, chopped

1 clove garlic, chopped
2 rashers bacon, chopped
750g/ 1 1/2 lb tomatoes, chopped
300ml/ 1/2 pint stock
1 tablespoon tomato purée
1 tablespoon chopped basil
Salt & pepper to taste
1 teaspoon sugar

GARNISH:

1 teaspoon chopped basil
1 teaspoon chopped parsley
1 teaspoon chopped chives

Heat the butter in a large saucepan, add the onion, garlic and bacon, and fry for several minutes - do not allow to discolour.

Add the tomatoes and stock with the remaining ingredients.

Cover the pan and simmer gently for 20 minutes.

Blend in a liquidiser or with a hand-held blender. If you like soup very smooth then put this through a sieve.

Reheat gently and serve with garnish of herbs and a chunk of fresh, crusty bread and enjoy summer in a bowl.



Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Neighbourhood Plan team would like to thank everyone who has taken the time and effort to make a formal objection to Chichester District Council about the proposed Salt Barn industrial development in Boxgrove Parish.

More than 50 objections have been submitted to date from residents and a significant number from members of the public living elsewhere in the wider area. The South Downs Park Authority, The Goodwood Estate and Tangmere Parish council have also strongly objected to this development.

There is still an opportunity to object as the decision is unlikely to be made until the end of September.

The group are now concentrating our efforts in identifying potential sites to locate the housing allocation assigned to us by Chichester.

Because of this, the NP group will have to take an impartial and balanced view of the sites proposed and therefore cannot take an active role in campaigning.

Our role will be to carry out an objective assessment with professional assistance and to present to the community our findings.

There will be plenty of opportunity for residents to consider all the options and give their opinions as to the most suitable sites.

We are currently preparing a survey, similar to that done in 2015, for each household to complete. We expect that this will be available in October/November and will be used to inform our priorities and actions relating to the new Neighbourhood Plan.

Please follow progress on our website where future updates will be posted.

David Leah

Chair of Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan Team

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

Latest News from St Wilfrid's Hospice

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October 2023

Woof for Wilf

Let's go Walkies for local Hospice care!

On October 22 nd , you can help make a difference to local lives by simply taking on a morning dog walk. St Wilfrid's Hospice are inviting all dogs and their owners to West Wittering Beach, where we will all gather for a walk to fundraise for local hospice care. Dogs and their owners are also invited to take part in our Halloween themed fancy-dress competition, with fantastic prizes for those who are voted the best dressed, such as two tickets to Goodwoof 2024!

Sign-up for a paw-some day here for only £7.50. Humans go free! www.stwh.co.uk/woof-for-wilf

Real Christmas Tree Recycling Scheme

It's still a bit early, but have you thought about your Christmas tree yet?

Buying a real Christmas Tree is always a great idea, until you have to get rid of it, then it becomes a real mess. St Wilfrid's Hospice are once again offering their Christmas Tree Recycling scheme, 'TreeCycle', so that you can avoid cleaning the car from pine needles and instead sit back as we take your real tree from your door step and take it to be recycled.

Collections will take place in early January and you must book before January 7 th 2024. Book your collection now so you don't have to worry about it later. It only costs a suggested donation of £15, which will help fund our vital hospice services for the local community. www.stwh.co.uk/christmas-trees

Moonlight Walk Early Bird Tickets

Did you know that our Moonlight Walk raised an outstanding £138,082 this year for local Hospice care? A massive thank you to everyone who took part and helped us raise this amazing total which will make a huge difference to local lives.

Next year, we are once again back at Chichester College and inviting the local community to join us in raising vital funds for hospice care with an in-memory walk around Chichester, experiencing familiar areas in a brand-new way.

You can get a super early bird discounted tickets now. These tickets will be available until November. www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight

Winter Raffle

Want a chance at winning £2,000?

St Wilfrid's Winter Raffle is live now, offering you the chance to win some amazing cash prizes. You can purchase a ticket for just £1, giving you a chance to win, while also helping to support St Wilfrid's to continue providing expert care and compassion to local lives.

Sign up for just £1: www.stwh.co.uk/raffle



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising free donations for Boxgrove Priory with [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/boxgrovepriory/?utm_campaign=raise-more)?

There are over 4,500 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, and it won't cost you a penny extra to help the Priory raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/boxgrovepriory/?utm_campaign=raise-more, and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want, and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Boxgrove Priory at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges, and the Priory will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.



Please continue to support the Chichester District Foodbank.

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

[Website link](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.

Pilot Officer Billy Fiske: An Extraordinary Hero of the Skies

In a corner of Boxgrove Priory Churchyard lies the Body of William Meade Lindsley Fiske III:

In the annals of aviation history, there are stories of remarkable individuals who pushed the boundaries of human capability and demonstrated unwavering courage in the face of adversity. Among these legendary figures is Pilot Officer Billy Fiske, whose extraordinary achievements and indomitable spirit continue to inspire generations.

Born on June 4, 1911, in Chicago, Illinois, William Meade Lindsley Fiske III, affectionately known as Billy, embodied the American spirit of adventure and ambition. From an early age, Fiske was captivated by the thrill of speed and competition, excelling in various sports. His passion for athletics led him to compete in the Winter Olympics as a bobsledder in 1928 and 1932, where he won a gold medal, becoming the youngest-ever Olympic champion in the sport.

Fiske's remarkable athletic achievements catapulted him into the public eye, yet he yearned for a new challenge that extended beyond the realm of sports. With the outbreak of World War II, Fiske felt an unyielding call to serve a country he had come to love, and joined the Royal Air Force (RAF) in 1939, despite being an American citizen. His decision to fight for the British cause showcased his selflessness and unwavering dedication to defending freedom.

As a member of the RAF's No. 601 Squadron, Billy Fiske found himself in the midst of one of the most critical chapters in British history - the Battle of Britain. This intense aerial conflict, fought between the RAF and the German Luftwaffe in 1940, was a pivotal moment in World War II. Fiske's bravery and skill as a pilot quickly became evident as he engaged in numerous dogfights against the enemy.

Tragically, Fiske's valiant efforts were cut short on August 16, 1940, when his Hurricane aircraft was severely damaged during an aerial engagement over Kent, England. Despite his injuries, Fiske heroically managed to land his stricken aircraft safely before succumbing to his wounds. His selfless act of ensuring the safety of others, even in the face of imminent danger, exemplified the true essence of heroism.

Pilot Officer Billy Fiske's legacy lives on as a testament to his extraordinary character and unwavering dedication to duty. His selflessness and courage continue to inspire aspiring aviators and remind us of the sacrifices made by countless individuals during times of conflict. Fiske's contributions to the Battle of Britain and his ultimate sacrifice will forever be etched in the annals of aviation history.

Pilot Officer Billy Fiske's life was marked by exceptional achievements both on and off the battlefield. From his early sporting success to his selfless service in the RAF, Fiske's story is one of inspiration and heroism. His unwavering determination, bravery, and sacrifice serve as a reminder of the immense courage displayed by individuals during times of great adversity. Billy Fiske's name will forever be synonymous with the indomitable spirit of those who dare to soar above the clouds, ensuring his place among the legends of aviation. . There is a memorial window to him in the South aisle of Boxgrove Priory, and close by Nelson's tomb in St Paul's cathedral there is a memorial plaque to Fiske, describing him as 'an American citizen who died that England might live.

May he rest in peace +

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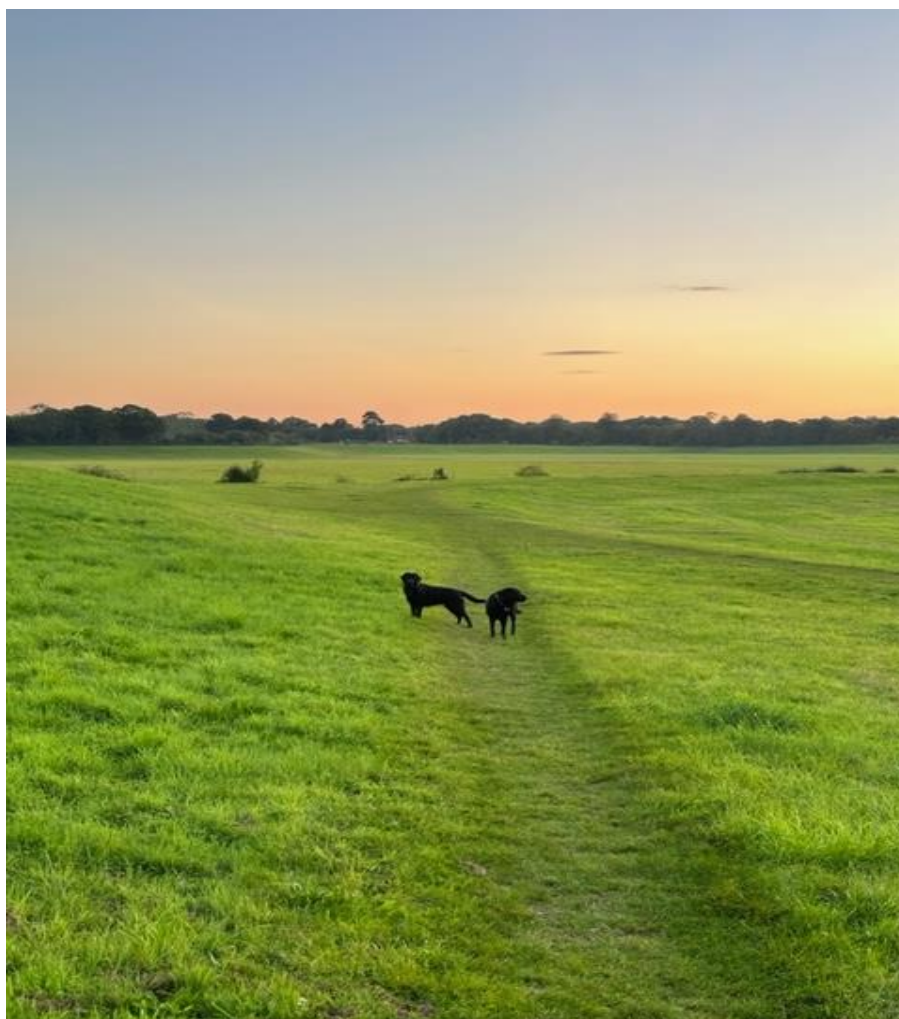
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MY FAVOURITE VILLAGES AROUND MIDHURST & PETWORTH FOR DOG WALKS

The majority of our clients are searching for their next house with a four-legged friend in mind, so dog walks often come up in conversation when viewing potential homes. From a stroll around the lakes of a National Trust park to an easy loop around a field or meadow, our part of West Sussex offers local homeowners and their furry friends a fantastic choice of dog walks. Playing a vital role in where village buyers choose to live, I have shared some of my favourite ones dotted around the market towns of Midhurst and Petworth, where there are plenty of dog walks to enjoy on your doorstep...



Graffham & Heyshott

In the heart of the South Downs, these two villages sit right next to each other. Graffham (listed in the Domesday book as having had thirteen households) is a very popular village with families as it boasts one of the best primary schools around, plus [Seaford College](#) - an independent private school. There's also two pubs ([The White Horse](#) and [The Foresters Arms](#)), and a very well stocked [village shop](#). Heyshott also offers a great local community and includes a church, pub

([Unicorn Inn](#)) and a bonfire night which is considered one of the best in Sussex with its torchlit procession and excellent firework display.

There are some wonderful dog walks to enjoy too, with one of my favourites being Graffham Common. Keep an eye out for the sandstone carvings of animals in the midst of it all, which form part of The Healthlands Sculpture Trail. There are some good hills to climb up and down, but our dogs have great fun running around with lots of routes to choose from. Ambersham and Heyshott Commons are also easily accessible, offering sandy heaths and beautiful forests to explore. You'll also find part of the Serpent Trail you can follow - a 65-mile walking route designed to highlight the outstanding landscape, wildlife and history of the greensand hills.

Lodsworth & River

A pretty village located between Midhurst and Petworth, the local terrain is quite hilly in Lodsworth, but you can access a variety of tracks and paths that include fields, meadows, a 'figure of eight' track and pretty woodland. The walks are very peaceful and boast some amazing views of the South Downs too. The village also has a shop ([Lodsworth Larder](#)), a pub (The Hollist - although this is temporarily closed at the moment) and a brewery ([Langham Brewery](#)), which are often enjoyed after a weekend stroll with family and friends. Houses here are glorious too, ranging from classic Georgian gems to quintessentially English cottages, whilst fetes and fayres are hosted annually at the recreational ground and church. There's also a cricket ground, tennis court, croquet lawn, children's play area and outdoor gym.

Whilst River, just a stone's throw from Lodsworth, is the ultimate English village within the South Downs, approached by a small track lane leading to a very wide range of homes from very small to country houses. The views from many of these are quite outstanding and without a doubt, dog walks are beautiful where a walk across the field brings you into Lodsworth or Jacobs Ladder which is of historic interest.

Lurgashall

Located just north of Lodsworth and Lickfold, Lurgashall has everything you'd want for the perfect village life set up, to include beautiful houses dotted around the green, a cricket field, [shop](#), pub ([The Noah's Ark](#)), Saxon church and annual fete. Local dog walkers often enjoy the 'Lurgashall Triangle', off road paths with plenty of old houses and buildings to include where Alfred Tennyson once lived, with nearby Blackdown also a popular choice, offering a scape of wavy hair grass, purple heather and pine trees. Houses here very rarely come up for sale and when they do, they're mostly being acquired off market. They range from pretty listed cottages and modern houses, to country manors and estates.

Tillington & Upperton

You can't help fall in love with their amazing village charm, along with the [Horseguards Inn](#) which is another outstanding local pub. Paths are mainly woodland trails, offering peaceful dog walks surrounded by beautiful scenery and amazing views of the Rother Valley. At the right time of the year, the ground is also a carpet of blue when the bluebells are out. If you are happy to climb, then head up to the footpath that cuts through [Upperton Vineyard](#) as you will be in for a real treat of a view. The 700-acre [Petworth Park](#) is also very close by and the stone wall of Petworth Deer Park bounds the Eastern side of Upperton offering a variety of flat and hilly routes to choose from including the Serpent trail and Pitshill Park from Upperton to Tillington. The houses are just as spectacular, ranging from bijou cottages to large country piles.



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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.

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