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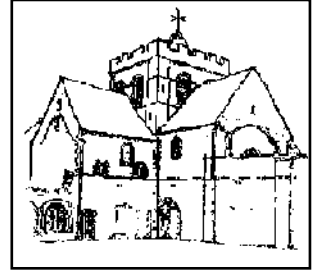
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From Father Ian



I am writing this on my return from the parish pilgrimage Walsingham, and still feeling the joyousness of friendships made stronger, of grace received, and of vision renewed.

We have been asked to host a 'Walsingham Day' in the priory, on September 28th this year. The Principal Celebrant will be The Bishop of Lewes, and I encourage you all to put this date in your diary now and to plan to be there. On the strength of other such days in the East of the diocese, it will be fantastic!

Many of you will know that I had been thinking of retiring in September but, for various reasons I have postponed that until the Spring, when I can arrive in my new house when things are warming up and looking more cheerful!

Thankfully, our Sunday morning attendances are pretty much back to their pre-Covid levels, but we have been very aware that we are not offering anything to meet the needs of those who used to attend the 11.15am Community Mass. The launch of our 'Mass @ 5' is our response to that, and we hope that some will find a less formal service attractive. It will happen on two Sundays in the month which will be advertised well ahead.

On a further personal note, my daughter, Alex is marrying Neil, who many of you know by now. The wedding is on August 31st at 3pm in the priory.

Their Reception is taking place in the Vicarage garden, and I wanted to warn near neighbours and any who might be close enough to be disturbed by the noise! We beg your forbearance and understanding!

Blessings to you all,

Father Ian

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CALENDAR AND INTERCESSIONS

JULY

1	Mon	Feria	Those seeking healing
2	Tue	Feria	Leaders of industry
3	Wed	Saint Thomas the Apostle	Those Doubting the Faith
4	Thu	Saint Elizabeth of Portugal	The Portuguese Nation
5	Fri	Feria [Monthly Requiem)	The Departed
6	Sat	Of Our Lady	The Unity of the Church
7		SUN TRINITY 6 (week 14)	Parish and people
8	Mon	Feria	Those Struggling in Relationships
9	Tue	Feria	The unity of Christians
10	Wed	Feria	The departed
11	Thu	SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE	European Negotiations
12	Fri	Feria	Friendship among nations
13	Sat	Saint Henry II and Cunegund, Patrons of Bamberg	The Diocese of Bamberg
14		SUN ext sol SAINT BENEDICT, ABBOT, PATRON OF EUROPE	Benedictines worldwide
15	Mon	Saint Swithun, Bishop	Meteorologists
16	Tue	Saint Osmund, Bp	Local schools
17	Wed	Feria	Those facing trial
18	Thu	Feria	Victims of discrimination
19	Fri	Saint Gregory of Nyssa & his sister, Macrina	Victims of war
20	Sat	Saint Margaret of Antioch, Martyr	Safety of the unborn
21		SUN TRINITY 8 (week 16)	Church schools
22	Mon	Saint Mary Magdalene	Witness to the Resurrection
23	Tue	TRINITY 7 [WEEK 16]	Parish and people
24	Wed	Saint Sharbel Makhlef, Priest	The Additional Curates' Society
25	Thu	Saint James the Apostle	Those on Pilgrimage
26	Fri	Saints Anne and Joachim, Parents of the BVM	Grandparents
27	Sat	Feria	Christian Unity
28		SUN TRINITY 9 (week 17)	The unchurched
29	Mon	Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Our Family and Friends
30	Tue	Saint Peter Chrysologus Bp	Peacekeepers
31	Wed	Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	The Jesuits

AUGUST

1	Thu	Saint Alphonse de Ligouri, Bishop and Doctor	Christian apologists
2	Fri	Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop	Asylum Seekers
3	Sat	Feria	Christian Aid
4		SUN TRINITY 10	Parish and people
5	Mon	Of Our Lady	Parish priests
6	Tue	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	Leaders of Nations
7	Wed	Feria (Monthly requiem)	The departed
8	Thu	Saint Dominic, Priest	The Dominicans
9	Fri	Saint Teresa Benedicta o, V & M, Patron of Europe	Preachers
10	Sat	Saint Laurence, Deacon and Martyr	Deacons
11		SUN TRINITY 11	Parish and people
12	Mon	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	Walsingham
13	Tue	Feria	Leaders of Nations
14	Wed	Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	The Falsely Imprisoned
15	Thu	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM	Shrines of Our Lady
16	Fri	Saint Stephen of Hungary	The Hungarian Nation
17	Sat	Feria	The hostel at Kwa Mkono
18		SUN ext sol ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM	(Week 20) A desire for heaven
19	Mon	St John Eudes, Pr	An end to Racism
20	Tue	TRINITY 11 [week 20]	Boxgrove School
21	Wed	Saint Pius X, Pope	Pope Francis
22	Thu	Saint Symphorian, Martyr	Christian Teachers
23	Fri	Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin	Those on holiday
24	Sat	Saint Bartholomew the Apostle	Those trained at Chichester Theo College
25		SUN TRINITY 13 (Week 21)	Parish and people
26	Mon	Saint Ninian	The Scottish Nation
27	Tue	Saint Monica	Those preparing for marriage
28	Wed	Saint Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor	Theological students
29	Thu	The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist	Courage when facing death
30	Fri	Feria	Those travelling
31	Sat	Saint Aidan, Bishop & The Saints of Lindisfarne	New Christians

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.

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

Dan and Maisie

Ashes interment

Lily Fawcett

John Tyerman

Michael Horder

Funerals

Rita Bicknell

Hazel Lewington

Fr David Brecknell



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BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL

From the Parish Council



After the smashed glass panels to the two bus shelters at the north end of The Street had been taped with duct tape for safety reasons, the vandals returned and proceeded to continue the damage until the broken glass ended up on the ground! This was recorded in photographs which were passed to the Police. It appears that the two youngsters are already known to the Police, but what action, if any, has been taken is unknown. Thankfully the insurance cover still enabled the replacement to take place. This latest incident was recorded at 5.30 am, what possesses youngsters to be out on the Streets at that unearthly hour is beyond me. Yet again our thanks to Mr. Graham Dipple and Cllr. Howton for implementing the replacements.

At the last PC Meeting the proposal to provide a Battery Energy Storage Scheme on part of the restored gravel pit on the Common was discussed. The site chosen is questionable as the WSCC Minerals restoration Plan is incomplete and the PC have strongly objected to the proposal as the Restoration Plan will have to be revisited.

Farmers have been busy preparing and planting the fields behind The Priory after much of it was under water earlier in the year which is good to see, growing food instead of houses.

The Planning Application to develop Rohan Stables was withdrawn from the June Meeting at CDC for reasons related to a representation against the proposal, though I dare say it will return to the July meeting.

There was a proposal made by Cllr. Lovejoy that a drinking water fountain be provided somewhere in the Parish, ideally close to the Village Hall. This was discussed by the Trustees of the VH at the recent meeting on Thursday 20th and though indifferent to the proposal, the question of where it should be sited and who will be responsible for its security against vandalism is of concern. Different styles of fountain and approximate costings have been sourced for consideration but nothing has been agreed upon.

WSCC Highways have attended to a broken section of the highway outside the Almshouses, but the serious damage at the northern end of The Street is still ignored. It's really odd how they set their priorities!

And that concludes my report for June.

Henry Potter,

Chairman Boxgrove Parish Council



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Sunday 21st July 6pm

£10 includes a glass of Pimms

NEWS FROM THE BOXGROVE BELLES

June 2024

This month we had planned an open meeting around the garden with tea and cakes and a plant stall. The weather wasn't settled so we decided to hold the meeting inside. The hall was at first a blank canvas but as a film set develops so did the setting at the hall. In the lobby a plant stall gradually built up, and what an array of plants there were, from giant hostas to minute basil, and plants of all sizes in between. Tables were set out, then chairs and cloths arranged ready for tea and a wonderful selection of cakes, biscuits and scones with jam and cream.

Two of our members had to send apologies due to one having broken her ankle and another who has had a bad chest infection. We sent them our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Then it was time for tea, and chat, to peruse the plants and buy our tickets for the garden raffle. The problem arose when it came to choosing what cakes to eat, would it look too greedy if we try more than one or even two. They were all delicious, though as we didn't clear all the plates several people took some home to enjoy later. We had several visitors who either went home well fed and armed with plants or cakes having had time to chat with us.

Although the weather remained overcast, we were able to appreciate the work several members had put in to tidy up the garden and clear the patio of weeds. We did look back to nine years ago to when the garden was just a mass of ground elder and remember the hard work it took to clear this.

We heard that at the end of May, 10 members had visited Highdown Gardens. Luckily the weather held off and the cafe was open for much needed refreshments.

For our July meeting we are now going to Selhurst Park Gardens, this will be easier to access at a time when we know the roads will be busy.

At the end of July we are taking over a boat for a trip on the canal, and hope to see plenty of wild life and enjoy the calm that being on the canal evokes.

Jill Dipple

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



Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan

Update June 2024

Housing at Rohan Stables Halnaker

The application was due to be heard at the CDC Planning Committee meeting on 12 June, however this was unexpectedly removed and is now expected to be heard at the next meeting on 10 July 2024.

Battery and Energy Storage System (ESS) Boxgrove Common

Most residents will by now have received an unofficial 'consultation' letter about this proposed facility to be located in the Southeast corner of the restored quarry site, adjacent to Tinwood Lane. All residents will have an opportunity to support or object to this development once a formal application is made. This is expected to be submitted later in the summer.

It is interesting to note that the planning permission required from WSCC to change the approved restoration plan has yet to be granted. If this is refused, then an alternative position on the site or elsewhere would have to be found before an application to CDC can be considered.

The proposed addition of this 'industrial facility' complete with a substation 7m high in the restored quarry will be on the agenda of the next Parish Council Meeting.

Temple Bar Logistics/Warehouse Development Stane St Strettington

This huge 50,000 sqm proposal is being finalised and it is expected that a planning application will be submitted over the summer.

The Neighbourhood Plan team are next meeting on 20 June 2024. We will be reviewing the policies to be included in our proposed revised plan as well as discussing and recommending actions to be taken about these latest speculative proposals. We will also be arranging to meet with the developers of the other housing schemes that have been put forward.

Any further Neighbourhood Plan information will be provided by posters and our normal website etc.

David Leah

Chair of Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan Team

14 June 2024

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

Hello from the Hall!

Isn't it lovely to have the sun finally shining? It's getting us very excited for our annual Summer Fayre which will be held on Sunday 1st September this year, so save the date in your diaries!

This year we have a wonderful lineup of entertainment planned, for all generations, as well as bouncy castles and activities for the little ones, licensed bar, coffees and cakes, BBQ, Chichester fire service and lots more... so please do come along and support your local village hall and enjoy a fabulous day with your local community (oh, and keep your fingers crossed the British weather stays on our side!)



We are always looking for volunteers to help with such a large event, so if you can offer a few hours on the day to help us set-up and pack-away then we would be extremely grateful. We are also looking for any bakers who would be willing to bake us a cake to help raise essential funds for the village hall. If you are able to help with any of the above then please do get in touch at community@boxgrovillagehall.co.uk - we would LOVE to hear from you!

Until next time...

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<https://stonepillow.org.uk/>

Please continue to leave any non-perishable food you can spare in our bin just inside the inner doors of the church. We welcome gifts, including furniture and electrical goods, at the Restore Shop in Terminus Road (Stonepillow Restore, Unit 3, Plot 27, Terminus Road, Chichester PO19 8UE; Tel: 01243 698547; restore@stonepillow.org.uk. We can collect larger items if needed.

We are also looking for volunteers who don't mind getting stuck in and sorting our donations; this will enable us to make the best use of them. So many people have so much experience which would be very welcome ...!



ABBA FROM MEMORY



On **Saturday 6th July at the St Blaise Centre**, you'll have the chance to enjoy EVERY SINGLE SONG written and released by ABBA! David Bathurst, of Boxgrove Priory choir, will attempt to sing them all – over 120 in total – **from memory**.

Accompanied at the piano by Chichester musician David Russell, David will start his Abbathon at **9.45am on 6th July**, finishing around 5.15pm. Singing will be split into four sessions, separated by coffee/lunch breaks. The first will concentrate on the band's early output interspersed with songs from their 2021 Voyage album. Then, starting with *Waterloo* – the song which 50 years ago wowed Eurovision in Brighton – David will take the songs roughly chronologically, ending with a rousing encore of the band's most popular melodies. There will be some less well-known songs, including *So Long, I've Been Waiting For You, Gonna Sing You My Love Song* and *Bang A Boomerang*, plus some from the two Mamma Mia films. David very much hopes his audience will join in as much as you wish!

David is no stranger to feats of memory: renditions of the complete New Testament, the complete works of Gilbert & Sullivan and then 2 years ago, singing all the Beatles songs (over 200) from memory.

Admission to the Abba event is **ABSOLUTELY FREE AND AT ANY TIME ON THE DAY** – come when you can, go when you must. Soft drinks and biscuits will be available, for which just a donation is invited, but you are welcome to bring picnic food. A retiring collection will be split between Boxgrove Priory funds, Sussex Snowdrop Trust which provides help for families in Sussex with children suffering life-threatening or life-limiting illness, and Sage House, a facility in Tangmere providing day care for local people with dementia.

For further information please contact David on 07536 984943 or email him at davidbathurst@btinternet.com



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.



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Proposed Government Changes to Personal Independence Payments:

4Sight Vision Support Needs Your Input

4Sight Vision Support (4SVS) is supporting a campaign by the Thomas Pocklington Trust (TPT) to raise awareness of Government proposals for changes to Personal Independence Payments (PIPs) for disabled people, which it believes will disproportionately affect those living with sight loss. TPT works to improve opportunities of blind and partially sighted people, and wants to make as many people as possible aware of the changes, and encourage maximum participation in the Government's consultation process.

PIP is a benefit to help pay for the extra costs of living with a long term health condition or disability. The PIP assessment process is not intended to determine a person's capability to do any work, it is to understand the extra costs the person experiences as a result of their disability.

Some of 4SVS and TPT's key concerns are the proposed changes to the criteria and questions that determine whether someone is eligible for PIP; requiring a formal diagnosis by a medical expert and focusing much more on what condition you have, rather than its impact on your life; and ending the PIP assessment altogether for people with certain long term conditions.

Details of the proposed changes can be found at www.pocklington.org.uk/news-and-events/ with a link to the full PIP page, including access to the Government's Consultation page. **The Consultation period closes on 22nd July.**

Kirstie Thomas, CEO at 4Sight Vision Support commented, "We are well aware of the many and varied challenges faced by those our charity supports and are extremely concerned that the proposed changes would greatly increase the difficulties and additional costs our clients face in their daily lives. We encourage everyone to contribute to the debate."

Further information is also available from 4Sight Vision Support, email enquiries@4sight.org.uk or call 01243 828555.

Image: 4SVS offers support in completing Government benefit applications, including PIP.



This affects everyone living with a disability, across the country, so please contribute to the Consultation.

Petworth House & Park News for June

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



Archaeological Dig at Petworth

19 - 31 July, free, no booking required

Archaeologists are coming to Petworth on a special mission to trace the footsteps of Henry VIII, with the aim of finding evidence of a lost wing of Petworth House. The excavations are part of 'Henry VIII on Tour', a landmark research project led by Historic Royal Palaces in partnership with the University of York.

There will be daily tours of the dig site at 2.15pm (excluding Thursday 25 July). You will also be able to see the finds up close in the Battery House, with the opportunity to learn more about them and even handle some items. There will be free family friendly activities including a 'have-a-go' mini archaeology pit, Henry on Tour game of chance, and the opportunity to make your own family crest.

Tours and activities are free but normal admission to Petworth House applies.

Summer Holidays at Petworth

20 July - 1 September, free, no booking required

Every day throughout the summer holidays there will be free garden games and activities to enjoy. Join us for Tudor Tuesdays and Thursdays and immerse yourself in the court of Henry VIII. Activities include jousting, archery and crafts, inspired by Petworth's real-life archaeological dig.

All activities are free but normal admission to Petworth House applies.

Conserving Kauffman

10 June – 24 November, free, no booking required

A new spotlight display will be shining a light on the recent conservation of Angelica Kauffman's Diomed and Cressida (1788). Come and discover what it takes to care for a painting of this age, significance, and scale. Angelica Kauffman was one of the most celebrated artists of her age. Join us in the exhibition room to discover more about this fascinating artist.

Free, no booking required. Normal admission applies.

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Latest News from St Wilfrid's Hospice

July 2024

Woof for Wilf

You and your pawed pal are invited on a walk to support local lives this November!

On 3rd November at 11am, you and lots of other dog walkers can join us for a sponsored dog walk around the beautiful grounds of Great Ballard School, enjoying the morning breeze while making a difference.



This event is a great way to make your daily dog walk even more meaningful as any funds you raise will help support the expert palliative care and compassion provided by St Wilfrid's to local lives.

Get your tickets and invite your other dog owner friends for a great day out! www.stwh.co.uk/woof-for-wilf



Summer Appeal Reminder

"I had a preconception of a Hospice, and I couldn't have been more wrong!"

St Wilfrid's Hospice are sharing Georgie's story this Summer, as told in her own words. She talks about her care at the Hospice and the difference St Wilfrid's made to her and her family's lives.

St Wilfrid's ask that you read her full story and consider donating to help the charity continue providing expert care and compassion to people like Georgie in your community.

www.stwh.co.uk/georgies-story

Ready to Run?

Looking to get active this Summer?

St Wilfrid's Hospice would love for you to take on a run in support of Hospice care.. With lots of runs coming up including The Great South Run, the Amsterdam Marathon and The Big Half, St Wilfrid's has lots of space available for you to run while supporting your local community hospice..

By taking on one of these challenges, you will be supported by the St Wilfrid's team, and by fundraising for the Hospice, you will be directly helping make a difference to local lives in your community.

There's no better reason to get active than supporting end-of-life care, so sign-up now! www.stwh.co.uk/events

Vintage Collection

Do you love all things Vintage?

This **August 11th**, St Wilfrid's Hospice are holding a Vintage Fashion Collection at their Terminus Road outlet, offering vintage clothing, accessories and bric-a-brac.

This is the perfect time to put together an outfit for Goodwood Revival or simply find a gift for a vintage lover you know.



Pop along anytime from 10am – 2pm, and know that any purchase made will help support the vital end-of-life care the Hospice provides in the community.

Address: **St Wilfrid's Hospice Terminus Road Outlet**, 22 Terminus Road, Chichester, PO19 8TX.



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Reflections following the 80th anniversary of D Day

With last month's 80th anniversary of D Day, it seems fitting to include the following article written by the late Mike Hall about his father Norman, a Normandy and D Day veteran. In 2006 Norman was presented with the Normandy medal by the late Duke of Richmond and in 2016 with the Legion d'Honneur medal by the then Mayor of Chichester. Mike wrote the below article some years ago.....

Wartime Christmases Recalled 1939 -1945

I wonder if like me, you sat watching the excellent programme on Christmas Eve, [BBC 2], recalling the war time Christmases of 1939 -1945.

I watched it with my 82 year old father who I had collected from his home in Winchester earlier that day. As the programme began to unfold, my father began to recall his own experiences during that time. He was conscripted into the army and joined the 8th Battalion, Royal Middlesex Regiment, [also known as the Die-Hards], which was a London regiment.

Christmas 1943 he was sent to Northern Ireland for intensive training and after that until the D-Day invasion, he completed his training in Scotland and Wales. In the weeks just prior to D-Day itself he was camped at Longmore, near Bordon and was able to come home to East Dean at weekends. When finally given the order to move, the soldiers were loaded onto a train, which puffed its way haltingly, via Winchester, Eastleigh, and Portsmouth and on to its destination at Newhaven. My father recalled the train passing the Goodwood hills and wondered if he would ever see them again.

At Newhaven they were then boarded into flat-bottomed barges, [probably coal barges], issued with sick bags and ordered to sit on planks with their rifles pointing vertically up in the air. The holds were then fastened down and the barges, which were linked together, were towed across to the French coast one behind the other. One can hardly imagine the sheer terror, fear, darkness, smells and emotions they experienced on that crossing and perhaps the strengthening of comradeship for the unknown days ahead of them.

On landing at a harbour somewhere in France, probably Le Havre, they were transported by train, which Dad remembered took more than a day, as they frequently had to stop. They arrived at Caen and here they went into action and came under gunfire for the first time. He recalled that their first objective was to capture and hold, together with the Canadian regiments, Hill 112. After heavy fighting and many losses over several days this was achieved. The regiment, together with several others was under the direct command of General Sir Brian Horrocks.

My father was in D Company who were mortar gunners, firing 4.2 mortar bombs [A, B and C Companies being machine gunners]. As well as being a mortar gunner my father was also one of the platoon's half-track drivers. A platoon consisted of 19 men: 4 teams of 4 men as mortar gunners; one of the four also acted as a driver. The platoon was completed with one officer, one sergeant and one radio operator.

Following Caen their next major battle was crossing the River Seine. They then progressed swiftly through France; up into Belgium and on to Holland where progress was slow and made even more difficult because the retreating Germans flooded much of the land by blowing apart the dikes and then the bridges into Nijmegen. At that time they were part of a thrust to reach the beleaguered airborne divisions at Arnhem. My father recalled that the greatest difficulty they encountered in trying to advance was the fact that the actual roads ran along the

top of raised dikes. These roads were not only mined but vehicles were extremely easy targets from cross fire from the German artillery.

Christmas 1944, they were relieved and instructed to turn back to Brussels to rest and to service both vehicles and armaments. Unfortunately they then received further orders to proceed directly without stopping to the Ardennes region where the German army had broken through the American lines and were attempting to cut off the armies in both Belgium and Holland. This was later known as the Battle of the Bulge. Dad remembered that for the first few days it was not only dangerous but also very confusing because the Germans were advancing in confiscated American vehicles.

After the Ardennes they carried on northwards towards the next obstacle, the difficult task of crossing the River Rhine. The German army fought ferociously defending its own country and there were many casualties on both sides. Christmas time 1945 after heavy fighting they crossed the River Elbe and were north of Berlin. On VE day they had reached Kiel on the Baltic coast where it was extremely cold. My father remained there for a further six months before eventually returning to Salisbury Plain for demobilisation.

For 18 months or more they had never had the luxury of going to bed, or a nights proper sleep. Most nights they dug holes in the ground, pulled on a zip up thermal waterproof suit over their uniforms, and lay in the hole with a ground sheet covering them. Many nights they were awoken to advance to a new position; all this without lights. And on some occasions they were woken and instructed to withdraw rapidly following a German counter attack. A bath was also a rare event but they were subjected to regular de-lousing, which was achieved by a medic pumping DDT up both trouser legs, sleeves and down their necks.

From the information he gave me, I was able with my own limited ability at using the computer, to trace the history of his battalion from 1939 -1947.

Listed are the following statistics:

Killed in action: 3 officers, 58 other ranks

Wounded: 9 officers, 222 other ranks

4.2 mortars 326,284 rounds fired

What prompted me to write this story? Apart from the two years after I left school, when I worked as a groundsman at Goodwood Race Course, I worked and lived in close contact with my father. We worked away from home timber felling and fencing. We lived in a caravan together, cooked our meals together, drank our pints together, and swore at each other - together! And yet in all those years, except for the following, he rarely mentioned his experiences during the war.

During their training he was billeted with Leslie Compton, the Arsenal and England footballer, who was the elder brother of Dennis, who also played football for Arsenal and was one of our greatest cricketers. Dennis also joined the Middlesex Regiment two years later.

On another occasion he told me of the time they over ran and captured a V1 and V2 rocket launching site. They were given strict orders not to drink the rocket fuel, which was pure wood alcohol. Needless to say many disobeyed the order and got totally and enjoyably drunk.

He also mentioned the terrible impact it had on everyone when they came upon

a concentration camp. He recalled not only the appalling sights that met them, but also the nauseating stench, which could be smelled from 2 or 3 miles away. Is it little wonder that these brave men and women ever want to recall or voice that period of their lives? For them there was no heroes' welcome, for many no jobs to return to and more importantly no proper counselling.

Over the years I have spoken with many people whose fathers were also involved with fighting on the front line during World War 2 and all have said the same; that their fathers have rarely spoken about or recalled the events surrounding that time in their lives..

One can only imagine if the same were to happen to us. If at 18 or so years of age we were made to join the armed forces, trained to kill, forced to endure numerous physical and mental strains. Then after 5 or 6 years be sent back to our families, homes and communities and expected to act as if we had never gone away.



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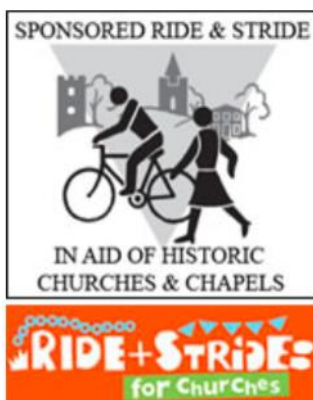


Cream teas will once again be served in the St Blaise Centre, in the grounds of Boxgrove Priory, **every Sunday in August (4, 11, 18 & 25th) between 2pm and 5pm**. This is a lovely opportunity to enjoy delicious tea, coffee, scones & cake in delightful surroundings with friends old and new.

Last year the teas raised a record-smashing total of £1640 for Priory funds: it would be wonderful to better that total this year!

Help is needed please on each of the Sundays both in preparing scones and cakes, and providing help in the kitchen. If you're able to offer help please speak to David Bathurst or email him on davidbathurst@btinternet.com

And after indulging in all those Cream Teas, why not try "Ride & Stride"?!?!



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This year's Sussex Historic Churches Trust's 'Ride & Stride Plus' will take place on **Saturday 14th September**.

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The Optimistic Gardener

Food of the gods

Have you ever eaten a meal which you have never forgotten? I have an abiding memory of my first ever taste of asparagus. It was at the Connaught Hotel in Mayfair and I have forgotten entirely why I was there - needless to say a gentleman of means was involved - but that simple dish of freshly picked asparagus, lashings of hollandaise and a slice of wholemeal bread is indelibly etched into my memory. It was undoubtedly the last time I have eaten anywhere so grand; Cassons and The Pig in the South Downs have exquisite food but not quite the cachet of The Connaught!

The very best food in my opinion is that which is prepared and eaten minutes after being picked. The success of the best eateries is often down to using the freshest produce. For my birthday this year I had a meal at our local Pig in Madehurst and realise why their food is so wonderful. They have a large well-kept kitchen garden with fruit and vegetables and even a smoke-house. The produce which they don't grow is sourced from within a 25 mile radius of the hotel. My favourite part of the evening out was a stroll through the walled garden and seeing the huge variety of vegetables and fruit which they grow - all impeccably tended and well-labelled.



Now we can't claim to have such a picture postcard vegetable patch but we do grow quite a variety of our own produce. On Friday we had our annual High Trees meal (stop me if you've heard all this before!) when we have our supper based almost entirely on the produce we grow or raise at home. It is generally in early June when we are able to include the last of the asparagus and the first of the strawberries, broad beans and carrots.

We always have omelette and wash the meal down with a High Trees grand cru cider; this year it was very good but some years it has been Chateau Débouchage (drain cleaner!)

The reason we love this meal so much is the freshness of all the food. If you have never eaten a potato which was still growing in the ground an hour ago then I can highly recommend it. Cooked with a handful of mint and garnished with a knob of butter I could eat a plateful all on its own. Indeed this is what we did a month ago when we had a surprise crop from the 'volunteers' - the plants that come from spuds missed when harvesting last year - which annoyingly do so well. Once they are picked the sugar in vegetables begins to convert into starch. This is very much the case with early potatoes. Really freshly dug new potatoes are

delicious. Much better than those from out of store, or even those just dug a few days before. Generally speaking, freshly picked vegetables are likely to be more nutritious than vegetables that have been sitting for a week. Nutrient content in vegetables can start to degrade after they are harvested due to exposure to light, heat, and oxygen.



Another of my desert island vegetables is sweet corn - but only if it is freshly picked. The best way to cook and eat it is to put a pan of water on to boil, then go out and pick the corn cobs. By the time you have prepared the corn and screwed in those very useful little cob holders, the water is at a rolling boil from which 5 minutes later will emerge the best corn you will ever have tasted. This is another dish which benefits from a heavy hand with the butter knife! The corn bought from the supermarket is a different beast altogether. Within 24 hours of picking as much as 50% of the sugar will be converted into starch.

And what about strawberries? As far as I am concerned it is a mortal sin to buy those testosterone-pumped up Spanish strawberries in the winter months; well the punishment fits the crime - to quote that well-known philosopher, *The Mikado*. Crime - to buy them; punishment - to eat them! What could be better with the High Trees meal than a dessert of sun-warmed **English** strawberries? Well this year large, sun-



warmed English strawberries would have been better. Our harvest from three raised beds has been appalling this year; the worst in a long time. We gardeners are always looking for an explanation for unusual harvests - and I think we probably all know that the first part of this year has been cold and damp. Not too bad for those who grow their strawberries under cover. Gerry always pops a few pots in the greenhouse for an early crop and those have been our most successful this year. But the outdoor ones have been slow to ripen and small. We also have problems with the Tortrix moth. We are always complaining we producers of food! I don't even want to mention the young pair of squirrels which took my entire crop of gooseberries just as they were approaching harvest time.



Another culinary crime is to buy tomatoes in the winter; I guess we are all guilty of this to some extent. But there is no comparison between a tomato sun-ripened in a UK greenhouse and one which has been picked underripe in Spain and transported to the UK to a food depot then sent out to your local supermarket where it may sit for a couple of days until ending up in your fridge! Oh yes - there's another crime. You should **never** put tomatoes in the fridge.



The desert-island tomato varieties for me are Sungold and Rosella - both cherry tomatoes and both very high in flavour.

I could rabbit on for hours about the joys of home-grown vegetables - peas eaten directly from the pod or simply introduced to a pan of boiling water for a minute or two; broad beans picked young when they haven't developed that leathery casing which can taste so bitter; carrots sweeter than the shop-sold equivalents. But you

don't want to hear about that. You want to get out into your patch of ground and find a corner in which to plant that Asparagus.

You won't regret it!

Janet Reeves

To enjoy all Janet's pictures to the full, and in colour, read this article online via the '[Bugle](http://www.boxgrovepriory.co.uk/bugle.html)' page on the Priory website: <http://www.boxgrovepriory.co.uk/bugle.html>



This year, the Society will present an extra lecture, in August. The next **TWO** lectures take place on:

**Tuesday 23 July at 2 pm
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***Linking China with Europe:
Blue-and-White in the
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*James Allen, former Ashmolean Museum curator,
talks of the major trade of these coveted &
decorative collectables in the 16th & 17th C*

**Tuesday 27 August at 2 pm
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Top-end buyers search switch to modern homes but still in great locations



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Now, these same buyers are looking at modern, contemporary homes with low energy costs, and as maintenance free as possible. Living needs to be simple now, as it's the highest priority for all age groups with many either upsizing or downsizing, and some buyers taking the city-to-country transition and never looking back.

In West Sussex, the Hampshire and Surrey borders are where we as buying agents cover, there is a premium to have everything. The latest must-have is to find a home on the edge of a village. These homes can be gems as often they are easier to obtain planning to change older homes to the modern way of living. Planning applications can be simpler with less neighbours to object, but still can come with the added advantage of village life, the Gastro pub, open spaces, excellent dog walks, village store, good schools, even good WiFi, the list is endless. Perhaps the odd negative thrown in like rights of way and farmyard smells may have to endure, but a small price to pay is the general consensus.

I hasten to add village life doesn't come without the price tag to achieve this, but we have seen some amazing changes in recent years with architects incorporating the

old and new, giving clients the much wanted character with easy to maintain homes. If this isn't necessarily what someone wants then always remember that if you start again there is no VAT on new build which at 20% of your home value is a healthy chunk towards something else. If you are building from scratch, the plot will be a lot less expensive than the finished article which also helps as stamp duty can also eat a huge hole in your pocket.

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Jennie Hancock
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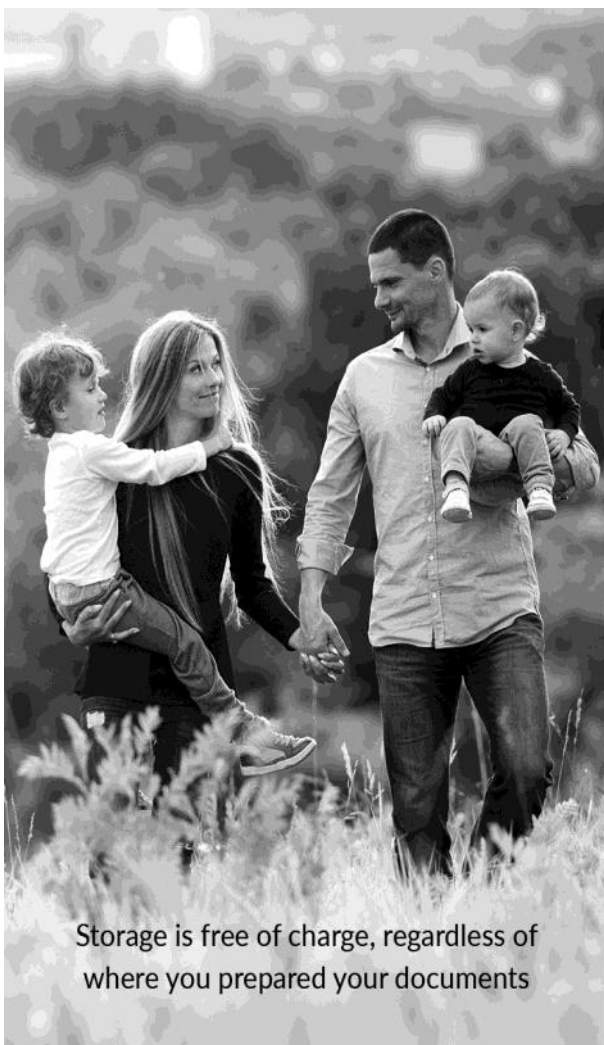
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A brief round-up of local events for the coming month, based on information available at the time of compiling "The Bugle". Apologies, but no responsibility can be accepted for any errors.

1st July	Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m.
4th July	Prebendal School Summer Concert at Chichester Cathedral— see www.chichestercathedral.org
5th July	Chichester Chorale: Concert in the Priory 7.30 pm—Tickets at the door or at the Novium See www.chichesterchorale.com for details
5th July	Farmers Market, North & East Street, Chichester 9 a.m.—2p.m.
6th July	ABBA from Memory—Charity event in St Blaise Centre—see p 13
6th July	Evening concert in Chichester Cathedral— see website for details
6th July	The Chantry Quire—Concert in St Mary's Church Easebourne—see www.chantryquire.org.uk
19th July	Farmers Market, North & East Street, Chichester 9 a.m.—2p.m.
21st July	"Hymns & Pimms" 6pm Boxgrove Priory £10 including a glass of Pimms
24th July	Quiz Night—Boxgrove Village Hall—see page 29
26th July	Monthly Market at Boxgrove Village Hall 10 a.m.—1 p.m. (NB No Monthly Market in August)
31st July	Open air theatre at Chichester Cathedral— see www.chichestercathedral.org

And Advance dates for your diary.....

Every Sunday in August: Cream teas at The Priory!

Saturday 3rd August: Lavant Horticultural Society's Annual Show, from 2pm, in Lavant Memorial Hall—Free admission

Sunday 1st September: Summer Fayre at Boxgrove Village Hall

Saturday 14th September: "Ride & Stride" (see p 22)

Saturday 28th September: Boxgrove Dog Show

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14th and 28th July

11th and 25th August

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Please see page 7 for Sunday School arrangements.

Readers are advised to check service times on the Priory website (<http://www.boxgrovepriory.co.uk/worship.html>), as it is necessary from time to time to amend them.

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