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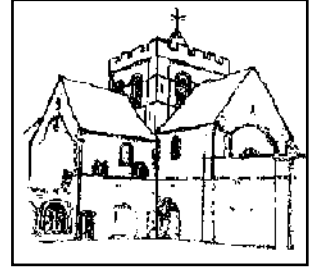
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From Father Ian

At the time of writing we are just on the cusp of Holy Week and Easter.

The drama of Holy Week is very compelling when you allow yourself to be drawn into the story, and becoming part of the cast, as it were, is the key to engaging in the mystery presented to us in the whole scriptural narrative.

The bible, that amazing collection of writings, telling us about how humans have understood God's relationship with the world, and his intervention into its history, challenges us not to be merely an audience or a reader. We are called to see how our lives can serve God's purpose, and we learn from the bible to behave in such a way that we grow to know God's nature as Love itself, and gradually apprehend how we fit in.

There will be services throughout Holy Week, and those held on the 'Sacrum triduum' (Sacred three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) are marvellous opportunities to grow in love and understanding. You will be very welcome if you attend.

This very day, permission for choral singing has been given by the government, and the gradual sense of society re-opening presents, perhaps, a moment for a fresh engagement with the things of God, and the life of the church.

I send my warmest good wishes to you all.

Father Ian



Details of services may be found on page 5 and on the [website](#). Ed.



Mass for Thursday in the seventh week of Easter (Lanfranc)



Mass for Wednesday in the seventh week of Easter (St Augustine)



Mass for Tuesday in the seventh week of Easter (Requiem for David Lloyd)

Don't forget: you can 'join in' the Mass from the Priory, 'live' or at a time which may be better for you. Visit the Parish [Facebook](#) page.

THE BUGLE

Articles on any aspect of Boxgrove news - village or Priory-based - are always most welcome. In normal circumstances the Boxgrove Bugle is distributed **free of charge** to each household within the parish and published on-line, as well as being sent further afield and being available in the Priory for visitors and non-residents of the parish. When printed, the run exceeds 700 copies per month; currently, however, it is possible only to publish it on the [Priory website](#).

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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Monday - Wednesday

Mass at 12.00noon

Maundy Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm followed by
a Vigil of one hour ending with Compline

Good Friday

Liturgy at 2.00pm

Holy Saturday

Vigil and First Mass of Easter at 6.00pm

Easter Day

Low Mass at 9.00am, Solemn Mass at 11.00am
(followed by the traditional Easter Egg Hunt etc)

The Churchwardens are still accepting donations towards the cost of Easter flowers, perhaps in memory of a loved one. If you wish to make donation, please hand it to Sue Organ or one of the Churchwardens.



St Blaise Fair and the Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Hostel



The Churchwardens are immensely grateful for the very generous response to their appeal in last month's Bugle. To date £1,300 has been received, which will go quite some way towards the amount which, in a normal year, is raised by the St Blaise Fair.

It is still possible to contribute to this very worthy charity if you feel able to do so. Please either visit the Priory website homepage (www.boxgrovepriory.co.uk) or hand a donation to one of the Churchwardens. Thank you.



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BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council report



The meeting on March 1st was once again held virtually, with again some very welcome members of the Public attending.

Reports from Cllr Jeremy Hunt and Cllr Henry Potter were noted, which included updates on the parking arrangements at the foot of Denge Lane which leads up to the Windmill and the continuing success of the Covid Vaccination programme. The progress of the resettlement of the lightning conductor on the west side of the Windmill was also reported on. In his CDC Report, Cllr Potter mentioned the lack of progress of the Southern Gateway Project. This has been delayed due to changes in the use of the Law Courts and the demolition of the Boys' High School, as well as a rethink of what should be provided for the retail and office elements of the development as a result of changing shopping habits and office space needs due to working from home practices. The world is certainly a changing place! A Members' briefing on the Strategic Development Site at Tangmere was also mentioned, with concerns relating to the traffic management plans. With so much additional traffic emerging onto the Temple Bar interchange there will be a huge impact on the 'Rat Run' using New Road through to Lavant, plus the potential increase in traffic using Boxgrove even more to avoid the congestion going into and beyond Chichester.

The fall of yet another ancient flint wall within the Parish was discussed, this being about a thirty metre section bordering the meadow just beyond the end of Park Lane which happened recently. Discussions with the Duke of Richmond and the Estate Properties Agent were pretty much as expected: they fully appreciate the historic value of these walls but at the moment there is no funding available to deal with it. As a further example, the section that fell down opposite Molcombe Stud about eight years ago needs some more to be felled because it is weak, and the estimated cost is in excess of £300,000!! It is a woeful situation, but considering the colossal loss of income over the past year for the Estate it is understandable to some degree.

The work to the trees surrounding the Children's Play Area is complete, letting so much light into the site, and this Summer we hope to replace some of the features therein as requested by the Playground Improvement Group. And at long last the broken roof tiles to the Sports Pavilion have been replaced, all the moss scraped off and the gutters cleared. So! There is nothing to hinder the Cricket Club signing a new lease for the facility and let's hope we can see cricket played once more in Boxgrove. I have noticed that the grass has received a good mowing in preparation.

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Other useful contact details

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Citizens Advice - Consumer helpline: 0345 4040506

Action on Elder Abuse - Confidential helpline: 080 8808 8141

Action Fraud - National fraud reporting centre: 0300 123 2040

Much work has been done by our volunteer Rangers this past month. A litter bin has been installed in the lay-by at the entrance to Selhurst Park, this is becoming a well used second access to the Windmill Trail, and much litter-picking is taking place. If anyone would like to help while out walking, Cllr Paul Addison has several 'pick-up sticks' which save bending and actual handling of litter. Just ask! And the hand rail at the crossing point in front of the Almshouses has been installed which we hope will be of some comfort to those who may need a bit of support negotiating the slope. And finally the Parish Notice Boards at Crockerhill and Boxgrove have both undergone refurbishment to high standards and credit to those responsible. We are very fortunate to have these voluntary 'Rangers' who do so much to make our communities better places to be in. Well done to all concerned.

Henry Potter

Chairman of the Parish Council



BOXGROVE COMPANION DOG SHOW



The Boxgrove Companion Dog Show 2021

will be held on

Saturday 2 October

at the Village Hall and Sports Field

There will be the usual mix of pedigree and novelty classes for dogs and their handlers to enjoy together, with six rosettes to be won in every class. Of course there will also be Obedience Classes to show off those well trained dogs. As before there will be a non-competitive agility course, which is always great fun.

Food and hot and cold drinks will be available all day.

Stalls will include Raffle, Tombola, Books and hopefully many others, including charity and commercial stalls.

Schedules available from July.

Contact: sylvia.hubbard@btinternet.com



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*Last night my husband asked me if I'd seen the dog bowl.
I said "To be perfectly honest, I didn't even know he played cricket".*

THE OPTIMISTIC GARDENER

High Trees - No.42 - March 2021

Grandes Dames of the Garden

Take a stroll around the grounds of the High Trees estate and be introduced to some grandes dames of society. The horticultural society that is. If you are lucky and come on the right day you may bump into Lady Beatrix Stanley. In the summer you could well catch a glimpse of Dame Henrietta Barnett in her cream coloured apparel; and should you drop by in April you may need to drop a curtsy to Princess Irene.

The horticultural world is full of plants named after individuals. This could be because of a direct connection with the plant breeder or to commemorate someone. It is a particular case with roses, which have thousands of varieties - today there are more than 11,000 existing varieties of hybrid roses and more being bred each year. There are roses named after such luminaries as Judi Dench, Thelma Barlow or my favourite, Janet's Pride! I thought it would be interesting to dig deeper into the women for whom some of the plants in the High Trees garden are named. Not all are from the upper echelons of society, but all of them are interesting.



Henrietta Barnett

For instance the aforementioned dame, **Henrietta Barnett**, was an amazingly busy individual. The rose was named to celebrate the founder of Hampstead Garden Suburb 100 years on. Like many of the landed gentry in Victorian times, Dame Henrietta was given to working for good causes - but I have the feeling that she really cared for the people she was helping and didn't do it for personal glory.

In her time she helped young servants by setting up the Metropolitan Association for Befriending Young Servants; she helped her curate husband in parish visiting, including the 2000 prostitutes who then were working in Whitechapel; she and her husband set up an organisation to give the children from the slums a country holiday. According to Wikipedia, the Barnetts are jointly remembered on 17 June on the liturgical calendar of the Church of England.

The reason that this rose was named after this amazing lady was because, as a new rose, it was launched at the centenary of the founding of Hampstead Garden Suburb in 2007.

This beautiful bush rose flowers continuously throughout the summer and doesn't fall victim to the dreaded black spot suffered by many varieties of rose. So I can grow her organically without resorting to spraying the foliage with toxic chemicals. She was cultivated by rose specialists Harkness - one of the few rose growers that don't use pesticides and produce roses that are very resistant and durable.

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Enough of the landed classes! Let's have a look at an equally beautiful plant that has been bred much closer to home. **Walberton's Rosemary** is a hellebore which I have mentioned in earlier articles. She was bred by David Tristram who lived with his family in Walberton and named this stunner after Rosemary, his wife. Those of you who can remember back to those far-off days when we were allowed to listen to a choir in the services may well remember another two Tristrams who sing at the Priory.

Rosemary was mother to Mike and mother-in-law to Emma, and when I moved to Barnham in 1988 Mike and Emma had recently moved into Binsted and lived in the neighbouring property to Mike's parents. David and Rosemary had met in the distant past and fallen in love. At David's funeral last year the vicar of Walberton and Binsted read the eulogy which was compiled by the family and included the following passage:

It was at Oxford that David and Rosemary met through David's friend and fellow botany enthusiast - Rosemary's cousin Guy Harris. Some women might have been put off by a courtship of long motorbike rides in pursuit of random wildflowers and pottering about in boats on the Broads but happily Rosemary was made of sterner stuff.

One of David's most recent great successes was the upward-looking pink hellebore which he called Rosemary; there is a beautiful photo of Rosemary herself standing by a wonderful display of Hellebore Rosemary in full bloom at RHS Wisley and there are many also planted on her grave at Sompington. These will soon be doubled in number as David will join her there today.

When they moved back to Sussex in 1973 Rosemary developed a small nursery called Binsted Herbs.

It had started with Rosemary and her friend Janet Whiting growing some herbs to sell to raise funds for repairs to Binsted Village's 12th-century church, at a 'Herb Festival' including recipes and produce. The venture was so successful they decided to become professional herb growers, starting the Binsted Nursery site in a nearby field. It also led to the formation of the village's traditional Strawberry Fair at which donated Binsted herbs and other local produce continue to be sold for charity.



Rosemary

Those of you who live in the area will know that the Strawberry Fair is an annual event in July and people come from miles around to spend the afternoon picking up bargains for their gardens and meeting old friends over a strawberry cream tea. And at the end of the day lots of money has been raised for two good causes - one of them being Binsted's 12th century church. Both David and Rosemary spent many years as church warden and secretary of St Mary's Binsted. Sadly the Strawberry Fair didn't happen last year and there won't be one this year either. But what a shindig there will be in 2022!

The flower - Rosemary - speaks for herself. The picture here is from my plant in a pot which I have enjoyed during the winter months, right beside the house; it lasts for ages in bloom and then I cut back the dead flower heads and plant it out in the woodland

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area for a renaissance next winter. Unlike many hellebores Rosemary looks at you in the eye rather than hanging her head shyly. It was the first time a breeder succeeded in deliberately crossing *Helleborus Niger* with *Helleborus x hybridus*.

I have many other grandes dames in the garden - Madame Alfred Carriere (amazingly prolific climbing rose), Lady Beatrix Stanley (my delightful little early Iris) Honorine Jobert (lovely white Japanese anemone) and Betty Corning (a powder blue Clematis) but can't leave this article without introducing you to my favourite member of the "royal family" - **Princess Irene**.

In order to bring the garden into the house I have a collection of pots which I move into position when they are in flower and then remove elsewhere to die down when they have been at their peak of perfection. I like to do this particularly with tulips which, at least in my garden, do better in pots than in the ground.



At the moment my favourite tulip of all time is Princess Irene. I read a lovely story about the namesake of this bulb:

During World War 2, the Dutch Royal family moved to Canada to be safe from the Nazi invasion of the Netherlands. When the war was over. To say Thank you to Canada for protecting their Royal family, The Dutch sent over thousands...one report says 10,000, another says 20,000...tulip bulbs to be planted in the nations capital, Ottawa. The bulbs are still sent over to this day. Which makes the Ottawa tulip festival a worthwhile trip in the spring.

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That is a true story. Here's the part that may be an embellishment, but it sounds so true and I've been telling everyone this story for years thinking that it IS true...

One variety of bulbs they sent over was called Princess Irene after one of the Princesses that came to Canada during the war and the Burgundy "Flame" at the base of the tulip is actually the Canadian Maple Leaf!!!

And here is the star of the Tulip display in April. She could be straight out of a painting by Rembrandt! So the next time you are at the garden centre and drooling over the bemusing number of varieties of all types of plants, spare a moment to consider the people for whom these plants were named and do think about giving a bit of border space to Henrietta, Rosemary and Irene.

Janet Reeves



Princess Irene



CATHEDRAL NEWS

To keep up-to-date with news and events, sign up for the regular online newsletter. Simply visit the Cathedral's website (www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/) and add your email address in the box at the foot of the page.

THE PEREGRINES ARE BACK!

Chichester Cathedral's famed peregrine falcons have returned for the forthcoming breeding season and have been sighted making themselves at home on the Spire. Peregrines were first seen on the tower in the mid-1990s. They have been very successful nesting on the Cathedral and have fledged more than 60 chicks since 2001.

The peregrine project is run jointly by Chichester Cathedral, the Sussex Ornithological Society (SOS) and local wildlife enthusiasts David and Janet Shaw who have been observing the birds since 2001. The peregrine pair are forging a strong partnership and everyone is hopeful of another successful breeding season at this stage. A new nest box has also been installed this year, after last year's 'teenagers' destroyed the previous one.

You can follow the peregrines' progress from a webcam installed in the nesting site on the Spire, with a link from the Cathedral's [website](#).



BOXGROVE & TANGMERE JULIAN GROUP

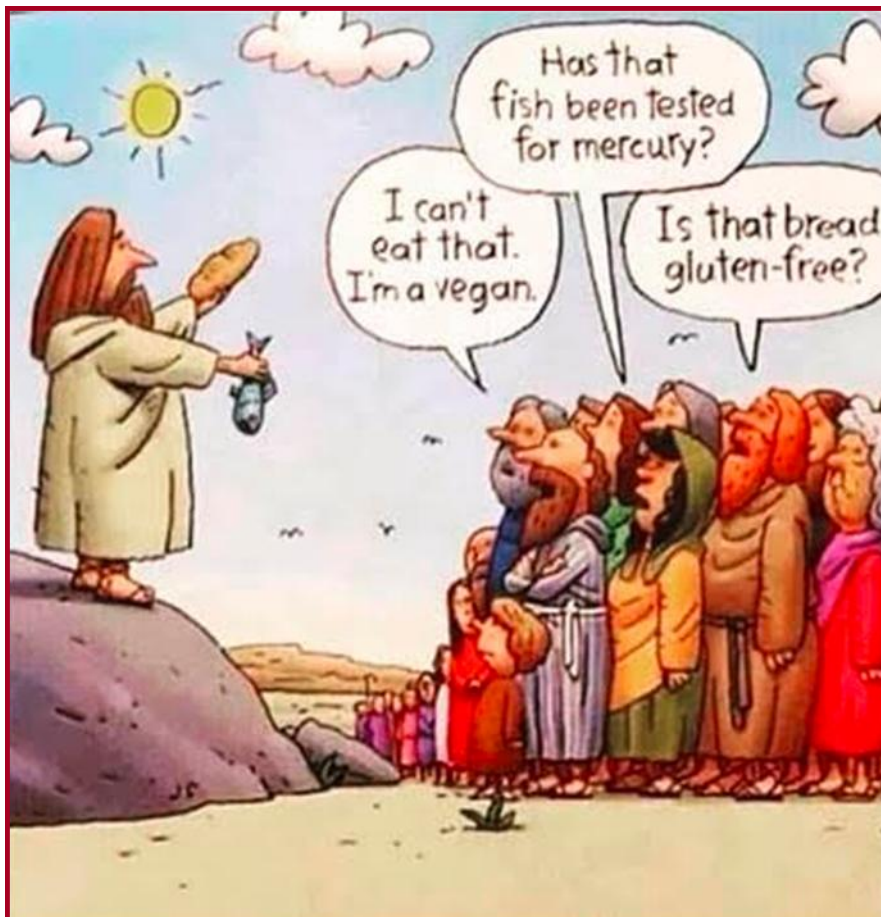
The Group meets on the second Monday of each month at 3.15pm at The Priory Church of St Mary & St Blaise, Boxgrove. Notices confirming details of venues are placed on the church notice board (pending Government guidance re easing of Lockdown, Social Distancing and possible meeting venues).

If, due to uncertainty, we are unable to meet, perhaps you could use the time to read the Psalm. The theme for each monthly meeting is as follows:

12 Apr	Psalm 95, v 1-7 'Come let us sing unto the Lord ...' (BCP)	Location to be advised - Boxgrove
10 May	Isaiah 40, v 31 (8 th century BCE) 'But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength'	Location to be advised - Boxgrove
14 June	Psalm 150, v 1-6 'O praise the Lord in his Holiness' (BCP)	Location to be advised - Boxgrove

Trust, the Highest Prayer

Julian of Norwich ~ 'Enfolded in Love' series edited by Robert Llewelyn



With thanks to Richard Chevis

The Problems of Littering

We are lucky to live in such a beautiful area, surrounded by amazing countryside where we can all escape the pressures of life and enjoy a wonderful walk.

Unfortunately, this beautiful countryside is continually being littered with dog poo bags, food and drink containers, wrappers, cigarette packaging, face masks and much more. Every time I went out walking it was so disheartening to see all of this rubbish lying around, which has actually got worse since lockdown due to people getting outside a lot more. It made me think, what are we doing to our planet? All this litter not only has a detrimental effect on the wild and domesticated



I then saw a post on the Facebook page which Addison from the Parish they had acquired a number hoops that residents could help. The Parish Council has waste bins around the Countryside and Village new sticks and hoops would parish clean. I asked to and since then we have

picking on our daily walks. It actually gives you a sense of achievement, purpose and sets an example to others, especially to our children, who are the next custodians of our planet who will then pass it on to future generations.

Boxgrove Community caught my eye. Paul Council mentioned that of litter picking sticks and borrow who wanted to recently installed extra parish and also takes part in Clean Up initiatives, so the assist in trying to keep the borrow one of the sticks made regular trips out litter

So, if this inspires you, or you feel passionate about the countryside, then please email the Parish Council (p.addison@boxgroveparishcouncil.gov.uk) and ask about getting involved. Every bit that gets picked up counts, and the sense of satisfaction afterwards is well worth it. I should also stress that the Parish Council does not expect anyone to put themselves at risk and litter pick along busy roads such as the A27 or A285, as this must be left to the professionals.



On a final note, the Parish Council are actively pursuing fly tipping incidents with Chichester District Council and the Police. Any evidence of the origins of the fly tipping is gathered for appropriate action by the authorities.

Charlotte Ashlin



One Sunday morning I was on sidesman's duty. We were to have a Baptism during the service, and during the first hymn a couple walked in looking lost. "Are you with the christening party?", I asked them. "No", the man replied, quick as a flash, "I belong to the Green Party".

NEWS FROM BOXGROVE WI



I mentioned in my last article that we were dipping our toes into Zoomy waters. We have now held our first Members Meeting on-line. It was wonderful to see old friends and catch up with their news. The best thing was having a good laugh. I had forgotten how important and uplifting that is. We have now set up a regular Monday Zoom Chat, we have our Committee Meetings on-line, as well as our Book Club meetings, and now we are having our monthly Members Meetings on-line. Lots of other WI's have been doing this for some time and even organise Speakers. We haven't been that adventurous but we're getting more confident all the time. We're still producing our Newsletters and Updates to help keep members in touch with all that's happening as well as phoning round to see if everyone is ok.

A great many members are out and about in Boxgrove and Halnaker doing their daily walks. We are especially grateful to the Duchess of Richmond for having extra paths marked out so that we do not have to walk on the roads. The walk is from Halnaker, going in the direction of Goodwood House, with a new path behind the hedge on the left. A mile or so along this road you have to cross the road where there is an arch in the flint wall, follow the path alongside the wall into some woodland, with primroses and bluebells. The path takes you onto an estate road near the Dairy and Nature Reserve. From there you can pick up the path through Halnaker Park or turn down the road that takes you to Redvins and the new paths along the fields.

We are now looking forward to Lockdown restrictions easing so that we can meet face-to-face, at first in the open and then in the St Blaise Centre. Of course our resources are now limited so we are going to fall back on our own talents and skills at first - and we have quite a wide range to call on, from flower arranging to flamenco dancing, just for starters.

In the meantime we continue pursuing some of our WI Campaigns such as Stop Violence against Women (very topical at the moment) and Stop Modern Slavery, and with the Climate Change Conference in Glasgow on the horizon we shall be stepping up our campaigning to encourage everyone to do all they can to help mitigate global warming.

When we're up and running properly again do come and join us. As you can see, we are an active bunch!

Good health and good wishes to everyone.

Wendy Austin-Ward
Secretary



'Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.'
Oscar Wilde

'I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but I'm afraid this wasn't it.'
Groucho Marx

BOXGROVE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN REFERENDUM 6TH MAY 2021

The Boxgrove Neighbourhood Development Plan Referendum on May 6th will ask you to vote yes or no to a question:

Do you want Chichester District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Boxgrove to decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

If more people vote 'yes' than 'no' in this referendum, Chichester District Council will use the Neighbourhood Development Plan to help it decide planning applications in Boxgrove.

If more people vote 'no' than 'yes' then planning applications will be decided without using the Neighbourhood Development Plan

To find out more about voting by post, please visit

<https://www.chichester.gov.uk/howtovote>

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<https://www.boxgrovenp.co.uk>

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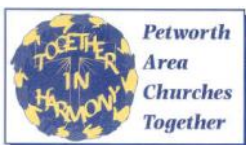
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Please call us if we can help - we look forward to being of service.



Petworth Area Churches Together (PACT)
will hold its **Spring Talk on**
Friday April 16th at 7.30 by Zoom

THE FUTURE WE DON'T KNOW

The talk will be given by Lord Dr (Michael) Hastings of Scarisbrick CBE, Chancellor of Regent's University, London.

He will speak on the intriguing title ***The future we don't know***. The title sounds rather exciting given that the future for all of us is unknown!

He is also Professor of Leadership at the Stephen R. Covey Institute, Huntsman Business School, Utah State University, a Vice-President of UNICEF and Ambassador for Tearfund. Previously Head of Citizenship at KPMG International and the BBC's Head of Public Affairs, then Head of Corporate Responsibility.



All welcome. Free via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86362967085?pwd=bEhhU0F0OS8zeEpzM00lMlBWcVg5UT09>

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More information from Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com, 01798 342151, and PACT website at <https://petworthareachurchestogether.com/>



*I bought my son a fridge for Christmas.
I can't wait to see his face light up when he opens it.*

MARY BERRY'S SIMNEL CAKE

Preparation time less than 30 mins

Cooking time over 2 hours

Serves 8 - 10



Ingredients

For the cake

175g/6oz light muscovado sugar

175g/6oz butter, softened, plus extra for greasing

175g/6oz self-raising flour

3 large free-range eggs

50g/1¾oz ground almonds

3 tbsp milk

100g/3½oz sultanas

100g/3½oz glacé cherries, quartered

100g/3½oz dried apricots, cut into small pieces

2 tsp mixed spice powder

For the topping

450g/1lb golden *marzipan

3 tbsp apricot jam

1 free-range egg, beaten

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 160C/140C Fan/Gas 3. Grease a 20cm/8in round, deep-sided, loose-bottomed tin with butter and line the base with baking paper.
2. Put the cake ingredients into a large bowl and beat together until well incorporated. Spoon half the mixture into the prepared tin and level the surface.
3. Roll one-third of the marzipan to the same size as the base of the tin and place on top of the cake mixture.
4. Spoon the remaining cake mixture on top of the marzipan and level the surface. Bake for 1¾-2 hours or until golden-brown on top and firm in the middle. If the cake is beginning to brown but not cooked through cover it with tin foil. Leave the cake to cool for 10 minutes before removing from the tin.
5. Heat the apricot jam in a pan, then brush the top of the cooled cake with a little warm jam. Roll out half of the remaining marzipan to fit the top of the cake. Place the marzipan on the cake and use your thumb to crimp around the edges .
6. Make 11 balls from the remaining marzipan and place these around the edge of the cake, fixing them to the marzipan with a little beaten egg.
7. Brush the marzipan with the egg and glaze under a hot grill for about 5 minutes (turning the cake round to ensure even browning). You can do this using a cook's blowtorch if you prefer.

* See page 18 for Ros Craven's recipe for marzipan - Ed.

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1lb marzipan needed. (This is the combined weight of sugar and ground almonds. If you're short on ground almonds, make up the weight with sugar - the marzipan will just be sweeter.)

8 oz ground almonds

4 oz caster sugar

4oz icing sugar (sifted)

1 egg

1 tbsp lemon juice

½ tbsp brandy or extra lemon juice

(2 drops of almond essence - if you choose!)

½ tsp vanilla essence

Place the almonds, caster sugar and icing sugar in a bowl and mix together. Whisk the egg with the lemon juice and other flavourings. Add this to the dry mixture, pounding lightly to release a little of the almond oil. Knead with your hands until the paste is smooth.

(If too dry, add extra lemon juice. If too wet, add a bit more ground almond/sugar.)



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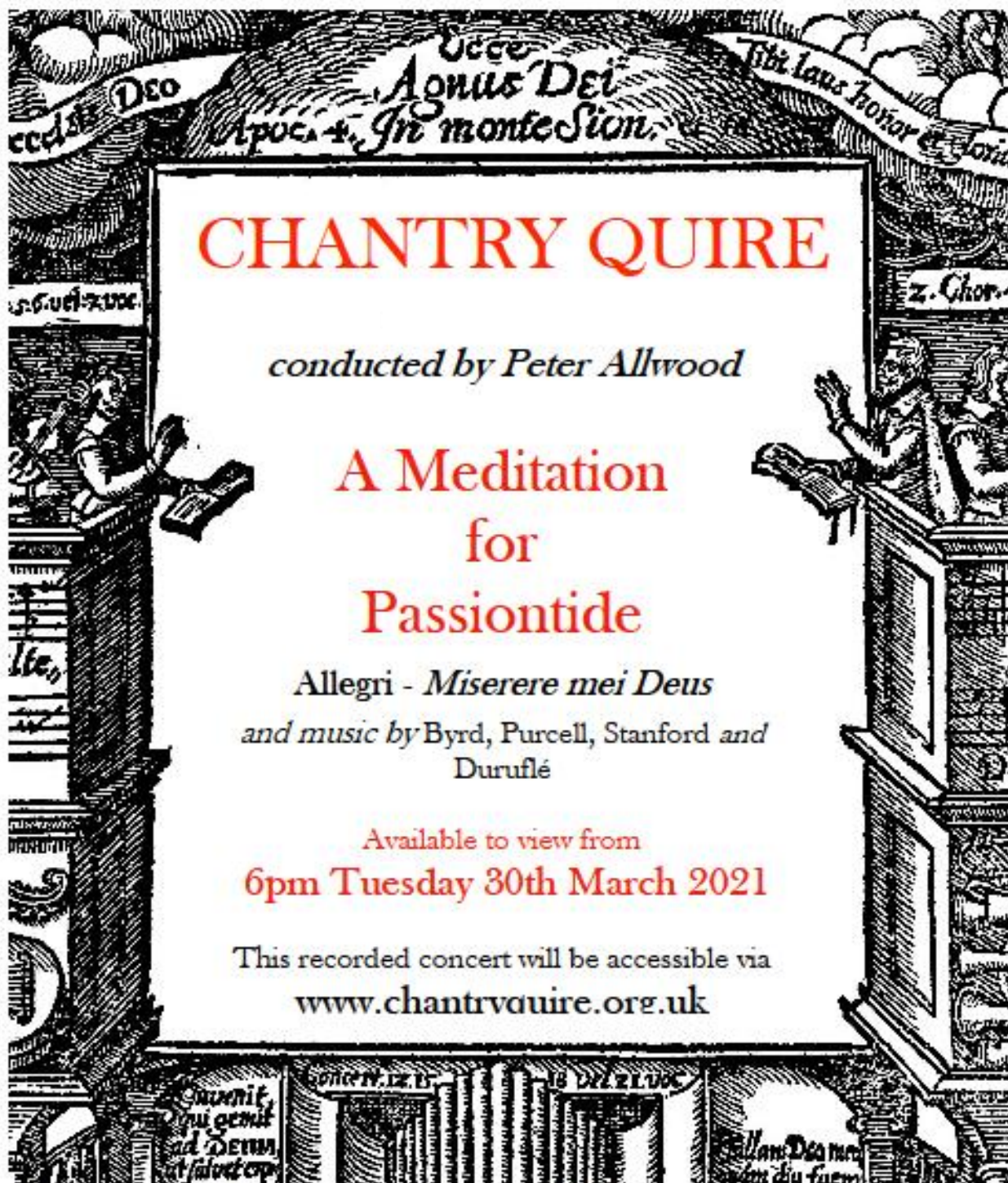
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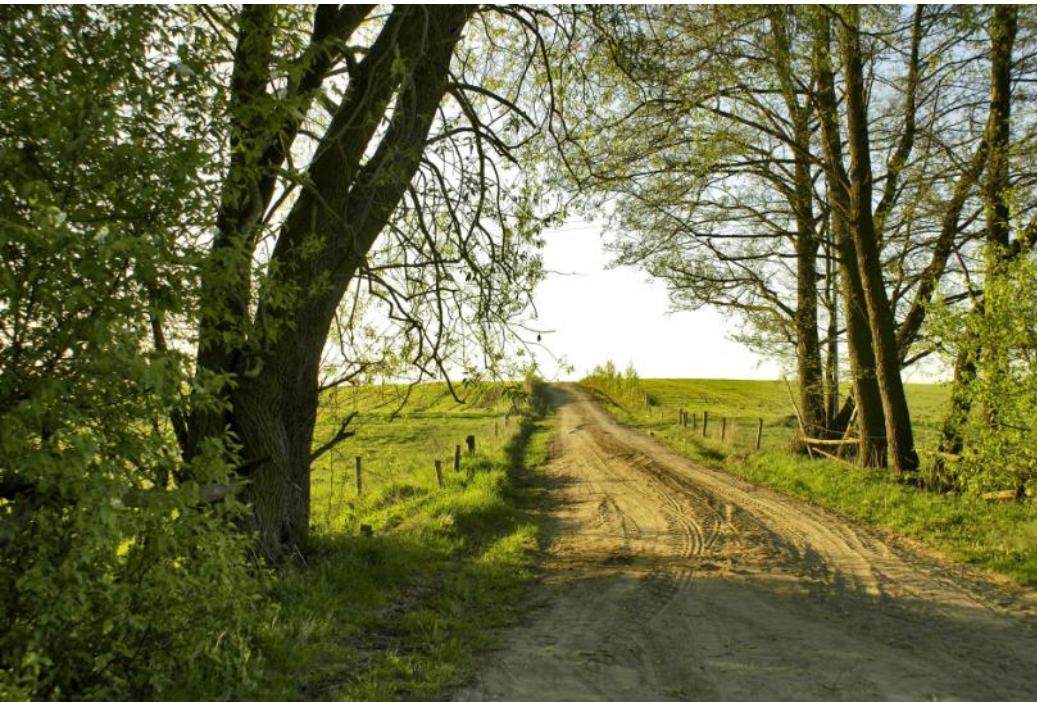
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The latest Prime Country property trends in West Sussex

By Jennifer Hancock, Director at Property Acquisitions



As we fast approach one year since the UK's first national lockdown, I have noticed a surge in global traffic on my website over the last twelve months – up 1,368%. The top three nationalities are the UK, US and China, with other top ten long-haul visitors including Singapore, Japan, India and Australia. 62% of enquiries I have received since the pandemic began are now from London buyers, with rural and waterside villages highly sought after as the need to live

close to work or a train station is replaced with the desire for amenities such as a good pub, village shop and, for the coastal locations, access to the water.

So what trends am I seeing in the Prime Country property market as a result of Covid-19?

Premiums for water access or views

Due to their popularity, buyers are prepared to pay a premium to be near the water. The premiums paid are very much focused around having a good sea view or direct access, rather than square footage. Generally, the houses requiring renovation attract the higher premium as the new owners have the benefit of doing their own thing to it.

Large, detached houses dotted along East Strand and West Strand in West Wittering rarely come up for sale because they tend to go from generation to generation. Commanding panoramic views over the Solent with direct access to the beach in front, and being so rare, these sell for around £3-£5m if not more now.

Prices in the nearby pretty sailing villages of Itchenor and Bosham share a similar story. There is a huge premium on the plot value, with views and water access all high priority. For example, I recently went to sealed bids on a £3.5million property which was being sold off-market on one of Itchenor's most sought after waterside addresses. It came with a jetty and stunning water views but needed updating, and all of the interested parties were cash buyers. All represented by buying agents, the property sold well over the asking price.

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Separate outbuildings that can be turned into a facility or somewhere for a hobby

The great thing about rural homes around the £1million plus mark is that generally they already have the land to build on. Today, any type of outbuilding that has been designed as a facility or somewhere to practice a hobby can add up to 10% onto the value of the home. For example home offices, an annexe or yoga studios are very popular. I know quite a few people who have built large working spaces outside very recently. They're also a great way of getting additional accommodation you can rent out, as the lettings market in Chichester is phenomenal, especially around the time of Goodwood events. One lady I know has transformed her shed into an Air B&B for this very reason.

A separate boot room and/or utility room

With the dog market taking off, a separate boot room and/or utility room has become much more valuable to country buyers, as they're great spaces for washing the mud off your dogs after a lovely walk in the local countryside.

Moving to second home locations permanently

Another trend starting to emerge is for second homeowners looking to live permanently where they have enjoyed their weekend getaways over the years. For example, we have a client who purchased a second home in Itchenor in the 90s, and is now looking to upgrade within the village full-time.

Village amenities

Recent clients from London are requesting the 50-year time lapse when choosing a village home now, seeking the quintessentially picturesque set up. They're now asking for a village shop they can walk or cycle to, a church, croquet, cricket lawns, gardens open to the public, summer fetes and even local dog shows.

Moving away from train stations

Around 20% of my London buyers no longer want to be within ten minutes from a main railway station. One of my clients is looking for a country house between £3.5-£5million in the Midhurst area. That is slightly further out, but Haslemere train station is still only a fifteen-to-twenty-minute drive for when they need to get there. Instead, they are focusing on seeking their "forever home" which boasts a superb country lifestyle, is right on their doorstep and somewhere they can have a good home office.

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After the Baptism of his baby brother in church, little Denis sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father couldn't get out of him what was wrong until finally Denis replied, "That priest said he wanted us brought up in a good Christian home, but I want to stay with you".

Goodbye open plan

Before the pandemic, people were very keen to have a kitchen breakfast room, but now they're wanting separate reception rooms in order to have some privacy. Therefore, open plan properties are currently attracting a more limited market. I'm hearing reports of owners of older properties actually putting walls back in!

The villages most popular with my clients

Rural Villages	Waterside Villages
Lodsworth	Itchenor
Balls Cross	Bosham
Graffham	Dell Quay
Duncton	West Strand, West Wittering
West Stoke	Birdham
Singleton	Chidham
South Harting	Church Norton
Heyshott	Emsworth
Lickfold	East Strand, West Wittering
Treyford	

In summary ...

The coronavirus pandemic has fuelled a vast number of people moving out of London and into the 'golden villages' in and around Chichester. I believe this momentum will continue throughout 2021 and into 2022, and over the long-term country houses in this area should continue to appreciate with their prices remaining high.

The positive of Covid-19 is that it has forced people to re-evaluate their lives. Villages just outside of Chichester's city centre are in increasingly high demand, whilst pretty locations slightly further out, such as Lodsworth, Graffham, Singleton, Heyshott and Treyford, have become extraordinarily popular of late - in fact, I've had more people looking in these patches during the pandemic than I have done for fifteen years. They may be a further five-to-ten-minute drive from a main line station, but as more people are choosing to work from home or only wish to travel into London once a week, they are seeking something slightly more rural. Gone are the days of being on a train at 6am and struggling home for 8pm. Instead, wellbeing and a healthy lifestyle have shot to the top of people's priorities and requirements.

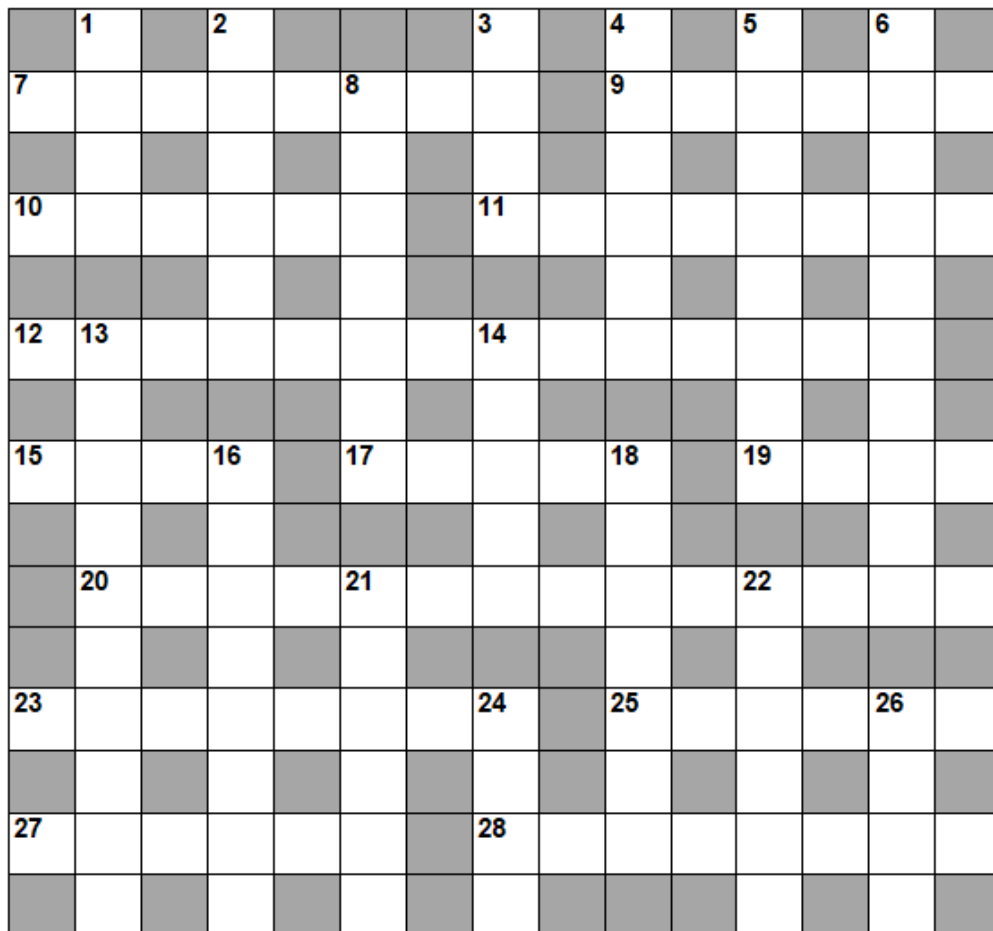
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The vicar announced that they would be having an additional font placed in the church so that babies could be baptised at both ends.

CORONAVIRUS CONUNDRUM

As before, no prizes - solution next month!



Across

- 7 Retained equilibrium, though canal bed was disturbed (8)
- 9 Dreadful outcome of retrograde cigar trade (6)
- 10 How inapt a surface oxidation results (6)
- 11 Identical status, even though possibly 'different' (8)
- 12 Be satisfied with what you have - and you may find a tweeter in your palm! (1,4,2,3,4)
- 15 A group of countries mentioned in Pablo Casals' biography (4)
- 17 Aides mémoires - especially needed by musicians, perhaps! (5)
- 19 Ingests, chews (4)
- 20 Where Judy Garland was looking? (4,3,7)
- 23 Impacted - by putting on airs and graces (8)
- 25 This piece of volcanic rock could actually help smooth things over (6)
- 27 Search for a clearer word for a prophet! (6)
- 28 Thwart - as the old lag discovered! (8)

Down

- 1 Facts found in Linda Taylor's notebook? (4)
- 2 Less prone to do any work - in fact a glass fitter who hasn't even begun ... (6)
- 3 Boundary formed from part of a hedge (4)
- 4 Sounds like an air you could get used to (6)
- 5 Get too close to the back of a van - precisely! (8)
- 6 Same again - and again: agreed (5,5)
- 8 Coral in distress - a demand not to be ignored (7)
- 13 Menu - offering a destructive ball of fire? (4,2,4)
- 14 Tenth of income paid in 'tax' to the Church (5)
- 16 Men cycle all over the place - have mercy! (8)
- 18 Rap hens to confuse them - while doing this to the knife?! (7)
- 21 Named; honoured (6)
- 22 Son of Cush, grandson of Ham, and 'mighty hunter' (Genesis 10) (6)
- 24 Pack; embellish; floor (naut. & slang) (4)
- 26 Once cooked, this can hold something cold and delicious! (4)

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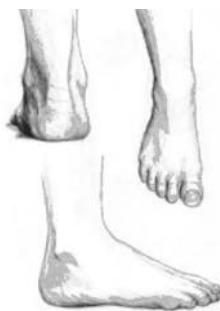


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