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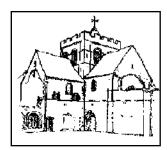
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# Who's Who in Boxgrove

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### From Father Norman....

### Looking forward......

There are some words on the end of the Lord's Prayer which are known as the Embolism and which are found in the Eucharist.

Deliver us O Lord from every evil and grant us peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin, and safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ......

The idea of looking forward comes in many different guises in the Scriptures and in the Liturgy.

In the psalms, looking forward involves recognising and relying on God's eternal nature. Psalm27 is a particularly good example. In fact, many of the psalms echo the 'looking forward' message – too many to list here, but worth seeking out and easily stumbled across.

In a few weeks, if you haven't spotted it already, we shall be bombarded with Christmas items in the shops - everything supposedly to provide us with an easier way of coping with the season. Larders are crammed with goodies, freezers (maybe more than one) are getting full.

As I was thinking about looking forward, I suddenly remembered something from childhood which was full of anticipation —

The Five Boys Chocolate Bar. This was launched in 1902 and continued until 1976. I'm sure many of us remember it —

Desperation – Pacification – Expectation – Acclamation – Realization.

I remember learning the meanings of those words- full of expectation and looking ahead, and hoping that my efforts would win me a bar.

I suppose many people would see Christmas as a time of great excitement and it's right for the Church to be involved, but I fear we often neglect the Season of Advent, which is a very distinctive time and emphasises our waiting for the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

This year we have the additional opportunity to await the coming of Father Dominic and to pray for him as he begins the new phase of his ministry as our Parish Priest.

### THE BUGLE

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### Boxgrove Junior Church

Come and join us at the St Blaise Centre in Boxgrove at 16:30 for 30 minutes of activities before the mass @ 5, every second Sunday of the month (excluding school holidays.)

We use craft activities, games, songs and stories to help us learn more about Christian teachings.

After Junior Church, we walk over to church together, to meet up with parents and carers and to enjoy Mass @5.

We cannot wait to see you at the next Junior Church.

Vicky Willavise



# From the Registers

Weddings

Kristoff & Krista

# **CALENDAR AND INTERCESSIONS**

### **OCTOBER**

1 2 3 4	Wed Thu Fri Sat	Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, 'The Holy Guardian Angels <b>Dedication of Chichester Cat</b> Saint Francis of Assisi		Abused children Those in Danger The Cathedral Staff The Unity of Creation		
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П	Sat	Saint Ethelburga, Abbess		The lonely		
12	SUN ST WILFRID, BISHOP, SECONDARY DIOCESAN PATRON  Parish and People					
13 14 15 16	Thu	Saint Edward the Confessor (28 <sup>th</sup> Feria Saint Teresa of Avila Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Vi	rgin	England Christian unity The Carmelites Closeness to the Heart of Jesus		
17 18	Fri Sat	Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr  Saint Luke the Evangelist		Christian writers The Ministry of Healing		
19 20 21 22 23 24 25	SUN Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat	Feria		Parish and people Christians in Sussex Walsingham The Parish of Lessay Saint Stephen's House Mirfield Abused children & Recovering adults		
26	SUN	LAST AFTER TRINITY	(30 <sup>th</sup> Week)	Parish and people		
27 28 29 30 31	Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri	Feria Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles Feria Feria Feria		Those caring for the dying Bishops everywhere Addicts Greater patience The Peace of the World		

# **BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL**

From the Parish Council, September 2025



The Council met on Monday the 8th and unfortunately the internet connection failed and we had to manage with the Clerk only appearing on a Members Laptop, not a satisfactory arrangement. However, we coped. Several Planning Applications were considered, the proposal for a Logistics Hub on land at Temple Bar which the Council did not support essentially because of the potential impact of the high increase in traffic movements associated with such an enterprise, no established need of a distribution hub and it is contrary to the new Adopted Local Plan which has no inclusion for this type of Employment Space. A proposal for 265 new homes on land at Maudlin Farm, in the neighbouring Parish of Westhampnett was objected to again, on the grounds of poor access proposals for the site and again, the impact of yet more traffic on Stane Street in addition to the Rolls Royce Motor Cars extension which anticipates a further increase in the workforce all using this now very busy road. The application for 9 new dwellings on land adjacent to The Folly accessed off the A285 was considered. Members referred to previously developed Oakford Park and permitted development, though yet to come forward, of Rohan Stables as sufficient development for Halnaker. But compared to the 120 plus so far built in Boxgrove, the additional housing in Halnaker would be appropriate. As this development has been 'on the table' for some time and it features as acceptable housing in our reviewed Neighbourhood Plan, the Council agreed to support this application, but concerns were expressed regarding the capacity of the sewage pipe work in the road through Halnaker. Southern Water have recently carried out some remedial work to this network, hopefully this should address this concern. A final application for remedial works to a Grade II listed building, The Cottage, in Crockerhill was supported.

It was reported that a certain amount of 'tidying up' of the Commercial Vehicle workshop has taken place which is welcome though not before time. There still remains one immobile coach parked in front of the Winterton Arms PH but assurance has been given that this will be moved soon?

The excessive noise emissions from the Goodwood Energy Centre at Redvins Barns has been a 'hot potato' of late with reports of noise from Halnaker, Boxgrove and Strettington, such that the CDC Environment Protection became involved and a site visit was arranged on the 5th. This bio-mass installation has been plagued with many issues since its inception. Noise from cooling fans, problems with feed in of the fuels, straw and chipped wood, and recently noise emanating from the flue chimney. A baffle deflector has been introduced into the flue but this hasn't achieved the expected reduction in noise and further adjustments are required. If and when?

the noise can finally be reduced, noise measurements will be undertaken by CDC EP Officers at various locations around the site.

Traffic calming continues with frequent scheduled attendances of the volunteer teams in Boxgrove and Halnaker. Unfortunately a consideration of average speed devices on the A285 through Halnaker has sadly not resulted in much enthusiasm from WSCC or the Sussex Police.

There has been further dialogue with WSCC Connected Kerb promotors with a view to introduce a new Electric Vehicle charging point to replace the inoperative unit in the Village Hall Car Park but for three reasons progress on this will be slow. They prefer, because of the cost, to install a dual charging unit but this would be a slow 7 Kw capacity charger really only suitable for overnight 6-8 hour charging periods. It would take up two parking spaces of the car park but these would not be designated exclusively for EVs so if anyone else parked in them they would be inaccessible for charging purposes. And they prefer to take power directly from the National Grid so there would be no financial benefit to the VH, and a leasing agreement would be required for the two parking spaces in our car park. Too many hurdles I fear to progress this idea further. Meanwhile, we shall pursue what can be done with the existing EV unit.

Henry Potter
Chairman of the Council.



## Flowers in the Priory

In the absence of any other volunteers I have offered to coordinate the flower rota for The Priory but to date I have only managed to recruit four people from the original rota of twelve, who are willing to serve.

There is no flower fund, as in the past, the flower arrangers have given the flowers, arranged the flowers and cleared them away after their two week rostered duty. We do however have a good stock of silk flowers which can be used. The rostered duty occurs two or three times a year.

I would love to hear from anyone in the congregation who is willing to join the team. The plan will be to have one station for flowers to reduce the commitment and cost.

Please do get in touch as I cannot undertake this without your help.

Thank you
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# Future Energy Landscapes FREE WORKSHOP!

Curious how Boxgrove could power up with local renewables?

Come explore the possibilities - from solar to wind power - using locally produced renewable energy, right here in our community.

Join us at Boxgrove Village Hall

Wed, 8th October, 7.00 to 9.30pm.

Reserve your FREE space.

For more information:

https://esd.energy/events/future-energy-landscapes

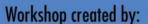


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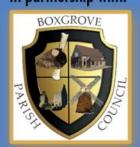
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# Boxgrove Village Hall

### Hello from the Hall!

The C word (yes, Christmas!) is only a couple of months away.. no matter how much you try and avoid it in the early days, avoid it too much and you'll suddenly find yourself in a bit of a panic come the second week of December when you realise it's only 10 days away...! With that said, we have you covered! Christmas is coming early to Boxgrove this year so you can start your shopping local at our Christmas in Boxgrove event on Sunday 23rd November from 12pm-3pm.

With plenty of local businesses selling beautiful bakes, crafts and gifts (as well as locally made wreaths available) why not come along and get Christmas ready with us, whilst supporting your local community centre? We will be fundraising on the day with a Christmas raffle and by selling hot drinks and sweet treats to get you feeling festive.

If you have little ones, we have them covered, too. With Nick Clarke local magician performing, alongside our usual Christmas trail around the hall and free children's crafts, there's lots to keep the littlest members of the community entertained! We can't wait to welcome you along...

Until next time...!



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

# On locally.....

"Hurrah for Shippams" at The Novium Museum (Admission free)

"Chichester 950 Light Show" at the Cathedral (October 24th to 31st) - see <a href="https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/chihcester950-light-experience">https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/chihcester950-light-experience</a>





Unearthed right here in Boxgrove, these 500,000-year-old human fossils reveal the life of our ancient ancestors—skilled hunters and toolmakers shaping the story of early humans in Britain.

Tony Tynan first came to the area in 1982 as part of the Archaeological team which discovered the site, and subsequently ran the excavations on the 'Boxgrove Man' project

Join us at Sage House:

Wednesday 29th October - 6pm - 7.30pm
£10 per person, includes Tea/Coffee and Cake.

Spaces are limited so make sure to book early!



Tickets are available to book online or at Sage House reception



www.dementiasupport.org.uk/whats-on

### Wayfinding Advice Bus - increasing access to dementia support



Dementia advice will become more accessible and reach more people across Chichester and Arun Districts, with the launch of Sage House Tangmere's new Wayfinding Advice Bus. Sage House, a local and independent dementia charity, is launching this innovative new service to help more people access face to face dementia advice and emotional support.

The Wayfinding Advice Bus has been designed to bring the charity's unique Wayfinding service to local communities, through a mobile consultation room offering private dementia advice appointments and drop-ins. Sage House's free of charge Wayfinding service provides both practical advice and emotional support to make sense of the journey ahead. Their team of Wayfinders provide appointments and follow-up support in-person or over the phone. Families speak to the same Wayfinder every time - providing a familiar voice from someone who understands their specific needs.

Dementia affects people in different ways with a myriad of symptoms and people's needs change as the illness further impacts their life. Wayfinders help to reduce anxiety and the risk of carer burnout by helping people to navigate these changes. By providing accurate and accessible information, they help people to make informed decisions at each stage from coping with a diagnosis, accessing further care, through to end of life.

Purchase and conversion of the vehicle was entirely funded through grants from SGN, Clothworkers Foundation and the Friends of Midhurst Community Hospital, enabling the launch of this new service. Alongside attending the charity's six Outreach venues across the two districts, the Wayfinding team will be popping up at different locations across the county, including GP Surgeries, Village Fairs, Cafes and other community venues locally. A full list of locations is available monthly from <a href="https://www.dementiasupport.org.uk/bus">www.dementiasupport.org.uk/bus</a>

The launch of the new service is just one of the ways in which Sage House continues to respond to the growing need for dementia support in our local community. As a charity, Sage House relies on donations, grants and fundraising to continue providing a range of innovative services. With the launch of the new advice bus, the charity is reaching out to the local community to raise much needed funds towards their Wayfinding service. The service is entirely funded through donations and receives no statutory funding.

Visit <u>www.dementiasupport.org.uk/support-us</u> to find out the different ways you can get involved.

# **Boxgrove Belles**

Due to submission dates for the Bugle, and our meeting dates, it's been a while since our last article so there are a few more details than usual.

For the July meeting – our very own Sheena led us in a relaxing afternoon with a further exploration of Sound Therapy. I think one or two of us were at risk of nodding off when Sheena was using the sound bowls – it was so soothing; such a pleasant respite from the draw of domesticity.

There was no August meeting as many of our members are either on holiday or on Grandparent duties whilst the children are on school holidays.

At the September meeting we were delighted to welcome Sarah Oldridge who gave a talk and presentation entitled 'Through the Seasons at Kew and Wakehurst'. Sarah had worked for Kew Gardens for 30 years and had a wonderful knowledge of the history of the Royal Botanical Gardens and the establishment, development and beauty of both gardens. Her talk was illustrated with some stunning photographs of the gardens through the seasons and highlighted their beauty even in the midst of winter. Both gardens are well worth a visit and Kew has some amazing buildings/glass houses, many open to the public. Sarah also spoke of the vast collections of botanical species held in the seed banks at both locations — the hope is that all known species can be protected against extinction/destruction.

Interestingly, our October speaker is talking on 'Poisonous Plants'!

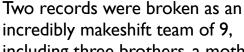
Boxgrove Belles meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month (excluding August) in the St Blaise Centre. Visitors and new members are assured of a warm welcome; we would love to see you. Tea/coffee and cake are served at each meeting and the range of speakers that we have is a testament to the hard work of Gill in sourcing them/ organising the speakers' programme.

We also have a gardening group who maintain the border beside the St Blaise Centre; a book group who, at the time of writing this, are reading Elizabeth is Missing by Emma Healey. As each member of the book group chooses books in turn, the mix of books is wide and eclectic, ensuring that there is something for everyone during the year. It's also a wonderful way to be introduced to new genres and new authors. We take turns to host the morning – more tea/coffee and cake/biscuits Our craft/sewing group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 2pm, again, in the St Blaise Centre. We were recently making poppies, knitted, crochet or fabric. Our members either choose what they want to stitch and take the opportunity to progress with items that they have underway, or we work on ideas as a group (i.e. the poppies). A couple of our group are in the process of making mug carriers and mug rugs. It's a lovely, relaxed and friendly afternoon – and there is tea/coffee and biscuits – of course!! At our September meeting we will be making corn dollies.

## **Boxgrove Cricket Club**

Our penultimate update for the season provides details on two close games.

# 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – Lynchmere CC (243/6) vs Boxgrove CC (204/7)







including three brothers, a mother/father/son, and a new captain, travelled to Lynchmere to play a competitive draw in a timed-game in sweltering hot conditions. Boxgrove won the toss and elected to field but quickly found that the starting pace attack was bowling on a pitch made for spin as Lynchmere quickly built up a strong lead. Enter Thijs Geraets, I4-year-old off spinner, who became Boxgrove's youngest ever taker of 5 wickets in a game. His first caught at slip by captain Robin Wilcox, his second a caught-and-bowled, with brother Eli then taking 3 further catches to help his brother claim the record. With the timed element of the game, Lynchmere batted for the

entire 2 and a half hours to build up a commendable 243 runs.

It looked tough for Boxgrove, with opener Kirsty Booker bowled first ball, with batter number 3 Roman Geraets then being bowled on his second ball, left 'Grove 0 for 2 after 3 balls. However, batting much higher up the order than usual, both Thijs and Eli settled Boxgrove down. Thijs scored 19, his highest total for Boxgrove, before being caught, but it was Eli who claimed record number two for the day – becoming the youngest batter to score over a hundred for Boxgrove. He ended the session not out, lasting the 2 and a half hours, scoring 127.

The last batter who scored their first 100 for the club was over 11 years ago, with Ali Mugford claiming that record in 2014 – the thirteenth person to claim that. Eli became number 14, but it wasn't too long until number 15 came along...

# 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 – West Chiltington and Thakeham CC (202/5) vs Boxgrove CC (192)

After Boxgrove's game against Pathfinder was called off as the opposing side was unable to get a team, West Chiltington and Thakeham CC stepped in to provide a game.

This was another game which went close, with the game being settled in the last over. The hosts batted first but there were two controversies within the first 10 overs. First, the opening batter was caught at slip by Robin Wilcox but the umpires didn't

hear a clear nick and the guilty-looking batter decided not to walk. Three overs later, similarly, wicket keeper David Attmore caught their other opener with a nick heard back at the pavilion, but again the batter refused to walk off. Luckily, after some conversation, the two umpires agreed they heard a nick after all, and the first wicket was gained. Wickets were shared around the team, with Thijs Geraets and Xander Arman both getting two and John Arman getting 1.

After waiting I I years for someone new to get their maiden century for the club, we had a second in as many weeks, with John Arman finally clinching his hundred after a few scores in the nineties. Opener John scored 104 off 18 balls, with Eli Geraets and Xander Arman chipping in with 34 and 20 respectively. However, once those two were dispatched, John was left watching batter after batter score low and get out. It came to the last 3 overs, where Boxgrove required 30 runs – after a promising start which included John claiming his first century, two run outs shortly followed and three wickets fell in the last over, with Boxgrove losing by 10 runs.



Plans have already started for next season where the club are looking at options for the ground maintenance, sponsorship, fixtures and many more. If you wish to support in any matter, please reach out to Chairman Mark Holl via email <a href="mailto:boxgroveccfixtures@outlook.com">boxgroveccfixtures@outlook.com</a>

We are again very thankful for Glanvilles Solicitors for their sponsorship this year.

Robin Wilcox

# Petworth House & Park News for October

Petworth House and Park, Church Street, Petworth, GU28 0AE



Details at https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth

# Turner's Vision at Petworth exhibition 21 June – 16 November

A specially curated selection of J.M.W Turner's artistic studies of the Petworth landscape, exhibited in the very place that inspired him.

£10 per adult, £5 per child, under 5s go free. No pre-booking required. Normal admission to Petworth House also applies.

### **Little Antlers**

# 3 September – 7 November, every Wednesday and Friday 10.30am - 11.30am.

Roll up your sleeves and dive into our crafts and activities, specially designed for our littlest visitors, aged 2 to 4. These activities include storytelling, make and take crafts, and occasionally take place outdoors, so come prepared!

Normal admission applies. No booking required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Deer Rut Guided Walk**

# 20th, 21st, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 27th, 28th & 29th October 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Discover more about the annual deer rut in Petworth Park on this 2-hour guided walk.

£5 per adult, children go free.

Booking essential. Please call 0344 249 1895, or book through our website.

# Petworth's Academy of Witches and Wizards 18 October – 2 November

Visit us this October half term to join Petworth's Academy of Witches and Wizards! Take part in our fun-filled Halloween trail around the gardens, where you will join one of Petworth's 'houses' to learn how to master some magical skills.

Recommended for ages 4 and up, little ones may need help.

This trail is free, normal admission charges apply, no booking required.

### A Christmas Enchantment at Petworth House 29 November – 4 January

Step into a Christmas Enchantment - a midwinter journey through Petworth House. Inspired by the Winter Solstice and the shifting rhythms of nature, the grand state rooms transform into a dreamlike world of overgrown wonder. There will be choirs

singing, late openings, wreathmaking, a Christmas makers market, and much more. Normal admission charges apply, no booking required.

### Christmas Makers Market 29 November, 10am-6.30pm & 30 November, 10am-4pm

Find your Christmas presents and a treat for yourself at this festive makers market, featuring high quality artisan gifts. You'll find a range of beautiful handmade products including jewellery, homewares, textiles and art. This event is held in partnership with Petworth Pop Up.



# **Update: Cream Teas at the Priory**

Cream teas at Boxgrove were another tremendous success.

During all five Sunday afternoons in August, visitors to the St Blaise Centre enjoyed gorgeous home-made scones and mouthwatering home-made cake with tea or coffee, most choosing to sit out in the delightful garden adjoining the Centre. The weather was kind throughout. While it was a little cloudy on the first Sunday, the other four Sundays were beautifully sunny and pleasantly, not excessively, warm.

What was particularly lovely to see was a large number of young families as well as many visitors from outside the parish.

There was a good holiday atmosphere with a number of guests lingering long after they had finished tea, in some cases ordering second helpings. It was particularly gratifying that a number of guests came more than once. We welcomed lots of friendly and generally well-behaved dogs too.

We were delighted to raise a record total of £2,507.80p, almost double last year's profit; the £583 taken on the final Sunday was a record for a single Sunday.

A huge thank you to all who helped in any way - the bakers, the kitchen staff, those front of house, and the churchwardens - to make the 2025 August cream teas so successful. We look forward to doing it all over again next year!

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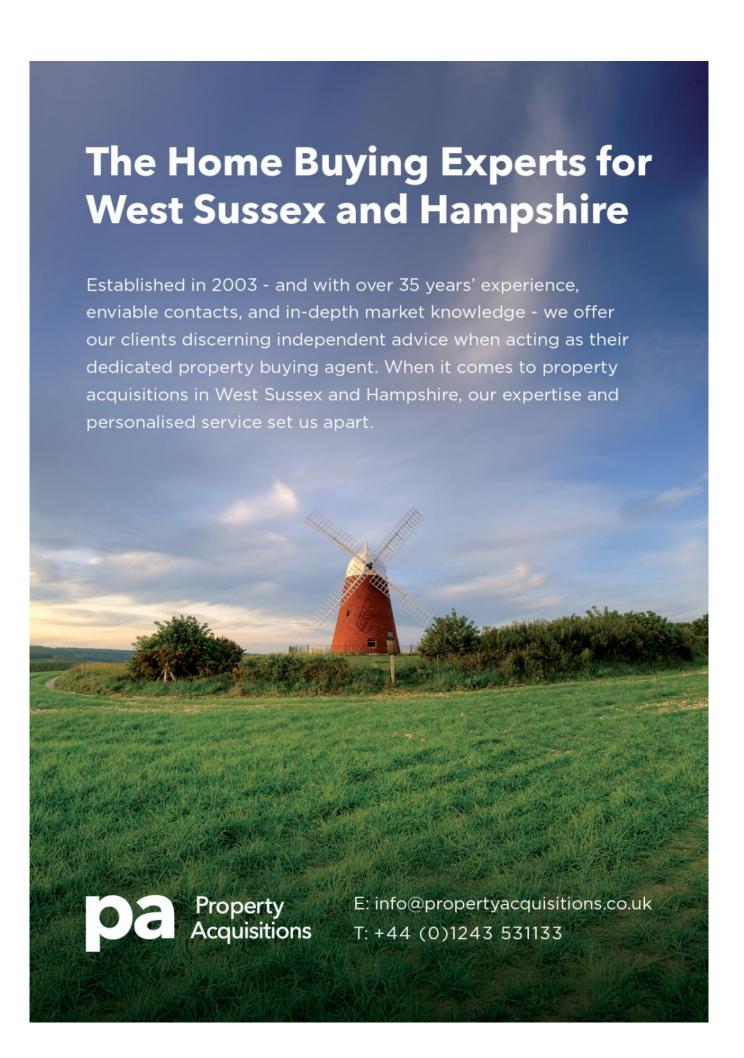












# Is the tide turning once more? This is why now could be a key moment for upsizers



After several years of a strong seller's market, we are beginning to see a shift in West Sussex. The pace is slowing, price expectations are softening and buyers are gaining more leverage - especially those who are proceedable or buying with cash.

We have been through many "ups and downs" of the property market and of course, our clients are always keen to buy when the timing is right - but when is this? We all wish we had a crystal ball, but history and experience tells us that moment could be soon.

In 2008 there was the global financial crash, when prices fell by approximately 15-20%. They then stabilised in 2009 before beginning to rise again later in 2012/13, especially in the Southeast. More recently came Brexit in 2016, leading to considerable uncertainty, followed by the race for space and associated price boom of Covid in 2020. Since then, during 2022 to 2025, we have seen inflation and higher interest rates, as well as tax changes which have caused a market correction.

When prices will bottom out is the big question, but our advice is don't leave it too late. The property market is like a bad haircut: it will grow out! At the point at which prices start to rise again, you will once again face stiff competition from buyers, so the best time to buy is often a few months before that point, before the switch from a buyer's to a seller's market.

### A buyer's market suits upsizers

While downsizers often benefit in a buoyant market, today's conditions are tilting in favour of upsizers. With top-end property prices stabilising and competition easing, buyers looking to move into larger homes now have more room to negotiate, particularly if they are in a strong financial position. Also, a 10% discount on a more expensive property is worth more than a 10% discount on the cheaper one they're selling.

By contrast, downsizers may face more challenges selling their current homes at peak prices, especially with mortgage rates impacting mid-market demand.

### Proceedable buyers have the edge

In the current market, sellers are prioritising certainty over pricing. Being a cash buyer, or at least chain-free and mortgage approved, is a major advantage. It means a quicker, cleaner transaction with less risk of fall-through.

As a buying agent, I work exclusively with proceedable buyers, and I am seeing a clear trend: estate agents are contacting us more often, offering access to quality homes before they reach the open market - but only for serious, proceedable purchasers.

### More choice of properties

We are seeing the return of off-market opportunities and early access for strong buyers. There is around 30% more supply to choose from compared to this time last year, including really fantastic one-off family homes that in some cases haven't changed hands in decades. Some of these are being sold by holiday home owners, as a result of rising costs including the doubling of council tax for second homes.

For upsizers, particularly those with equity or cash, the coming months could be the most favourable opportunity in years to secure a prime country home.

For help and advice on finding a property in West Sussex and the Surrey and Hampshire borders, please contact Jennie Hancock on jh@propertyacquisitions.co.uk or call 07776 452128.



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# The Optimistic Gardener Bee-lieve Me! It's Worth Every Penny

Have you ever wondered why you can peruse the shelves of comestibles at the supermarket and be presented with an array of honeys starting at £1.66 and ending at £14.50

for a 450g jar of the amber nectar?

Of course many honeys are not sold in pound jars (that is 454g for the younger generation) but 180g, 225g, 227g, 340g etc. etc. but for the sake of comparison let's stick to the honey jar which Winnie the Pooh would have recognised - which I'm sure was 1lb.

Doing a lot of head-numbing research I have discovered the following variations in price.

Asda classic runny honey £1.66 for 454g

There are even cheaper 'honeys' if you include those which are blended with sugar syrup - a practice delightfully known as 'honey laundering' but that's certainly not playing by the rules.

Manuka honey from New Zealand 500g (they don't do pound jars!) £1,300! A company which sells their honey for £1,300 must have a very good spin doctor - that or they milk each bee by hand!

But if you think that is a bit pricey you should look into buying a bottle of Elvish honey. It sells exclusively in Harrods (where else?) for up to £5,500 per pound. As far as expensive honeys go, Elvish honey is the most expensive in the world. Here is what the Harrods website says about it:

This honey is harvested from deep inside a cave in Turkey's Saricayir Valley. It isn't produced in traditional hives. Instead, it's gathered from high cave walls nearly 6,000 feet above sea level. Local climbers rappel into the

cave once a year to collect it. Minerals from the cave give Elvish honey a distinct composition that's prized for potential health benefits. Its rarity is what drives the price so high.

Harrods has exclusive rights to sell this **Elvish honey**. Their website has



a lot of interesting photos of where this honey originates. They invite 33 individuals to be part of next year's waiting list to obtain a sample.



The most expensive honey in the world

Yes! I looked for the date of 1st April on the page as well - but, as far as I can see, this is kosher.

Go into any National Trust shop when you are out on the cultural trail and you will find a mind-blowing variety of jars purporting to be honey: Ginger & Turmeric infused honey; Spirit honey (I rather like the sound of this one!); Scotch bonnet hot honey drizzle; I could go on! For instance - it wasn't until my hairdresser told me that all the rage in London restaurants these days is a drizzle of chilli honey. What will they think of next?

But I'm not really concerned with honey selling for silly money but with the artisan honey which you see in the UK selling for well above the Asda price. Why is it so much more than £1.66?

I know why local honey is so expensive compared to Asda's classic. It takes the beekeeper as well as the bees a huge amount it effort to end up with a jar of bee juice (as one celebrity bee-keeper calls it). Firstly you have to make sure the bees are happy with their residence and don't plan to swarm taking a huge proportion of the crop with them. They need to be checked weekly in the season to ensure that they have enough space for the queen to lay as well as enough larder space for storing the honey.



Teetering towers of honey

Then when the bees have exhausted themselves travelling hundreds of miles to bring back the nectar and pollen they need to reduce the liquid honey to a consistency which will store indefinitely and not turn into Mead! When the water content of the honey has been reduced to less than 17% they will cap over the cells with more wax and store it for the long days of winter.

Then that pesky beekeeper comes along and steals most of it!

As I keep bees for pleasure I have no need to take all the honey away - after all I do have a couple of pensions and don't rely on my 'High Trees Honey' business. So I leave them with ample supplies to take them through the winter and only take away the excess. Then the really hard work begins. We have a week of stickiness. You would be amazed at the places which honey ends up when you are 'enjoying' the spinning week.

The first job is to take off that wax layer with which the bees have spent hours covering the cells. I've tried various methods including using a hair dryer to melt off the thin layer of wax - but then you lose a lot of the valuable wax which can later be played with in candle-making.

I've tried an uncapping tool to prise off the wax but with all those sharp points this makes the uncapping process a shade hazardous.



A pristine frame of pure capped honey



Uncapping tool

My final solution is (as is often the case) the simplest. I use a sharp knife with quite a long blade. The reserved wax often is covered in traces of the honey but this can be drained off later and added to the harvest. The knife has to be kept sharp in between batches. I've still got 10 digits though I always have waterproof sticking plasters at hand.

Once the wax is removed from both sides of each frame, four of them are placed in the spinner - a large plastic bucket essentially with space for 4 upright frames which



4 frame tangential honey spinner

can be spun at great speed to fling out the honey to the sides by centrifugal force. Then the frames need to be lifted out and turned around so the inner faces can enjoy the same treatment. More stickiness!

Once the honey reaches a certain level in the bucket it needs to be drained out into a settling tank otherwise the spinning cages won't turn through the gelatinous liquid at the bottom.

It is all very hard work and by the end of the process you need that "spin doctor" to treat the aching muscles. My favourite part of the whole process is the



The final product

bottling when you see the result of the years' labour. I have become quite nifty at opening the tap at the bottom of the bucket and allowing 454g to ooze into the jars then finally adding a tamper strip and a label to each jar. That was repeated 250 times this year.

This is why any locally produced honey sells for a premium and now you know why - to pay for all the physiotherapy the bee keeper needs at the end of the season.

**Janet Reeves** 



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# Latest News from St Wilfrid's Hospice October 2025



### **Moonlight Walk 2026**

Be part of a walk that makes a difference. On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026, St Wilfrid's are once again hosting their much-loved Moonlight Walk, inviting you and your loved ones to take on a fundraising walk around Chichester, under the moonlight. You will join hundreds of other walkers helping to raise vital funds for the Hospice, while exploring familiar places that are decorated and lit up exclusively for this

event, so you don't want to miss it. Tickets are available at an early bird price until December 1st, so don't delay! <a href="www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight">www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight</a>

### **Brand new with tags**

Starting on October 13<sup>th</sup>, each of St Wilfrid's Charity Shops will be unveiling a "Brand New with Tags" rail where you'll be able to find some incredible, untouched clothes to add to your wardrobe. You'll be able to find brands such as Hunter and GAP, and other Highstreet brands

These rails will only last until stock runs out, so don't wait around too long!



#### **Firewalk**

Are you brave enough to face the heat?

St Wilfrid's Hospice are challenging you to face hot coals this October 17<sup>th</sup>, where you will walk barefoot across the bed of glowing embers in support of hospice care. This is the perfect opportunity to test what you're really made of while making a difference to local lives.

There is also a Legowalk available for the little ones who want to join you in your test of courage. Tickets are available now: <a href="https://www.stwh.co.uk/firewalk">www.stwh.co.uk/firewalk</a>

### **Woof for Wilf**

Take your dog for a walk at Goodwood!

On Sunday 16th November, St Wilfrid's are proud to be inviting the local community to

take their pawed pals out for a walk along the iconic Goodwood Motor Circuit. The Woof for Wilf event is a great way to meet other friendly pups, and also browse a variety of dog-themed stalls, enjoy a raffle and take on an exclusive walk! By taking part and fundraising, you and your furry friend will be helping raise vital funds for the expert end-of-life care that the Hospice provides across your local community. Tickets are available now:

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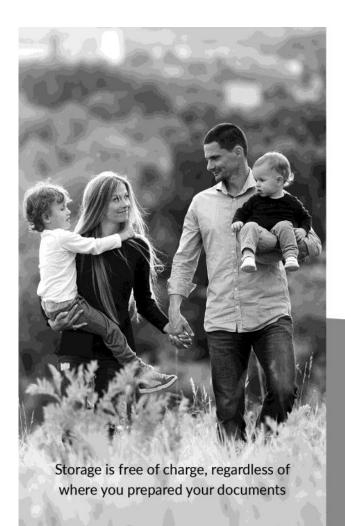
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You can find out more about the importance of gifts in Wills and how it can help local charities like St Wilfrid's here: <a href="https://www.stwh.co.uk/gifts-in-wills">www.stwh.co.uk/gifts-in-wills</a>







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### Leisure Accessibility for Those Living With Sight Loss

West Sussex is fortunate to have a wealth of high quality theatres and cinemas, but for those living with sight loss, such a trip can be daunting, and the performance presents challenges in terms of appreciating everything that is happening on stage and screen. Thankfully, many venues support accessibility for the visually impaired with audio descriptive tours/performances, touch tours, bespoke times to visit and concessions.

For example, the nationally acclaimed Chichester Festival Theatre (CFT) offers audio



Above: The image shows CFT's Buddy Scheme: copyright Chichester Festival Theatre.

description on certain performances and free bookable Touch Tours prior to an audio described performance. All seats have Braille signage, and Festival Season brochures are provided in large print, audio or a CD, plus cast lists in large print or braille. It also offers a Buddy Scheme with trained volunteers to meet you on arrival, help collect tickets and headsets; guide you to your seat, refreshments and toilets; and sit with you during the show.

The Hawth Theatre in Crawley, and Worthing Theatre and Museum offer an audio description service for selected shows, and the Hawth brochure is available online (audio), in large print, braille, and CD. The Chequer Mead Theatre in East Grinstead operates an Essential Companion Scheme for people who without the support of a Carer would not be able to visit, when you register you are entitled to a free Carer's Ticket. Chequer Mead also operates a Buddy Scheme similar to the CFT. For cinema goers, all Odeon cinemas offer a good selection of films with audio description and a free companion ticket.

These venues (which all welcome assistance dogs), are just some examples of the support available. It is important to contact your chosen venue to plan a visit, as the booking process, logistics and concessions all vary. Please visit the venue's website where phone and email contacts can be found.









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



Please see the cathedral website for details of the many events being held there: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk 
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### Please see page 4 for Boxgrove Junior Church arrangements.

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