



THE BOXGROVE BUGLE

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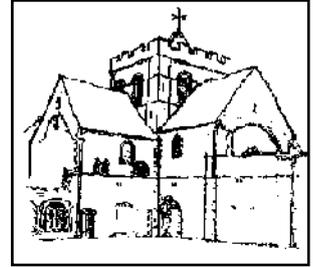
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Who's Who in Boxgrove



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From Father Ian

As we hurtle towards Christmas I pray that we shall all find something of the peace that Jesus came to share with us. I hope that we shall move into 2020 surrounded by the love of family and friends, and with a sense of common endeavour.

Blessings to you all.

Father Ian



*As there is no Bugle in January, we are reproducing here a pastoral New Year letter from **The Venerable Luke Irvine-Capel, Archdeacon of Chichester***

2020 – Don't Panic!

When I wrote this in time for January publication, the General Election campaign was in full swing. Whatever the predictions I might have had about the vote in December I'm pretty sure that they will, no doubt, now proved to be wrong!

Whenever we look forward into the unknown that is the future we have a potent sense of uncertainty, hope and aspiration.

At the beginning of a New Year we might look back and reflect on what has been. 2019, without doubt, has given us all plenty to look back on! We also look forward and usually resolve that whatever the future holds we somehow want to be better.

It's not only the start of a new year that provokes us to reflect and review our lives in this way. So many of us spend time in our professional lives reflecting and reviewing, setting aspirational targets for a better and more successful future.

Even if we don't have to do that, we all live with the tyranny of the diary, constantly looking ahead, planning and preparing for the future.

The unexpected joy of being asked to write this article at a time when I can't look back on an event that hasn't yet happened, or predict with any confidence where we might be now or what future is unfolding, is that I am compelled to simply be where I am.

The gift of the present moment, trusting that I am where God has called me to be now, and that He loves me in this place at this time, and that He is in all time and eternity, redeeming that which has been and going before us - Alpha and Omega - the beginning and the end; this is the gift of peace.

At the beginning of this New Year may we know that peace of God which passes all understanding; the peace that is the gift of the Risen Lord who has gone before us. He tells us not to be anxious or afraid.

The worst that can happen has happened; we have killed the Son of God. But, God raised him from the dead and gave him glory, that our faith and hope might be in Him. The perfect love of the Risen and Ascended Lord drives out fear.

Whilst I can't predict the events of recent weeks, I do know that amidst whatever confusion and uncertainty the ongoing drama of our national life throws at us, the drama of our salvation revealed in the Birth, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus continues as He works the good purposes of his perfect will. His grace is sufficient and His power is made perfect in our weakness.

The invitation is to grow in our love for Him, and to joyfully trust in his promises, for He is faithful. Or, in other words, "thy kingdom come on earth, as it is in heaven". Happy New Year!

THE BUGLE

Articles on any aspect of Boxgrove news - village or Priory-based - are always most welcome. The Boxgrove Bugle is distributed **free of charge** to each household within the parish and published on-line; copies are also sent further afield, as well as being available in the Priory for visitors and non-residents of the parish. It has a current print run exceeding 700 copies per month.

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NB: There is no Bugle in January or August

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Forthcoming special events in the Priory

See also page 7 for service intentions during this month

(For concerts, readers are advised to check final details on performers' websites and other publicity)

Sun 1 December, 6.30pm
Westbourne House Advent Carol Service

Sun 8 December, 4.00pm
Christingle Service

Weds 11 December, 6.30pm
Westbourne House Christmas Carol Service

Sun 22 December, 5.30pm
Priory Carol Service

Tues 24 December
4.00pm - Crib Service
11.30pm - Midnight Mass

Weds 25 December, 10.00am
Family Mass

Fri 3 January, 6.00pm
Concert by the [Gesualdo Six](#)

Sat 1 February, 12.00-2.00pm
St Blaise Fair in the Priory
(see page 9)



It's been a busy few months at Boxgrove Village Stores & Café. Craig Ramus took over ownership on 1st June and since then all the team have been working hard to expand the range of products on offer in-store and to extend the menu in the café.

With longer opening hours, there's more time - pop in and choose from the range of products available, including many local items. Our range includes fresh local eggs, milk and cream, locally roasted coffee, cakes, biscuits and wonderfully fresh fruit and vegetables. Plus, our first delivery of world class wine from our neighbour, Tinwood Estate, has just arrived! Call in for a Christmas order form so that you can conveniently collect your fresh fruit and veg and other seasonal goodies from your local village shop.

Make sure you visit during December to see all the fabulous treats and gifts for your festive celebrations, and enjoy a seasonal hot drink or Christmas special from our café menu.

If you haven't been in lately, come and see what we have to offer. We look forward to welcoming you very soon!

See page 2 for Christmas opening times at the Shop. Ed.

PRIORY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets in the St Blaise Centre. Children are asked to arrive promptly so that the objective of the session can be explained to everyone at once. Children should be aged between 4 and 11 and they must already have started school.

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 Sunday School please contact Amy O'Leary by email at amy.linden@hotmail.co.uk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES THIS TERM

8, 15, 22, December - 11.00am



BOXGROVE & TANGMERE JULIAN GROUP

*The group meets on the *second Monday of each month at 3.15pm in the St Blaise Centre, Boxgrove. Notices with details of venue are placed on the church notice board.*

**Please note: the April 2020 meeting (following Easter) is on the third Monday of the month*

9 Dec	Psalm 95, vv 1-6: "Come before his presence with thanksgiving" (BCP)
13 Jan	Psalm 138, vv 3, 7, 8: "Thy right hand shall save me" (BCP)
10 Feb	Psalm 100, vv 1-4: "His mercy is everlasting" (BCP)
9 Mar	Psalm 102, vv 1, 2, 27: "Lord hear my prayer" (ASB)
20 Apr	Psalm 103, vv 1-4, 13, 14: "The Lord is merciful unto them that fear him"
11 May	Psalm 139, vv 1-9: "... your right hand shall hold me" (ASB)
8 June	Psalm 24, vv 1-5: "He shall receive the blessing from the Lord" (BCP)

'Trust, the Highest Prayer'

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

(BCP - The Book of Common Prayer ~ ASB - The Alternative Service Book)



Other useful contact details

Local Police - Emergencies 999 or 112 ~ Other matters 0845 60 70 999 or 101

Citizens Advice - Consumer helpline: 0345 4040506

Action on Elder Abuse - Confidential helpline: 080 8808 8141

Action Fraud - National fraud reporting centre: 0300 123 2040

THE PARISH OF SAINT MARY AND SAINT BLAISE, BOXGROVE

MONTHLY CALENDAR AND MASS INTERCESSIONS

DECEMBER

1	SUN ADVENT SUNDAY	Parish & people
2	Mon Feria	Disciplined discipleship
3	Tue St Francis Xavier, Priest	Inner-city parishes
4	Wed St John of Damascus, Priest & Doctor	Greater trust in God
5	Thu Feria	Gratitude for revelation
6	Fri St Nicolas, Bishop	The Woodard Schools
7	Sat St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	Liturgists
8	SUN ADVENT 2	Parish and people
9	Mon IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM	Parish & People
10	Tue Feria	Repentance
11	Wed St Damasus I, Pope	Wholeness & healing
12	Thu Feria	Better care for each other
13	Fri St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	More confidence in God
14	Sat St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor	Espousing the kingdom
15	SUN ADVENT 3	Parish & people
16	Mon Feria	Generosity in our judgements
17	Tue Feria (O Sapientia)	Yearning for God
18	Wed Feria (O Adonai)	An openness to God's call
19	Thu Feria (O Radix)	Clear vision in seeking truth
20	Fri Feria (O Clavis)	A ready acceptance of God's call
21	Sat Feria (O Oriens)	More frequent communion
22	SUN ADVENT 4	Parish & people
23	Mon Feria (O Emmanuel)	Troubled families
24	Tue Feria (<i>in the morning</i>)	Spiritual readiness for Christmas
25	Wed NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Parish & People
26	Thu St Stephen, Proto Martyr	Greater courage in discipleship
27	Fri St John, Apostle & Evangelist	More reading of scripture
28	Sat Holy Innocents, Martyrs	Those who have lost children through violence
29	SUN HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY	Parish & people
30	Mon In the Octave of Christmas	Greater religious practice within families
31	Tue In the Octave of Christmas	Growth in wisdom

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BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL

November Report from the Parish Council



The Parish Council met on Monday 4th of November for a lengthy Agenda which included the revision of a draft Budget for the year 2020/21. To maintain the precept (the money the Council receives annually from the Council Tax you all pay), some minor cuts to the services supplied were discussed. The final Budget will be agreed at the December meeting.

The use of the old chalkpit at Halnaker was discussed: the recent activity and noise levels were noted, particularly as this area has a SSSI status. Though it has been used regularly for many years, so has established use rights, it will be interesting to read the response from Natural England on the matter.

The condition of the approach road to the Priory ruins was discussed and it was agreed that, yet again, a letter would be sent to English Heritage asking for a more permanent solution to the persistent 'pot holing' which occurs so regularly when we experience heavy rainfall. A similar complaint has been made by the Parochial Church Council. EH really should grasp the nettle and authorise a proper lasting surface treatment.

I believe agreement has been reached regarding the style of bench seat which will be provided at the bus stop at the recently re-sited bus stop on 'The Bulge'. This will be in addition to a new litter bin at this location. Provision of a seat at the bus stop opposite the Almshouses is also under discussion. Provisional agreement for this has been reached with Chris Dye, WSCC Highways Area Manager. It now requires their Licensing and agreed implementation of a hard surface to place the seat on. This may be possible by the PC Boxgrove Rangers team.

The group being led by parents and children into upgrading the Children's Play Area has now assembled a list of options for various features, including a couple of adult exercise machines. It is hoped that these will be presented to the December meeting.

Finally, an illegal fly-tipping incident has been reported. This occurred in the corner of the ungated field adjacent to the Tangmere roundabout at the south end of The Street! This type of activity is becoming more prolific of late, so I implore you all to be watchful and note any unusual activities and report to the Police. And! After the absence for a few years now, we have a designated PCSO back in our area. Jason Lemm, whom you may well recall was our PCSO since about 12 years ago, has been assigned to our villages. The actual area he will cover is much the same as my CDC District Ward: Eartham, East and West Dean, Singleton, Westhampnett and of course Boxgrove and Halnaker.

We welcome Jason back!

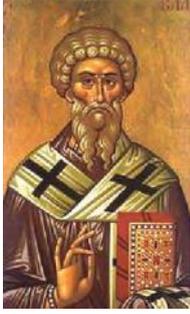
Henry Potter, your Chairman

From the Registers

The following Marriage took place in the Priory last month

30 November ~ Katia Bayandor Saunders and Francisco Bertomeu

Please keep them, and all newly married couples, in your prayers



ST BLAISE FAIR
SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2020
BOXGROVE PRIORY
12.00 - 2.00PM

Hot refreshments
Tombola ~ Homemade Produce
Raffle ~ 'Miscellaneous' Stall ~ Books
Stall run by the PTA of Boxgrove School
Jewellery ~ Crafts & Collectables
Morris Dancers

Proceeds in aid of
The Kwa Mkono Disabled Children's Centre, Kwa Mkono, Tanzania



THE BOXGROVE
COMPANION DOG SHOW



Many apologies to the
Boxgrove Clinic

for having omitted their name from the list of valued sponsors of this year's Boxgrove Companion Dog Show in my report in the November issue of *The Bugle*. We were immensely grateful for their contribution.

Sylvia St Aubyn Hubbard



As they alter all the parking arrangements in Chichester, this seems topical:

Late for an important meeting, a man was searching desperately for a space in a crowded car park.

Looking up to the sky, he entreated, "Lord, if you find me a parking spot I promise to start going to church again".

The words were barely out of his mouth when a space became free right in front of him. The man quickly looked up again: "Never mind", he said, "I found one".

THE OPTIMISTIC GARDENER

High Trees - November 2019 - No.29

Nature in recycling mode



As soon as the clocks go back at the end of October I feel the garden is going for its long sleep. The leaves which, this month, have so gracefully adorned our shrubs and trees in their most painterly colours, upon the first frosts perform chaotic ballets as they respond to the slightest breeze and very soon the landscape has undergone a dramatic transformation from brackenish sepia and peach-tinted parchment to iron-grey charcoal and dusty earthenware.

Don't worry - it's still me, the Optimistic Gardener. Just had a poetic turn - but I'm over it now! I don't see late autumn and early winter as a time to feel forlorn, despite the long nights and short days. I see the rainy days as a chance to catch up on those things which I have shelved for so long indoors and the time for making preparations for the new growing season. (It also gives my knees and back a bit of a welcome break!)

Let's get back to those leaves. The term 'leaf litter' only describes the way the leaves look - but litter implies they need to be tidied up and thrown away. They can be a nuisance, especially on hard landscaping - so when Auntie Betty pops out to top up the bird feeder she is in danger of ending up in A&E. But don't throw them away. What a waste! Tidy them up by all means, but don't make a visit to the tip or put them in your brown bin even. Visit the green gym and get yourself a rake and a large bag. We use old Covers' bags in which aggregate had been delivered; they last for ages and are a cubic metre so take vast quantities of leaves. It's as simple as this:

1. pick up the leaves
2. stuff them into the bag - a large black bin liner will do (even better - several)
3. pack them down firmly and add a bit of water if the leaves are dry - a few holes pierced in the bag will stop pooling of the water and let in air
4. put it out of the way somewhere - behind the shed is ideal
5. wait a year or two



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... et voilà! A lovely stable humus which has needed none of that back-breaking turning of the compost heap.



Not all leaves break down at the same speed, so ideally keep the leaves of the same tree together so it all breaks down at the same speed - the fastest are oak, beech and hornbeam. Thicker leaves such as sycamore and horse chestnut take longer, and conifer needles take the longest of all but will eventually break down to produce an 'acidic' leaf mould, useful for plants needing ericaceous compost like rhododendrons or blueberries. We put our pine needles before rotting onto the path which leads down to the chicken shed - an ideal all-weather surface which eventually rots down and needs replacing, which of course the pine trees do regularly. A simple way to collect the leaves is by using a rotary lawnmower to collect them - this has the added benefit of shredding the leaves a bit before storing them. It also adds grass clippings so increases the nutrient value of

the leaf mould. And what to do with your luscious brown gold when it has rotted down to a fine consistency?

Leaf-mould makes a wonderful soil conditioner. It isn't as nutrient-rich as compost, but it changes the structure of the soil. If you have sandy soils it helps to improve the moisture retention, and if you have heavy clay soil it helps to break it up and make it easier to manage. Win-win! And it's free!

Another great use for it is in making potting compost, mixed equally with sharp sand, garden compost and good quality soil. So much more satisfying than dragging yourself to the garden centre for those special offers on multipurpose compost; and you will not be destroying a habitat which had taken millennia to build up (the peat bogs). So you can justifiably feel smug!

Producing seed compost is another good use for your leaf-mould, though I must confess I have never done this. You can either use it on its own (seedlings don't need great amounts of nutrients in the early stages) or mixed with equal parts of sharp sand and garden compost. Here I have to admit to not having a clue as to how sand can be sharp!

If you want a good way to stop the weeds growing around your shrubs, herbaceous plants, trees and vegetables, just layer on the leaf mould as a mulch - even put it on top of empty beds over winter and the worms will do the rest. Another reason to be smug - no digging - no bad backs. (You may have already guessed that, as I write this, I am high on Ibuprofen having overdone the gardening in the last few days!)



So this autumn don't see collecting fallen leaves as a chore, see it as community service: you'll be basking in the silent thanks of your plants, your soil, the earthworms and (of course) Auntie Betty.

Janet Reeves

ST WILFRID'S HOSPICE

Walton Lane, Bosham, PO18 8QB ~ Tel 01243 775302



Christmas Tree Recycling

Let St Wilfrid's wonderful team of volunteers collect your tree and ethically dispose of it for you between 6-20th January in return for a donation to the Hospice. Your tree will also have new life as organic mulch, feeding the Christmas trees of the future. Find your post code and sign up at stwh.co.uk/christmastrees.

Light Up A Life 2019

St Wilfrid's invites you to come along and remember loved ones with us at our traditional annual remembrance event to be held in Chichester Cathedral at 6pm on Sunday 8 December. This service of readings and traditional carols by the Cathedral Voluntary Choir involves lighting a candle in memory of your loved one. It's a reflective, and uplifting service providing an opportunity for comfort and quiet contemplation.

St Wilfrid's Christmas Cards

Our charity Christmas cards are now on sale in all our shops, including our online eBay store at www.ebay.co.uk/itm/193124564139. There are 16 different designs to choose from. All proceeds go towards the Hospice, making a difference to local lives.

Watch our website for news on our 2020 events, including the last few places available in the **Brighton Marathon**, your chance to **Leap4Love** and the **Moonlight Walk**.

St Wilfrid's Hospice, Bosham, Chichester
01243 775302 - www.stwh.co.uk



THE ARTS SOCIETY COMES TO BOXGROVE



NADFAS, which was founded in 1968, changed its name in 2017 to The Arts Society and now encompasses all the arts and appeals to a much wider audience.

Next year's events include Canaletto's London, stories and treasures of 42 magnificent cathedrals, great railway stations around the world, the Fan Museum and a myriad of other subjects, as well as visits to several places of interest. The Society has also had great success funding local Young Art Projects and for the past two years has sponsored work with Key Stage 3 students from St Philip Howard Catholic High School with the aim of encouraging more students, boys in particular, to opt for art as a GCSE subject.

It is friendly, sociable and vibrant, and is welcoming new members. Ten monthly lectures are held each year; membership is £45 p.a. and guests £6. However, to introduce their society to the new community around Boxgrove they are offering a first free lecture, and anyone joining before 31st December will be extended an invitation to attend their surprise relaunch party in January. For further information please visit www.tasboxgrove.org.uk or contact the Membership Secretary, Elaine, on 01243 555644.

See also the Society's ad on page 22 - Ed.

BOXGROVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

November 2019

Since my last update in June, I am afraid there has been very little to report about the progress of our plan. We still do not have a timetable from CDC about the next stages.

It is now almost 2 years since we had any input into the plan. The period since has been taken up by various consultations that they have been undertaking.

The assigned Examiner of our plan has now lost patience after waiting over 12 months since his last input and has now officially complained about their lack of action.

Our clerk has also written to the senior officers and relevant members at CDC again to protest. As soon as we get any information I will report back.

The Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on the dedicated website <https://www.boxgrovenp.co.uk/>.

David Leah

Chair, Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan Team
15 November 2019



IN THE CATHEDRAL

Free lunchtime concerts

Tuesdays from 1.10 - 2.00pm
during term-time



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Helping homeless people

Please don't forget to leave any non-perishable food you can spare in our bin just inside the inner doors of the church.

We take things, including furniture and electrics, at the Restore Shop in Terminus Road. We can also collect large 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 that would be very welcome!

••• *Be kind to your kids - one day they may be choosing your nursing home* •••

BOXGROVE & HALNAKER TRAFFIC CALMING GROUP UPDATE

Boxgrove & Halnaker Traffic Calming Group
Boxgrove Parish Council - <https://www.boxgrovepc.org/>

The Traffic Calming Group have had first sight of the WSCC Highways engineering proposals for the **Boxgrove Community Highway Scheme**. Much of the work is in line with the suggestions made by the group with some sections requiring further work. WSCC Highways are committed to discuss their updates by the end of the year so that detailed engineering designs can be completed to support implementation in the next financial year commencing April 2020.

The **Halnaker Community Highway Scheme** passed its first phase of review with WSCC Highways and went into a moderation process against other schemes in November. Feedback on many of the elements of the scheme has been positive. We now wait for the final judgement from WSCC Highways regarding supporting and funding the scheme for implementation from 2021

Did you know that the risk of death is approximately 4 times higher when a pedestrian is hit at 40mph that at 30mph – take care in residential areas!

Speed watch group records from last month show over 100 vehicles not having MOT or Tax

Did you know that joined up Police and Community Speed Watch efforts identify multiple offenders in different locations and across multiple counties

Plans are well underway to implement **village entrance gates** in Halnaker. Once we have approval of a licence from WSCC Highways to erect the gates and have made a final selection of the gate design, we are hopeful to have the gates in place in early spring. This work will be funded by the PC.

The School Safety Zone is now fully operational and when the yellow lights are flashing a **20mph advisory speed limit** is in operation. Please take note of this advisory limit, drive with caution and protect our school children when they are walking to and from school

The **Community Speed Watch** teams have conducted 10 sessions in the last month in Halnaker and Boxgrove. 132 vehicles were reported for exceeding the speed limit and 112 letters were sent by the Police to drivers as a result. Top speed recorded was 56mph in the Halnaker 30mph zone.

Data logged over the last 6 months by the **Speed Indicator Device** in Boxgrove shows that over 80% of 132,000 vehicles travelled at 30mph or less past the illuminated device. Unbelievably nearly 7000 vehicles passed the brightly illuminated sign at 40mph or more!! Top speed recorded through Boxgrove was 75mph in the early evening. Our Community Highway Scheme proposals are definitely needed sooner than later!

NEWS FROM BOXGROVE WI

November 2019



Our November meeting saw the new committee in office and Sandy Bannister, our President, introduced Carolyn Harvey. We watched with fascination as she moulded and transformed sugar paste into penguins, Eskimos, snowflakes, leaves, berries and pine cones. A fund of funny stories accompanied her commentary on how to achieve these delightful figures and I have no doubt some of us have been inspired to give it a go.

We are a very busy WI with various members attending courses and Federation events. A large group of us enjoyed the music of the West Sussex Federation Choir held at Boxgrove Village Hall. We also enjoyed the talents of a clarinettist, a soprano (who sings with the Covent Garden Opera Choir) and a young tenor who regaled us, in Finnish, with a recipe for Mushroom Pie. It was a fun afternoon with the added pleasure of tea and cakes!

Chris Potter reported back on the Federation AGM at Worthing - always a good event with interesting Speakers, one of this year's being a lady rally driver!

An update on Food Hygiene regulations was given by Jill Dipple. She and two other members had been on a refresher course to help keep us up-to-date when we are preparing food for ourselves or the public. As a number of our members also cook for the Over 60s Lunch Club at the St Blaise Centre it is particularly important that we are on the ball!

Our final Centennial celebration was the talk given by Dr Mark Roberts, entitled *Rhinos at the Lake*. It was an overwhelming success, with the Village turning out in large numbers to welcome him back to Boxgrove. A fuller account is given elsewhere in this magazine.

We're very much looking forward to the Christmas Season with Carols at the Cathedral, again featuring the Federation Choir, our Christmas Lunch at Brasserie Blanc and our December meeting when we shall be entertained by Tony and Lizzie Gilks with 'A Tudor Christmas'.

Do join us! We are a friendly, lively group and have regular outings to pubs, gardens, theatre, cinema, etc. We meet on the second Wednesday each month at the St Blaise Centre.

Wendy Austin-Ward
Secretary



*"I once had a job selling hearing aids from door to door.
It wasn't easy, because your best prospects never answered."*

Bob Monkhouse

BLAISING IN THE KITCHEN

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Wilted Onions and Jugglers Onions

Sally says: "I have made the wilted ones but not the jugglers - but they are similar"

Wilted Onions -

ideal with cold meats (suggest Christmas)

1 ½ lb red onions, peeled and thinly sliced

½ cup safflower oil (guess you can use any light oil)

½ cup white vinegar

½ cup water

2 tsp salt

½ tsp pepper

1 tbs sugar

Few drops tabasco

1. Put onions in bowl
2. Put rest of ingredients in pan and bring to boil
3. Pour over onions
4. When cool, cover and put in the fridge, at least overnight

Jugglers Onions

1 large white onion

1 lemon

1 tsp salt

1 tsp sugar

Make this at least an hour before you want it - better if it's the day before

1. Squeeze lemon into a bowl; add the pulp but no pips
2. Stir in the salt and sugar
3. Slice the onions as finely as you can and add to the lemon juice
4. Mix well so you separate the strands of the onion
5. Put a plate on top and something heavy to press the onion into the juice
6. Put in fridge
7. After about 30 mins take it out, give it a good stir about, then put it back and forget about it

You will have a sweet sour relish that goes with anything from barbecues to cheese sandwiches.



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RHINOS AT THE LAKE -

a talk by **Dr Mark Roberts**



We were overwhelmed with the response to this event. The Village turned out in force, crowding into the Village Hall on a, thankfully, not too wet October evening. Mark was amongst friends, of course, as so many people knew him back in the days of the Boxgrove Man Dig.

The evening started on a poignant note as Mark dedicated his talk to Chris Houseman, who died recently. Chris ran the Anglesey Arms at the time of the digs and gave huge support to the archaeologists who used the pub as their unofficial HQ.

Not only is Mark Roberts so very knowledgeable but he is also a brilliant story teller. He held his audience enthralled, recreating in our imaginations the changing landscapes of the area nearly half a million years ago. Chalk cliffs rose and fell, sea levels likewise, at one time 40 metres above present levels. Rivers rose and a lagoon spread and contracted. Ice gave way to savanna and back to ice again. Animals appeared in the fossil record - giant deer, puma, rhino species - and disappeared again - extinct, as the ice took over once again. Into this changing climate and landscape came early hominids, using flint tools and antler horn. Evidence built up of horse and rhino butchery. Clearly these early humans had to work co-operatively, plan and communicate to create the tools and carry out the butchery. We were all swept up in the story. Sadly, time was limited and there was so much to tell. Hopefully Mark will return to carry on the story at some future date.

The evening didn't stop there, as everyone stayed on to chat to Mark, have a drink and enjoy the lovely food supplied by the WI members. It was a convivial and inspiring evening.

Many people contributed to its success and we should like to thank those who helped - Craig and his staff in Boxgrove Shop who distributed tickets; Pat Burton, Manager of BVH, who gave advice and guidance and distributed tickets; Matthew Hall, who designed the dramatic and eye-catching posters; Jim Macdonald and his friend Peter, who sorted out the technical side of things; and Henry Potter, who organised the bar with help from Ron Bannister. Most of all we have to thank the WI members who swung into action to set up the hall, provided the raffle prizes and a seemingly endless supply of goodies to eat and then cleared up everything so efficiently at the end. A great Village evening. Thank you to all who came and all who helped.

Wendy Austin-Ward
Secretary of Boxgrove WI



There are three stages of man:

- 1. He believes in Santa Claus*
- 2. He does not believe in Santa Claus*
- 3. He is Santa Claus*

Bob Phillips, American writer



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After Christmas, please consider donating books, CDs, or DVDs for sale at the **St Blaise Fair on 2 February 2019** in aid of the Priory overseas charity, [Kwa Mkono Childrens Centre](#).

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CHRISTOPHER HOUSEMAN

31st December 1939 - 18th October 2019

The eulogy given at the Memorial Service in the Priory on 20th November 2019 by Malcolm Stoddard

The many kind letters, cards and messages received from friends in the last few weeks have given a snapshot of what Chris meant to so many of us. His warm and generous personality is remembered, his elegant, witty mind, his sunny smile and irrepressible sense of humour. He lit up every room, every space he was in. And, of course, he was a legendary landlord, larger than life.

Chris was born in London on New Year's Eve, 1939, a war baby. For this reason, saying "Nobody's going to be bombing my babies", his mother bundled him into a car with his elder brother Patrick, and off they went to North Devon, renting 2, Cleveland Villas, Instow. It was originally intended to be for the duration of the war but they kept it for 19 years and it was where Chris spent a significant part of his childhood and early youth. He loved the freedom of life there, the company of his cousins Guy and Sue when they visited, the local characters and eccentrics, the sailing, and the mischief they all got up to. On occasions he came to the attention of the local copper, the aptly-named PC Bolt, who marched him back to his mother. His punishment was the confiscation of his radio.

Patrick and Chris rescued a badger cub on Exmoor and Luigi became a family pet. They also had Misty, a Dandie Dinmont, bred to be a badger terrier. Incredibly, Luigi and Misty chose to treat each other with a respectful disdain and avoided fisticuffs. Another joy and life-long influence at this time in Chris's life was his stepfather, gentle, clever Gordon, whom he came to love and respect above all others.

When he left Marlborough College, Chris went back to London and was apprenticed to Smiths Industries, a speciality engineering firm that made precision instruments for cars and aeroplanes. He would scooter from Kensington to what he always called "beautiful shimmering Cricklewood", where he worked with thousands of Cockney women. Initially, they teased him mercilessly for his posh, public school accent, but then warmed to his kindness and humour. He always said that they were "just the best" people. Often, he was invited home to tea to meet the family, and of course he loved Cockney rhyming slang and absorbed it into his repertoire.

Elsewhere in London, he had a lively, even exotic, social life and somehow got himself on the list for Debutantes' "coming out" parties. There were plenty of high jinks as well as the pursuit of hobbies, such as skiing and rally-driving. He always loved cars, especially Jaguars. He was also a brilliant photographer with a natural creative streak and a fine eye for the details and atmosphere of a picture.

In 1964, he married Caroline and later on they moved to Ibiza with baby Annie, 3 months old. They had a tiny bar, La Fiesta, near the port. Franco was still in charge so rules were strict and codes of behaviour very traditional. When Chris and Caroline went to have tapas together, men were shocked to see a woman in a bar as a customer.

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Yet Ibiza was also an idyllic hippy paradise and attracted some strange and wonderful characters. They were there when the first jet plane flew in, “filled with a typing pool” said Chris, and gradually the island began to change.

In 1967, Chris, Caroline and Annie moved back to England and took over the Anglesey Arms. Chris was landlord here for the next 37 years, a huge and significant part of his life. He and Caroline both loved cooking, introduced food to the pub, and began to develop the business, but when Annie was just 10, Caroline died in a tragic accident. This was a desperately sad time for Annie and Chris and much courage was needed. Chris focussed on Annie and her well-being, and the pub rolled on...

Later on, Chris married Tessa and over the years they built the Anglesey into a buzzing local inn, renowned for its steaks, mixed grills and Sunday lunches, but even better known for its atmosphere and camaraderie. Many people will also remember the procession of Great Danes that passed through it. Chris loved all dogs but his personal favourite was the giant black Jake. On New Year’s Eve, they would dance together and Jake was tall enough to be able to rest his great jowls on the top of Chris’s head.

Chris inspired loyalty in the team who worked with him and many did for years and years. He was always a wise observer of people, always amiable, and many of his customers became close friends. And, he was funny, a natural raconteur, a wordsmith, quick with repartee and quick to laugh. Perhaps the word that sums up his character best is “bonhomie”. Fairly recently, he prepared some collages of photographs taken in the Anglesey at various times. He labelled them “Rogues Gallery”. Quite a few people here today will recognise themselves.

Among the people who enriched the life of the Anglesey in those days were the “Diggers”, the archaeological team working on the Boxgrove site, who chose the pub as their refuge. They became part of the community, some working in the pub, some playing cricket locally; for his part, Chris was able to help by developing photographs for them in his darkroom. It was a symbiotic relationship, topped by the exciting discovery of Boxgrove Man.

Tales about these days are legion and everyone who knew Chris will have an individual story to relate or a memory to share. Some will remember, for example, his love of rugby and the gatherings he hosted when he moved to Saxons. The Six Nations was a highlight of the year and rugby-loving friends exuberantly threw miniature rugby balls at the television, or at the straw cockerel on the top of the television, if we were playing France. And there was the day in 2003 that we did win the World Cup when Johnny kicked that drop goal. An unforgettable time. The springs on Chris’s sofa were never the same again.

During the last 20 years of his life, Chris and Jane were companions. It was perhaps an Indian Summer. As each retired, there was more time to share interests and adventures. Especially, however, it was possible to spend time in magical Cadaques, wedged between the mountains and the Mediterranean in Catalonia. Here, dear old friends came to stay and precious new friendships were made. Golden days.

The last months of Chris’s life were beset by ill-health and pain, but he retained his lovely nature, and there were always flashes of irrepressible and brilliant wit.

We will all miss him so much but are privileged to have been a part of the life of a very special man.



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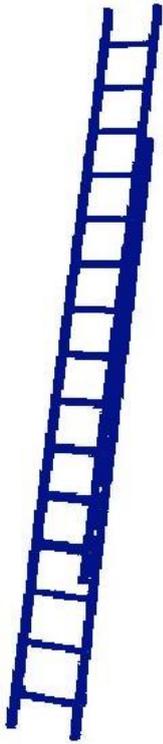
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24 CHRISTMASS EVE

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JANUARY 2020

5 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

8.00am Holy Communion †
10.00am Community Mass

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