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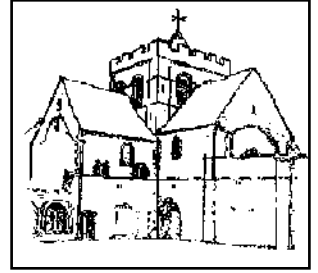


Above: part of the Brides at Boxgrove exhibition in the church last month

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Who's Who in Boxgrove



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From Father Peter

As I write this letter in the latter part of May, I am like you all rather bemused by the unpredictable weather; just as I put away my woollies and bask in the sun, a chill wind bids me rummage in the drawer again and remind myself that there should be no casting of the clout until May is truly out! Thus we look forward hopefully to a flaming June!!!! We might find the English summer a difficult one to predict and open ourselves up for disappointment, however the Liturgical month of June is certainly ablaze with some wonderful Feasts this Year.

Sunday 8th June is Pentecost, when we hear of the followers of Jesus being set alight by the power of the Spirit and go into the whole world by proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom. This year on the eve of Pentecost we shall have a day of Prayer for the life, work and future of The Priory. (Please see the separate notice). I urge you all to take this seriously to commit of your time and to seek the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us.

Sunday the 15th of June we celebrate the Holy Trinity; reminding us of the wonderful nature of the Triune Godhead: Creator; Redeemer and Life giver.

Sunday 22nd is The Feast of Corpus Christi; in past years we have concluded our Mass with a procession and Benediction in the Vicarage Garden followed by a Lunch. Unfortunately the Lunch is not possible this year, but we shall have a Sung Mass, Benediction, and Drinks & nibbles afterwards. It will be a special delight to welcome Father Tim Newton, Curate of Arundel, as our Celebrant and Preacher. It will be his second Sunday as a newly ordained Priest.

During that coming week, we celebrate the Feast of Saint John the Baptist, the great forerunner of The Lord, and on Sunday 29th June the joyful Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul.

I cannot promise you a “flaming June” as far as the weather is concerned, but I can promise a month set alight by the joys and celebration of our wonderful Christian Faith.

God Bless you all
Father Peter.



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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



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For full details please check the library website.

NB The library is CLOSED ALL DAY on Monday 2nd June

CALENDAR AND INTERCESSIONS

JUNE

1	SUN SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Parish and People
2	Mon Feria (Monthly Requiem)	The Departed
3	Tue Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	Love of our enemies
4	Wed Feria	The Judiciary
5	Thu Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	The German nation
6	Fri Feria	Victims of domestic violence
7	Sat Feria	The broken-hearted
8	SUN PENTECOST	Parish and people
9	Mon Mary, Mother of the Church	The Society of Mary
10	Tue Feria	Greater justice worldwide
11	Wed Saint Barnabas the Apostle (Ember Day)	Greater love and kindness
12	Thu Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	Bishops, priests and deacons
13	Fri St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor (Ember Day)	Those who work at Diocesan Church House
14	Sat Of Our Lady	Church historians
15	SUN TRINITY SUNDAY	Parish and People
16	Mon Saint Richard of Chichester, Bishop	Bishop Martin
17	Tue Feria (11 th Week in Ordinary Time)	Child protection officers
18	Wed Feria	Those facing death
19	Thu CORPUS CHRISTI	Greater devotion to the Blessed Sacrament
20	Fri Feria	St Richard's Hospital & The Nuffield
21	Sat Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	St Wilfrid's Hospice
22	SUN Ext Sol of CORPUS CHRISTI	(12 th Week) Increase in our love of Jesus
23	Mon Saint Etheldreda, Abbess	Love of our enemies
24	Tue BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST	A better understanding of the gospels
25	Wed Feria	Care workers
26	Thu Feria	The Episcopate
27	Fri THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS	Grace to follow the Lord
28	Sat Of Our Lady	The Confraternity of the Bl Sacrament
29	SUN SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES (13 th Week)	Parish and people
30	Mon Feria	Walsingham

Brides at Boxgrove Exhibition May 2nd—5th



Boxgrove Priory Church has been the focus for countless marriages throughout the centuries where couples have come together to make their vows in the beautiful surroundings of this ancient building.

The exhibition highlighted a range of historic and modern wedding gowns and many of the beautiful dresses were lent by brides previously married at the Priory Church. The historic display of dresses were loaned from Marian May's extensive collection.

The display models were borrowed from numerous sources, sometimes it was rather challenging matching them up to the brides' dresses!

The exhibition Preview evening was attended and opened by Her Grace The Duchess of Richmond in combination with Lucy Cornell (nee Lucy Gordon Lennox) who exhibited her elegant wedding gown.

A concert was held on the Saturday evening featuring the Cavatina Quartet, three of whom are members of Boxgrove Priory choir. Also Tim Lewis (organ) and Phil Parton (saxophone):- all this combined with a glass of wine were the ingredients for a relaxed evening performance in beautiful surroundings.

The exhibition would not have been possible without the support of many





other people especially our dedicated Churchwardens David Bannister, treasurer and Katie Kean (advertising); also of our generous sponsors.

I am truly grateful for the enthusiasm, encouragement and hard work of the committee— this exhibition would not have been possible without their contribution and support:-

Margaret Higgins, Gale, for catering and refreshments; Terry Stone for organising sponsors and the Preview

evening; Jane Barnes for the exhibition logistics and layout; Lauretta Magliocchetti for the brochure and art work; Sue and David Jones, raffle organisers; Doreen Johnstone, Sue Organ, Sue Holland (Manor Nursery) flowers; also Polly O'Hare, Wendy Gillespie, for dressing the models and stewarding; also Lorna Cook.

Thanks to all who attended.

Sarah Taylor



Day of Prayer in the Priory—Saturday 7th June

It seems right that here at Boxgrove, as we face the future with all its challenges, we spend time to invoke the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in the way he wishes for us to follow. And so on the Eve of Pentecost, we shall have a day of prayer for strength, courage, guidance and thanksgiving.

This day of prayer commences with Mass at 10 a.m. and concludes with Benediction at 5p.m. A specially printed booklet with prayers, meditations and readings will be made available. There will be a chart at the back of the Priory divided into 15-minute slots (not a great expense of your time!) which you are asked to fill in and commit yourselves to come along and pray. This is NOT a fund-raising event but a purely spiritual exercise.

Visitors to the Priory on that day will find us in prayer. They will of course be made welcome, asked to respect the silence and above all see why the Priory exists – a place of living faith, not a tourist attraction.

Pray for our renewal, our willingness to be open to where Christ calls us to go, and who he calls to lead us.



Boxgrove Dog Show with Obedience & Fair on Saturday 27th September 2025

This will be the 25th anniversary of our Dog Show to be held, this year, in conjunction with Canine Partners, who are celebrating their 35th anniversary.

All profits from our show will be shared between Boxgrove Priory, the Village Hall and Canine Partners.

Last year, 176 dogs were entered in a variety of classes, and we hope to inspire more owners to participate with their dogs this year.

We have 7 classes for Pedigree dogs who compete in their KC Group (e.g. Gundog, Hound, Toy etc), in addition to a Puppy and an Open Class. So, if yours is pedigree pooch – come and show it off

The 15 Novelty classes, held in Rings 2 & 3, are open to all dogs and are great fun to enter or just to watch.

The Obedience are for you to show off the benefits of training your dog from puppyhood. The 4 classes range from Triers with simple exercises e.g. 'sit' to the Advanced Class which includes Scent work.

Ali Butcher is organising the show and the schedule of all the classes will be available from her by email **boxgrovedogshow@btinternet.com**

In addition to the classes there is plenty to see and do. **Mad About Dogs** will once again be running the 'have-a-go'-Agility ring, with a rosette for every clear round.

Trade stands of all kinds, not just dog-related, will be offering a multitude of different items, in addition to a high-quality raffle and other attractions.

Refreshments, plus tea, coffee, cold drinks will be on sale all day in the village hall.

In order to achieve another successful event, we urgently need volunteers to help in a variety of ways, for example:

- Setting the show up in the early morning
- Help in the kitchen on an hourly rota basis
- Making cakes to bring on the day
- Taking refreshments to judges and their stewards
- Taking entries, helping with competitions and stalls
- Preparing the rings for action
- Being a 'runner' – children are good at this
- Helping clear away at the end of the day

Ali would love to hear from you if you can offer any help, every half an hour helps – there's always lots to do, so plenty of choice of jobs for all abilities.

Please book **Saturday 27th September 2025** in your diary and help if you can.

Here's hoping for good weather and an enjoyable 25th anniversary celebration.

Contact Ali Butcher by email **boxgrovedogshow@btinternet.com**

Van Diemen's Wood is under threat



West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service have expressed serious concerns about the fire risk posed by the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at the former quarry site. As a result, an **additional emergency access route** has been proposed—one that would **cut directly through Van Diemen's Wood** and **permanently alter the character of Tinwood Lane**.

This is no ordinary woodland.

Van Diemen's Wood is a designated Priority Habitat, home to a diverse range of wildlife. The environmental damage from this access route would be **severe, irreversible, and entirely avoidable**.

● **Act Now. Make Your Voice Heard.** ●

Scan the QR code or go to

<https://boxgroveparishcouncil.gov.uk/bess-possible-objections/>

The future of this precious local habitat depends on us all.

BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL



From the Parish Council, May 2025

First, my thanks to Cllr. Mike Howton for his contribution to The May issue of the Bugle magazine highlighting the work of our Rangers, and good work it is that they do!

The closing date for contributions for the June issue is the 15th so I propose to write a page this month, there is little time available to meet the deadline.

The street sized Poppies arrived in good time and are displayed throughout Halnaker and Boxgrove including side streets, the flag of St. George is flying at the Almshouses since 23/04, not the 28th as dictated by the Church. And as planned, the beacon basket was placed adjacent to the Windmill and lit at dusk, 8.45 pm to be precise. It burnt well aided by the strong wind blowing from the east, but away from the fire it was cold! My thanks to Robert Langmead for opening both gates to allow access Thursday and Friday morning. Approximately 20 folk made the trip up to the beacon, they all enjoyed the experience.

Thanks also to Jim MacDonald for saving the scrap timber and my neighbour, Paul Procter who helped me erect the basket and Cllr. Julian Moore for assistance on the night. We did have a report from a resident in Bognor who saw the beacon. It was disappointing that no other activity had been planned to mark the 80th year since the war ended in 1945 due, essentially, to a distinct lack of enthusiasm for a Fish and Chip supper accompanied by old time music during the early evening. This had been proposed by the Village Hall management, well advertised, but due to the lack of interest and bookings, it was cancelled.

However, a few residents did meet up in the garden of the St. Blaise Centre and enjoyed an afternoon themed tea and cakes hastily assembled by two or three residents.

The faulty mower has been attended to and looking across the playing field this morning 09/05 looks in splendid condition for the 2025 cricket season. And! We've been furnished with the season's fixture list, thank you the Cricket Club.

Yet another serious, though injury free, accident at the black spot, New Road and its intersection with the A285. A BMW failed to stop and tore the front n/ s corner off a passing 55 Stagecoach bus. When will WSCC acknowledge that the sign warning of the junction is only 4 metres from the advisory stop line and introduce a warning further back up New Road. I'm actually waiting to hear back from Jeremy as it was to him I immediately reported the incident, expecting some positive response. Surely this doesn't require a time consuming TRO to implement action before a fatal accident occurs.

Cllr. Henry Potter.

Chair of the Council



Hello from the Hall!

As I write this, the sun is beaming and there's not a cloud in sight! The Village Green is covered in daisies and I've been reminiscing over pictures of our 23/24 Summer Fayres.. It's come around so fast and we can't wait to welcome everyone back to the Hall/Green to celebrate our local community with us.



We have a selection of wonderful local businesses coming to join our local sellers' market, so please do come and support them as we encourage people to 'support local by shopping local'. We've got the local fire and police departments visiting with their vehicles, as well as face painting for the children and a BBQ, pizza truck and licensed bar for all



your food/drink needs! Inside the hall we'll be doing teas/coffees and sweet treats- all funds raised from this go directly to the running of the hall, so please do support us and come along for a drink and something sweet!

As in previous years, we have managed to hire bouncy castles for the day, completely FREE for the public to use- this is with huge thanks to Heaver Commercial, for sponsoring our event. We also have a fantastic line-up of kids' activity sessions to get involved with, for free. Jiggy Wrigglers, Nature Makers, Diddi Dance and Little Tots Workshop will be joining us for the afternoon for all your little ones to get involved with.

Lastly, back by popular demand we have the 'Chichester Community Choir' performing, the absolutely fantastic Nick Clark magician joining us for the first time, and the incredible 'The Awesome Covers Band' will be back! It's promising to be a fantastic day.. so now, let's just hope this gorgeous weather sticks around. We'll see you all on Saturday 7th June from 12pm!

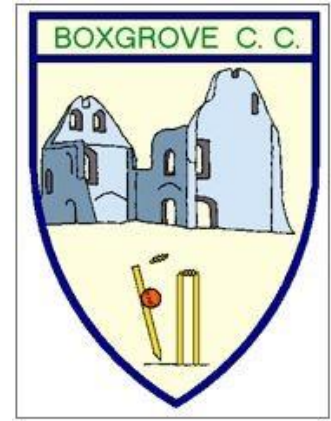
Until next time...

Boxgrove Cricket Club

Since our last update, the season has started with Boxgrove playing two games, gaining one win and one loss.

27th April - Pathfinder CC (62 all out) vs Boxgrove CC (64/1)

Our first trip was to Goring where the young Boxgrove bowling attack quickly dispatched Pathfinder CC all out for 62 runs. 16-year-old Eli Geraets, 15-year old Xander Arman, and 13-year old Thijs Geraets all picking up 3 wickets each, with Fergus Geraets picking up an early wicket of the big-hitter to set Boxgrove up nicely. Xander and his father, John then put on 39 for the first wicket before David Attmore and Nick Wright finished a quick, comprehensive win.



4th May - Clanfield CC (232/6) vs Boxgrove CC (132 all out)

Boxgrove suffered their first defeat of the season on a very chilly Sunday afternoon. Although starting well with Fergus Geraets dismissing the opening batsman second ball, the Clanfield middle order had three half-centuries to build a strong score. Opening pair Xander and John Arman scored 34 and 22 respectively but Boxgrove were dispatched in 26 overs.

We are always on the lookout for new players. If so, please reach out to club captain James Thorpe on boxgroveccfixtures@outlook.com

We are also very pleased to announce our Shirt Sponsor – Glanvilles Solicitors, a local law company with over 130 years servicing the south coast. Find more details via their website at <https://www.glanvilles.co.uk/>

We are also exploring the opportunities for other local businesses to sponsor our club. If you know of a local business who would be interested, please reach out via boxgroveccfixtures@outlook.com to discuss further.

Robin Wilcox
Boxgrove Cricket Club

Upcoming fixtures

- 1st June – Stansted Park (Away)
- 8th June – Rustington CC (Away)
- 15th June – Singleton CC (Away)
- 22nd June – Clanfield CC (Home)
- 6th July – Shirrell Heath CC (Home)
- 13th July – Fittleworth CC (Away)



Goodwood and Rolls-Royce Team Up to Preserve the Trundle

Goodwood has completed vital conservation work to protect one of the area's most treasured landmarks – the Trundle, an ancient hillfort with sweeping views across Chichester, Bognor Regis, Portsmouth, and the Isle of Wight.

The ramparts of the Trundle have deteriorated quite drastically in recent years, particularly during lockdown when the area became a much-loved escape for local walkers. With footfall and weather taking their toll, Goodwood worked closely with both Rolls-Royce Motor Cars and Historic England to carry out sensitive repairs. A new layer of chalk – covering just over 1,000 square metres – has now been laid across the most worn parts of the ramparts. This “sacrificial” layer is designed to protect the ancient structure underneath while making the surface safer and more even for walkers.

Although the route over the Trundle isn't a formal public footpath, Goodwood recognises its value to the community. This project means locals and visitors can continue to enjoy the views for years to come, without damaging the monument itself. Annual monitoring will now form part of Goodwood's ongoing conservation efforts, to ensure the Trundle remains resilient against further wear and tear.

This project is part of Goodwood's broader commitment to sustainability, heritage preservation, and enhancing the quality of life for those who live, work, and walk in and around the Estate.

NEWS FROM THE BOXGROVE BELLES

This month, our meeting was given over to a Garden Party with a wonderful array of cakes and biscuits to accompany our tea/coffee.

We were blessed with wonderful weather so were able to have the plant stall in the St Blaise Hall garden. Our Gardening Group have worked wonders on that area, tidying the border and cleaning the patio slabs. With the plant stall and the raffle table out there, along with the bunting, it all looked very festive. In keeping with the Garden Party theme, the raffle prizes and sales table all had a garden theme from books to a Bug Hotel and gardening gloves and a trowel.

It was wonderful to be able to welcome a number of visitors to the Belles' meeting, as well as welcoming our new members. I think it is fair to say that everyone had a very pleasant afternoon and the cakes tasted amazing – yes, I did sample a selection of them – purely for the purpose of research and reporting for this article – the sacrifices a girl has to make for her art!

There will be no Craft Group or Gardening Group meeting in May as the 4th Monday is a bank holiday. Both Craft Group and Gardening Group will next meet on Monday 23rd June when Craft Group members will continue to support the village Poppy cascade with their knitted and crocheted Poppies.

Book Group members take it in turns to select a book of their choosing for the following month and these books are then sourced from the library. This method of book selection ensures a wide variety of authors and genres, encouraging the reading of books that an individual may not have considered otherwise. I know I have read (and enjoyed) a number of books that I wouldn't usually have chosen for myself. This month's book was a murder mystery by Claire Douglas, *The Wrong Sister* – an intriguing twisting plot.

On the months with five Wednesdays, Sheena arranges a visit or an outing. The April visit was to Cast Iron Coffee Roasters in the morning which was a fascinating insight into the founding of the company and the processes involved in getting the coffee from plant to cup. The day continued with a tour of the National Trust's Petworth House with its beautiful interiors and vast art collection.

Boxgrove Belles is a friendly group of local ladies who would welcome more members, if you would care to join us. Our usual, monthly, meetings have a short 'business/what's happening' section and then a speaker; tea/coffee and cake is served – of course. You would be most welcome. Why not come along on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (for a 2pm start) and give us a try?

Explore Goodwood Home Farm at Open Farm Sunday

Sunday 8 June 2025 | Free Admission | Booking Essential





Explore Goodwood Home Farm this Open Farm Sunday – Free Family Day Out!



Sunday 8 June 2025 | Booking Essential

Join us at **Goodwood Home Farm** – one of the UK's largest lowland organic farms – for a rare behind-the-scenes look at our award-winning, self-sustaining estate.

What to expect:

-  Sheep shearing demos & sheepdog trials
 -  Tractor rides & farm machinery displays
 -  Woodland walks & family activities with the Goodwood Education Trust
 -  Organic produce for sale – including our award-winning cheeses
- See heritage breeds, discover how we care for the land, and meet the passionate people behind Goodwood's farming story.

Free entry – but advance booking is required.

Book now at

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The Optimistic Gardener

Don't let the weeds get ahead of you

For months we look at grey skies and brown stems of plants, longing for those longer days when we can enjoy all our meals outside, feast on strawberries and gaze at the iPad screen looking at the app called *Merlin* which tells us what birds we are being serenaded by.

Then that time arrives and we look at blue skies and the emerging stems of the summer's bounty. We enjoy the epicurean delights of the vegetable patch and hear the cuckoo once again. But everything comes with a price! And this one is the need to keep on top of the weeds.

If you have been reading my 'column' for the last few years you may have gathered that our approach here at High Trees is quite relaxed with regards to tidiness (both inside and out). The lawns which were once scrupulously shaved once a week now have a long-haired hippy appearance in many areas (*See pic right*). So we now allow plants to linger which in former times would have been looked on as weeds. Meadow cranesbill (a wild geranium) romps across the area leading down to the hen house. Red campion (*Silene Dioica*) and Ragged Robin light up the woodland border. Ox-eye daisies pop up in the most unexpected places around the garden.



In fact all these 'weeds' are closely related to the highly prized garden varieties which we purchase at great price from the garden centre. Geranium *Rozanne* is the Chelsea plant of the centenary and not a million miles from Geranium *pratense* (the meadow cranesbill) in the same family. *Lychnis coronaria* (Rose Campion) - which has an RHS award of garden merit - shares a common ancestor with red campion. And the Ox-eye Daisy which decorates road verges up and down the country is a parent of the Shasta Daisy.

So what makes a weed? It really depends on your point of view.

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary:

A weed is a plant that is not valued where it is growing and is usually of vigorous growth especially one that tends to overgrow or choke out more desirable plants

There are 2 main types of plants which may be considered as weeds - annual and perennial. The former are plants which complete their life cycle in one season producing the next generation as seeds (though sometimes in their thousands) and are a bit of a nuisance but can be quite easy to control. The real headache as far as I am concerned are the perennial weeds which are vigorous, long-lived and fast spreading.

Bindweed, Bramble, Couch grass, Buttercup
Dandelion, Enchanter's nightshade
Ground elder, Mare's tail, Japanese knotweed
Stinging nettles, Creeping thistle, Dock

Listed like this one can almost imagine they would create a poetic garden in which Peaseblossom and Puck would gambol by moonlight. But if these plants were all that your garden contained it would be *Nightmare on Elm Street* and not *Midsummer Night's Dream*.

We loathe the idea of using poisons around the garden. After all some of them persist in the soil and it has been found that, given certain soil and weather conditions, the most commonly used weed killer, glyphosate, can leach into waterways.

The best way to treat vigorous perennial weeds which you don't want, is to tackle them at the earliest sign of growth. An effective but exhausting way of combatting perennial weeds is thoroughly to dig out all the roots. Even scraps of root left in the soil can produce new plants. Also if possible to keep them in check by covering them with light-excluding material for at least a year. Of course this isn't always possible.

The bindweed which abseils in from the fields that surround our garden is almost impossible to eradicate by digging or covering to exclude the light. So we have 2 options. Learn to love it - at least in the hedging that surrounds the garden, or train it up canes and then unwind the growth and pop into a waterproof bag in which one sparingly sprays some glyphosate. In recent years we are learning to pull the majority of the stems and enjoy the pretty white flowers of those which 'got away'.

Convolvulus cneorum



Calystegia sepium



Why is it we pay oodles of money to have one of these in the garden and treat the other with such disdain?

There are times with some weeds when the only thing to be done is remove all the plants you want to keep and put them in a temporary position for a year; this can be in the ground elsewhere or in large pots. This takes some doing but saves time in the end and gives you the opportunity to rearrange your border.

We have a border in the front garden which has been treated this way recently. I was having great problems with couch grass (*Elymus repens*) which is a fast-growing invasive perennial grass whose roots become entwined with those of plants you want and is almost impossible to eliminate. So, with help, I lifted all the plants I wanted to keep (which was far too many) - being careful to remove the roots of the couch grass as I went.

Then I left the area fallow for a few months - removing any of the couch, ground ivy and oxalis that returned - and in the Spring I sowed a packet of mixed wild flower seeds for the summer. It should have been a glorious display of cornflowers, marigolds, poppies and chamomile daisies but rather disappointingly the dominant flower to come through was the corncockle - so the summer was a blaze of purple.



Weed-free border



Weed-free border replanted



*Alliums buzzing with insect-life
(and Gerry scratching his head in amazement!)*

In the autumn (2023) I replanted the border with some of the old plants and some new ones I had produced from cuttings and sowing. I added some slabs of a recently felled tree to act as stepping stones, making access to the back of the bed possible without treading on the soil.

And I am far more likely to stop the weeds getting ahead of me now. As I write this in May I am enjoying the fireworks of Alliums and looking forward to the late-summer colour of the Salvias.

Janet Reeves





Join us in 2025 - 13 September

This year's Ride & Stride is planned for Saturday 13th September. This year we are looking to do a short little loop around the local area, ideal for Youngsters, Families and Oldies alike. Funds raised go to help our lovely Priory Church standing and watertight! Please put the date in your diary and drop me an email if you and the family can come along and join us! We might even stop for cake!

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Thanks, Mark Peters

Petworth House & Park News for June

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



Half Term Family Trail

Saturday 24 May – Sunday 1 June

Families can pick up a free 'Ben Plants a Butterfly Garden' trail map to follow the buggy-friendly paths of the Pleasure Garden and discover fun games and activities along the way. The trail is free but normal admission applies. No booking required.

Turner's Vision at Petworth exhibition

21 June – 16 November

For the first time in 20 years, a specially curated selection of J.M.W Turner's artistic studies of the Petworth landscape will be exhibited in the very place that inspired him. These rarely seen works give a fascinating insight into Turner's methods, and celebrate an extraordinary landscape seen through the eyes of Britain's most renowned artist, to mark the 250th anniversary of his birth.

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

Late Opening: Summer Solstice

Saturday 21 June, 7pm – 10pm

Spend the summer solstice enjoying the beauty of nature and watching the sunset in the Pleasure Garden, and along the front terrace of the house, when the grounds are open for the evening.

Take a stroll around the garden to see the evening sunlight and absorb the peaceful atmosphere on the woodland walk.

The Summer Solstice marks the opening of our new *Turner's Vision at Petworth* exhibition, which visitors will be able to see at no extra cost.

There will be live music performances during the evening.

£15 per person. We recommend booking in advance via our website to guarantee entry. Tickets can also be purchased on the night. The exhibition will close at 9pm.



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



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Volunteers' Week With 4Sight Vision Support

Volunteers' Week is an annual UK-wide campaign held from the first Monday in June to celebrate and recognise the contributions of volunteers. This initiative has been running for over 40 years, providing organisations and communities a platform to thank current and past volunteers for their invaluable efforts.

4Sight Vision Support (4SVS) has over 200 volunteers, and simply couldn't function without them – Volunteers' Week from 2nd to 8th June is a chance to recognise the fantastic contribution they make to its vital work supporting those living with sight loss across West Sussex. It's also an opportunity to publicise how its Volunteers contribute, and to encourage anyone, from any background, to consider volunteering with them in the future.

There are many ways in which you, family and friends can help: 4SVS has 'Ongoing Volunteers' who commit to a regular role in assisting at the various Club it runs, helping out at its Centres, helping in the Head Office, fundraising, and driving. 'Flexible volunteers' have roles including packing the client Newsletter, managing and collecting collection boxes, and supporting fundraising events and activities.

There are also roles for 'Micro-Volunteers': knitting Easter and Christmas novelties to sell in local schools and other venues, recycling a wide range of items to help fundraise, and putting up event posters.

Claire has been a Micro-Volunteer since 2021, she says, "I really enjoy knitting and its very rewarding making little novelties to help support such a good cause. I also recycle various items – including those which would otherwise go to landfill. I've also encouraged my place of work to collect stamps and ink cartridges for recycling too."

Currently 4SVS have particular need of: drivers for the Mid Sussex walking group; people to pack newsletters; people to empty/site collection boxes and put up posters in their area. To find out more, call 4Sight Vision Support on 01243 828555 or email enquiries@4sight.org.uk Further details, including items for recycling can be found at www.4Sight.org.uk

Details about Volunteers' Week can be found at www.volunteersweek.org

Latest News from St Wilfrid's Hospice

June 2025

Fill a Bag

Grab yourself a bargain this June!

On 28th and 29th June, St Wilfrid's Hospice are holding a Fill a Bag sale at their Terminus Road shop, offering you the chance to browse rails of pre-loved clothes and fill a bag with as many as you can, for £10.

The sale is held from 10am to 4pm, and you are free to pop along at any point in the day, but St Wilfrid's do ask you to register online, to help them best manage the event.

Can't make it? St Wilfrid's are holding another Fill a Bag sale on 27th and 28th September, offering the same sale as we enter the Autumn period.

www.stwh.co.uk/fill-a-bag

Moonlight Walk

Last chance to sign-up!

St Wilfrid's Moonlight Walk is on Saturday 14th June and ticket sign-ups close on the 9th June. Don't miss out on getting your ticket!

The Moonlight Walk is an incredible community event, bringing hundreds of local people together to take on a five or ten mile walk across Chichester. The routes take you across the local area, stopping in familiar places which have been decorated to provide an exclusive experience, unique to the Moonlight Walk.

Get your tickets before they go!

www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight



Treks

Want to explore a new UK landscape?

St Wilfrid's are inviting you to take on one of three treks this year and help raise vital funds for the Hospice and the vital care that they provide across your local community.

The three available treks are:

Hadrian's Wall - 27th to 29th June

Jurassic Coast - 4th to 6th July

Snowdon at Night - 2nd to 3rd August

Each trek offers incredible experiences of amazing landmarks, and you'll be joined by many others looking for a challenge. By taking part with St Wilfrid's and fundraising, you'll be helping make a difference to local lives, while completing an unforgettable moment!

www.stwh.co.uk/events

London to Brighton Cycle Ride –

Take on the epic challenge of cycling from London to Brighton in support of your local charity hospice.

On September 14th, the iconic London to Brighton Cycle ride is being held, inviting thousands of cyclists to embark on the 55 mile ride. By taking part, you'll get to experience the wonderful city and beautiful views of the South Downs while also helping to raise funds for an independent charity.

Register your interest for a charity place now!

www.stwh.co.uk/london-to-brighton

The Big Half – 7TH September

Not quite ready for a marathon yet? Why not take on The Big Half?

The Big Half is an incredible event, taking runners on a half-marathon with a fun, festival atmosphere. You'll get to pass some of the incredible city landmarks and support throughout the route.

Taking part in this and fundraising will help support local lives that St Wilfrid's provide expert care and compassion to, all year round.

www.stwh.co.uk/the-big-half

Gifts in Wills

Did you know that one in four of St Wilfrid's patients are cared for thanks to gifts left in Wills?

With costs rising across the sector, hospices across the country are facing a funding crisis, and need your help to protect their future. When you have your Will written or updated, please consider leaving a gift to St Wilfrid's Hospice, as this will help to fund their vital care services. If 38% of the people in our community were to leave a gift of just £300 in their Will, St Wilfrid's would be able to fully fund their Ward for at least seven years.

You can find out more about the importance of gifts in Wills and how it can help local charities like St Wilfrid's here:

www.stwh.co.uk/gifts-in-wills

Council updates direct to your phone!

Finding out information about local council services – including receiving recycling and waste collection day reminders – has never been easier, thanks to the free Chichester District Council app, which is available from the Apple Store and Google Play Store.

As long as you switch your notifications on, CDC will be able to let you know if their recycling and waste crews are running late, and if there are any planned changes to collections. You can also find out about other council services, and keep up to date with all of the latest council news and information. You can find out more at:

www.chichester.gov.uk/chichesterdcapp

‘Step by Step Guide’ to downloading the Chichester District Council app:

- 1 Head to the Apple Store or Google Play Store on your smartphone device.
- 2 Type in ‘Chichester District Council’ into the search bar. Our free app will pop up in the results.
- 3 Click to download it onto your mobile device. You can now exit the app store. The app should now show up amongst the icons on your home screen.
- 4 Open the app, type in your postcode and select your address from a drop-down list. You will also be prompted to enter your contact details, so you can receive important updates when reporting incidents to us.
- 5 Don’t forget to click ‘allow notifications’ in the notifications tab to ensure you don’t miss out on important reminders and announcements.

The app enables you to:



News – read council news stories on important local issues.



Report it – complete ‘Report it’ forms for issues such as street cleaning, fly-tipping, or to request a new bin.



Councillors – access the details of your local district councillor.



Waste collections – find out when your bin is due to be collected and sign up for notifications on waste collection updates.



Recycling information – sign up to receive weekly bin collection day reminders for recycling and waste collections, including our garden recycling service.



Find my nearest – find your nearest facilities, such as recycling centres, car parks, leisure centres, libraries and public toilets.



Eating out – view local hygiene ratings for restaurants and cafes.



Contact us – access our address details, opening hours and contact information.

Book an MOT with Chichester District Council

Book your MOT online with Chichester District Council today and save in May and June!

The council is now offering an online booking system for its trusted and independent MOT testing service, which can be carried out within the hour, and is open to the general public and businesses.

Their specialist centre can test cars, vans, minibuses, light commercial vehicles and motorhomes, and is conveniently located just off the A27 in Stane Street, Chichester, PO18 0NS. Appointments are available Monday through to Friday from 8am to 3pm.

Bookings can be made online at: www.chichester.gov.uk/mot. During the months of May and June, customers can use the discount code 'SAVE5MOT' to save £5, even if their test date is after June. The code must be used when booking online before 30 June 2025.

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



Please continue to support the Chichester District Foodbank.

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

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

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Please contact Sheena to reserve your place as these are limited due to hall space.

email: sniz1412@yahoo.co.uk

Mobile: 07717 131484 (Text/WhatsApp)

Dates for East Dean Village Hall PO18 0JG.

May 28th

June 04 & 18th

Dates for St Blaise Centre - Boxgrove

May 27th (Free 'Taster' Session)

June 17th



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Dates for your diary.....

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

JUNE

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|-----------|---|
| 7th June | Summer Fayre, Boxgrove Village Hall |
| 7th June | Boxgrove Priory—Day of Prayer—See p8 |
| 8th June | Goodwood Home Farm Open Farm Sunday |
| 18th June | Amici Concert in the Priory—Violin/Cello—7.30 p.m.
<i>See ad opposite for details</i> |
| 27th June | Amici Concert in the Priory—Violin/Guitar—7.30 p.m.
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*****Please see the article from Boxgrove Cricket Club in this issue, for fixtures dates*****

Advance Notice

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|----------------|---|
| 2nd August | Lavant Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show, Lavant Memorial Hall |
| 27th September | Boxgrove Dog Show & Fair |

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

Please see the cathedral website for details of the many events being held there: www.chichestercathedral.org.uk The popular lunchtime concerts held at 1.10pm on Tuesdays continue in term time.

There is no charge for admission but a minimum donation of £3 per person is invited (Gift Aided as appropriate).

- 3 June—Idlyr Shyti, cello & Mateusz Rettner, piano
- 10 June—Laefer Quartet (Saxophone Quartet)
- 17 June—Fira (Flute & Violin duo)
- 24 June—Lucy Barratt, piano

PRIORY SERVICES AND MASS TIMES

Sundays at 8.30am and 10.30am [Solemn]

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 10am

(Coffee after Mass on Tuesday)

Wednesday and Friday at noon

On, usually, the first Sunday of the month at the 10.30am Mass the setting of the Ordinary (Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei) will normally be congregational, with anthems and motets sung by the choir.

Please see page 5 for Boxgrove Junior Church arrangements.

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

You are encouraged to attend the services in person; however, if you prefer you can still 'join in' the Mass from the Priory, 'live' or at a time which may be more convenient for you, via the Parish [Facebook](#) page.

Youngsters: Come and join in at Boxgrove Junior Church (2nd Sunday) and our new Mass@5 (Usually 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays)

Sunday 22nd June—Corpus Christi

10.30 a.m. Solemn Mass & Benediction: Celebrant & Preacher Fr Tim Newton

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