

# THE BOXGROVE BUGLE

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*The Poppy Cascade at the war memorial in the Priory*

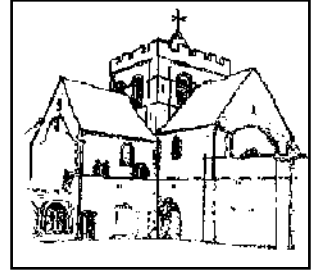
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## ***The Treasurer writes....***

### **Supporting Boxgrove Priory in Challenging Times**

Dear Friends,

For over **900 years**, Boxgrove Priory has stood at the heart of our parish — a place of prayer, beauty and community. Generations have come here to worship, to mark life's milestones, and to find peace and comfort. The Priory is not only a sacred building, but also a living witness to the faith and devotion of countless people across the centuries.

Today, however, we face significant financial challenges. Like so many households, our costs have risen sharply in recent years, particularly energy bills and maintenance expenses. At the same time, our income has not kept pace, leaving us in a very difficult position. Despite every effort to reduce our spending, we are now having to make some hard choices.

One of the most visible concerns is the **maintenance of the churchyard**. We take great pride in how beautiful and well-kept it looks — something many visitors remark upon. Despite its significant size, it has always been carefully tended, providing a place of remembrance, peace and reflection for all who visit. Yet the simple cost of cutting the grass now stands at **£5,700 per year**. Without additional support, we will sadly be forced to reduce, or even stop, grass-cutting in part or all of the churchyard at the end of this year. This is not a step we take lightly. Another change concerns the *Boxgrove Bugle*. After this issue, we will no longer be able to deliver it to every home in printed form, something we have done for over 30 years. From October, the Bugle will be available digitally on the Priory website, with a link also posted on the Priory Facebook page. A small number of printed copies will still be left each month in the Priory, the Village Shop and the Village Hall for people to collect. If you would still like a printed copy delivered through your door, please contact the Churchwardens (see the contact details on the 'Who's Who' page).

We are deeply grateful for the generous support many already give. But if you are able to help further — even just a few pounds each month — it would make a real difference. Small, regular gifts add up to steady, reliable income that helps us plan and care for the Priory and its churchyard.

The most effective way to give is through the **Parish Giving Scheme**, which allows donations to be made securely and efficiently. You can sign up online here: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/boxgrove-st-mary-w-st-blaise-chichester/>

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Alternatively, forms are available at the back of the church. You are also very welcome to contact me directly if you would like to discuss ways of giving or have any questions about supporting the Priory.

We do not make this appeal lightly. But just as generations before us preserved and cherished this holy place, so too must we ensure that it remains a place of welcome, peace and prayer for the generations yet to come.

With heartfelt thanks for your prayers, presence and generosity,

**David Bannister**

Treasurer



### **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



# POPPIES AT THE PRIORY



A short service of remembrance and dedication of the poppy cascade in the Priory took place on Sunday 17th August; a wreath was then laid at the grave of Billy Fiske. This was to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII, the 85th anniversary of Tangmere airfield having been bombed, and the death of Billy Fiske on 17th August 1940.



William Meade Lindsley Fiske III was born 4 June 1911 in Chicago. He travelled to the UK after World War II broke out and joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, claiming to be Canadian in order to enlist; the USA had not entered the war at that time. Based at Tangmere aerodrome, he participated in the Battle of Britain and was killed in action. He was the first American serviceman to die in WWII, and is buried in the Priory churchyard.

*Left: The Billy Fiske memorial window in the Priory*

***Thank you to all those involved in creating and hanging the poppy cascade.***

# THE BUGLE

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### SEPTEMBER

1	Mon	Saint Giles, Abbot	The disabled
2	Tue	Feria	Faithfulness in vocation
3	Wed	<b>Saint Gregory the Great, Pope &amp; Doctor</b>	Church choirs
4	Thu	Saint Cuthbert, Bishop	Sacrificial giving
5	Fri	Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Religious	The poor
6	Sat	Of Our Lady	The sick
7	<b>SUN</b>	<b>ext sol NATIVITY OF THE BVM (23<sup>rd</sup> Week)</b>	<b>Parish and people</b>
8	<b>Mon</b>	<b>NATIVITY OF THE BVM</b>	<b>Obedient service to God</b>
9	Tue	Saint Peter Claver, priest	Those working with the homeless
10	Wed	Feria (Monthly Requiem)	The Departed
11	Thu	Feria	The Community at CrawleyDown
12	Fri	The Most Holy Name of Mary	Walsingham
13	Sat	Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor	Preachers
14	<b>SUN</b>	<b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b>	<b>Parish and people</b>
15	Mon	Our Lady at the Cross (24 <sup>th</sup> Week)	Witnesses to suffering
16	Tue	Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, martyrs	Engineers
17	Wed	Saint Hildegard of Bingen	Vocations to the Religious Life
18	Thu	Feria	Seafarers
19	Fri	Saint Theodore, Bishop	The Archbishop of Canterbury
20	Sat	Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Pr & Mm of the Pacific	Oppressed Christians
21	<b>SUN</b>	<b>TRINITY 14 (25<sup>th</sup> Week)</b>	<b>Parish and people</b>
22	Mon	Feria	Young Christians
23	Tue	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest & Religious	Funeral Directors
24	Wed	Our Lady of Walsingham (Ember Day)	The Shrine OLW
25	Thu	Saint Sergei of Radonezh, Religious	The Hostel at Kwa Mkonzo
26	Fri	Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs (Ember Day)	General Practitioners
27	Sat	Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest (Ember Day)	The Sisters of Charity
28	<b>SUN</b>	<b>TRINITY 15 (26<sup>th</sup> Week)</b>	<b>Parish and people</b>
29	Mon	<b>Saint Michael and All Angels</b>	Thanksgiving for angelic ministry
30	Tue	Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor	Biblical scholars



# A note from Father Ian

*My dear friends,*

*I am sorry that it has taken some time for me to write this, but as most of you will know, I had a bad fall very soon after retiring.*

*I couldn't drive, and was in a lot of pain, and my carefully constructed timetable for departure was wrecked.*

*But I am now in France.*

*I wanted to thank you all for the love and friendship which characterised my years at Boxgrove. Being your Parish Priest was a great privilege, and I will continue to hold you in my prayers.*

*I know that you will offer the same affection and trust to my successor, so that the Kingdom of God will continue to flourish in Boxgrove.*

*It is a good custom for departing clergy to beg forgiveness for the times that they have disappointed their people, and I certainly ask for that.*

*And I offer thanks for all who laboured with me in this part of God's vineyard, particularly my fellow clergy and those who held parochial office. There must, of course, be special thanks for those who supported me and my family through Jo's death, and beyond.*

*To the musicians: It was a pleasure working with you, and thank you for allowing me to put my own compositions in front of you!*

*To all who contributed to my leaving presents I offer my gratitude..*

*I hope we shall meet again, and I will not forget you.*

*Many blessings,*

*Fr Ian*



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## Hello from the Hall!

What a glorious summer we've had! Hopefully the last few weeks between writing this and it going to print have been just as nice!

We are looking forward to our next event of the year, where we join in with the nation's largest coffee morning and raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Firstly, a huge thanks to Mark Anthony's Mobile Bar Services who has very generously sponsored this event. Mark's mobile bar has served many a village hall event as well as countless private events booked at the hall. Always friendly and professional, Mark is affordable and reliable and we highly recommend him.

Our coffee morning will be from 10am-12pm on Friday 26th September 2025 and all are welcome. Some wonderful local businesses (and individuals!) have kindly offered to donate/bake us lots of sweet treats, so there will be plenty on offer, with hot drinks available too. We are also lucky enough to have local musician Lauren Hayes performing for us- it's going to be a wonderful morning! Please do come and support us; your furry friends are very welcome, too.

If you would like to bake/donate anything, or help out on the morning of the event, please get in touch at [community@boxgrovevillagehall.co.uk](mailto:community@boxgrovevillagehall.co.uk).

All help is very much appreciated!

Until next time...!

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### Get Ready to Be All Shook Up – “Sean Sings Elvis” Comes to Boxgrove!

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## Boxgrove Cricket Club



*Left: The team vs Singleton (A) sporting their new kits, provided by Glanvilles Solicitors – our kit sponsor.*

The perils of friendly, village Sunday cricket reared its head during June and July when three fixtures were unfortunately cancelled due to sides not being able to make 11 players. Our away visits to Petworth Park and Storrington were both cancelled due to the hosts not being able to raise a squad, and our return fixture against Singleton was curtailed due to Boxgrove not having a full cohort. However, since the last update we've not only had 5 entertaining games, we've also received our lovely new shirts, sponsored by Glanvilles Solicitors.

### **15<sup>th</sup> June – Singleton CC (94/8) vs Boxgrove CC (95/4)**

Boxgrove secured the win in the local rivalry after limiting the hosts runs. John Arman opened his bowling career for Boxgrove with 4 wickets for 18 runs, and Robin Wilcox ended the bowling with 3 wickets for 14 runs, narrowly missing out on a hat-trick leaving Boxgrove a small total to chase. Boxgrove gained the runs in 18 overs, with John Arman getting 39 and Eli Geraets getting 17 as the top scorers.

### **22<sup>nd</sup> June – Boxgrove CC (78/2) vs Clanfield CC (74 all out)**

Age was the factor when Boxgrove's potentially youngest bowling attack ever put on a clinic, making quick work of Clanfield. 6 bowlers, aged between 13 and 19, all took wickets to limit Clanfield to 74 from 20 overs. After the youth shone, the two eldest players of John Arman and Rob Comins shared a partnership of 70 before Roman Geraets hit the winning runs to secure the result in 10 overs.

### **6<sup>th</sup> July – Boxgrove CC (172/7) vs Shirrell Heath CC (170/5)**

Boxgrove secured their third win in a row in a rain-interrupted game. Five wickets fell across the Shirrell Heath 35 overs, with all of them catches – three taken by James Callnon. After an extended Tea period, Boxgrove secured the win in 27 overs, with Rob Foy scoring an impressive 74 in 50 balls, with 11 fours and 2 sixes, and strong batting performances from Eli Geraets and club captain James Thorpe who secured the win.



### **13<sup>th</sup> July – Fittleworth CC (265/3) vs Boxgrove (95 all out)**

Boxgrove faced an uphill struggle early on, with Fittleworth scoring 43 runs within the first 3 overs, on their way to a commanding victory. Rob Comins attempted to aid Boxgrove's return, scoring 50 off 51 balls before being caught and once Xander Arman got out for 21 runs, a number of ducks and single figure scores put the contest to bed in the 20<sup>th</sup> over.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> August – Burpham and Warningcamp CC (210/9) vs Boxgrove CC (162 all out)**

A young squad with an average age of 20 (only saved by the three elder statesmen of the team) travelled to Burpham for a competitive game which they came up unfortunately short. Burpham opener Barrett scored a quick 64 before finally being caught on the boundary by Robin Wilcox, with Eli Geraets swiftly picking up 3 quick wickets to bring the tie back into Boxgrove's favour. Runs slowed up in the second half of the innings with 13 year old spinner Thomas Young picking up his first two wickets as Burpham scored a catchable 210. John Arman led the charge opening and closing the batting, missing his hundred by 6 runs. But with five of the Boxgrove attack scoring 1 run a piece, and 3 others scoring single figures, the final wicket fell in the penultimate over.

### **Upcoming fixtures**

24<sup>th</sup> August – Slindon CC (Away)

31<sup>st</sup> August – Pathfinder CC (Home)

14<sup>th</sup> September – Lancing Manor CC (Away)

21<sup>st</sup> September – West Meon CC (Home)

*Robin Wilcox, Boxgrove Cricket Club*



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# The Optimistic Gardener

## Where have all the swallows gone?

I don't know about you but I have really missed seeing swallows this year. Our house in Barnham lies between 2 properties with stables and in the past we have been treated to amazing aerial displays from these graceful acrobats of the sky. But this year I only saw **one** flying overhead - probably off on its holidays to Scotland - and since then, nothing! We've had buzzards, mallards, a family of moorhens, tree creepers and other exotics but no hirundines.

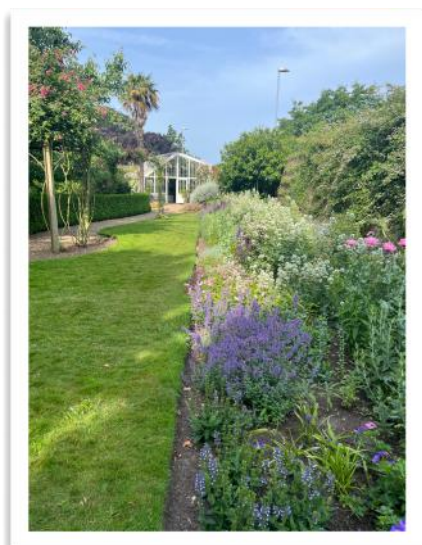


*Swallow heading North*

House martins, sand martins and swallows all fall into the category of 'hirundines' but swifts - though as agile as these other birds - are more closely related to hummingbirds! Swifts are also low in number this year in the UK. In the past I have written about our experimenting with swift boxes. The residents of our two swift boxes so far have been house sparrows and blue tits. Despite playing a looped recording of the screeching of swifts for 4 hours a day during one (very long) summer, we have had no prospective buyers for our des res.

Swifts and hirundines are aerial insectivores. They like nothing better than hanging around with their mates especially in areas such as open fields, ponds and other wetlands. This is because these are the habitats where they are most likely to find their menu of choice. Bugs!

Their long, pointy wings and streamlined bodies are well suited to this type of hunting - but only if the insects are there in any numbers.



*Peckover House Bee Bistro*

I recently paid a visit to a National Trust property in the centre of Wisbech. No - I hadn't heard of it either! Wisbech is a small market town on the fens between Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire. As you may know, the Fens are a major agricultural area producing many vegetables, potatoes and sugar beet. You have probably eaten something from Lincolnshire today - unless you grow-your-own! But I was shocked at the lack of insect life and bird song.

The property which we were renting was in the grounds of a beautiful 4 acre garden which was at its absolute best in May/June. Roses they had in abundance, flowering shrubs such as philadelphus assaulted the nostrils as I walked around and the herbaceous borders were stuffed full of bee food plants. They even had 3 hives nestling in a quiet

corner humming with the little buzzers in the heat of the day.

But as I sat and watched as I drank my morning coffee or quaffed a cool glass of Prosecco (in the evening - I should add!) there was no sign of any other insect life in the garden. Where were the damselflies with their gauzy wings? Why could I not



*Peckover House apiary*

hear the insistent drone of the bumble bees? And why was I not being serenaded by the robins and blackbirds as I was at home - even after the other birds are all tucked up in their nests?



*Roses putting on a show but where are the insects?*

I have no scientific evidence to quote to you about this particular area of England but it doesn't take Sherlock Holmes to come to the conclusion that the Fens probably have a higher use of herbicides and pesticides than most other parts of the UK. So the insects which feed the birds are simply not there.

Call me an old cynic but I don't think the Fenland farmers are too concerned about insect pollination as much of what they grow to sell is wind pollinated - and boy they have plenty of that in the east coast. So the decline in insect numbers in the UK (60% in the last 20 years according to a report published by *Bugs Matter*) is not a

subject that worries the growers of wheat, barley and many types of vegetables. But it should!

The reason for the dramatic decline in insect numbers are the usual things we are told: Habitat loss, climate change and pesticide use. The intensive farming which resulted in the post-war drive to become less dependent on food imports meant that intensive farming was a 'Good Thing'. The increased use of fertilisers and pesticides reduces insect populations. And reduced insect populations means reduced bird populations.

Nowadays there are not so many farmyards like those in 'The Darling Buds of May' and there are fewer buildings for insect and bird nesting sites. And of course your average 'new-build' does not have the nooks and crannies which provide suitable nesting sites for swifts and martins.

Some factors causing the decline we can do little about as individuals; I suppose we can do our small part in mitigating the effects of climate change with its unpredictable weather. We can try to use our recycling bins assiduously and rely less on our cars and let the train take the strain! We can holiday closer to home and avoid flying as much as possible.

But with regards our gardens, parks, verges etc. we do have a chance to make an impact. OK - so parks and verges may be a bit trickier but in our own patches of land - however small or large - we can make changes. Do we really need a perfectly striped lawn, shorn to within an inch of its life?



*Is this the perfect lawn?*

Or can we provide birds and insects with a habitat and food store which will encourage them to our small patch?





*A perfect lawn is silent and a wildlife garden sings!*

We can take all those chemicals lurking in the garden shed down to the tip - after all most pesticides are broad-spectrum meaning that they harm a wide range of insects - not just the targeted pests.

We can plant trees, shrubs and flowers which provide insects and thus birds with food sources not found in fields of mono crops which have been nuked to provide us with our Wheatabix.

We can join organisations like the RSPB and the Sussex Wildlife Trust who are working to protect habitats.

So if you want future generations to hear the buzzing of bumble bees and the screeching of swifts then don't leave it to others to do the right thing. If you want to see flocks of swallows swooping over the fields and ponds and marvel at the bats as the sun goes down - then change your ideas about what a perfect lawn should look like. After all the "perfect" lawn is silent and the wildlife garden sings!

Janet Reeves



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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## **Petworth House & Park News for September**

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.

### **Ship Ahoy! Family Trail**

**19 July – 7 September**

Set sail on an artistic adventure through Petworth House and Garden, inspired by J.M.W. Turner's seascapes. Follow the clues and get ready for some nautical fun. Climb aboard our large wooden ships, imagine braving wild waves, and take part in seafaring games along the way.

The trail is free but normal admission applies. No booking required.

### **Art Classes inspired by J.M.W. Turner**

**9 August – 9 October**

This series of courses, in collaboration with West Dean College, will provide an introduction to a variety of mediums, from oil painting to watercolour and charcoal to felting. The courses draw inspiration from Turner's atmospheric paintings and provide a unique opportunity to learn and create in two historic locations.

Check our website for the full programme. Booking essential.

### **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.



## Petworth Heritage Open Days 20<sup>th</sup> and 21st September

**Heritage Open Days** are here! England's largest festival of history, heritage and culture kicks off on the weekend of September 20/21 with over 5,000 museums, factories, manor houses, breweries, gardens and everything in between will be opening their doors and sharing their stories... all for FREE.

In Petworth, this will mean that Petworth House with their extraordinary art collection will be opening their doors free of charge, together with Coultershaw Heritage Site where the historic machinery will be in action alongside fun craft activities.

Burton Mill will also be open. They will be milling both days, 11am to 4pm.

The Petworth Cottage Museum in the High Street will open free of charge from 11 to 4.30 on both days.

Also free are the hourly Petworth Town Walks where you can join a walking tour of the town to discover more about the local heritage. I will be leading some of the walks.

Tickets for the Walks will be allocated on that day on a first come, first served basis and can be collected from Church Lodge visitor entrance to Petworth House. First Walk will be at 11am outside St. Mary's Church and each one will last for an hour.

Further details about the Walks or other events from  
[Geraldgrahamcooke@gmail.com](mailto:Geraldgrahamcooke@gmail.com)




### ***Cream Teas at the Priory***

Many thanks to all who organised, baked for, helped and attended the cream teas held at the St Blaise Centre throughout August.

More news next month regarding how much was raised for Priory funds through this very enjoyable and worthwhile effort!

# The Home Buying Experts for West Sussex and Hampshire

A scenic view of a coastal town, likely in West Sussex or Hampshire, featuring a prominent church spire and a boat on the water. The town is reflected in the calm water, and a flock of birds is flying in the sky above. The scene is peaceful and picturesque, with traditional red-brick buildings and a thatched-roof house visible along the waterfront.

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# How to find a property you can add value to



In today's market, most buyers are unenthusiastic about taking on the cost and extended timescales of a large renovation project. But many of the clients we work with are still looking for properties that offer good value through potential for improvement. Smaller, strategic projects that create significant impact are particularly attractive.

Improving a property's layout can be a more cost-effective alternative to increasing its size and in some cases can deliver nearly as much value, without the high costs of extensions or rebuilds. These are some of the best ways to improve a property and add value without breaking the bank.

## **Rethink the space**

Older homes often have poor layouts which don't work for modern living, but there are several ways you can maximise the functionality and flow of the space without major structural work.

- Create a large open-plan kitchen/living space
- Add a downstairs cloakroom or utility room if one doesn't already exist
- Add a bathroom or en-suite if space allows
- Open the kitchen/dining area to the outdoors, introducing more light
- Consider loft conversions, which are particularly popular with young families, offering extra space without major cost.

## **Enhance visual appearance**

Buying a less attractive property can be an excellent way to add value. These homes are



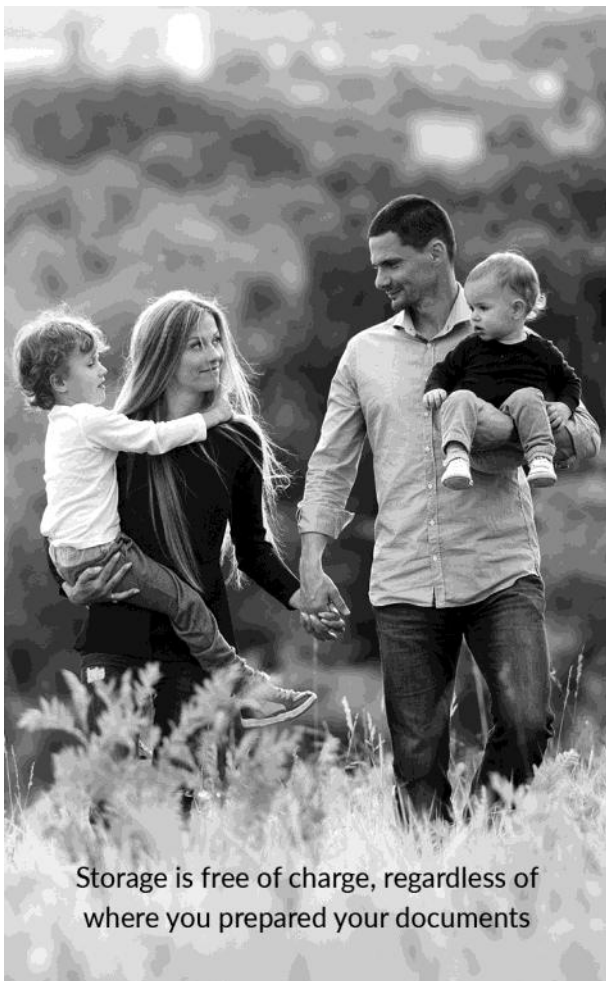
often significantly cheaper than more visually appealing ones and improving their kerb appeal can be relatively inexpensive.

- Soften exteriors by planting climbers such as wisteria
- Replace hard landscaping with flowerbeds and softer planting schemes
- Clean or repoint brickwork to instantly lift the exterior of the property
- Upgrade the front door and windows for a fresh, cohesive look

### **Always remember...**

Before you buy, it's important to always check whether a property is listed or located in a conservation area, as this will potentially restrict the changes you can make. Investigate any existing covenants too. Some older ones may no longer be enforceable, depending on changes over time, but your **buying agent and solicitor** will be able to advise you.

For help and advice on finding a property you can add value to in West Sussex and the Surrey and Hampshire borders, please contact Jennie Hancock on [jh@propertyacquisitions.co.uk](mailto:jh@propertyacquisitions.co.uk) or call 07776 452128.



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## **Latest News from St Wilfrid's Hospice**

### **September 2025**

#### **Moonlight Walk 2026**

Experience Chichester under the moonlight!

St Wilfrid's beloved Moonlight Walk returns on June 13<sup>th</sup> 2026, inviting the local community to join together for a night to remember.

The night offers a variety of entertainment, before the main walk begins and walkers take on a 5 or 10 mile walk around Chichester. The walk itself offers some incredible sights, with certain areas such as Bishop's Palace Gardens and Guildhall in Priory Park being exclusively opened and decorated for this event. This is a great evening to spend with friends and family, while raising vital funds to support the incredible care that St Wilfrid's provide to those in need.

[www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight](http://www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight)



#### **Fill a Bag**

We can't end the summer without one final sale!

Our Terminus Road shop is holding the final weekend of our Fill a Bag sales at the end of September, giving



shoppers the chance to get a bag full of pre-loved clothes for £10!

This amazing sale is a great way to refresh your wardrobe with lovely affordable clothes, while also supporting your local charity hospice.

Join us on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Entry is free but we do ask you

to sign-up for an entry pass, to help us best manage the event on the day.

[www.stwh.co.uk/fill-a-bag](http://www.stwh.co.uk/fill-a-bag)



## Firewalk



Do you have what it takes to face the hot coals?

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, St Wilfrid's Hospice are calling those brave enough to take on a Firewalk - where you walk barefoot across hot coals. This will be a night for fiery fun and testing people's nerves all in support of end-of-life care.

For those whose little ones want to show their bravery, we also have a Legowalk

available.

Get your tickets now:

[www.stwh.co.uk/firewalk](http://www.stwh.co.uk/firewalk)

## Woof for Wilf

Let's get those tails wagging!

St Wilfrid's are extremely excited to be inviting our local community of furry friends for an exclusive walk across the famous Goodwood Motor Circuit! Held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November, this event is a great morning out, with some incredible doggy-themed stalls, plenty of paw-some activities and a chance to meet fellow dog lovers (and their pups). Tickets are £12 per dog, and humans go completely free!

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## Gifts in Wills

Your kindness could mean less tax and more hospice care.

A gift in your Will to St Wilfrid's Hospice could reduce the amount of tax you have to pay.

A gift left to any charity, such as St Wilfrid's Hospice, would be taken off the value of your estate before Inheritance Tax is calculated. Plus, if 10% or more is left to charity, your Inheritance Tax rate could also be reduced. Your gift could help protect the future of hospice care in your local community. It's simple to do and we are here to help you every step of the way.

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](http://www.stwh.co.uk/gifts-in-wills)



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## **Your Vision Matters – Supporting National Eye Health Week**

4Sight Vision Support (4SVS) is once again proud to support National Eye Health Week with its theme this year of 'vision really matters'. Running from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> September, this annual awareness-raising campaign promotes good eye health for all – reminding us to get regular eye health checks, and highlighting how lifestyle choices like diet, exercise and screen time affect your vision and can help you make better decisions.

Regular eye health checks can detect early signs of conditions, including glaucoma, which can be treated if found soon enough, as well as diabetes or high blood pressure. Those with sight loss should continue to attend regular checkups as further changes in the eyes can help make the best use of remaining vision and prevent any unnecessary further sight loss. Eye health checks are free for certain people; the NHS website has all the eligibility criteria and information.

In terms of lifestyle, diet, exercise and screen time, affect vision: a healthy balanced diet is ideal, not just for vision but for overall health and wellbeing. Scientific evidence suggests that exercise may reduce the risk of sight loss as it increases the supply of oxygen to the optic nerve. For those using a computer screen, it is recommended to take frequent breaks – try the 20, 20, 20 rule – take a 20 second break, every 20 minutes and look at something at least 20 feet away.

4Sight Vision Support is encouraging everyone to help spread the word, on Social Media and by asking friends and family when they last had an eye health check.

For further information on eye health, practical support and advice including shopping, reading food packaging or preparing meals, or help with accessing a local optician please contact 4SVS on 01243 828555 or email [enquiries@4sight.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@4sight.org.uk) More information about National Eye Health Week can be found here [Vision Matters - National Eye Health Week](#) .

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*Please see the cathedral website for details of the many events being held there: [www.chichestercathedral.org.uk](http://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).

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23rd September—Apollo Trio, string trio

30th September—David Hirst, Organ

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***Please see page 4 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.

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