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From Father Ian

I know that all of us have been going through an extraordinary and strange experience. This time of pandemic has resulted in each of us having stories to tell, often describing how we have found in ourselves new skills, greater peace, panic, dismay, disappointment and maybe loneliness. Each person's experience will have been unique.



For myself, I found on Mothering Sunday, back on March 22, that I was in the Priory without a congregation and planning,

for the first time, to try and live stream a service. I had one splendid assistant, whose main job was to feed the recorded music into the current service.

So I prepared the church, a job usually done by others, sorted out readings, and things for the altar, and climbed into my Vestments. I rang the sacristy bell, and walked into church in a sort of solemn procession all by myself, and went to the altar and began to do a combination of the familiar, and the entirely new!

Conducting a service successfully is usually heavily dependent on the interplay between the priest and the congregation; it is almost a conversation, and in the course of the liturgy there is a great sharing of mindset and of purpose.

I soon had to deal with the terrible truth that the back of my iPhone was not smiling back at me, nor communicating anything that would help me to feel I was in a dialogue of any kind. It felt too one-sided. Nevertheless it was the only thing that could be done in order to try and reach out and gather in what now felt like a dispersed group of people, rather than a gathered congregation.

I am told it went quite well, but we did manage to have only a very narrow window because of the way in which we were mismanaging the technology. We corrected that the following week.

Over the days and weeks we got much better at the practicalities, and I came to accept that beyond my iPhone camera were the treasured and precious members of the Boxgrove congregation, and many others who, from different parts of the world, were becoming a probably temporary part of our worshipping congregation. (I know that someone only has to watch the webcast for three seconds in order to register as a statistic, but even allowing for that there have been a good number of people whose needs were being met by our services.)

This has great implications for the way we must do things in the future. I cannot imagine that churches will stop live-streaming, given that we are obviously meeting previously unrecognised needs. So we will always have to be aware of the 'greater congregation', as well as those who are physically present.

But there are also, clearly, some who do not have access to the technology, or the knowledge of how to use it, in order to watch Boxgrove Priory live streaming on Facebook. These needs also need to be met, and just at the moment we are doing some work on how to help with this.

So that gives you an insight into one aspect of lockdown.

At the time of writing this, we have a socially distanced congregation in church, and a small choir, spread over two Sunday services. But the virus is spreading again, and it is possible that we may find ourselves with public worship suspended once more.

If so, see you online! If not, see you soon I hope!

With every blessing,

Father Jan



For your diary ... The daily Mass continues at noon each day (check Facebook for any changes)

The Sunday Masses are at 9.30am and 11.00am

Looking ahead ...

Sunday 4 October: Sunday 11 October:	Harvest Thanksgiving Trinity 18	
Sunday 18 October:	Dedication Festival (The Annua Parochial Church Meeting for	
Sunday 25 October:	I I.00am Mass) Last Sunday after Trunity	

THE BUGLE

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BOXGROVE & HALNAKER TRAFFIC CALMING GROUP UPDATE

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

The **Boxgrove Community Highway Scheme** implementation got underway on September 14th.

Landbuild, the contractor for WSCC Highways, started the installation at the southern end of the village with the improved cycle access to the A27 bridge. This was followed by the all new crossing point across to the bus stop at Priory Close.

Over the six week installation period, we will see new parking arrangements outside the shop, a new roundabout at Crouch Cross Lane, a new crossing point to the bus stop opposite the Almshouses and an improved crossing/footpath at the north of the village. Road markings will be upgraded at key points through the village.

All these changes are aimed at improving pedestrian accessibility and safety while signalling to drivers that speed should be moderated when driving through the village.



The Halnaker Community Highway Scheme is progressing through the WSCC Highways design phase. The Parish Council provided detailed comments to the draft proposals in July and are now looking forward to seeing the final design which will go out for tender in the coming weeks. Installation by WSCC of this approved and funded plan will commence in the next financial year commencing April 2021. The Halnaker Gates Installation has been delayed by COVID. The gates are fully assembled and ready for installation. Install was scheduled for September 17/18 but was cancelled by the contractor until a future date. We are hoping the installation will be completed as soon as possible. The new gates will be complemented by all new village signs, all adding to improving 'pride of place'.

Both the **Speed Indicator Devices** are being deployed on a regular rotation in Halnaker and Boxgrove. Providing drivers with feedback on their speed.

No **Community Speed Watch** sessions have been conducted since COVID started. This is unlikely to change in the near future. The Police have been conducting regular speed check sessions in Halnaker and just recently booked I I people for road traffic offences in one session.

BOXGROVE PARISH COUNCIL Parish Council report - September

At the PC meeting on the 7th September the responsibility for the trees on Parish land was discussed. All the trees around the recreation ground are within the curtilage and thus the responsibility of the Council. In view of the fact that a couple of limbs broke off two specimens, this prompted the Council to request a survey of all our trees.



There has been some dialogue with residents in St Mary's Road about a couple of trees which were removed by WSCC Highways team, as being diseased and could become a danger, and two replacement flowering cherry trees have been ordered for planting later this year.

The work which is part of the Community Highways Safety Scheme began on the 13th, beginning at the southern end of The Street with substantial improvements and resurfacing treatment to the route to the A27 pedestrian bridge; next on the schedule is a pinch-point and a pedestrian drop-kerb crossing across The Street to the bus stop on the eastern side by Priory Close. Next is to be a mini roundabout at the junction with Crouch Cross Lane, a project that has been considered for a number of years, and further north an improved pedestrian crossing from near the Almshouses across to the drive to the Priory and the southbound bus stop, which will also benefit from improved surfacing. Finally, another pedestrian crossing improvement from the north end of the public car park across to the Common footpath network with the Windmill Trail signposting, and a small strip of new footpath to aid access to the Boxgrove Clinic within Priory Barns.

All of this work has been made possible by the diligence of a group of volunteers and a lot of support from our WSCC Member, Jeremy Hunt. It has been more than two years in the planning process and it is at last coming to fruition, and all to make the Parish a little safer for everybody.

In Halnaker, preparations were made to install the Village entry gates on the 17th/18th but due to the failure of the traffic lights team this had to be aborted for the time being. This, like the gates in Boxgrove, is part of the Traffic Calming measures planned and implemented by the TCG volunteers. The data collected by this group has been very influential in the now fairly regular presence of Police speed measuring and prosecution of offenders. I cannot thank these volunteers enough for their huge efforts in bringing these improvements forward with countless meetings and regular reports to the Parish Council for agreement and some of the funding, much of which came from the grants made to the community by Inert Recycling while the quarry restoration takes place.

The continued Covid 19 pandemic continues to blight our lives but due to the care and respect paid to the situation we, here in Chichester District, have been fortunate in having very, very few cases of infection. The help from our District and County Councils has helped enormously in suppressing the spread of this dreadful virus and I fear that, until a vaccination is found, this pandemic will be with us for some time yet. All that can be expected is that we all remain as careful and be watchful of the fellow members of our community.

You may not all be aware, but our excellent Parish Clerk, Imogen Whitaker has relocated back to live in France, where she lived for many years. Whilst all our PC meetings are being held virtually via the Zoom internet platform this has not presented a problem, but in the 'unknown' future, when face to face meetings resume, we may have to recruit a new Clerk. Imogen will be a hard act to follow!

It is very comforting that so many of our parishioners choose to join and contribute to our virtual on-line meetings during this unprecedented time. Keep it up, please. If anyone else wishes to join a meeting, all you need to do is to contact the meeting host, our Clerk, for joining details and that's it. I can add that Imogen's existing phone numbers will still work: modern technology has enabled this. The email address is: clerk@boxgroveparishcouncil.gov.uk.

It was shocking news that further damage was done to the windows of our Village Hall: just blatant stupid vandalism!

We understand the Police arrested a suspect but need further evidence to prosecute. I sincerely hope it wasn't any one from this Community.

So that concludes the report from your Parish Council.

Be aware and, above all, Stay Safe.

Henry Potter

Chairman of the Parish Council



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

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

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

Don't forget: you can 'join in' the Mass every day from the Priory, 'live' or at a time which may be better for you. Visit the Parish <u>Facebook</u> page: you will find the most recent services at the top.



As one who has the great pleasure and privilege of singing in the Priory Choir I thought I would put in writing what a great joy it is to be 'in the stalls' again (though actually on socially distanced chairs in St Catherine's Chapel) and singing once more on Sundays. Who would have thought, when 'all this' started, that we would for so long not have been allowed to worship together on Sundays - or even during Holy Week and Easter?

The choir routine is, quite rightly, very strict - masks on when we are not singing, one way in one way out at rehearsals, our own copies and even pencils (all carefully 'quarantined' by Tim, the choir librarian), no instinctive actions like helpfully handing someone their music ...

As there are two Masses each Sunday and each 'choir' can consist of only four or five people, for Alex, of course, it means two separate Thursday choir practices at the end of a long school day; but he is unfailingly encouraging and ready with an amusing witticism (or gentle criticism!) to keep us on our toes. It's good to be back!

THE OPTIMISTIC GARDENER

High Trees - No.37

Gardening in the 'New Normal'

Now I know what you're thinking. "Not another article about pandemics in unprecedented times!" But worry not. By the phrase 'New Normal' I am talking about the sort of weather we are expecting in our green and pleasant land in future years. (You are allowed to think "Not another article about climate change!")



Whether we like it or not, we are going to have to get used to living in a country which has hotter, drier summers and milder, wetter winters. Now some people see the temperature soaring into the low 30s and are in seventh heaven - whereas I couldn't be happier if the temperature hovers around 21°C and there are some fluffy clouds in the sky. As in 'Camelot' I would be delighted if "The rain may never fall till after sundown" and if

"The winter is forbidden till December And exits March the second on the dot".

But for a couple of months this year I would have been content if it had rained even before sundown! I seemed to spend half my free time (of which I had quite an abundance) watering the garden. While other parts of the country were suffering from deluges, we here in the South East were 'enjoying' the Isle of Wight effect. I am not sure whether I have dreamed about this phenomenon but the fact that this area lies within the rain shadow of the Isle of Wight may mean we are a particularly dry part of the South east. I watched as various plants around the garden seemed to be crying out for a drink. The Rudbeckia were much dumpier than usual; the Hydrangea arborescens flagged every warm day and was half the height it had been last year; some leaves on the Quince tree started to turn dark brown. But I resisted the urge to water anything ornamental and even the Quince only had two drenchings with the hose. I have decided that this type of summer is the 'new normal' and I am going to have to leave the plants to choose their own destiny. If the Hydrangea dies (they are happiest in moist soil in a climate like Cornwall when it is raining!) then I have a planting opportunity to find a shrub which prefers a Mediterranean environment.

There are quite a number of shrubs which are drought tolerant. When the time comes and I wheel the corpse to the shredder I could replace the Hydrangea with Choisya Ternata (Mexican orange blossom), Cistus x pulverulentus 'Sunset' (the magenta rock rose), or any number of tall and elegant grasses. With its glossy leaves, Trachelo-spermum jasminoides makes a gorgeous shrub to grow up a wall; not only is it loved by bees but in May and June it smells divine. Here you can see it growing against the wall of my music room, right beside a window. When the window is open the aroma wafts in and transports you to the Med in a



single sniff. It is growing in a border where I grow my Mediterranean-type herbs thyme, sage, rosemary etc. And so, as you can see, it clearly likes the same conditions. These too are plants which revel in hot dry summers and provide flowers which transport the bees to Elysian Fields.



Another shrub I grow in this part of the garden is Vitex agnus castus the Chaste tree. Such a strange name that I was compelled to Google it and found:

It has been long believed to be an anaphrodisiac - leading to its name as chaste tree - but its effectiveness for such action remains unproven. Pliny, in his Historia Naturalis, reported the use of stems and leaves of this plant by women as bedding "to cool the heat of lust" during the time of the Thesmophoria, when Athenian women left their husbands to remain ritually chaste.

However it is a native of the Mediterranean region and therefore should thrive in our longer, hotter summers.

The way to keep the competition down for what precious water we have in the garden soil is to mulch. This is material added to the surface of the soil to increase organic matter and to repress weeds. I have sung the praises of leaf mould in the past but this is only one medium which can be used to cover the damp soils. Other organic mulches are straw, hay, chipped bark, wood chippings, horse manure, cow manure, garden compost, spent mushroom compost.

The guru on 'No-dig gardening', Charles Dowding, recommends that each year in the winter (when the soil is usually wet) you cover the soil with a mulch of compost of

about 3cm thick. This suppresses the weeds and makes the soil more moisture retentive if it is done annually. With his no-dig system he finds that one composting a year is enough for two healthy crops of vegetables.

The eagle-eyed amongst you will spot that, in this picture of a High Trees veg bed, this is not compost-laying in winter: the runner beans and tomatoes are a bit of a clue! But this bed had leeks in it so couldn't easily be covered until later in the year.

There is another way to put goodness back into the soil if you haven't got access to bag-loads of compost or manure. The organic movement have been using this simple method for decades. Sow a green manure. This is done when a bed is free of crops and nothing is immediately ready to put in its place. The green manure consists of various plants - cloves, vetches, rye grasses and legumes (related to the pea family). The plants are grown in the bare earth, and before flowering, when they are fully grown, they are dug back into the soil, where they decompose and feed the soil which can then be used three to four weeks later for a new crop.





Our favourite green manure is Phacelia, a blue-flowered plant, which is good at attracting insects. I always leave some to flower as they are so beautiful. They are wonderful at attracting bumblebees and hoverflies (which enjoy nothing more than a plateful of aphids for dinner). They are the flower-arranger's friend too, with strong stems and a long life in a vase.

Well, I was going to tell you about the increase of insect pests we are likely to get with the 'new normal' climate; about the need for plants which can survive winter

mud-baths; about wind breaks - storms in August! Whatever next!!

But that will have to wait for another time. Now I am off out to give my Hydrangea the kiss-of-life and hope that it survives for another season.

Janet Reeves

FLOWERS FOR BILLY FISKE Men of valour in our churchyard

On Saturday 19th September I had the honour to carry out an unusual task: to collect a wreath of fresh flowers which had been commissioned by an American, and place it on the grave of Pilot Officer Billy Fiske in the Priory churchyard.

Billy Fiske was an American who died fighting with the RAF in the Battle of Britain. The American who had commissioned this tribute, Richard, did not know him or his family but is interested in the Second World War and, in particular, Allied aviation and the Battle of Britain: a crucial turning point in the war. The Battle of Britain was fought 80 years ago, between July and October 1940,



after the fall of France, and there have been many commemorations in recent weeks. In his message Richard likened, albeit on a subordinate scale, the efforts and sacrifices of the men and women who fought against Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for all of us. He chose five pilots to honour with his tributes; the others were from 603 Squadron. His message on the wreath was "Thank you for your service and sacrifice".

We are privileged to have the grave of such a prominent war hero at Boxgrove, but when placing the wreath I wondered about the three Commonwealth war graves nearby. I'm sure most people reading this know about Billy Fiske and his short but extraordinary life. He was 29 when he died. If you don't, Google him: it's worth it! We also have the benefit of his beautiful memorial window in the Priory. But what about the other three souls who paid the ultimate price?

On one side is the grave of **Sapper JA Paterson** no 7808104, of the 30th Surrey Antiaircraft Battalion. He died on 16th January 1940 - before the Battle of Britain. There is no indication of his age on the gravestone. I have so far been unable to find anything about him on the internet; perhaps because this was an air defence unit of the Territorial Army and therefore he is not listed as part of the army proper. I'm glad to say he has a proper grave.

On the other side is the grave of 3385266 **Corporal ET (Edward Thomas) Roberts** of the East Lancashire Regiment, who died on 3rd November 1940 aged 21. He wasn't a casualty of the Battle of Britain either. Coming from East Lancashire as I do, I found the familiar badge of the sphinx and the red rose very moving in this corner of our Sussex churchyard. No battalion is given on the gravestone but the 1st battalion served in France in 1940, fought in the battle of Dunkirk and had to be evacuated. That was in May and June 1940, but the survivors remained with the division on home defence duties. Was that his story?

The third grave is that of 6401700 **Private Jack Ralph Tunks** of the 44th Battalion Reconnaissance Corps, who died on 23rd December 1941 aged 26. The Reconnaissance, or Recce, Corps was only formed on 14th January 1941. They gathered vital tactical

information for infantry divisions, probing ahead and screening the flanks of the main advances. It is likely that he came from the Hampshire Regiment, the founding regiment of the corps. Their HQ was in Winchester. What is he doing here?

My limited research has posed more questions, so far, than it has answered. I am grateful to Richard for alerting me to these memorials with his moving gesture, and it is heartening to know that people all over the world remember what happened and respect those who fought for our freedom. I shall make sure that all four graves are adorned with poppies on Armistice Day.

Sue Organ





St Blaise Friday Lunch Club

The ladies of the kitchen have now decided that with the present situation that we will close down the Lunch Club and close the books. We have informed Father Ian and thanked all the helpers who we were working with us at the beginning of the year.

A big thank-you to all those that have helped in many different ways over the years. Maybe a new team will be able to start again when it is safe to meet again and work in a small environment.

We shall miss all those people who have been lunching on a Friday for a long time now. Best wishes from us all; we enjoyed our cooking and chatting to you all.





We know that some of you are not able to leave home at the moment to shop for essential items, so we are offering a home delivery service to residents of Boxgrove and local villages.

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We have daily deliveries of fresh produce and groceries so we will do our very best to fulfil your order, but some items may be subject to availability.

Payment will be taken by card over the phone and we'll advise you of an approximate time for delivery by one of our team or a friendly local volunteer.

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



We're back!

Maybe not in the usual way, but still here to give you your cultural fix!

The Arts Society Boxgrove has not been able to provide its usual scintillating lectures in Boxgrove Village Hall over the last few months; however, this autumn our second

lecture will be presented on Zoom in October and we are working on providing a Zoom lecture in November.

Some of our Members are not familiar with Zoom, or do not have computers, so we are encouraging them to join family members or friends who are familiar with the technology and make it a social occasion, always keeping to the rule of six! Where possible we are also planning some visits to places of interest within easy driving distance.

With winter evenings drawing in, and limited social contact, we all need some stimulating entertainment. We are inviting you to join us and become Members, and look forward to a variety of entertaining lectures. Please view our website (<u>https://tasboxgrove.org.uk</u>), where you can see our forthcoming lecture programme, and/or contact our Membership Secretary, Elaine Clark, on 01243 555644 for further information. (See also page 19)

The <u>Head Office</u> of The Arts Society is also providing a programme of fascinating lectures as well as regular contact with interesting information.



A Bible Quiz - the solution!

THIS IS A MOST REMARKABLE PUZZLE. SOMEONE FOUND IT IN THE SEAT POCKET ON A FLIGHT FROM MELBOURNE TO HONOLULU, KEEPING HIMSELF OCCUPIED FOR HOURS. ONE MAN FROM ILLINOIS WORKED ON THIS WHILE FISHING FROM HIS OHN SEAT. ROY DARK STUDIED IT WHILE PLAYING HIS BANIO, ELAINE VICTS MENTIONED IT IN HER COLUMN ONCE. ONE WOMAN JUDGES THE OB TO BE SO INVOLVING SHE BREWS A CUP OF TEA TO HELP CALM HER NERVES. THERE WILL BE SOME NAMES THAT ARE REALLY EASY TO SPOT ... THAT'S A FACT. SOME PEOPLE WILL SOON FIND THEMSELVES IN A JAM, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE BOOK NAMES ARE NOT NECESSARILY CAPITALISED. THE TRUTH IS, FROM ANSWERS WE RECEIVE, WE ARE FORCED TO ADMIT IT USUALLY TAKES A MINISTER OR SCHOLAR TO SEE SOME OF THEM AT THE WORST. SOMETHING IN OUR GENES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DIFFICULTY WE HAVE. THOSE ABLE TO FIND ALL OF THEM WILL HEAR GREAT LAMENTATIONS FROM THOSE WHO HAVE TO BE SHEWN. ONE **REVELATION** MAY HELP, BOOKS LIKE TIMOTHY OR SAMUEL MAY OCCUR WITHOUT THEIR NUMBERS AND PUNCTUATION, OR SPACES IN THE MIDDLE ARE NORMAL. A CHIPPER ATTITUDE WILL HELP YOU COMPETE. REMEMBER, THERE ARE TWENTY-FIVE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE LURKING SOMEWHERE IN THE PARAGRAPH.

BOXGROVE & TANGMERE JULIAN GROUP

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

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

12 Oct	Psalm 46, vv 1-3 'God is our refuge and strength' (ASB)	Location to be advised - Boxgrove
9 Nov	Psalm 42, vv 1-7 'Why are you so full of heaviness my soul' (ASB)	Location to be advised - Boxgrove
14 Dec	Psalm 8, v I 'O Lord our governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world' (BCP)	Location to be advised - Boxgrove
II Jan	Psalm 121, v 1-3 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills' (BCP)	Location to be advised - Boxgrove
8 Feb	Psalm 103, v 1-4 'Praise the Lord, O my soul' (BCP)	Location to be advised - Boxgrove
8 Mar	Psalm 40, v 1-4 'I waited patiently for the Lord' (BCP)	Location to be advised - Boxgrove
12 Apr	Psalm 95, v 1-7 'Come let us sing unto the Lord' (BCP)	Location to be advised - Boxgrove
10 May	Isaiah 40, v 31 (8 th century BCE) 'But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength'	Location to be advised - Boxgrove
14 June	Psalm 150, v 1-6 'O praise the Lord in his Holiness' (BCP)	Location to be advised - Boxgrove

Trust, the Highest Prayer

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



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Is Chichester now officially a commuter town?



Chichester has long been considered an easy transition for many families deciding to make their second home here their permanent residence, lured by the unmatched West Sussex lifestyle where you have a thriving City, coast and country in one very attractive package. This decision to make Chichester a permanent base always came at a slight price if the main breadwinner still had to commute to London on a daily basis – many kept flats in London for just this reason. However, in the new post Covid working environment, Chichester most certainly can now take its place as a viable commuter town.

What has changed for commuters?

Employers and employees alike have learned that working from home does not have to mean we are less productive. In fact, the opposite is often true. Some companies have implemented rotating day shifts so only half the workforce are in the office at any one time allowing social distancing. Many senior executives are only travelling for essential face to face meetings, allowing technology to take the strain instead of the rail network. So, a 90- minute commute which might have seemed too much of a stretch Monday to Friday is now easily doable if just on one or two days a week.

Chichester's commuting credentials

You will find many London commuters arriving at Chichester shortly after 6.30am on a Monday morning looking fairly relaxed about their 90-minute commute into London Victoria having enjoyed a full weekend in a spacious country home. Alternatively, they can drive the relatively short distance to either Havant or Haslemere, where you can pick up the London Waterloo line to arrive in London in under an hour.

Why are people moving to West Sussex?

People discovering the area for the first time are always pleasantly surprised at the cultural appeal of Chichester. When theatres return to normal, the Chichester Festival Theatre is the starting venue for many West End productions (without the West End prices) and local restaurants know they are catering to a very discerning market. Chichester is a vibrant city all year round, not just in holiday season, and with excellent schools, ever-improving rural broadband speeds, it is increasingly desirable. For those people moving out of London, where they are used to vertical houses with small and overlooked gardens, the space both indoors and outdoors which their money can buy is extremely appealing.

What will increasing commutes mean for West Sussex?

The increased demand may over time drive prices up, but for now at least, West Sussex is offering exactly what people are looking for (more space and a healthier lifestyle in a beautiful environment) at far better value for money than London or even the Home Counties closer to London like Surrey. One thing is sure, Chichester is now definitely on the commuter belt map and there are many stunning villages around the Chichester District, which are perfect for an occasional commute with all the West Sussex benefits.

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THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

with many thanks to Sally Bosson

Very Special Eggs (serves 2)

Sally says, "I think this makes a great brunch or supper"

3 eggs

I teaspoon garam masala 2 spring onions, finely chopped I tomato, finely chopped 1/4 onion, finely chopped Dash of lemon juice I green chilli, finely chopped (optional if you really don't like it!)

¹/₂ teaspoon salt 2 spring onions, finely chopped

Handful of freshly chopped coriander 1/4 red pepper, deseeded and finely chopped 1 garlic clove, finely chopped 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric Good knob of butter (or similar - I use ghee)

- I. Break eggs into a mixing bowl and beat well with a fork
- 2. Add all ingredients except butter
- 3. Gently heat the butter in a frying pan
- 4. Add the egg mix and stir continuously with a wooden spoon until the eggs are soft and fluffy

Can be served with toast, roti, chapati and pickles if you want or ketchup, personally I like it without any additions and if you haven't or can't get chapattis you can use whole wheat tortillas/wraps.



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