

# PARISH OAK



JANUARY 2016

# Parish Oak Activity Calendar

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1st	2nd
3rd 10am St George's: Communion	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
10th 10am Christ Church: Matins  3pm Alexandra House: Evening Service	11th	12th	13th The Oak, Smannell: Quiz Night	14th	15th	16th 3pm Landale Wilson Hall: "Happy Ever Morning After"  Enham Club: Country & Western Peter Shaw
17th 8.30am Christ Church: Communion  10am St George's: Communion	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd
24th 10am Christ Church: Communion	25th	26th	27th The Oak, Smannell: Quiz Night	28th	29th	30th
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## EDITORIAL

It's the start of the New Year! 2015 seemed to disappear ever so quickly...! The start of a new year seems a good time to make some significant changes to the Parish Oak magazine.

The first thing you will have undoubtedly noticed on picking up the magazine is that it has a new shiny cover. The second thing you might notice is that this issue is a little thicker than previously...we are finding that so many people want to publish articles, items of news and advertise their wares with us that we have had to increase the number of pages. I trust that these changes will bring more reasons for you to look forward with renewed interest to the arrival of the Parish Oak each month during 2016.

There is even a more significant change happening for the Parish Oak this month...and that change is actually outside of the scope of the magazine in your hands.

**With the arrival of this issue, the Parish Oak magazine has gone online!**

Now you will be able to go to [www.parishoak.co.uk](http://www.parishoak.co.uk) at any opportunity and read all the content that appears here. Not only that but there are a number of additional features that will I am sure draw you to visit the website regularly.

We will include on the website a Buy and Sell page so that you can move on all those household items that you need to be continually recycling.

There will be a Gallery page where I hope many of you will send in photos of the local area so that we can show viewers what a lovely community of village it is that we live in here in Hampshire.

Further, we will start compiling a listing of local places of interest, so we can share with all newcomers to the community that special place that they can go to visit.

Finally we plan to have an Emergency News page to give out information if we ever need to do so...I'm sure there will be occasions when it will be necessary. Go to Page 20 to get the first look at the Parish Oak website and then come online to [www.parishoak.co.uk](http://www.parishoak.co.uk)...and tell me what you think!

**Peter Calcraft**  
**Editor**



## **CHURCH IN SMANNELL & ENHAM**



### **Ramblings from the Rectory...**

And so we go into a New Year with new promise...what will 2016 have in store for each of us?

We will possibly begin a New Year with the thought that this might be the year we start to eat more healthily, or we begin a new exercise class, or try to walk or cycle more often, instead of using the car...

Now none of these are bad things to think about and indeed to get started on, but do we ever think about our spiritual health and perhaps about trying to become more spiritually fit?

It may be something to ponder upon over your coffee on a cold January morning.

You may also reflect on the Christmas celebrations and how beautifully decorated all our churches were. There have been some wonderful services and celebrations...and the Smannell and Enham school choir sang their hearts out on numerous occasions, as did the newly renamed E-Major choir from the Enham Trust.

But as we move into January, it is time for new beginnings and to that end the church will be asking for your views at the end of this month.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> January we begin the BIG ASK!

So there will be questionnaires in all 7 villages and for all the 7 congregations of the Pastrow team. Do look out for more information about this.

And so I wish you a year of new opportunities and fresh challenges that will help you become the person that God intends you to be...God has a plan for each of us but we are not always listening for His call. It could be something small or it could be something bigger...but each one of us has something to offer. So in the New Year may we be more open to God's nudging...and if you want to have a chat about something you feel God is asking you to do...please get in touch and we can meet up for a coffee perhaps and explore it further.

Every good wish for a fulfilling, fruitful and healthy New Year!

With many blessings and may God's peace go with you,

**Rev. Val**

**Rev .Val Gagen**  
**01264 748065**

## **PARISH REGISTER**

### **Funeral**

Edwin George William Clarke on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015. Funeral at Christ Church, Smannell and committal at Salisbury Crematorium

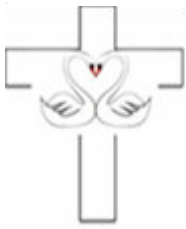
*I shall not forget you.*

*Look, I have engraved you on the palm of my hands*

*(Isaiah 49 v15-16)*

**Deadline for February's Parish Oak**  
**will be Friday 15th January, 2016**

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*To love, to learn, to live ... to leave a legacy*

## **SMANNELL & ENHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

At the beginning of every academic year staff in schools make great plans for shows and activities in the Christmas period. Christmas then arrives and I'm sure at some point we wonder why we put in place such ambitious plans! Having just gone through such a period I am reminded why.

This year our Key Stage 2 children put on two performances of a pantomime version of Hansel and Gretel complete with singing, costumes, props and scenery changes. It goes without saying that of course the performances were sold out and tremendously well received. Our younger children shared their version of the nativity story and there wasn't a dry eye in the house. I think that for me perhaps the greatest impact that this has on children is the growth in confidence that it brings about. This confidence is transferred to their learning, indeed some are able to build on it in their future lives.

In school we spend a great deal of time remembering that Christmas is a very special time of year. As I write we are preparing our Carol service that will feature plenty of traditional carols as well as readings that remind us of the Christmas story.

From everyone at school I wish you all a prosperous and happy new year.

***Peter Shaw***  
***Headteacher***



## The Smannell and Enham Church of England (Aided) Primary School



*To love, to learn, to live ... to leave a legacy*

**The Smannell and Enham Church of England (Aided) Primary School** is currently in need of new Foundation Governors.

Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and have an important part to play in raising school standards. The role of the governing body is absolutely key to the effectiveness of a school. Ofsted (the national inspection body for schools) has noted that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management, and that includes the leadership brought by the governing body.



Our school Governing Body is made up of people who come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skill and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the School and are the link between the School and the community it serves.

The role of the Governing Body is a strategic one and its key functions are to set the aims and objectives for the school; set the policies and targets for achievement; monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making, all this while being a source of challenge and support to the headteacher (a critical friend).

This isn't an application to be taken lightly, as it involves time, energy and a willingness to become involved in the life of the school on a regular basis over at least four years. However, it is very rewarding, as together we can strategically input into the school and see another generation of children growing in knowledge and development within our community. A Foundation Governor represents the Church of England and should be a regular communicant within the Church.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who has an interest in the performance of the school, but also a willingness to listen and help us make informed decisions to develop the school forward.

**Contact Peter Calcraft on 01264 512262 ([editor@parishoak.co.uk](mailto:editor@parishoak.co.uk)) or Paul Sexton on 07766 162347 ([paul@colvinnet.com](mailto:paul@colvinnet.com)) to discuss how you can be involved.**

## **REPORT ON PCC MEETING HELD ON 1st DECEMBER 2015 AT JUBILEE HOUSE**

All PCC members were present and the meeting was chaired by Rev. Alex Randle-Bissell, who opened with a reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians, followed by prayers.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed as correct by the Churchwarden.

Rev. Alex informed the meeting that it was hoped to arrange a Benefice website to incorporate a central diary system and a separate page for each Parish.

Rev. Val and Elizabeth agreed to continue their efforts to find new Governors for the School.

Two Safeguarding Officers had been appointed to the Benefice and were in training.

Further enquiries would be made regarding the safety of the uphill path in the Burial Ground at Christ Church.

Elizabeth explained her proposals to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the consecration of the churches, both called Christ Church, in Smannell and Hatherden. The Council welcomed the ideas put forward by Elizabeth and she agreed to form a small sub-committee to take the matter further.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dawson had kindly offered to provide the wine and mince pies for those staying after the Christmas Eve Service at Christ Church. Rev. Alex did not wish to alter the pattern of Services for the time being, but it was agreed that in future, services at Christ Church would commence at 1030. The Remembrance Service at St. George's had gone extremely well. Efforts to organize the cleaning of Christ Church were continuing.

Agreed charitable donations of £100 each had been made to the British Red Cross (International), Naomi House (Regional) and the Hampshire Air Ambulance (local). A donation towards the cost of floodlighting Christ Church over the Christmas period had been received from a local donor.

A meeting of the Benefice Treasurers had been held, the main topics of discussion being the need for a Benefice bank account to pay for shared central

costs and the actions by the Weyhill Treasurer to standardize funeral costs across the Benefice. All accounts payable were up to date and receipts banked up to the end of November. An Administrator would be needed to organize dates and venues for weddings, baptisms etc. and the centralization of forms etc. throughout the Benefice.

The Craft Group was continuing to meet. There would be a Christmas Eve service at Christ Church at 11.30 p.m. and a Christmas Day Service at St. George's at 10 a.m.

Rev. Alex then outlined his plans and hopes for the future of the Benefice.

The next PCC meeting would be held on 2nd February at 6 p.m. at Jubilee House.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8.13 p.m.

***Margaret Smith,***  
***Secretary to the PCC***

## Notices

### **CAROL SERVICES**

Smannell & Enham CE Primary School would like to say a massive thank you to Enham Trust for generously donating a Christmas Tree for their School Hall. It has been decorated by the children and now takes pride of place in our School Hall.

## ENHAM ALAMEIN PARISH COUNCIL

Your Enham Alamein Parish Councillors and clerk would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

On Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> January the pantomime "Happy Ever After" is being performed at the Landale Wilson Hall. Please see the next page for full details and do put the date in your new 2016 diary!

We hope you will join us in 2016.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January in the Cedar Print Room at the Enham Resource Centre.

***Leslie Francis***  
***Chairman***

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***Leslie & Tim Francis***

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Peta Wilkinson CEO

01264 345800

Hello Everyone,

I do hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year, celebrating with friends and family, relaxing, and making plans for the year to come.

2016 brings with it a wealth of exciting opportunities and challenges for us here at Enham Trust, as our work on the Cedar Park site develops, following the demolition of the old building which began at the end of last year.

The demolition of Cedar Park is the beginning of an incredible step-change for us as we plan to build a Neurological Rehabilitation Unit in its place, opening in 2017; increasing the range of services we are able to offer disabled people to live as independently as possible.

Last month, we were delighted with the response we received for our annual Snowflake Trail and Christmas market, where families and friends were invited on a unique adventure through the village, culminating in a chance to meet Santa and gain a free gift. A wonderfully festive time was had by all and I'd like to thank everyone involved for their hard work.

We're over the moon that Councillor Phil North, who will be running the Paris Marathon to raise money for our vital cause, is holding a quiz night at the Landale Wilson Hall on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February. The event promises to be a wonderful evening, with a raffle, prizes for the top 3 teams, and all funds raised helping to continue our work.

If you'd like to walk our Heritage Trail in the village – and discover, or rediscover, more about our rich and varied history – now is the perfect time to do so!

More information can be found on our website: [www.enhamtrust.org.uk](http://www.enhamtrust.org.uk)

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Peta Wilkinson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

***Peta Wilkinson, CEO***

# **LITTLE LONDON PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION**

## **Merry Christmas from the LLPFA**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and to encourage all those people who would like to build even more community spirit to make contact and help us plan our activities for 2016.

I personally am in favour of holding a village fete but recognise that for this to happen we need volunteers to help prepare for the fete as well as to man stalls on the day. If you would like a fete please come and get involved (Contact Sam at [Sam@little-london.net](mailto:Sam@little-london.net)).

As I have often said we are a small group of your friends and neighbours with a desire to create and share community spirit, so we welcome and encourage anyone with new ideas to come and see us.

We had a fabulous fireworks display and, at the beginning of this month, a really lovely village lights switch on. We would like to thank our village school for singing and performing so wonderfully for us all. We really appreciate the efforts that are taken to prepare for the switch on and wish to thank Sarah for help and dedication. We also appreciate all the help from Alan and Billy for preparing the tree and from Arthur for allowing us to power the lights from his supply.

So have a lovely Christmas and let's hope we all have a Happy New Year.

***Your LLPFA***

### **Baby Grand Piano in need of a holiday ...**

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***Sam Jackson, LLPFA***



## FRED'S PIECE

Hello Folks!

Once again a few lines—just to ease ourselves into the New Year.

I would just like to mention we have lost 2 good friends lately: Rev. David King and dear Lil Robson. I got to know the King family many years back when he married my son John and his fiancé Debby, also his wife and daughter ran yoga classes at the New Church in Colebrook Close, Weyhill Road.

I don't quite know when Frank and Lil were married. Frank was in the Army pre-war and one time was up on the North West Frontier in India as a Despatch Rider with a Signals Unit. About 1939-40 he was out in France in the early days of the war and here he suffered his wound, losing a leg. Among the buildings behind our factory you will see a tiny building; believe me I can remember Frank and Lil once living in there! Later Sam (George) Wiltshire and his wife Winnie took over for a time. The last time I saw this building it had been converted into a workshop for Bill Sandleball, another good workmate of ours. He left us in the Cabinet Department to do maintenance work around the village.

After demob, quite a few of us returned to work in the Industries, and of course chat often turned to life in the Services. Tony Crabbe had been out with the Pacific Fleet, Jimmy Knight with the RAF out in the Middle East, Bill Sandleball (long range desert group), myself out in India. Now at times when chatting about these times, Jimmy Knight would tell of life at Sidi-Barani with the desert Air Force. Now, Tony had fixed 4 tin lids to a bar of wood to look like a row of medals. When the 'mickey-taking' really got going he would hold them on his chest and march up and down, calling 'Put your tin hat on!' Of course Frank had a false leg, so sometimes Tony would have a go at him even copying Frank's limp—wonderful crowd over there in that works (girls as well I must say) - and yes, we did do some work too I can assure you.

Well the monthly get-together was very successful again. 19 present this time. So, all the best, soon be Easter now!

Regards,

***Fred***

## Neighbourhood Watch

### **Safer Christmas**

Leave it to the last minute to put presents out under the tree and don't leave them in view of the window.

If you are buying or receiving valuable gifts such as bikes, mobiles or electrical items, register them for free at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). Doing this can assist the police in returning your property should it be lost or stolen. Refrain from keeping large amounts of cash at home.

A secure home will reduce the chance of burglary. Make sure that windows and doors are locked and remove keys from sight every time you leave the house. When you do go out at night make it appear that someone is at home. Draw the curtains and leave a light on. You could always put a lamp or radio on a timer switch.

Dispose of packaging by breaking it down before putting it in the bin. Empty boxes left outside can advertise that you have nice new goods inside.

Ensure that your contents insurance adequately covers the additional things that you have in your home over Christmas.

### **Credit / Debit cards**

Before inserting your card have a look at the machine to check it looks normal. When inserting your PIN number make sure others around you cannot see the code.

Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Only withdraw what you might reasonably need.

Put your money and cards safely away before leaving the machine.

### **Scam**

There has been a recent series of incidents whereby fraudsters either phone or attend the home address of elderly members of the public claiming to be police officers.

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REMEMBER the Police will NEVER ask for your PIN, Passwords or Bank Account details. NEVER give them to anybody.

***Richard Budge, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator***

*'BEWARE!!! I was very nearly caught out earlier this week. I received a telephone call from 'an Amazon driver' asking for directions to my home as he had a very large package for me, containing a 60" Toshiba TV set. I insisted I had not ordered this but he informed me that as it was on his van, it had to be delivered but he would contact Amazon to get further instructions.*

*A short while later I received a call from an 'Accounts Manager at Amazon' informing me that as the package was already on the van, the bill of £987 had been paid from my account and the only way that this amount could be refunded to me was if I gave him the last 4 digits of my Debit card. I went to get my card, but decided to play it safe and refused to give him the digits. He was very persuasive - but eventually hung up. It was a very upsetting experience and I urge everyone to be on their guard.*

***Margaret Smith***



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## **I don't need to have a Good Memory**

A while ago an accusation was levelled at me that was intended as a criticism, but I had to accept the comment was totally accurate – and I don't care. My accuser (there is a long waiting list if you want to join), told me that they knew a dark secret. They said that I had been gossiping. Now I don't know about you, but talking to my friends and neighbours is the staple diet of my daily routine. If that's gossip, then I am guilty as charged.

However there is just a small problem – my memory does let me down from time to time, so to make up the short fall of detail, I do tend to exaggerate. Actually I have never let facts get in the way of a good story. As a rule, people that know me take a pinch of salt with everything I say.

On those occasions that I get a bit carried away (obviously very few), there is a safeguard. It comes in the form of Mrs Hampshire, who will interrupt my flow with an injection of her version of the story. Of course this creates an opportunity for me to counter attack with my recollection of events. To the untrained eye, this looks like bickering, but we are skilled practitioners, and the difference of opinion can dissolve as quickly as it flares up, and we move on to the next area of dispute.

In these situations I do have a secret weapon. A friend once told me not to pay any attention to what they said after 9.30pm (and a bottle of Merlot), since it was likely to be rubbish. My story telling strategy after 9.30 (and at many other times), is to adopt a simple policy of repetition. I try to leave a week or two between renditions of the same story, and with one exception my audience is very tolerant of this apparent lapse in memory. But I can always rely on Mrs Hampshire to halt the flow with a single expletive. As soon as she hears the same story being 'trotted out' again (and of course the story can be reprised more than twice), she just injects the word, 'Repetition', often accompanied with an icy glare. This is my cue to embellish the story, thus making it a little different, and she then points out the exaggeration. And we are off again on another round of bickering.

The beauty of this is that we bear no malice, this is part of everyday life in the Hampshire household. I don't need to worry about remembering detail, as I can be sure that Mrs Hampshire will be there to remind me. Of course I try to pretend that I wouldn't have forgotten, but as a team we are essential to each other. I need to be reminded and she likes to point out my shortfalls.

My proof reader, Mrs Hampshire, checked this item. She said that some of my comments were not accurate – I rest my case.

***John Hampshire***

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**Edwin George William Clarke**  
**"Nobby"**

B: 4<sup>th</sup> March 1925



Born in Andover Edwin moved to The Firs Malthouse Lane in 1932 aged 7 when his father purchased a piece of land to build a new home for his wife and son. Edwin attended Smannell infants school moving to the Grammar school in Andover. When he was around 11 years old he was being a typical boy climbing trees at the park in Enham and fell smashing his right elbow. He was taken to London for pioneering surgery using pins and plates to save it. Thankfully it worked although he was never able to completely straighten it again.

When war came Edwin was called up and went into the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm and found himself fixing aircraft as they returned from conflict. He was posted to many points in the UK and Ireland but his fondest memories were of his time at HMS Goldcrest in the Welsh town of Dale Pembrokeshire. Edwin loved the area so much he returned many times after the war with his wife Mavis and daughter Elaine for happy family holidays and loved nothing better than taking his small dinghy out into St Brides bay fishing.

Towards the end of the war Edwin elected to take a course in woodwork offered by the navy which is where his love of wood began. As a test he had to make something in class and he made a stand for his metal lathe which was very heavy and when he was finally demobbed at Yeovilton he brought it home on the train carrying it the final few miles.

Probably the happiest and proudest day of his life was the 6<sup>th</sup> September 1947 when he married his beloved Mavis at St Marys Church. Mavis and Edwin shared a very happy 68 years together although like every marriage there were some ups and downs.

Once back as a civilian Edwin started a career as an Auto Electrician: he was always proud that he never had a single day out of work. His most fond memories were of his time at Anna Valley Motors. Friends he made while working there he kept contact with for many years. When Anna Valley Motors closed down Edwin started work for Wheelers Newbury but that winter was especially harsh and he decided to get a job nearer home. Monro's of Andover fitted the bill and he stayed there until retiring.

In 1952 Edwin's father gave him a piece of land next to the Firs which Edwin with his wife Mavis made into the Anchorage and this remained his very happy family home raising their only daughter.

After he retired Edwin was never bored, his comprehensive workshop filled his days making and fixing all sorts of things. He was expert in creating spinning wheels, he delighted many a child (& adult) with his beautiful rocking horses, he fixed all sorts of things & I'm sure many of you have visited his workshop with something broken or damaged and picked it up a few days later back how it should be. He had a wonderful sense of humour and was always ready for a laugh or micky take. He made many friends in and around the area and they meant an awful lot to him.

When his daughter and son in law bought the property from Edwin's sister opposite, Edwin spent many many days working alongside the builders doing any amount of varied building jobs. When questioned as to what he thought he was doing on the roof at the age of 80 he simply said "putting tiles on what do you think ??"

Edwin adored his wife & daughter and was thrilled when he became a grandad with his only grandchild Samantha. Samantha has a passion for horses and has two that live next to The Anchorage. At the age of 84 Edwin decided he would like to get back in the saddle he used to occupy when working on the farms as a young lad so the horse was saddled up and Edwin was installed.

Edwin was a fantastic husband, provider & father. He was generous to a fault and was always willing to help anyone. He was loved by all that knew him and leaves a huge unfillable hole not only in the hearts of his family but to the community of Smannell, Little London and Enham.

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***THE EPIPHANY***

*Holy Communion*

***Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January***

*10.00 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell*

***BAPTISM OF CHRIST***

*Matins*

*3.00 p.m. Alexandra House, Enham*

*Evening Service*

***Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January***

*8.30 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell*

***EPIPHANY 2***

*Holy Communion*

*10.00 a.m. St George's, Enham*

*Holy Communion*

***Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January***

*10.00 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell*

***EPIPHANY 3***

*Holy Communion*

***Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January***

*10.00 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell*

***EPIPHANY 4***

*Holy Communion*

***Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February***

*10.00 a.m. St George's, Enham*

***NEXT BEFORE LENT***

*Holy Communion*

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**Enquiries for Baptisms or Weddings in any of the seven churches in the Pastrow Benefice, including Smannell and Enham, please go to the weekly Vestry Hour to make a booking.**

**Vestry Hour is held at Charlton Church, SP11 4AN, from 5.30-6.30pm every Wednesday.**

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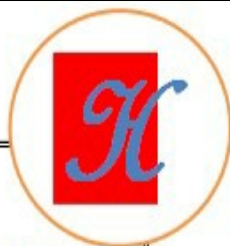
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