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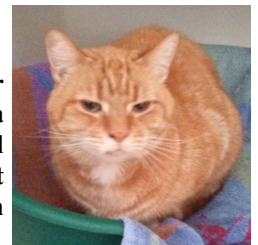


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 Wednesday 4th March
 at Christ Church, Smannell
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 at St. George's, Enham Alamein
 At 12.30 pm

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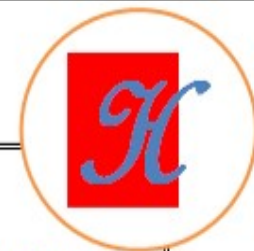
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EDITORIAL

I have just returned from a trip travelling through Brittany for a few days. The Gallic roads are so free of traffic and the way of life seems far distant from that which we experience here in the busy rush of Hampshire living!

As I drove through the quiet and beauty of Finistere, I was quite reflective of my own life and what indeed may lay just ahead. Sometimes I think we all need to pull back a little..readjust what we really want to achieve in our lives..what's really important to us as priorities?

As I reflected, I thought that personal achievement (whilst once this was all important) is now not so critical. The development of my offspring, both children and grandchildren, has now become the most important priority. My wife and I have been blessed with some great children who are bringing up their children with such loving care and diligence. At my stage of life, I trust I can still impart some modicum of wisdom and knowledge to benefit them in the development of their family units.

Maybe you are at an earlier stage, or perhaps you are in a circumstance where you do not have your own children. Could it be that you could bring some aspect of care or give something of yourself to the community in which you live? It doesn't have to be so much financial, but perhaps there is some aspect of service or indeed kindness that we can all give to those around us? Surely there is more to be gained from imputing into the future generations and community than just developing one's own self gain, whether that be measured in wealth or position?

In the Christian faith there is the example of the Good Samaritan, who not only took time out to see what he could do to help someone, but then went to extraordinary lengths to really express help practically. You can find such teachings of altruism in all of the world religions, showing that this concept of being the servant to others is really one of the most important lessons for our own development in life.

Sorry to become so philosophical, but I believe we all do need to just think a little further perhaps of how we can give of ourselves to our own families, communities and people that we have daily contact with. Maybe that is the practical expression of the word "community" in itself.

Peter Calcraft



CHURCH IN SMANNELL & ENHAM



Ramblings from the Rectory.....

I was enjoying a burst of Spring sunshine in the garden, the other day, and actually pruning a shrub, and my thoughts turned to Summer visits to Taize. Now the sun doesn't always shine in Taize and in fact in every week of the four visits I have made, there has always been at least one summer storm!

Where is Taize? you might ask...well it is half way down from Paris to the south of France, near a town called Cluny. It is a peaceful and most beautiful place set in the hills and valleys of a wonderful grape-covered countryside.

But people do not usually go to Taize for the wine - although you could walk to a local village and find a bottle or two. They go to Taize to experience the prayerful singing....we might call them chants, but the brothers of Taize call them 'the prayer'. And when the prayer involves thousands of people all joining in together, the experience is amazing. If you want to know more about visiting Taize or perhaps holding a Taize service in one of the churches, please do ask....and if you google Taize, there is a wealth of information on the website.

Meanwhile, I have been doing some research into Anglican Eucharistic Theology. Now that's a bit of a mouthful, but Wikipedia came up trumps! You see at Taize, during communion services, most people receive only the bread...with thousands of people it would be very difficult to give everyone both. So there are brothers around the huge worship building with bread, and just a few at the front with wine. So if you wished to receive communion in both kinds, you would make your way to the front. There are many variations in our Anglican churches on the matter of bread and wine. Some churches use wafers and others a large loaf of bread broken into individual pieces and distributed. Wine is typically red, but can be white or golden. Sometimes fortified wines are used, which keep better. Some churches also have an optional chalice of juice for those who prefer not to drink alcohol. But it is considered acceptable, and valid, for us to



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Sunday, 8th March **LENT 3**
10.00 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell **Matins**
3.00 p.m. William House **Evening Service**

Sunday 15th March **MOTHERING SUNDAY**
8.30 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell **Holy Communion**
10.00 a.m. St. George's, Enham **Holy Communion**

Sunday 22nd March **PASSION SUNDAY**
10.00 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell **Holy Communion**

Sunday 29th March **PALM SUNDAY**
10.00 a.m. St. George's, Enham **Holy Communion**

Sunday 5th April **EASTER DAY**
10.00 a.m. St. George's, Enham **Holy Communion**

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receive the sacrament in only one kind, ie., the bread, and details of this can be found in the rubrics of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. So people can come up just for communion with the bread, and then leave the altar rail; or some folks have been known to take the cup and bow to it and then to pass it back. What is important here is that you do what is right for you and God.

Most Anglican Provinces keep an open table, meaning that all baptised Christians are welcome to receive communion. But those who do not wish to participate in the bread or wine, are still welcome to come forward to receive a blessing...a simple indication of carrying the service book up with you, or crossing your arms at the altar rail, is all you need to do.

I began these ramblings by talking about Taize. It is a place I will always love to go back to, like a little piece of heaven here on earth.

So as you journey through Lent, hopefully you may be kept going with glimpses of resurrection and Easter Day...and of all that is beautiful in our world which makes you think of heaven.

Have a calm and peaceful Lent, as you look forward to the light and glory of Easter!

God bless,
Rev Val

Rev Val Gagen
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CHURCH NOTES

VALENTINE'S PARTY

A Valentine's Evening was held in Smannell to raise funds for our churches. An actress gave a very funny sketch about how women were recommended in the 1950's to keep themselves in beautiful shape. I hope all ladies who came will follow the suggestions for how to prepare for going to bed at night!

Thanks to all who contributed with moving furniture, bringing food, doing the raffle and also the donor who made up the income to £500.

ST GEORGE'S WINDOW CLEANING

Leslie from our village shop has kindly arranged for Mark Waite to clean St George's windows. We are very grateful to him for this voluntary contribution.

COMPLINE SERVICE

There will be a Compline Service at Christ Church at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 10th March.

LENT LUNCHESES

At our Lent Lunches this year we will be holding a raffle for some lovely cushions. The covers were knitted by the ninety year old mother of Mary Wrangle. Mary, who held services in the Enham Trust houses after Thomas left, also knitted flowers and hearts for the Valentine's Party. Many thanks to them both.

SURPRISE GIFT

Christ Church has received a surprise gift of a kneeler from Harold Briant in memory of his parents, for which many thanks. The kneeler has the cap badge of the Royal Artillery in which his father served. Pete Bowker, Church Warden.

THANK YOU

On behalf of all who attended the Valentine's evening at Jubilee House on February 12th we would like to say a big thank you to Rod and Pete and their merry band of helpers for providing us with such a lovely supper and for the unexpected entertainment, when we were taken on a nostalgic trip back to the 1950's. Those were the days!

Everyone had a most enjoyable evening.

These events don't just happen, it takes a lot of hard work and organisation, so we do appreciate all that you do.

Jill Loveridge

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I was recently watching the English Rugby team defeating the Welsh at the Millennium Stadium, (you've no idea just how much pleasure it gives me to write that line), when I was reminded of my own experience in that game.

As one of a gangly group of youths standing on the windswept school playing field I was coached in the 'Laws' of Rugby. I recall that this involved standing in the cold and listening to the eccentric, sadistic but well-meaning sports master who had in his time represented our local town. His strategy was innovative at the time, and related to developing tactics, skill and fitness, in contrast to our natural instinct of running around like idiots. It must have done some good as over the years we did develop into a reasonably competent team who could give a good account of ourselves both on the field, and afterwards in the bar.

I now realise that the training has stayed with me, and is, in a crucial way, providing the life skills I need to survive my weekly trip to Tesco's.

Eric, the Sports Master, was fanatical about the need to develop both the Body Swerve and Side Step in dealing with opposition players. We spent hours practicing by dodging round wooden poles that he had placed strategically along the side-line of the pitch. I was never totally sure of the difference in the two techniques, but I do remember that failure to succeed resulted in splinters.

What's this got to do with Tesco? Well I know that some of you are already ahead of me, but just to put some meat on the bone, it's all the fault of online shopping.

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Thankfully Eric's training allows me to dodge these obstructions, which is just as well because the penalty for failure in this dot com world is not splinters, but skinned shins.

John Hampshire



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As we've now entered the period of Lent we are beginning to explore what this means to Christians. This year we'll be having an Easter service at Christ Church in Smannell to remind us that it is a special time of year.

Earlier in the year we selected our Christian values and are now beginning to develop these values. One of our values is courage and in the final week of term we'll be holding a special week based on this theme. We're particularly interested in hearing about ways people have demonstrated courage in their lives. If you know of anyone who feels that they could share a special 'courageous moment' with the children please feel free to contact the school office.

Peter Shaw
Headteacher

ENHAM ALAMEIN PARISH COUNCIL

At the February meeting various highways issues were discussed including the current path improvements, inconsiderate parking and speeding throughout the village. PCSO Elly Hughes explained the criteria and practices to councillors and those residents interested in supporting the Community Speedwatch Programme. A decision will be made at the March meeting whether to proceed further once costs are firmly established.

We all hope winter is behind us and look forward to spring when there are more opportunities to get out and about.

Your councillors will be considering many improvements that can be made and do hope you were able to call in to the February cake and conversation meeting. We will be holding another on Saturday 21st March if you have any ideas or would like to get involved.

Leslie Francis
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ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

As some readers will already be aware we have a major problem with the floor in the Church. Dampness has got into the hardwood strips causing them to expand and in so doing have formed a ridge down the centre aisle.

We are actively seeking quotations to have repairs carried out as soon as possible, which we estimate could cost some £2000, but in the meantime anybody using the Church are asked to do so with great care.

John Kinchenton



Wednesday 4th March
 11am - 1pm
 In the rear room of the Enham Alamein
 Post Office
 for demonstration and sale of crafted goods and
 accessories. There will be new ranges of goods to buy
 on display and conversation with two ladies
 who craft
 Cards, gift boxes, event stationery, gift bags,
 necklaces, bracelets, charms, earrings
 made to order

**For more information
 speak to Leslie in the Post
 Office on 335678**



ENHAM SHOP AND POST OFFICE

The Health Lottery has a new 50p draw. Supporting health-related good causes, the Health Lottery gives 20p from every £1 ticket.

Vapourising E-cigarettes are now in stock. We have starter kits, spares and five different flavours to choose from.

This season's lamb from Oaktrack Holding is now available in stock or to order.

There is always a selection of locally produced bacon, sausages and gammon steaks.

The Hampshire Jam & Chutney Company have produced a new flavour – Spicy Carrot Chutney. It is superb for use in a stir fry or for complimenting cheeses.

Homemade pies from Austwicks are now delivered twice a week. Superb fillings such as water buffalo or smoked haddock make these a winner. Mackerel, smoked salmon and liver pates or quiches offer quality every time.

There is a survey in the Shop offering an opportunity to let us know how we can ensure we provide the best possible products and services – please do call in and give your input.

Now that I don't have to go to St Mary Bourne we have time to organise things without fear of being called away. We intend to use the rear room of the Shop for more community activities, meetings etc. Our first event is "Handmade at Enham" on Wednesday 4th March, 11am – 1pm. It is our first showcase of local craft products including cards that we are sure will be of interest. We hope to see you there.

We also aim to have a coffee morning, afternoon tea, fish and chips on a Friday for example, to encourage residents who spend a lot of time alone and who can't travel to come along for a catch up and a chance to get out of the house: we are accessible. We also want to invite local businesses to use the room as a showcase to display their efforts.

Leslie and Tim



Hello everyone,



Where do the days go!? Spring is in the air and the days are getting longer; I do love this time of year. The perfect time to prepare your lovely gardens for the milder evenings to come, spent relaxing with family and friends in the dusky sunshine. If you would like some help creating the perfect outside space you can fully enjoy, please do consider our highly skilled Garden Services team, who can be contacted on: 01264 324 938

These are truly exciting times for our property developments as the planning application for a new Health & Wellbeing Centre alongside 95 homes, replacing our Cedar Park site, is to be considered in April and our new residents at Bradbury Place are settling into their beautiful, highly accessible new homes nicely; enjoying the enhanced independence living in the town centre has brought them. Also, the boards for our much anticipated Heritage Trail are ordered and on their way!

Looking forward, if you would like to take on an exhilarating new challenge for 2015, harness your potential and summon your courage; take on the ultimate - a skydive at 10,000ft - with us and GoSkydive on 23rd May. You could also share your experiences and new challenges with us in our successfully launched digital campaign #PowerofYes2015. Simply follow us on Twitter, @EnhamTrust, and tweet us using this hashtag.

Finally, I'd like to end with a special mention of thanks to Adrian O'Malley for his valued efforts and support after the tragic loss of our dear friend, employee and client Paul, last year.

With best wishes,

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

SCAMS

Computer Scams

Action Fraud has seen an increase in the number of victims signing up for free trials for unapproved or misleading pharmaceuticals or supplements. The scam usually involves a “pop up” on your computer or a text message advertising a free 14 day trial.

In signing up to this trial you are asked for your credit or debit card details and after the 14 days have elapsed recurring payments are taken. Recurring payments or continuous payment authorities are similar to direct debit but can be much harder to cancel or identify who is debiting your account. In most cases victims are finding it extremely difficult to cancel the subscription and the products are either not delivered or are inferior.

Common pharmaceuticals or supplements being advertised are teeth whitening products, food supplements and slimming tablets.

On Line Auction Fraud

Fraudsters are targeting people to list items on their behalf on popular online auction sites. The scam involves a job offer to sell desirable items at below market value and receive money from any potential buyers. The ‘work from home’ job will usually require retaining 10% of the money received as a “salary” and fraudsters will ask that the remaining funds are sent to them via bank transfer or money transfer.

In these cases the proposed items being sold do not exist and are therefore not dispatched to the proposed buyers. This will usually result in the buyer making a complaint against the individual who has listed the items. This can result in your bank account being closed for suspected fraud or money laundering and being held accountable for reimbursing the potential buyer.

PANCAKE COMPETITION AT THE ENHAM SHOP & POST OFFICE

Tim and I invited everyone along on Shrove Tuesday to decorate pancakes. This was a table full of fresh fruit and goodies to create your own pancake and enjoy.

Tim stood for three hours and made 59 pancakes in total. A good time was had by all especially as it was half term.

The winner was Brooke Burgess followed by Emily Labrooy in second place. They each received a prize from us.

Leslie Francis



FRED'S PIECE

Dear Readers,

Time again to get out the old pen and dig up a few more memories of life in the district years ago.

As for myself, once again I 'jumped ship' and became the messenger boy for the Auxiliary Fire Service, now stationed in the old blacksmith shop between Granny Tomlin's house and Withell's Garage (older readers will remember the original garage ran the other way from what it does now!) There was a small garden in the area in which stood a wooden hut which in our fathers' early days was a meeting place for the men after work. This was known as the 'Seaford Rally' as it was given by the folks of Seaford in Sussex after World War I. I have a photo of some of our old Dads entering this garden.

Yes, Enham had been allocated a large Ford V.B. 'Pilot' saloon car and a Beresford Major trailer pump. The station was designated 'Action Station B16' and Mr. D. J. Crabbe was in command. Crew members were: Oliver Tomlin, Eddie Armes, Jesse Crannis, Frank Hagger, George Budd and Mr. Cronin. All these men were disabled in some way, what an effort eh? The other members were quite fit and were Tony Crabbe, Des Cox, Bill Ash, Mr. Cox and Joan Budd and Bertha Chambers (both women telephonists), with myself as messenger boy, a Junior Fireman. We were all part time of course and worked in the factory in weekdays, the station manned every night by 2 men and myself from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m., 3 shillings a shift. I made more a week on duty than I got at work!

We trained on the Crescent at weekends and at the walled meadow in Andover where we competed with the regular Andover firemen in drills and I must say we did quite well against them. We attended quite a few fires, some small, but most notably Brook's Farm with the Andover crews and Heads Farm.

At practice one Sunday morning Jessie Crannis and I were directing the leading hose (you really had to hang on to those beasts) when we heard shouting. We were directing the jet over the road—poor old Edgar Combe and Paddy Murphy had been for a drink at the Landale Wilson Institute and were making their way home for dinner and we were almost spraying them with water. I have never yet seen any photos of our crew, only the pre-war factory firemen with their handcart loaded with hoses. Incidentally, our pal Des Cox went on to become a regular Motorcyclist Fireman with the National Fire Service as it later became in war-time. I was always chuffed with our uniforms and we had Service gasmasks, not the civvy ones, and tin hats and a lovely axe!

Hope you are all keeping well!

Fred (Comments, please, to 01264 354502)

Protect yourself. Do not list items on line auction sites on behalf of others you do not know or trust. Be vigilant of 'work from home' jobs which involve passing funds through your bank account. Meet face to face with any potential employer.

Postal Fraud

Scam but official looking cards are being delivered to UK residents homes claiming that a parcel containing "jewellery" is waiting for the home owner. The personally addressed postcards say:

"This office is trying to reach you. To claim this parcel and accept this offer, you must telephone the number below immediately and arrange delivery. The item is prepaid, but a processing and delivery fee must be remitted. This fee can only be paid by telephone and only with a credit card (VISA or MASTERCARD). This is your only notification."

If you call the 020 number you are asked to pay £10 by credit card. Victims who have reported this to Action Fraud have said that the automated service told them the package would be delivered the same day but received nothing.

If you receive one of these cards:

Do not call the number provided. Do not give your credit card details.

If you receive a delivery card which you do not believe is genuine and which asks you to dial a premium rate number, you can contact 0800 500 212 for guidance.

Richard Budge
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Enham Alamein Community Speedwatch (EACS)

Following on from last month's article which highlighted an intention to create a Community Speedwatch initiative, we are pleased to report progress: the Enham Alamein Community Speedwatch is now alive (but not yet kicking)!

The required minimum of six volunteers have now submitted their applications for vetting by Hampshire Constabulary having received an introductory briefing on the scheme by our local Police Community Support Officer, Elly Hughes.

A bid for the final grant of funds required to buy the equipment will be made at the March Parish Council meeting.

Elly will also begin to put the preparations in place with Hampshire Constabulary to make sure the Speedwatch is conducted lawfully and safely by conducting risk assessments, siting of the equipment and training.

Optimistically, we envisage being able to start the Speedwatch in April, but pessimistically we may not be able to start until September as the vetting of applications can take up to 6-months.

But we have made a positive start, and now as a village community we are asking for two things from you all:

Firstly, to be supportive of the effort; it should make a real difference in changing the speeding behaviours of motorists as they pass through our beautiful village.

Secondly, it is not (and will never be) too late to volunteer to help out in one of the Speedwatch teams. Each team needs three volunteers, so the more volunteers we have the lower the impact on people's time AND the quicker we have an impact on reducing speed in the village. Every contribution helps – there is no commitment to do more than you feel able to.

If you would like to volunteer, please pick up an application form from the Post Office and let Nick Shanahan know (see contact details below) to ensure you will be included in the scheme's plans.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch with Nick Shanahan (shanahans_dfu@outlook.com or 07968 146289) who will be **more than happy to help**.

THE EXPLANATION.....

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.

People do not decline mentally with age. It just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe. Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full up, so too do humans take longer to access information, it has been suggested.

Researchers say this slowing down is not the same as cognitive decline. The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information. Over time, the brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem. It is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE!

An old lady of 80 was charged with stealing a can of peaches.

"Why did you do it?" asked the judge.

"Because I was hungry."

"How many peaches were in the can?"

"Six, your honour."

"In that case, I sentence you to six days in jail."

At that point, her husband raised his hand.

"Do your wish to say something?" asked the judge.

"Yes, your honour. She also stole a can of peas."