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We thank him for his attendance at numerous and varied parish events and for his interest in the activities involved in a country parish, which included regularly reading the Parish Oak!

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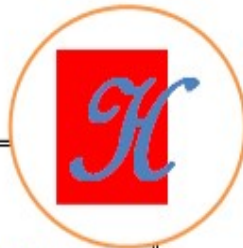


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Obi, last month's cat, is still seeking his forever home.

Our April cat is Betty, a young cat who lived alone in the woods until a kind person handed her in to Cats Protection. She says 'I do love the woods but I would much rather have a nice home as I am very friendly and love cuddles.'

EDITORIAL

April is the Cruellest Month.

Whilst casting around looking for 'April' inspiration, I came across the Paul Simon lyrics to his song, 'April Come She Will'. The words have been interpreted as an analysis of a disintegrating relationship, but bizarrely they are also thought to be Simon's statement on the demise of Wigan Athletic Football Club in the 1964 season whilst he was in England.

My research also threw up a famous T S Elliot poem, and this had resonance with my objective for the next few weeks. I shall be starting out with the best intentions of converting 'The Waste Land' that is my garden into something that is both attractive and productive. However I know that there is a conflict between what is desired, and the memory of what was achieved last year.

It took me a while to draw these threads together into some sort of useful comment, but then I discovered that Elliot and Simon had probably both sourced their theme, sentiment and indeed many of the actual words from an early English Folk Song. The song celebrates the end of an old season and the start of a new growing year.

If I had any talent as a Poet I would also be welcoming the end of the cold dark days with a concise and flowing stream of words. However in my case I am just grateful that I can get away from the endless procession of repeated television programs and into the garden to develop my inadequate but willing attempts to tame my garden, whilst maintaining my energy level's with frequent BBQ's.

In fact there is no 'magic' date when things change. We don't need to wait for April, Easter, the Daffodils or even the sound of Leather on Willow. The truth is we can 'get out' and make a fresh start at any time. Sometimes we don't even need to 'get out', the improvements we can make are within. For me March was the celebration of the end of my first year of retirement. It has been an 'interesting' year of new priorities and different objectives.

I am taking on the new challenge and learning from my mistakes. There will always be someone who achieves better results, but I am beginning to accept that we are all different, and my satisfaction comes from doing the best I can, not from comparison to the results of others.

Like Wigan Athletic in 64, I've not had the best of seasons, but I'm looking forward to put into effect the lessons learnt, and a chance to move on from both mental and physical stagnation.

Andrew Green

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Ramblings from the Rectory.....

Well April is now upon us and hopefully there will be some lovely Spring weather to entice you out into the garden.

It also seems to be the time of year when Mums and Dads begin to think about baptism for their offspring...which is indeed a lovely thought. It is a great delight for us at Christ Church and St George's to welcome new people into the church.

If you are thinking of baptism, either for yourself or a little one, do come along to Vestry Hour at Charlton Church on a Wednesday tea-time, between 5.30 and 6.30pm. Then we can chat about it together. It is where we keep all the booking forms and the folders, so that hopefully I am not booked to be in two different places at the same time!

Bookings are made for weddings here too, and so also do call in to chat about your proposed wedding, and a booking can be made at Charlton for all the seven churches in the Pastrow team.

The other thing, you may be thinking about, is confirmation, where you are able to confirm your baptism promises with a deeper commitment of faith. If you are interested in confirmation, then please do also call in at Vestry Hour and we can perhaps make an appointment to meet up to discuss it further.

Easter is the time when we do look afresh at our faith, having passed through our Lenten journeys, where we may have tried to fast or give up chocolate, or even tried to do something new, to pray more

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Sunday, 12th April EASTER 2
10.00 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell Morning Prayer
6.00 p.m. Elizabeth House Evening Service

Sunday 19th April EASTER 3
8.30 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. St. George's, Enham Holy Communion

Sunday 26th April EASTER 4
10.00 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd May EASTER 5
10.00 a.m. St. George's, Enham Holy Communion

Enquiries for Funerals in the Parish to the Priest, Val Gagen (748065) or Churchwarden, Pete Bowker (357201).

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.

each day, for our neighbours maybe?

But at the end of Lent, we hopefully don't give up praying...but we may have been encouraged to continue into Easter day and beyond. A quiet time each day is beneficial for us all and when I was away on retreat recently at St. Columba's House in Woking, I found a lovely place to sit in the garden of the retreat house...and on the back wall of this arbour seat were these words:

'A quiet time in a quiet place; a daily need for a moment's grace.'

The busier we become, the more important it is to find that quiet space each day and to look for that moment of grace.

May you be blessed with moments of grace this Eastertime as you celebrate the good news of Christ's resurrection.

Have a lovely month... hopefully with some quiet moments in your gardens to enjoy the spring flowers, and experience moments of grace.....

God bless,

Rev Val Gagen
01264 748065

PARISH REGISTER

Weddings

James Robert Dickens and Meridith Claire Steele on Saturday 14th March 2015 at Christ Church, Smannell.

God is love, and those who live in love, live in God and God lives in them.

REPORT ON PCC MEETING HELD ON 3rd MARCH 2015 AT JUBILEE HOUSE

All members of the Council were present. The meeting was chaired by Church Warden Pete, and the meeting was opened by Rev. Val with prayer. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed as correct by the Chairman. The December programme, including drinks in the Church after the Christmas Eve Service, had worked very well. An Independent Examiner had been organized and the matter of the Grave Stone had been finalized satisfactorily. Peter Calcraft had joined the staff of the Parish Oak and the Council recorded its thanks to him.

Pastrow was working well. It was agreed that all details regarding obtaining information about baptisms, wedding and funerals should be available on the net. Noel reported that, after many attempts, the old webpage of the Parish had been closed down which should prevent any further confusion.

A considerable amount of work would need to be done on both churches during the summer months. The Valentine's Evening held at Jubilee House had been very successful and raised £500 for Church funds. A kneeler had been donated to Christ Church. Enham Trust were thanked for the loan of the soup cauldrons for the Lent Lunches held over recent years.

Finances were all up to date and the Parish share for January and February had been paid. A Grant Application for repairs to the roof at Christ Church had been submitted for consideration. A letter of thanks to regular donors to Church funds would be sent at Easter time. An interview would be held shortly for applicants for the vacancy for a Priest in Charge within the Pastrow Benefice. Closer involvement within the various parishes of the Benefice was recommended. Noel was thanked for all his hard work for the Parish.

Rev. Val had had productive talks with the Headmaster of the School ; there were not enough teachers, but things were going well. A Craft Group within the Benefice was meeting each month. Barry offered to make enquiries as to whether a BBQ in the summer was feasible; Mary Wrangle was knitting shawls and £50 had been raised so far. She was thanked for her efforts. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting would be held on 22nd April at The Oak in Smannell. Pete would organize a supper to follow.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 7.15 p.m.

Margaret Smith - PCC Secretary

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All Aboard

There's a lot they don't tell you before you are ordained. Like parties held by the Churchwardens, for instance. It was a Sunday lunchtime, and we had been invited (with many others) to the Churchwarden's for drinks. After some polite small-talk, and at least one very large sherry (no-one serves small measures in the North-east) one of the Wardens said to me "Now, Vicar, we've been thinking of taking a train down to London". I was a bit slow to catch on because I didn't see anything unusual about that. "What are you going to see?" I asked. "No" he replied "I mean that the parish is going to take a train down to London". I had visions of some 50 or so Wearsiders on the loose on Oxford Street, but it wasn't that either. "I mean" he said, with that deliberate tone that Churchwardens reserve for dealing with dim-witted Vicars, "that the parish is going to hire a train". And with that he asked me if I would look into it.

By Monday morning I was over the worst of the shock and did some phoning - no internet around in 1975. It was a relief. A train to London for the day would cost £4,200 and it would carry 670 passengers. Now I knew I was home and dry. The parish would balk at £4,200 and we would never sell 670 tickets even at cut prices. It turned out that I was wrong on both counts. The parish thought it was a snip and then we would sell the carriages off to other parishes in the Deanery. Every seat would make £1 for the parish that sold it. We would leave Sunderland at 6am and get to King's Cross at 11, leaving Kings Cross at 6pm and getting home just before midnight.

Of course, it's not just selling the tickets: it's the catering as well. That's where we would make our money. The Mothers Union made 1340 sandwiches in one afternoon in our kitchen, I bought 25 cans of beer to sell and we found a water boiler (Calor gas fired) which we could rig up in the Guards Van to make tea and coffee. Being on the station platform at 06.30 wasn't easy, but we made it and we were all ready for a day in town - many of those travelling with us having never been to London before. What could possibly go wrong?

I'll tell you next time.

Graham Trasler



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I often write about how busy life is in school, I thought that on this occasion it would be interesting to share some of our children's thoughts about some recent events.

A visit from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service.

On Friday 13th March, Swallows were visited by officers from the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service. They came to show us how to be safe on the road and in our homes.

Firstly, they showed us a video about a bedroom fire and how quickly it can spread. Then we split into two groups Y5 and Y6. We took turns in investigating the causes of a fire in the van and identifying how we could have prevented it, whilst the other group watched videos and discussed road safety and the dangers of playing with fire.

We enjoyed learning about how to stay safe in our home and now remind our parents to check the smoke alarm every week.

By Freya Hart and Ronan Houghton

Red Nose Day 2015

Before Friday the 13th March School Council organised a 'funny for money' day. This was to raise money for Comic Relief. We sent a letter out explaining what 'funny for money' was all about. On Friday we were blown away by all the creative ideas. There was a parade of different onesies however others were completely different. The school website has a photo gallery of our costumes. We are very pleased with the total of £176 that we have raised so far. We know that this will help many good causes.

By Madelaine Jones and Amerley Saville

We'll be finishing this school term with an Easter service in Christ Church in Smannell on Maundy Thursday, 2nd April. Of course after Easter it officially becomes the summer term, our children really enjoy their fantastic environment and the summer weather allows them to get out and about.

Peter Shaw - Headteacher

ENHAM ALAMEIN PARISH COUNCIL

At the March meeting various discussions took place regarding speed issues including the Community Speedwatch programme and a proposal to reduce the approaching speed from Andover to 40 mph. The Parish Council will be active in these matters and wish to thank Cllr Phil North and Cllr Tim Rolt for their support and consideration too. We will keep you informed of progress, and if you do wish to become involved there are Speedwatch application forms in the Shop and Post Office.

You should all have received your Test Valley News and your new rates bills. There is an article regarding recycling and, from a recent presentation by TVBC, it seems we could do much better in this area. The EAPC would ask for your support in this connection, as not only is it environmentally important but all revenue from recycling goes back in to reducing the costs for these services. If that is not incentive enough to keep you rates down, then please be environmentally minded. There are posters on display at the Shop & Post Office and we hope to have some up to date information to distribute so it is clear what can or cannot be recycled.

The Cake and Conversation held by your Parish Councillors proved useful so we will look at making this a regular event.

The path and pavement improvements are progressing well and it will be great to see clear, clean and safe walkways.

Many thanks are expressed to Rev and Mrs. Trasler for their litter picking efforts along the Newbury Road. It is most appreciated.

Your current Parish Councillors will have to consider whether they will stand again at the forthcoming elections. I would personally like to thank them all for their efforts during the last three years.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on 8th April in the Cedar Print room at 6.45pm followed by the monthly meeting at 7.15pm.

Leslie Francis, Chairman

Gradually I realised that I had to seek help, and get my life back on course. There is no support service for the addiction to these products of Peruvian origin. It was going to be 'Cold Potato'. It certainly wasn't easy, on windy winter days I really needed that fix, and although there were some setbacks, I have been clean now for almost 4 weeks. OK, I know that's not long, but the Parsnip and Carrot blend can really get a grip, and just the mention of Swede and Horseradish with extra Pepper is likely to tip me back over the edge.

I am annoyed with myself, the initial supplier looked like a sweet old lady, but now on reflection I remember that glint in her eye. She knew what she was doing, and I fell for it, and I've been paying for it ever since.

It has cost me time and money cultivating those plants, (not to mention the cost of a new blender). I think I have weaned myself off this addictive product, but there is always the risk of a relapse. What a mug I was, I not only paid to get into the Whitchurch Potato Day, but I paid good money for that first taste from a polystyrene cup in the cafeteria. They have a lot to answer for and I'll be keeping a wide berth next year.

Never mind the Tea, Coffee or even Hot Chocolate, that Root Soup was to die for ... I know, it took me over the brink, and I am only just climbing back out of the depths of despair.

John Hampshire

My Name is John and I am an Addict

I can clearly remember the first time. I saw it was available and I thought that it would be a bit of a joke to try. Actually that first time I didn't really like it, but when I had a second chance I was tempted to try again. I knew then that I was hooked. I didn't think I was doing anything wrong, and initially at least, I didn't feel guilty. It gave me a sort of warm comfortable feeling, the feeling that is hard to describe, but once you've experienced it, you'll never forget.

It hasn't always been easy to get a fix, and I couldn't wait another year for my supplier to return to the area, so I started working on my own formula, firstly by using ingredients that I was able to source in local markets, but then I thought about selectively cultivating plants chosen for their particular white fly resistance and low maintenance qualities.

I had to be discreet, so I extended my vegetable garden and started planting in pots and tubs. If anyone takes too much interest, I can move the tubs around and disguise the fledgling plants with other crops.

But things have got out of hand, my neighbours think that I have developed a strange interest in the welfare of two local donkeys, and I had to sacrifice some of the julienne producing crop to maintain that illusion. Other friends commented on my new interest in West African cooking which explained many of the exotic items quietly developing in my garden.

I found that by adding other carbohydrates, I could produce a range of properties in the mixtures that not only used just about every one of Mrs Hampshire's saucepans, but also blocked up her blender with something similar to concrete.

SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Little London residents were concerned about the state of the footpath from the top of Big Street to the woods, the damage largely caused by horses. Hampshire County has been asked if they can install kissing gates on the path.

The high speed broadband service in Smannell and Little London is due to be changed in the next four years. The current service providers will be replaced by national providers, e.g. TalkTalk, Sky, BT Retail. We are told that costs will be the national charges for these providers as shown on their internet sites for high speed broadband. Service speeds are not yet known.

Little London residents are asked to park considerately in parking bays taking care to use only the space for one car.

The council is examining putting up "20 is Plenty" signs in Little London.

The next council meeting will be on Tuesday 7th April.

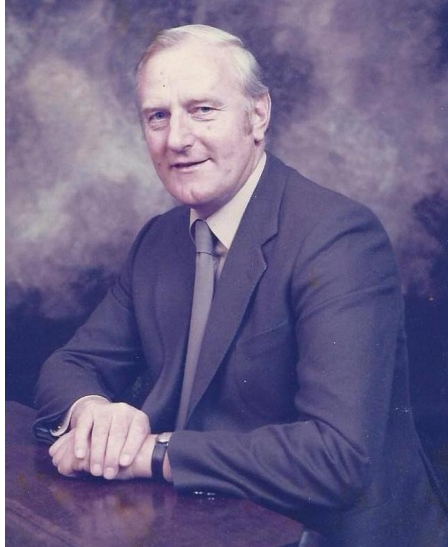
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Charles Hunt: 1929 - 2015



Charles Hunt died peacefully at his home surrounded by close family on Friday, 6th March aged 86 years.

The eldest of the 4 children of Charles Stanbrook Hunt (Stan) and Janet Hunt of Manor Farm, Knights Enham, Charles came to Enham in 1946 when his father purchased the freehold of Manor Farm from the Lilleywhite family who had farmed the land since 1914 following the sale of the Enham Estate. Stan had previously been a tenant farmer at Park Farm, Little Somborne where Charles was born in 1929 but the tenancy had ended in 1945. In those days farming tenancies were not as secure as they are today.

With both parents coming from farming families, Stan from Hampshire and Janet from the Tozer farming family of Dorset, Charles' destiny was known from the start: it was to be a farmer.

Educated at Shaftesbury Grammar School (which he attended with his Tozer cousins) Charles' interests always veered towards the

and rudder controls when asked to do so by Mr. Maund. By the way, Bert Blundy was a smart, middle-aged man who was a qualified Rolls Royce chauffeur but as he was a little unfit for military service he had to come to Enham on war work. On passing inspection the RAF crew would come with a "Queen Mary" trailer and take the plane away. These trailers were very large and were designed by Taskers of Andover to carry large crashed aircraft.

Fred Hall

Comments please, to 01264 354502

ENHAM SHOP AND POST OFFICE

There will be afternoon tea on Wednesday 1st April from 2 – 4 pm which will include a new range of homemade cakes and the new Tchibo coffee to try. We hope you, your neighbours and friends will join us for a free coffee.

The next craft demonstration will be on Wednesday 15th April, 11am – 2pm. Please do come along and see an array of beautiful cards, jewellery and gifts.

On Friday 17th April we will be providing Fish and Chips. From 12 noon until tea time you can eat in or take away cod and chips.

There will be a few improvements in the Shop this month including an extended range of Hot Food to go, daily baked bread, Danish and fruit pies. We hope to see you.

There are plenty of goods for Easter and we are open every day.

Best wishes,

Leslie and Tim

FRED'S PIECE

Dear Readers,

Once again it is time to look back to wartime days in the old factory and things were getting quite exciting, for we were going to start making gliders on which the Army would train glider pilots.

Jigs were assembled in a large part of the Cabinet Dept. for wings, rudders etc. and a large wooden shed was erected down the centre of the shop. In this store was kept all of the specially selected light wood and materials used in these aircraft. All this was inspected by 2 ladies: Mrs. Chris Goodfellow (nee Chris Sutton) and Miss Peggy Weeks. Each had an A.I.D stamp and all materials had to be inspected and stamped by them before being issued. A.I.D. stood for Assembly Inspection Department. We had to go to a counter and draw our wood which was all stamped with Chris and Peggy's personal stamp!

An elderly gentleman, Mr. Maund, was Senior Inspector of all work. He stayed at a hotel in Andover all the week and went home at weekends. The other Inspector was a younger chap—Les Brown—he had lodgings with Mr. and Mrs. Crannis up on The Crescent. As assembly proceeded down the lines all parts were looked at at all stages and when ready were covered with fabric and spray doped by some girls under the charge of Peter Marchi, a very good sprayer! I can only recall two other members in this team: Kath Holdway and Mrs. Coxhill, both of whom stayed on for years and stayed in the spray shop when furniture came back when the war was over.

When a glider was complete it was taken up to the old Showground behind the factory and completely assembled in flying condition, to be finally inspected by Messrs. Maund and Brown.

Mr. Bert Blundy and I always went up to help at these occasions and I was always 'chuffed' to sit in the cockpit and wiggle the joystick

countryside and he assisted his father in managing the farm from an early age. Family photos show him in 1947 driving one of the combines at Enham at harvest time with his father driving the other. He used to recount the benefits of the sheepskin lining of WWII flying jackets for sitting in the open cabs of machinery of that era.

1951 saw Charles courting Betty Baird the daughter of John and Christine Baird who lived at Frenches Farm, Little London. They were married in 1952 starting married life in the little bungalow opposite the farmhouse in Knights Enham. By 1961 their family was complete; three daughters – Tricia; Sue and Rosie and their son, Iain, the youngest. As their family grew in number they needed more space and for 20 years they lived at the North end of the farm at Blagden House before coming back to Glenmore, Knights Enham.

By 1970 and the retirement of Stan, Charles was overall manager of the farm which now included the land at Doles Farm purchased by Stan in 1961; a sheep flock which at its peak reached 1400 ewes as well as a flock of pedigree Hampshire Down sheep, the local breed and Charles' particular favourite. His own retirement came in 1994 when he handed over responsibilities to his younger brother Geoff and his son Iain.

During his active farming life he was known for his love of country pursuits and his delight in mentoring the next generation of farmers. His membership of the National YFC was important to him and he once led a UK delegation of NYFC to the US. He was also a member of the local farming clubs including the Turners Club.

Charles always took a keen interest in local matters. He was an early member of the Andover Round Table and actively took part in its charitable activities and in later years he enjoyed his membership of Probus. A man of faith, over the years he was an active member of the congregations at St Michaels & All Angels, Knights Enham, Christ Church, Hatherden and Christ Church in Smannell.

His long association with the Enham Trust started in 1967 and he was a Trustee for 22 years until 1989 serving as Chairman from 1982 for his last 7 years. It was during his period as Chairman that the Enham Trust started to experience seismic impacts that continue to this day. Technological changes and policy/funding changes by successive government departments saw major changes in the work-place environment at Enham. Nevertheless plans were laid for the building of the Resource Centre (which remains the hub for activities on the Enham site today) and a major fundraising appeal, the Shoe Box Appeal, to improve the living environment for residents.

In later years he and Betty much enjoyed their freedom to travel the world and make new acquaintances as well as meeting up regularly with local friends of long standing. But his overriding happiness and pride was his life with Betty and his children and grandchildren. Last month saw the birth of his first great grandchild.

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A smile costs nothing but it gives much, It enriches those who receive without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in business and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile; give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has none to give.



Peta Wilkinson CEO



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Hello Everyone,

I do sincerely hope you are enjoying a relaxing and cheerful Easter with family and good friends.

Spring has truly sprung and the daffodils are taking pride of place across the fields; such a gorgeous time of year! A time when the days are long, the flowers plenty and the grass grows wildly.

Looking back, we were delighted with the reception received by the Choices Drama Group for their awe-inspiring adaptation of The Wizard of Oz. The group had been working together for several months, editing the script, choreographing the show and designing & building the set themselves, with the support of Producer, Adele Daly.

In March, we were very pleased to welcome the new residents of Weston Court – a development of eight accessible 1 bedroom bungalows – into their beautiful new homes. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing everyone the greatest success as they make the transition to independent living.

Looking forward, Radio Enham's new, state-of-the-art studios are to be officially opened on 22nd April, where radio veteran David Jensen will be joining us for this joyous event.

We also have many exciting fundraising events coming up; the chance to take on the ultimate challenge – a tandem skydive on 23rd May. Or, the opportunity to join me in a 100ft abseil down the stunning Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth on 20th June! For more information, please contact the Fundraising team.

With very best wishes,

Peta Wilkinson, CEO