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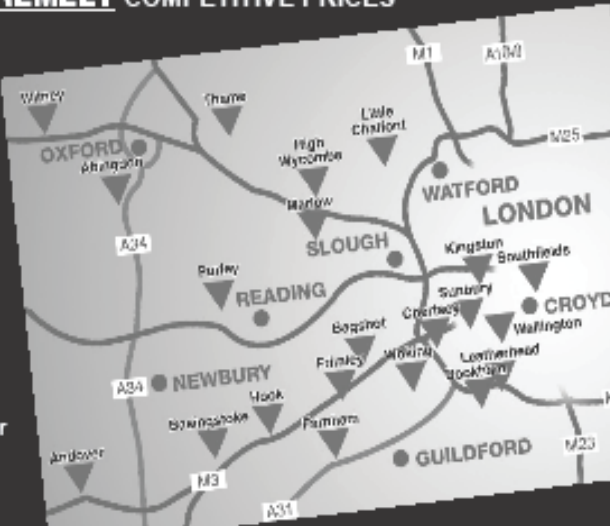
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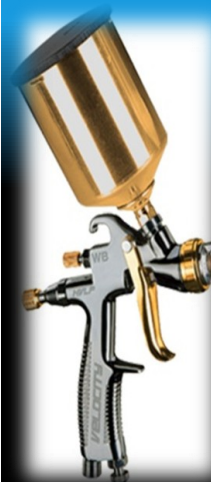
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Don't forget our collection outside Tesco, River Way, Andover on Saturday May 9th. We will be grateful for both monetary donations and cat food and our volunteers will be there to offer help and advice.



Betty, the April cat is still seeking a home. Bomber, pictured here, is one of three, three-year-old black and white cats now in our care. The other two are called Bob and Liono. All came from the same busy household and are very cute and friendly, though Liono is not as confident as the others and would probably prefer to move to a quieter home.

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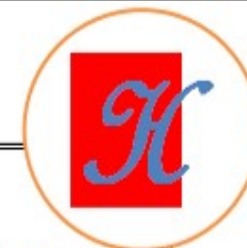
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EDITORIAL

As you know, Margaret Smith and I have been hoping to hand over responsibility for the Parish Oak. We have relished the challenge, and also the pleasure of contact, usually by email, with contributors both in the parish and outside it, many of whom are now old friends.

I am pleased to say that Peter Calcraft, already Editor for Smannell, has stepped forward to take over from us. He has been involved in putting April and May's edition on to Publisher, making some time-saving changes as befits someone who knows what he is doing on a computer – which is more than could be said for the two of us when we started! And from next month Peter will take over my part of the production also, and has asked me to continue to write an article now and then.

I would like especially, on behalf of everyone as well as myself, to thank Margaret for her tireless and informed contribution to the magazine. She took over the work after the death of her husband Jimmy, who had started it all off, and has worked with such good grace all these years, long after she would have liked to stop because of her other commitments. We made quite a good team, often (but not always!) saving each other from making errors, and we enjoyed ourselves. We send our best wishes to Peter as he takes over the reins.

How cheering it is to come through the cold and dark of winter into the promise of spring, a miracle every time. I felt virtuous the day I decided that the ground under the hedgerows along our lane was dry enough, and the day mild enough, for me to walk along picking up litter. There are antisocial people who make a point of tipping beer cans (by the plastic bag load too) along the lane, enough to fill two black dustbin liners this time. I know it happens everywhere, they are thoughtless folk who don't care that they are spoiling the look of our beautiful countryside. I do my Womble best to clear up after them.

I know some of you are Wombles too.

Julia Reilly



**CHURCH
IN
SMANNELL
&
ENHAM**



Ramblings from the Rectory.....

Well it's May already and didn't our churches all look lovely for Easter...they were all beautifully decorated with an abundance of daffodils...or should we say narcissus, which I am told is the botanical name. And thank you to all those who worked so hard to decorate our places of worship.

But following on from the wonderful array of daffodils/narcissus in the Rectory garden have been the beginnings of blossom on the trees and shrubs and more bulbs in the borders with grape hyacinths taking precedence. This garden is a bit like a voyage of discovery as we have no idea what might come up until it does...we keep finding new things....I had the delight of discovering some anemones the other day tucked away in a border.

But how like life, I thought to myself. We can keep discovering new things in our lives if we are open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. We talked about this in our Lent group recently and we set about trying to write our own Rules of Life, based on three of the weekly studies we had looked at together.

They were 'Obedient Listening' where we thought about our prayer lives and how we might spend more time in quietness....even just five minutes a day would be beneficial we decided.

Then there was 'Continuing Conversion', where we considered trying to study the Bible more or perhaps finding more time to read a religious book.

Finally we looked at 'Joyful Perseverance'. Is there something we feel called to do in our churches which may help to achieve greater unity perhaps...some sort of action that God is nudging us towards?

THE CHORISTERS' PRAYER

Almighty and most merciful Father
We have erred and strayed
From your beat like lost sheep;
We have waited on our fellow
Choristers to sing the first note.
We have offended against thy dynamic markings;
We have sung those notes which
We ought not to have sung,
And left unsung those notes
Which we ought to have sung
And there is no tunefulness in us.

But thou, O Conductor, have
Mercy upon us miserable singers,
Succour the chorally challenged,
Restore thou them that need extra note bashing,
Spare thou them that are without pencils.
Pardon our mistakes and have faith that hereafter
We will follow Thy direction.
We will lift up our faces from the pages of our scores,
And will henceforth fix our eyes
On Thy Divine countenance
And sing together in perfect harmony.

Discovered by Mary Wrangle

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MAY 2015**

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Sunday, 10th May EASTER 6
10.00 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell Matins
6.00 p.m. Michael House Evening Service

Sunday 17th May EASTER 7
8.30 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. St. George's, Enham Holy Communion

Sunday 24th May WHIT SUNDAY
10.00 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell Holy Communion

Sunday 31st May TRINITY SUNDAY
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Perhaps you would like to arrange a fun and fellowship day where all the seven church congregations could get together and just find out who each other are. Perhaps you feel called to help in one of our two church schools – I know that Smannell school needs another foundation governor. Perhaps you would like to start a new home group in one of the villages, or maybe you would like to discover more about prayer and feel called to start a contemplative prayer group? Or it might be something completely different?

And so if we are open to the work of the Holy Spirit in us we may discover some new thing that God is bringing to birth within us. There is a saying: “Bloom where you are planted”, and I believe that there is a purpose for each one of us to be where we are, and that God has something for each of us to do if we only were to look for it.

And so may God be with you, both as you delight in your gardens in this month of May, and as you discover new things in your lives. Be open to the Holy Spirit and you will be surprised what God will achieve through you.

God bless you all,

Val

Rev Val Gagen
01264 748065

PARISH REGISTER

Funeral

Doreen Margaret Morton on Wednesday 22 April 2015. Funeral and interment at Christ Church, Smannell

I shall not forget you.

Look, I have engraved you on the palm of my hands (Isaiah 49 v15-16)

**REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS AND
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
22nd April 2015 at 6.00 p.m. at The Oak, Smannell**

Rev.Val Gagen welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer. Churchwarden Pete Bowker was unanimously re-elected as Churchwarden for the following 12 months and emphasised that this would be her last year and that she thought it would be necessary to share the duties of Church Warden.

The APCM confirmed as correct the Minutes of the Meetings held in 2014 and they were signed by Pete Bowker. Reports were given by all the officers of the PCC and were adopted by the meeting. The accounts were presented by Treasurer Noel Pope and were unanimously accepted and approved.

Pete thanked all members of the PCC and Church Officers for their hard work and support during the year and expressed her appreciation for all the support in so many ways provided by so many in the village. Treasurer Noel and Gift Aid Secretary Rod expressed their concern at the falling numbers of regular donors. A bid had been made for funding for repair of the roof at Christ Church, but it had been turned down. It was hoped to put in a further bid later in the year.

Peter Calcraft had agreed to act as Editor of the Parish Oak and was welcomed by Pete who thanked Julia Reilly, Margaret Smith, Barbara Jane Pope and Margaret Hughes for ensuring the publication and distribution of the magazine throughout many years. Sidespersons were also unanimously elected to serve for a further year.

A working party would be required to clean and paint the wall at St. George's where lichen was a problem. David Hayward had carried out much-needed repairs to the floor and further investigations were being carried out to find the cause of the dampness.

A cake sale would be held on 2nd May and it was hoped a Family BBQ would be arranged during the summer.

Copies of the Minutes of both meetings and the reports are on view at both churches, or available from Secretary Margaret. (Telephone: 357487).

Margaret Smith, Secretary to the PCC

on the network for a token amount and our tickets were no longer viable. When we remembered the time we had to make 1340 sandwiches during a bread strike or boiling water at 4am, or getting up for Remembrance after a midnight return we were not altogether sorry. It was fun while it lasted.

The real end came at another churchwarden's drinks party. "You know, Vicar" he said, "The Oberammergau Passion Play is on in Austria in a year's time." "Yes", I said, knowing what was coming. "We thought we might charter a plane to take us all from Manchester." Fortunately at that moment the Dean of Winchester rang to enquire whether I was interested in a move to Hampshire! It was a well-timed enquiry.

Graham Trasler



**When a woman
says "What?",
it's not because
she didn't hear you.**

**She's giving you
a chance to change
what you said.**

Last throw of the dice

The only good thing about doing this again in years two and three was that we were getting the hang of it. Now we got up at 4am and went round the Vicarage turning on water boilers in what seemed like every socket. Then we filled four large thermal urns and took them, along with all the other stuff, to go on the train. The four supermarket trolleys (two started from the middle, one started from each end) thus had their own supply of hot water from which to make tea or coffee (from pre-loaded plastic cups). If that sounds foul, it was - but after four hours on a train you are no longer fussy. I had also taken the precaution of upping the cans of beer. In fact I had 10 times as many this second year and they lasted nearly as far as York!

The supermarket trolleys disappeared from sight and we weren't to see them again until Kings Cross where we had to unload them, put them in a taxi and take them round to the Salvation Army who kindly boiled water for us and had them ready and waiting for the return journey (a second taxi). Grandparents who had arrived to see their grandchildren had to hang on while all of this was negotiated before we went off to the British Museum to have a happy family outing before heading back on the train north. Well, at least the thermal urns worked well. No new shoes for the churchwardens this time round.

The amazing thing was that we had no trouble in selling the 670 tickets. There were still people in Sunderland who had not been to London and who wanted to go, even if it was a church outing. Some carriages lost their heating or lighting for the return journey and British Rail didn't really want to know so we had to put up with it. But there was a genuine sense of a good day out and I think we only left three people behind!

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At the recent Annual Parish Assembly meeting I provided the following retiring Chairman's Report.

As the Parish Council reaches the end of the second four-year term I was able to say with confidence that there have been many improvements and the past year has been good. There is positive attitude with all involved and I appreciate the efforts of all Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and County and Borough Councillors who have made a difference to the residents of Enham Alamein.

The strong relationship the Parish Council has built with the Enham Trust is highly valued.

I believe these are exciting times and that significant achievements have been made and a wealth of opportunity to do more awaits.

The next EAPC meeting will be on 13th May at 7.15pm in the Cedar Print room at Enham Trust.

Leslie Francis
Chairman

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Ann-Marie Bentham treated us all to a slide show of photographs of wildlife and surrounding areas of Enham. Such a lot goes on and on our doorstep - thank you Ann-Marie for enlightening us and showing your talent too.

There are cards available in the Shop and posters can be ordered.

The Crafty Ladies – Liz and Nicky – will be demonstrating and sharing very month. Please come along on Wednesday 20th May, 11am – 2pm. Their beautiful handmade jewellery and craft items are on display and for sale in the Rear Room of the Shop. You can also order personalised cards and gifts at any time.

Fish 'N' Chips have finally comes to Enham. We will be cooking fresh to order every Friday from 12 noon until 7pm. You can eat in or take away, and if you phone with an order it will be ready for collection.

Best wishes,

Leslie and Tim

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SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14th APRIL 2015

An update was given on the placing of defibrillators in the parish. A grant has been applied for from the British Heart Foundation and it is being considered. It was agreed that BT would be asked to sell the telephone box in Little London to the parish to house one of the defibrillators.

A grant of £5,000 to Augusta Park Community Association to help fund the fitting out of the new Augusta Park Community Centre was agreed. The total cost of the work is some £20,000 about half of which is being funded by Test Valley Borough Council and some by Hampshire County Council. The new Centre includes a pre-school room, meeting rooms and a large hall.

The council was informed that Hants CC would be able to install the kissing gate at the top of Big Street, Little London proposed by a resident at the last meeting.

The new Northern Area Local Centre in Augusta Park, near the Endeavour School, has come back for the third time for planning approval. The council was pleased to see that this proposal has a complete change in exterior design and was now in keeping with Augusta Park development. The council's opinion will be given after consultation with Augusta Park Community Association.

The damaged door of the Little London notice board has been sent for repair. The suggestion from a resident that the notice board be moved to the bus shelter was agreed.

A notice will be placed on the bus shelter asking residents not to park outside of the lay-by at the entrance to Little London as it is a danger to other road users.

The next meeting of the council will be on 11 May at 7.15 pm.

Rod Bowker,
Chairman, Smannell Parish Council.



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SMANNELL & ENHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

One of our school values, Courage, has recently been in the spotlight. In fact it had a week all to itself just before the Easter holidays.

During the week our children had the opportunity to put their courage to the test. Highlights of the week included everyone, including adults, coming to school as someone who had shown courage. The range included well known people such as Ann Frank, representatives of the emergency services and interestingly family members. The children were also asked to show courage by taking part in a range of activities. This included meeting animals such as snakes and ferrets or eating food with unusual labels such as blood (red custard really!). They also had to face physical challenges such as building the tallest tower they could using only spaghetti and marshmallows or blindfold obstacle courses. We also had a visit from Opensight which is a Hampshire charity that works with and for the visually impaired. The aim of our special week was to enable the children to realise that with courage they will succeed. In fact one child was overheard to say, "...to be successful you have to have a go!"

Our week of courage culminated with our Easter service at Christ Church in Smannell, it was very apt to be able to explore how Courage fits into the Easter story.

As well as finding pictures from our week on our school website, www.smannell-enham.co.uk you may well see more if you are in school when it is a polling station.

Peter Shaw, Headteacher

You Can't Judge a Bun by the Icing

I was in one of those new 'Pop-Up' shops recently. Actually it's not really new, this one seems to have been around for ages without me paying much attention, and about every five years it attempts to drum up some interest by running a promotion and introducing new selections.

The shop is actually a Baker that was promoting new ranges of Iced Buns. The owner told me that it was a great opportunity of clearing out the old stock of 'failed' items, and a chance to re-present them in a way that might be attractive to new customers. The Buns were nicely displayed on the shop shelves, so in the interest of 'Balance' I felt it was my responsibility to consider a Bun from each range.

Apparently the Buns with Blue Icing had been in the shop for a long time. They were a bit stale, and although it looked like they would be OK, you had to wonder if they really would taste good this time. It seems that to shift the stock, the shop had previously run a sales promotion of offering an Orange Iced Bun with every Blue Bun sold. The Orange Buns were now being offered on their own, but I had the feeling that in spite of their bright fresh look, they would pretty soon be in some sort of Joint Package again.

I was unsure about the Red Buns, their recipe included all sorts of popular things that I should like, but my questions were, 'How could they make it for the Price?' and 'Just how good is the Chef?'. Perhaps they had an eye on a deal with the Orange Buns. The Purple Iced Buns looked different, perhaps honest, but maybe too different. The shop owner said that the initial customer interest had died away following too many mishaps with ingredient selection.

There was some interest in a small selection of Regional Buns, and a minority Green Bun, all jostling to enjoy their moment of fame. Apparently they had some loyal customers, but not enough to make a dent in the sales of the other colours.

I sampled all the buns, but I can't tell you which I liked most. The problem is, I'm now sick of Buns. The promotion runs for another few weeks, and already I never want to see another Bun. I am grateful that I won't have to face this issue for another five years, but worryingly, the shop owner anticipates that there may be another 'Bun' promotion in the Autumn.

John Hampshire

Cyril, the older lad?). Beryl and her brother Geoffrey lived up “Postgrove” and both went out to Australia. The father Mr. Hawkes was well known for his pedigree goats and prize bull which were used for breeding. We would also like a mention for our dear “Lil” Robson on reaching another birthday (her 60th is it?), Very best wishes “Lil” from us all.

Now, a few more thoughts on the gliders and Tasker trailers that I mentioned last month. They were very large and were designed and built by Taskers of Andover to carry crashed aircraft. The last time I saw one of these large vehicles was at a bomber station up in Yorkshire, at Elvington. It had been fitted with seats and for a small sum you could have a conducted tour round what remained of the old airfield. I think it seated about 20 at a time. We had a chat with the museum staff and they were very interested in what we could tell them about these very large vehicles.

At an airfield at Aston Down in Gloucestershire they now have a gliding school run by the Air Training Corps and are still using the type of glider we made at Enham. Could some of these have been made by us I wonder? It was from this airfield a large number of gliders and tugs took off for “D” Day, also Chilbolton, Abingdon, Harwell and Greenham Common.

Will we ever forget the noise of all the ‘planes at midnight, for of course a lot of them circled this area before setting out and they still had their navigation lights on – it was a sight. Then all went silent and they were gone. Up on the crescent we stood in groups and said “What on earth is going on?” Who remembers a glider breaking in two and landing in the big field at Finkley? Quite a good landing too, it kept us going up there to see it until it was taken away.

Once again that’s all for now folks. Hope you enjoyed your Easter Eggs (I had a chocolate bunny).

Will chat again,

Fred (Hall)

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Hello Everyone,

What glorious weather we’ve had this Spring! Perfect for all the events we’ve hosted here in Enham recently. Let us hope the good weather continues for those still to come.

Last month, Radio Enham officially opened their new state-of-the-art studios. Joined by radio veteran David Jensen during an energetic and uplifting ceremony, the opening was also accompanied by messages of support from Paralympic gold medallist, Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson and DJ & television presenter Jo Whitley. A great success, the event was well attended by local officials, including The Worshipful the Mayor of Test Valley Cllr Jan Lovell and our President Sir George Young, as well as friends and family of Radio Enham’s hard working and inspirational presenters. I’m sure you’ll join me in congratulating everyone involved.

In only a few days, we will be honoured to host our Patron, HRH the Duchess of Gloucester, GCVO, for the official opening of Weston Court – our brand new development of 8 highly accessible 1 bedroom bungalows – marking the beginning of a new era of independence for the residents.

On 16th May, we are holding an ‘It’s a Knock Out’ tournament and Family Fun Day at Vigo Road Recreation Park. Whether you’d like to compete as part of a team or just go along to browse the stalls and watch the games, we’d love to see you there.

Finally, we are recruiting for more Personal Assistants. We currently have several vacancies available, so if you are interested in working for us, or know someone who is, please do get in touch.

More information on any of the above can be found on our website: www.enhamtrust.org.uk

With very best wishes,

Peta Wilkinson, CEO

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

SHED AND OUTBUILDING CRIME

Recently the rural areas have been targeted in a number of shed and garage breaks. Please make sure your sheds and equipment are secure.

Many people take a great deal of trouble securing their home but leave expensive garden tools and equipment in unlocked sheds. There is a large market for the stolen contents such as chain saws, leaf blowers, hedge cutters etc. **MAKE SURE YOURS ARE SAFE.**

CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

The Hampshire Police have reported the theft of Catalytic Converters from seven separate businesses located on the Portway and Walworth Business Parks. The offenders attacked the vehicles by cutting off the exhaust systems. In case you are unaware these converters contain semi-precious metals which can be recycled. This is part of a national problem and thefts have taken place across the region for some time.

Please be aware that a suspicious vehicle was sighted prior to the Andover offence which was described as a silver Audi A4 Saloon with a boot spoiler.

SCAM COLD CALLS

Hampshire Trading Standards Service would like to alert the public to a spate of incidents where cold callers falsely state they are Trading Standards Officers. Under this guise the bogus callers attempt to defraud the householder by claiming that they are due money in connection with previous work that has been done on their property. In some cases thermal coating was mentioned.

The home owner is told to pay court costs or other admin fees which will be refunded at a later date. Residents taken in by these false claims have lost several thousand pounds.

HAMPSHIRE ALERT COMMUNITY MESSAGING SYSTEM

The communities of Hampshire play a key role in helping the police to detect crime and anti-social behaviour. Improving the flow of information

between the community and the police is vital and the Hampshire Alert Community System welcomes your support.

You are invited to register now to become a recipient of messages of information, crime alerts and witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work in a way that suits your needs and lifestyle, by email, text or telephone.

To register or obtain more information sign on to the **HAMPSHIRE ALERT COMMUNITY MESSAGING SYSTEM.**

COMPUTER SCAM

The police have reported that a new scam has come to their attention where someone claiming to be from a computer software company – usually Microsoft – is cold calling people.

They say that you have a virus on your computer which affects its performance and then offer to fix it for a fee. **THIS IS A SCAM.** Do not give your bank detail to anyone who calls with this or a similar story.

Richard Budge
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

FRED'S PIECE

Dear Folks,

First I would like to recall the recent passing of our dear friend “Joey” Blackburn (Mrs. Bennet). She was a lovely girl and will be remembered for her work in the Village Post Office. It was only in the autumn we lost her sister Marjory.

I sometimes look at our old school at Smannell and at the classroom window front left and remember this was where we sat to do our handiwork with “Joey” and her friend Beryl Hawkes and Dennis Wells (or was it