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A further reminder that Rev. Alex Randle-Bissell will have his Licensing Service at St Michael's, Weyhill on 10th September. Alex will be moving to the parish in early August and we would ask that as many parishioners as possible attend the service.

ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING

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A Report on the Parish Barbecue held on the 26th June

Pete and Rod Bowker kindly hosted this year's Church Parish barbecue at their home in Smannell on Friday the 26th June. Although the weather gave us slight drizzle, one hundred and fourteen guests gathered to enjoy the excellent cuisine of homemade burgers and sausages together with a range of salad dishes. This was followed by the "Wimbledon fayre" of strawberries and cream. The food was excellent and the company of guests in the specially-erected marquee appeared to enjoy the social gathering long into the evening.

Pete and Rod were as always the perfect hosts for the evening and it was good to see so many from the villages coming together to support the good cause of raising money for our parish churches. A very pleasing £1,500 was raised and will soon be spent as repairs are needed to Christ Church's roof.

Some thirty people helped make the evening a success, selling tickets, donating and making the food, setting up and clearing up. The Parish Church Council is very grateful for their hard work and endeavour.

COFFEE MORNING at Little Cambers, Upper Enham

Andover & District Mencap would like to thank the residents of Little London, Smannell and Enham for their support of our Coffee Morning in June, in aid of funding our many activities for our members, many of whom need a lot of support in helping them lead an integrated lifestyle in the local community. £200 was raised – Thank You! £160 went to Mencap and a donation of £40 went to the Roof Repair Fund at Christ Church, Smannell, with the promise of one or two other donations in the near future towards the Church Roof Renovation.

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The weather in June/July has been very hot and there is promise of more to come so make sure that your cat has somewhere cool and shady to rest and a constant supply of clean drinking water. Our cats have been rather off their food and wet food, if left for any length of time, ends up crawling with maggots. If not eaten within half an hour it is best taken away. A supply of dry biscuits should keep him happy until the next meal.

We shall be occupying the Whitchurch charity shop from 14th August until 3rd September. Come and see what we have to offer and donations of bric-a-brac, books (in good condition), toys and saleable clothing will be gratefully received. We are not able to accept large furniture or electrical goods.



Tippy, last month's cat has really fallen on her paws. She has found a home with a delightful lady in Overton and now has a large house and garden to play in.

Liono is an affectionate black and white cat, as you can see from his picture. He is three years old and loves his fosterer, enjoying lots of strokes especially on his chin and tummy but is a little nervous of strangers. He would prefer to be an only cat.

EDITORIAL

Summer is lovely isn't it! I don't feel the need to go abroad when England is looking so lovely and the sun is shining so warmly. Especially not Tunisia. RIP. All those people who lost their lives in that senseless, tragic shooting in July. So very sad.

I went to Tunisia as a teenager with my family. My mum worked at a teacher training college in London and the students often went on field trips and we joined them to visit Tunis and Sousse. One of the activities was a 6am camel ride into the Sahara desert. It was really cold at that time of the day and we needed to wrap up. The camels were quite a task to mount and it was a bumpy ride as I recall, but a great experience! I was impressed to learn that camels can drink massive amounts of water (over 20 gallons at one time), then go vast distances before needing more.

I also remember (too well), an incident when Mum and I were walking and looking for a bank to change our money. I had noticed, a short time into setting off, that there were two men walking a short distance behind us. I brushed it off that they were just going in the same direction, but soon tested that theory by telling mum to stop and look in a shop window. They stopped too ... at a distance. I suggested we needed to get a move on and get to the safety of the bank where there would be a lot of people present. Mum was getting very worried but I was surprisingly calm. We found the bank and did our currency exchange, but sure enough the two men were hovering around the entrance. Once outside the bank we bumped into a couple of the male lecturers who were on our trip. We hooked up with them immediately! The two men, who, suffice to say, were following us, changed their direction. We were so relieved! I don't feel it is necessary to overtly worry about something until you really need to, but I think we had good cause to have been worried. Apart from this strange incident I found the Tunisian people extremely friendly and hospitable and hope they can recover quickly from recent events.

I read recently that if you make your home a place where you would like to holiday, you will feel quite at peace and happy there. I do actually feel like that about where we live, and when the sun shines, even more so.

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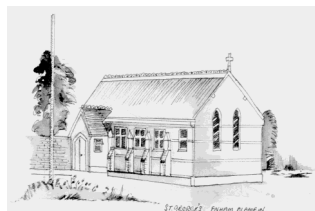
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Well we are in full swing in our villages with fetes, flower festivals, barbecues and concerts and fun days together....It is lovely to be out and about in the villages and enjoying the summer sunshine.

We have had plenty of wonderful wedding celebrations in our churches, too, and many more are booked up. It is delightful to see all of the churches decorated with wonderful flowers.

Flowers may only be with us for a little while, like the lovely blue Iris, which was the symbol of my school badge when I was at secondary school in London.

But the deep blue of the Iris is a most beautiful colour, even if each flower stays with us for a very short time.

There is something about looking at the beauty of nature and feeling a part of it that is expressed in this Navajo chant:

The mountains, I become part of it ...

The herbs and flowers, the fir tree, I become part of it. ...

The morning mists, the clouds, the gathering waters, I become part of it....

There is a depth of intimacy and a participation in nature here, that may make us aware that we share the Spirit of God with all creation.

The Celtic theologian, Pelagius, talks about this too.

He says that we can see God's spirit in all the living creatures of the earth - all the animals, all the birds, all the fish and all the insects. God's Spirit dwells within them.

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Sunday 16th August TRINITY 11
8.30 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. St. George's, Enham Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd August TRINITY 12
10.00 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell Holy Communion

Sunday 30th August TRINITY 13
10.00 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell Holy Communion

Sunday 6th September TRINITY 14
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.

He talks about God's spirit being in all the trees and plants that grow. The presence of God's spirit in all living things is what makes them beautiful; and if we look with God's eyes, nothing on earth is ugly.

And so perhaps as we look around us at the natural world, we can try to look with God's eyes, to listen with God's ears, and to know our place within God's good creation.

I will end with a blessing which I used recently at my father's funeral. He was a man who loved nature, who loved his garden and especially his tomatoes and his sweet peas. So I would like to share this blessing with you all:

May the sun bring you new energy by day,
May the moon softly restore you by night,
May the rain wash away your worries,
May the breeze blow new strength into your being,
May you go gently through the world and know its beauty all your life long.

God bless you all,
Val.

Rev. Val Gagen
01264 748065

PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

Ottilie Rose Burt on 5th July 2015 at Christ Church, Smannell

Willa Florence Kinloch on 5th July 2015 at Christ Church, Smannell

We welcome you into the Lord's family

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Wedding

Daniel Melvin Leavesley and Jessica Ann Harper on Saturday 11th July 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 13th JULY 2015 AT JUBILEE HOUSE

7 PCC members were present; the meeting was chaired by Church Warden Pete, who opened with prayer. The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed as correct by the Chairman. The Parish Oak was working well under its new management. The Family BBQ at Jubilee House on 26th June had been a superb evening. Pete had written letters of thanks to all those who had helped in any way. Pastrow was working well and arrangements for the licensing of Rev. Alex Randle-Bissell on 10th September were in hand. There were several bookings of weddings and baptisms for the weeks ahead. Anna White was organizing a Concert on 26th September at 7 p.m. at £10 per head. It was hoped the event would be well supported. Work was expected to go ahead shortly on the drain at St. George's and the roof at Christ Church. Readings for August had been circulated; those for September onwards would be advised at a later date.

Parish Share payments for 2015 were on schedule; however, the payments for 2016 had shown a 10% increase - objections to this increase had been lodged. All bills had been paid to-date and receipts banked. New Gift Aid envelopes complying with HMRC rules were now available in both Churches. Initial repairs to the Christ Church roof had been completed for a cost just below £800. The jackdaw damage to the shingles on the bell tower, as well as the loose or slipped tiles on the main roof, would be repaired shortly. Concern was expressed at the failings of the Parish Website. There was a fault with its operation with the result that information was many months out of date. It was hoped that the matter could be resolved in the not too distant future.

The Craft Group continued to meet. The Ride & Stride would take place on 12th September. Provision of Services up to the end of August had been arranged. The Alamein Service would take place at St. George's on October 25th at 10 a.m. The Bishop of Basingstoke would be invited to visit the Parish before too long. The Andover Deanery Synod had met and Bishop David had given a list of subjects that he wished to be discussed and had drawn up an action plan. A Benefice Plan would be formulated after Rev. Alex had been licensed.

The school would close on 21st July. A deputy Head Teacher had been appointed and a new Foundation Governor was being sought. Rev. Val would be on holiday from 10th-17th August. Pete would be away from 3rd-23rd September. A concert by the Enham Trust Choir was being organized at St. George's on 31st July. The meeting closed with the Grace at 7.30 p.m.

Margaret Smith,
Secretary to the PCC

En Fete

The workmen were putting up barriers all around the Campo in Siena ready for the Palio, a wild horse race in which it is the watchers rather than the horses that are behind the barriers. It is all rather wild. It's their summer celebration in that part of Italy. How do we celebrate? We have a village fete – health and safety allowing.

“Ah, you have a van” they said when I first moved to Hampshire. It was a bright green VW campervan of obscure age, and locally nicknamed “The flying cabbage”. My first job for the Fete every year was to go to the Theatre in Farnham (alas no more) and collect a candy floss machine. One never knew what the Fete might require. There was the year when the men who put up the marquee put it up (inexplicably) right under the power lines that crossed the village sports field. I don't know whether you have ever tried to move a marquee without taking it down? It needed about 60 of us carrying poles or each other, moving across the field like a plague of locusts.

Down the road in the neighbouring village of Bentley there was a Donkey Derby every year. It was hysterical just watching, let alone listening to the master commentary which accompanied it. Animals add a lot to a Fete. At Alresford we decided to hold a Fete in the shape of a Sheep Fair. We had all sorts of ideas “The Flock Inn” for your refreshments, “Sheeps that Pass in the Night” for a blindfold game and so on. Then came the Foot and Mouth crisis and it felt wrong to go ahead. And then there was the year of the scarecrow Fete when scarecrows were to be found in every shop window in town and all the stall holders at the Fete were dressed as scarecrows.

It's not quite like the Palio, but it is British and understated. We know how to enjoy ourselves in a more subtle way – in fact it is so subtle that people often don't even notice.

Graham Trasler

Live Long and Prosper Backup Regularly

Recently I was offered an update for my computer that would speed it up and clear out all the unnecessary files. This set me thinking.

Many light years ago in those pre IBM (and pre Internet), days I was pretty happy with my Commodore Pet, it only had twin 5.5 inch floppy discs, and it did everything I needed. But then I was seduced by the promise of faster, bigger and brighter, and yes I went down that path willingly, to a land where I have absolutely no idea what half (actually more like 95%), of the files on my laptop actually do. But it doesn't matter because it's better ... isn't it?

What have I done with all the time I've saved? Well I'd like to tell you that I can work more efficiently, and be more productive. Unfortunately, although that's what I'd like to tell you, the truth is that I'm still the same person who procrastinates, and stumbles through life.

These thoughts came into focus recently when the death of Leonard Nimoy prompted the publication of selected Mr Spock quotes. I like, 'Computers make excellent and efficient servants, but I have no wish to serve under them.' A useful analogy is the person buying the latest cooker. It doesn't matter how good the cooker is, or which celebrity chef wrote the recipe. If you can't cook the food, it will still be dreadful.

My faithful laptop has once again reminded me of the stupidity of not making backups. Not for the first time it made its presence felt by slowing down to crawling pace, and by hiding some key information. So I downloaded the 'miracle cure' program, and now – well I got lucky, it seems to have worked. Or, to use another quote from Mr Spock, 'Random chance seems to have operated in my favour'.

It does seem that the harder I work, the luckier I get, but to be on the safe side, I now do regular Backups.

Anton Sapient

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As I write, the traditions of the leavers' service at Christ Church are being rehearsed. Our Year 6 children have reached the end of their time with us and are off into the wider world of secondary school. They should be justly proud of their achievement, both academic and social. As a group they have achieved some excellent test results, including three children who gained Level 6 in maths.

Not only is it a period of change for our children but this year there is also quite a change of staff for a variety of reasons. Some are off to pastures new, some to travel the world and others to spend more time with their own families.

Whilst it is sad to say farewell to so many of our friends, we also know that the word goodbye is derived from the phrase 'God be with you'. It is a tradition in our school that all leavers are presented with a small cross made from olive wood. These are to remind them that they are always part of the school family and that God will be with them.

Hope you all have a very pleasant summer.

Peter Shaw
Headteacher

The Parish Oak Fun Page

Each month a page will be given over to a fun competition. Those who are able to complete the activity in full will have their names published here the following month. Those that want a little help (or indeed the solution to last month's puzzle!) can contact the editor, Peter Calcraft at the email address calcraftp@aol.com or on 01264 512262.

With the Ashes in full swing this month we have a crossword with a crick-eting theme! You may have to reproduce the puzzle!

ACROSS

- 1 Tailender's middle stump is knocked out, causing division (6)
 5 Leaves legendary Aussie fast bowler, we hear, with protective gear (4,4)
 9 Ball to bring regular partygoer from the closet? (10)

10 Cricket side, 1 for 0 declared—why, that's dubious (4)

11 Compounded lead before tea perhaps like some 5 dn's (8)

12 Easy catch can be a poser (6)

13 An afterthought. Stewart's boundaries can be said to attract attention (4)

15 Tubes from Kennington ground reduced by half—I'd cut off strikers' capital (8)

18 Resembling former England spinner or something similar (8)

19 Throw from Boycott's a corker, on reflection (4)

21 Streamer starts to fly as Lara gets one 50 after another (6)

23 Puts in man at slip, not having a spinner? (8)

25 It supports the late bowlers chiefly, and that's right (4)

26 No bowler here in Yorkshire? (6,4)

27 View boundaries from Emburey, Edmonds and four from Knight (8)

28 Paradoxically they've been associated with 22 for a long time, but only recently! (6)

DOWN

2 Warne, quality bowler, keeps fit (5)

3 A trial game? No, the real thing (4,5)

4 In six dot balls we see Ambrose's first becoming his last. Is that plain? Yes (6)

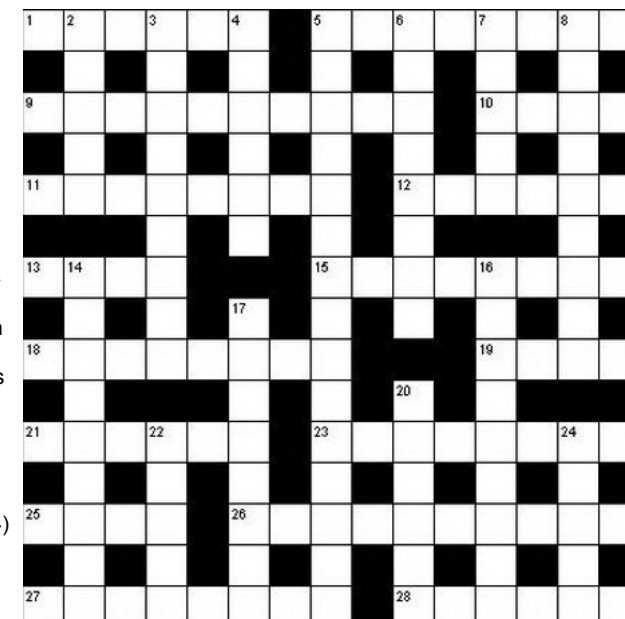
5 Leggate? (3,6,6)

6 Securing runs, oldish Pakistan opener bats with authority (8)

7 Needs a fielder (5)

8 Former England bowler is fed up with misdirected satire (9)

14 How bat sounds when single is captured by Sky 2 broadcast (9)



16 Describing a wicket for which there is no 20. "South African leaves bouncer directed round top of leg" (9)

17 Writer who was never on the batting side? (8)

20 SA's no. 2 is to question the umpire (6)

22 Home ground of 1200 members? (5)

24 NZ international who gets pairs, we're told (5)

Stuff

Gentlemen, I hardly need to write any more do I?

We know just how important it is to maintain an adequate stock of Stuff. In common with many wives and girlfriends, Mrs Hampshire completely misunderstands the value of Stuff. In her eyes this is hoarding but of course hoarding refers to items of no value whereas Stuff has value, even if we are not immediately aware of what that value is, or even the purpose of the Stuff.

For a long time I have been keeping my Stuff in boxes (purchased specially for the purpose), but under pressure I was told to tidy it away, so my prize collection of bits of wire, obsolete mobile phone chargers, miscellaneous electrical connectors, and batteries that may have a bit more life in them, had to be moved.

I transferred them to empty drawers in the spare bedroom, and this worked for a couple of months, and then they were discovered. Of course the whole time the volume of Stuff is growing. I have bits left over from Flat-Pack assembly (they always give you too many screws), battery chargers for laptops I no longer own, audio headsets (unaccountably I have dozens of these, I'm sure they're breeding), and embarrassingly some bits of computer equipment that I bought but never got round to using. Never mind I'm sure that they will be useful one day.

I also have Garage Stuff which includes a fine collection of nuts and bolts that came off cars during repairs and maintenance, but which were never replaced as they seemed to be surplus to requirements. I also have a rainbow collection of paint tins that are almost empty but which I'm saving 'just in case', small lengths of wood that will probably save me a journey to Homebase at some point in the future, and my enviable range of 1980's curtain fittings is now forming an essential part of my Attic Stuff.

Mrs Hampshire's patience is wearing thin, but a neighbour has come up with a solution. Just join two items together, and at a stroke you have reduced the number of Stuff items to 50% of the original, a brilliantly simple solution. This should buy me a few more months.

John Hampshire

SMANNELL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6th JULY 2015

Test Valley Council have formally rejected the plans for the shops, etc., development in Augusta Park above the "dog-leg". The proposed plans had an ugly flat roof and were objected to by Smannell Parish Council. New plans have been drafted by the developer which look altogether better.

We have been told that the making of a footway on sections of Smannell Road will be carried out in the first half of next year. The council is keen that safety on the road is maintained whilst also maintaining its rural nature.

The brewery, which owns The Oak, has agreed to the installation of a defibrillator on the pub's side wall and BT has agreed that we can adopt the telephone kiosk in Little London to hold another. Advice is being reviewed on the procurement of defibrillators and cabinets.

Enham Parish Council has agreed that it will ask its contractor to cut the whole of the Cinder Track including the end towards Woodhouse, where the boundary between the two parishes follows along the path.

Rod Bowker, Chairman.

ENHAM ALAMEIN PARISH COUNCIL

There was a meeting and presentation for the Community Speedwatch programme. We hope to have confirmation very shortly that funding has been approved. If you are at all interested in assisting the efforts to reduce speed through the village please call into the shop for application forms, or contact Nick Shanahan at nicholasshanahan@hotmail.com. The more people that get involved, the more frequently we can address the issue.

The Enham Community lunch was held in the rear room of the shop offering a Fish and Chip lunch with a Tchibo drink and dessert. August will be a picnic on Sunday, 16th of August – venue to be confirmed. Please do join us with your friends and neighbours.

There is a new bin outside the bus stop opposite the charity shop. We are lucky that our village is maintained by Enham Trust but we can all do our bit for litter control. Hopefully this additional bin, which will also take dog waste, will help too.

There is a poster displayed on the Village Shop Notice board regarding becoming a Village agent (our new Parish Council Notice board will be here soon). A few hours a week to support elderly and vulnerable people can make a world of difference. Full training will be given. If you are interested please do call in and see me

The Parish Council has joined Test Valley Recycling Stars programme.

A recent presentation by a recycling officer suggested that we can all do better in our efforts to recycle. These efforts would then reduce the cost to TVBC and in turn would reduce the council tax costs. Interestingly any savings are attributed to the recycling department.

There is a useful guide to what can and cannot be recycled. A bin sticker is also a good reminder. You can also obtain information on www.testvalley.gov.uk/recyclingstars.

We do hope you will get behind the scheme and prove that Enham Alamein is a responsible recycling village.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th September, 7-15 pm in the resource centre at Enham.

Leslie Francis
Chairman

He believed in England
and loved her faithfully,
Didn't talk about it much
But died to keep her free

He left a happy memory
With everyone he knew.
Had you known this boy of ours
You would have loved him too.

Fred (Comments, please, to 01264 354502)

*Apologies to Fred for the error in the July issue of the Parish Oak.
The Editor*



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FRED'S PIECE

Dear Readers,

Hope you are all well and enjoying this hot weather!

One thing we were not supposed to do in wartime was listen to German radio broadcasts by “Lord Haw Haw”, as we called him - real name William Joyce, a British traitor!

Sometimes listening in in the evenings paid off though, for among his rantings on the Red Cross was allowed a small list of our lads who were prisoners of war. Well, at this time Sgt. Leslie Bastin was missing from one of our raids over Germany. He was a Sgt. Air Gunner with a Canadian Squadron. Once or twice he brought his crew home to his family home in Enham (the thatched cottage round behind the factory). Of course he and his fellow crew made merry down at the Club in the Landale Wilson Institute but it was so nice to see them enjoying a couple of days or so away from the strains and stress they were enduring. Well, one evening a ripple went round the village: Les is safe and a POW! Someone had been listening to Haw Haw and Les' name was on the list that night. Of course we were over the moon with the news but a bit wary of same—but as this list was repeated for a few nights lots more of us tuned in to hear for ourselves.

He had jumped from the aircraft (a Halifax 4-engined aircraft) by parachute. Therefore he became a member of the ‘Caterpillar Club’, members of which have jumped from an aircraft in distress. The badge is a small silver brooch in the shape of a caterpillar. After demob. he worked in the Maintenance Department of the Machine Shop with Alec Barrett and Micky Haggard in the big factory, and was proud to show his brooch. In a while he courted a local girl, Miss Brown, and they went to Australia to live. Les died a few years back. Haw Haw was hanged in the Tower of London as a traitor after the war. So—a happy ending this time for one of our lads.

Not so good for Reg Spencer who was a POW of the Japanese and was on a prisoner ship being sailed to Japan when it was mistakenly torpedoed by a Japanese Submarine with large loss of life to all on board.

In my last piece I included a poem but unfortunately some lines were omitted. I repeat it below:

He Believed in England

Had you known this boy of ours
You would have loved him too
You would have loved his smiling eyes
His spirit fine and true.

A merry soul, he made you feel
That life was good indeed.
A gay, warm-hearted fellow
With a plain and simple creed.



Peta Wilkinson CEO

Hello Everyone,

August is always such a beautiful month; a month for family holidays, BBQs and relaxing in the sunshine with friends. Here at Enham, August also presents us with an opportunity to reflect on the successes of the year so far and prepare for the Autumn season.

Firstly, I'd like to share with you the incredible news that our Bradbury Place housing development in Andover town centre has recently won a Housing Design Award! I am so proud of everyone involved.

In July, we were thrilled to have so many people attend our official Enham Way opening, beginning at the Shopmobility Centre in Andover town. With the Mayor of Test Valley Cllr Iris Andersen, local Councillors Phil North & Tracey Preston, and our Chairman of Trustees Prof. Khalid Aziz in attendance, the event was a resounding success; providing a new level of independence to people living with a disability.

Also during July, we officially launched our brand new Shining Stars initiative – after school clubs for children and young people in the Andover area living with a disability. Although the initiative has now finished for the summer holidays, Shining Stars will be starting again at the beginning of September. If you'd like your child to become involved, or know anyone who would, please give us a call.

Looking ahead, we have several vacancies available across all aspects of Enham Trust, so please get in touch if you'd be interested in joining our wonderful team.

More information can be found on our website: www.enhamtrust.org.uk

With very best wishes,

Peta Wilkinson, Chief Executive Officer



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ENHAM ALAMEIN SHOP AND POST OFFICE

Santander customers are now able to use the Post Office for all of their banking transactions. Private and business customers alike can now obtain cash, check balances and make deposits at the counter. All of the major banks are now available at The Post Office so please use our facilities with confidence and for convenience.

There is a craft demonstration on the third Wednesday of the month between 11-00 and 2-00. Do come along and pick up a few personal and pretty items which make ideal gifts.

There are plenty of gooseberries, raspberries, magnificent strawberries and fresh produce arriving daily. They are a seasonal delight and grown locally.

We have the traditional sweets now available in £1 bags. On offer at 150g in 16 different types they haven't replaced the large jars which are still in the rear room.

Summer sports toys are in store for all ages: tennis, badminton, cricket, boules and paddling pools too.

Best wishes

Leslie and Tim

THE GREAT BRITISH FISH & CHIPS

Every Friday is Fish and Chips Friday!
In the Shop and Post Office, Enham Alamein

Served between 12 noon and 6:45

You can eat in "al fresco" and enjoy the good weather.

Call Leslie and Tim on 335678



Neighbourhood Watch

Cold Callers

Hampshire Trading Standards Services is warning the public to be wary of doorstep cold callers offering Tree and Garden Services. A resident in Fleet has given a large amount of cash for tree cutting. After doing very little work the victim was told that a trip to empty the van was necessary.

The workmen did not return but disappeared with the cash.

Never pay until the work is carried out to your satisfaction.

Fraud

Fraudsters often target "goods for sale" adverts on popular online auction sites, so watch out whenever you are selling anything online.

How does the fraudster operate?

The fraudster will contact the seller to say that they want to buy the advertised item. The seller then receives what looks like a genuine PayPal email, to confirm that the money has been paid by the buyer into their account.

With confirmation of payment, the seller will then send the item to the buyer's address. The seller will later find that the PayPal email is fake and the money has not been paid. The seller ends up losing twice as not only do they not have the money, but they no longer have the item to sell.

Protect Yourself

Check your PayPal account to ensure the money has been paid in and has cleared into your bank account before you send the item to the buyer.

Do not be bullied or rushed into sending items before you know the payment has cleared – a genuine purchaser will not mind waiting a day or two for you to send the item.

If you are selling a vehicle, think carefully when selling to overseas purchasers – especially if they tell you they will send an extra payment for shipping – check that the funds have cleared before arranging this.

Richard Budge

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator