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SEPTEMBER 2016

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EDITORIAL

What a smorgasbord of sporting success the Rio Olympics brought us over the last two weeks! The BBC excelled itself in bringing us such a mix of triumph and despair from one event to the next.

To attain second place in the overall medal race and surpass the mighty country of China (20 times our population) was indeed remarkable. We were all captivated by the performances of so many in such a wide breadth of sporting events. Unbelievably, gold medals were won in some 15 different sports and there were more overall medals won than the home Olympics at London 2016.

Whilst we revelled in the growing number of gold, silver and bronze medals that our National Lottery support has bought for us, I was often taken by the anguish that was clearly displayed by those who finished just outside of the medal achievements. What pain they suffered ... all that sacrifice of training for four long years, to then nearly achieve the target, but then vainly be surpassed at the last effort to achieve lasting glory.

I suppose such graphic images are etched on our psyche as we can recall missing personal goals by a slender margin ... whilst away from the public limelight!

The consolation to finishing fourth, or missing personal goals, is that when you look back at the Olympic performances of such victorious Olympians as Usain Bolt (9 gold medals) and Mo Farah (4 gold medals) you find that they too performed badly in their first Olympics.

So when you and I next fail to meet the objectives set before us, perhaps we should all remember the Olympic lessons that if we learn from our failure and try again to succeed, perhaps we can excel at our next attempt.

Surely there is a life learning to be gained here for all of us as we congratulate the sporting heroes in their great success.

Peter Calcraft



CHURCH IN SMANNELL & ENHAM



Ramblings from the Rectory ...

Well this is the month the children are back at school and we hope that they and all the staff have had a refreshing break and had the opportunity to do some exciting things.

We have been on a couple of days out to London and visited some wonderful art exhibitions and galleries. But time spent with family is equally important and hopefully many of you have been able to have some great days out with your nearest and dearest.

But in our church calendar we have an afternoon out which we hope you might come to in September.....and bring the family too. We are having a bring and share tea party in the Rectory garden on Saturday afternoon the 17th September from 3pm till 5pm.

All welcome...do come and get to know others in the parish.

There is no charge for this event but we are starting to raise money for a toilet in St Georges and there will be a raffle at the tea party for this. Someone in the parish has started to save their pennies and presented me with £5 of pennies the other day...so the caption is 'save your pennies to spend a penny!'

But meanwhile we are making plans for our first Messy Church session at Smannell school.

This will be on Tuesday 13th September from 3pm till 5pm in the school hall. It is an opportunity for children, with their Mums, Dads, Aunties or Grandma's to come and have fun together. Bring the little ones with you too, as this is definitely a family event.

We begin with a drink and a biscuit to welcome everyone. Then we have various craft and other activities on offer. This is followed by a story and short worship session. Then we will have a meal together to finish with.

There is no set cost for this event but there will be an opportunity to make a donation if you wish.

If you know you can definitely come, please can you let me know, as it would be good to have a rough idea of numbers for catering purposes. Thank you. You can still just turn up on the day though...you do not have to book.

But children do need to be accompanied by an adult family member or carer. Please give me a ring on 01264748065 if you have any questions or email me on valgagen@hotmail.com

September is also the month when we start our harvest festivals. Please see elsewhere in this magazine for details of Harvest services at St George's and Christ Church. I would like to thank all those who decorate our churches ready for the Harvest and those who help with the Parish Harvest supper. These are wonderful occasions and you are especially welcome to come and join us at this time to celebrate God's goodness to us. It is a time of thankfulness and praise, but we are also aware of people who do not have enough food. And so it is traditional to collect money for those who may not have as much as we do and our local schools and churches often support the Andover food bank. Please do look at their web site for details of what is currently needed.

But whatever delights you get up to in September, I wish you a splendid month full of fruitfulness and may God's blessing go with you. Rev Val

God bless,

Val

Rev. Val Gagen 01264 748065

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Lean Dexter beef from Oaktrack Smallholdings has produced superb sirloin and rump steaks.

Fish & Chip Fridays now include a Southern Fried whole Chicken breast - full of flavour and 100% meat.

On Friday 30th September we will be holding The Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning supporting McMillan Cancer. Please do join us between 10am and 12noon - stay for fish 'n' chip lunch too if you can!

we hope to see you soon.

Leslie & Tim

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Hello Everyone,

Another busy month ends here at Enham Trust, making way for new challenges and exciting opportunities.

Only weeks ago, we were delighted to send local resident Izzy's brother Ed and friend Sam on a mammoth fundraising challenge for the entirety of the Autumn. Determined to raise £6,000 for our vital cause, keen cyclists Ed and Sam will be taking to the USA to ride an incredible 3,000 miles from one end of America to the other; whilst Izzy completes her own personal cycling challenge here at Enham Trust. If you would like to donate to this excellent cause, please visit online at: https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/BC2DCbritsonbikes

Also last month, we had the pleasure of hosting 100 volunteers from worldwide telecommunications provider Vodafone; who spent an energetic and meaningful 2 days with us, ensuring the areas outside our residential homes are clean, tidy, and look wonderful ready for the Autumn. A big 'thank you' to everyone involved for their hard work.

At the beginning of August, construction & regeneration company Morgan Sindall – the construction company supporting us with our ambitious Cedar Park development – held a 'Meet the Builder' event here at Enham Trust; an open event for staff, residents, and members of the public living and working in the area, 'Meet the Builder' gave all those effected by the building works a chance to understand more about the future plans of Cedar Park, as well as the opportunity to ask any questions they may have had.

Looking ahead, on 13th September we will be holding an open day here at Enham Trust to showcase our fantastic new Respite Care service – the Cedar Park Apartments. If you'd like to know more about this service or would like to attend, please contact Business Development Executive Sharon Manzur: sharon.manzur@enhamtrust.org.uk

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

Best wishes,

Peta Wilkinson, CEO

In Memory of Colin Clarke

It was in 1956 that an 18 year old Smannell girl – Rosemary Anne Pennell, met and fell in love with a young soldier, Colin Clarke, aged 20. Love blossomed and they married two years later at Smannell Church, with all 'Rose's' relations, from Smannell and Little London, present to see the happy pair united.

Years passed, and Rose and Colin who originally spent their early married life in a thatched cottage in Little London, travelled to many places, with Colin performing his Army service, and Rose always at his side.

Colin eventually left the Army, and joined Brigade, the Andover Fire transferring to the Ministry of Defence Fire Brigade. From then, Rose and Colin, always with their dogs, travelled to all parts of the United Kingdom, as he progressed in his chosen profession - to eventually become Chief Fire Officer at RAF Valley, in Anglesey. This was a happy period for Rose and Colin; with their beloved Labrador dogs, Sally and Tess, they roamed the countryside and hills around Holyhead.



Editor's note: To see a larger copy of Colin Clarke's hymn, go to www.parishoak.co.uk

Then, in 1992, Rose was diagnosed with leukaemia, and amidst his duties at RAF Valley, Colin supported his wife through many treatments to try and cure the dreadful disease But in 1998 Rose died, just 40 years after their marriage. In accordance with his late wife's wishes, Colin brought her back to Smannell, where her funeral was held in the church they so loved, and she was interred in the churchyard, near to many of her relations.

Colin left RAF Valley, and moved to live in Andover, from where he often came to worship at Smannell , where his wife lay in the churchyard. Then Colin, now aged 80, became sick and died on July 25. According to his wishes, his funeral was held in the Church, where he married Rose, nearly 60 years before. The pair are now lying together in Smannell's churchyard. A fitting end to a romance that began all those years ago, in Smannell.

Pet Service Report

The awaited Pet Service was held on the fifth Sunday in July (31/7/16). We met on the playground of the Smannell and Enham C of E School. The idea was to bring some novelty into worship, a bid to reach more people than the regulars. This idea is high on the agenda as seen from the PCC report published in the August Parish Oak.

Attendance was fairly impressive, given the customary holidays that families take at this time of the year. Even some of the regular worshippers were away. Still it was a decent crowd.

It turned out to be a dog-show, proving them to be the most common pet in the UK. School children came with theirs, as did some regular church members. Holidaying relatives came along as well. Perhaps the most remarkable attendees were the trainee police dogs brought in all the way from Devon. All were well behaved and the weather was clement.

Though this wasn't the first pet service at Christ Church Smannell, it was the first for Reverend Val Gagen and Oluyinka Esan who organised the service. They had the help of many and great grace from above. A delightful Smannell hospitality was offered in the church, after the service.

In all, it was a participatory service. Children read bible passages and led the intercessions. About our singing? Let's just say the Lord appreciates the praise we bring. As we learn from our generosity to our pets, the Lord is much more gracious to us. We are much more to Him than our pets are to us. He cares much for us and all around us. This is why we persist in reaching out. We must recover missed opportunities and we've spotted a few.

Our Heavenly Father delights over us much more than we could ever know. So if He can be more gracious to us than we are to our pets, then we can learn to be better than pets in our loyalty, trust, obedience and service to God.

Oluyinka Esan

A Passage from Zephaniah

The Lord said: Just wait for the day when I accuse you nations. I have decided on a day, when I will bring together every nation and kingdom and punish them all in my fiery anger. I will become furious and destroy the earth. I will purify each language and make those languages acceptable for praising me. Then, with hearts united, everyone will serve only me, the Lord . From across the rivers of Ethiopia, my scattered people, my true worshippers, will bring offerings to me. When that time comes, you won't rebel against me and be put to shame. I'll do away with those who are proud and arrogant. Never will any of them strut around on my holy mountain. But I, the Lord, won't destroy any of your people who are truly humble and turn to me for safety. people of Israel who survive will live right and refuse to tell lies. They will eat and rest with nothing to fear. Everyone in Jerusalem and Judah, celebrate and shout with all your heart! Zion, your punishment is over. The Lord has forced your enemies to turn and retreat. Your Lord is King of Israel and stands at your side; you don't have to worry about any more troubles. Jerusalem, the time is coming, when it will be said to you: "Don't be discouraged or grow weak from fear! The Lord your God wins victory after victory and is always with you. He celebrates and sings because of you, and he will refresh your life with his love."

Zephaniah 3:8-17 CEV UK00





Editor's note: To see larger copies of these pictures, go to www.parishoak.co.uk

ANDREW KNOWLES

Andrew Knowles was one of the kindest, most gentle, uncritical and undemanding people you could ever wish to meet. In all his life his family never heard him say anything unpleasant, cruel or spiteful and he wouldn't have hurt a fly and was often described as being a "real gentleman with a lovely smile".

In his youth, Andrew became an avid train spotter and later developed an interest in football and cricket supporting several clubs including Reading. The highlight of his supporter years was going with his father to Wembley in 1976 to see the F.A. cup final where Southampton beat Manchester United 1-0. Latterly, Andrew supported Portsmouth and also Southampton and would travel to Reading, Salisbury, Basingstoke, Aldershot and Oxford to watch the football. Whilst he was living in Andover and then Enham, he would go to the local cricket field every week to watch and support Andover's cricket teams.

After he left school, he secured employment at Enham Alamein where he could live independently and also work in a sheltered environment. This gave him an independent life where meals were provided but he could come and go as he pleased and he had good employment conditions. He lived there for some thirty-four years. After several changes of ownership the conditions where he lived and worked diminished, and the care and environment in which he lived became as nothing. Gradually, as he became less active, so his outside pleasures diminished too.

Moving Andrew to Andover Nursing Home last year was the best thing that had happened in a long while but, unfortunately, he did not live to enjoy life there for more than a few months. He certainly appreciated the care he received and particularly loved the music sessions. All his life he loved music and was never happier than listening to his favourite singers - pop as well as classical.

A devout Christian all his life, Andrew was a regular attendee at morning service, taking communion at both Enham and Smannell, only missing the service if he was ill or on holiday.

He was gentle, affectionate, with a great sense of humour, a good ear for music, taking enjoyment from his interest in football and cricket, his several holidays each year and taking an interest in what was happening in the wider world.

He is sadly missed.



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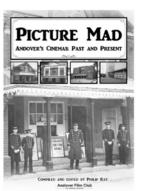
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"What do think of it so far?"

On arriving at secondary school one of the social obligations we were taught was to pick up rubbish – even if it wasn't our own! In retirement and with time to walk around, picking up litter has become habitual.

As we went to put two bagfuls of rubbish in a rubbish bin the other day we were stopped by a council employee. "You can't put that in there" he said – and then, seeing we were a bit mystified, he added "I only emptied that bin yesterday. Now I have to empty it again".

He supposed that we meant well, he said, but there was a proper scheme for this. You sign up and let the Council know when you will be collecting and they will then collect it from you. It is all very organised and, to be honest, we don't plan ahead in this part of our life.

"We are part of a volunteer culture" my daughter-in-law tells me from Canada. They encourage volunteers there, they expect volunteers. When your children join the Cubs or Riding Clubs parents are expected to help run the outfit - It seems to work well.

I remember a teaching colleague explaining how much simpler life was in school when there were no children. I expect there are nurses who say the same about hospital wards or traffic wardens about cars. I can see the irritation level of having a bin full only 24 hours after you emptied it – but what are rubbish bins for, if not for rubbish.? Might we not rejoice that more rubbish is reaching the bins and less of it is lying around our glorious countryside?

Human nature often confounds our better intentions and we have now decided to "sling our hook" and break with a lifetime's habits. But it's hard to pass by those crisp packets and vodka bottles.....

Eosterwine

Who is Anna White?

Tell us a little bit about you, and what fills your day?

I live with my husband James and our three children George, Matthew and Scarlett, our Labrador Snoopy and Mollie the cat in the wonderful village of Smannell. It was love at first sight when we viewed our house, and though it took almost a year to complete buying it, it's one of the best decisions we've ever made.



Both our youngest children attend Smannell and Enham School, and I'm also a Parent Governor. We're on the lookout for new Governors so if anyone is interested and has time to support our fantastic school, please get in touch.

What keeps you motivated?

I like to keep busy, so I often take on lots of new projects at once. At the moment, in addition to working we are renovating our home and I've almost finished my Masters Degree so at times it can be interesting jugging things.

Our children also keep me on my toes with school clubs, sports and social activities. It can be fun trying to be in three places at once!

One of my favourite pastimes is walking Snoopy through the forest at the weekends. I must have lost more than a dozen tennis balls in the last few months, but I find her incessant demands for playing fetch strangely relaxing.

What are you most proud of?

I am proud of all our children and what they are achieving in all aspects of their lives. I know that I will sound biased but they are great kids and we love spending time with them. I am also very proud of my husband who works very long hours travelling all over the country. He still manages to have a smile on his face at the end of the week when he might have driven over a thousand miles which I think is amazing.

What would be the single thing you would like to do differently or see change?

I could wax lyrical with all the changes I would like to see in the world – from greater equality in the workplace to locking people up who hurt animals. I think that on a more immediate level I would like to see people slow down who drive through the village, and have consideration where they park their cars.

What makes you tick?

Waking up each morning knowing how lucky I am. Having been through some really tough times in the past, and having lost a very close friend recently it makes me appreciate more what I have now.

What three words would your friends use to describe you? Fun, passionate, caring.

Any words of wisdom you would like to share?

Be nice to everyone you meet. They might be fighting their own battle that you know nothing about.

Notices

Churchwardens Notices

Harvest Festival Supper:

This will take place in Christchurch after the Service at 6pm on Sunday 25th September. There will be a Ploughmans Supper with a glass of wine included. Tickets available from Emma or Irene £10. All funds going to the Churches. We hope as many of you that can will support us.

Harvest Festival service at St.George's will be on Sunday 2nd October at 10am.

At both Services food donations will go to the Andover foodbank.

Eco Toilets:

We have started raising funds to put Eco toilets in Christ Church and St.George's. This will mean that we will be able to use the churches for more activities and utilise their potential for Concerts etc.

Emma has all the details if you would like to see what is available.

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Ride & Stride:

The sponsor forms are now available, please let any on us know if you are interested in visiting Historic Churches in the area on Saturday September 10th.

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CHOICES CHURCH GROUP at the Enham Trust:

From September the group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, starting back on Tuesday 20th September.

But we will meet for longer, so I will be there early at 2pm for anyone who would just like to come and have a chat and a cup of tea.

Then from 3-4pm we will have our usual singing together and some discussions ending with a short prayer service.

Anyone is welcome to join us...we meet in the old EPAS building, which is now used by Choices....see you there.

Val

TRINITY 16

SERVICES IN SMANNELL WITH ENHAM ALAMEIN PARISH September 2016

Sunday 4th September TRINITY 15

10.00 a.m. St George's, Enham Holy Communion

Sunday 11th September

10.00 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell Matins 6.00 p.m. Alexandra House, Enham Evening Service

Sunday 18th September TRINITY 17
10.00 a.m. St George's, Enham Holy Communion

Sunday 25th September TRINITY 18 10.00 a.m. Christ Church, Smannell Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd OctoberTRINITY 1910.00 a.m.St George's, EnhamHoly Communion

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Colin Joseph Clarke on Monday 8th August 2016. Funeral and interment at Christ Church, Smannell

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

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