

# PARISH OAK



MAY 2017

# Parish Oak Activity Calendar

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>The Oak, Smannell: Quiz Night</i>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
7 <sup>th</sup> <i>10am St. George's: Communion</i>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
14 <sup>th</sup> <i>9.30am Christ Church: Matins</i>  <i>10.45am Christ Church: Family Service</i>  <i>6pm Alexandra House, Enham: Evening Service</i>	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> <i>The Oak, Smannell: Quiz Night</i>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup> <i>Enham Country &amp; Western Club: Chris Kenward</i>
21 <sup>st</sup> <i>10am St. George's: Communion</i>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
28 <sup>th</sup> <i>10am Christ Church: Communion</i>	29 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup> <i>The Oak, Smannell: Quiz Night</i>			

# USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

## The Church

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Smannell Parish Council	Chairman: Rod Bowker	357201
Test Valley Borough Council		368000
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Enham Shop and Post Office		335678
Enham Trust		345800
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## EDITORIAL

In weather terms, May should be the first warm period, bringing the promise of a hot summer after the shivers of winter. Well I am still shivering this week as the cold weather streams down from Scandinavia again. Oh well, they promise it will be warmer next week.

In football terms, May should be a "Results month". After a long, hard winter season, it is the month in which your team should "win the cup" ... or "win the league" ... or "qualify for Europe". Well my team is Man City, and after promising so much through the season, it seems quite tame to be limping over the finishing line and just qualifying for Europe.

If rugby is your interest, then we are past the 6 Nations ... and not yet ready for the Lions tour of New Zealand, which comes in June.

In the terms of politics, the expectation was that the government would by now be getting their teeth into the Brexit wheeling/dealing, and we would be understanding more clearly what our future would consist of. Well, instead the Prime Minister has called a snap General Election ... and we face another month of bickering and false promises.

Then culturally one associates children dancing around a maypole on glorious Bank Holidays. Well, that mental picture will be a reality ... but not in May! We have to wait for June 17<sup>th</sup> and for the Bishop's Walk event when we are assured that the children from the Smannell and Enham and from the Hatherden school will indeed be dancing to a merry tune around the pole.

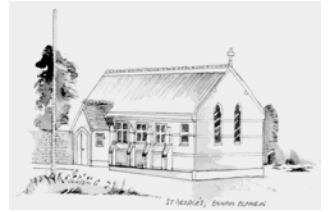
So what does May bring? I put it to you that it still brings a promise of things to come. We will experience some warmer weather (!!). We will be nearer our summer holidays. We will see a government firmer in their resolve to agree a Brexit future (I hope so anyway!)

But children dancing around the maypole ... in June? Perhaps we can just extend May by another 17 days to make the appropriate exception to the rule, that this should be an activity to experience in May!

***Peter Calcraft***



## **CHURCH IN SMANNELL & ENHAM**



### **Ramblings from the Rectory ...**

Well didn't we have a splendid Easter in our churches and our surrounding community? Thank you to all those who helped in any way.

The high light for me was the Passion play in both the Lights Theatre, on the Monday before Easter, and in the High Street in Andover on Good Friday. It was the culmination of months of hard work from all the participants and especially from the director Sharon. So many people told me how moved they were from watching it, but for those of us who took part, it also helped us to re-connect with the Easter story on a deeper level. If you would like to be involved in any future drama productions, do let me know and I will give you a contact number.

And the Andover Food bank thanks you for your Easter contributions and are now in need of the following items please: Fruit juice, pasta sauce, sugar (500g size), deodorant and razors. Thank you in advance for all your help to assist people in our communities who are facing crisis.

Meanwhile in the church we are now looking forward to Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. The week before Pentecost has again been dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, as last year, to be a special week of prayer in our churches and communities. There will be a 24/7 prayer time, where individuals can sign up to a particular hour of prayer. The week begins on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May until the following Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June, which is Pentecost Sunday. Please ask me for more details.

We are also looking forward to another June date in our Parish when we have the Bishop's Walk. If you have not already marked the 17<sup>th</sup> June in your diaries, please do so now. We are celebrating with the church, the school and the community; the dedication of the church at Smannell, 160 years ago. The

bishop walked from the church at Smannell to the church at Hatherden, which are both called Christ Church, and dedicated them both on the same day. So we have a bishop to walk with us on a sponsored walk between the 2 churches, with celebrations at both schools at the beginning of the walk and the end of the walk. Please see the separate article in this magazine for more details.

Also in June, we hope to have our Parish Barbeque on the 30<sup>th</sup>, so please try to keep this date free too.

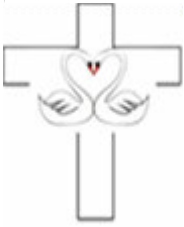
So there are lots of things going on in our churches ... you could join the drama group or help the Food bank, or sign up to pray more in the week before Pentecost. Or come and help us celebrate at the Bishop's Walk and then our Parish Barbeque ... you will be most welcome, even if it's your first ever church event.

God bless you in the coming month,

Your Parish priest,

Val

**Rev. Val Gagen**  
**01264 748065**



*To love, to learn, to live ... to leave a legacy*

## **SMANNELL & ENHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

I am sure that many of you will remember from your own school days that we used to learn all those unusual collective nouns that we have in the English language such as "a murder of crows" or "a parliament of rooks". I tried searching various sources but couldn't find any reference for Easter bonnets. So with a bit of a poetic licence I'd like to present you with "a marvellous of Easter bonnets" which hopefully you can see in the picture below.



Our parade of Easter hats and bonnets took place at the very end of the Spring Term. Our celebration of Easter also included our Easter service at Christ Church in which every class helped remind us of all parts of the Easter story.





Another annual feature of Easter at school is our Easter Egg Tombola. This year several lucky children and parents went away clutching handfuls of winning Easter Eggs. As a result, the Friends are able to provide the school with a donation that enables us to buy some computerised robots known as Beebots.

Now that we have moved into the Summer Term we expect to be out and about more and more. Our Reception children in Robins Class are making full use of our lovely surroundings by making sure that they continue to visit our local woods on a weekly basis. You may well also start to see some changes as our gardening club start to try and brighten up the school grounds, we are also hoping to have some vegetables that we may be looking for buyers for as the summer holidays approach.

***Peter Shaw***  
***Head Teacher***

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## The Smannell and Enham Church of England (Aided) Primary School



*To love, to learn, to live ... to leave a legacy*

**The Smannell and Enham Church of England (Aided) Primary School** is currently in need of new Foundation Governors.

Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and have an important part to play in raising school standards. The role of the governing body is absolutely key to the effectiveness of a school. Ofsted (the national inspection body for schools) has noted that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management, and that includes the leadership brought by the governing body.



Our school Governing Body is made up of people who come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skill and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the School and are the link between the School and the community it serves.

The role of the Governing Body is a strategic one and its key functions are to set the aims and objectives for the school; set the policies and targets for achievement; monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making, all this while being a source of challenge and support to the headteacher (a critical friend).

This isn't an application to be taken lightly, as it involves time, energy and a willingness to become involved in the life of the school on a regular basis over at least four years. However, it is very rewarding, as together we can strategically input into the school and see another generation of children growing in knowledge and development within our community. A Foundation Governor represents the Church of England and should be a regular communicant within the Church.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who has an interest in the performance of the school, but also a willingness to listen and help us make informed decisions to develop the school forward.

**Contact Peter Calcraft on 01264 512262 ([editor@parishoak.co.uk](mailto:editor@parishoak.co.uk)) or Amanda Cox ([cox\\_54@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cox_54@hotmail.co.uk)) to discuss how you can be involved.**

## **ENHAM ALAMEIN SHOP and POST OFFICE**

### **Red Nose Day 2017**



Please look out for posters or visit our Face Book page at [www.facebook.com/enhampostores](http://www.facebook.com/enhampostores). we have so far raised £295 and still some tombola prizes to be won.

it was a great day - we all had fun and raised money for a good cause.

The honey pot cakes were made and donated by a local resident - they just flew - excuse the pun - so a frantic call to make more was made and sure enough more arrived after lunch - how kind and clever too.

the Mayor popped in and Kit Malthouse (the local MP) was seen enjoying a deep conversation with one of our young residents about who is best - Spiderman or Iron Man.

the children had great fun as Lottie did face painting and decorated their own cakes. One very kind girl made one just for Tim & myself.

One male customer won a handbag and promptly gave it to a wheelchair resident who was so excited that I came running from the kitchen. It made her day and ours to see such a big smile and happy face - the highlight I think!

We would like to thank everyone involved and for their generosity too.

best wishes,

***Leslie & Tim***



Heath Gunn, CEO



08451 307 504

Hello everybody,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter break, full of quality time spent with family & friends, and a little too much indulgence in your favourite things! This really is a special time of year, and there is lots we're doing here at Enham Trust, to share with you.

Firstly, we're delighted that Hattingley Valley Winery & Vineyards hosted a Spring Walk on 27<sup>th</sup> April as part of Friends of Move, Hampshire - beginning and ending at their stunning venue - to raise funds for the Move Programme from Enham Trust. I'm sure all had a lovely time, and we're so grateful to the organisers for their hard work and continued dedication, and support of this cause.

Also in April, The Worshipful the Mayor of Test Valley, Cllr Karen Hamilton, visited our Charity Shop & Café especially to launch the café's brand new menu. Our Director of Fundraising, Jane Tabor, caught up with her and discussed all that we've been doing recently, as well as hearing all about how her charity events and fundraisers are going, of which we are one of the beneficiaries.

Following a visit to our successful Eastleigh-based social enterprise, Mount Industries, last year, the MP for Eastleigh. Mims Davies, has recently ordered several pieces of bespoke furniture from the enterprise for her new office; a fantastic testament to the quality of the work being produced at Mount.

Finally, our art classes, run as part of our Art Project here at Enham Trust, have now started and I'm pleased to share with you that the work being produced by those on the course is truly stunning. If you'd like to join the next 6 week-long course, please give us a call on the number above or visit our website.

If you would like to get involved or help us raise some vital funds that go towards supporting the people who use our services, please have a look at our list of events on our website, or give our fundraising team a call.

More information can be found on our website: [www.enhamtrust.org.uk](http://www.enhamtrust.org.uk)

Best wishes,

**Heath Gunn, CEO**



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## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

### **PHISHING EMAILS**

Fraudsters are turning to kindness with new phishing emails which encourage the recipient to open an attachment on the false premise that they could have already fallen a victim to scammers.

In the past few days Action Fraud has received hundreds of reports from email users who have received this email. The phishing email is sent from fraudsters who describe themselves as a "law abiding citizen" that have accidentally received the email recipient's personal details. They suggest that the recipient's emails details may have been made available to scammers and they are contacting them to try and rectify the problem. To do so the recipient must open the attached document.

In reality, the attached document opens the door to malware being downloaded onto the victim's computer. The malware attempts to obtain sensitive data from victims, such as banking credentials and passwords, this is subsequently used to take money from the victim.

In order to protect yourself from malware, having up-to-date virus protection is essential; however it will not always prevent you from becoming infected.

### **PROTECT YOURSELF**

Do not click on links or open attachments you receive in unsolicited emails or SMS messages. Remember fraudsters can 'spoof' an email address to make it look like one used by someone you trust. If you are unsure, check the email header to identify the true source of communication.

Do not enable macros in downloads, enabling the macro will allow the malware to be installed onto your device.

Always install software updates as soon as they become available. Whether you are updating the operating system or an application. the update will often include fixes for critical security vulnerabilities.

Create regular backups of your important files to an external hard drive, memory stick or online storage provider. It is important that the device to

which you back up is not left connected to your computer as any malware infection could spread to that too.

If you think your bank details have been compromised, you should contact your bank immediately.

### **TELEPHONE SCAMS**

The police have reported an increase in telephone scams where the fraudster purports to be from an official body such as DVLA, HM CUSTOMS , LOCAL COUNCILS ETC, saying that you have overpaid and will be refunded. To obtain the refund you will be required to give your bank details. A number of people have lost money this way, DO NOT become one of them. Such organizations will never ask for your bank details over the telephone.

### **A TRUE STORY**

I recently received a telephone call from someone stating that they were my Internet provider. The caller sounded just as authentic as my internet provider he had an Asian voice and the background noises of a busy internet office. He stated that attempts had been made to break into my computer and for this reason I would be off line for up to fourteen days. When I said that this was not acceptable he said that if I switched on my computer he would try to overcome the problem on line.

I realized that this was a scam and told the caller so in "no uncertain terms".

I contacted my Internet provider who confirmed it was a scam. Internet providers only react to calls from customers who report faults.

If I had followed the callers instructions he would have tried to obtain remote control of my computer to obtain bank details, passwords etc or to place a virus on it.

If you receive such a call ignore it and report the incident, like I did, to Action Fraud on line at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

***Richard Budge***  
***Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator***

## **BISHOP'S WALK 1857 and 2017**

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1857 our churches in Smannell and Hatherden were consecrated by the Bishop of Winchester.

He and the congregations walked from the village of Smannell to Hatherden with great celebrations in both churches.

The following evening the inhabitants of Smannell, Woodhouse and Little London celebrated this milestone in the development of their community by partaking of a most substantial supper of good old English fayre. A collection was held at both churches which amounted to £49 7s.#

The Fosters Education Act of 1870 meant that a new school was built in Smannell in 1873. Emily Kyte was the first headmistress and she had the sole responsibility for 84 children. The cost of building the school was £324 15s 6p.

100 years later in 1973, the Bishop at the time, visited the school celebrations, and parents and children were invited to a themed evening comparing the life in Victorian and modern times.

160 years later, the Bishop of Basingstoke will recreate the consecration walk between the Smannell and Hatherden churches, hopefully accompanied by the pupils from the Smannell and Hatherden schools, dressed in Victorian costumes.

This will be a really fun day, with a maypole dance in Smannell before the start of the walk. The Bishop will lead a short service of dedication and then we will be off across the "cinder track", enroute to Hatherden.

In the afternoon there will be lots of Victorian games between the pupils of both schools for a trophy whilst cream teas will be served with a choice of tea, beer or cider, and the Bishop will rededicate the church at Hatherden.



**An extraordinary summer event for all ages in June  
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**The Bishop's Walk**  
**on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017**  
**Led by the Bishop of Basingstoke**



**A sponsored re-enactment of the Bishop of Winchester's walk from Christ Church Smannell to Christ Church Hatherden 160 years ago, when he consecrated both churches on the same day**

**Programme:**

- 10am Maypole dance demonstration at Smannell School (near the Church).
- 10.45am Blessing of Christ Church and the walkers at the Church.
- 11.00am Start of walk to Christ Church Hatherden (3 miles).
- 12.55pm Blessing of Christ Church Hatherden.
- 1.00pm Lunch. Children's Victorian fancy dress competition.
- Afternoon Victorian games tournament between Hatherden & Smannell Schools. Tea.

**Post Codes:** Christ Church Smannell SP11 6JL; Christ Church Hatherden SP11 0HT.

**Parking:** There is ample parking at Smannell.

**Shuttle:** A minibus shuttle service will run between Hatherden and Smannell from 2-4 p.m.

**Lunch:** Everyone is invited to bring their own picnic lunch. There will be a cash bar.

**Dress:** Victorian period dress (optional).

**Dogs:** Dogs welcome, but on leads in the church yards and near roads.

**Sponsorship:** Walkers - please ask your friends and family to sponsor you. A sponsorship form is available from both churches

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Thank you.

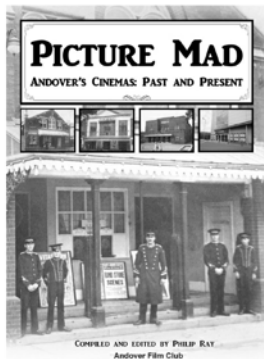
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## NOTICES

The quilt raffle was drawn on Easter Sunday and the winning ticket belonged to Charles White so congratulations to Charles.

The raffle raised £244 towards fundraising for the washroom facilities at St George's so a massive thank you to Christine Kinchenton who made the beautiful lap quilt and ran the raffle.

**Emma Kinchenton**

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### The Cross

The sign I love most in my Christian life,  
Is the wooden cross on which my Lord died.  
He died that I might really live.

So what in return can I give,  
In return for this gift which to me He gave?  
I can give myself,  
Until the day I go to the grave.

From this cross, He rose again,  
And by doing this, my sins did chain.  
From this body, oh so weak,  
To upon Himself, oh so meek.

On the right hand of the Father he lives.  
Waiting and watching for us to give,  
Back to Him, ourselves with love,  
To live on Earth with Him above.

**Contributed by Margaret Hughes**

**SERVICES IN SMANNELL WITH  
ENHAM ALAMEIN PARISH  
MAY 2017**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am St. George's, Enham

**EASTER 4**

Holy Communion

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30am Christ Church, Smannell

10.45am Christ Church, Smannell

6.00pm Alexandra House, Enham

**EASTER 5**

Matins

Family Service

Evening Service

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

10.00am St. George's, Enham

**EASTER 6**

Holy Communion

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

10.00am Christ Church, Smannell

**EASTER 7**

Holy Communion

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

10.00am St. George's, Enham

**DAY OF PENTECOST**

Holy Communion

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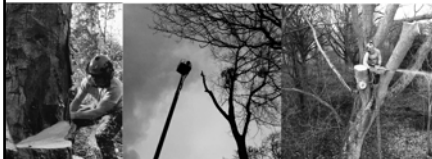


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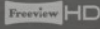
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