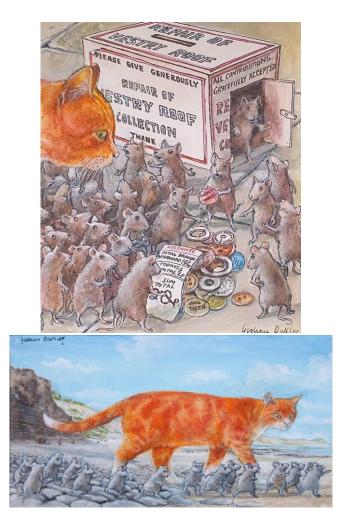
## **The Graham Oakley Studio Auction**

Charterhouse have been instructed to auction the Graham Oakley amazing archive of original watercolour drawings.

"Graham sadly passed away in Dorchester last year," Commented Richard Bromell. "A children's book illustrator and author he is perhaps most famous for his positively charming Church Mice book series and in his will he generously left his studio archive to benefit Save the Children."

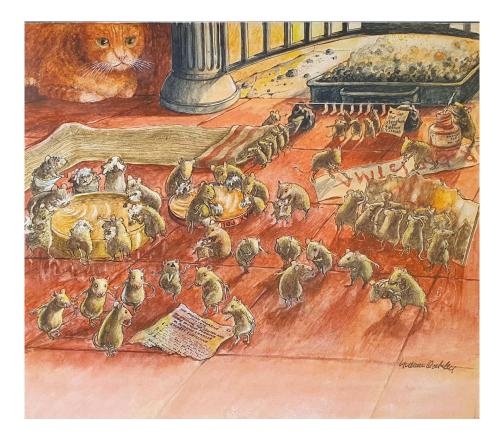
Over 750 Graham Oakley lots of original artwork will be sold without reserve by Charterhouse Auctioneers on **Wednesday 27**<sup>th</sup> **September** in Sherborne.

The lots include hundreds of drawings from the hugely successful Church Mice books he wrote and illustrated 1970 to 2000 and feature book cover illustrations along with other books he produced such as the Foxbury Force and Charterhouse even have a lot of his personal paint box, brushes and other artist supplies. Overall, the collection is estimated towards £100,000.

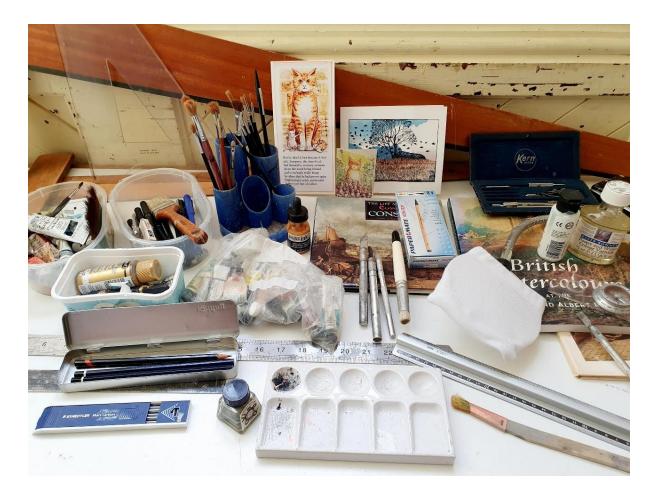




Sampson the Cat and the Church Mice from the Graham Oakley Studio unreserved auction on 27th September



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Graham Oakley's paint box and other artist supplies he used

All the lots, along with live internet bidding, are available to view on <u>www.charterhouse-auction.com</u>

For more information about the work of Save the Children please see <a href="http://www.savethechildren.org.uk">www.savethechildren.org.uk</a>

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for their busy Autumn auction programme with speicailst sales of automobilia and pictures in September, vinyl records with pop & film memorabilia followed by classic cars and classic motorcycle all in October.

Richard Bromell and the Charterhouse Team can be contacted for advice and valuations at The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne, **01935 812277** or <u>rb@charterhouse-auction.com</u>