

SARAH COLEGRAVE FINE ART

From Katya and Oliver

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REF: 2016/d

Artist: JOHN BEAVEN

Diameter: 6 cm (2 1/4")



Short Description

John Barnes was an animator, illustrator, poster designer and graphic artist working between 1945 to 1960.

In the late 1940s Beaven worked as an animator on the Charley Films produced by Halas & Batchelor. Charley was cartoon character who portrayed an everyman figure through the cartoons the Central Office of Information wished to teach the public about the various reforms being undertaken by the post-war government. The films looked at various aspects of the nations scheme for recovery after the effects of World War II and covered new towns, schooling, the National Health, National Insurance and various forms of industry. The films Beaven worked on were: Charley in "Your Very Good Health" (1948); Charley in the New Towns (1948); Charley's March of Time (1948); Charley Junior's Schooldays (1949); Farmer Charley (1949). As an illustrator he worked for Look and Learn, producing educational illustrations and posters for children. In the 1960s he designed a series of classroom posters for Macmillan & Co, which covered history, fairy tale and literary themes.

This collection of often amusing illustrations of cats were drawn as birthday or Christmas cards for Beaven's wife. Many show events and adventures in the lives of their own pet cats. John and Chris Beaven lived in Ranelagh Avenue, Barnes, south west London.

More Information

Year	c 1950
Medium	Watercolour on pink paper, unframed, in conservation mount only
Country	United Kingdom