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		<b>12.30pm</b> Way Inn lunch in St Peter's Room
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		<b>6.30pm</b> Visit to Vitacress - see page 18
		<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		<b>7.30pm</b> Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall.
<b>15 Aug</b>	<b>(Fri)</b>	<b><u>12.00noon Deadline for the receipt of copy by email for the September 2014 Abbotts Ann Magazine.</u></b> <a href="mailto:editor@abbottsanmagazine.co.uk">editor@abbottsanmagazine.co.uk</a>
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16 Aug	(Sat)	<b>10.00am</b> Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
17 Aug	(Sun)	Clatford Valley Garden Club Annual Produce Show
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		<b>9.30am</b> Live Wires at All Saints'
		<b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
25 Aug	(Mon)	(Bank Holiday Monday) Goodworth Clatford's Flower Show and Fete at Goodworth Clatford Village Club
27 Aug	(Wed)	<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		<b>7.45pm</b> Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in UC Memorial Hall
30 Aug	(Sat)	<b>1.00pm</b> Abbotts Ann Fete - see page 17
		<b>7.30pm</b> Abbotts Ann Evening Party - see page 16
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		<b>9.30am</b> Live Wires at All Saints'
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		<b>SEPTEMBER 2014</b>
1 Sept	(Mon)	<b>12.30pm</b> Way Inn Lunch in St. Peter's Room.
2 Sept	(Tues)	Clatford and Abbotts Ann schools start the Autumn Term.
		<b>7.00pm</b> Goodworth Clatford Parish Council meets in GCVC
3 Sept	(Wed)	<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC.
4 Sept	(Thurs)	<b>10.30am</b> Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning
		<b>7.00pm</b> Abbotts Ann Parish Council meets in AA Memorial Hall.
7 Sept	(Sun)	<u>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</u> – St. Mary's Patronal Festival – full service details – page 2

<b>Rector</b>	<b>St Mary's Church, Abbotts Ann</b>
	The Revd. David Broad The Rectory, Upper Clatford dna.broad@virgin.net <b>(HIS DAY OFF IS SATURDAY)</b>
<b>Churchwardens</b>	Gordon Howard, Swaledale, 4 St Mary's Meadow, Little Ann 710830
	Sally Dashwood 1 The Bakery, Dunkirk Lane 710640
	Details of church officers and activities can also be found on the village website at: <a href="http://www.little-ann.co.uk/church">http://www.little-ann.co.uk/church</a>
<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>THURSDAYS 7.45PM, ST PETER'S, GOODWORTH CLATFORD</b>
<b>Bell-Ringing Practice</b>	<b>THURSDAYS 7.30-9.00PM, ST MARY'S, ABBOTTS ANN</b> Tower Captain: Dudley Alleway 710646
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Parochial Church Council</b>
	Mrs Jo Brookes 3 Slessor Close, Monxton Road 07967 484581
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We are in the midst of the World Cup (yawn, yawn) and Wimbledon (Ace!) at the moment and our new doubles partnership of Kate Bennett (President) and Lynne Lucas (Secretary) stepped onto Centre Court, well ok the village hall, and served up a delightful evening of updates and entertainment. They suffered a little from pre-match nerves, but soon settled down to give an assured performance.

We were reminded to put our names on various lists for all sorts of lovely events and outings in the coming weeks and months including a cookery demonstration at Waitrose next month, the Autumn Meeting in Basingstoke and a jewellery workshop in October here in the village.

The rather depleted walking group did a local ramble, and then collected some of the lunch club for a combined get-together at the Black Swan in Monxton, which is now under new management. The Supper Club enjoyed their evening at The Greyhound in Stockbridge and plan to visit the Boot at Houghton next month.

We then learnt that we should be wary of family challenges and to look out for weeder's knees. Our guest speaker, Jane Arnold explained that several years ago, on a post-Christmas lunch walk, she and her brother decided that they were in a bit of rut and playing it safe. They decided they should do something out of their comfort-zone; her brother gets seasick so took a cruise to the Arctic Circle to see the northern lights and Jane became a life model. Yes, that does mean she takes her clothes off to pose for artists.

Now she is used to it, she is quite relaxed about it all, but it doesn't come without its drawbacks, it is not the safe option. Just try striking a pose for several minutes and you will soon discover that the muscles become stiff and sore, which can lead to some interesting moments. As Jane is a popular speaker on the "circuit" I will not give away too many of her anecdotes, but she has been hospitalised following a fall from a tottering chair and she resorts to make-up on her knees if she has been working in the garden! The laughter revealed that our members certainly enjoyed her entertaining and amusing anecdotes.

We will be taking a mid-season break for August and our next scheduled match, sorry I mean meeting, is on 25th September, but we will not be idle this month. We have the fete teas on 30th August and if anyone would like to bake a cake or help on the day then please contact Pat Balam or Sharon King. We are also off to Hampton Court for our summer outing and no doubt there will be a coffee morning and supper club as well.

Sharon King



## *Having a Rest*

The t-shirt read 'Yves Saint Less' but joined together and in such fancy writing you could have read it as the original. The signs we are prepared to wear on behalf of a cause or a company, be it a logo, like communal badges of identity or, as an ironic slogan, can not only be very funny but subversive too. I saw one the other day which read, 'Die' in huge letters, but then as you looked, underneath in smaller font, were the words 'for success.' White font on a black T-shirt. It was startling to see this man walking toward you. Where I wondered, had such a clever commentary come from on our work and target-addicted culture?

In the middle of August (15<sup>th</sup>) we mark the ancient Feast of the Assumption, sometimes called, the Feast of the Dormition, the 'falling asleep', of Blessed Mary, the Mother of God and her 'assumption' into heaven. It is sometimes called Mary-Mass. The Church, which reserves a special place for Mary the Mother of God amongst the saints, believes Blessed Mary, redeemed by her Son, was in her death, 'assumed' by God the Father, into heaven. It is, as if to say, that there is never a doubt as to where Blessed Mary belongs: because her body bore Jesus, so her body is naturally brought to heaven. As Mother of God (one of her most ancient titles) and Mother of the Church, the first Christian, she is our sign of our hope and solidarity. Indeed one of our churches in our Benefice depends in particular on Her prayers for its life. One of our ancient prayers in the Christian tradition goes: 'O most loving Virgin Mary, it is a thing unheard of, that anyone ever had recourse to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, and was left forsaken. Filled with confidence in your goodness I fly to you, O Mother.' The wonderful thing that the Church remembers about Mary finds its root in the intimate and tragic scene at the foot of the cross, when Jesus's friend John is given to her, in his death as her new son. The Church says in this gesture that we are likewise all given Mary as our mother. Indeed she is the one uniquely able to show us her Son.

'Die for success'? The Feast of the Assumption is traditionally a day-off. A day on which to find rest in anticipation of the eternal rest we hope we will also find with Mary. The Christian life of course, never has 'success' in its sight. How could it? It is not a word of the Gospels. What the Church learns from the Feast of the Assumption is the integrity of Blessed Mary's 'resting' as

the reading for the day has it, the 'rest' of her faith in life, and the 'rest' God gives her in death. The fruitfulness of her life, then and now, has nothing to do with a striving to succeed, least of all dying for it. Prayer is not about succeeding. Blessed Mary understood what the Fathers would later call, 'the leisure of quiet' the prayer of humility, obedience, reflection and service. 'Leisure' and 'quiet', are they not such strange words for us today? Imagine them on a t-shirt. It was however, through this trust that Mary was able to become such an utterly fruitful person in her life and now, in ours. Meditating on a verse of St. Paul about this 'quiet resting' Blessed Guereric of Igny said:

'Let us then together so make a point of being quiet that in our quiet we may always be occupied with meditation on eternal quiet, and for desire of it be found ready for every work. May the blessed Mother of God, whose rest we are celebrating, obtain this for us by her prayers from him who rested in the tabernacle of her body and her heart. He is eternal rest, Christ Jesus, to whom be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.'

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### **ST MARY'S CHURCH FLOWERS - AND HOLY DUSTING ROTA**

We are so grateful to you all for giving up your time to the Church. Here is the rota. If the dates are inconvenient and you are unable to change with someone else, please ring Sylvia Burson (710852) for flowers and Jill Tayler (710201) for dusting.

**Dates:**  
1 Aug - 14 Aug  
15 Aug - 28 Aug  
29 Aug - 11 Sep  
12 Sep - 25 Sep

**Flowers:**  
Pat Keene  
Gwen Pollard  
Lillian Pierce  
Sue Hancock

**Dusting:**  
Gill Page  
Alex Pugh  
Jill Tayler  
Ann Hopwood



### **From The Registers**

#### **Holy Baptism**

Amelia Rose Li whose Baptism took place at St Peter's on June 22nd.  
Jessica Zoe Sweet whose Baptism took place at All Saints' on June 29th.

#### **Holy Matrimony**

John Taylor and Emma Peevers whose Wedding took place at All Saints' on June 16th.

#### **Rest in Peace**

Richard John Scriven whose Funeral took place at Salisbury Crematorium on June 27th.

*If you do not wish to have information from The Registers published,  
please contact Gill Palmer on 710446*

### **100 CLUB**



#### **APRIL DRAW WINNERS**

**First Prize £30 : J Livingston**  
Second Prize £20 : M Flood  
Third Prize £10 : J Anderson

#### **MAY DRAW WINNERS**

**First Prize £30 : J Gwinn**  
Second Prize £20 : R Lucas  
Third Prize £10 : A Hayter

#### **JUNE DRAW WINNERS**

**First Prize £30 : P Wallis**  
Second Prize £20 : M White  
Third Prize £10 : K Emerson

#### **JULY DRAW WINNERS**

**First Prize £30 : R Lawrence-Bristol**  
Second Prize £20 : R Anderson  
Third Prize £10 : J Livingston

The April, May and June draws were drawn in June and the July one in July. The new increased 100 Club prizes are as follows:- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £30, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £20, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10 (Previously £15, £10 and £5). The draws take place in public, in the Eagle – and thanks very much to all who renewed this year. Now that we have received all the renewals, we are in the process of working out what the £ values of the bonus Christmas prizes will be!

*Lucy Urquhart*

### **Village Fete Flower, Produce & Craft Show: Saturday August 30th**

The schedule for this year is available, and can be found in the village shop and the Eagle, as well as directly from myself via email, or from Anne Emerson and Polly Whyte. It will contain details of classes, how to enter, judging times etc.

*For more information contact Alison Barham on  
07826 061932 or 01566 777561 Email [alijb@me.com](mailto:alijb@me.com)*



## **BUPA GREAT SOUTH RUN**

**Attention all runners and supporters!**

**Main Fundraising Event for 2014**

**Sunday 26th October - Southsea Common, Portsmouth.**

**So far we have 16 runners signed up for the 25<sup>th</sup> Great South Run! We are aiming for each runner to raise a minimum of £500 each in sponsorship, with all proceeds going to Awutu-Winton School, Ghana. Only with your support is this possible.** If you are interested in running now is the time to sign up as places are disappearing fast: [www.greatsouthrun.co.uk/](http://www.greatsouthrun.co.uk/) A Virgin Money Giving site has now been set up online for sponsorship. Go to the link below to support our runners

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/fundraiserCharitySelectionOpen.action> .

### **Raise the numbers**

**If you would like to sponsor a student as an individual, social group, street or company, please email: [lily@edptrust.org](mailto:lily@edptrust.org) Take a moment to visit our NEW website [www.edptrust.org](http://www.edptrust.org) for more up to date information about our school in Ghana, what has been achieved so far and our plans for the future.**

**Many thanks for your interest.**



**'There will be the first ever EDP Trust stall at the Abbotts Ann Village Fete on Saturday August 30<sup>th</sup>- feel free to come over and have a chat to find out more about the great things happening at our school in Ghana.'**

*The EDP team*

### **A Thank You from Penny Scriven**

I would like to express my thanks to all of you who have supported the family through the last difficult months. I was overwhelmed by the kindness and thoughtfulness of so many of you who sent lovely cards and messages and what a wonderful attendance at Richard's Thanksgiving Service. It was comforting and encouraging to recognise how many people were touched by Richard's involvement and enthusiasm for such a variety of projects in the village and beyond.

### **CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB**

The subject of the June Meeting was Japanese gardens, a talk given by Gareth Manning, who gave it to raise funds for Perennial, a Horticulturalists' Charity, which apparently is the oldest charity in the country. He based his talk on a study tour that he made of the Kyoto region of Japan. As an introduction he pointed out the two basic forces in Japanese garden design, Politics and Religion. Also important are the creation of monumental buildings, the understanding of nature and the search for spirituality. Gardens originated around early Shinto shrines, and were influenced by the Shinto love of nature and the Buddhist ideal of paradise. The Japanese do not enclose their gardens with walls, fences etc but often very simple cane edging is used to distinguish the limits of the garden.

The first gardens developed during the Nara period (710-794) and were simple, but during the following Heian period (794-1185) they became more elaborate and represented heavenly paradise. There was always a pond, often containing coy carp, which legend has it that they were the only things strong enough to kill dragons. This was a politically stable period so the aristocracy had plenty of time to enjoy the gardens. The following Kamakura period(1185-1333) was the era of the Samurai and Zen Buddhism, and during this time gardens were viewed as vehicles to a greater purpose, the ponds and rock arrangements giving a calmer atmosphere. This is also when the dry-landscape gardens developed when gardens of carefully chosen stones grouped in an expanse of raked gravel provided an object for meditation. A sand mound, like a flattened Mount Fuji at Ginkaku-ji temple in Kyoto is surrounded by raked gravel representing a silver sea by moonlight. Another garden he described contained only trees and 120 different species of moss.

The Momoyama period in Japanese history (1568-1600) saw the development of the tea ceremony and the associated Tea Gardens. These consist of a short path with trimmed plants on either side leading to a teahouse. The path links the real world to the tea ceremony. Zen ideals still influenced garden design

during this period, and Ryoan-ji garden, the most famous garden in Japan is a 16<sup>th</sup> Century stone garden. No one knows the meaning of the 15 stones set in raked gravel, but people are encouraged to sit and meditate in order to decide what it means to them personally.

During the Edo period (1600-1868) Japan became very isolated, and this lasted for over 200 years. The Katsura Imperial Villa was built during this time, and with its attention to detail is often cited as one of the finest examples of Japanese landscape design. A path flanked on both sides by clipped hedges leads up to the villa itself. These hedges are designed to restrict the view so that at the top a magnificent panorama is revealed.

When, during the Meiji period,(1868-1912) Japan became open to the rest of the world again, garden design became affected by western influences. For example, there is a Garden of Fine Arts in Kyoto, which is made up of only concrete, porcelain and water.

The evening concluded with question time, raffle, and the usual refreshments.

*Jennifer Llewellyn*

### **HIBBERT CUP 2014**

This cup is awarded annually at the Abbotts Ann Fete which this year is on Saturday 30th August. It is awarded for outstanding, voluntary, unpaid contribution to the Abbotts Ann community in honour of Basil Hibbert, who himself made an outstanding contribution to our community. A bench in memory of Basil stands outside the village shop. This year's winner will be the 13<sup>th</sup> holder of the cup.

The decision is made by the Trustees of the War Memorial Hall, which Basil chaired for many years. In making the decision, the Trustees also consult with the current holder of the Cup (2013/2014 Ray Lucas).

All nominations (including all past unsuccessful nominations) are considered with great care, and any village resident may make a nomination. Please send your nominations, with a description of the outstanding contribution made, to Graham Stallard, Secretary and Trustee, Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall, Rose Cottage, 86 Little Ann Road, SP11 7NW – or email to [grahams@graduateinternational.com](mailto:grahams@graduateinternational.com) The closing date for nominations is 16<sup>th</sup> August, two weeks before the fete. Please remember that your nomination must be yours alone – no groups please - so that it is absolutely confidential. Please keep your nomination secret as it would be most inappropriate in our Abbotts Ann family for the names of unsuccessful nominees to be known, and to be open for discussion.

*Graham Stallard*

### **EVENING COUNTRYSIDE WALK**

#### **THURSDAY 10TH JULY WITH PHIL WOOD**

The brief was simple - an evening countryside walk around the parish of Abbotts Ann exploring some of the lesser known footpaths. And so it was that 16 intrepid souls plus 2 four legged friends met outside the Village Shop and set off along Church Lane which is in fact a footpath. Then, after some initial wanderings, we launched ourselves up the track named Old Coach Road and turned left when almost at Duck Street by the school to meander across the field to the right-of-way footpath that runs parallel to Salisbury Road. By cutting back some of the vegetation we were able to get to the stile that allowed us to exit onto Little Ann Road. Passing Poplar Farm Inn we crossed over Salisbury Road onto the Anna Valley - Upper Clatford footpath and commenced the climb up to Bury Hill.

It was at this point some of the walkers became apprehensive as we had crossed the border from Abbotts Ann into the foreign territory of Upper Clatford parish. Fortunately we did not meet any of the natives as we traversed around Bury Hill Iron Age Fort and enjoyed views over Abbotts Ann to the west.

Retreating back to Abbotts Ann we walked down Kingsmead and along Foundry Road to cross the Salisbury Road just before the Garden Centre roundabout and climbed over a stile to continue along the footpath behind Abbotts Law. This led us to the top end of Green Lane, which for once was not muddy, and so onto Mill Lane finally arriving back at the Village Shop via Church Lane having enjoyed views of our local countryside and a beautiful balmy summer evening.

Some folk even finished off with a pint at the pub..... What a lovely evening.

*Jackie Stanton*

### **HISTORIC CHURCHES - RIDE AND STRIDE**

The sponsored "Ride and Stride" in aid of the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust will take place on Saturday 13th September this year. You can cycle, walk or run, choosing safe country lanes. It is not a race but an opportunity to visit some of our lovely interesting local churches. Come and join us for an enjoyable day out. Half the money we raise will go to help maintain our own church, St Mary's.

Details and sponsorship forms are available from Pat Balam, Cygnet Cottage (Tel: 710040) Our team of young people from the village will be riding again this year and will have a sponsorship form in the Village Shop. They are very keen. Please support them.

*Pat Balam*

## Abbotts Ann Vision 'Your Countryside'

### Vitacress Visit

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 6.30pm



We are very fortunate to offer a rare opportunity to visit

### **Vitacress Watercress Farm, Abbotts Ann with Ron Bainbridge**

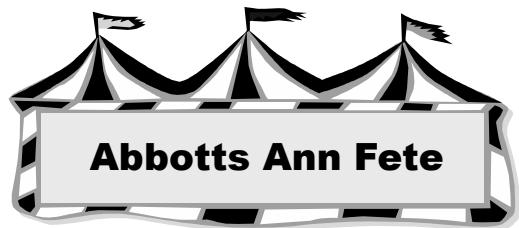
#### **To include:**

Introduction - Watercress talk – River invertebrate sampling -  
Wildlife and fauna – Bird of Prey presentation.

#### **Light Refreshments**

**Moths & Bats will be after dark, for those who are interested,  
So will have a later finish!!**

**Note:** A Health & Safety Questionnaire is required to be completed by each person attending. To register for the event please email – Subject= Vitacress [pjmc.stanton@btinternet.com](mailto:pjmc.stanton@btinternet.com) A form will be sent for you to complete along with meet and greet details.



Abbotts Ann Fete will be held on Saturday 30th August. We will be collecting around the village throughout the summer for the stalls listed below. Please look out for further notices through your door indicating collection dates and times. For your convenience we list the contact names of those making collections:

#### **Bottle tombola**

Aly Godman  
710633

#### **Books**

Hannah Church  
710584

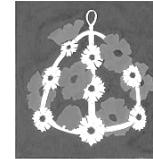
**Bric-a-brac**  
Lisa Hillier 710231  
Anne Emerson  
710851

**Cake stall**  
Trish Wallis 710918

**Smash Crockery**  
Sarah Kirby  
710044

Thank you for your support.

## Abbotts Ann in World War 1 – an exhibition



Abbotts Ann Parish Council supported by Hampshire County Council invite you to come and see how the village was affected by the Great War (and vice versa)

### **Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall**

**Saturday 26th July 10am – 4pm**

Admission free

The exhibition will also be on display at the Museum of Army Flying, Saturday 2nd - Sunday 3rd August and at Abbotts Ann Village Fete Saturday 30th August

## CENTENARY COMMEMORATION OF THE START OF WW1 ST MARY'S ABBOTTS ANN - 4TH AUGUST 2014 AT 11.00AM

On 4<sup>th</sup> August 2104 Parishes around the country will be holding a Service to commemorate all those who died or suffered in WW1. Ours at St Mary's will be at 11 o'clock in the morning. It will not be a formal Remembrance Day service (there is for example, no two minute silence). However, as part of the service we will gather at the memorial outside the church and the names on it will be called out. Also, if you would like the name of others known to you who died in WW1 to be mentioned please give Sally Dashwood or Gordon Howard their details.

It has been suggested that, rather than a formal wreath, villagers would be most welcome to create a floral commemoration wreath. We have the base for it. **Now we need your flower.** Please bring a garden flower to insert in the wreath either when the church is open on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August or at the Service on the 4<sup>th</sup>. It is a lovely idea, but will not work without your help.

All villagers are most welcome at the short Service.

*Gordon Howard - Church Warden*

## **WATER MEADOW WILDLIFE REPORT**

Many people, including me, have been feeling pessimistic about the fate of water voles in the Pillhill Brook with sightings being rather rare in the last few years. However, my pessimism seems to have been unfounded as abundant traces of the animals have been found within the last few weeks by a team from TARCA (The Anton River Conservation Association). The team of four, led by professional biologist Sarah Lynes, waded along the whole length of the Pillhill Brook through Abbotts Ann and Little Ann and found numerous water vole feeding and latrine sites wherever bankside conditions allowed, showing that they are alive and well, even if not quite as abundant as they were some years ago. Further good news is that water voles have recently been regularly seen at the cress beds.

To enable our village population to thrive, Sarah urges people with river bank properties to leave a metre or two of rough vegetation next to the river to provide food for the voles and protection against predators.

Some other interesting findings from their survey were the presence of fairly fresh otter spraints in Little Ann and, less desirably, two terrapins which have presumably been dumped by someone who got fed up with them as pets – this is not good news as they will attack native frogs, toads, fish and even ducklings. They are long-lived and many releases are thought to date from the Ninja Mutant Turtles craze of a decade or so ago when they became popular pets.



*John Moon*

### ***EDITOR'S NOTE:***

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# **Abbotts Ann Village Fete**

**Saturday  
30<sup>th</sup> August**

**at Bulbery  
Playing Field**

**1pm**

**Entrance: adults £1, children FREE!**

**and from 8pm:**

**Live music from local  
cover band  
"Nokando"  
and local magician**

Music: Paul Drury  
David Major

**Hot food and a  
well-stocked bar!**

Tickets to be purchased separately

## **• Festival of Motoring • Falconry displays • Mini Olympics • Ferret & Terrier racing • BBQ, teas, cakes and beer tent • Produce and craft show • Games and children's rides • Bouncy castle & Circus skills • Stalls AND MORE!**

*Abbotts Ann Evening Party*

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August – 7.30pm – Bulbery Field**

★ Magic Show  
★ Live Music  
★ Bar  
★ Hot Food

**Tickets**  
*Available on the door or during August from the Eagle / Village Shop*

**Adults (16+)** £5.00  
**Children (4-15)** £2.00

**Interested in helping out?** we will need volunteers to help set up the party, serve food, sell tickets on the door, and tidy up the following morning! If you are able to assist then please contact Rob Stavely on 712911 or [robstavely@hotmail.com](mailto:robstavely@hotmail.com)

**Fete volunteers wanted !!**

**The fete needs your help. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help on the stalls and the games. If you think you would like to get involved on this fun filled day please call Trish Wallis on 710918.**

**Fete Stalls**

We have tables available at the fete for stall holders to hire at £15. Contact Anne Emerson to book your place on (01264) 710851

## **APPLE DAY 2014 IS COMING!**

If you've enjoyed Apple Days in the past (in spite of last year's being a very wet one!), you'll want to know that this year's will be on **Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>**. If you haven't enjoyed one yet, do put this date in the diary and come and join in this annual village event.

As we discovered last year, there is nothing like the juice of freshly pressed apples. And the swing in the War Memorial Hall grounds will be transformed back to its alternative use as an apple press again this year. We plan to offer personalised juice-making (your apples into your juice) during the week before and on the morning of Apple Day, and also to provide community juicing in the afternoon. This will mean juice to drink on the day, juice to take away, and – if there's lots left over and we can find the right way of doing it – juice in the village shop. We're even looking into cider-making!

'Where will all these apples come from?' you ask. There are lots of apples in the village, from gardens with one or two trees to small private orchards. We hope it will be possible to collect windfalls in the week before Apple Day, and perhaps offer a picking service if enough people are willing to join in. Let's not see a single apple go to waste!

We're planning lots of other activities as well:

- Apple identifying – to find out just what variety that tree in your back garden is
- Games for the children
- Who can peel the longest apple peel?

And, of course, tea with apple related goodies, provided (of course) by the excellent cooks of Abbotts Ann. And this year there'll be a competition for the tastiest apple recipe, so why not bring along a sample of your cooking for our judge to try? Then we can all gobble them up!

By now we hope your taste-buds are tickling and you're planning to come along and join in the fun. Meanwhile, do get in touch with us if

- You have apples you could bring along or would like to be collected
- You can help with picking apples and/or helping to juice them
- You have ideas of what you'd like to see happen on the day
- You would like to help on the day and/or share in the planning

Email me ([david.read@mybroadbandmail.com](mailto:david.read@mybroadbandmail.com)) or phone (710090) or Jo Dixon ([jo\\_david@talktalk.net](mailto:jo_david@talktalk.net)) or phone (710458) if you have any questions, would like to contribute, or would like to know the date of the next planning meeting. You'll be welcome. **See you on 12<sup>th</sup> October, come rain or shine!**

*David Read – Chair, Abbotts Ann Green Action – for the Apple Day planning group*



## **ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE**

**Shop Manager:** Georgina Garner  
**Deputy Shop Manager:** Carol Murphy  
**Sub Post Mistress:** Maureen Flood

**All you need for the day** – Yes, it is all available from your village shop.

### **Breakfast:-**

A selection of fruit juices.

Kippers, at only £1.49 for a pair of fillets.

Bacon.

Eggs (still the cheapest in the area).

Duck eggs too, if you prefer!

Sausages.

Croissants (order if possible or give us a ring on 710320 20mins before you need them).

Filter Coffee to go.

That should set you up for the day!

### **Lunch:-**

Baguettes.

Various bread rolls.

Seeded Bread.

Speciality Bread (Cheese & Watercress and Dried Tomato).

Pate – including Robinson's Smoked Trout.

Soups.

### **Picnic Time or to go with the BBQ:-**

Family, or individual, size Quiches.

Pasta Salad.

Chicken and Pastas Salad.

Coleslaw.

Potato Salad.

Balsamic Mediterranean Vegetable Salad.

Sausages – Abbotts Ann Speciality (Pork & Watercress).

Still hungry?

### **Afternoon Tea:-**

Scones.

Lavender and Lemon Biscuits.

WISPA Biscuits – NEW IN.

A selection of Cakes – Remember, you can give yourself a treat and buy a slice for £1.

Although easily heard, it is more difficult to actually see a cuckoo. With a long tail and pointed wings, cuckoos are easily mistaken for a bird of prey. They are dark grey above with a paler belly, a slightly hooked beak and yellow eyes. I have only ever seen one. It was perched on the field fence behind our home and I was sure that whatever the bird was, it had a damaged wing. It was only when I realised that it was a cuckoo (when it started its 'cuckoo' call I managed to work it out!), did I discover that when they are perched they often droop their wings giving the impression of a broken wing.

Despite the parasitic nature of the cuckoo, they have declined by two thirds since 1980, probably due to the use of insecticides and the loss of hedgerows in this country. So, we will continue to enjoy the call of this bird while we can.

The hedgerows are thickening out now and provide an important corridor through which small mammals, birds and insects can travel safely. The hawthorn has finally come into bloom this month with its pretty white blossom, although its dense, thorny foliage protects many of these smaller creatures. It has been used for hedging since ancient times appearing in Anglo-Saxon boundary charters as 'haegthorn'; 'haeg' is the Anglo-Saxon word for hedge. Christ's crown of thorns is thought to have been made of hawthorn, although I remember writing about the belief that it was also believed to have been made of wood taken from the Christ Thorn tree that is found throughout the Middle East. Who knows? Hawthorn is also known as the May-tree, due to its flowering period. It is the only British plant named after the month in which it blooms. In Medieval times it was believed that hawthorn blossom 'smelled like the Great Plague' and it was thought that bringing the blossom into the home would lead to illness and death. Scientists have since found that the chemical trimethylamine in hawthorn blossom is one of the first chemicals formed in rotting animal tissue, so the association is hardly surprising. I have suggested to the Tribe that they leave this particularly flower (together with its scent) in the hedgerow.

The weather forecast is promising and the Tribe look forward to a balmy, long summer in Hampshire.

*Mother of the Tribe  
(I have recently created a blog, [www.lifewiththetribe.com](http://www.lifewiththetribe.com), which has archived articles and photographs, plus more. Please take a look.)*

**Longstock Water Gardens Open Day**  
**Sunday 17th August 2pm to 5pm in aid of Age UK, Andover**  
£6 for adults £2 children - all proceeds going to the charity  
Tickets from Andover and District Age UK (01264 354 425).

## LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - MAY 2014

The weather has been a mixed bag this month, but has included glorious blue skied, sun filled days. Mild temperatures plus rainfall has meant that activity in our natural world has been great. Everything is now in leaf - the vista from our home is transformed. Everywhere we look is lush and gloriously green! With the days getting longer it is too easy to forget what time it is and I find myself, all too frequently, suddenly realising that I should be cooking the Tribe's supper rather than watching them catch butterflies in the field or playing cricket on the grass. A slightly(!) panicky flurry of activity then ensues in the kitchen. I notice that the ash trees that surround us are the last to come into leaf. I hope that the old rhyme 'Oak before ash, we're in for a splash; ash before oak, we're in for a soak', proves correct. It suggests that if oak comes into leaf first, rainfall will be minimal whereas if it is ash first, there will be unsettled, rainy weather. Let's hope that our ancestors' rhyme is correct this year.

With our bedroom windows now open, I often wake early in the morning to the beautiful but very loud, dawn chorus. The sounds are a vital part of a bird's survival - birds sing to attract a mate and defend territory. Birds put their effort into singing at this time, when the air is generally still and quiet, because the sound will carry further and also because there is not yet enough light for them to find food. I love this time of day - the house is still quiet before the Tribe wake up; the only sound is that of the birds' marvellous voices.

One morning I am very excited to hear the distinct call of a cuckoo. I manage to get the Tribe to listen, although one of them does ask "What does it sound like?" ... The classic 'cuckoo' call is actually only sung by the male cuckoo as a way of finding a mate, while the female has more of a 'bubbling' song. Once they do mate, the female looks for a host nest in which to lay her eggs; the host is generally a meadow pipit, reed warbler or dunnock, depending on which species raised them. It is extraordinary that they are able to do this and even more amazingly, the female is able to change the colour and markings of her eggs to resemble those of the species whose nest she is usurping. The female can lay an egg in just 9 seconds, (most birds take several minutes), enabling her to lay her eggs very rapidly, without discovery, in the host's nest. As the baby cuckoo hatches earlier than their host species, it pushes any unhatched eggs out of the nest, ensuring its own survival as the host parents work tirelessly to feed the growing cuckoo, who is four times the size of its 'parents'. Ornithologists call this 'brood parasitism' and is extremely rare in nature; only six bird species have this behaviour, but the cuckoo is the only one in the UK. Once grown, the cuckoo leaves the nest and flies to Africa (just a few thousand miles), where it over winters before returning the following spring.

## **Evening Meal:-**

Lasagne.

Salads, tomatoes and cucumbers.

Cottage Pie.

Fish Pie (Individual £2.40, Family size £4.50).

Thai Chicken Curry.

Sweet & Sour Pork.

Pick up a bottle of wine – reasonably priced.

Watch out in August for our MEAL DEAL offers.

Remember, we have fresh fruit & veg delivered daily and Freshly baked bread too – still warm on arrival!

**Stop Press** – At the first committee meeting following the AGM of the AAVSA Chris Davis accepted the post of Chairman of the Shop Management Committee, with Tom Callard as his Deputy.

**HAVE A GOOD SUMMER**  
**and support your local store.**

## A message from Donald Sorterup who has just retired as Chairman of Abbotts Ann Village Shop Association:-

May I first extend my sincere thanks to all the volunteers, staff and fellow committee members for giving me the opportunity to serve with you for the benefit of the Village Shop and Post Office. It was indeed an honour and holds many fond and some trying memories for all but hopefully for the long term benefit of the community which the shop so diligently serves.

This village was not about to be without a village shop. When the notice of closure was first announced in 1999, a small group of enthusiastic villagers got together closely followed by the first fund raising meeting in Black Swan house. Today it has overcome adversities with a will to meet the needs, originally established by the founders, and I am confident that it will continue with renewed enthusiasm. The shop has been on a journey that occasionally encountered pot holes but always overcame them with the positive attitude of the people in Abbotts Ann.

The results, as Jill noted in the AGM is that we are on a renewed leg of the journey with the elected members on the committee which will require all our support through volunteering, participating in extra fund raising events and of course purchasing our goods at the most convenient shop available.

If one reviews community shop activities in the UK over these past thirteen years you will note that we were one of the first of many awards recognised. There are now more than 300 registered Community Shops on the Plunkett list, a trend that we were very instrumental in starting.

Again, I wish to thank you all for allowing me to participate in a small way in this journey and a VERY SPECIAL recognition to all the volunteers for their time and welcoming greetings in the shop. Without them there would not be a Village Shop and Post Office in Abbotts Ann.

*Donald Larsen-Sorterup*

## **ABBOTTS ANN POST OFFICE**

### **New Product: A Post Office Money Card**

What is The Post Office Money Card?

It is a prepaid Sterling card for everyday use within the UK and allows customers to pay for goods and services in shops, on the internet or to withdraw cash from ATMS. The card is reloadable: when the balance gets low or zero the card holder can top up the card and use it again. The card top up can be done with cash or a debit card in every Post Office branch. Cardholders can also top up their card online by using a debit card and via SMS.

There are two different types of card

- + Pay monthly - For frequent use
- + Pay As you Go - For less frequent use

### **HomePhone and Broadband**

Post Office Ltd. confirms that the business will continue to waive the £60 connection fee some new customers incur.

### **National Savings and Investments**

Premium Bonds repayment forms and envelopes will no longer be available through branches. Please telephone NS&I on 0800 007 007: repayment forms can be ordered to be sent to you or forms can be downloaded and printed from the NS&I website. - [www.nsandi.com](http://www.nsandi.com)

**However:** Premium application forms are still available from branches and there will be two £1m Premium Bond jackpots available from the August draw onwards

*Elizabeth Howard*  
*Shop Volunteer & Committee Member*

## **CHANGES TO THE DANGEROUS DOGS ACT**

On 13th May 2014 the amended Dangerous Dogs Act came into effect in England and Wales.

This law applies to all dog owners no matter what size or breed the dog is. You might be interested to look at the advice that has been sent out:-

### **What is changing on 13th May 2014?**

The act now covers incidents on private property in addition to public spaces. This includes your own house, any driveway and both front and back gardens. Police or an appointed local authority now has powers to seize a dog which is a dangerously out of control dog in a private place. The previous legislation only covered public places.

It will now be an offence for your dog to attack an assistance dog (Guide Dog, Hearing Dog etc). Prison sentences will be increased for those convicted of some offences.

### **What if my dog attacks an intruder on my premise?**

The new legislation outlines that a householder will not be prosecuted under the Dangerous Dog Act 1991 should their dog attack a trespasser that has entered or is in the process of entering their home.

### **If I own a dog what do I need to do?**

Ensure your gardens are made safe and secure so that your dog cannot get out. Consider how to keep delivery drivers or unexpected visitors safe on your property and ensure that any visitor can safely access your front door without encountering your dog.

Manage your dog when someone knocks and make sure that your dog is fully under control before you open the front door.

Don't let your dog jump up at strangers. What you consider to be your dog being friendly by jumping up at visitors may be seen as threatening behaviour by a stranger.

## **ABBOTTS ANN WILDFLOWER MEADOW - AUGUST UP-DATE**

You'll find the Meadow at the bottom of the Churchyard. Richard Scriven and Rosie Davis started this when they were running the Fun Club, so sadly it has lacked attention during 2014. However, Aly Godman and the Fun Club will be doing new planting under the guidance of John Moon, and the Parish Council has agreed to fund an annual cut – and also cut a T-shaped path so that anyone who wishes can walk in and have a look round.

To look out for during August: blue Meadow Cranesbill and Small Scabious.

Do drop by and explore!

*David Read (Chair, Abbotts Ann Green Action)*