



BENEFICE DIARY - JUNE 2014



1 June	(Sun)	<u>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</u> - Full service details – page 2 8.00am Naomi House Clarendon Way Walk, from Winchester Cathedral 9.30am Live Wires at All Saints' 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
2 June	(Mon)	Clatford and Abbotts Ann schools return after Half Term. 12.30pm Way Inn Lunch in St Peter's Room.
4 June	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
5 June	(Thurs)	10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning
6 June	(Fri)	7.00pm Abbotts Ann Parish Council meets in Abbotts Ann Memorial Hall. 7.00pm Beetle Drive - page 7
7 June	(Sat)	10.00am Modern Art Tour with Coffee & Cake, at Winchester Cathedral 2.00pm Quarley Open Gardens and Plant Sale 7.30pm Cider Tasting Quiz Evening, AA School - page 21
8 June	(Sun)	<u>Day of Pentecost – Whit Sunday</u> – Full service details, page 2 9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'
10 June	(Tues)	8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann 12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.
11 June	(Wed)	Final date for receipt of hard copy (hand-written or typed) for the July 2014 Abbotts Ann and the Clatfords Magazine. 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
13 June	(Fri)	7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall. 12.00noon Deadline for the receipt of copy by email for the July 2014 Clatfords Magazine. marydunn21@hotmail.com
15 June	(Sun)	7.30 South American Wine Tasting Evening, AAWMH - page 5 <u>Trinity Sunday</u> – Full service details – page 2 9.30am Live Wires at All Saints' 12.00noon <u>Deadline for the receipt of copy by email for the July 2014 Abbotts Ann Magazine.</u> editor@abbottsanmagazine.co.uk
17 June	(Tues)	8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann 7.30pm Goodworth Clatford WI meets in GCVC
18 June	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC 7.30pm Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall ...
22 June	(Sun)	<u>The First Sunday after Trinity</u> – Full service details – page 2 9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'
23 June	(Mon)	8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann 1.00pm All Saints', wedding of John Taylor and Emma Peevers.
25 June	(Wed)	7.45pm Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in UC Memorial Hall ... 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
26 June	(Thurs)	7.30pm Abbotts Ann WI meets in Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall.
27 June	(Fri)	2.00pm to 4.00pm First World War Tour & Tea, at Winchester Cathedral
28 June	(Sat)	7.00pm St. Peter's Safari supper
29 June	(Sun)	<u>St Peter's Patronal Festival</u> – full service details – page 2 9.30am Live Wires at All Saints' 8.00am Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann

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ABBOTTS ANN'S DEFIBRILLATOR

“By the time the next magazine arrives on your doormat I hope the defibrillator will be nestling in its permanent resting position and available to all at a moment’s notice”. So ended Stan Oram’s last notice about our new defibrillator.

Well, it has arrived!

The Mayor of Test Valley, Cllr Janet Whately, visited the Eagle on Wednesday, 7th May, to receive a massive (about 3 feet long by 2 feet wide!) cheque for £500 from the chairman of the parish council, Bernard Griffiths, and to inspect the new village defibrillator.

The cheque was a donation from last December’s “Great Shave-off” to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance, one of the Mayor’s chosen charities for her year of office.

Thanks to the great generosity of villagers, the “shave-off” evening, which the Mayor had also attended, raised over £1,600. The shave-off team were thus able to add sufficient money to the existing defibrillator appeal fund to enable the parish council to buy the unit. As agreed, the excess has been given to the Air Ambulance.

Glyn Yarnall, representing the Air Ambulance service, expressed his gratitude for the gift, commenting that the charity depends entirely on donations and needs £4,000 a day to maintain operations.

Alan and Kate Wingate have very kindly given permission for the defibrillator to be located at the Eagle, so it will be easy to find! It will be stored in a suitable box to keep it at the right temperature. There are also plans to hold an instructional course in its use, although it is user-friendly and does audibly tell operators what to do.

The presence of the defibrillator and the Air Ambulance are a great reassurance to Abbotts Ann residents, although I am sure we all sincerely hope that neither will ever need to be called upon here!



Rosemary Griffiths and Stan Oram



On a Bench

I notice that I have spent these recent months grieving and with the death of another person close to me the grieving takes up yet another direction. You experience a sort of exhausting vulnerability when you grieve. It is death’s disconcerting gift: a sort of defencelessness and unprotectedness. I sense that this is because you have been in touch with one of the great natural edges of existence about which you, nor anyone, has any choice. When you come across it you are forever marked. St Francis, sensitive as he was to life in every circumstance, could talk about ‘our sister death’ with a gentle familiarity. Some people, however, often unawares, become angry and bitter from their experience as it lays undigested in their lives. Yet others experience it as a kind of sweet humility and these are very consoling people to meet. ‘You sweep humanity away like a dream’, the poet in the psalms wrote, ‘like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers; by evening it withers and fades.’

‘I don’t know what triggered it,’ wrote Leon Wieseltier, in his tremendous year long journal about grieving for his father that accompanies me during these hard months, ‘Walking in Dupont Circle I thought: I am a man without a father. And then I thought: I am not a man without a father. I will never be a man without a father. He will not die until I die. And then I sat down on a bench and cried.’ As a Jew, Leon was obliged to spend a year saying a prayer called the Mourner’s kaddish, three times a day and even then after this period, at the mention of his dad’s name, another short prayer is said: ‘May his memory be a blessing.’ When I mourn and remember, it is both as if the one I grieve for is still alive and yet dead at the same time, and when grief is raw it is hard to disentangle the two.

A few pages later in his journal another entry strikes me: ‘On the floor of a dance studio, a piece of paper on which these words are written: “Life After Death. Dance After Technique.” And then: “Damnation of Gravitation.” ... I watch the dancers in class, and it strikes me that I can learn something about the synagogue from the studio. What these men and women are doing is not rote; it is practice, and there is nothing stultifying about practice. The purpose of practice is to repeat the elements of movement over and over until they are absorbed into the body, until they are made to precede reflection, so that they

may be combined and recombined, as the result of reflection, into dance. The formal and spiritual breakthroughs of the dance are these combinations and recombinations.' And taking this intuition Wieseltier observes how religions have what they call their 'tradition' and the 'novel', re-expressions of the tradition. For the novel to be born, however, for it to have any integrity - like a new dance or a re-interpreted move - the tradition has first to be absorbed and understood. Perhaps it is that mourning too is a lost practice, a lost tradition. Wieseltier's faithfulness to this year long observance of prayer for his father does not make him stuck in a tradition but rather able to rehearse that loss until it becomes 'absorbed into the body', into his soul, in order to better understand the mystery of his life and his father's death.

After Easter this year I made a retreat in Taizé a French monastery in Burgundy. I go there regularly to meet my 'spiritual father.' He has accompanied me in my life for some thirty years. The monastery is unusual in that it holds this tension between the 'tradition' of the Church and the 'novel' in a unique way. There is no other place quite like it. There I was living in the retreat house on the side of a gentle hill, where I and my fellow retreatants spent our days entirely in silence. On the hill itself were some three thousand young people from all over the world taking part in various groups as guests of the monks, staying in tents or bunk-houses. These two things - silence and young people - seem to be opposites. And yet in the middle of each of the simple, multi-lingual monastic prayers, held three times a day, there is a period of profound silence lasting up to fifteen minutes. There are no chairs in this church. Everyone sits or kneels on the floor. Foreheads touch the ground. People sometimes pray for the first time in their lives. The silence, the oldest form of Christian prayer, envelopes us all and the young people often remark it is the most important experience of spending a week in Taizé. It is absorbed into the body. And then the enormous challenges of contemporary life: jobs, relationships, stability, politics, terrorism, the environment, as well as how we 'practise our losses' and express our creativity, find a new balance.

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NEW ADVERTISING YEAR JUNE 2014 TO MAY 2015

This month's magazine is the first in our new advertising year and we would like to thank all those advertisers who have continued to advertise with us and offer a warm welcome to our new advertisers. A special thank you to all those who were very prompt in sending us their cheques and artwork for the coming year. Please support our advertisers as they support us.

Editor

Our new programme starts with Jane Arnold and is entitled "Nude, not Rude" - if you want to hear more then please come along to the Village Hall on 26th June at 7.30 pm.

Sharon King

The Abbotts Ann School Association
would like to invite you to a fun and informal

CIDER TASTING QUIZ EVENING

7.30pm until 11pm on Saturday 7th June
(in the school assembly hall)

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ABBOTTS ANN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
APRIL 2014

April has not been such a busy month for us, but there were still opportunities to meet up with fellow members. Our Supper Club went to the Bell and Crown at Hatherden this month. A large group of us gathered to enjoy good food, fine wine and entertaining company.

The walking group enjoyed a lovely stroll around the villages of Stoke and St. Mary Bourne - the weather was kind and the surplus water is much reduced, but there is still evidence of the heavy rains endured recently in the very wet fields and breached river banks. We enjoyed great hospitality at the White Hart in Stoke. Opened especially for us walkers, our hosts put on a superb hot buffet. There was plenty to choose from and it was rude not to have seconds!

Sue George hosted this month's coffee morning and the reading group continues to meet to discuss their latest choice.

A small sub-committee has been busy planning our programme for the 12 months commencing in June 2014. Next month will see our Annual meeting (it seems to come round quicker each year). There will be a change at the top as both our Secretary and President have indicated they wish to step down, but there is a strong rumour we have volunteers ready and willing to take over.

How many of us have heard of Obliterative Bronchiolitis? I suspect none of our members, but now we know it is a rare and irreversible lung disease resulting from an injury to the lower respiratory tract. Lynne Thompson was unaware of it as well, until her eight year old healthy daughter caught a common cold in 2005, which turned into pneumonia. Several months later she and her family were given the news that she now had this rare condition, which is treated using antibiotics, physiotherapy (daily) and sometimes oxygen therapy. Surgery may be necessary including lung transplants in some circumstances.

Discovering that there was very little known about OB and lack of any support groups, Lynne dreamed of setting up her own charity and just two years later in 2005, the Breath Takers OB Trust came into being. Lynne and Corporate Fundraiser Rachel Titchener explained that the Trust now offers support to 90 families worldwide. They do this by raising awareness of OB with medical professionals, support OB research, offer a family grant and provide medical equipment where necessary and organise wish days. They also hold conferences so that families can get together to help assuage feelings of isolation and loneliness which can often be experienced by those affected by this disease.

From The Registers

Holy Baptism

Henry Stephen Glenn whose Baptism took place at St Peter's on May 4th.

Rest in Peace

Rosemary Jeanie Davis whose Funeral took place at St Mary's, Andover on April 14th.

Jessica Gwendolen Koppel whose Funeral took place at Basingstoke Crematorium on 29th April.

John Fergus Graham Wilson whose Funeral took place at All Saints' on 14th May.

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

WORLD CUP WINES!

Lisa is back...



South American Wine-Tasting Evening
to include wines from Brazil



Friday, 13th June 2014 at 7.30pm

at Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall

£12 each, includes nibbles

Proceeds to CMS Street Project for Girls in Brazil

For tickets ring: 710627 or 710123

WEAR YOUR COLOURS! COME ON ENGLAND!

ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP ASSOCIATION - NOTICE OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 2nd July 2014 at 7.30pm** in the War Memorial Hall, Abbotts Ann. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend.

Any member wishing to stand for election to the Management Committee should write to the Secretary (Pam Lytle: email: plytle2@tiscali.co.uk) two weeks prior to the AGM.

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Bishop Tim & Sally Dakin invite you to tea
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*Guest speaker: the Rev Colin Smith, until recently
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PLANNING SUMMARY

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<u>AA No</u>	<u>TV No</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
P14/09	14/007789/ FULLN	Marbury, Cattle Lane	No Objection
P14/10	14/00941/ FULLN 14/00942/ LBWN	79 Little Ann Road Rear Extension & Alterations	No objection
T14/07	14/00755/ TREEN	1 St Mary's Meadow Fell Ash	Objection
T14/08	14/00781/ TREEN	Rose Cottage, Dunkirt Lane Reduce willow	No Objection
T14/09	14/00704/ TREEN	26 Duck Street Fell sycamore	No Objection Comment

PLANNING DECISIONS

<u>AA No</u>	<u>TV No</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Decision</u>
P13/09	13/01500/ FULLN	Eastover Farm Change of use of Farm buildings to offices	Permission
P13/11	13/01556/ FULLN	Upper Mill House Access bridge	Permission (retrospective)
P14/04	14/00342/ FULLN	Raise Garden Wall	Withdrawn
P14/07	14/00584/ FULLN	Robins, Salisbury Road Rear Extension	Permission
T14/05	14/00647/ TPON	The Peak, Salisbury Road Tree works	Pt Consent Pt Refusal
T14/06	14/00547/ TREEN	Carradale Fell Norway Maple	No Objection
T14/07	14/00755/ TREEN	1 St Mary's Meadow Fell ash	No Objection
T14/08	14/00781/ TREEN	Rose Cottage, Dunkirt Lane Reduce willow	No Objection
T14/09	14/00704/ TREEN	26 Duck Street Fell Sycamore	No Objection

CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Jennifer Harmer, who gave a very interesting talk on Auriculas at our April meeting, is a plant historian with the Hard Plant Society. She began collecting them in the 1970's. Auriculas, which were believed to have medicinal properties, originate from mountainous regions and have been known for centuries; they are frequently seen in old paintings. Primula Pubescans, the original form, is thought to have been introduced to Britain by the Heugens; by the Sixteenth Century there were about forty known varieties commonly known as 'Bears Breeches'. Those with 'floury' leaves are known as 'Dusty Millers'.

In the Eighteenth Century Auriculas became recognised as 'Florist Flowers' with specialist societies being formed and competitions established. They are usually displayed on tiered shelves known as 'theatres' of which there is an excellent example at Calke House. Our local specialist nursery is Potts Plants. Supported by some well-chosen slides, Jennifer demonstrated the characteristics and spectacular colour combinations of the main forms and varieties. These are: Alpines, Borders & Doubles, Show and Selfs. Breeders will go to great lengths to produce particular characteristics; the ultimate target is a true china blue form.

As mountain plants, Auriculas dislike damp, preferring cool dry conditions and a free-draining compost; they prefer croc pots which should not be over-size. Jennifer keeps hers in a cold greenhouse with the doors open all year round. Her preferred compost is two parts John Innes No.2 and one part grit with a little lime and charcoal added. While plants are dormant (November – January approximately), watering should be minimal – just enough to keep the plants alive. From late January plants should be tidied up and all yellowing leaves removed. One high nitrogen feed is given followed by two weekly feeds of tomato (high potash) feed; no other fertilizer is required. Auriculas can be repotted and split (if required) after flowering; their roots should be washed in methylated spirit before being trimmed and planted into clean pots. They should then be soaked from below and not watered again for two weeks. At this point they can be temporarily moved out of the greenhouse into a shady area but, beware the dreaded vine weevil which seems to be particularly attracted to them!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 25th June in Upper Clatford Village hall starting at 7.45pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Judith Hancke

MAGAZINE SALES AND REVENUE 2014

Once again we have to thank nearly three hundred parishioners and fifty advertisers for the success of the Abbotts Ann Magazine magazine. In no particular order collectors of subs include: David Perkins, Polly Whyte, Colleen Jackson, Roni Dye, Carol Darby, Ann Kelly, Gwen Pollard, Pat Keene Biz Shaw, Pam Lytle (ringmistress), Hannadore Whitcombe, Maureen Flood, Helen Stuart and Sue George. Only those who collect subscriptions and deliver magazines know how fraught this can be at times, particularly with the last collections.

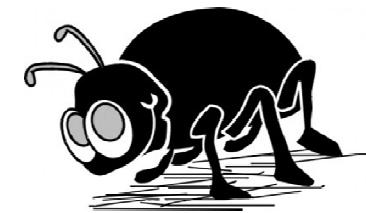
Excitement this year has centred on the transfer of responsibility for organising the Yearly Advertising, from Tony Jackson – who has earned all our thanks – to Rollo Wilson, press-ganged into this frustrating role. Rollo has embraced this with enthusiasm and humour, and I can report that he has achieved what can only be fairly described as a terrific effort!

So the magazine continues to flourish. Bring on more interesting content! Some advertisers depend on the Abbotts Ann magazine for their livelihood.

Andrew Shaw - Hon Treasurer, Abbotts Ann PCC

Abbotts Ann Conservatives invite you to

COME AND HAVE SOME FUN AT OUR NEW EVENT A BEETLE DRIVE!



ON FRIDAY 6TH JUNE 2014

**DRINKS IN THE GARDEN AT 7.00pm FOLLOWED BY
BEETLE DRIVE at 7.30pm
AT ABBOTTS ANN WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

Tickets £10.00 (to include 2 course supper)

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We would like to thank everyone who donated money and food at our collection outside Sainsbury's. We raised almost £300 and two big trolley loads of cat food. Fundraising is going much better than homing which is very poor so far this year. Everyone is asking for kittens which is a great shame because our cats are normally older ones who are down on their luck. Facebook is proving a big help in publicising our neutering campaign. Why not log in and become a member of our group 'Andover and District Cats Protection' and you will be kept up to date with what our volunteers are doing.



Nancy and Peggy have at last gone to an excellent rural home in Ropley and our old boy Whiskers has found his forever home in Whitchurch.

Panda is a delightful, five year old female cat who has come into care through no fault of her own. She is used to a small child, has lived with other cats and wouldn't mind sharing her home with a well-behaved dog.

Martin Bevan

LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - APRIL 2014

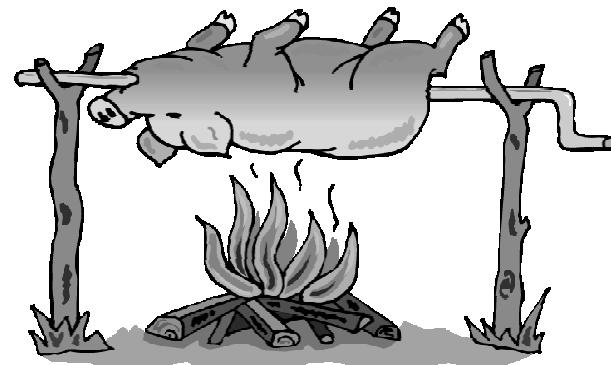
The beginning of the month sees sand from the Middle East arriving in Hampshire and across much of the UK. I feel a certain *deja vu* as I get into the car and find the windscreen covered in dried 'wet sand'. Strong winds blowing across the Sahara have picked up sand and then carried it across the UK where falling water droplets have picked up dust in the atmosphere resulting in this 'dirty rain'. The big difference here is that a car wash is rather more expensive than the £1.20 charged in Dubai for a full clean and polish. Father of the Tribe is helped by the Littlest to clean the car later in the week.



Saturday 5th July
7.30pm

Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall Proudly presents the **Annual Hog Roast**

with live music from
Thames Valley Jazz Band



To be held in the
grounds of the
village hall

Tickets
£16

Tickets available from the Abbotts Ann Village Shop



ST MARY'S FUN CLUB NEW LEADERS REQUIRED FOR 2014/15

St Mary's Fun Club was set up in 2001 and is a Christian club for year 5 and 6 children at Abbotts Ann Primary School that meets to:

Give thanks to God and mark the main events of the church's year;
Be of service to the Community, locally and overseas;
Have Fun!

Due to illness and retirement Fun Club did not run the Autumn term 2013 but even without official leaders, the spirit of its members carried on! With the help of ex-Fun Club Leaders and some parents they took part in the Christingle Church service in 2013 and made cards for and visited the Hospital and residents of Willow Court. The Fun Club are the only visitors that half the Willow Court old people EVER have!

January 2014 saw a full-time start for St Mary's Fun Club with the children wanting the club to continue, two temporary leaders have taken over and the club may be running at a record number of 15 members.

St Mary's Fun Club means a lot to the children of Abbotts Ann and has given countless children support, courage, direction and a lot more over the last 13 years. It should not be allowed to disappear but does need two leaders to keep it going. If you can or know anyone who can spare a few hours every other Tuesday during term time (3:15pm to 4:45pm) to help run St Mary's Fun Club then please call Aly on 710633 to discuss further.

Many thanks,

Aly Godman and Sam Anderson - Fun Club Leaders (temporary)

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:

23 May - 5 Jun
6 Jun - 19 Jun
20 Jun - 3 Jul
4 Jul - 17 Jul
18 Jul - 31 Jul
1 Aug - 14 Aug
15 Aug - 28 Aug

Flowers:

Cathy Seabrook
Pamela Graham
Elizabeth Howard
Judith Newman
Charlotte Pearce
Pat Keene
Gwen Pollard

Dusting:

Mary Howell
Carol Palmer
Pauline Cooper
Liz Tout
Charlotte Pearce
Gill Page
Alex Pugh

Following on from this brief blip on the weather front, the Tribe's Easter holidays are full of glorious Spring sunshine. With the warmer days, doors and windows are left open again, which means that birds, various rodents and the occasional rabbit, can occasionally be found flying, scurrying or hopping around in an attempt to escape one or other of the cat's clutches. One particular day, just as I am putting their supper out, a cat appears with a small, furry thing that it duly drops at my feet. Any semblance of order to the day rapidly disappears as a chase to catch the rodent begins (a field mouse I think, but it all happens rather quickly, so maybe it was a baby rat). The result is 'Gerald Durrell' being bitten (somewhat reminiscent of a similar situation on a beach in Oman with a crab about a year ago). Given that there is rather a lot of blood, I reluctantly decide that an A&E visit is probably necessary - a quick internet search tells me that 'the saliva of mammals contain hundreds of millions of bacteria from many different species, many of which can cause an infection' (c/o NHS). Andover Minor Injuries Unit sees us quickly and reassures us that, as tetanus jabs are up to date, it should be fine. It is.

A few days later we return to A&E after a family bike ride goes rather disastrously wrong with a 3 child pile up resulting in the Eldest with an arm in plaster. Never a dull moment.

The Tribe have also been incredibly fortunate in seeing a friend's newborn calves and helping to bottle feed their two lambs. Watching a newborn calf unsteadily get to its feet and then latch on to its mother for the colostrum-rich first milk, has been amazing for the Tribe, although they have found it rather 'disgusting' as the mother proceeds to eat her own placenta after passing it! Given that cows are herbivores, I can only assume that it is an instinctual thing to get rid of evidence of a newborn to prevent alerting predators. The lambs are bottle fed four times a day; the Tribe do the 1pm and 5pm feed while their friend is away. They make up two bottles (just giant versions of the Littlest's old bottles!) of milk formula. They then take the made up bottles to the shed where the lambs are kept and within seconds the milk is guzzled. Their coats are incredibly soft - just like lambswool in fact! By the end of April, the lambs are being taken out 'for walks'. They are a delight to watch as they gambol and skip across the field following anyone who has a promise of food.

Despite so much sunshine, warmth and glorious displays of cherry blossom this month, as Easter approaches, so the weather turns and becomes rather more autumnal. Just the right weather for eating a ridiculous number of Easter eggs after rather a lot of egg hunts.

Mother of the Tribe



ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

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

Shop Refurbishment

The new look for our shop is now more or less complete. Yes, it is different, but now there is a feeling of spaciousness and light – a real country shop. With the lower height of the shelving customers and staff can see the whole of the shop. Thank you for your patience throughout the transition and thank you too to those who helped us achieve our new look.

The next step involves the arrival of our new IT system. All the stock needs to be loaded onto the system. So, hopefully, by early June we will be completely up and running; with an improved shopping experience for both customers and staff.

Facebook

The shop now has a Facebook page and can be found by typing Abbotts Ann Village Shop. If you do not use Facebook, you may still view the page by typing Abbotts Ann Village Shop Facebook into your search engine.

Volunteer

We still need more volunteers for the Shop, and not just bakers and till operators. There are all sorts of jobs around needing willing hands to carry them out. If you think you can help then have a chat with Georgina or Carol over a coffee. For instance - we would like to open later on Friday evenings, but can do so only when we are able to draw up a list of volunteers willing to help serve behind the counter for the extra hours.

Locally Produced

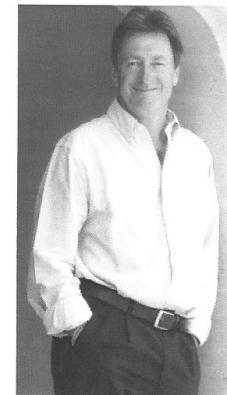
We already stock local produce – Rhubarb, asparagus, herbs (sage, parsley, etc.) and plan to widen the range.

Blueberry, an Andover company, are supplying us with freezer meals; all reasonably priced. They also have a new 'sweet' range of Fudge, Coconut Ice, Treacle Tart and Fluffles (truffle/ Fudge).

Pies

Hot News! We have just started to sell Steak & Kidney and Chicken & Leek pies (at £2.50 each), from either the chiller or the freezer. We also have new flavours in our range of Quiches.

A SUMMER EVENING WITH ALAN TITCHMARSH



**Featuring stories, prose & poetry -
with a hint of gardening!**

in aid of the fabric of St Mary's Church, Abbotts Ann
at
The Old Rectory, Little Ann, SP11 7NR
on
Tuesday 29th July, 2014

Wine & Canapés

Tickets £15
(limited)

Tombola

6.15pm for 7pm

I would like tickets please at £15 each

Cheques payable to 'P.C.C. of Abbotts Ann'

Please send this form to: G. Howard, 4 St Mary's Meadow, Little Ann, Andover, SP11 7SZ with a S.A.E.

If you would like to send a donation, and are a UK taxpayer eligible for Gift Aid, please tick here

Tickets are also available from Abbotts Ann Village Shop or 01264 710830

10km



5km



Sunday 6th July 2014

10am - 4pm

Family Fun and Sporting Day

at Abbotts Ann Primary School

We are fundraising for outdoor learning and play equipment,
please come along with all of your family and enjoy
our fun and sporting events

10km on- and off-road run (Adults and Children aged

5km walk/run 12+) (Adults and Children aged 12+)

Fully supervised 1km obstacle run/walk (Children aged 5-11)

Sponsored trim trail walk/run (Children under 11yrs but primarily aimed at pre-school and under 5 yrs)

For more race & registration details go to www.abbottsann.hants.sch.uk/pta

Arena entertainment

BBQ breakfast and lunch

Sporting demonstrations

Refreshments and bar

Side stalls & activities

1km

**Obstacle
Run**

Sponsored

**Trim
Trail**

Entry forms in the Village Shop, School &

The Eagle OR To enter online visit

www.runnersworld.co.uk/abbottsann10km

OR scan here:



Coffee and Cake

The new tables and chairs await you; either inside or out. Sit a while and chat over a coffee and, perhaps, a nice slice of cake.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 2nd July 2014 at 7.30 pm – AGM of Abbotts Ann Village Shop Association in the War Memorial Hall.

Tuesday 8th July 2014 at 7.30 pm - Shop Volunteers Meeting.

Grants

The Village Shop Committee has applied for funding to Test Valley Borough Council, Hampshire County Council and Abbotts Ann Parish Council to refurbish and modernise our Village Shop. TVBC has awarded the amount asked for from the Community Asset Fund and Abbotts Ann Parish Council has agreed to contribute 10% of the total funding. The HCC application for this matched funding is being processed. This excellent news will help to ensure the ongoing success of our community shop.

ABBOTTS ANN POST OFFICE

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Royal Mail Special Stamps

On 5 June 2014, World Environment Day, Royal Mail is focusing on the issue of sustainable fishing, highlighting the fact that a number of familiar species fished in UK waters are severely threatened due to factors including overfishing, and informing customers of sustainable alternatives.

The ten special stamps feature beautiful illustrations by renowned fish and wildlife illustrator David Miller: five of the more sustainable species living in

British waters – herring, red gurnard, dab, pouting and Cornish sardine – and five species that fall into the endangered category – common skate, spiny dogfish, wolffish, sturgeon and conger eel – which should be avoided by consumers. All of the fish have been depicted in their natural environments.

Elizabeth Howard - Shop Volunteer

Do you need transport to Hospital,
Doctor's Appointments, Clinics, etc? Is
it too difficult by bus?



Andover Neighbourcare is able to offer car transport to residents of Abbotts Ann for journeys to appointments within the Andover area and further afield.

Rates are very reasonable, for example: £6.00 return in Andover area, £17.50 for a trip to Winchester Hospital, which includes the driver waiting 2 hours for you. (Some Assisted Fares available.)

Just ring **01264 336020** or **01264 339899**, or call into the office at 14 Union Street, as soon as you know when you need a car.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS are required to support and continue this valuable service. Are you able to offer a lift to someone who needs it, on days to suit you? Mileage paid; DBS check arranged by **Neighbourcare**; no extra cost to you. Please contact Pam (phone no. above) if you can help.

Let us use and support this excellent service, which extends to Abbotts Ann.

Abbotts Ann Vision: Village Transport Project

Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall Committee
Time to Renew your Subscription to the All New
100 Club!
Year April 2014 to March 2015



Join the '100 Club' and you could be one of our lucky monthly winners! But what's new, we hear you ask!

Well, we've increased the prize fund, and we've doubled the monthly first prize to £30 every month (in December's bonus draw it will be even bigger!). And if you're unlucky all year, there will still be a Losers' Only Draw in March 2015.

There's always a catch, and here it is – the annual subscription has increased to £15.

Back to the good news – you can still have more than one subscription! So help support the War Memorial Hall and remember - you have to be in it to win it!!

Please complete the form below and send it with your cheque or cash to the Promoter: Hazel Carter, Marbury, Cattle Lane, Abbotts Ann, SP11 7DS as soon as possible or before end of April. If it's easier for you, you can also drop it in the Secretary's letter box – Graham Stallard, Rose Cottage, 86 Little Ann SP11 7NW.

Please accept my application for Membership of the Abbotts Ann Memorial Hall Hundred Club. I enclose my £15.00 by Cheque(s) /Cash per subscription

NUMBER OF SUBSCRIPTIONS:.....

SURNAME:..... TITLE..... INITIALS.....

ADDRESS:.....

SIGNED:..... DATE:.....

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