

## BENEFICE DIARY - OCTOBER 2014

1 Oct	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
2 Oct	(Thurs)	10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning
		7.00pm Abbotts Ann Parish Council meets in Abbotts Ann Memorial Hall.
4 Oct	(Sat)	1.00pm Abbotts Ann School PTA Jumble Sale AAWMH - page 25
5 Oct	(Sun)	<u>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</u> – Benefice Harvest Festival – page 2
		9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'
		7.00pm Harvest Supper AAWMH - page 5
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
6 Oct	(Mon)	NO Way Inn Lunch
8 Oct	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall.
11 Oct	(Sat)	Final date for receipt of hard copy (hand-written or typed) for the November 2014 Abbotts Ann Magazine.
12 Oct	(Sun)	<u>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</u> – full service details – page 2
		9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'
		2.00pm Apple Day in Abbotts Ann - page 19
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
13 Oct	(Mon)	Final date for receipt of hard copy (hand-written or typed) for the November 2014 Clatfords Magazine.
14 Oct	(Tues)	12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.
15 Oct	(Wed)	<u>12.00noon Deadline for the receipt of copy by email for the November 2014 Abbotts Ann Magazine.</u> <u>editor@abbottsannmagazine.co.uk</u> 12.00noon Deadline for the receipt of copy by email for the November 2014 Clatfords Magazine. <u>marydunn21@hotmail.com</u>
		7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		7.30pm Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall ...
17 Oct	(Fri)	10.00am Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
		7.30pm Wine tasting evening - page 11
19 Oct	(Sun)	7.30pm Water for Elephants, film in Upper Clatford - page 22
		<u>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</u> – full service details – page 2
		9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
21 Oct	(Tues)	7.30pm Goodworth Clatford WI meets in GCVC
22 Oct	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		7.45pm Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in UC Memorial Hall – AGM
24 Oct	(Fri)	Clatford and Abbotts Ann schools finish for Half Term.
25 Oct	(Sat)	Clocks go back
26 Oct	(Sun)	<u>The Last Sunday after Trinity</u> – full service details – page 2
		9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
27 Oct	(Mon)	<u>12.00noon</u> Goodworth Clatford WI Members' Lunch
28 Oct	(Tues)	7.30pm Moviola Film Show at Goodworth Clatford Village Club...
29 Oct	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
30 Oct	(Thurs)	7.30pm Abbotts Ann WI meets in Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall.

## St Mary's Church, Abbotts Ann

<b>Rector</b>	The Revd. David Broad The Rectory, Upper Clatford dna.broad@virgin.net <b>(HIS DAY OFF IS SATURDAY)</b>	352906
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	Sally Dashwood 1 The Bakery, Dunkirt 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
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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN OCTOBER 2014

**Please note change of services and times at all churches.**

**Date:**

**Sunday 28th September**  
8.00 Holy Communion  
10.00 Benefice Eucharist  
6.00 Evensong

**St Michael and All Angels**  
St Mary's Miss W Casson  
All Saints'  
St Peter's

**Sunday 5th October**  
8.00 Holy Communion  
9.30 Harvest Eucharist  
11.15 Harvest Eucharist  
6.00 Harvest Evensong

**Benefice Harvest Festival**  
St Peter's  
All Saints'  
St Peter's  
St Mary's Mrs S Dashwood

**Sunday 12th October**  
8.00 Holy Communion  
9.30 Eucharist  
11.15 Benefice Matins  
6.00 Evensong

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year**  
All Saints'  
St Mary's Mr/Mrs G Howard  
St Peter's  
St Mary's Mrs S Dashwood

**Sunday 19th October**  
8.00 Holy Communion  
10.00 Benefice Eucharist  
10.00 Parish Morning Service  
6.00 Evensong

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year**  
St Mary's Mrs N Keene  
St Peter's  
Abbotts Ann VH Mrs S George  
All Saints'

**Sunday 26th October**  
8.00 Holy Communion  
10.00 Benefice Eucharist  
6.00 Evensong

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year (clocks go back)**  
St Mary's Miss W Casson  
All Saints'  
St Peter's

**Saturday 1st November**  
3.00 Service of Light & Remembrance St Mary's  
4.30 Service of Light & Remembrance St Peter's  
6.00 Service of Light & Remembrance All Saints'

**All Souls' Saturday**  
St Mary's  
St Peter's  
All Saints'

**Sunday 2nd November**  
8.00 Holy Communion  
10.00 Benefice Patronal Festival Eucharist  
4.00 Evensong

**Feast of All Saints'**  
St Peter's  
All Saints'  
St Mary's Mrs S Dashwood

*Anyone unable to carry out their duty and who cannot exchange with another sidesman please contact Kate Bennett or Wendy Casson on 712028. Please note that services are provisional as changes can sometimes be made at short notice. Please check the Sunday Link Sheet.*

## VILLAGE SHOP UPDATE

As you're aware, there have been several changes in the shop recently, with yet more planned for the future. If you're interested to hear more, please come along at 12.30 pm on Saturday 4th October for a short presentation. Please RSVP to Polly Whyte ([polly@altongate.co.uk](mailto:polly@altongate.co.uk) or phone 711117).

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### ***Helping People with Chronic Pain***

It is conservatively estimated that eight million people in the UK alone are affected with Chronic Pain. Our Charity 'a way with pain' hopes to make a difference to the lives of those living with this often unseen yet debilitating condition, through raising awareness and offering support.

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Our aim is for people with Chronic Pain to feel heard, understood and know that they are not alone.

Please visit our Website: [www.awaywithpain.co.uk](http://www.awaywithpain.co.uk) or email us at: [info@awaywithpain.co.uk](mailto:info@awaywithpain.co.uk)

*Together lets make this invisible illness visible!*

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Wherwell Singers Christmas concert is to be held on Saturday 13th December in the church of St Peter & the Holy Cross, Wherwell.



Abbotts Ann Players proudly present



# Cinderella

and the

pantomime thief



By Peter Nuttall

A date for your diary

5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>

December 2014

In the  
Abbotts Ann War  
Memorial Hall



## *The Slow Job of Resisting*

My friend is losing his words. You may know the feeling of trying to remember a word that remains hidden to you. Most of us experience that at times. Ah, what's the word I'm searching for, we ask ourselves, as if we have lost our keys? For him however, it has become a regular occurrence. What I notice now however, is the quality of his silence. As a poet he has always been eloquent with words. Actually, as well as eloquent rather reticent about words too, as if to use them unwisely would be to waste something precious. I think about this with all the words flying around the crisis in the Middle-East at the moment. Words like 'constraining', 'degrading' and 'destroying' people: missiles sent from human silos with incalculable results. It leaves me frightened. My friend in a way, inhabited silence all his life and his words, the fruit of that silence, although faltering now, bring the silence out now as much as the words.

I have just a short time to find some words for the magazine copy deadline. So I thought about how precious and mysterious words are to humanity, born as we are into silence. Words come later and are always approximations, images, metaphors. My friend tended to write on a small wooden desk, in longhand, his pen producing a joyfully shaped script, as some people who use a proper nib can. A few years back, he wrote a poem, called 'A Priest at the Door'. I heard him recite it, and those of us listening who were priests knew just what he meant and were deeply consoled.

I sit at the door of the church  
and see who comes in and who goes out.  
They don't hand anything in  
like they used to, animals or grain .  
I don't receive anything  
to put on the altar, or pass anything  
to my assistant to be slaughtered  
and the blood drained and flung.  
I am grateful for that, not  
having been brought up to it.  
Instead they get books and papers  
snippets of news, and the magazine.

Somebody else does all that.  
I have no ephod to divine the truth,  
no incense to burn, no curtain  
to close behind me. I have only the agony  
of knowing I have little,  
and the slow job of resisting  
any attempt to make it more, because  
in my mind's eye I have the eye of the needle,  
and how easy it is for even  
licked thread to miss getting through.

More recently he wrote a poem called *The Awe that Falls on Language*. I had met him on his morning walk. I thought of this poem as I listened to him, filled as he was with the lovely silence of dawn that had fallen on us both. Whether we are poets or not, I thought later, we are all like Zechariah, tongue-tied to express what really lies in our hearts and to embrace the silence, which is the mystery of our lives that we so wish to avoid.

Words are hiding somewhere inaccessible.  
They are not coming when I call.  
They are around, I seem them hovering  
on the tip of the tongue  
but that's where it stays, shut.  
There is an awe that falls on language.  
Perhaps the time is not yet right;  
like Zechariah waiting for his new born son  
for whom he had no words.  
God took his time to present the child,  
and for the bell and tongue to be unstrung.

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### THANK YOU

Eloise Kestle, 11 years old, would like to thank everybody who sponsored her last haircut. She had her hair cut at the end of July for the Little Princess Trust. This Charity makes real hair wigs (free of charge) for children who have lost their hair through cancer treatment. Eloise had 20 inches of hair cut and fifteen inches of it were donated to the Trust. At the same time she asked people to sponsor her so that she could send money as well. Eloise was hoping to raise about £200. In fact she raised a massive £886.60. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to a very, very worthwhile charity.

sites in Hampshire where they had been seen. Perhaps we will one day have them gracing a field somewhere around Abbotts Ann.

Returning to the UK at the end of the month, we feel a change in the air. I guess a lot of people feel that way, but the weather does feel as if it has changed, the days are no longer as lengthy (sundowners are beginning to coincide with bedtime, oh dear) and the fields behind us have been ploughed. The summer must be coming to an end. However, the day after the Abbotts Ann fete turns out to be glorious and the Boy makes a surprising find - a huge caterpillar with four large black markings that look like eyes. They bring it to show me and it is particularly freaky. Its body is green-brown and about 7.5cm long and 1.5cm in diameter. After much excitement and Gerald Durrell taking over as she finds a small aquarium to put it in, we find that it is an elephant hawk-moth caterpillar. The name comes from the trunk like section behind the head that can be extended and retracted as a defence mechanism, like an elephant's trunk. When it retracts its body, with the 'eyes' it looks rather snake-like and I imagine must deter predators extremely well. Gerald Durrell decides that this is a 'keeper' so she can watch it pupate until May when it should emerge as a rather striking hawk moth - we will see. This final day of August is beautiful in all ways and I feel that our summer of hunting beetles, bugs and butterflies has been a great success.

*Mother of the Tribe - [www.lifewiththetribe.com](http://www.lifewiththetribe.com)*

## **Jumble Sale**

**Time to have a sort out and donate your jumble to the PTA  
for our Jumble Sale at 1.00pm on  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October in the Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall**

***Clothes, Toys, Books, Bric-A-Brac  
We Need It All!***

**PTA representatives will be collecting jumble around the  
Village the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> September  
or bring your jumble to the school office on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
or phone Amanda Maxwell on 712020**

***Don't forget to come and join us in the Village Hall on  
4<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm to pick-up some bargains!***

## LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - AUGUST 2014

August is upon us, the holidays are here and the skies are blue - at least at the start of the month. Gerald Durrell is out making the most of the sunshine, catching butterflies in the garden and field - commas, red admirals, small tortoiseshells, meadow browns, small and large cabbage whites, speckled woods, common blues, peacocks, marbled whites. She is totally fascinated by them and rushes inside to find out the name of any she doesn't recognise before releasing them. She is teaching me and I love this. The pale chalkhill blue is one of my favourites to spot in the meadow and I hope that they will continue to increase year on year as the meadow continues to thrive. The black and white checkered marbled white is a common chalkland butterfly although we haven't seen many in the fields until this year; another welcome addition.

The cats continue to keep the rabbit and rodent population under control although I am saddened when I find the tiny limp body of a dead harvest mouse on the doorstep one afternoon. Fortunately it is only the one mouse they bring to us. It stands out amidst the rodent graveyard because of its size - it's only about 8cm long with a long tail, weighing about 5g. It also stands out because of its yellow brown coat and white belly. Given that they are in decline because of a general change in agricultural methods and habitat management and they also have a great number of predators from foxes (and cats) to crows and even pheasants, I hope that our feline friends are not going to catch any more and go for rather larger vermin.

As Hurricane Bertha arrives we leave for Poitou Charente in France although it seems that the weather changes across Europe and it is unseasonably changeable and cooler everywhere. We are fortunate though and the weather is generally kind to us. One morning (in France) the Eldest and Gerald Durrell are terribly excited by a discovery they make in the old vegetable garden where we are staying. The Eldest takes photographs and a video and they then do some research. Together they find that their discovery is a wasp spider - 6cm long with yellow and black stripes with one white stripe. The female is substantially larger than the male who frequently gets eaten by the female after mating. The video that they have taken is of a grasshopper that gets trapped in the spider's web. With a growing sense of horror and a macabre interest, they watch the grasshopper whilst still alive, get wrapped in the spider's silk into a cocoon after the spider gives the insect the fatal bite that paralyses it. Horrible, but a great natural history lesson. Our butterfly expert is also thrilled to discover many swallowtail butterflies in France. Large and striking with two long tails from their lower wings - hence their name. The yellow and black patterned wings have a span of 10cm. They are the largest native butterfly in the UK but are very rare although I have read that in 2013 there were several

## Stop Press!!



7pm, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2014  
Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall  
(Or after the 6pm Harvest Evening Service at  
St Mary's Abbotts Ann)

Come and share a lovely supper with family  
and friends – it's always a good spread with  
great company!

Sign up in St Mary's Church,  
the village shop  
or call Sally Dashwood (710640)

## 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.



<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Flowers:</u>	<u>Dusting:</u>
26 Sep - 9 Oct	Harvest	Pat Keene
10 Oct - 23 Oct	Anne Jones	Gill Platford
24 Oct - 6 Nov	Tricia Wallis	Biz Shaw
7 Nov - 20 Nov	Elizabeth Howard (Remembrance Sun)	Hannedore Whitcomb
21 Nov - 4 Dec	Advent	Helen Stuart
5 Dec - 18 Dec	Advent	Dee Howarth
19 Dec - 1 Jan	Christmas	Jill Tayler

## From The Registers

### Holy Matrimony

Darren Adrian Beer and Jodie Anne Bowden whose Wedding took place at All Saints' on 13th September.

### Rest in Peace

Barry Froggett whose Funeral took place at All Saints' on 20th August.

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

## ST MARY'S CHURCH - DECORATION FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be decorating the Church for the Harvest Festival services on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** from 2pm. Autumn flowers and produce would be most welcome. Please come along and help us to sustain this tradition.

*Sylvia Burson 710852*

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

All articles printed in the Abbotts Ann Magazine are printed in good faith and are not necessarily the views of the Editor. All contributions must be accompanied by a full name and email address which may be withheld at the Editor's discretion. The Editor reserves the right to amend all contributions. Please support our advertisers; they support the magazine.

## ABBOTTSANN.COM is now live

Following Abbotts Ann Vision's initiative, we are delighted to announce that Abbotts Ann's new website is now live. A huge thank you to Keith Saunders, who has been instrumental in creating a functioning and easy to use website for Abbotts Ann and its community.

The site contains valuable information on village amenities, the shop, village hall and its thriving groups and organisations. Along with some great historical images and facts, past versions of the Parish Magazine have also been uploaded, so if you missed something, you can now reference back via the website.

The website features a header with the title 'Abbotts Ann in the heart of the Test Valley'. Below the header are navigation links for Home, Events, Our Village, Amenities & Services, Clubs & Societies, Parish Council, and Contact Us. The main content area includes a 'Recent News' section with a link to 'Abbotts Ann Village Magazine', an 'Upcoming Events' section listing various dates and details for the War Memorial Hall, and a 'Parish Council Minutes' section for July 2014. The sidebar on the right contains links for the Parish Magazine, Planning Decisions and Applications, and a calendar for September 2014. At the bottom, there is a sidebar for the WI (Women's Institute) featuring their logo and newsletter information.

Various groups within the community have nominated a member of their committee to contribute news and information to the website, to make sure it is kept up to date and becomes a useful communication tool for everyone who wishes to use it.

The website is in its infancy and we will be in touch through the Parish Magazine about new developments on the website and how the community can be involved.

**Our first request to everyone is to take a look!**

**Engage and sign up to the email system.** If you think you are already on the village email system, check by entering your email address and it will let you know if you are or not.

If you are not signed up, the website admin will automatically send you an email to verify that you want to be included. If you do, you just have to click to verify.

Please note if you do not respond to the email you will not be added to the village email system.

Finally, this is your website and it is here to serve the community, so your feedback and suggestions would be most appreciated.

*Lorna Haigh*

effect at such time as the VDS is revised or the Council's LDF fully comes into effect. The latter is not expected to occur until towards the end of the decade\*\*

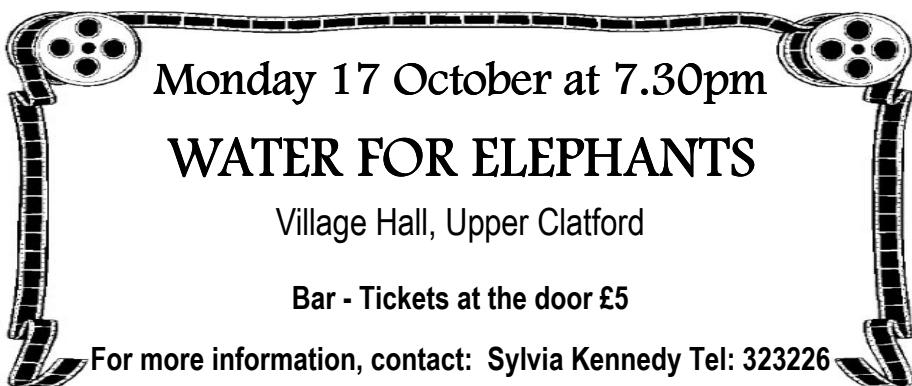
So after all we can heave a sigh of relief and return to supporting CAMRA in their charitable activities.

\* No more was heard, though this is still Googleable; but their website page is dated August 2005, and when I clicked on *How to subscribe* what appeared on the screen was a flood of information, in Japanese, about childcare. Surely shome misstake.

\*\*I'm not aware of anything so dramatic happening before 2010, and anyway the LDF has been superseded by a Local Plan and that by a Revised Local Plan, which even now is being mulled over by a Government Inspector.

I must admit that directives from the Powers that Be have been steadily getting easier to unravel; it would be nice to think that they have been responding to the old Column's critical comments.

*Hadrianus Rusticus*



### CAN YOU HELP?

Are you interested in the local countryside? Did you enjoy the AAV Countryside presentation evening, the wildflower and footpath walks or the visit to the cress beds? Do you have ideas for future events?

The Countryside Project Group is in urgent need of new members to help organise future activities. If you would like to help, please contact Ray Lucas (tel: 710037 or email [ray.lucas@lucas-property.co.uk](mailto:ray.lucas@lucas-property.co.uk))

*Abbotts Ann Vision Countryside Project*

## **YET MORE SPARKLE**

From

### **THE RIVERSTRINGS QUARTET WITH CONCERT PIANIST NAO DICKSON**

They will be playing quartets by Mozart and Glazunov and a piano quintet by Dvorak

A concert of classical music in aid of St. Mary's Church  
Abbotts Ann at

The Hall at the Abbots Ann Village School on

**FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**

7.30 pm (Doors open at 6.45)

Tickets £15.00 which includes a FREE glass of Hampshire sparkling wine available from

Abbotts Ann Village Shop

Andrew Liddell 01264 710572



This concert is sponsored by Cottonworth Wines, Parker Liddell architectural + interior design and Parchment Jewellery



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Did you know that cats prefer to have their water bowl placed well away from their food? It is also important that food, water and litter trays are not situated near glass doors or windows where the cat can be menaced by outside intruders. In a multi-cat household the rule is one bowl per cat and one extra, and the same rule applies to litter trays. We have recently purchased some

puzzle feeders for our cats in care. The cat biscuit is placed at the top of a small, plastic tower and the cat has to insert its paw through different holes to push the food to the tray at the bottom where it can be eaten. It adds interest to the cat's day and is a good eating restraint for obese cats.



We are still looking for a home for Gilbert and Geoffrey our sixteen month old ginger brothers.

This is MISTY, smiling at the camera (or is she baring her teeth?). She is 5 years old and has previously lived in a flat but we are sure that she would prefer to go out to play. She is currently

living in a pen where she has a lovely garden to look out onto and also some entertainment from the alpacas next door. She is a friendly girl but would probably prefer to be an only cat in an adult home.

Martin Bevan

### **CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB**

It was 'full house' when Rosie Hardy returned to tell us about Autumn flowering perennials. An accomplished and multi award-winning plantswoman, Rosie is a popular speaker whose straightforward advice on perennials belied her extensive knowledge and understanding of every plant that she introduced. She had brought along an inspiring selection of plants which she introduced and discussed in turn according to the conditions to which each was most suited – full sun, poor soil, part shade or shade/woodland margin. All had been grown by her on open ground so we knew that they should do well in local conditions; no excuses then!

Rosie's advice is to plant new plants according to label and then see what happens; if it thrives, leave well alone, if it doesn't, try somewhere else. She reminded us that, as a general rule, purple foliage needs to get a 'sun tan' and

### **COUNTRYMAN'S CORNER**

#### **MEMORY LANE**

So I've retired at last, after clocking up 62 years of working life. There's lots to look forward to, but it's natural to look back too. My final nine-year job as Parish Clerk contains an amazing mixture of memories, flavoured with emotions ranging from fun, via frustration to fury. My arm has been quite vigorously twisted with requests to contribute, at least occasionally, to our excellent Parish Magazine, so I thought, for a start, that I might share some extracts from my first Newsletter of September 2005. I expect that later contributions will stray away from the Parish Council, but will remain rooted in the countryside.

Here goes:

**Community Pubs.** CAMRA, Campaign for Real Ale, has launched a new charity, The Community Pubs Foundation, which aims to stem the flood of pub closures by offering support (*sic*) to those who are fighting for the survival of their local.\*

**Clerks' Bursary Fund.** The Clerk was disappointed to find that this, though funded by NALC and DEFRA [*don't bother*], was not for the support of impecunious clerks but to enable impecunious parishes to send their clerks on courses to make them even better clerks. These are not junkets, but austere affairs, where participants rarely enjoy anything more luxurious than tea and biscuits.

**And Finally... Village Design Statements.** The letter from TVBC about this was the very first to arrive through the letter-box, threatening to spoil the Clerkly breakfast even before he had started work. The second paragraph of two A4 sheets reads:

*Following commencement of Part 2 Local Development of the Act in September 2004, no new documents including a VDS can be made SPG [Supplementary Planning Guidance]. The Council has, however, 'saved' all the existing adopted VDSs so that their SPG status can be retained. These VDSs are included in the list of retained SPG set out in Appendix 4 of the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS) as 'saved' guidance on the basis of them supporting Borough Local Plan policy D1.1. It is expected that they will continue to be 'saved' under the equivalent design policies of the Borough Local Plan Review to 2011, once that is adopted during 2006.*

31 lines, and 31 minutes of concentrated study further on, could be found the consoling message that: *The status of your VDS as 'saved' SPG is unaffected for the foreseeable future.*

And it seems that even for less privileged parishes: *The changes will only have*

## ABBOTTS ANN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE AUGUST 2014

WOW!! What can we say, but a very big thank you to everyone who supported Abbotts Ann WI Refreshments at the village fete on the last weekend of August. Our members had been baking and preparing for this event for some weeks, but customers are needed to consume these delicious (even if we do say so ourselves!) offerings. We certainly had those in abundance, we didn't stop all afternoon, so thank you to everyone who came and indulged. We had a brilliant result financially, but I am sure there will be more news on that front from the Fete Committee - it is being counted still as I write.

We had a more leisurely start to the month, first the reading group got together to discuss their latest tome and the following day our members gathered outside the Eagle for our trip to Hampton Court Palace. We were well supported by friends and family and had a wonderful time, there is so much to see and do and the history is almost tangible.

The walking group started and finished at The Oak in Smannell, with glimpses across the town from time to time as we walked through woods, farmland and country roads.

Members never miss the chance to get together for a chat and the coffee morning was well supported, likewise the Supper Club. We met at the White Lion at Wherwell, but the evening started with a slight panic when our group of 12 arrived to find we weren't expected. This was soon sorted, the booking had been put down for the wrong evening, tables were quickly re-arranged and drinks served. The meals came out hot and all together which is always preferable.

Our meeting this month is on 30th October (7.30 pm in the Village Hall) and we have invited Hampshire Gardens Trust to come and tell us more about their voluntary organisation, which involves parks, gardens and green spaces in the County.

*Sharon King*

### GALLON OF WHISKY RAFFLE

The Gallon of Whisky Raffle held at the fete was won by Mr & Mrs Barrett of Hillside.

*Pam Lytle*

that only species plants will produce viable seed.

For full sun and poor soils Rosie recommended Caryopteris and Hedge Germander (both sub-shrubs). Caryopteris has blue flowers and should be pruned to half height in Spring; Germander is lavender-like, has pink flowers and makes an excellent substitute for box. Amongst other recommendations were Silene x Confetti (short-lived but seeds freely), Trifolium (clover family) - a nectar-rich plant with white flowers which will flower continuously if regularly cut back and Selinum x Wallichianum, a tall white-flowered umbellifor.

Recommendations for sun or part-shade included Lobelias, herbaceous Actea x Brunette and Crocosmia/Montbretia. Lobelias hairy leaves and stems prevent slug and snail damage; if cut back to the top leaf below the flower spikes they will produce secondary flowers. Actea Brunette is a spectacular tall plant with highly-scented white flowers and purple stems and foliage; it does need full sun for part of the day. Crocosmia/Montbretia were familiar to us all with their tall red, orange or yellow flowers. However, Rosie's advice re growing them will have had some of us rushing to relocate them! Although frequently seen growing out of walls and crevices, they actually need some moisture at their roots along with full sun for part of the day. To keep them flowering well they should be fed regularly and lifted every 4-5 years. Do not be tempted to lift in Autumn but wait until they start shooting in Spring; lift and retain those corms with shoots and re-plant mixing in some good compost.

For shade/dappled shade, recommendations were Penstemon digitalis, Nepeta subsessillis (which does not attract cats) and Anenome hybrids (which need humous-rich soil). Rosie showed two beautiful new clump-forming varieties - Dreaming Swan and Ruffled Swan, both of which can flower from May to October.

Judging by the rate at which plants flew off the table at the end, there are going to be some colourful gardens in the valley next Autumn!

The next meeting, our AGM, is on Wednesday 22nd October at 7.45pm in Upper Clatford Village Hall.

*Judith Hancke*

### VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

I have been asked by the Nursery School to make sure that anyone who wants to contact me regarding Village Hall bookings should ring me at home on 710220 and under no circumstances try to do so whilst I am working at the Nursery School. Thank you.

*Sue George - Bookings Secretary*



## ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

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

### 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday

The birthday celebrations lasted a week. Balloons and bunting adorned the shop. It was a fun time. Thank you for your support and long may it continue.

### WIFI

Free WIFI is now available at the Village Shop for up to 1 hour per session. Why not call and have a coffee or tea and a slice of cake whilst checking your emails?

### Late Night Opening

Check our notice board for details of late night opening. Many people have requested that we stay open until 7 pm on Thursday and Friday nights. We hope to start late opening on a trial basis in early October. To do so we require a team of volunteers. So come on, spare some time for the community in which you live and join the team prepared to offer this service. It is a wonderful way of getting to know people!

### Christmas

Sorry to mention this in October, but it is getting to that time of year when all the shops start to get festive. We have to join in or risk losing custom. So some time this month our Christmas stock will be arriving; including the usual delicious Christmas puddings and local Christmas cards designed this year by Kate Bennett.

### Apple Juice

If you are lucky enough to have fruit trees in your garden, apple, pear or quince, and have some to spare (or share!) it would be much appreciated if you would leave them in the tub outside the shop. The fruit will then be juiced and sold in our Village Shop bearing our own label. If you prefer it, arrangement can be made to pick/collect your spare fruit. Just give Georgina or Carol a call on 710830.

*Elizabeth Howard - Shop Volunteer & Committee Member*

## ABBOTTS ANN POST OFFICE

### Branch Personal Banking Services

We offer a range of free services to give you access to your money when you need it.

## Apple Day Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October War Memorial Hall at 2.00 pm

### Join in

Games for the children  
Longest apple peel competition  
Apple recipe swap  
Tea for everyone



### Contribute

Bake your best apple tea-time dish and bring it along by 12.00; you could win a prize for the tastiest dish!  
Contribute your favourite apple bakes for all to share at tea-time  
Jot down your best-loved apple recipes to swap with others

### Turn your apples into delicious apple juice for all

See the children's swing once again transformed into the village's apple press!

Bring your apples for pressing

If you have a crop of apples you would like collecting before the day, phone Bernard Griffiths on 710279 or email David Read on [david.read@mybroadbandmail.com](mailto:david.read@mybroadbandmail.com)

Enjoy juice with your apple bakes at tea-time

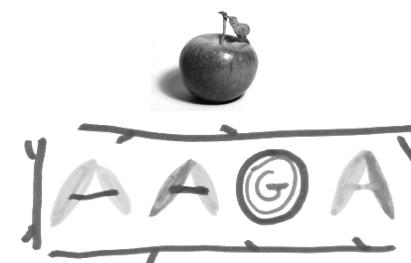
You will be welcome to take away juice\* or apples

The apple press will remain in place for two or three weeks so that more apples can be pressed if available

It is hoped that any juice not taken on the day will be taken for pasteurising and then sold in the village shop

\*bring containers to take away your juice – e.g. a plastic bag in a used tetra-pak will create a good size and shape for freezing to be enjoyed later

**Apple Day is coming**  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October War Memorial Hall, 2.00 pm**



and goodie bags which everyone appreciated.

For more events which you may be interested in, we would encourage you to visit the TARCA website (The Anton River Conservation Association) [www.antonriver-conservation.org.uk](http://www.antonriver-conservation.org.uk)

*Jackie Stanton, Abbotts Ann Vision Countryside Project*



## Countdown has begun!!!



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
Southsea Common, Portsmouth.

**EDP has 21 runners this year!!  
Someone you know may be running.  
Who will you sponsor??**

**The aim is for each runner to achieve £500 each in sponsorship.**

The funds will go towards buying a new vehicle for Awutu-Winton Senior High School - the old one is 17 years old and on its very last legs! The vehicle is needed for transporting staff, teachers and students (on excursions and sporting events), as well as for collecting pineapples to make EDP's delicious AbroFresh juice

**Please show your support by visiting:**  
[www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/theghanagallopers](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/theghanagallopers)

**Every pound you donate goes directly to the school**

For more information email Lily on [lily@edp-trust.org](mailto:lily@edp-trust.org) or visit [www.edp-trust.org](http://www.edp-trust.org) to read about what we have achieved so far with our school in Ghana

**Thank you for your support**

Jackie Stanton on behalf of EDP

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### **Special Stamp Issue**

**Thursday 14th October**

Royal Mail will issue new stamps marking key British Prime Ministers of the past 200 years. The stamps feature eight influential holders of the office: William Pitt the Younger, Charles Grey, Robert Peel, William Gladstone, Winston Churchill, Clement Attlee, Harold Wilson and Margaret Thatcher. The Prime Minister is the head of the British Government. The official title is 'First Lord of the Treasury'. It was around 200 years ago that the term 'Prime Minister' was first used in relation to the UK Government. William Pitt the Younger, while out of office stated that a lead Minister was needed to control the finances. There have been 53 Prime Ministers in total, each averaging five and a half years in office.

*Maureen Flood - Sub Post Mistress*

**THE CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY**  
presents a fun

## **South American Wine-Tasting Evening**

**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.30pm**

at Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall  
£12 each, for tipplers, nibbles and laughs!  
Proceeds to CMS Projects in South America  
Tickets from: 710627 or 710123  
And the Village Shop





## WINNER OF THE HIBBERT CUP, 2014/2015

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year of the Hibbert Cup, presented at the opening of the Fete, for outstanding voluntary service to the Abbotts Ann community. It is presented in memory of Basil Hibbert, who himself did so much for us.

This year there was a really strong list of worthy nominations, and the decision, made by the Trustees of the War Memorial Hall in consultation with the previous year's winner, was a difficult one. Many excellent contributions were considered. Please be assured that if your nomination was not selected this year, then it will be given equal consideration again next year – although that should not stop you from submitting it again in the summer of 2015. It is particularly important to make this point this year, as we were faced with several years' likely winners, but could only choose one.

The winner this year, for many years service in many roles, was **Pam Lytle**. Three aspects of Pam's contribution are particularly worthy of note.

First, Pam's part in the success of this magazine. In 2012 the Hibbert Cup recognised the magazine's Editor, and this year we recognise the contribution of the distribution team which Pam has led for many years – collecting those annual subscriptions and making door to door deliveries early every month in all seasons and weathers.

Second, Pam's part in the success of our community shop. Basil played a big part here himself. Pam has herself been an influential and effective member of the Shop Committee for many years, and it is highly appropriate to recognise this in the year in which she is standing down from the role.

Third, Pam's single-handed contribution to the Annual Fete; through the "Gallon of Whisky" raffle Pam raises, every year, as much for the Fete as many village organisations do with the help of lots of pairs of hands, not one. There can be few of us who have not been cheerfully relieved of cash (or should I say arm twisted!) for whisky raffle tickets. It's no coincidence that the "Gallon of Whisky" raffle was itself started by Basil Hibbert.

Pam, from all of us, congratulations, and many, many thanks.

May I take this opportunity to remind those who submitted nominations that they should be kept confidential, as is best and most appropriate in our Abbotts Ann community.

*Graham Stallard - Secretary and Trustee, Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall*

## ABBOTTS ANN VISION VITACRESS VISIT



Our visit to the Abbotts Ann watercress beds took place in a week when the weather was unpredictable. Fortunately we had a clear evening free from heavy rain - just a short shower.

Under the exceptional guidance of Ron Bainbridge, Manager of Vitacress Abbotts Ann, our 33 visitors had an introduction to the history of the local watercress beds. This included a tour of the beds and information on how the cress is sown, managed, harvested and distributed.

It was very interesting to hear about the Pillhill Brook and the important part it plays in the growing of the watercress, as well as the dependence of the brook on the watercress beds to keep the river at an acceptable level to run freely and maintain the wildlife, both flora and fauna.

Ron then introduced Kate Bott, and we were privileged to meet Danni, Ron's Harris Hawk, and a Gyr-saker Falcon called No2. Kate and Ron gave a brief demonstration with the birds, who help to keep the watercress safe from pigeons and ducks amongst others.

After this there was a break for tea, coffee and amazing watercress and cheese sandwiches, as well as very tasty watercress scones made by one of Ron's employees.

We were very fortunate to have people with specific knowledge on various subjects present on the evening, and we would like to thank the following:

Matt Owen-Farmer from The Anton River Conservation Association (TARCA) for taking the water sample and showing us the myriad of small creatures inhabiting the brook.

Kate Savage for introducing us to the local bats. What an amazing experience it was listening to the sound of the various species on the bat detector. These were mainly Pipistrelles, but we also saw and heard Daubentons (white-bellied water bats) skimming along the Pillhill Brook.

Tim Norris, who waited patiently until after dark to show us the visitors to his two different moth traps. These included Orange Swift, Straw Underwing, Dark Spinach and Popular Hawk Moth, amongst many others.

It was such an informative and educational evening which everyone enjoyed. Many of you contacted us with your thanks and praise since the event which endorses its success. For those of you we could not fit in, we hope Ron will arrange another visit at a convenient time to him, as we already have a list of people waiting. We would like to thank Ron for organising the Vitacress event

Abbotts Ann Conservatives  
invite you to our

## QUIZ EVENING & SUPPER

ON FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2014 at 7.30 pm

Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall

Tickets £10.00 (to include supper)

Available in advance from

Michael Pugh (Tel: 711158) or Biz Shaw (Tel: 710197)

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Private Landlord &  
Letting Agents  
Forum



### A FREE LOCAL EVENT

Thursday 6th November 2014 from 9.00 -12.30

The Council Offices, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, SP10 3AJ

The aim of the forum is to provide Landlords and Letting Agents with topical information on residential lettings. November's forum is a continuation of going back to basics with topics such as Tenancy Agreements and Inventories; with discussions on best practice. Rob Evan from the Home Office has been invited to give a presentation on the sanctions & interventions directorate and what the obligations will be on Landlords.

Please contact Tracy Conway on 01264 368075 or [tconway@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:tconway@testvalley.gov.uk) for further information and to confirm your attendance.

[www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk)



### THE CENTRAL AFRICAN FEDERATION

After the war, demobilized, I went to work for a London merchant bank. In the early 1950s I was seconded to the Anglo American Corporation of South Africa to join a small team from the City the purpose of which was to set up money markets in Southern Africa. Sir Ernest Oppenheimer ruled these gold and diamond mining businesses. They produced vast amounts of sterling cash which was invested in the London money markets. Sir Ernest reckoned that part, at least, of this vast flow of cash ought to be brought back to Africa and used to provide working capital for local business, instead of sloshing around the London markets. He was a very enlightened and progressive man. His London City friends said that Africa was much too immature an economy for such sophisticated developments, but he would not desist. His business was immensely valuable to them so they co-operated. I was part of the co-operation. What a marvellous chance for a young man; and what an escape from drab, rationed, fog bound England!

The basic elements of a money market are 90 day bills of exchange providing short term investments for the day to day excess cash (liquidity) of financial institutions. The bills are used to finance transit of produce or other working capital needs of business. My job was to start a small merchant bank in Salisbury Southern Rhodesia to finance local businesses by bills of exchange and to sell the resulting bills to local financial institutions, so that they would retain liquid resources in Africa rather than in London. But if South Africa was immature, S. Rhodesia was scarcely weaned!

I had another young London banker with me and we worked under the supervision of an older man who had once, long since, worked for the Bank of England! As you can imagine the established bankers did not welcome us with enthusiasm – they thought quite rightly that we were undercutting their business. As for institutions buying our bills the only cash rich institution was the local office of the Anglo American Corporation and our colleagues there did not welcome using money to buy our bills which could be more profitably used in London! But persistence overcomes resistance. Tobacco merchants were accustomed to bill finance and welcomed our services and gradually a market for the bills did develop. Over a period of five years we built up an embryonic money market based business.

S.Rhodesia at that time was part of the Federation of Rhodesias and Nyasaland (The Central African Federation) comprising S. Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) N. Rhodesia (now Zambia) and Nyasaland (now Malawi). It is fashionable now to scoff at the Central African Federation but it was a great ideal – or at least to a young man it seemed like an ideal – a multi racial society moving towards

democracy as an alternative to the horror of Apartheid South Africa. Economically it joined the raw materials of N.Rhodesia, the manpower of Nyasaland and the knowhow of S. Rhodesia to form a potential economic giant at the heart of Africa.

Life in Southern Rhodesia in the 1950s was paradise! We were well paid and taxes were low. We had pleasant suburban houses with gardens. We had servants, cars, week end country cottages, luxuries we could not aspire to in England. The climate was perfect, we had swimming pools, tennis courts horses and a lively social life in and out of each others houses. We worked hard and played hard. We had responsibilities way beyond our years and we talked and dined and lived as aristocrats of our world! We were not without a social conscience and the relations between white and black in Rhodesia at the time were friendly, paternalistic. (For my part, I ran a boys' club in the African township (Harare). Many farmers ran schools for the children of and clinics for the health of their workers. I met and married my beloved wife, Jill in S. Rhodesia. Oh it was a blessed time!

But it was a just a dream. Reality poked up its ugly head – Nationalism! The S. Rhodesians were not willing to share political power yet. The Africans of N. Rhodesia and Nyasaland wanted political power quickly and they wanted real independence. The Federation cracked under the strain and eventually fell apart: independence for Zambia and Malawi and after a long civil war for Zimbabwe too. Meanwhile I was recruited by a different organisation to go and start banks elsewhere – but that is another story.

*AL. 09/09/14*

### **POPPY APPEAL 2014**

Poppy Appeal normally runs from the end of October until Remembrance Sunday. As usual our wonderful team of volunteers will be doing their door to door visits for the British Legion Poppy Appeal at the end of this month .

I would like to welcome Pauline Cooper who came forward in response to my advert last month. She will be covering David Downey's route.

Many of us dread the doorbell going of an evening and door to door collections, some people actually wait for the Poppy representative to come so they can make their donation and have a chat. Please treat all our volunteers with respect as they go round and if you do miss your representative at the door Poppies will be available in the Village Shop until Remembrance Sunday.

Thank you for your support of what is a very worthwhile cause.

*Jackie Stanton - Abbotts Ann Co-ordinator.*

### **ABBOTTS ANN FETE - FLOWER, PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW**

A huge thanks to everyone who participated in the show. The number of exhibitors was the same as usual, with the number of entries lower than normal. You wouldn't know this however when you entered the marquee, as it was packed full of beautiful flowers, bountiful produce, food and drink and creative arts, crafts and photographs. The Photography section continues to be the most popular.

Congratulations to all the winners, who are:

Top Vase:	Cecilia Cotton
Top Tray:	Jonathan Randall
Young Exhibitor's Award:	Alice Uffindell
Abbotts Ann Challenge Cup:	Jonathan Randall
Andover Garden Centre Cup:	Jonathan Randall
Miller Mundy Cup:	Jonathan Randall
Mrs Thomas King Cup:	Cecilia Cotton
Marjorie Fowles Cup:	Janet Munnion
Abbotts Ann Community Cup:	Polly Whyte
Best in Show Domestic:	Joscelyn Hocking
Best in Show Art & Craft:	Cindy Rose
Best in Show Eggs:	Sue Hartfield
Best in Show Vegetables:	Jonathan Randall
Best in Show Fruit:	Jonathan Randall
Best in Show Flowers:	Rebecca Lawrence-Bristol
Best in Show Photography:	Guy Sandall-Ball
Best in Show Young Exhibitors:	Daisy Wiggs

A BIG personal thanks from me to all the volunteers who helped with the set up and running of the show, particularly to Anne Emerson who has kindly agreed to take on the Produce & Craft Show next year. This was my last, as my husband and I now live in Cornwall! I have really enjoyed it over the years and look forward to hearing all about it next year.

*Alison Barham*

### **CHURCHYARD CLEANUP - SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER**

The Autumn churchyard cleanup will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November starting at 09.30. Many hands make light work. We do need new helpers. There were only five of us last time and the youngest was over 70. So please come, with a leaf rake if you have one, and help us make the area tidy in readiness for Remembrance Sunday.

*Gordon Howard-Church Warden*