

19 Sept	(Fri)	<b>10.00am</b> Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
20 Sept	(Sat)	<b>2.00pm</b> All Saints', wedding of Paul Kingman and Charlotte Forward.
		<b>7.30pm</b> Music, Poetry and Readings for WW1 UC Memorial Hall - p 21
21 Sept	(Sun)	<u>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</u> – full service details – page 2
		<b>9.30am</b> Live Wires at All Saints'
24 Sept	(Wed)	<b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
		<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		<b>7.45pm</b> Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in UC Memorial Hall ...
25 Sept	(Thurs)	<b>7.30pm</b> Abbotts Ann WI meets in Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall.
27 Sept	(Sat)	<b>2.00pm</b> St. Peter's, wedding of Damion Lowe and Eleanor Ford.
28 Sept	(Sun)	<u>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</u> – full service details – page 2
		<b>9.30am</b> Live Wires at All Saints'
		<b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
29 Sept	(Mon)	<b>12.00noon</b> Goodworth Clatford WI Members' Lunch
30 Sept	(Tues)	<b>7.30pm</b> Moviola Film Show at Goodworth Clatford Village Club...
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1 Oct	(Wed)	<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
2 Oct	(Thurs)	<b>10.30am</b> Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning
		<b>7.00pm</b> Abbotts Ann Parish Council meets in Abbotts Ann Memorial Hall.
5 Oct	(Sun)	<u>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</u> – Benefice Harvest Festival – page 2
		<b>9.30am</b> Live Wires at All Saints'
		<b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
6 Oct	(Mon)	NO Way Inn Lunch
8 Oct	(Wed)	<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		<b>7.30pm</b> 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
		<b>9.30am</b> Live Wires at All Saints'
		Apple Day in Abbotts Ann.
		<b>8.00pm</b> 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)	<b>12.30pm</b> Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.
15 Oct	(Wed)	<b>12.00noon</b> <u>Deadline for the receipt of copy by email for the November 2014 Abbotts Ann Magazine.</u> <u>editor@abbottsanmagazine.co.uk</u>
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		<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		<b>7.30pm</b> Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall ...
17 Oct	(Fri)	<b>10.00am</b> Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
19 Oct	(Sun)	<u>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</u> – full service details – page 2
		<b>9.30am</b> Live Wires at All Saints'
		<b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
21 Oct	(Tues)	<b>7.30pm</b> Goodworth Clatford WI meets in GCVC

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**THURSDAYS 7.45PM, ST PETER'S, GOODWORTH CLATFORD**

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN SEPTEMBER 2014

Please note change of services and times at all churches.

### Date:

#### Sunday 31st August

8.00 Holy Communion  
10.00 Benefice Eucharist  
6.00 Evensong

#### Sunday 7th September

8.00 Holy Communion  
10.00 Benefice Patronal Festival Eucharist  
6.00 Evensong

#### Sunday 14th September

8.00 Holy Communion  
9.30 Eucharist  
11.15 Benefice Matins  
6.00 Evensong

#### Saturday 20th September

5.00 Evensong sung by the Goodworth Singers, St Peter's directed by Alan Lloyd Davis, with David Hill Organist.

#### Sunday 21st September

8.00 Holy Communion  
10.00 Benefice Eucharist  
10.00 Parish Morning Service  
6.00 Evensong

#### Sunday 28th September

8.00 Holy Communion  
10.00 Benefice Eucharist  
6.00 Evensong

#### Sunday 5th October

8.00 Holy Communion  
9.30 Harvest Eucharist  
11.15 Harvest Eucharist  
6.00 Harvest Evensong

*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.*

### St Mary's Duties:

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the year

All Saints' St Mary's Mr/Mrs G Howard  
St Peter's

#### Birth of the Blessed Virgin

St Peter's St Mary's Mr/Mrs G Howard

All Saints'

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the year

All Saints' St Mary's Mr/Mrs G Howard  
St Peter's St Mary's Mrs S Dashwood

#### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year

St Mary's Mrs N Keene  
St Peter's  
Abbotts Ann hall Mrs S George  
All Saints'

#### St Michael and All Angels

St Mary's Miss W Casson  
All Saints'  
St Peter's

#### Benefice Harvest Festival

St Peter's  
All Saints'  
St Peter's  
St Mary's Mrs S Dashwood



## BENEFICE DIARY - SEPTEMBER 2014



- |         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| 25 Aug  | (Mon)   | (Bank Holiday Monday) Goodworth Clatford's Flower Show and Fete at Goodworth Clatford Village Club  |
| 27 Aug  | (Wed)   | 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC  |
| 30 Aug  | (Sat)   | 7.45pm Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in UC Memorial Hall  |
| 31 Aug  | (Sun)   | 1.00pm Abbotts Ann Fete<br>7.30pm Abbotts Ann Evening Party<br><u>The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</u> – full service details – page 2   |
| 1 Sept  | (Mon)   | 9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'  |
| 2 Sept  | (Tues)  | 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann<br>12.30pm Way Inn Lunch in St. Peter's Room.<br>Clatford and Abbotts Ann schools start the Autumn Term.   |
| 3 Sept  | (Wed)   | 7.00pm Goodworth Clatford Parish Council meets in GCVC  |
| 4 Sept  | (Thurs) | 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC.   |
| 7 Sept  | (Sun)   | 10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning<br>7.00pm Abbotts Ann Parish Council meets in AA Memorial Hall.<br><u>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</u> – St. Mary's Patronal Festival – full service details – page 2  |
| 9 Sept  | (Tues)  | 9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'  |
| 10 Sept | (Wed)   | 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann<br>12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.<br>7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC   |
| 11 Sept | (Thurs) | 7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall.<br>Final date for receipt of hard copy (hand-written or typed) for the October 2014 Abbotts Ann Magazine.   |
| 12 Sept | (Fri)   | Abbotts Ann Parish Council Meeting, AA War Memorial Hall<br>Final date for receipt of hard copy (hand-written or typed) for the October 2014 Clatfords Magazine.  |
| 13 Sept | (Sat)   | 2.00pm All Saints', wedding of Darren Beer and Jodie Bowden.<br>Historic churches Ride and Stride - see page 5  |
| 14 Sept | (Sun)   | <u>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</u> – Holy Cross Day - full service details - page 2<br>9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'   |
| 15 Sept | (Mon)   | 11.00am The Bounder - see page 25<br>8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann<br><u>12.00noon Deadline for the receipt of copy by email for the October 2014 Abbotts Ann Magazine</u><br><a href="mailto:editor@abbottsannmagazine.co.uk">editor@abbottsannmagazine.co.uk</a> |
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| 17 Sept | (Wed)   | 7.30pm The Book Thief, UC Memorial Hall - see page 23<br>7.30pm Goodworth Clatford WI meets in GCVC<br>7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC<br>7.30pm Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall ...   |

ABBOTTS ANN WOMEN'S INSTITUTE  
JULY 2014

It doesn't seem possible that it is already August as I write a summary of our activities in July for inclusion in the September issue of this Parish Magazine. Where has the time gone?

First on the calendar this month was our coffee morning which was well attended and the following day the Supper Club. This time we opted for The Boot at Houghton - it was one of those glorious summer evenings, where it was possible to enjoy pre-dinner drinks outside. Of course, the picturesque setting helped with swans gliding serenely by on the river at the bottom of the garden. The food didn't disappoint either - some were more adventurous with their choices, but even those indulging in old favourites declared them to be the best they had tasted. I am sure there will be a return to this venue soon.

Two days later some of us could walk off our calorific intake as we went south to Lockerley. One of our members has moved there and once we had correctly identified the right green (apparently there are four of them in the village), we had a super stroll in the summer sunshine, returning to Sue's home for a welcome lunch of soup and cake. A kind gesture much appreciated.

No lunch club this month, but no worries as we could tuck-in at our July Meeting! The Studio at Waitrose in Salisbury was our meeting point for a cookery demonstration. We had feta and watermelon salad to start, followed by Baked Stuffed Sea Bass with Warm Tomato Vinaigrette and Courgette Roulade with Smoked Trout. For dessert there was Gooseberry & Elderflower Tart. Sarah showed us how to prepare each dish, answering questions as she chopped and stirred and then Lynn made sure everyone got a taster pot of each, quite delicious. Best of all we learnt how to concasse our tomatoes!

In addition to our own events, several of our members went to Loseley Park in Surrey for the Anton Danebury Group summer outing. Gosh was it hot, but most went prepared; hats were the order of the day and plenty of water to keep hydrated. There was a chance to indulge in some retail therapy as there was a Garden show in the grounds with crafts and stalls to suit all tastes and plants of course. The house and walled garden were open for members to stroll around. Apparently it is a popular TV and film location.

Our next meeting is 25th September and Helen Ellis will be instructing us on herbalism. Ready to be inspired - then come along to the Village Hall at 7.30 pm and, if all goes to plan, you can take a peep at the refurbished kitchen as well!

Sharon King



# Reconciliation

I was moved by the number of people who attended the WW1 memorial services throughout the Benefice and brought a flower to add to the communal wreaths which we created and laid before our village war memorials. Thank you for contributing. And then there was also the knitted 'field of poppies' that was created at All Saints', each poppy marking someone we remembered.

In one of the poems by Larkin ('1914') we heard read at our services, through which he was expressing the soon-to-be-lost innocence of the people about to take part in the Great War, were these lines:

And the countryside not caring  
The place-names all hazed over  
With flowering grasses, and fields  
Shadowing Domesday lines  
Under wheat's restless silence;

I have in my mind, as I read them now, my garden all over-blown and seeding already at the beginning of August and the ever-present lines and shapes of ancient landscapes buried in the countryside around about us, preoccupied at present with anything but the destruction and violence of war. I recalled the connection between the taken-for-granted land on which I live, as both the theatre on which war is played out - think of the images we have seen of Gaza - and the ground which heals and gives us life.

Robert Macfarlane notices that the:

'The shock of the Great War provoked intense British Interest in the old ways. Some of the returning soldiers, wounded in body and mind, retreated to the English countryside, hoping that by recovering a sense of belonging rooted in nature and place they might dignify their damaged lives (the wish that it had all been *worth* something). Henry Williamson was one such casualty. Invalided home from France with gas injuries, he went to ground in rural Devon, where



he paced out the paths of Dartmoor and tracked what he called its 'wildlings' Out of those years he wrested his masterpiece *Tarka the Otter* (1927) - every word of which was, as he put it, 'chipped from the breastbone.' Other people, traumatized into superstition by the war, took to the paths in search of ghosts - setting out on the tracks of the lost and left-behind. Old paths became mediums in two senses: means of communion as well as means of motion.' [The Old Ways]

One of the places in which Europe recovered a 'sense of belonging rooted in nature' was the Taizé Community in France. Its church, called the The Church of the Reconciliation, was built by members of all sides of the Second World War. The church of bleached white concrete sits on the side of a small hillside in Burgundy. It was 1940 when the community's founder Brother Roger, first found this village, remote, poor and forgotten. Even today it is not easily accessible. During the war Brother Roger sheltered Jewish refugees finding their way out of France, but had himself to flee when it became too dangerous. Today this monastic community is vibrant and made up of some hundred brothers, from around thirty nations and many different Christian denominations. The soil of its life, is a vocation to healing.

In July young people from our Benefice took part in the diocesan pilgrimage to Taizé to spend a week on this hill, as guests of the community, with thousands of other young people from around the world. This is Grace and Sophie's account:

'The Taizé Community is an amazing monastic community in central France. It is a place which encourages you to reflect and think, talk and listen to yourself and with people from all over the world. Everyone is welcome but the community has a particular vocation to young people. And the young people come in their thousands. We went to Taizé as part of a pilgrimage organised by our Diocese led by Bishop Jonathan, the Bishop of Southampton. We spent one (rather wet and stormy) week living in a tent - they can't give a bed to everyone!- on this small, beautiful hill. Each day we took part in the three-times-daily prayers of the Brothers - for which everything stops - and took part in the bible studies and workshops the Brothers organised for us, as well as undertaking various practical tasks to help things run smoothly.

We enjoyed Taizé immensely and a favourite moment is hard to choose! Having three services a day (morning, midday and evening) was unusual to begin with, but you quickly fell into the rhythm, called each day by the bells ringing out across the valley. These services were calm and peaceful allowing you time to think and ponder. The community sing simple chants in the languages of the people who are staying that particular week. So we sang in Dutch, Latin, Polish, French and English and Grace particularly loved learning

**Abbotts Ann Evening Party**  
Saturday 30th 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)

**THE BOUNDER**  
[www.thebounder.org](http://www.thebounder.org)

**Trail race (9 miles)**  
**Fun run (3 miles)**

Sunday 14 September 2014, 11am

The Sports Field  
Broughton  
Hampshire  
SO20 8DA

The surroundings may be beautiful, but the race isn't for the faint hearted with over 1,000 feet of ascent. It starts with a stiff climb followed by rolling chalk downs, with a few more challenging hills thrown in just for fun.

At three miles the Fun Run is significantly shorter, but still challenging.

Tea, coffee and cakes  
BBQ and bar  
Changing rooms  
Hot showers and massage  
Bouncy castle for the kids

Organised by Broughton Bounders Running Club  
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## APPLE DAY, 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER

### **You are invited to –**

#### **have fun**

- Games for the children
- Peel the longest apple peel
- Apple bobbing
- Have a cup of tea and try some tempting apple goodies while meeting old friends and making new ones
- See the apple press in action

#### **get involved**

- Have your own apples pressed and take away your own juice or donate some for others to enjoy
- Find out the variety of any of your apple trees you haven't yet identified
- Cook your favourite apple dish and enter the competition for the tastiest apple recipe
- Put your tree or orchard on the Abbotts Ann Apple Tree Map

#### **start preparing**

- Pick your apples / collect windfalls and keep them safe for the day
- Let us know if you need help with picking
- Test out your favourite apple recipes to be ready to enter the competition
- Book the date!

**do your bit (contact David Read at [david.read@mybroadbandmail.com](mailto:david.read@mybroadbandmail.com)  
01264 710090 or Jo Dixon at [jo\\_david@talktalk.net](mailto:jo_david@talktalk.net) 01264 7104458)**

- Join the apple picking team so that we can pick all the apples in the village in 2014
- Help to juice apples on the day
- Share in planning the day (date tba – contact us for the info) or send us your ideas
- Help with the children's games

#### **keep informed**

- Send us your email or phone no.
- Watch the village website

**See you there – it's a date!**

*David Read*

the four part harmonies!

We met people from many different nationalities, learnt new games and had many late night story telling sessions! Taizé was both a fun and meaningful experience. The most important aspect of Taizé that we feel we have understood more of is the value of reflection. The ten to fifteen minutes of silence that is at the heart of each of the three Prayers - can you imagine thousands of young people praying in silence like this? - was so important. We feel this is something that we will remember for the rest of our lives. In addition, the simple, ethical, lifestyle, especially the simple meals (just mashed potato one evening!), has made us realise just how much we have and what most of the world does not; how we should be grateful and by our way of life, live in solidarity with people in every circumstance from all over the world.



The people we met had travelled great distances to spend a week in Taizé. Their journeys were an inspiring and extraordinary feat. Yet a week in Taizé is a long and wonderful journey too and we can't wait to go back.'

© David Broad, Rector, September 2014.

## 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*

## 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>
29 Aug - 11 Sep	Sylvia Burson	Jill Tayler
12 Sep - 25 Sep	Sue Hancock	Ann Hopwood
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)	Hannadore 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 Baptism

Oscar Alexander Thomas Evans and Atticus Henry Arthur Evans whose Baptisms took place at All Saints' on 13th July.

Sebastian John Deverill Walker whose Baptism took place at All Saints' on 27th July.

Beau Joseph Ravenscroft whose Baptism took place at All Saints' on 27th July.

### Holy Matrimony

Craig Black and Katherine Trotter whose Wedding took place at All Saints' on 2nd August.

### Rest in Peace

Hilda Rose Wightman whose Funeral took place at St Peter's on 22nd July.

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

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

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history, Andover Museum is an excellent place to while away an hour or more, and a much loved place for the Tribe to visit on a rainy day.

The days of sunshine, playing outside and cycling seem to merge together as the summer feels as if it has gone on forever. But suddenly the end of the school year is on us, and what a year it has been. Not one of the Tribe has done a complete academic year at a single school and between the older three, they have been to six schools, plus a bit of home schooling for a short while for Gerald Durrell. It doesn't seem to have affected them and I guess that life just happens that way sometimes. The Boy ends his primary school days with a crazy Year 6 waterfight on Amport Green with his teachers and head all watching. It is an incredibly happy end on a picture perfect, hot summer's day. The summer holidays beckon, despite being somewhat shorter than what we are used to and I relish the prospect of more time spent hunting beetles, bugs and butterflies with the Tribe!

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

## ABBOTTS ANN WILDFLOWER MEADOW – SEPTEMBER UP-DATE

You may have noticed that a path has been cut through the Meadow so it is more accessible. If you pass along Church Path (or even if you don't) do take a moment for a detour through the Meadow and have a look round. You'll see that the cherry saplings which were beginning to get out of hand have been cut down.

Butterflies have been prolific during August and you may still spot a tortoiseshell. Also look out for small scabious.

This month the Fun Club will begin to be busy in the meadow.

*David Read*

**FILMS IN UPPER CLATFORD**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm**

**The Book Thief (12A)**

Village Hall, Upper Clatford

**Bar - Tickets: £5**

For more information, contact: Sylvia Kennedy Tel: 323226

## LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - JUNE & JULY 2014

How can anyone ever complain about the British weather? We have been enjoying such glorious weather these past two months. The Tribe have spent as much time as possible outside – three of them have been cycling to school/nursery regularly which is a joy. Cycling along Cattle Lane in the morning sunshine, down into Monxton and then across into Amport is a beautiful route that few of us probably even notice. Spend a couple of years in the desert though and you really do appreciate the simple beauty all around us – the pretty and delicate pink flowers of the dog rose scrambling through the luxuriant hedgerows, the swathes of creamy heads of cow parsley lining either side of the narrow roads in early June. Cow parsley is also known as Queen Anne's lace, apparently because Queen Anne would often tour the country during the plant's flowering season and she assumed that her subjects had decorated the roads with lace to welcome her.

The field behind us is getting closer to a wildflower meadow now (after some TLC from Father of the Tribe over the last few months) and together with the Tribe we identify cows foot trefoil, ox-eye daisies, meadow buttercups, cocksfoot, false oat grass, quaking grass, wild oats, meadow grass, both pink and white campion and most exciting of all – wild orchids! I still haven't identified exactly which one, but time has not been on my side over the last few months. Ragwort is still attempting to come through, but we have discovered a rather wonderful ally in our constant battle against this invasive and poisonous weed. Our Gerald Durrell has taken to 'catching' caterpillars and butterflies and she has noticed that we have a huge number of black and orange/yellow striped caterpillars as well as scarlet and black butterflies. However, we have identified them not as butterflies but as moths; to be precise, the Cinnabar moth. They have two bright red spots on their black front wings while their back wings are red with black edging. They are extremely striking and easily mistaken for a butterfly. But back to why they are helping us in our fight against ragwort. The caterpillars feed on the poisonous ragwort leaves absorbing the bitter tasting alkaloids that make ragwort taste unpleasant to birds and animals. Father of the Tribe is delighted to welcome these caterpillars to the field and garden!

Another day finds me at Danebury Hill Fort with the Littlest for Abbotts Ann Nursery's summer outing. It's hard to imagine on this blue skied, quiet summer's day, that Danebury had a pretty grisly past, as shown on the BBC's A History of Ancient Britain which showed some of the skulls excavated at the fort with terrific wounds, probably from 'gruesome and violent tribal battles'. The area is also a Site of Special Scientific Interest with its unspoilt chalk grassland habitat. A fabulous place for a walk and if you're interested in the

## CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

In July Jonathon Huet, a woodcraft instructor and forester, shared his knowledge and experience of woodland remedies extracted from trees, shrubs and plants (many very familiar) found in our Ancient Woodlands. The Andover/Hampshire area contains a number of small but noteworthy stands; locally and nationally many of these pockets survive because they are used for pheasant rearing. Jonathon gave a vivid description of a typical Ancient Woodland (which contains only native species). Truly native woodland species cope very effectively with extreme weather and challenging conditions and are best for insects and wildlife; woodland over 300 years old has been found to generate and sustain excellent plant and animal communities.

We tend to associate herbs with the Mediterranean as they have been written about since 60AD whereas English herbs (many of which we refer to as weeds) are less familiar as knowledge and understanding of their properties was transmitted orally rather than in writing. In Elizabethan times interest in beauty and aesthetics led to publication of the 'Doctrine of Signatures' which suggested that for all the ills that were created, plants were created to counter them, eg. spleenwort, self-heal and St John's wort. Jonathon expressed concern that the rapid destruction of rainforest and our Ancient Woodland would curtail the discovery of many new medicines; Salix is a source of Asprin and Taxus (Yew) is the source of new drugs being developed and used successfully in the treatment of some cancers.

There are four main groups of woodland/herbal remedies: infusions, ointments, syrups and robs (syrups in which honey replaces sugar). Roots, barks, stems and rhizomes are first made into decoctions by boiling. In all herbal remedies, the plants' chemicals are the active ingredients. Jonathon did caution that while it is quite safe to prepare basic infusions, medical infusions are very concentrated and should not be used without seeking expert advice. He discussed numerous familiar trees, shrubs and plants enumerating their medicinal properties, explaining in some detail how to prepare them and highlighting those that he finds particularly useful. Elderberry, Hawthorn and Rose hip syrups are full of vitamin C, Elder is an excellent insect repellent, Hawthorn flowers and berries make a heart tonic, Chickweed is good for eczema and psoriasis, Dandelion coffee will sort out your liver and a Valerian root infusion will counter sleeplessness!

Jonathon's enthusiasm and belief in these remedies was undeniable but, while most of us will have grabbed a Dock leaf to rub onto a nettle sting, I'm not sure how many of us will be confidently rushing to prepare an eye tonic from its roots or boiling up a Burdock root decoction to purify our blood. Living in the Clatfords, maybe we should!

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm in Upper Clatford Village Hall. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

*Judith Hancke*

### **THE ANNUAL MEADOW SERVICE**

The annual meadow service took place on a sunny morning with nearly fifty adults and children attending, the numbers being swelled by visitors from Singapore, South Africa and Zambia and it is to the latter continent that Graham, Sam and daughters will be moving. Having led a number of our family services they are going to teach in Kenya and we will miss them; our prayers go with them. A signed card and photo memento was presented to them.

Local elderflower drink was served after the service and then members walked a nature trail which Hannah Church had kindly prepared that led to her parents' home, Ron and Annette. The garden was then used for a big barbecue. Many thanks to them for hosting it.

The family service is held on the third Sunday of each month at the Village Hall at 10.00am. All ages are welcome from babies up to ninety plus! Please come and join us.

*Sue George*

### **POPPY APPEAL 2014**

October will soon be upon us and our wonderful volunteers will be doing their door to door visits for the British Legion Poppy Appeal around the end of the month. With this year being an especially poignant time remembering the start of WW1 we would appreciate any support for a very good cause.

If you miss your representative at the door Poppies are also available from the Village Shop until Remembrance Sunday.

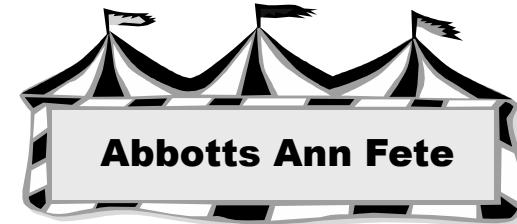
I would like to thank all our volunteers for their commitment, especially David Downey who after 12 years of service, will be stepping down. I would welcome anyone who would be able to cover his route which incorporates part of Duck Street and Warren Drive. I would also like to welcome Di Wilson who has offered to cover Little Farm Park which I have been doing since the retirement of Ken Robinson.

Like all organisations we are desperate for new volunteers to replace those who have given their time for many years and would like to step down without leaving a huge gap. Please contact me if you are able to help for couple of days each year. Thank you

*Jackie Stanton - pjmc.stsanton@btinternet.com - 710933*

As well as being entitled to the Queen's South Africa Medal, he was also entitled to the 1914/15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

*Mike Cooper*



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

#### **Cake stall**

Trish Wallis 710918

#### **Bric-a-brac**

Lisa Hillier 710231  
Anne Emerson  
710851

#### **Books**

Hannah Church  
710584

#### **Smash Crockery**

Sarah Kirby  
710044

Thank you for your support.

'All Saints' Fundraising Committee invites you to:

### **A commemoration of World War 1 in Music, Poetry and Readings**

With the 'Defakto' Choir

**Saturday 20th September at 7.30pm**  
Village Hall, Upper Clatford

Tickets: £10 to include interval refreshments

Tickets are available from: Jane Kennedy (tel 323804)  
Sylvia Kennedy (323226) Betty Armstrong, Emily Fabricius, Margaret Prior

You will be able to join in singing some of the popular contemporary songs in memory of all those who gave their lives. If there is anyone whom you would like to have specially remembered at the concert, please email [janelkennedy@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:janelkennedy@tiscali.co.uk)

Editor's Note: This is the first of a number of biographies of men from Abbotts Ann who served in WW1. We are most grateful to Mike Cooper for sharing his research with us. These articles will appear every few months until November 2018 to coincide with the period of WW1 centenary commemoration.

### **6139 WO2 (CSM) ROBERT LEVY HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT**

Robert Levy was born at Andover, the son of Mr Robert and Mrs Hannah Levy of 33 Abbotts Ann. He was a regular soldier, enlisting in 1900 at Winchester into the Hampshire Regiment as 6139 Private Robert Levy. His given age was 18 and he is recorded as a private soldier on the 1901 Census at The Barracks, Winchester.

He served with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Hampshire Regiment in the later battles of the South African War, taking part in engagements in Cape Colony, the Orange Free State and Transvaal.

Returning to England, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion next proceeded to Malta where they served for 2 years, Robert Levy being among them. He was promoted Lance Corporal in January 1904 and Corporal in March 1906.

After garrisoning Bermuda for two years from 1906, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion then served in South Africa again until 1911. Levy was promoted unpaid Lance Sergeant in Jan 1908 and in September of that year signed on to complete 12 years' service. It was here that Lance Sergeant Levy qualified at the School of Musketry, Bloemfontein.

Garrison service in Mauritius in 1911 led on to service in India from 1913 where the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion was stationed at Mhow. It returned home after war was declared in August 1914, arriving at Plymouth on 22 December. Levy was promoted to Colour Sergeant in January 1915 and moved with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion to Stratford-on-Avon on 13 February 1915 where the Battalion was placed under command of 88th Infantry Brigade of the 29th Division.

Robert Levy entered a theatre of war (Gallipoli) as part of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force on 25 April 1915 with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion. There is no record of his promotion to Company Sergeant Major so it is likely that this was a field promotion or a local promotion to replace casualties.

Company Sergeant Major Levy was killed in action aged 33 on 28 April 1915, 3 days after the landing at Cape Helles, where the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion was in action on the Achi Baba heights as part of the Battle of Krithia. In a general advance the battalion lost 53 killed, 246 wounded and 46 missing.

Company Sergeant Major Levy has no known grave and is commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey which overlooks the landing beaches.

### **LOCAL WALKING**

Following the AA Vision walk in July, it was suggested that some information was presented on local walking groups.



For those who want about an hour's walking, TVBC organise health walks locally. In Andover these take place weekly on Tuesday mornings at 11 am, meeting at The Lights, and are well supported with often over 30 participants, so it is also quite a social occasion. Other TVBC health walks take place at Romsey and Stockbridge. Details can be found on the TVBC website [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk) under the heading of Health Walks.

For longer walks for retired people, the Andover U3A has no less than 6 different walking groups, some of which round off their walks with an optional pub lunch. For details of U3A membership (which costs only £8 per year) contact Geoff Eddy (01264 361472, [geoffeddy@aol.com](mailto:geoffeddy@aol.com)).

The local Andover Ramblers also have a comprehensive walking programme with walks from 5 miles upwards. Newcomers are welcome to take part in 3 walks as "tasters" before making a decision to join the group. Membership of the Ramblers allows you to join in walks throughout the UK (and also entitles you to discounts at outdoor clothing shops). Details can be found on the Andover Ramblers website [www.andoverramblers.org.uk](http://www.andoverramblers.org.uk)

For further information on walking locally please contact Phil Wood on 710844.

*Abbotts Ann Vision Countryside Project*

### **Countryside Vision Group Remind you of The Countryside Code**



- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available
- Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under effective control

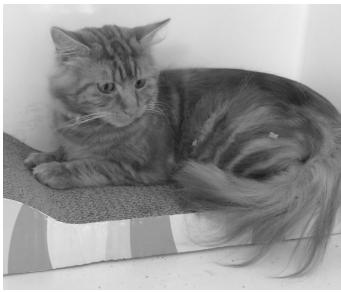
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Fund-raising/volunteers [adrianne.major@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adrianne.major@hotmail.co.uk)  
Items for resale 01256-892773

We now have over 230 members in our Facebook Group, Andover and District Cats Protection. Why not join to get up-to-date news of our cats and activities? We have also set up an Amazon wish list and lots of exciting gifts are arriving.

We have twenty kittens in our care, which is far too many. It is a fallacy that a cat should be allowed to have a litter before she is spayed. In spite of our offer of free neutering for the cats of people suffering financial hardship there is a kitten explosion in the Andover area at the moment and we cannot see a solution to the problem.



Fudge, our July cat has gone all the way to the West Midlands to a new home where she has settled happily. Misty is still in her pen, waiting hopefully.

This is either Geoffrey, or Gilbert his twin brother. They look very much alike. Here he is enjoying his new, catnip scratch pad which a kind person bought for him from our Amazon wish list. The boys are fifteen months old and seeking a home

together. Because ginger cats are notoriously adventurous it must be well away from busy roads.

*Martin Bevan*

### AN EVENING WITH ALAN TITCHMARSH

We knew that we were in for a special evening on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July and it more than lived up to expectations.

The weather was perfect, the wine and canapés on the lawn excellent and the talk by Alan Titchmarsh, in a lovely marquee, superb. All in all, one could say it was a gem of an evening; quintessentially English, including in the background beforehand our lovely church bells.

The event was in aid of the fabric of our church, St Mary's Abbotts Ann, and we were able to see why funds are needed, thanks to a display in the marquee.

The evening raised a magnificent £5000 and our thanks go to Julian and Jane Benson for their hard work in planning, and their generosity in hosting, the event. Thanks also to the planning committee, to the many who provided tombola prizes and to all those who helped on the day.

*Gordon Howard - Church Warden*

Minute Books, and a warm Hello to the new Clerk, Arthur Peters, who needs no introduction, and who takes over from the next Council meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>. By the way, we'll have to see whether it's Goodbye to the Parish Magazine...

*Adrian Stokes, still Clerk*

### PLANNING SUMMARY

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<u>AA No</u>	<u>TV No</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
P14/13	14/01695/ FULLN	<b>Willow Farm House</b> Extensions	Objection
P14/14	14/01737/ FULLN	<b>Rosecombe Farm, Cattle Lane</b> Extensions	No objection

#### PLANNING DECISIONS

<u>AA No</u>	<u>TV No</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Decision</u>
P14/03	14/00300/ FULLN	<b>Upper Mill House</b> Replace weir	Permission
P14/05	14/00323/ FULLN	<b>Badgers Corner</b> Alterations & Extensions	Permission
P14/08	14/00754/ FULLN	<b>Meadow View</b> Change of use for keeping ponies	Permission
P14/10	14/00941/ 14/00942/ LBWN	<b>79 Little Ann Road</b> Alterations & Extensions	Refusal
T14/10	14/00836/ TPON	<b>1 Kingsmead</b> Multiple tree work	Consent
T14/11	14/00837/ TPON	<b>4 Abbotts Hill</b> Fell Tulip Tree	Consent
T14/12	14/01395/ TREEN	Fell conifer	No Objection
T14/13	14/01415/ TREEN	<b>Mayfield</b> Fell 3 trees	No Objection
T14/14	14/01448/ TREEN	<b>Old Rectory</b> Reduce Holm Oak & 2 Chestnut	No Objection
T14/15	14/01564/ TREEN	<b>Old Rectory</b> Fell 3 Chestnut	No Objection

## CLERK'S CONCLUDING COLUMN

AUGUST 2014

### The Electronic Era

Not many people know that it's 32 years since, after some gentle arm-twisting, your scribe found himself serving a 2-year stint as Clerk to the Parish Council of Abbotts Ann. In those days there were plenty of *electric* gadgets, but *electronic* gizmos were hardly out of nappies. Brick-sized mobile phones worked in some cities, but to approach the power of your current smartphone would require a large roomful of hot, whirring machinery. So much paper was being used for communication that people started "Save the Trees" campaigns. Desk-top computers were just beginning to appear in schools and offices, but no-one thought of having such a monster at home. I wonder how many of you remember the BBC B "Acorn" computer, which you plugged into the back of your TV; its memory, fed by a portable cassette recorder (itself an electronic marvel) wasn't much better than a fruit fly's. You could do some sums on it, but its main use was as a word-processor, for which you needed to connect it to an electric typewriter and so add to the burden of the postman and endanger more trees.

It's only 9 years since my second go at the clerkship began. It's hard to believe that the internet was in its infancy such a short time ago; letters were still the main form of official communication, and mobile phones were just portable versions of the one in the hall at home. Returning from a holiday one might find half a dozen letters on the doormat. At the end of this month's nightmare experience of the westbound A303 the Clerkly Inbox was flagging up 65 emails. There were no social media tweets or messages simply because this household hasn't caught up with these latest digital developments.

The digital age is still young, and its gadgets and apps clearly attractive to younger folk. "Senior surfers", (yes, I find the title rather condescending, too) may well be into emails and Google, which are similar to pen and paper or encyclopaedias only quicker, but they are reluctant to learn newer tricks. The laws regulating the activities of local councils haven't quite caught up with the digital age either. For instance, strictly speaking Agendas should be in hard copy and posted through the Councillors' letter-boxes, minutes of meetings have to be preserved in a book and the Council has to pay bills by cheque. But the Powers that Be are rolling up their sleeves, and it's clear that future Clerks will have to be more digitally savvy than this one.

So, after 64 working years, it's time to retire properly anyway, and to say Goodbye to leather-bound ledgers, crisp headed notepaper, pens, blotters and



## ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

**Shop Manager:** Georgina Garner

**Deputy Shop Manager:** Carol Murphy

**Sub Post Mistress:** Maureen Flood

### It's our Birthday

Yes, how time flies. The twelfth anniversary of the opening of the shop is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. Over these years we have had a few changes and there are plans afoot for more improvements and new services to be made available. Come and celebrate our anniversary with a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake or a scone.

### Volunteers

Ask not what the Shop can do for you, but what you can do for the Shop. Yes, we really do need your help as a volunteer. There are many ways you could help.

### Gluten Free

We now stock a small selection of gluten free products – Double Chocolate Brownies @ £1.85 (per packet), Stem Ginger Cookies @ £1.59, Lemon Zest Cookies @ £1.59 and Yoghurt coated Rice Cakes @ £1.49.

### Summerdown Pure Mint

The taste of pure mint has been revived for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Summerdown Mint is grown and distilled on the Hampshire Downs and we now stock a number of their products – Peppermint, Spearmint and Camomile tea, Sweets in a jar and a selection of Chocolate mints (Thins, Creams, or Crisps).

### Available to Order

If you wish to buy meat we have a delivery from the butcher on Fridays. However, if you want something not usually included in the delivery, that special joint of beef or pork or even a chicken, then place an order with us. You can also order a fruit/veg box; just let Georgina or Carol know what you would like.

### Blueberry Meals

Blueberry meals are proving to be really popular, especially the Chicken Tikka and the Sweet & Sour. Look out for them in the monthly meal deal.

### Meal Deal

If you enjoyed the August Special then watch the Shop board for our September offer.

Hope you have enjoyed reading this article. If you have noticed the deliberate

mistakes then please mark with a red pen. The winner of the month will receive a free cup of coffee.

*Elizabeth Howard - Shop Volunteer & Committee Member*

### ABBOTTS ANN POST OFFICE

#### Uninsured Travellers

Did you know?

More than a third of young British travellers do not believe it is necessary to take out insurance to travel overseas.

According to the latest figures from ABTA and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 38% of 16-24 year olds travel uninsured.

For older travellers the figures are still alarming around 20% going on holiday without insurance.

Almost half claim the reason they do not take out insurance is because they are willing to take the risk, while 16% of people surveyed wrongly presumed that all of their treatment costs would be covered by the UK Government if they had an accident or fell ill while abroad.

These people are taking a huge risk. An accident or emergency abroad can end up costing thousands.

ABTA head of communications Victoria Bacon added:

"every year ABTA see tragic cases of people who have had an accident or incident while on holiday overseas that requires very serious medical help. In extreme cases people have had to sell their house to cover costs, or desperately try and get funds from their friends and family - and this is despite the cost of insurance being as little as £25 for an annual policy"

The Post Office offers award winning Travel Insurance.

British Travel Awards - The Post Office had held the title of Best Travel Insurance Provider for eight years running and best Foreign Exchange Retailer for the last seven years.

#### Changes to NS&I Premium Bonds prize fund rate.

National Savings and Investments have announced that the Premium Bonds annual prize fund rate will increase from 1.30% to 1.35% from 1 August 2014. The increase in the prize fund allows for an additional £1 million prize to be distributed and for the number of other prizes in each value category to be increased overall

*Maureen Flood - Sub Post Mistress*



**Abbotts Ann**  
**Village Fete**

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

**at Bulbury**  
**Playing Field**

**1pm**

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

**and from 8pm:**

- 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!

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

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

Tickets to be purchased separately

## CHOOSE AND BOOK

Choose and Book is a national electronic referral service which shows information on available services and helps patients to book their choice of place, date and time for their first outpatient appointment in a hospital or clinic. In terms of levels of usage of Choose and Book, West Hampshire CCG currently sits at 184 out of 211 CCGs nationally.

On average 24% of referrals in west Hampshire use the Choose and Book system.

The national average for referrals using the Choose and Book system is 51%. Recent statistics: In June 2014, 8000 referrals were made across west Hampshire, 1800 of these were made via Choose and Book.

*Sarah Grintzvitch - Media and Communications  
NHS West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group*



**LOCAL POLICE  
101**

There have been a number of instances of fly-tipping recently, notably in a field entrance opposite Manor Farm and also in Cattle Lane. It is of course unsightly and begins to erode at the good looks of the countryside around us, and suggests that we do not take pride in how our village community looks. If you see anything suggesting this is going on do report on 101 and if possible get the number of the van or car involved.

*Chris Davis - Village NHW Coordinator - [chrisdavis710@gmail.com](mailto:chrisdavis710@gmail.com)*

## AQUAFIT AT FARLEIGH SCHOOL



**Monday** 9.00 - 9.45 am

**Tuesday** 7.15 - 8.00 pm

**Wednesday** 9.00 - 9.45 am

The fees will be £5.50 per session and the sessions will start week commencing Monday 8th September. Please check on [www.roslynswim.co.uk](http://www.roslynswim.co.uk) for any changes



# BOOKS AT THE B A R N

[www.booksatthebarn.co.uk](http://www.booksatthebarn.co.uk)

## **SIMON COOPER**

Life of a Chalkstream  
Thursday 18th September

## **ROBERT SACKVILLE-WEST**

A book about his family,  
The Disinherited  
Thursday 16th October

## **HENRY BLOFELD**

An evening with Henry Blofeld  
Friday 17th October

## **PETER SNOW**

When Britain Burned the White House  
Thursday 6th November

## **ANNE DE COURCY**

A biography of Margot Asquith,  
Margot at War  
Thursday 27th November

*Tickets and information available from:  
[www.booksatthebarn.co.uk](http://www.booksatthebarn.co.uk) or [booksatthebarn@gmail.com](mailto:booksatthebarn@gmail.com)  
All talks will be held at Farleigh School or our venue in Goodworth Clatford*

## WATER MEADOW WILDLIFE REPORT

Late summer provides the best chance of seeing kingfishers along the Pillhill Brook as the young from the current year's broods spread out and become more active. Nationally, the population of kingfishers reached a low point after a winter of floods that made it difficult for them to find small fish to feed on, but locally they seem to have had a good breeding season and are now zipping around near the brook.



Zipping around seems an appropriate way to describe kingfishers because when you see them skimming above the water they usually look like birds on a mission and keen to get somewhere as quickly as possible. It is only occasionally that one is fortunate to see one perched while looking for fish. Sometimes they flash past completely unannounced, but often their presence is heralded by a sharp high-pitched "peep" and then is the time to look.

In our stretch of the Pillhill Brook I reckon that at this time of year a kingfisher passes by about once every half hour on average – so the chance of seeing one by chance from the bridges in Duck Street or Mill Lane is not that high – but listen out for that peep and then you might be rewarded by glimpsing a brilliant flash of blue skimming along just a couple of feet above the water.

*John Moon, Abbotts Ann Vision Countryside Project*

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

**ONLY A FEW DAYS TO GO!**

**Don't forget to complete your entry forms for the show. All entries must be brought to the Show Marquee by 10.30 as competitors need to leave by 10.45 in order for the judging to start.**

**We look forward to seeing you on the day.**

**Entry forms to be delivered to Anne Emerson,**

**1 Warren Drive**

**Any queries please call Alison Barham on 07826 061932**

## LOCAL NHS LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE PATIENT CHOICE

The majority of residents of west Hampshire aren't aware that they can choose which hospital they are referred to, NHS analysis shows. West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has therefore launched a campaign to tell people about their right to choice. This legal right means that patients can choose from any hospital offering a suitable treatment for their condition that meets NHS standards and costs.

Dr Sean Watters, Clinical Director at West Hampshire CCG commented: 'We know that people traditionally tend to go to their nearest hospital when they are referred by their GP.

Evidence shows that if you choose a hospital in which you feel comfortable and confident, both the result of your treatment and your experience while you're in hospital are likely to be better.



'There are actually many reasons why you might prefer one hospital to another and you can choose according to what matters most to you. That could be location, waiting times, reputation, clinical performance, visiting policies, parking facilities, GP advice or patients' comments.'

The CCG is therefore actively encouraging patients to consider the options with their GP to ensure that they make the best choice for their circumstances.

The campaign also highlights that if a patient needs to see a consultant or specialist and has to wait longer than 18 weeks, they have the right to ask to go to another hospital.

The CCG, which plans and buys the health care for almost 546,000 residents in west Hampshire wants patients to understand their rights and how best to exercise them. Therefore, members of the public will see advertising in newspapers and around the community including at GP practices, libraries, pharmacies, community centres and schools encouraging them to learn more about their right to choose.

For more information about choice, the campaign and the work done by West Hampshire CCG please visit our website [www.westhampshireccg.nhs.uk](http://www.westhampshireccg.nhs.uk)