

BENEFICE DIARY - APRIL 2015

1 Apr	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
2 Apr	(Thurs)	10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning
3 Apr	(Fri)	7.00pm Abbotts Ann Parish Council meets in AA Memorial Hall. <u>(Good Friday)</u> For full service details see page 2
4 Apr	(Sat)	<u>(Easter Eve)</u> For full service details see page 2
5 Apr	(Sun)	<u>(Easter Sunday)</u> for full service details see page 2 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
6 Apr	(Mon)	(Easter Monday) NO Way Inn Lunch today
8 Apr	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
11 Apr	(Sat)	7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall
12 Apr	(Sun)	7.30pm Wherwell Singers Easter Concert, at St. Peter & Holy Cross Church, Wherwell. <u>(The Second Sunday of Easter)</u> Full service details – page 2
13 Apr	(Mon)	9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'
<u>15 Apr</u>	(Wed)	2pm-5pm Daffodil Sunday at Binley for Riding for the Disabled p18
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
17 Apr	(Fri)	12.30pm Way Inn Lunch in St. Peter's Room.
19 Apr	(Sun)	12noon deadline for receipt of copy for the May 2015 Abbotts Ann Magazine. editor@abbottsanmagazine.co.uk
20 Apr	(Mon)	7.30pm Upper Clatford WI meets in UC Memorial Hall
21 Apr	(Tues)	10.00am Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
		<u>(The Third Sunday of Easter)</u> Full service details – page 2
22 Apr	(Wed)	9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
25 Apr	(Sat)	"The Imitation Game" film night, Upper Clatford Memorial Hall.
26 Apr	(Sun)	12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.
		7.30pm Goodworth Clatford WI meets in GCVC
28 Apr	(Tues)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
29 Apr	(Wed)	7.45pm Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in UC Memorial Hall.
30 Apr	(Thurs)	1.00pm Spring Jumble Sale at Abbotts Ann Primary School – page 19 <u>(The Fourth Sunday of Easter)</u> Full service details – page 2
		9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'
3 May	(Sun)	8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
		7.30pm Moviola Film "Mr. Turner" at Goodworth Clatford Village Club.
4 May	(Mon)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		7.30pm Abbotts Ann WI meets in Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall.
		<u>(The Fifth Sunday of Easter)</u> Full service details – page 3
		9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
		(Bank Holiday Monday) NO Way Inn Lunch
		Upper Clatford and Anna Valley May Fayre , Balksbury Field

St Mary's Church, Abbotts Ann

Rector	The Revd. David Broad The Rectory, Upper Clatford dna.broad@virgin.net (HIS DAY OFF IS SATURDAY)	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: http://www.little-ann.co.uk/church	
Choir Practice	THURSDAYS 7.45PM, ST PETER'S, GOODWORTH CLATFORD	
Bell-Ringing Practice	THURSDAYS 7.30-9.00PM, ST MARY'S, ABBOTTS ANN Tower Captain: Dudley Alleway	710646
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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN APRIL 2015

Please note change of services and times at all churches.

Date:

St Mary's Duties:

Sunday 29th March

8.00 Holy Communion
9.30 Benefice Eucharist
6.00 Evensong

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

Holy Week

Monday 30th March 7.30pm Night Prayer
Tuesday 31st March 7.30pm Night Prayer
Wednesday 1st April. 7.30pm Night Prayer

St Peter's
St Mary's
All Saints'

The Paschal Triduum

Thursday 2nd April **Maundy Thursday**
8.00pm Benefice Eucharist St Mary's

Friday 3rd April **Good Friday, in the Lord's Passion**

10.30am Easter Family Workshop All Saints'
2.00pm The Liturgy of Good Friday St Peter's
3.30pm The Liturgy of Good Friday St Mary's *Jill Bentall*

Sunday 5th April **Easter Day: Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8.00 Holy Communion St Mary's Mrs N Keene
9.30 Easter Eucharist All Saints'
11.00 Easter Eucharist St Peter's

Sunday 12th April **2nd Sunday of Easter**

8.00 Holy Communion All Saints'
9.30 Benefice Eucharist St Mary's Mr/Mrs G Howard
11.15 Benefice Matins St Peter's
6.00 Evensong St Mary's Mrs S Dashwood

Sunday 19th April **3rd Sunday of Easter**

8.00 Holy Communion St Mary's Miss W Casson
10.00 Benefice Eucharist St Peter's
10.00 Parish Morning Service Abbotts Ann hall Mrs S George
6.00 Evensong All Saints'

Sunday 26th April **4th Sunday of Easter**

8.00 Holy Communion St Mary's Mrs N Keene
10.00 Benefice Eucharist All Saints'
6.00 Evensong St Peter's

ABBOTTS ANN BUSES

revised 2015 timetable

To Andover	From Andover	To Salisbury	From Salisbury
87	87	87	87
(20 mins	approx.)	(1 hour	approx.)
Mon – Fri			
<u>0758</u>	1000		0933
1026	1200	1018	1127
1226		1218	1327
1426	<u>1635</u>		
Saturday			
	1000		0933
1026	1200	1018	1127
1226		1218	1327
1426			1535
1626	1645	1659	

Service 77 has been discontinued. It is no longer possible to make a return journey to Stockbridge or Winchester.

For more information, see the Transport folder on the windowsill in the village shop, visit the Wheelers website www.wheelerstravel.co.uk, phone Traveline on 0871 200 2233 or use smartphone app NextBuses.mobi

Julie Moon, Abbotts Ann Vision Transport Project

of what was needed and how best to move forward would combine the interests of both. As I say – that's part of another issue for another time. The point about the foregoing which I want to make is that the decision about what replaces the current building is primarily for the Parish Council to make, taking into account all the functions which the building might be required to satisfy over the next fifty or even a hundred years - a substantial building which would occupy the resources of the parish for a considerable time to produce a building fit for purpose which would last a very much longer time.

As I mentioned in my last offering – perhaps you might like to be one of those making such decisions and overseeing the development of such a huge project. If you care about our village and you care about how it goes on then do think about standing for the Parish Council in the May elections – you would be part of a small organisation which might make a big difference to the place we live in.

Stan Oram. Parish Councillor

OLDER PERSON'S BUS PASSES

From 1 April 2015, older person's bus passes (blue stripe) issued by Hampshire County Council can be used from 9.30am until 11pm on Monday to Friday and at any time on weekends and Bank Holidays.

There are some infrequent bus services where Hampshire older person's passes can be used from 9am. On routes which have an infrequent service where there is a journey between 9am and 9.29am and then no further journey until 10.31am or later, passes will be accepted for free travel from 9am on those specific journeys.

APPLESHAW PLANT SALE - NOW ON SATURDAY MAY 2nd

There's a completely new look to Appleshaw's spring plant sale this year. In addition to the traditional stalls selling all sorts of plants for flower and kitchen gardens, the grand fete marquee will be erected on the playing field and decorated in the style of a vintage tea shoppe. On sale inside will be delicious cakes and savoury items with tea and coffee, 'served in nothing but the finest china', say the organisers.

There'll be biscuit-decorating and seed planting, too, for youngsters and a home-made cake stall. Come and join us on the day, soak up the village atmosphere, and support Appleshaw's new-style event.

Any comments or questions to Althea Shapiro on 771546



Without this yes.

The great novelist of all the stages of life Herman Hesse, once wrote:

'Old age is a stage in our lives, and like all the other stages it has its own face, its own atmosphere and temperature, its own joys and needs. We old men with white hair, like all our younger human brethren, have the task of giving meaning to our existence, and even someone critically ill or dying, who lives in his bed scarcely able to hear a cry that comes from this world, still has his task - something that is important and necessary. Being old is just as fine and sacred task as being young; learning to die and dying is just as valuable a function as any other... [an old person] must say yes to all of it. Without this yes, without acceptance of what nature demands of us, we lose the sense and value of all our days - whether we are old or young - and we betray life.' [1952]

In a parish today you can't but meditate on the wonder of old age. Church communities mainly consist of older people. That is their gift to the wider community. There's nothing strange about this of course, given how amazingly busy, throughout all the stages of life - childhood, youth, adulthood, middle age, old age- we have become in secular culture. Along this busy-ness is our slippery ability to properly belong to any organisation or commit to a relationship in a world which encourages detachment and break-up. We seem to belong to things today when we need to and seldom for a long time. This of course, is true of the older people you might see in a church community. They may have only themselves just started to attend a church and are as wide-eyed about its life as the school children I show round when they visit. So the Church community is all about beginnings wherever you might begin from; like a pilgrimage there are lots of places from which to join the route. Very often older people will say that they do not quite know how

Sunday 3rd May

8.00 Holy Communion
10.00 Benefice Family Eucharist
6.00 Evensong

5th Sunday of Easter

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.

they got there - to be that age - and that in fact, in their embarrassment they feel like a twenty five year old; that the self they live inside does not match the self they actually are on the outside, as if they are ashamed of it. In whatever way it is described the growth into old age nearly always happens imperceptibly until a moment forces you to look in the mirror or slow up as you climb a step. I laughed at a little story about a religious community whose younger members felt left out. The young nun summed up the problems of her community by saying: "In our house, all we ever eat is stewed fruit!" St Benedict in his Rule for monks says, "Keep death always before your eyes" or "Keep an eye on death every day" [RB. 4.47] but he didn't mean that the diet should be dreary. He wanted to encourage longing and desire for God. The greater the fear one has of death, research has shown, and the repression of this anxiety, the more unyielding we become in our personalities and the more we tend to act with violence toward others.

One of my favourite books of Hesse is *Siddhartha* - a good book indeed, for the Easter season - has at its famous ending Siddhartha and his boyhood friend Govinda, after the great journeys of their lives, meeting again as old men. 'Siddhartha,' [Govinda] said, 'we are now old men. We may never see each other again in this life. I can see, my dear friend, that you have found peace I realise that I have not found it. Tell me one more word, my esteemed friend, tell me something that I can conceive, something I can understand! Give me something to help me on my way, Siddhartha. My path is often hard and dark.' Siddhartha was silent and looked at him with his calm, peaceful smile. Govinda looked steadily at his face, with anxiety, with longing. Suffering, continual seeking and continual failure were written in his look. Siddhartha saw it and smiled. 'Siddharta then invites Govinda to bend near him and then follows, heads touching, a great vision of the whole of Govinda's life and all of life itself. 'Govinda,' Hesse continues then, 'bowed low. Uncontrollable tears trickled down his old face. He was overwhelmed by a feeling of great love, of the most humble veneration. He bowed low, right down to the ground, in front of the man sitting there motionless, whose smile reminded him of everything that he had ever loved in his life, of everything that had ever been of value and holy in his life.' [1922]

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ST MARY'S CHURCH - DECORATION FOR EASTER

Please come along to St Mary's on **Saturday 4th April from 9.30am** to decorate our Church for the Easter Festival. We really do need some new helpers and flower arrangers to help our small band of volunteers. Gifts of flowers would be most welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to make a donation towards the lilies in memory of a loved one please contact Sylvia Burson (710852).

going back for years and years that relate just to Abbotts Ann.

However – back to the functions of the replacement building. One of the declared aims of AAGA is to promote and develop community spirit or community cohesion. Who knows however, what they might do in the future, and one of the things they might do is to form a parish gardening club since gardening and home production are very close to their hearts. If they did that (or indeed if anyone else did that) they might soon acquire some gardening equipment – a tiller say or a heavy duty chipper to say nothing of hedge trimmers etc, etc. And where would they keep their equipment? Or carry out basic maintenance. They might well bulk buy a delivery of garden products (bark/fertiliser/potting compost etc) and where would they store their purchase before distribution? – Ah! What about an equipment store/ lock up delivery point come workshop in the new building? They might then even use the facility to run workshops for kids to show how to make nest boxes out of scrap or 'how to get your mower running' for adults, though their ethos is probably more likely to suggest that they run a 'how to get your push mower going again'!!

At some point HCC might see the folly of subsidising a bus service which allows a parishioner only about an hour and twenty minutes in Andover (unless after your doctor's appointment you want to wait about all day for the new afternoon service) and which is almost completely useless as a result, and they might be persuaded (with Parish Council encouragement) to subsidise a parish (or collection of parishes) community owned and operated mini bus. If this also had wheelchair access it could help those currently not able to use normal services to get about, much more readily – to say nothing of a trip to the coast or an evening at the theatre (either Andover or further afield – Salisbury or even Poole) for everyone. Where would we house such a vehicle? – you've guessed it – in the new building.

If the ground floor of the building was taken up with changing rooms, showers, sports store as well as stores and workshops already mentioned then a first floor could provide the space for a Parish Office / Archive, Kitchen, Tea room (small assembly room) as well as a veranda – perhaps with an awning to keep our blazing hot sun off our heads (yes I know – you think I've already been out in the sun too much!!). And on the subject of a small assembly room there was at one time a great feeling of competition between the War Memorial Hall Committee (or at least one, if not some, on it) and the SFC – that there would be a threat to the viability of the WMH if the new building on the sports field (or the small assembly room within it) was too grand. So far as I knew there never was any thought of competition but that leads me on to another issue which I will not develop here but which is an opportune point at which to raise the issue. Why did ownership of the War Memorial Hall pass out of the hands of the Parish Council? There would never be any question of competition if the two buildings were owned by the same body. The decision

MORE THOUGHTS FROM A RETIRING PARISH COUNCILLOR

Since my last contribution to the magazine I have stewed on a number of parish topics and since there is plenty to say and I'm always keen to let people know what I think (!) perhaps I might continue the theme.

A subject which always exercises my mind is that of the Sports Field Pavilion. The sports field committee have for some time been fund raising towards the cost of a new pavilion which they desperately want. However, things are rarely as simple as they first appear.

In the case of the pavilion the issue to me is – what do we (as a parish) want from the pavilion? The SFC want a new sports pavilion; but, the pavilion actually belongs to the parish (via the Parish Council) and what the parish might want from the building should be decided, in the end, by the Parish Council. It is fine for the SFC to tell the PC what they want of the building in terms of their needs for sporting events but the PC should be taking a wider view and looking at what else the parish needs (or could very usefully do with – i.e. that would enhance the quality of life of more residents and encourage that sense of community that we all value and like to enhance). At the end of the day they (the PC) will be the prime contractor for the new building, they will still be the owners of the new building and it is they who should decide the final specification of the new building.

In my opinion (and that is what I'm writing about!!) closely following the sports pavilion function, another thing the parish should have in the 21st century is a Parish Council Office. Probably big enough for Parish Council meetings (though the small assembly room mentioned below might serve that purpose) the paraphernalia that goes with the business of recording and conducting the PC's ongoing business should be housed in its own office which would remain without change even if the record keeper changed. Probably linked to it and certainly closely allied to it we could set up a Village Archive. We have an Archivist but no archive. Some time ago the council agreed to the disposal of planning applications going back years and years. I would have preferred that we reorder those records in address order (rather than in date order) which would very quickly and simply show how the parish had developed over the years. One of the questions put to me when I voiced my opinion was 'Who would want to know?' but if you ask that question you might as well ask 'who wants to know anything about anything?' They were, in my opinion a very valuable, record of parish development and one of the arguments against retention (though the biggest was lack of space to house them) was that all the information there was available from TVBC records. So that might be but what a difference between going into a village archive and just looking through the documents which had passed through the hands of a generation (or several generations) of parish councillors (with their comments and notes) or going into TVBC's records to try to find those things

From The Registers

Holy Baptism

Tierney Rose Koldemir whose Baptism took place at All Saints' on 15th February.

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

ST MARY'S CHURCH FLOWERS - AND HOLY DUSTING ROTA

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



Dates:
27 Mar - 9 Apr
10 April -23 April
24 April -7 May

Flowers:
Easter
Pat Keene
Gwen Pollard

Dusting:
Jill Tayler
Wendy Casson

ST MARY'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

St Mary's Church PCC will be holding its annual parochial church meeting on Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30pm in the War Memorial Hall.

All parishioners will be very warmly welcomed.

Jo Brookes - Secretary

ST MARY'S CHURCH TERCENTENARY

In 2016 St Mary's church building will be 300 years old. The PCC want there to be a grand celebration and to that end we plan a meeting on Thursday 4th June at 7pm in the church to make plans. Please put this date in your diary.

We hope all the different clubs, societies etc. will participate together with everyone in the village who is interested who may or may not have ideas to bring to the meeting. Everyone is very welcome.

Sally Dashwood - Churchwarden on behalf of the PCC.

ST MARY'S ABBOTTS ANN - CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Application forms for persons wishing to be added to the Parish Electoral Roll are available now in the church.

Completed forms must be returned to Elizabeth Howard, 4 St Mary's Meadow, by the 14th April 2015. The Annual Church Parish Meeting is to be held on the 22nd April 2015 in Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall.

Anyone wishing to make any change(s) to entries on the Roll should advise Elizabeth of those changes, also by 14th April 2015.

Manager Required for Abbotts Ann Village Shop

We are seeking a proactive and enthusiastic person, with previous retail experience and excellent organisational and IT skills, to develop and grow this well established Business.

The manager's post is a full time one.
Salary Negotiable, dependent on Experience

Please email your CV, and details of your current salary to:-
beth@thelioncompany.co.uk
or telephone Beth on 01264 711041 or 07770995337.

ABBOTTS ANN VISION FOOTPATH WALK



The first of two local footpath walks planned for 2015 will be held on the evening of 7th May, starting from the village shop at 6:30pm.

Any queries should be addressed to the walk leader, Phil Wood (who is also the Parish Footpaths Officer). Phone 710844 or email philmo.wood@metronet.co.uk

We hope to see you there.

Abbotts Ann Vision Countryside Group

COUNTRYMAN'S CORNER

SKIERS:

Thoughts on receiving a late-season postcard from the Alps

High above the forest trees,
Swishing down on hissing skis
What is it the skier sees?

Flagpoles advertising beer,
Hearty party atmosphere,
Flashy fluorescent gear.

Ski instructors dressed in red,
Husky types especially bred
For turning every female head.

Muscle girls with hair like brass
Drilling a beginners' class.
Gondolas with steamed-up glass.

Speedy types with flying hair
Loving each admiring stare.
Moguls needing extra care.

Chairlifts perishingly cold,
Children schussing uncontrolled,
Dreaming of Olympic gold.

Urban parents, far from slim,
Wishing every unfit limb
Would operate in better trim.

As they nurse their aching knees,
Do they sniff the scented breeze
Wafting through mysterious trees?

See the sky's untainted blues,
Crystals flashing rainbow hues,
Saw-tooth peaks, unending views?

Do they contemplate the glow
Of rose-pink sunsets, fading slow –
Or just the apres-ski below?

Bars awash with noisy chaps
Boasting over beer or schnapps
Of bold escapes from icy traps.

Cafes full of hearty eaters.
Booming woofers, shrieking tweeters,
Steaming glwein served in litres.

As they shout their hoarse hurrahs
Tumbling from the closing bars,
Do they see the clustered stars,

Or the moonbeams' silver gleams
On the valley's chattering streams
Even in their fuddled dreams?

When the packaged aircraft go
Back to Gatwick or Heathrow
What they've missed they'll never know.

Should they not, in mid-career
Pause to look, and think, and hear
The mountains' message, cool and clear:

In the story of their age
Mankind's flit across the stage
Merits less than half a page.

Nothing human will abide
longer than a morning's tide.
Time is on the mountains' side.

Swishing down on hissing skis
Should one banish thoughts like these.
Are they what the skier flees?

Hadrianus rusticus

ABBOTTS ANN PARISH COUNCIL

ELECTIONS FOR NEW COUNCIL – THURSDAY, 7TH MAY 2015

Anyone interested in standing for election as a parish councillor should obtain nomination forms from Test Valley Borough Council at Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover.

Nominations will be received up to 4.00 pm on the closing date, Thursday, 9th April.

Rosemary Groves

DEFIBRILLATOR

The Village Defibrillator is in a white, illuminated cabinet marked “Defibrillator” outside the rear entrance of the Eagle Inn, on the wall of the covered decking area by the car park. It is immediately accessible at all times.

A Medieval Upper Clatford & Anna Valley

May Fayre

Will take place on

Monday 4th May

Celebrating the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the MAGNA Carta in 1215

A date for your diaries:

OPERA HIGHLIGHTS IN THE GARDEN

27th JUNE, 2015

Following the tremendous success and popularity of our evening of Opera Highlights, performed by the wonderful Candlelight Opera Company in the beautiful garden of Malt Barn, Upper Clatford, we are holding another one in aid of funding for Gene Therapy for Cystic Fibrosis.

Lynda Gent



2015, our 21st Year!

Our programme for 2015 plays to the versatility of the group. And it got off to a lively start. We were asked to perform with other local groups and schools at the ‘Mayors March Madness: Lest we forget’, on 6th March at The Lights - an evening of variety to commemorate the anniversary of WW1. Anna Dowsett directed the group acting and singing their way through ‘*My old man!*’, ‘*Au revoir but not goodbye, soldier boy*’, and ‘*Where have all the flowers gone?*’ to an enthusiastic audience. The evening raised £1800 for the Mayor’s charities.

Now, dates for your diaries:

June 5, 6, 7 – ‘Looking for JJ’ - Book by Anne Cassidy, adapted for the stage by Marcus Romer. “*Three girls walked into the woods together, but only two came back*” Rehearsals are underway for this haunting and suspenseful play under Anna Dowsett’s direction. This is a challenging production, to be performed in the round.

Watch this space for further details and how to buy tickets!

November 28, 29; December 4, 5, 6 – ‘The Snow Queen’, our Christmas Pantomime.

If you would like to get involved, join us at the Upper Clatford Village Hall on a Tuesday evening, or look out Burdock Valley Players through the following links:



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TONY JACKSON

Thank you to everyone in Abbotts Ann who came to the Thanksgiving Mass for Tony’s life, held in the Chapel at Farleigh School. It was wonderfully uplifting for our family to see so many people there.

Thank you so much.

Andrea Jackson

LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - FEBRUARY 2015

The first day of February sees us heading to Stonehenge for the first time in several years. Although the weather is dry, it is unbelievably bitter as we walk around the magnificent stones. The wind slices through us and I hang on to the Littlest's hand to stop her blowing away while the rest of the Tribe are almost bent double. We all look quite ridiculous as we attempt to protect ourselves from the wind, but despite the cold, the surrounding views of the Wiltshire countryside showing the ancient burial sites from centuries ago, in the stark February light, is stunning. And of course, the beauty and majesty of the stones themselves, is timeless. We are so fortunate that it is on our doorstep and with the impressive new visitor's centre and museum, it is most definitely worth a visit.

The month continues dry, with a couple of impressively torrential blips, and is the UK's sunniest since 2008. Shrove Tuesday falls during half term and although the Tribe miss joining the Village Shop's pancake race, with the sunny weather, we hold our own, rather chaotic pancake race. The backdrop is still the harsh bare silhouettes of tall trees along Cattle Lane; I wonder how long it will be before the trees form a magical leafy tunnel. I found the following old rhyme:

"So much as the sun shineth on Pancake Tuesday, the like will shine every day in Lent";

let's hope it's true.

The green shoots of daffodils are beginning to show as are the spear shaped leaves of bluebells. As we walk to Nursery one morning, the Littlest points out a splash of sunshine amongst the brown earth under the hedgerow. It is the lesser celandine with its yellow flower similar to a buttercup; the first wild flower to appear. Its flowers open when the sun shines and close when it disappears. So a carpet of lesser celandine can seemingly disappear in an instant when the sun hides behind a cloud.

The Eldest has noticed on her way to school in Salisbury, that there is a huge amount of frogspawn in the tributary of the River Avon that she walks past. Frogspawn is pretty tough stuff, so even if the surface of the water freezes, the frogspawn can manage to survive. Another sign that spring is very much on its way.

Our bird feeder tree continues to be a busy place with the great and blue tits arriving. The blue tits are much smaller than the great tits who will use their larger size to jostle the blue tits off the feeder, but they are not as agile as the daintier blue tits. The blue tit has a pale blue cap, white cheeks with a black horizontal stripe through their eyes and a yellow breast. In comparison the great tit (the largest of the UK's tits) has a black head, white cheeks and yellow chest. As we have several feeders on the one tree, it's interesting watching how, for most of the time, the birds feed in harmony with different species hanging off different feeders.

Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall Committee Time to Renew your Subscription to the All New 100 Club! Year April 2015 to March 2016



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall Committee

How good is your fish pie? Good enough for Good Friday?



Family fishy Friday fun 3rd April 18:00 at the Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall

We challenge you to make the best fish pie
ever eaten in Abbotts Ann!

The best fish pie will win a mystery prize.

**Fishy quiz, Fish Pie Contest and wine tasting,
Raffle during desserts**

**Book a table, cook a pie for entry
and bring your friends to share it!**

Tickets £7 per adult - £5 per child.

Free entry to all fish pie chefs. Paying bar.

**Tickets for sale in the Village Shop & Post Office
If you wish to enter a pie please call:
Neil 711108 or Lisa 710231**

All ingredients must be written on an entry form accompanying each entry
for health & safety and allergy advice. If you have an allergy please check with
your host chef.

Another bird that has become a regular and one that I have never been entirely sure that I have seen, is the dunnock. And I'm pretty sure that we've never had one at the feeders before, although it has been under the feeders, ground feeding, rather than on them. They are small, grey and brown, not dissimilar to a sparrow, but slightly larger with longer more horizontal tail feathers and they stay close to cover. We have bushes close to the feeder tree and this is exactly what the dunnock likes - it can peck up the fallen seeds without being too far away from safety.

The Tribe have also delighted in watching both a treecreeper and a nuthatch on their astonishing vertical ascent and descent of the tree trunk. Their dexterity is amazing. The nuthatch is bigger than the tiny treecreeper and they tend to almost run down the tree - quite a sight; the bird equivalent of a fearless free climber. They use their sharp beak to get insects from the cracks in the tree's bark. Nuthatches are the only birds able to move head first down a tree trunk. The treecreeper only moves upwards and has a long slender, slightly curved beak.

With all this excitement and entertainment going on just outside the kitchen window, the Littlest has taken to occasionally sitting at the window with Matt Sewell's book 'Our Garden Birds'. His illustrations are beautiful and slightly quirky, bringing out particular characteristics of a bird - they are perfect for a little four year old girl who is (I hope) beginning a life long love of nature.

Mother of the Tribe - www.lifewiththetribe.com

THE OLD COACH ROAD



The Abbotts Ann Vision Countryside Group is working towards claiming the Old Coach Road as a public Right of Way. Although it has been used by the public for a very long time, on foot, horseback and horse-drawn vehicle, it is not however recorded as a Right of Way, and access could be closed off at any time by the owners.

In order to have the track added to the Hampshire definitive map as a Right of Way, and to maintain public access, we need to collect evidence of unimpeded use during the last 20 years from as many people as possible. This involves filling in a very simple one-page form, which can be obtained from the village shop or by email from the Parish Footpaths Officer, Phil Wood philmo.wood@metronet.co.uk

Forms should be returned to the shop after completion.

If you have any queries, please contact Phil (phone 710844 or email as above).

Please do your bit to help keep this track open.

Abbotts Ann Vision Countryside Group



Enquiries 01256-892019 or www.andovercats.org.uk
Stories of rescued cats adrianne.major@hotmail.co.uk
Fund-raising/volunteers adrianne.major@hotmail.co.uk
Items for resale 01256-892773

Our recent occupation of the Whitchurch Charity Shop was very successful and we raised more than £2200. We are always grateful for unwanted books, bric-a-brac and clothing in good, clean condition. Large amounts can be collected. We also collect Felix tokens which we exchange for cash.

Our next big event will be a collection outside Tesco, River Way, Andover on Saturday May 9th. We shall have a trolley for cat food so if you have some that your cat won't touch please bring it along. Strays who have been foraging for food are not so fussy.



Obi, last month's cat, is still seeking his forever home.

Our April cat is Betty, a young cat who lived alone in the woods until a kind person handed her in to Cats Protection. She says 'I do love the woods but I would much rather have a nice home as I am very friendly and love cuddles.'

Martin Bevan

BEE SWARMS

The next couple of months are the most likely time for bees to swarm; if you get a swarm in your garden and would like them removed then I would be pleased to attempt to do it (and then add the bees to my hives).

John Moon 710123

FLORAL COFFEE MORNING

Kate and Wendy would like to thank everyone who so generously supported the Floral Coffee Morning.

The money raised (£422) will cover some advertising costs for the event but it is primarily for flowers in St Mary's during 'Open Gardens' on Sunday 14th June this year.

We do hope you have this date in your diary!

Kate Bennett & Wendy Casson

Abbotts Ann Primary School's

Spring Jumble Sale

Saturday 25th April

1.00pm at Abbotts Ann Primary School

Entry 50p



TOYS



CLOTHES

If you are having a Spring Clean then please donate your good quality jumble - clothes, toys, books, & bric-a-brac.

Collection of jumble will take place around the Village the week beginning

Monday 20th April

For alternative collection call Aly Godman on 710633

BOOKS



BRIC-A-BRAC



Daffodil Sunday 12th April 2015 2-5pm

IN AID OF ANDOVER RIDING FOR THE DISABLED



At Binley, St Mary Bourne, SP11 6HA

Two glorious gardens with Woodland Walks.

Home made Teas, and as always an exciting Plant Stall,

Entrance £3.00

Well behaved dogs on leads welcome (50p)



Bring-and-Buy Plant Sale & Table-Top Sale

Saturday 23rd May 2015

10 am – 12.30 pm

Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall

Refreshments, raffle,
crafts – and much more!

ALL PROCEEDS FOR FETE FUNDS

For more information contact Anne
On 710851 or 07788 645723

11179 PRIVATE WILLIAM CREED **THE WILTSHIRE REGIMENT (DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S**

William Creed, the youngest son of George and Emma Creed, of 3 Anton Terrace, South Street, Andover, attested in the first weeks of the war, enlisting in Fulham on 5 September 1914. After being passed fit for military service, he was posted to C Company of the 5th (Service) Battalion Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's) (5/Wilts). The Battalion had formed at Devizes in August 1914 as part of Kitchener's First New Army (K1) and was attached as Army Troops to 13th (Western) Division. It first moved to Tidworth and then in October to Chiseldon Camp near Swindon and in December to Cirencester and joined 40th Infantry Brigade in 13th Division.

11179 Private William Creed, by now a trained soldier, entrained with his battalion at Brookwood on 30 June 1915, arriving at Avonmouth the same day, where it boarded the RMS Franconia, a Cunard Liner turned troop transport, which sailed the next day, a total of 30 officers and 970 men. The ship stopped briefly at Malta on the 8/9 July before arriving at Alexandria, Egypt. The battalion left Alexandria on 13 July, sailing for the island of Lemnos where it arrived at Mudros Harbour two days later.

William Creed and C Company, together with D Company, boarded the SS El Kahirah and were landed at V Beach at 1.25 am on 17 July 1915 before moving to bivouacs at Gully Beach. On 19 July, 5/Wilts relieved the 4th (Service) Battalion South Wales Borderers (4/SWB) in the front line trenches, where the Battalion remained for two days, until relieved at 7.00 am on 22 July, again by 4/SWB. The Battalion moved into the reserve line and began work on a new communications trench behind Twelve Tree Copse.

Private Creed was killed in action on 23 July 1915, aged 19, whilst trench digging. The Battalion war diary for that day records: *“2.30 am: An attack by enemy was anticipated and prepared for, and a counter attack planned at this hour, but nothing occurred. 8.15 am: Working parties carried on as yesterday. 3.00 pm: Enemy shelled ESKI LINES about ¾ mile behind us. They suddenly put three shells into our trenches, killing three men and wounding one officer.”* William Creed was actually one of five men from the Battalion killed in action that day. Like almost 21,000 missing or unidentified Commonwealth servicemen lost in the Gallipoli campaign, his field grave was lost in later fighting and he is commemorated on Panel 156 to 158 of the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, which overlooks the landing beaches, as well as on the memorial panel outside St Mary's Church, Abbotts Ann.

William Creed was entitled to the 1914-15 Star, the British War and Allied Victory Medals.

(With thanks to Craig Fisher at Andover Museum for his contribution to this biography)

Mike Cooper





ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

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

APRIL NEWS

Easter

Easter will soon be here. Think Eggs! - The ducks are laying well. Their eggs are £1.50 for six and can be used to make beautiful sponge cakes. Our hens' eggs are still only £1.15 for six and of course it is the season for chocolate eggs. We have a small selection available and even some chocolate bunnies. We also stock Easter cards.

Easter Opening Hours

Good Friday	0900 to 1200
Easter Saturday	0830 to 1230
Easter Sunday	Closed
Easter Monday	0900 to 1200

Order your Hot X Buns for Good Friday breakfast. If you have guests staying then why not treat them to a fresh croissant (To make certain of getting some it might help if you ordered in advance).

Cards

We have a good range of cards. They vary in price, but the majority are only £1.30. Now that is a bargain! Talking of cards, take the opportunity of supporting our local artists. Kate and Gail both have a selection of cards in the shop and we benefit from every one sold.

£1 Shelf

Have you noticed the £1 shelf? Goods on that shelf include biscuits, cakes, sweets and household cleaning products. It really does pay to shop locally!

Locally Sourced

As mentioned last month, we are looking to increase our variety of local produce. Watercress, grown in Abbotts Ann, is very popular and is delivered to the shop each Friday. If you have space in your garden please think of us when planting out this Spring. Fresh salads, vegetables and flowers from your garden would be much appreciated.

Georgina

Sadly, Georgina our shop manager will soon be leaving us. We are grateful for the expertise in, and knowledge of, the retail trade she has brought to the shop and of course for her patience and friendship. We wish her and her family well for the future

Elizabeth Howard - Shop Volunteer & Committee Member

Like all plants, maples suffer from disease, particularly powdery mildew but by keeping the roots moist it can be avoided. Leaves from any diseased plants should be raked up in autumn, burnt and the ash safely disposed of. The biggest problem is *Verticillium* wilt, when the plant can wilt overnight. Unfortunately nothing can be done.

When pruning maples they should not be pruned back to a bud, but about 1" stump left which will die back and can then be broken off.

The talk concluded with some suggestions of plants that go well with maples – Epimediums, *Brunnera* “Jack Frost”, Heucheras, Hellbores and Hostas. Incidentally, when using beer traps to control slugs, John Smith’s works best.

The April Meeting is on 22nd, when we welcome back Ray Broughton to talk this time about “Carnations”

Meetings take place at 7.45 p.m. at Upper Clatford Village Hall.

Everybody Welcome.

Jenny Llewellyn

Threadgill Cup 2015 Entries now open

**Large Gardens • Small Gardens • Eco Gardens
Vegetable Plots • Baskets/Containers**

We welcome Brian Davis, a RHS and Britain in Bloom Judge this year.

Competition day is May 30th.

Please contact Stephanie Wheeler for entry forms -
01264 352693 or stephaniewheeler1972@yahoo.com



CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Many members will be planning to visit Westonbirt Arboretum in the Autumn after hearing a talk about its beautiful maples by Steve Austin from Hilliers Nurseries at the February Meeting. Steve, who has been the Product Manager at Hilliers for the past three years, studied Horticulture on leaving school and worked for a time at Beth Chatto's garden where he came to appreciate how trees fitted into the landscape. He illustrated his talk on the arboretum with some very impressive slides. Westonbirt covers 600 acres and contains 16,000 labelled trees, and in 2011 was given national arboretum status. It was started in 1839 by Robert Holford, the rich Victorian landowner to whom the estate belonged, mainly to show of his power and wealth, but it was his son Sir George Holford who was interested in how plants grew, that introduced maples into the gardens. Whilst the colour of the maples attracts visitors during autumn, many other species give Westonbirt a year-round interest. Particularly important are dark green mature trees which provide a background to show off the stunning colours.

But, to the maples. One maple present, *Acer saccharum* (Sugar leaf maple) comes from the USA and grows there in such large numbers that in Autumn (or Fall) they can be seen from space. However, when most of us think of maples for the garden, it is the Japanese varieties that come to mind, and Steve recommended ones for different positions and conditions, but warned that the fine leafed varieties cannot tolerate wind, or chalky soils. All varieties need moist but well drained soil.

One of the most common ones to be found in garden centres is *Acer palmatum* 'Bloodgood' which is a good all round variety, with good Autumn colour and has a nice shape even after the leaves have dropped. *Acer palmatum* 'osakazuli' provides very good colours, a fresh green with red flowers in Spring, followed in Oct/Nov by bright red foliage. It is quite large but can be grown in a container if the compost is topped up with fertilizer in the spring. This should be done by removing the topsoil, adding something like Vitax Q4, and then replacing the topsoil with John Innes compost. Of the dissected forms, *Acer palmatum* 'Garnet' is one that can grow in a wide range of soils and can tolerate more exposure.

Variegated species can give long seasonal interest, for example *Acer palmatum* "Beni Schichihenge" (get your tongue round that) changes colour throughout the season and is very good in containers in the shade. Another variegated one is *Acer palmatum* 'Taylor', which is a pink colour but unfortunately not very long lived. With all the variegated forms it is important to pull off (not cut) any young green shoots – by wounding the stem it ensures that the green shoot does not grow back. A very good variety is *Acer palmatum* 'Katsura' which gives the best all year round interest, it grows in a range of soils and can withstand sun and some shade.

ABBOTTS ANN POST OFFICE

Collection services:

Always missing deliveries? Love shopping online?

When parcels are too big for the letterbox or need a signature on delivery, you can pick up from your local Post Office

Online shopping

Next time you are ordering online, check to see if the retailer has the option for your purchase to be delivered direct to your local Post Office for you to pick up. For example: Amazon offers package collection at your Post Office. If they do, you should be able to pick up your parcel from your local Post Office, free of charge.

Royal Mail price changes effective 30th March 2015

Stamp Prices - UK

The base price of a stamp will rise 1p, taking the price of a First Class stamp to 63p and a Second Class stamp to 54p.

The good news is that Royal Mail has not only held the promotional £2.80 price for Small Parcels up to 2kg but prices for 1kg and 2kg Medium parcels have been reduced.

New Royal Mail International Large Letter format

There is a new category of *International Large Letter* with four weight bands from 100g to 750g. This offers an alternative to the *International Small parcels* pricing if you are sending items which fit within the large letter format.

Maureen Flood

BRING AND BUY PLANT SALE

The annual Plant Sale, in aid of fete funds, will be held at 10.00am on Saturday 23rd May at the War Memorial Hall. As usual, any donations of plants will be most welcome on the day.

Additionally, we always have a small selection of other stalls eg crafts. If you are interested in hiring a stall please contact me for further details.

Anne Emerson (Show Secretary)

Home: 01264 710851 - Mobile: 07788 645723

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Instead of sharing our own memories at this month's meeting, due to a last minute change to the Programme, it was our mother's and grandmother's memories which were invoked.

It was Deborah Wheeler, or at least her alter-ego Mrs Queenie Stacey, who took us back to 1942, in the midst of World War II where Make Do & Mend was the order of the day. Today, of course, it is called recycling or being resourceful. It was an era of coupons and rationing so everyone, but particularly women, had to be ingenious to keep the family well fed, clothed and looking good.

We were invited to smell carbolic soap - still awful, shown examples of knitted undergarments - doesn't bear thinking about, and knitted dishcloths - we could all remember those, regardless of the decade we were born in.

Queenie shared her secrets of creating substitute make-up, burning cork to create an alternative to an eye-brow pencil - also used to make a seam up the leg which supplemented the gravy-browning used to give the effect of wearing stockings. The advice was not to go out in the rain! There were complexion enhancing oatmeal concoctions, later used to feed Mr Stacey his breakfast. If he didn't know then, he does now.

Back to 2015, and there was a great deal of amusement, when Kate Bennett reminded members to take a look at the events table which featured all the up-and-coming activities including Rumpy Pumpy!

Our members have enjoyed attending all our ancillary clubs and groups throughout February; walking round Appleshaw, eating at the Black Swan in Monxton, the Weyhill Fair, drinking coffee and reading the latest selection of the Book Club.

Our next meeting is on 30th April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall and Dinah Warnock will be taking us through changes in fashion.

So what was the Rumpy Pumpy being offered? It is a play based on the true story of two ladies from a Hampshire WI, who set out on a campaign for the decriminalisation of prostitution and to improve conditions for working girls. You see there are hidden depths to belonging to the WI.

Sharon King

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