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| 6 Sept         | (Sun)         | (The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity) St Mary's Patronal Festival. Full service details – page 2<br><b>9.30am</b> Live Wires at All Saints'<br><b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann  |
| 8 Sept         | (Tues)        | <b>12.30pm</b> Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.   |
| 9 Sept         | (Wed)         | <b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC<br><b>7.30pm</b> Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall   |
| 12 Sept        | (Sat)         | Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust sponsored "Ride and Stride Day".   |
| 13 Sept        | (Sun)         | (The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity) Full service details – page 2<br><b>9.30am</b> Live Wires at All Saints'<br><b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann  |
| <b>15 Sept</b> | <b>(Tues)</b> | <b><u>Deadline for receipt of copy for the October 2015 Abbots Ann Magazine. <a href="mailto:editor@abbottsannmagazine.co.uk">editor@abbottsannmagazine.co.uk</a></u></b><br><b>7.30pm</b> Goodworth Clatford WI meets in GCVC |
| 16 Sept        | (Wed)         | <b>7.30pm</b> Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall.<br><b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC  |
| 18 Sept        | (Fri)         | Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group.   |
| 20 Sept        | (Sun)         | (The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity) Full service details – page 2<br><b>9.30am</b> Live Wires at All Saints'<br><b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann  |
| 23 Sept        | (Wed)         | <b>7.45pm</b> Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in UC Memorial Hall.<br><b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC  |
| 24 Sept        | (Thurs)       | <b>7.30pm</b> Abbots Ann WI meets in Abbots Ann War Memorial Hall.   |
| 26 Sept        | (Sat)         | "A Swan Song at The Old Rectory" – piano recital by Nicholas Walker. Chris Walker & the Pedigree Jazz Band, UC War Memorial Hall,  |
| 27 Sept        | (Sun)         | (The Seventeen Sunday after Trinity) Full service details – page 2<br><b>9.30am</b> Live Wires at All Saints'<br><b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann  |
| 29 Sept        | (Tues)        | Film Show at Goodworth Clatford Village Club.  |
| 30 Sept        | (Wed)         | <b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC  |

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### **St Mary's Church, Abbots Ann**

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Details of church officers and activities can also be found on the village website - <http://www.abbottsann.com/amenitiesservices/church/>

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| <b>Choir Practice</b>        | Thursdays 7.45pm, St Peter's, Goodworth Clatford  |        |
| <b>Bell Ringing practice</b> | Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm, St Mary's, Abbots Ann<br>Handbells 7.00pm 1st Thursday each month<br>Tower Captain: Dudley Alleway | 710646 |

### **Parochial Church Council**

|                              |   |                 |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------|
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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN AUGUST 2015

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

**Date:** **St Mary's Duties:**

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday 2nd August</b>                 | <b>9th Sunday after Trinity</b>    |
| 8.00 Holy Communion                      | St Peter's (NJ)                    |
| 10.00 Eucharist                          | All Saints' (NJ)                   |
| 6.00 Evensong                            | St Mary's (TT) Mrs S Dashwood      |
| <b>Sunday 9th August</b>                 | <b>10th Sunday after Trinity</b>   |
| 8.00 Holy Communion                      | All Saints' (NJ)                   |
| 9.30 Eucharist                           | St Mary's (NJ) Mr/Mrs G Howard     |
| 11.15 Matins                             | St Peter's (PE)                    |
| 6.00 Evensong                            | St Mary's (Lay led) Mrs S Dashwood |
| <b>Sunday 16th August</b>                | <b>11th Sunday after Trinity</b>   |
| 8.00 Holy Communion                      | St Mary's (NJ) Mrs N Keene         |
| 10.00 Eucharist                          | St Peter's (NJ + Ch)               |
| No Family Service in the Hall this month |                                    |
| 6.00 Evensong                            | All Saints (TT)                    |
| <b>Sunday 23rd August</b>                | <b>12th Sunday after Trinity</b>   |
| 8.00 Holy Communion                      | St Mary's (NJ) Miss W Casson       |
| 10.00 Eucharist                          | All Saints (NJ + Ch)               |
| 6.00 Evensong                            | St Peter's (TT)                    |

**Sunday 30th August**  
10.00 Benefice Eucharist All Saints (NJ + Ch) and possibly TT & PE,

*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.*

\*Revd Nicky Judd (NJ) Tim Tayler (TT) Peter Eastwood (PE)  
Choir (Ch)

### Fifth Sundays

The Churchwardens and Ministry Team have decided to try holding just one service on a fifth Sunday in the hope that this will be an occasion when all congregations will come together under one roof. This month All Saints will host the Benefice Eucharist at 10am. On subsequent fifth Sundays, this service will take place in the other churches in turn. This is for a trial period

## BENEFICE DIARY - AUGUST 2015

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|--------|---------|--|
| 1 Aug  | (Sat)   | 1.30pm All Saints', wedding of Caroline Jakeman and Andrew Young.<br>3.00pm St Mary's, wedding of Katrina Burrows and Cameron Wright<br>(The Ninth Sunday after Trinity) Full service details – page 2         |
| 2 Aug  | (Sun)   | 9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'<br>8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann  |
| 3 Aug  | (Mon)   | 12.30pm Way Inn Lunch at St. Peter's   |
| 5 Aug  | (Wed)   | 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC   |
| 6 Aug  | (Thurs) | Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning – 13 Burdock Close, GC.   |
| 9 Aug  | (Sun)   | (The Tenth Sunday after Trinity) Full service details – page 2   |
|        |         | 9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'   |
|        |         | 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann  |
| 12 Aug | (Wed)   | 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC   |
| 13 Aug | (Thurs) | 7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall   |
| 15 Aug | (Sat)   | Abbots Ann WI Outing to Waddesdon Manor.<br><b>Deadline for receipt of copy for the September 2015 Abbots Ann Magazine. <a href="mailto:editor@abbotsannmagazine.co.uk">editor@abbotsannmagazine.co.uk</a></b> |
| 16 Aug | (Sun)   | (The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity) Full service details – page 2  |
|        |         | 9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'   |
|        |         | 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann  |
| 19 Aug | (Wed)   | 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC   |
| 21 Aug | (Fri)   | 10.00am Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group  |
| 22 Aug | (Sat)   | 12.30pm All Saints', wedding of Laura May and James Ward.<br>4.30pm All Saints' (confirmed) Blessing of Marriage, Brogen Cortes and Lee Jackson  |
| 23 Aug | (Sun)   | (The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity) Full service details – page 2   |
|        |         | 9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'   |
|        |         | 11.30am Baptism of Jaxon Whatley at St Peter's   |
|        |         | 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann  |
| 26 Aug | (Wed)   | 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC.  |
| 27 Aug | (Thurs) | 7.30pm Abbots Ann WI meets in Abbots Ann War Memorial Hall.  |
| 30 Aug | (Sun)   | (The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity) Full service details – page 2  |
|        |         | 9.30am Live Wires at All Saints'   |
|        |         | 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann  |
| 31 Aug | (Mon)   | (Bank Holiday Monday)<br>1.00pm Goodworth Clatford Flower Show and Fete at GCVC  |

## SEPTEMBER 2015

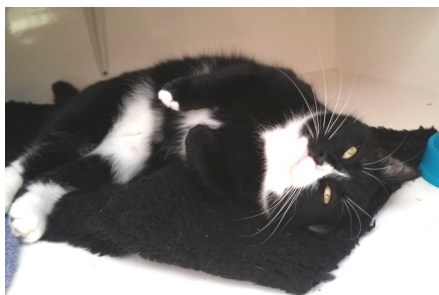
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| 1 Sept | (Tues)  | 7.00pm Goodworth Clatford Parish Council meets in GCVC   |
| 2 Sept | (Wed)   | 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC   |
| 3 Sept | (Thurs) | 10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning<br>7.00pm. Abbots Ann Parish Council meets in AA Memorial Hall.           |
|        |         | 7.00pm Hand Bell Ringing Session at St Mary's Church. <i>Revised date.</i>   |
| 5 Sept | (Sat)   | <b>ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE FETE, PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW.</b><br>1.00pm All Saints', wedding of Aly Wright and Rob Targett. |



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The weather in June/July has been very hot and there is promise of more to come so make sure that your cat has somewhere cool and shady to rest and a constant supply of clean drinking water. Our cats have been rather off their food and wet food, if left for any length of time, ends up crawling with maggots. If not eaten within half an hour it is best taken away. A supply of dry biscuits should keep him happy until the next meal.

We shall be occupying the Whitchurch charity shop from 14<sup>th</sup> August until 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Come and see what we have to offer and donations of bric-a-brac, books (in good condition), toys and saleable clothing will be gratefully received. We are not able to accept large furniture or electrical goods.



Tippy, last month's cat has really fallen on her paws. She has found a home with a delightful lady in Overton and now has a large house and garden to play in.

Liono is an affectionate black and white cat, as you can see from his picture. He is three years old and loves his fosterer, enjoying lots of strokes especially on his chin and tummy but is a little nervous of strangers. He would prefer to be an only cat.

*Martin Bevan*

### **ABBOTTS ANN BUSES**



As most regular bus users will be aware, the 87 bus timetable has changed yet again. Due to these frequent changes, the Abbots Ann bus timetable is no longer produced, as it is liable to be out of date before this magazine is distributed. Copies of the latest Wheelers 87 bus timetable are available to take away in the Abbots Ann Vision Transport folder on the windowsill in the village shop, or can be downloaded from the Wheelers website: [http://wheelerstravel.co.uk/web\\_media/File/87.pdf](http://wheelerstravel.co.uk/web_media/File/87.pdf)

Representations are being made to Wheelers concerning the timing of the buses. In the meantime, don't forget the list just inside the door of the village shop where you can offer or request lifts by car.

*Julie Moon Abbots Ann Vision Transport Project*



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**WINCHESTER**

**BISHOP OF BASINGSTOKE**  
The Rt Revd David Williams

13 July 2015

### **To the Parishes of Upper Clatford, Goodworth Clatford and Abbots Ann.**

Thank you so much for the welcome that we received on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Helen and I found the Benefice Service at St Peters profoundly moving. The patronal service for St Peters was also the opportunity to begin to think and pray towards the future. There is so much to be thankful for in each of the three parishes and I look forward to the journey ahead.

We had the opportunity to share in a lunch with all three PCCs and there was a commitment to work together towards the future. We visited some of the open gardens after lunch – thank you for the warmth of your welcome.

The Archdeacon of Bournemouth, Peter Rouch, will meet with the Church Wardens in September to begin the process of writing a benefice profile and to work towards the future. The Area Dean, John Harkin, is overseeing the provision of ministry in the vacancy. I hope to be with you over the Christmas period.

Whilst there is much to be thankful for, the next appointment of vicar will be critical not just to your Benefice, but also to the ministry of the Deanery and Diocese. Your Benefice has much to offer and I look forward to drawing on the wisdom and insights that you have. The Church Wardens have committed themselves to working together on the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. This will include a review of services and provision of services at festivals.

One of the challenges that I need to ask you to look at as a Benefice is the contribution of Parish Share. In order to resource the mission of the Church this Diocese relies on the contributions of the parishes for over 80% of its income. Each Incumbent represents over £60,000pa in mission costs. I would be happy to receive an invitation to talk this through in detail with members of the Church and Community.

I have been to two services at All Saints, one at St Peter's and visited St Mary's. You have parish churches that are clearly places of prayer.

The three bishops have written a pastoral letter covering both ministry and

generosity. Can I commend the letter to you (particularly to be read alongside this one!

Please be assured of my prayers.

*x David Basingstoke*

The Rt Revd David Williams  
Bishop of Basingstoke



The Right Reverend Tim Dakin

10 July 2015

Dear Friends

### **A message from Bishop Tim, Bishop Jonathan and Bishop David**

*I have seen the sun break through  
to illuminate a small field  
for a while, and gone my way  
and forgotten it. But that was the  
pearl of great price, the one field that had  
treasure in it. I realise now  
that I must give all that I have  
to possess it...*  
*The Bright Field* by R.S. Thomas

In the parable of the pearl of great price (Matthew 13:44-46), Jesus portrays the Kingdom of God as a moment of profound realisation: *this* is what really matters; *this* is worth spending my life on – what else could it all be about? This Autumn, we are going to be exploring with you what our lives are *for*. To paraphrase R.S. Thomas, what must we give all that we have – and all that we are – to possess?

Earlier this year, the national Church (as part of the Reform and Renewal programme) called us to a renewed sense of being disciples of Jesus. Our concise Annual Report (available on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.winchester.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Annual-report-FINAL.pdf>) summarises some of the ways we have been developing our

## **Trout 'n About 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 2015**

**TROUT  
'N ABOUT!**

Stockbridge in Hampshire is the place to be on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August for a fantastic day out for all the family! Trout 'n About, Stockbridge's annual festival of local food, produce and crafts will fill the High Street along with street entertainers, farm animals and vintage tractors. There will be music from local bands on two stages and even a special appearance by The Military Wives Choir.

There are no admittance fees and parking is provided completely free of charge at either end of the High Street. Complimentary vintage double decker buses provided by King Alfred Buses will run all day dropping visitors amidst the action.

Although Trout 'n About has been running for just 7 years it has very quickly become one of the most popular local food events in the Hampshire calendar. The festival is run by volunteers from the community and any funds raised are used to finance local good causes.

The festival offers a wide range of locally produced food from farms and small businesses in Hampshire plus crafts. This year we have 115 stall holders showcasing the best that Hampshire can offer lining both sides of Stockbridge's historic High Street.

As well as this year's festival sponsors - Savills and Southern Co-operative, there will be an amazing array of stalls selling and cooking wonderful local produce. This will include delicious baked goodies, local meats; beef burgers, water buffalo, lamb and pork, aromatic herbs, seafood, handmade marshmallows, olives, cupcakes, preserves and chutneys, cordials, apple juice, smoked fish, biltong, local cheeses, scrumptious sweet and savoury tarts, chilli and garlic products, cider, ales and sparkling wines from the Test Valley. A foodie's delight!

Local arts and craft stalls will include handmade jewellery, baskets, plants, animal portraits, recycled wire sculptures, natural soaps and creams, hand painted tableware, photography, bespoke art prints, poultry houses and poultry, furniture and fly fishing! There will be plenty of demonstrations too from hand forged ironwork and wood turning to juggling!

Come along and join us for a fantastic fun day out for all the family. For more information please visit [www.tnastockbridge.co.uk](http://www.tnastockbridge.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/TroutnAbout](https://www.facebook.com/TroutnAbout).

**CHARITY CONCERT SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**St PETER'S CHURCH, STOCKBRIDGE 7.30pm**  
**in aid of**  
**THE ALEX LEWIS TRUST**  
**THE JANE AUSTEN SINGERS(JAS)**  
**(Directed by Tim Lowden)**

**" O Radiant Dawn "**

Tim Lowden, a resident of Stockbridge and music director of Stockbridge Music, is delighted to have been asked by the Trust to bring his Jane Austen Singers back to Stockbridge for their third concert in this lovely church, (ideal for small choirs) to raise as much money as possible for the Alex Lewis Trust.

Alex Lewis, a 33 year old local resident, had a common cold followed by a sore throat which took a sinister path to Strep A Toxic, Septicemia and Necrotising Fasciitis (sometimes referred to as a flesh eating disease). The devastating result was the **amputation of all four of his limbs** and the need for extensive facial reconstruction as the infection ravaged his face as well as his limbs. The Trust was set up to help fund Alex's rehabilitation costs including home adjustments and prosthetics. It is Alex's aim to return to as an independent life as possible and be able to do the simple things we take for granted like go for a walk with his four year old son and partner Lucy.

For the first half of this concert, the JAS, known for their unaccompanied singing of sacred music covering the centuries, will perform a selection of sacred pieces. The second half, however, will contain part songs and amusing pieces not normally associated with the JAS!

Tim urges you to come and support his efforts to support Alex and to make this an opportunity of raising a significant amount of money towards his aims. **Dickie Davis**, a huge supporter of the Alex Lewis Trust, will be master of ceremonies for the evening. There will be interval drinks, raffles and other attractions to make this a very special and enjoyable evening of fundraising for Alex.

Tickets £10 are available from:

The Lights Theatre, Andover 01264 368368(credit cards)  
Robinsons Butchers, High Street, Stockbridge  
Roger Tym, The Old Manse, High Street, Stockbridge 01264 810363  
Wine Utopia, Stockbridge (01264 252080) + Winchester 01962 706666

For more information about the Trust go to:  
[www.alex-lewis.co.uk](http://www.alex-lewis.co.uk)

*Tim Lowden*

discipleship of Jesus in this Diocese over the last year. What does that discipleship look like? It looks like the merchant in Jesus' parable – giving all that we are and all that we have to join in with the story and mission of God, the mission of the whole people of God. Over the next few months we want to explore with you how we *lead* and *sustain* the mission of the whole people of God as a 'community of missionary disciples' (Pope Francis), purposefully committed to contributing to the common good.

**1. Leadership vocations ('Giving all that we are')**

In September, Mark Collinson joins us (in collaboration with the Cathedral) as the first Canon Principal of the School of Mission. The School is entering a new phase of equipping and training the whole people of God for mission, as new opportunities are opened up by the national Church's 'Resourcing Ministerial Education' review. Everyone's calling is different, so the School is going to prepare and equip many kinds of disciples and leaders as part of our commitment to re-imagine the Church (our second strategic priority). Starting in September 2016 and over the next few years, the School will be extending its current activities to offer a range of modules, courses and programmes. Some of these could lead to recognition of a lay or an ordained vocation, whether as an evangelist, preacher, youth or families worker or worship leader, or as a local and contextually-trained licensed lay worker, licenced lay minister or self-supporting ordained minister.

How might the Holy Spirit be preparing you (or those you lead) to re-new or re-fresh your commitment to give all that you are? Where is the Spirit calling you to something new and unexpected? We are looking forward to conversations with you in the Autumn about how the School of Mission might help to test, equip and sustain those callings.

**2. Generosity ('Giving all that we have')**

The merchant in Jesus' story sold all that he had to buy the pearl of great price. Responding to the call of Jesus is costly as we follow the example of the one who emptied himself for our sakes (Philippians 2:7). Practising sacrificial living and exercising good stewardship are commitments we have made to each other in our fourth strategic priority, as part of our belonging together in Christ. We have worked hard over the last year to produce a system for our Common Mission Fund (our 'parish share') which better reflects our priorities and commitments, and to make a good transition to the new system as the starting point of our corporate generosity. This is only the start – it is by becoming *deeper disciples*, living lives of generosity – in fellowship, in life and in money – that we will enable effective leadership and the mission of the whole people of God. As the 'Resourcing the Future' review looks at how the national Church's resources can be most effectively used for mission, so in this Diocese we want to generate the resources we need to be a growing Church that makes a significant contribution to the common good.



Where, now, is the Holy Spirit calling us to be *radically* generous in our financial giving? Might he be calling us, together, to give all that the Common Mission Fund system asks of us, and even more? Does your Parish Mission Action Plan include an objective about stewardship and regular teaching on giving? You may like to know that our average giving has gone up, and is now £11.97 per week.

Bishop Jonathan and Bishop David are keen to visit Chapter meetings, Deanery Synods, clusters of parishes and worshipping communities from this Autumn to explore our responses to the call of God on our lives, particularly in these key areas of leadership vocations and of generosity. They will want to talk about the practical and detailed ways in which we are building them into our personal and corporate lives. Are they hard-wired into our Parish and Deanery Mission Action Plans? Are we planning for new responses to the call of Christ in these areas of our lives? How can we get ready for all that God has in store for us?

We continue to pray for you, rejoicing in our life together.

The Right Reverend Jonathan Frost The Right Reverend Tim Dakin The Right Reverend David Williams  
The Bishop of Southampton The Bishop of Winchester The Bishop of Basingstoke

### *From The Registers*

#### **Holy Baptism**

Toby Ashcroft Thompson, whose Baptism took place at St Peter's on 20<sup>th</sup> June

Reuben Charles Barnfather, whose Baptism took place at All Saints on 5th July.

Lisa Karen West, whose Baptism took place at All Saints on 5th July.

Grace Madison West, whose Baptism took place at All Saints on 5th July.

#### **Holy Matrimony**

Francis Beavis and Jessica Casson whose Wedding took place at All Saints on 20th June.

Nikki Ann Chapman and Giles Ashcroft Thompson whose Wedding took place at St Peter's on 20th June.

John Clarke and Laura Baker whose Wedding took place at All Saints on 4th July.

**Thanksgiving Service** for Brigadier John Warner Turner former Churchwarden of St Peter's at St Mary's Andover (St Peter's just wasn't big enough) on 25th June

*If you do not wish to have the information from the registers published, would you please contact Rev. Nicky Judd on 01264 729075.*

### **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT BULBERY FIELD**

A formal Outline Planning Application has been received by Test Valley Borough Council relating to a proposed development at Bulbery Field.

The Parish Council is following proper procedure to present a response.

The Parish Council had publicised on parish noticeboards that it would not comment or act on a speculative proposal, prior to the submission of an official application.

It should be noted also that the "flyer" received earlier by some households was not connected in any way with the Parish Council.

The formal application can be viewed on:

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/planningandbuildingcontrol/viewplanningapplicationsonline/view-planning-applications-online>

The case ID is 15/01634/OUTN

Any representations must be submitted in writing to TVBC or by email ([planning@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:planning@testvalley.gov.uk)) giving your full postal address including postcode by **14th August 2015**

It is intended that there will shortly be a Meeting to which the promoters of the scheme will be invited, and that you will be able to express your views and any concerns to them directly.

### ***How to contact your Member of Parliament***



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## CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Heavenly Hostas was the title of our June speaker, John Baker. There was a good turnout with most people wanting to know how to stop slugs and snails from devouring their beautiful leaves. John has the national collection of Hostas, the third biggest in England, and he is editor of the *Hosta* and *Hemerocallis* Society. Interestingly he bought his first *Hosta* at a car boot sale 25 years ago and now has 8000 altogether.

Hostas grow best in dappled shade although one or two can tolerate sun. They come in many colours and make good companion plants, for example under *Acer* trees. Some change colour seasonally. The thicker (rugose) leaved varieties such as 'Blueberry Waffle' are less likely to be eaten by slugs and snails.

Hostas can be grown successfully in pots or in the ground. The best time to buy a plant is in the spring although they can be divided in autumn and before the frosts come. They like rich soil such as farmyard manure and grit or bark chips provide good drainage. Make sure you give them lots of water and food at the beginning and end of the year. When planting, make a big hole to allow the roots to spread sideways and fill with potting compost. They will sleep for the first year but by the third year they will be well established.

Miniature Hostas never get any bigger and can look nice in troughs and containers. Blue Mouse Ears is very pretty with lovely blue flowers. There are 40 'Mouse Hostas' in total.

### Pests and Diseases

Start on Valentine's Day by cleaning the garden by raking away old leaves and debris. This helps to get rid of eggs laid in October. There are many ways of managing pests. These include pellets which should only be applied thinly around the plant. Coffee grounds can be boiled twice and a solution made to water the plants. Epsom salts sprinkled on the soil form a barrier to repel pests and ashes and gravel can irritate. Some people use copper strips or a garlic solution where 2 garlic bulbs are crushed into 1 litre of water which is then boiled for 3-4 minutes. The white juice is sieved off and sprayed onto the plants. This makes the snails go away rather than kill them. Finally, 1 bottle of ammonia made into a solution with 9 bottles of water and sprayed onto the plant can also be effective. Why not try them all!

Hosta suppliers include: Bowden Hosta, Sticklepath, Okehampton, Devon  
Mickfield Hostas, Stow Market, Suffolk  
Bali Hai Nursery, Co Antrim, N. Ireland

**The next club meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> is 'Behind the Scenes at Hampton Court' by Keith and Christine Hayward.**

Meetings are held in Upper Clatford Village Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month and begin at 7.45pm. New members are always welcome.

*Jenny Llewellyn*

## ST MARY'S ABBOTTS ANN - CHURCHWARDENS' NOTICE

Bishop David's letter, and his talk when he came to the Benefice Service at St Peter's, were both most welcome. We hope that they will enable us all to draw a line under the problems of recent years and enable us to work together to bring St Mary's into a new and exciting future.

We now know that the interregnum, under the leadership of Nicky Judd, may last for up to a year and that the search for a new rector will not start until we have met two conditions. When these are met then the process can begin. The conditions are:

1. The churchwardens, and PCC's of St Mary's, All Saints, and St Peter's must show that they can work together successfully in running the Benefice. *The Churchwardens have already met three times in July in order to start the interregnum on a sound footing.*
2. The benefice must show that it is capable of paying our parish share, since we have failed to do this recently. *This is entirely in our hands as a Parish.*

Bishop David has appointed a ministry team to assist the churchwardens in running the Benefice during the vacancy. Nicky Judd will be assisted by Tim Tayler and Peter Eastwood (Lay Ministers), both of whom live in our Benefice.

We are delighted to welcome them all back, as we will be to see many of you back supporting your church. The way ahead is exciting and challenging, but your involvement is essential if St Mary's is to thrive once again. Your Parochial Church Council will have met twice to make plans for the future by the time you read this and we will be approaching you to clarify what is happening and to seek your ideas and involvement.

We need your prayers and active support to help the flame of Christ thrive in our Parish again.

Thank you in advance.

*Gordon Howard and Sally Dashwood  
Churchwardens St Mary's Abbots Ann*

## **84226 GUNNER CLIFTON HERBERT PITT CANADIAN FIELD ARTILLERY**

Clifton Herbert Pitt and his twin brother, Chesney Louis, were born in 1879 and natives of Abbots Ann. They were sons of Walter and Emma Pitt of Black Swan House, Duck Street, and part of a large family with an elder brother Hedley and 3 sisters. Clifton and Chesney both emigrated in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Clifton to Canada and Chesney to Australia.

Clifton Herbert Pitt, a blacksmith who emigrated to Canada in the early 1900s, attested for service with the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force at Guelph, Ontario on 3rd February 1915 and was pronounced fit for military service the same day. As 84226 Gunner C H Pitt, he was posted to 16 Battery, 4 Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery, for employment as a shoeing smith, embarking for the United Kingdom on the SS Messanabie on 20th May and landing in Southampton on 30th May. He embarked for France on 14th September, arriving on 16th September. There are no records for 1916 but we must assume that he was regularly in action supporting the Canadian Corps.

Gunner Pitt was granted 10 days leave on 10th January 1917 and again 14 days on 22nd December which he spent in England. It is a reasonable assumption that he would have visited his mother Emma in Abbots Ann. On 27th January he was charged with "being absent from the line of march while on active service from 9.00 am 25th January to 7.00 pm on 26th January". For this offence he was stopped 2 days pay and sentenced to 14 days Field Punishment No 1. It appears that he did not learn from his punishment as he was charged with a similar offence of being absent from parade on 6th March for which he received 21 days field punishment.

Clifton Pitt was injured on 18th January 1918 with contusions to the face and knee when he tried to mount an artillery limber of 25 Battery whilst it was in motion; the wheel hit a stone and he fell off. He was initially hospitalised to 12 Canadian Field Ambulance at Fresnicourt and then to 46 Field Ambulance until he rejoined his unit on 31st January. Because the medical authorities had been told to report all potentially self inflicted wounds for possible Court Martial, a board of inquiry into the circumstances of the injury was raised by Capt W E Sinclair Canadian Army Medical Corps. On 18th January, Pitt's Commanding Officer decided that the injury was caused by an accident, rather than being a deliberate act; this recommendation being supported by the Brigade Commander on 19th February and by the General Officer Commanding 2 Canadian Division on 20 February. Pitt was again injured by a gunshot wound to his left leg at Monchy on 4th September, which was sufficiently serious for him to be evacuated via 45 Casualty Clearing Station at Bailleulval to 3 Australian General Hospital at Abbeville and thence to the Middlesex War Hospital, St Albans, where he was admitted on 9th September.

Gunner Pitt's wound, as described on the Medical Case Sheet, was severe and he was transferred to the Canadian Hospital, Epsom on 25th January 1919 and

then one day when we check, they have all, literally flown the nest. All that remains is a solitary unhatched speckled blue egg.

A happy month of births in our Hampshire idyll, and even better, as the month ends, the temperature is soaring.

*Mother of the Tribe*

## **CHRIS WARBURTON IS FUNDRAISING FOR THE MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION IN MEMORY OF ROSIE DAVIS**

I am riding 300 miles in 24 hours from Newcastle to London on 22nd August 2015 in memory of a remarkable lady who touched many lives, **Rosie Davis**.

Rosie was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in 2013 and after a short but brave battle with this cruel disease, passed away in early 2014. Amongst the many activities and community projects Rosie was involved in, one of them was the Harmonium Singers of Andover. Through this Choir, Rosie was able to express her great love and passion for music. Amongst the many people privileged to have met Rosie through the Harmonium Singers was my wife, Victoria Warburton.

Rosie was a dedicated and inspirational teacher. She started her vocation at Wycombe High School for girls and finished as Head of English and Drama at Rookwood School, Andover via a challenging school in Hull. In addition to the many duties required of Head of Department, Rosie also managed to find time to produce the annual school play and coach the school Youth Speaks teams., with stellar results in both arenas.

Motor Neurone Disease is a fatal, progressive disease that affects the brain and spinal cord. There is no cure and this disease affects up to 5000 adults in the UK at any one time. It can leave people locked in a failing body, unable to move or talk.

My aim of raising **£3200** is in order for the MNDA to buy a Lightwriter that provides a sufferer the priceless ability to communicate with loved ones.

**Thanks for taking the time to visit my JustGiving page.**

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving – they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity, so it's the most efficient way to donate – saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

*Chris Warburton*



## **LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - JUNE 2015**

Summer madness is on us as the month whizzes by in a blur of end of year exams, tennis matches, netball, hikes, sailing, cricket, fetes and sports days. The Tribe's 3 cats however, have taken up a more sedentary life. They no longer spend the nights prowling in the darkness and we are no longer tripping over the remains of freshly caught rabbit as we dash out in the morning. Instead, the cats curl up at the end of each of their owner's beds and together they sleep all night. Most bizarre. But we think we may know why. We have seen a rather handsome fox appearing in daylight hours along Cattle Lane and in the field behind us. We assume that both the fox and cats have been hunting the same prey and perhaps the cats came a little too close and had a bit of a scare. Back in 2005, hungry foxes were attacking domestic cats and vets were seeing more injuries, but this is pretty unusual and I haven't seen any mention of it in the press. Who knows for sure why they have been inside, but the Tribe are enjoying their company at night again.

After the excitement of the elephant hawk moth's appearance last month, this month, the Littlest successfully 'rears' 5 painted lady butterflies. From 'hungry caterpillar' eating non-stop (just like in Eric Carle's story) to more than double in size. What actually happens is miraculous; they outgrow their skin and a hormone is released instructing the larva to moult, which it does several times. It then stops feeding and hangs upside down where it spins a cocoon around itself. More hormones are involved and the cells in the larva basically self destruct to release the 'butterfly making material'. Rapid cell division follows the end result being: a butterfly. Amazing. There is an astonishing video shot by scientists at the Natural History Museum using high tech imaging (search 3-D imaging of a butterfly chrysalis). Occasionally as we watch the chrysalides, they start to shake quite violently; this is a natural instinct to ward off predators. Gradually, one by one, our butterflies emerge from their chrysalides. As they do so they dry their wings and force liquid under pressure, into the veins of the wings. Once the wings are formed, red liquid (meconium), is expelled - it looks just like blood and we are all totally fascinated. The two halves of the proboscis is also joined together at this time. The Tribe find wild flowers and different fruits for the butterflies. A week later, on a warm, still evening, they are set free and we watch them flutter across the meadow. They are migrating butterflies and can fly thousands of kilometres to find food. I wonder where they will end up.

As well as the 'birth' of our butterflies, we also find a blackbird's nest in a pyracantha clinging to the house. We watch the mother sitting on what we assume is a clutch of eggs and the Tribe are utterly delighted when they find a nest full of totally helpless, naked chicks. At this point the parents are incredibly busy flying to and from the nest with a constant supply of food for their young. Space in the nest gets tighter and tighter as the chicks grow and

thence to 16 Canadian General Hospital, Orpington on 27th June for a protracted course of treatment caused by wound complications. On 28th March he was granted permission to marry. He was subject to a Medical Board at Orpington on 8th July. The Board's opinion was that he should return to Canada and could not practise his original trade of blacksmith. On 14th August he was struck off strength at the Canadian Forces Discharge Depot at Buxton and returned to Canada.

Clifton Pitt died in Canada on 7th July 1939. His service to his birth country is commemorated on the memorial panel inside the War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann, although he is erroneously shown as serving in the Canadian Light Infantry. He was entitled to the British War and Allied Victory Medals.

*Mike Cooper*

## **HIBBERT CUP 2015**



This cup is awarded annually at the Abbots Ann Fete which this year is on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

It is awarded for outstanding, voluntary, unpaid contribution to the Abbots Ann community in honour of Basil Hibbert, who himself made an outstanding contribution to our community. A bench in memory of Basil stands outside the village shop. This year's winner will be the 14<sup>th</sup> holder of the cup.

The decision is made by the Trustees of the War Memorial Hall, which Basil chaired for many years. In making the decision, the Trustees also consult with the current holder of the Cup (2014/2015 Pam Lytle).

All nominations (including all past unsuccessful nominations) are considered with great care, and any village resident may make a nomination. Please send your nominations, with a description of the outstanding contribution made, to Graham Stallard, Secretary and Trustee, Abbots Ann War Memorial Hall, Rose Cottage, 86 Little Ann Road, SP11 7NW – or email to [graham.p.stallard@gmail.com](mailto:graham.p.stallard@gmail.com)

Closing date for nominations is 21<sup>st</sup> August, two weeks before the fete. Please remember that your nomination must be yours alone – no groups please - so that it is absolutely confidential. Please keep your nomination secret as it would be most inappropriate in our Abbots Ann family for the names of unsuccessful nominees to be known, and to be open for discussion.

*Graham Stallard*

### **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:**

**31 Jul - 13 Aug**

14 Aug - 27 Aug

28 Aug - 10 Sep

11 Sep - 24 Sep

25 Sep - 8 Oct

9 Oct - 22 Oct

#### **Flowers:**

**Sue Hancock**

Pat Keene

Gwen Pollard

Pamela Graham

Harvest Festival

Anne Jones

#### **Dusting:**

**Alex Pugh**

Pat Keene

Ann Hopwood

Audrey Cresswell

Helen Stuart

Biz Shaw

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP** **LONDON TO PARIS BIKE RIDE** **IN AID OF THE NEPAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who kindly sponsored me in my London to Paris bike ride, in aid of Nepal Earthquake Appeal.

The ride wasn't easy and I was very glad that I had put the training in, especially after a 92 mile ride on the first day.

We covered over 300 miles in the 4 days and cycled round the Arc de Triomphe and down the Champs Elysee on the final day.

In total, we helped raise over £1250 for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. The region is still suffering, with the rainy season about to start, so relief now will be extremely important.

Thank you so much.

*Lorna Haigh*

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

Once again we shall take part in the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust sponsored "Ride and Stride". This year it will take place on Saturday 12th September.

You can cycle, walk or run choosing safe country lanes, visiting our lovely interesting churches.

Come and join us for a very enjoyable day out.

Half the money we raise will go to help maintain our own church St Mary's.

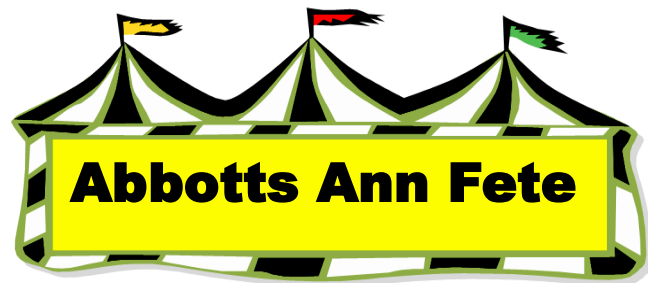
All details and sponsorship forms are available from Pat Balam, Cygnet Cottage, Tel: 710040.

*Pat Balam*

## **Abbotts Ann Village Fete**



**Fete Stalls - 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
We have tables available at the fete for stall holders to hire at £15.  
Contact Rob Stavely to book your place on (01264) 712911



Abbotts Ann Fete will be held on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September**. We will be collecting around the village throughout the summer for the stalls listed below. To contribute your much appreciated donation please call the relevant number below for collection to be arranged.



Bottle Tombola  
Chris Brown  
07789 002 597



Cake Stall  
Trish Wallis 710918



Books  
Annette Church 710584



Smash Crockery  
Tim Kirby 710044

WI Cakes  
Sharon King 335630

Bric-a-brac  
Lisa Hillier 710231  
Anne Emerson 710851

Thank you for your support

## THANK YOU FROM ABBOTTS ANN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION - AASA

We would all like to thank all the villagers, their friends and families that have helped us this academic with our fundraising through donations and attending events.

We have had amazing support for all our events including the jumble sales, Christmas Bazaar, Thai Cooking Evening and most recently the Family Fun and Sporting Day to name a few. In fact we are still getting money in for the Family Fun & Sporting Day but it is looking like this one event will raise more than £2400. Thank you all for your support.

This year through our fundraising AASA has been able to donate £9800 to the school, which has meant that the children have had a new reading scheme, expanded their musical instruments, had a new maths scheme and maths equipment, phase three of their outdoor trim trail and a great Christmas time.

None of this would be possible without the support of the Village so again we say thank you all very much for your generosity and support.

*AASA*

## THANK YOU FROM ST MARY'S FUN CLUB

The children of St Mary's Fun Club would like to say thank you to everyone who came to their Strawberry Tea on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Although it was cloudy, enjoyable afternoon tea of scones and strawberries and cream was had by all and with all the generous donations we raised an amazing £383 for CORD, a Christian charity that focuses on countries in Africa and Asia which have been affected by violent conflict, and supporting them to build peace.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Diana and Bill Easterbrook, who let us hold our event in their garden, and to all of Diana's helpers for setting up, making scones, and washing up. We couldn't have done it without you.

We wish you all a very happy summer.

*Aly Godman  
St Mary's Fun Club Leader*

*My apologies for the July magazine turning into a puzzle magazine - I am not sure whether a software problem was to blame or finger trouble on my part - I hope this month's magazine is easier to read!!*

*The Editor*

There is a lot to tell you about this month, so I should go and put the kettle on before you settle to read this month's report of our activities, as we have been celebrating being 100 years old. Not personally you understand, but the Women's Institute first came to these shores, from Canada, in 1915 hence Institutes across England, Wales and the Islands have been marking this centenary.

First on our busy June Calendar was Cecilia Cotton's visit to Buckingham Palace. HRH The Duchess of Cornwall, along with Their Royal Highnesses The Countess of Wessex, Princess Alexandra and The Duchess of Gloucester, hosted a Garden Party for the National Federation of Women's Institutes and Cecilia was there on our behalf. Whilst she enjoyed her experience, she did report that you needed to enjoy (or was it endure?) queuing as there was a queue to get into the Palace, for the delicious refreshments and inevitably the ladies. It was a blustery day and there were a few ladies chasing their hats across the royal lawn, but Cecilia's remained in place - just.

Just two days later and it was the NFWI's AGM at the Royal Albert Hall, this event was also attended by Royalty, this time it was HM The Queen and TRH The Princess Royal and The Countess of Wessex. Her Majesty was invited to open the meeting and she also accepted the WI Centenary Baton after its 18 month journey around all Federations in England and Wales. The Royal Ladies were each presented with a posy, by a granddaughter of a member of the National Board of Trustees, and each went home with gifts of fruit cake and the latest WI cookbook. Many will have seen on various news programmes that before she left HM attempted to cut the centenary cake and The Princess Royal had to come to her rescue.

Whilst the cake cutting happened off stage, the meeting continued and we were delighted to welcome our first speaker of the day, Lucy Worsley an English historian, author and currently Joint Chief Curator at Historic Royal Palaces. However, in her role as television presenter she revealed she has made a new programme called Cakebakers and Troublemakers detailing the first 100 years of the WI. She told us it was due to be aired on BBC2 during June, but to my knowledge, at the time of writing, it has yet to appear.

We also heard from Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson who had her audience laughing as she gave us her family's response to her elevation to the House of Lords, she is certainly an inspirational lady. Our third and final guest speaker was Helena Morrissey CBE, CEO of Newton Investment and founder of the Thirty Percent club whose aim is to ensure there are more women on the

***Abbotts Ann Church of England Primary School, Duck Street, Abbotts Ann, Andover, SP11 7FE***

or by email to: ***adminoffice@abbottsann.hants.sch.uk***

Your application should briefly set out your connection to the school and/or the local community, why you want to become a governor, and any experience that you think is relevant. All applications will be discussed by the whole governing body to ensure that they are assessed fairly and objectively before making any appointment.

We are sure there will be people who are interested in supporting the school in this way, and we very much look forward to hearing from you.

*Robert Stavely - School Governor*



**ABBOTTS ANN NURSERY SCHOOL**  
**VOLUNTEER TREASURER NEEDED FOR OUR**  
**VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL**



Abbotts Ann Nursery School, based in the War Memorial Hall, is a registered charity which is managed by a committee of volunteers, who are elected every September at our AGM.

As this academic year is drawing to a close we are looking ahead to find a new volunteer treasurer to take over from September. Ideally this would be someone who would be able to hold the position for a number of years to provide continuity to both the preschool and the committee.

As treasurer you would be required to attend our evening committee meeting, held approximately every six weeks, to provide a summary of our accounts. Other responsibilities would include paying invoices and processing the monthly payroll for our preschool manager and key workers.

This position may suit a retired person who has an hour or so each week to spare. No previous accounting experience is necessary, just access to a computer and a competency at using Microsoft Excel software.

If you think you may be able to help, please contact me, Liz Stavely (AANS chair) by email: [lizstavely@hotmail.com](mailto:lizstavely@hotmail.com)

**100 CLUB**



**JULY DRAW WINNERS**

**First Prize £30: Dennis Carter**  
**Second Prize £20: Adrian Stokes**  
**Third Prize £10: Ali Plmer**

*Neil Witten*



## **SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCIES**

Abbotts Ann Church of England Primary School currently has two vacancies for community governors to join the school's governing body. A community governor is representative of the interests of the local community within which the school operates.

### ***What does being a governor involve?***

First and foremost, governors need to be passionate and engaged about the education and wellbeing of children at the school. We have six full governing body meetings per year (one per half term), held in the evening. Every governor is also a member of a sub-committee (either Finance and Resources, or School Improvement) which meet approximately five times per year, usually during the school day. At these meetings, governors oversee the performance of the school through: feedback from the staff; reviewing data; and any personal insights from visiting the school. The governors then collectively make decisions about the school.

Governors also visit the school during the day at least once but preferably twice per term to look at a particular aspect of how the school runs. Finally, all governors have the opportunity to learn about different aspects of school governance through signing up to relevant training courses (provided by Hampshire County Council under a subscription service with the school).

### ***What sort of people do we need?***

We are all different and we encourage diversity in the governing body by seeking people from all backgrounds, and experiences. However, all governors should be able to conduct themselves professionally, discreetly and diplomatically; be good at working as part of a team; and have a respect for, but not be afraid to challenge, the status quo. Governors are often viewed as "critical friends" to the school. Appointment is subject to completion of satisfactory 'disclosure and barring' background checks (formerly known as CRB).

### ***Why should I join?***

Through the commitment you give as a governor, it is very rewarding to feel part of the strategic management and oversight of the school, and to become a familiar face to the children and staff. Often one of the most pleasing aspects of the role is speaking to the children about the work they are doing, and their understanding of key topic areas such as "keep safe" messages and spirituality.

### ***How do I apply or find out further information?***

If you have any questions about becoming a community governor, please contact Mrs Hall, Head Teacher at the address below to arrange an informal discussion. The positions are co-opted by the governing body and as such anybody wishing to apply should please send a letter of application to:

boards of British companies.

Throughout the day there were live links to other Institutes including Anglesey where it all began.

This year's Resolution proved to be somewhat controversial and despite a successful proposal to amend the wording, the most persuasive argument of the day was that the resolution was not worthy of the WI and we could do better. Therefore, a motion to move on to the next business, without a vote being taken, received resounding agreement. This means that, if appropriate, the Resolution can be worked on and who knows may make a re-appearance in the future.

There was a real buzz about the day, with thousands of ladies present. The singing of Jerusalem and the National Anthem in the presence of the Royal Party was particularly rousing and moving. I was at this event of behalf of both Abbotts Ann and Goodworth Clatford WIs and it was a privilege to be there.

Then instead of being 100 we became 17 year old dancing queens as we boogied the night away at Hillier's Arboretum to an Abba Tribute band. Several of us attended this event, along with family and friends. This was Hampshire Federation's main centenary event and it was a glorious summer's evening, so we were able to enjoy our picnics, indulge in a (free) cupcake at the interval and then enjoy a spectacular firework display at the end.

For our own June Meeting we visited the Lavender Fields at Hartley Park Farm near Alton. We were greeted by our host, Tim Butler, the third generation at Hartley Park Farm, which is a family affair as Tim runs the farm with his wife Anne and son.

English Lavender was introduced to the farm ten years ago and four main varieties are grown; Folgate and Maillette, which produce essential lavender oil, Grosso which produces lavadin oil and Imperial Gem used for dried seed production and bunching. This high quality essential lavender is used to develop perfumed hand, body and home fragrance products, which are all made in England. They also grow a number of other English lavenders such as Hidcote and Edelweiss and it takes three years for the lavender plants to mature with a life-cycle of between 7 to 10 years.

The lavender is harvested in the early mornings during July and August and is taken immediately to the distillery on site. Lavender oil is like fine malt whisky as it is left to mature for several years! Tim was a very enthusiastic host and regaled us with many humorous stories - some involving past employees, one of which was found asleep on the tractor one morning after a late night down the local pub(!) The afternoon finished with a delicious cream tea and a visit to the on-site shop and members were seen heading home

with hand creams, teas, biscuits and, of course, lavender plants.

No meeting this month, so yes you may get lucky next month with a much shorter report!

However, we are off to Waddesdon Manor on 13th August which is a National Trust property. If anyone would like to join us please give me a ring on 01264 335630 as we still have room on the coach.

*Sharon King*

**Village Fete Flower, Produce & Craft Show :**  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**JUST OVER A MONTH TO GO!**

The schedule for the Flower, Produce & Craft Show is available in the village shop or direct from myself. It contains all you need to know about entering and details of all the classes: Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, Eggs, Domestic, Art & Craft, Photography, Young Exhibitors – so plenty of scope for everybody to have a go!

For more information contact Anne Emerson  
(1 Warren Drive) on 710851

**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.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**

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**Abbotts Ann Village Fete**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1pm**

**at Bulbery Playing Field**

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

**Live music from 8pm**

- Festival of Motoring
- Donkey Rides
- Mini Olympics
- Ferret Roulette
- BBQ, teas, cakes and beer tent
- Produce and craft show
- Games and children's rides
- Bouncy castle & Circus skills
- Comedy tightrope act
- Stalls AND MORE!





## **ABBOTTS ANN PARISH COUNCIL**

**ABBOTTS ANN PARISH COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR A  
SUITABLE CANDIDATE**

**FOR THE POST OF  
CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE  
FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Parish Council is on the first tier of local government, with the purpose of maintaining and enhancing life in the village of Abbots Ann.

The post is part-time, for 15 hours per week, working from home. Working hours are flexible, but you must be able to attend meetings a minimum of one evening per month.

As Proper Officer for the Council, the Clerk manages council business, assisting and advising councillors in all aspects of local government administration and ensuring they comply with their legal and financial obligations. The successful candidate will also be the Council's Finance Officer (Responsible Financial Officer – RFO), managing all aspects of the Council's finances. Experience in local government is desirable but not essential.

Applicants should be computer-literate, experienced in the use of spreadsheets and accounts, and have proven organisational and administrative skills. They should hold, or be willing to study to achieve, the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA).

Salary will be £11-£14 per hour, depending on experience.

Two references will be required.

For further details, please contact Mr Bernard Griffiths (Chairman) at [cllrbrgriffiths@gmail.com](mailto:cllrbrgriffiths@gmail.com).

Please apply in writing to the Chairman, as above, with C.V.

**Applications close at 5.00 pm on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**Interviews will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September.**



**A SWAN SONG CONCERT**

**A PIANO RECITAL  
GIVEN BY  
NICHOLAS WALKER**

Nicholas Walker, *"a prodigy of awesome technical fluency backed by exceptional artistry"* (London Evening Standard), studied at the Royal Academy of Music and the Moscow Conservatoire. Winner of the first Newport International Piano competition, he has performed with major British Orchestras, given recitals worldwide, and recorded for the BBC, BMG, ASV, Chandos and Danacord. In 2010 he organised the Balakirev Centenary concerts in London.

**Saturday 26th September  
at the Old Rectory**

The Concert will include Schubert and Beethoven  
Black Tie

Drinks at 6.15pm

Recital at 7.30pm - Followed by Dinner

Tickets £30 - Strictly Limited



In aid of St Mary's Church

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Mrs J R Benson  
The Old Rectory  
Little Ann, Abbots Ann, SP11 7NR

I would like ..... Tickets for the Piano Recital at £30 each and  
enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to The PCC of St Mary's  
Abbots Ann

Name:

Address:



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

**Shop Manager:** Tim Abram  
**Deputy Shop Manager:** Carol Murphy  
**Sub Post Mistress:** Maureen Flood

Although Mid-Summer has passed, the weather is still warm enough for our thoughts to turn to BBQs. We are delighted to announce that Buffalo meat from Broughton is now available in the Shop. You can choose from Sausages, Steaks or Burgers. We continue to stock the, now famous, Abbots Ann watercress Sausages and Burgers and look in the chiller for local Lamb (from Goodworth Clatford).

### **Honey**

The local bees have been particularly busy this year and we are pleased to be receiving a good supply of their Honey.

### **Apples**

Wandering round the Village, I see that a good crop of apples is developing on trees in people's gardens. The Shop will be delighted to receive your surplus fruit in the autumn so that we can get apple juice produced again. Last year's supply was so popular and we would like, of possible, to produce more this time. If you need help with the picking just let the staff in the Shop know.

### **Garden Produce**

It is the time of year when all the fruits of your labour are ready in the garden at the same time and you find that you have more than you can cope with. For the Shop this is good news! We would be delighted to accept your surplus produce (tomatoes, beans, courgettes etc.).

### **Raffle**

Tickets for a Gallon of whiskey are now on sale in the Shop, at only £1 per ticket. The Draw will take place at the Fete on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**Just to remind you,  
Abbots Ann Village Shop is open until 7pm Every Friday  
Enjoy your holidays and keep on using your local Shop.**

*Elizabeth Howard  
Shop Volunteer & Committee Member*

## **ABBOTTS ANN POST OFFICE**

### **Home Phone and Broadband Premium**

Get **12 MONTHS HALF PRICE BROADBAND** - No usage limits so you can surf, stream and download as much as you like. A monthly line rental of £15 applies and after 12 months half price at just £4 a month, the broadband price is £8 a month

#### **Key benefits**

**12 months half price broadband** - browse the web, send emails, listen to music, watch movies and more (Fair Usage Policy applies)

**Inclusive weekend calls** to UK landlines and 0845 and 0870 numbers

**Wireless router:** connect additional laptops, computers and devices to the internet at home

#### **Also included with this package**

Nominate 10 people as your Loved Ones

Up to five email addresses for you and your family so you can send and receive emails

PC security with anti-spam, anti-virus and parental controls

Help when you need it

**If you've got a question or a query** about your phone line our Customer care line is open 7am-11pm, seven days a week

For technical HomePhone and Broadband issues our **UK based customer care team** are on hand to help you 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### **New Draw for Health Lottery**

The Health Lottery is introducing a Thursday draw for the £1 game: players will be able to win up to £100k three times per week

The first draw is being held on 13th August and tickets available to purchase from 6th August.

20p in every £1 played on The Health Lottery is donated directly to health-related good causes across the country.

### **Withdrawal of Premium Bonds**

From 1st August 2015 NS & I premium bonds will no longer be available from Post Office branches. NS & I have a long term strategy to encourage customers to invest via their direct channels and have decided to withdraw premium binds from the Post office network.

Please note that Post Office Ltd have a number of great value savings products from ISAs and easy access accounts (Instant Saver) to longer term investments (Growth Bonds).

*Maureen Flood*