

31 Aug	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
1 Sept	(Thurs)	10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning
		5.30–6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk.
		7.30pm Bellringing practice St Mary's
		7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's
3 Sept	(Sat)	1.00pm Abbotts Ann Fete - see page 19
4 Sept	(Sun)	(<u>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</u>) – full service details, page 3 Celebrating St Mary's Church and its People, including Evensong led by the Bishop of Basingstoke
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
5 Sept	(Mon)	12.30pm Way Inn Lunch at St Peter's
6 Sept	(Tues)	7.00pm Goodworth Clatford Parish Council meets in GCVC
<u>7 Sept</u>	<u>(Wed)</u>	7.30pm at St Peter's, the licensing of Rev. Katrina Dykes
		7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
8 Sept	(Thurs)	5.30–6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk.
		7.30pm Bellringing practice St Mary's
		7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's
11 Sept	(Sun)	(<u>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</u>) Approx. 7.00pm at All Saints' (after Evensong), Barbecue outside The Meadow Room.
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
13 Sept	(Tues)	12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.
14 Sept	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall
<u>15 Sept</u>	<u>(Thurs)</u>	12.00noon Deadline for receipt of copy for the October 2016 Abbotts Ann Magazine editor@abbottsanmagazine.co.uk
		5.30–6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk.
		7.30pm Bellringing practice St Mary's
		7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's
16 Sept	(Fri)	10.00am Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
18 Sept	(Sun)	(<u>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</u>) 10.30am at Charlton Sports Centre, Andover 10k Lake Run, and 3k Fun Run, in aid of Andover Foodbank. See page 14
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
20 Sept	(Tues)	10.00am to 11.30am in St Peter's Room – Goodworth Clatford Community Coffee Morning.
		7.30pm Goodworth Clatford WI meets in GCVC
21 Sept	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		7.30pm Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall.
22 Sept	(Thurs)	5.30–6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk.
		7.30pm Bellringing practice, St Mary's
		7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
24 Sept	(Sat)	10.00-12.00pm How warm is your home? - see page 11
25 Sept	(Sun)	(<u>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</u>) 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
30 Sept	(Fri)	7.30pm Victor and Albert - see page 12

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN AUGUST 2016

Please note change of services and times at all churches.

Date:

Sunday 31st July
10.00 Benefice Sung Eucharist
12.00 Baptism Emilie Lockhart

St Mary's Duties:
Tenth Sunday of Trinity
All Saints' (NJ/TT/PE)
St Mary's (NJ)

Thursday 4th August

11.00 Wedding of Susannah Machin and Stefan Putigny
& Baptism of Eleanor Putigny All Saints'

Saturday 6th August

12.00 Wedding of Leanne Phillips and
Nathan Hardiman-James

All Saints'

Sunday 7th August

08.00 Said Holy Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
10.00 Family Service
18.00 Evensong

Eleventh Sunday of Trinity

St Peter's (NJ)
All Saints' (NJ)
St Peter's (PE)
St Mary's (TT)

Sunday 14th August

08.00 Said Holy Communion
09.30 Sung Eucharist
11.15 Matins
18.00 Evensong

Twelfth Sunday of Trinity

All Saints' (NJ)
St Mary's (NJ) Mr/Mrs G Howard
St Peter's (PE)
St Mary's (TT)

Sunday 21st August

08.00 Said Holy Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
12.00 Baptism Joshua Thomas
18.00 Evensong

Thirteenth Sunday of Trinity

St Mary's (NJ) Mrs P Keene
St Peter's (NJ)
All Saints' (NJ)
All Saints. (PE)

Sunday 28th August

08.00 Said Holy Communion
10.00 Sung Family Eucharist
18.00 Evensong

Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity

St Mary's (NJ) Miss W Casson
All Saints' (NJ)
St Peter's (TT)

Sunday 4th September

08.00 Said Holy Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
10.00 Family Service
17.00 Tercentenary Evensong

Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity

St Peter's (NJ)
All Saints' (NJ)
St Peter's (PE)
St Mary's (Bishop David)

St Peter's (Bishop David)

Thursday 7th September

19.30 Licensing Service

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.

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6 Aug		7.30pm Bellringing practice St Mary's
7 Aug	(Sun)	7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's 12.00noon All Saints', wedding of Nathan Hardiman-James and Leanne Phillips. (<u>The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</u>) – full service details, page 3
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19 Aug	(Fri)	7.30pm Bellringing practice St Mary's
20 Aug	(Sat)	7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St.Peter's 10.00am Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
21 Aug	(Sun)	Opening 2.00pm Clatford Valley Gardening Club's Flower, Vegetable, Fruit and Produce Show, in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall. See page 15 (<u>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</u>) – full service details, page 3
24 Aug	(Wed)	8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
25 Aug	(Thurs)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC 7.45pm Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in UC Memorial Hall. 5.30–6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk.
28 Aug	(Sun)	7.30pm Bellringing practice St Mary's 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's (<u>The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</u>) – full service details, page 3
29 Aug	(Mon)	8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann (Bank Holiday Monday) Goodworth Clatford's Flower Show and Fete at Goodworth Clatford Village Club. 1.00pm Appleshaw Fete & Flower Show and Family Run P18 and P22

1918 . On 2nd September 1918 he was re-boarding in medical category B1 and on 28th September 1918 he attended a signalling course at Alexandria and was granted proficiency pay at Class 1 on 10th October 1918 as a signaller. He then remained as an instructor at the Signals Base Depot until 6th January 1919. On 19th January 1919 he moved to 2 Demobilisation Camp and embarked on TS Bermudian at Port Said on 12th February 1919. On 28th February 1919 he was demobilised at Dover to the Class Z Army Reserve and dispersed to civilian life from 1 Dispersal Unit at Fovant on 1st March 1919.

There is a folio on the AF B104 where it appears that, on 22nd December 1919, the TF asks for a notification to the effect that Earney was not insured whilst in the army. This is possibly to do with the issue of a partial disability pension.

On his discharge in 1919, Signaller Hubert John Earney was noted as an exemplary soldier who was reliable and intelligent. He was entitled to the British War and Victory Medals.

Hubert John Earney died in 1962 aged 72 years.

Pauline Cooper

THE APPLESHAW FLOWER SHOW

The 85th Appleshaw Flower Show on Bank Holiday Monday, 29th August 2016 from 1.00pm to 4.00pm, will see the culmination of lots of hard work and dedicated gardening, from keen horticulturalists, craft wizards and culinary enthusiasts. Running alongside the fantastic village fete, this year's Flower Show is sure to inspire. With over 90 categories to choose from, there is something for everyone to try their hand at.

To mark Shakespeare's 400th Anniversary, budding bards could try the Show's entry for a Shakespearean themed decorated cake. Not forgetting another great celebration, the 90th Birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II, why not try creating a flower arrangement fit for the Queen or a red, white and blue photograph? Don't miss too the chance to show off your gloriously long runner bean, or perfect plums. While ravishing roses, dazzling dahlias and subtle sweet peas will add some colour. There is also plenty for children to take part in. Continuing the Birthday Party theme they could create a sketch or painting of a 'Birthday party'. Or start looking for as many tiny things beginning with the letter 'D' that can fit in a Swan Vesta matchbox!

The grande finale will be when Mrs Elizabeth Hall, MBE, the founder and organiser of the country's largest MENCAP district here in Andover, will present the cups to the winners. Sharing her birth year with the Queen, we are delighted that Mrs Hall is able to support the Flower Show.

Francesca Cairns

Dear Friends,

Well, as part of our Ministry Team it's my turn to write the monthly letter again perhaps for the last time!

The usual advice during a vacancy is not to change anything but to wait for the new minister to arrive so they can plan the future. However, when Bishop David invited us to form our Ministry Team to look after the three churches in our benefice during this vacancy that was not what he said. Instead he told us not to look back, but to look forward and be bold and imaginative and try new things. We have certainly tried to follow that advice to the best of our ability and have had some success and a lot of fun in the process. Certainly laughter has been an important part of our meetings, often at ourselves! Tim has said that our meetings are one of the highlights of the week and I have to agree with him wholeheartedly.

As a Team, Nicky, Tim, and I meet every week and we have met over forty times, and that first memorable meeting in August 2015 lasted for four hours and fifteen minutes! I am pleased to say that we have got quicker as time has passed and just over the hour is more usual now. At this point in time there is a temptation for us to look back over the last year and analyze what has happened, and ask ourselves what we did right, what we did wrong, or what we could have done better. But perhaps that is a temptation that ought to be resisted, because as Bishop David said "Don't look back!" That has the support of the unknown writer who said "Don't look back. You'll miss what's in front of you", and I think that is really good advice. But why do I think that?

The reason is because what is now in front of us is really exciting and certainly not to be missed! Katrina's licensing service and welcoming services draw ever closer, and then her ministry with us will begin. What will happen then? How will things change? Will I be happy! What will happen to me? The answer is - I have no idea but I am really confident that it will be great!

I love reading the words of hymns and one of my favourite hymns helps me here and I would like to share it with you. It goes like this: "I do not know what lies ahead, the way I cannot see; yet One stands near to be my guide, He'll show the way to me: I know who holds the future, and He'll guide me with His hand; with God things don't just happen, everything by Him is planned. So as I face tomorrow, with its problems large and small, I'll trust the God of miracles, give to Him my all."

Proverbs 3:5-6 says "**With all your heart you must trust the LORD and not your own judgment.**⁶ **Always let him lead you, and he will clear the road for you to follow.**" So I am going to trust the God of miracles and look forward to what he has in store for us all, and that is a real comfort to me and I hope to you too!

Peter

From The Registers

Holy Baptism

19th June Baptism of Grace Lottie Vasey at St Mary's
19th June Baptism of Emma Louise Westley at All Saints'
10th July Baptism of Evie Lucy Ann Green at All Saints'

Rest in Peace

23rd June Funeral of Janice Georgina Oliver at St Mary's

Burial of Ashes

25th June Burial of Ashes of Andrew Shaw at St Mary's

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

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:

29 Jul - 11 Aug
12 Aug - 25 Aug
26 Aug - 8 Sep
9 Sep - 22 Sep
23 Sep - 6 Oct

Flowers:

Elizabeth Howard
Charlotte Pearce
Margaret Hind
Gwen Pollard
Harvest Festival

Dusting:

Pat Keene
Charlotte Pearce
Ann Hopwood
Audrey Cresswell
Biz Shaw

CELEBRATING 300 YEARS SINCE THE BUILDING OF THE CURRENT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday 4th September - St Mary's Church and its people
Evensong at 5 pm - led by the Bishop of Basingstoke.

MORNING PRAYER

There is a said service of Morning Prayer at 11.15am every Tuesday in St Francis Chapel, which is the chapel on the right hand side in St Peter's Church. The service lasts about half an hour and is usually taken by Nicky Judd. All are very welcome to attend.

Peter Eastwood

anything! And then, one morning before school, there is a significant increase in chattering. Realising that the chattering is no longer coming from the nesting hole, we spot the fledgling sitting on a cable above the tulip tree, opposite the cherry tree. Finally it flies away. We are all thrilled. Later however, I realise that the garden sounds very quiet and, as I'm putting the Littlest to bed, there is no longer the woodpecker's constant chattering. I feel a little bit sad - the woodpeckers have flown the nest.

*Mother of the Tribe www.lifewiththetribe.com
(If you're interested, there are photos of our fairy doors on the website!)*

301758 SIGNALLER HUBERT JOHN EARNEY ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY



Hubert John Earney was born in Abbotts Ann, near Andover in Hampshire in 1889, the son of Hubert, a domestic gardener, and Anne. The youngest of four children, he had two sisters, Eva and Lydia, and a brother Albert Frank. In the 1901 Census, he is now styled as John and is presumably at school. In 1911 he is shown as a boarder at the Medecroft College of Science in Sparkford Road, Winchester, where he was a student.

He married Ethel Mary Payne on 25th April 1916 at Moordowne near Christchurch and they lived in Abbotts Ann, Andover, Hants. Earney is shown as a schoolmaster on his military enrolment documentation.

Earney was called up on 27th October 1916 and was attested into the Special Reserve on 1st November 1916 at Winchester with a Medical Category A – fit for general service. He declared previous service of 2 years in 4th Bn Hampshire Regiment TF and it would appear that he was to be put into the Hampshire Regiment, having had previous infantry experience, in spite of not having perfect vision. However, he expressed a preference of the Royal Garrison Artillery (RGA) and was posted as 301758 Gunner Earney to No 3 Depot RGA at the Citadel, Plymouth, on 13th November 1916. He completed his gunnery training at No 3 Depot on 14th April 1917 and was posted to 10 Mountain Battery RGA. On 23rd August 1917 he embarked at Southampton for Alexandria, landing on 12th September 1917 to become part of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

On 8th December 1917, he sustained a gunshot wound to the scalp and was admitted to 70 General Hospital. On 21st January 1918 he was boarded to Medical Category B1 – fit for service abroad in Garrison or Provisional units and on 28th January 1918 he joined 9 Base Depot and subsequently 103 Company RGA where he was re-designated as a Signaller on 28th August

LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - JUNE 2016

June is a strange month of sunshine, rain (from the gentle, soft rain of summer to the tumultuous 'gods fighting in heaven', end of the world type storm), more sporting fixtures than can actually be attended and for GD more visits to doctors than she has had in her previous 11 years. Routines have disappeared. So, glorious June! Flaming June! The time when spring ends and summer begins in the Northern Hemisphere. The Anglo-Saxons called June 'sera monath' or the dry month. Not the June of 2016.

At the beginning of the month the Tribe attend the tennis camp that is briefly based at Upper Clatford; the weather is ridiculously cold and windy. I am actually wearing boots, a thick sweater and a coat. A few days later however, it is utterly glorious and everyone imagines that the hot, sultry weather will remain for the next three months ... If only. Despite the delay in the 'greening' of our countryside, June sees spectacular swathes of may blossom - this year has supposedly been the best hawthorn display in memory. The hedgerows around our village have had a double whammy of creamy-white from the hawthorn and the delicate lace-like heads of the cow parsley. It brightens the generally grey days that this month has brought. June 2016 has been described as 'a very British June' for its unpredictable nature, swinging from one extreme to the other. Excellent growing conditions for gardeners although as we can almost see the grass and shrubs growing as soon as they are cut, it can be quite exhausting.

Despite the June gloom, we do have some welcome, but unexpected visitors to the garden. An eclectic number of little doors appear at the base of the old cherry tree and huge silver birch. The Littlest is utterly entranced and leaves tiny bundles of daisy heads and forget-me-not flowers as offerings to these enigmatic beings. GD has been wonderfully creative - clever girl! A little bit of magic is good for all of us, I think. Following on the fairy theme, we watch an outdoors performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* under the shadow of Salisbury Cathedral. The weather doesn't quite feel summer-like, but the rain stays away, there are glimpses of sunshine in-between the puffy white clouds and as the sun goes down, the sky darkens to a rich violet. It is perfect and the Tribe are spellbound. Even the Littlest is transfixed. But why wouldn't a five year old not love the play? There are fairies, lots of mischief and the main character is called 'Bottom'! I think that the Bard would have thoroughly approved. And, as I'm talking about Shakespeare, only two of his plays actually mention the month of June, *Anthony and Cleopatra* and *Henry IV Part 1*.

Our woodpecker family continue to chatter noisily and we are finally rewarded with the sight of a fledgling's head poking out of the nest hole, waiting to be fed. The splash of red on its head is particularly vibrant. We end up with cricks in our necks as we stand motionless looking up, hoping not to miss

CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

What an entertaining evening we had in June when Kate Bennett and Eleanor Waterhouse came to give us an insight into how they became involved in the television production of *The Big Allotment Challenge* last year, becoming runners up after competing against nine other couples.

How it all began

Eleanor had a friend who saw a flyer at the Winchester Farmers' Market advertising for people with experience of growing and cooking to enter. A form was filled in and to their great surprise a telephone call invited them to London for an interview and screen test. The screen test involved a flower arrangement which was very successful and so they went through to the next round.

The BBC decided to make a programme which would include: flowers, fruit and vegetables and it was hoped it would encourage viewers to take up an allotment. The presenter was Fern Britten and there were three judges. What the ladies found interesting was just how little the producers actually knew about gardening themselves.

There were many challenges throughout the series but they kept changing which made things tricky at times. Fruit growing proved difficult as it didn't always ripen to order. The BBC employed a 'garden expert' to show the viewer how to grow the perfect veg but she didn't appear on the programme which suggested the programme wasn't about teaching people how to grow successfully, but more about competition. Filming was constant starting at 7am and even involved being filmed at home for a day although only 30 seconds of it was actually shown on TV.

What did they learn from the experience?

Sarah Raven is to be avoided. SB Plant Invigorator kills bugs and feeds plants and is obtainable from Amazon. Tomorite is a magic product and should be used twice a week to feed plants during the growing season. Labelling is important.

Why did they do so well?

They looked carefully at the criteria and studied the rules in detail. They were used to working together and got on well. They had lots of luck but also visited the plot regularly to make sure everything was on track. They were very relaxed and amusing and engaged well with the members. Everyone learned a lot and thoroughly enjoyed the talk.

August will bring another annual show so please make sure you enter and have some fun.

The speaker at the next meeting will be Geoff Hawkins and he will be talking about 'Garden Design' which should be very interesting so please come along and join us on 24th August where you will be sure of a warm welcome.

VIEW FROM THE REAR STALLS

After the recent carnage on the Parish Council, the remaining two members met on 29th June to cover essential business. The annual return had to be approved for the auditors, the statutory deadline being 30th June. A Chairman had to be chosen, to comply with legislation. There were also invoices to be paid, which can only be authorised in an officially summoned meeting.

The minimum number of members who must be present to constitute a valid meeting (the "quorum") is three. With only two elected councillors remaining in post, the council was incapable of operating - as a functioning body, it was moribund. The Clerk, normally the administrator of council business, cannot take charge. Although termed the "Proper Officer", he or she is nevertheless an employee, and can properly only act under instruction from the employer, the council. The Clerk is not even allowed to sign cheques. It was therefore vital to have a quorate council meeting as soon as possible so that the body could be revived and start to make legally-binding decisions.

TVBC, as the supervisory authority, resolved at their own full meeting to appoint the Anna Ward Borough Councillors, Maureen Flood and Graham Stallard, as temporary Parish Councillors. There were therefore technically four members present at the meeting of 29th June and business could resume. Cllr Stallard was at pains to emphasise that anything contentious would be left for newly-elected councillors to discuss: Cllr Flood and he would only contribute to facilitating the immediate business.

Neither Borough Councillor thought it appropriate to be Chairman so Cllr Andrew Hayter was duly voted to the chair. He made it clear that this was only for the present meeting. Business was quickly completed - the audit return approved, and cheques authorised for payment.

The date of the next meeting was to depend on the number of people standing for election to the council: if there were more candidates than seats, there would be a ballot on 4th August; if fewer, those standing would automatically be "elected" and a further meeting would need to be called to consider possible co-option to any vacant seats.

As it has transpired, the number of candidates exactly matched the vacancies and no ballot was needed.

Tim Abram, Mike Doherty, Lorna Hague, Colin Teasdale and Dale Wells had submitted their names for election by the close of nominations on Friday, 8th July. They will now automatically be our new Parish Councillors and I am sure we all wish them well in their efforts to look after and promote the interests of all who live within the parish boundaries. All vacancies are filled and there is no need for co-option (that is, existing councillors selecting people they think suitable to join them).

The next Parish Council meeting is expected to take place on 16th August, although final confirmation will be when the agenda is posted on the





Well 'Cash on Delivery' which we put on in June can now be consigned to history! So on to the next production which this year is '**Peter Pan, the Musical**' by Piers Chater Robinson, adapted from the play by JM Barrie

Anna Dowsett, our Director, has returned to the same writer who wrote the stunning musical 'A Christmas Carol' which BVP put on in Winter 2013. We are excited that this musical will be just as memorable.

Peter Pan is a tale which never ages. Children and adults alike have all fallen under the spell of Neverland, a place where children can fly and exciting, frightening adventures happen every single day. All of the ever-popular characters are here - Peter Pan and Wendy, her brothers John and Michael, their parents Mr and Mrs Darling, Liza the servant, the dastardly Captain Hook and his sidekick Smee, Tiger Lily, the Lost Boys, Pirates, Neverland Natives, Nana the pet dog and, of course, that scary crocodile.

We have been pleased to welcome a few new faces, and roles have been cast. We've started learning the music, even a few harmonies! One more practice before our summer break, then really down to business in September.

Too early yet for the advertising and ticket sales, but not for noting the dates in your diaries!

26/27 November, 2/3/4 December.

Jon Slingsby

Calling all runners

**New 10k and 5k routes for all to enjoy on
Bank Holiday Monday – 29th August 2016**

*Family run organised to coincide with the
Appleshaw Fete & Flower Show.*

**Start at 1pm from near Appleshaw Playing Field.
Register to run at <https://www.webscorer.com>.**

Fees apply. Children 11-7 years must be accompanied by an adult on the 5k run. 12+ year olds can enter the 10k run. Medals for all and spot prizes.

Fete opens at 12.30pm – fun for all the family.

noticeboards. The new councillors will sign their declarations of acceptance at the meeting and elect a permanent chairman from their number.

After that, it will be back to "business as usual"!

It was a literal breath of fresh air from all this politicking to take part in a farm walk organised by Abbotts Ann Countryside Group!

Matthew Read very generously gave up an evening to guide a dozen or so people to different locations on his farm. He explained his modern system of crop production, and how nowadays thousands of acres can be managed with minimal manpower thanks to technology. He showed us some extremely impressive and huge machinery that seems almost - not quite - to need no human input. I wondered what my late father would have made of it all, having grown up in the 'twenties when horses ploughed the furrows!

It was interesting to hear of the number of hares that are seen in Matthew's fields, as well as other wildlife. Modern attitudes in farming seem more in tune with nature than in previous years - the EU gives financial incentives to landowners to leave uncultivated strips and hedgerows, for instance.

Pimms and burgers in the barn concluded a very pleasant and informative evening. Thank you very much to Matthew and Jenny for their hospitality, and for giving us an insight into the business aspects of the beautiful English countryside.

There are uncertainties ahead for farming, as for all of us at this time. The country has faced a period of conflicting personalities and ideology, lots of resignations, a new cabinet, a new leader, and is looking forward to a new direction.

Dare one say that, in this national experience, once again, Abbotts Ann has led the way!

Rosemary Groves

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The Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall Committee are planning to produce a Village Calendar for 2017 featuring photographs from Abbotts Ann & Little Ann ...

So dig out your cameras and please submit your photographs to:-

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Photographs will be displayed at the Fete and we will be asking for votes as to which photographs will be featured ...

Many thanks!

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- Send a parcel up to 2kg for just £2.85 (max. size 45cm x 35cm x 16cm)
- Aims to be delivered in 2-3 working days, including Saturdays

Whether it's a letter or parcel, you can be confident that your item is in safe hands. You can request a certificate of posting (proof of postage) and every 1st Class and 2nd Class item is covered against loss or damage up to £20 compensation or the value of the item, whichever is lower.

Special Stamps: August 16th

The theme for this issue is Landscape Gardens and is timed to coincide with the 300th birth anniversary of Capability Brown.

Lancelot 'Capability' Brown is remembered as 'the last of the great 18th century artists' and as England's greatest gardener. Brown changed the face of eighteenth century England, designing country estates and mansions, moving hills, making flowing lakes and serpentine rivers and creating a magical world of green. Celebrated for landscape on an immense scale, creating entire vistas not only gardens and parkland – it is often said that the images Brown created are as deeply embedded in the English character as the paintings of Turner and the poetry of Wordsworth. This issue of special stamps feature Blenheim Palace, Longleat, Compton Verney, Highclere Castle, Alnwick Castle, Berrington Hall, Stowe and Croome Park.

Maureen Flood - Sub Post Mistress

**You are invited to the
ALL SAINTS' TIDE QUIZ
SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER at 7.30pm
VILLAGE HALL, UPPER CLATFORD**

Tickets £12.50 (including a hot meal) from:
Jane Kennedy (Tel:323804), Sylvia Kennedy (323226) Betty Armstrong,
Emily Fabricius, and Margaret Prior.

All proceeds in aid of All Saints' Church Funds.



ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

Shop Manager: Tim Abram
Deputy Shop Manager: Carol Murphy
Sub Post Mistress: Maureen Flood
August 2016

Business awards Finalists

We're delighted to announce that the Shop and Post Office has been selected as a finalist for the Test Valley Business Awards 2016 in the "Doing Business Locally" category. The winners will be announced in September at a gala dinner at The Lights in Andover. So fingers crossed! But just to say a big thank you to all the staff, Volunteers and Customers who help to make the Shop a great local amenity. I would especially like to thank all of the Local suppliers who we support and support us, without whom not only would we not have been selected for this award but would not be able to offer the wonderful range of Hampshire products that we all love so much.

The Shop Refurbishment

The Shop Refit continues with better shelving for newspapers and improved displays, but more is on the way, soon we'll have the outside painted and new signage so watch that space.

New Product

We now offer a range of delicious gluten free breads, cakes and biscuits along with a whole host of other gluten free goodies. This month sees the welcome return of the Buffalo burgers, mince and steaks and charcoal for that all important summer barbecue.

Committee Members Needed

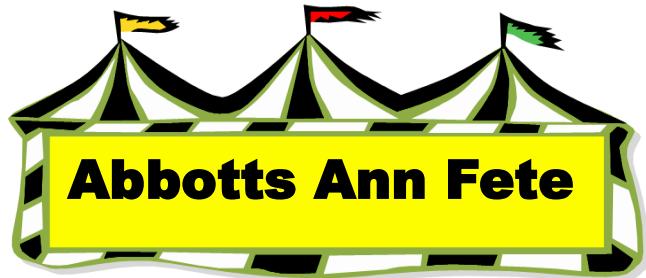
We are looking for a new Treasurer for the Shop Association, you don't have to be an accountant, but financial experience would be a great benefit. Just pop in or E-mail abbottsvillageshop@gmail.com if you can help.

Pizza Night
Order Your Pizza
for

Friday 12th August 1700 – 1900

(Place your order early to ensure you can collect at the time you need)

*Tim Abram
Manager, Abbotts Ann Village Shop.*



Abbotts Ann Fete will be held on **Saturday 3rd 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



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



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ABBOTTS ANN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

During the last month a shed was broken into at a property in Duck Street. Despite the door being padlocked several items of machinery and some petrol were stolen.

This is probably the most common crime committed in our locality. You can make this type of loss less likely by marking all your machinery with 'smart water' see www.smartwater.com. This immediately identifies the owner to the police should they recover it.

*Chris Davis
Village Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator*



Homing Enquiries 0345 2601501 or www.andovercats.org.uk
Fund-raising/volunteers 07733 242196 or coord@andovercats.org.uk
Items for resale 01256-892773

Last month we took in yet another pregnant cat. She will be in care, in a pen for at least three months until her kittens are old enough to leave. Please spread the word about our neutering offer. We ask for a voluntary donation of just £10 and the cat can go to any of the vets in Andover.

We had fun at Chute fete and our soft toy tombola was very popular with the children. We have now used up our stock of soft toys so new looking, clean donations would be gratefully received. We also spent a weekend fund raising at Pets at Home. Many thanks to the store for making us so welcome.



Hobo our July cat is still hoping to find a home. He is very friendly and will have no problem sharing his home with another cat.

Gemma is really sad. Her last owner was an old lady who lived alone and recently died. The family said Gemma would sit by her owner but would run away and hide when anyone else came near. She is not at all aggressive and can be handled, and likes to be stroked gently, but will always retreat to a corner. She had been used to going out into the garden, which had lots of shrubs and corners where she could hide. She needs some TLC and patience. There must be some kind person out there who will offer her a home.

Martin Bevan

CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB FLOWER, VEGETABLE, FRUIT AND PRODUCE SHOW



SATURDAY AUGUST 20th
UPPER CLATFORD VILLAGE HALL
10am - 11.45am STAGING PRODUCE
12.15am - 2pm JUDGING (HALL CLOSED)
2pm - 4pm PUBLIC VIEWING
OPEN TO ALL, INCLUDING CHILDREN

TEAS



**Schedules and entry forms available from
The Crook and Shears
or by ringing 323185, 359268 or 364737**

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO OUR VILLAGE?

What's happened to our village?

Did you see it go?

It didn't happen rapidly but rather very slow.

The hedgerows and the fence lines are camouflaged in green
Road, speed signs and the footpaths no longer can be seen.

Dog walkers let their dogs foul where humans want to tread
Why don't they pick it up and use the bins instead.

There was a time that Abbotts Ann would enter competitions
And even though they never won they often came close 2nd.

I've lived here over 20 years and I'm ashamed to see

How ram shackled we have become, not like we used to be.

The weather can be part to blame with rain which makes things sprout.

But we should more keen, to tidy up and pull the excess out.

No moans or groans under your breath that nothing's ever done
Pick up your shovels, shears and spades and stop being so glum

In the Referendum - Remain or Leave was asked.

Let us **remain** focused - **leave** Shabby in the past.

Surely all that's needed is a little time, to give

To make the village once again, a pretty place to live.

'A concerned resident'

HIBBERT CUP 2016/2017

This cup is awarded annually at the Abbotts Ann Fete which this year is on Saturday 3rd September.

It is awarded for outstanding, voluntary, unpaid contribution to the Abbotts 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 15th 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 (2015/2016 Andrew Liddell).

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, Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall, Rose Cottage, 86 Little Ann Road, SP11 7NW – or email to graham.p.stallard@gmail.com

Closing date for nominations is 31st July, five 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 Abbotts Ann family for the names of unsuccessful nominees to be known, and to be open for discussion.

Graham Stallard



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FIRST EVER ANDOVER 10K LAKE RUN AND 3K FUN RUN ON SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2016.

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Andover foodbank, we have organised a 10k Race and 3K fun in Andover on Sunday 18th September. The route takes you past Charlton and Anton lakes in Andover and we are hoping that the two races will cater for all ages and abilities - some might achieve a personal best, but the main purpose of the races is to have fun and raise money for a worthy cause.

The race starts at **Charlton Sports Centre at 10.30am** and further details and online entry information can be found on the website www.andover10klakerun.co.uk. We do hope that you will come and join us.

We expect the entry fees to cover the organisation cost but really need some local company sponsorship to hit the target so we are also looking for local company sponsors. We are hoping to organise a company race for teams from various companies in the area.

HOW WARM IS YOUR HOME? WHERE IS THE HEAT ESCAPING? HOW CAN YOU SAVE ON YOUR HEATING BILLS?

For the answers to these questions and lots more you may have about saving money and heat – come to the War Memorial Hall Saturday September 24th Between 10.00 and 12.00 Refreshments too!

For more info contact David Read on 710090 or david.read@mybroadbandmail.com

This event is promoted by Abbotts Ann Green Action

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

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Village Fete Flower, Produce & Craft Show

Saturday 3rd September

JUST A FEW WEEKS 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
or email kevin.emerson@btinternet.com

Abbotts Ann Players in association with **Hog the Limelight** are pleased to present

Victor and Albert - An A-Z of Britain

Professor Victor and Dr Albert Trelawney take you on a hilarious adventure exploring Britain and all things British.

Featuring highly original songs, magic, mayhem and audience participation, this is an evening of old fashioned British entertainment brought kicking and screaming into the 21st Century.

Think of Morecambe and Wise crossed with Hinge and Bracket and you'll get a good idea of what you are in for

For one night only – **Friday 30th September** at 7.30pm at Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall

Ticket £12.50 – to include a light 2-course meal or £10 (no meal) available from the village shop from 1st August



ABBOTTS ANN WI - JUNE 2016

For our meeting this month, we enjoyed a leisurely "cruise" up and down the Basingstoke Canal. Whilst June 2016 has been unseasonably cool and wet, for us the weather came up trumps as it remained dry with occasional glimpses of sun throughout the afternoon. We left from Odiham and travelled towards Basingstoke, stopping at Odiham Castle, where many of us got off and took a stroll round the remaining ruins and read the informative boards on its relevance during the reign of King John in the 13th Century.

Back on board the John Pinkerton, which is owned and operated by The Basingstoke Canal Society, it was time for our scrumptious cream tea, scones, jam and cream with, of course, a welcome cuppa as we turned around for the return journey. Our crew was first class, and we all felt it had been a lovely relaxing afternoon with time to catch up and chat with fellow members as well as enjoying the scenery and calmness of the canal. Colleen Jackson had done a brilliant job of coordinating the cruise and caterer.

Our President spoke briefly so that we could officially call it a meeting (and not a jaunt!) and presented us with our Programmes for the Year 2016/2017. There is a lot to look forward to in the coming months. Seizing the opportunity of having a captive audience, sign-up sheets were sent round for the summer outing to Syon Park and the WI teas for the village fete on 3rd September. It worked!

No meeting this month, but we have a summer outing to Syon House on the 18th August - at the time of going to press we had a few seats left on the coach. If anyone is interested in joining us then please contact Sharon King - 01264 335630 - for further information.

Naturally, we are also gearing up for the WI teas at the Village Fete (see above!) on 3rd September and would welcome any offers of cakes if you wish to get baking. Again please contact Sharon King if you wish to help us.

Sharon King

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.