

23 July	(Sat)	7.00pm Abba's Angels Tribute Band Concert, in marquee in The Old Rectory garden – page 9
24 July	(Sun)	(<u>The Ninth Sunday after Trinity</u>) – including 6.00pm "Songs of Praise" at St Mary's - full service details page 2
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
27 July	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		7.45pm Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in UC Memorial Hall.
28 July	(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
		7.30pm Abbotts Ann WI meets in Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall. (<u>The Tenth Sunday after Trinity</u>) – full service details page 2
31 July	(Sun)	8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
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3 Aug	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
4 Aug	(Thurs)	Proposed date for Abbotts Ann Parish Council Election
		10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning
		5.30–6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk.
		7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's
6 Aug	(Sat)	12.00noon All Saints', wedding of Nathan Hardiman-James and Leanne Phillips.
7 Aug	(Sun)	(<u>The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</u>)
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
9 Aug	(Tues)	12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.
10 Aug	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall
11 Aug	(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
14 Aug	(Sun)	(<u>The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity</u>)
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz Abbotts Ann
17 Aug	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
<u>15 Aug</u>	<u>(Mon)</u>	12.00noon Deadline for receipt of copy for the September 2016 Abbotts Ann Magazine editor@abbottsanmagazine.co.uk
16 Aug	(Tues)	10.00am-11.30am in St Peter's Room – Goodworth Clatford Community Coffee Morning.
18 Aug	(Thurs)	Abbotts Ann WI's Outing to Syon House
		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
19 Aug	(Fri)	10.00am Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
21 Aug	(Sun)	(<u>The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity</u>)
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz Abbotts Ann

St Mary's Church, Abbotts Ann

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN JULY 2016

Please note change of services and times at all churches.

Date:

Sunday 26th June

08.00 Said Holy Communion
10.00 Sung Family Eucharist
16.00 Village Songs of Praise

Friday 1st July

10.00 School Service

Sunday 3rd July

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

Sunday 10th July

08.00 Said Holy Communion
09.30 Sung Eucharist
11.15 Matins
11.30 Baptism of Evie Green
18.00 Evensong

Sunday 17th July

08.00 Said Holy Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
10.00 Family Service (lay led)
18.00 Evensong

Sunday 24th July

08.00 Said Holy Communion
10.00 Sung Family Eucharist
& Baptism of Tilly Baxendale
11.30 Baptism of Isabella Mal
18.00 Songs of Praise
18.00 Evensong

Sunday 31st July

10.00 Benefice Sung Eucharist
12.00 Baptism Emilie Lockhart

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)

St Mary's Duties:

Fifth Sunday of Trinity

St Mary's (NJ) Miss W Casson
All Saints' (NJ)
St Peter's (Arch Deacon Peter Rouch)

St Mary's (Rev. Canon John Harkin)

Sixth Sunday of Trinity

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

Seventh Sunday of Trinity

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

Eighth Sunday of Trinity

St Mary's (NJ) Mrs N Keene
St Peter's (NJ)
St Mary's (St Mary's Team + TT)
All Saints' (PE)

Ninth Sunday of Trinity

St Mary's (NJ) Miss W Casson

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

Tenth Sunday of Trinity

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

1 July (Fri)

Until 17th July Hidden portrait Exhibition—see page 4

10.00am Abbotts Ann Primary School Church Service.

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8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann

12.30pm Way Inn Lunch at St Peter's

7.00pm Goodworth Clatford Parish Council meets in GCVC

7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC

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

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(The Seventh Sunday after Trinity) – full service details page 2

8.00pm, Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann

12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.

7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC

7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall

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

12.00noon Deadline for receipt of copy for the August 2016 Abbotts Ann Magazine editor@abbottsanmagazine.co.uk

10.00am Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group

1.00pm St Mary's, wedding of Oliver Smith and Hannah Johnson

(The Eighth Sunday after Trinity) – full service details page 2

8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann

10.00am-11.30am in St Peter's Room – Goodworth Clatford Community Coffee Morning.

7.30pm Goodworth Clatford WI, meets in GCVC

7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC

7.30pm Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall.

3.30pm-5.00pm at Abbotts Ann Primary School, St. Mary's Fun Club Strawberry Tea. Page 4

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

7.00pm Youth Rock Concert – marquee in The Old Rectory garden – page 18

2.00pm All Saints', Wedding of Cameron Niblett and Heather Kitley

and 24 July (Sunday) Tercentenary Flower Festival at St

Mary's; history exhibition at St Mary's; **12.00 noon** Ploughman's

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and 24 July (Sunday) Celebrating St Mary's Church in the wider community – page 5

BENEFICE DIARY - JULY 2016

This month's meeting should have been sponsored by a major supplier of pens, as there were so many sign-up sheets available on which to put our names, it is a wonder any of us had any ink left at the end of the evening. Opportunities included a canal trip, our summer outing, Abba's Angels, lunch and supper clubs, hosting coffee mornings, being part of the skittles team and helping at any of the events celebrating St Mary's Tercentenary over the weekend of 23/24th July. As you can see our monthly meetings are only the tip of the iceberg, once you become a member you have no excuse to be bored. We have gained several members this year, including two this month which can only be good news.

Having discussed the two resolutions being debated at the National AGM in June, on the varying subjects of addressing food waste and the care of dementia patients when admitted to hospital for treatment, we moved on to our own Annual Meeting. Our Treasurer submitted a Report on our finances, our Secretary Cecilia Cotton gave a delightful precis of the year's events and Kate Bennett presented an amusing President's address thanking everyone who had supported her during the last 12 months.

All existing committee members were happy to remain and the news that Kate Bennett was willing to stay as President for another year was met with a round of applause.

During the month our various groups had enjoyed a walk and lunch in Wherwell, the Supper Club travelled to the re-opened Plough at Grateley and the Lunch Club went to the Chestnut in town, followed by coffee at the home of one of our members. This was a lovely way to finish off the afternoon, especially as three of those present had been serving refreshments at the Fete Committee's Plant Sale in the morning.

Our Programme for the year 2016 -2017 is not yet officially to hand but I understand our meeting on 28th July will be celebrating Her Majesty's 90th Birthday - 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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.

Dear Friends,

Some time ago I was given a bunch of spray carnations. There were several sideshoots which we took off and put in a jar of water. Some of them rooted and I potted them up and put them outdoors in a shady spot. I noticed after a few days that they had been nibbled by slugs and were looking rather sorry for themselves, so I picked the pots up, removed the slugs and replaced the pots on a platform. Looking at them yesterday I could see that the plant which had suffered most damage was actually putting up some strong new growth. Let's hope the slugs won't climb!

Peter, Tim and I are at that point of the Vacancy where we are saying, "This is the last time we will have to do this – when it comes round again it will be Katrina's responsibility." Like the carnation plants, we're feeling a bit worn! However, this sense of the end being in sight is not just a relief. It is actually an exciting prospect, too, because whenever something comes to an end there is some kind of new beginning. Katrina has made it clear that she wishes to work as part of a team, so the three of us will continue in ministry in the Benefice under her direction and we are all looking forward to the times ahead.

The encouragement to look forward in hope and expectation is firmly there in the Bible. We can see it in many of the prophetic books of the Old Testament as well as in Revelation and in the life of Jesus and his disciples. The Crucifixion must have seemed a very definite end point, yet Resurrection followed. Not only that, but the Christian church was born when the disciples were gifted with the Holy Spirit. That Spirit continues to be the energy that encourages us to look forward and to walk with confidence where God is leading us into strong new growth.

With my best wishes,

Nicky

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:

1 Jul - 14 Jul
15 Jul - 28 Jul
29 Jul - 11 Aug
12 Aug - 25 Aug

Flowers:

Mary Howell
Flower Festival
Elizabeth Howard
Charlotte Pearce

Dusting:

Mary Howell
Jill Tayler
Pat Keene
Charlotte Pearce



From The Registers

Holy Baptism

22nd May at St Peter's: Phoebe Charlotte Francis Bovill

Confirmation

5th June at All Saints with Bishop David:
Jonathon Noyce, Freddie Riley, Mary Howell, Stuart Riley

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

HIDDEN

Hidden is a compelling portrait exhibition telling the real story of England's young carers. Award-winning photographer and former young carer Max Alexander captures their resilience, determination and dreams for the future. This exhibition is located in Winchester Cathedral until Sunday 17th July. It is open every day from 9.30 am – 5 pm (12.30 pm – 3 pm on Sundays). Normal admission charges apply. Please check the website for temporary closures and details of admission charges.

The Children's Society & YMCA



ST MARY'S FUN CLUB



Invite You To Our Summer Fundraiser A Strawberry Cream Tea

**On Tuesday, 21st July
3:30pm - 5:00pm**

**At Abbotts Ann Primary School, Duck Street,
Abbotts Ann**

**Bring your friends and family to enjoy afternoon tea made,
prepared and served by St Mary's Fun Club**



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I am still nowhere near the full story of how a farm labourer's son from Abbotts Ann ends up dying in an Irish Regiment on the Somme(?) but only yesterday discovered that the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Irish Rifles were stationed at Tidworth in August 1914 and left on the 14th of the month for France. This obviously meant that John was a volunteer who could choose his regiment at this time so did he respond to a recruiting Sergeant in Andover Marketplace, seeing his chance of adventure, as did thousands of other men, young and old, including three of his brothers, who thankfully returned safely.

I am still trying to trace his service record and am off to the Record Office at Kew later this week. The first thing they tell you when you ask about First World War records is that 60% of the records were destroyed during the Blitz in the Second World War. I can only hope and pray that his records are among those remaining. I would love to know how and when he changed from the Cavalry to Infantry and any other information I can glean. I have learnt from the war diaries etc. (God Bless the internet) that he probably died in the Battle of Albert and I look forward later this month visiting the area of the battles, also the Thiepval Memorial where John is listed. This is not morbid fascination it is just a matter of respect. This young guy, my Great Uncle, had had no life as such, and like so many others, young men especially, chose to go off to war, and never returned. He had no direct offspring to love and cherish his memory, no grave, along with thousands and thousands of others.

He does however have a Memorial at Abbotts Ann and Thiepval and he also has two Great Nephews who care enough to want to make sure that anyone who should ask who the "J King" is on the memorial can be told.

Thanks once again to the people of Abbotts Ann who helped, none more so than George King, who helped me with my research.

Mike Willoughby

HARMONIUM SINGERS CONCERT

Saturday 9th July - St Mary's Church, Andover at 7.30pm

Entitled 'An Elizabethan Summer', the programme was prompted by the Queen's 90th birthday and the 400th anniversary of the death of Shakespeare and features music from the two Elizabethan eras,

The first half of the concert consists of unaccompanied choral music from the Tudor period and the second half features music from the reign of the present queen and includes compositions from the likes of John Rutter, James MacMillan, Ralph Vaughan Williams and William Mathias – much of it with special relevance to the Queen and also with connections to Shakespeare.

**Tickets £8 in advance from The Lights, Newbury Building Soc. and from choir members,
or £10 at the door on the night. Proceeds to the local branch of the Motor Neurone**



PRIVATE JOHN KING

About a year ago I started to research my family history. My mother's parents, who I love dearly were one of my starting points and Abbotts Ann was the first place I visited to see where they first met.

My Grandad, Earnest Edward King was one of fourteen children born to Charles and Emma Long of Eastover Farm Cottages, Abbotts Ann. He met my Gran, Emily Elizabeth Dewey when he was a choirboy at St Mary's and she was a parlour maid at Eastover House. They were married in the village on 26th October 1912 and had 54 years of wedded bliss. However this is not at this time the reason for my communication.

During our first visit to Abbotts Ann our first port of call was the Church and whilst walking around the churchyard we spotted the First World War Memorial on the outside wall and among the names of the fallen was one Pte. J King. At this stage I had a full list of Grandad's brothers and sisters and there was no apparent J King among them, so although interested, I wasn't at that time too sure of any connection. It was only when I had a letter from my Aunt (Eileen King) in Canada and she said she remembered her Dad telling her about his younger brother who died in WW1 "going over the top", that I began to really delve.

Through your good selves I was put in touch with George King in the village (no relative, but as you know an extremely nice gentleman) and he kindly agreed to meet me and help where he could, which included taking me to the village hall where playgroup was just winding up and showing me the Rolls of Honour plaques on the wall. J King was on there, with a cross, as one of the fatalities, but alas only one of the few with no regiment.

Shortly after this I made contact with a distant cousin Roderick Egginton who lives in Penton Mewsey. He is the Grandson of one of my Grandad's sister Elizabeth, and we arranged to meet up and swap information as he was also into family research. Imagine my amazement when one of the first things he gave me was a photograph of a soldier on a horse, on the back of which was written "John A King of the 16th The Queen's Lancers". He too had no further information except the fact that this was definitely a picture of his Gran's brother Arthur John King baptised in Abbotts Ann on 8th September 1895. Following up on this information on one of our visits to Winchester Records Office I was able to confirm through "Soldiers Who Died in the First World War" database and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission the

CELEBRATING 300 YEARS

SINCE THE BUILDING OF THE CURRENT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Please put the events below in your diary, or on the kitchen calendar, now:-

Friday 1st July Abbotts Ann Primary School church service – 10 am
service to celebrate The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All welcome.

Friday 22nd, Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th July. St Mary's Church in the wider community.

Friday

- **7.30 pm Youth Pop Concert** – In a Marquee in the Old Rectory garden (bar open at 6.45pm)

Saturday

- 10 am to 5 pm - Flower festival – In Church.
- 10 am to 5 pm - History exhibition – Outside Church.
- 12 noon to 3 pm - Ploughman's lunch – In a Marquee in the Old Rectory garden.
- **7 pm - Abba's Angels Tribute Band Concert** - In a Marquee in the Old Rectory garden. – bring your own picnic.

Sunday

- 10 am to 5 pm - Flower festival – In Church.
- 10 am to 5 pm - History exhibition – Outside Church.
- 2 pm - Peal attempt by Ancient Society of College Youths
- 3 pm to 5 pm - Cream teas - Old Rectory Garden.
- **6 pm - 'Songs of Praise'** Evening service in Church.

Sunday 4th September - St Mary's Church and its people

Evensong at 5 pm - led by the Bishop of Basingstoke.

If you have any queries about, or suggestions for, this programme contact Tim Tayler on 710201, Lynne Lucas on 710037, or for Flower Festival matters Elizabeth Howard on 710830.

ST MARY'S ABBOTTS ANN FLOWER FESTIVAL

23RD & 24TH JULY 2016

A flower Festival, with a history exhibition, is to be held at St Mary's Church on 23rd and 24th July to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the building of our 'new' church.

With the help of St Mary's Fun Club, flower arrangers from the Benefice and some members of Andover Flower Club, the festival will portray happenings from the past three centuries.

Ploughman's lunches will be available on the Saturday, and cream teas on the Sunday in a marquee in the Garden of the Old Rectory; to make your visit even more memorable.

Elizabeth Howard

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

May Plant Sale

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the plant sale in May, either by donating plants, helping on the day or coming along to support us. The weather was lovely and we raised the fantastic sum of £781.00. This money is used to fund the Produce Show (stationery, prizes etc) and Threadgill Cup, and any money left over then goes in to the pot for redistribution to village associations.

Village Fete Flower, Produce & Craft Show: Saturday September 3rd

The schedule for this year's show is now available, and can be found in the village shop and the Eagle, as well as directly from myself. It contains details of classes, how to enter, judging times etc. I have reduced the number of fruit/vegetables required in some of the classes in the hope that more 'novice' gardeners may be encouraged to enter this year and as usual there is a range of domestic, craft and photography classes.

*For more information contact Anne Emerson on 710851
or Email kevin.emerson@btinternet.com*

with growth and the Spring. Most apt. And, sure enough, a week later, my Tribe present me with the first wild flower posy of the year. The field is suddenly alive with bright yellow buttercups, rose-pink red campion, fluffy dandelion clocks, white drifts of cow parsley and a myriad of different meadow grasses. Summer must be here.

Over the course of the month, the woodpecker parents are busy and we realise that the eggs must have been laid and then hatched as the birds fly in and out of the nesting hole with food for the young. However, I need to correct my previous entry; I have discovered that the woodpeckers are greater not lesser; the lesser spotted woodpecker would be much smaller. Since the arrival of the babies, the woodpecker's call has increased in volume on a daily basis and we have seen more of them. It is very distinctive, and loud, a 'tchick, tchick' sound. No sight of the babies. Yet.

Mother of the Tribe - www.lifewiththetribe.com

UPDATE ON LAST MONTH'S APPEAL RE: 3/5059 RIFLEMAN JOHN ARTHUR KING 2ND BATTALION, THE ROYAL IRISH RIFLES

Last month I asked for information about Mike and Rod. Every year they leave Remembrance crosses for Jack as he was known. Rosemary Abrahams remembered a link to Henley-on-Thames. Following an internet search, Rosemary solved the mystery and even provided me with Mike's phone number. Thank you very much Rosemary.

Mike and Rod are Jack's great nephews. The family know that Jack enlisted into 16th The Queen's Lancers. They do not know how it came to be that Jack transferred to 2/Royal Irish Rifles. Great uncle Jack was the inspiration for the project "Lest we forget" www.henley-lestweforget.co.uk On the home page is a photo of Jack. Abbotts Ann is mentioned in writing about the founding of the project. Mike has also written a book entitled "Bringing Them Home" which is dedicated to Jack. Jack will never be forgotten. Mike and Rod visited Abbotts Ann in 2005 whilst researching their family history. Mike wrote an article which was printed in the Parish magazine in October 2005. He has kindly given his permission for it to be re-printed in this month's issue.

Here in Abbotts Ann thanks to the village project of researching the names on our war memorial, Jack will not be forgotten. 1st July 2016 is the centenary of the start of The Battle of The Somme. It was the largest battle of World War 1. More than one million men were wounded or killed. Test Valley Borough Council have asked for the names of anyone who fought in the battle. Jack's name has been passed on to them.

Pauline Cooper

LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - MAY 2016

May Day arrives bringing grey, overcast skies and a family bike ride to friends in Grateley. With the rain staying away, it is good to be out together - a bank holiday weekend meaning that there are no sporting fixtures and astonishingly everyone is healthy!! Not exactly Spring-like, but as I take up the rear of our trail of bikes, the Tribe are chattering away and I am secretly thrilled as they loudly 'Wow!' over picturesque fields as we cycle past and try spotting the birds hovering and gliding above. There is much excitement when a red kite is spotted soaring majestically, high above a bright yellow field of rape. Is it wild or an inhabitant of the Hawk Conservancy? Who knows, but quite honestly, it doesn't matter. Just being able to see these beautiful birds is enough. In the Middle Ages, red kites were protected by Royal Decree as they scavenged waste food and dead animals in populated areas, thus reducing the spread of disease. They were so prolific that in Shakespeare's Coriolanus, he described London as 'the city of kites and crows'. By the 1800s however, they were seen as vermin and under the Tudor Vermin Act, were hunted down; by 1871 red kites were extinct in England. The red kite however, is today a success story in being reintroduced into parts of the UK, and here in Hampshire, we are incredibly fortunate to frequently see red kites in the skies above our village. They are easily spotted - large with red-brown plumage, wings with a band of white and tipped with black and their unmissable deeply forked tail.

Our friends in Grateley have a pond that has been filled with thousands of tiny black jelly covered eggs, known as 'egg masses'. When we visit the eggs have hatched and the pond is teeming with tadpoles. Every year they scoop a load of them into a bowl that then sits on the kitchen table, thus ensuring their survival. A few weeks later there are none left in the pond, having been eaten by the fish or water beetles. The Littlest is fascinated by these little fat headed, flat tailed creatures busily swimming around the bowl. She is excited by the prospect of returning in a few weeks to see the next stage of the tadpoles metamorphosis. We leave her watching the tadpoles and I wonder if she'll follow Chris Packham in tasting a couple of these little morsels

A week later, summer arrives in spectacular splendour. It feels as though we are back in the hot and sultry Middle East as we spend every waking hour outside, basking under a clear blue sky. Hampshire is hotter than the Mediterranean! Bizarrely, many of the trees around us are still not fully cloaked in leaves, but with bees buzzing and butterflies fluttering about us it is good for the soul to feel the sun's warmth again. It is, naturally, short lived, but with the warmth and the rain to come, nature has a bit of a growth spurt over the next few weeks. The month of May was named after the Roman goddess Maia, named from the Latin word for large, 'maius'. She was the daughter of Faunus and wife of Vulcan and she was associated



CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

May's meeting was very interesting when Charlotte Popescu came to talk to us about 'Keeping Hens in the Garden'. Charlotte had a wonderful childhood and grew up with horses, cats, bees and most importantly, chickens. She writes regularly for a magazine called 'Your Chickens' and she has written five books to date.

Charlotte was extremely knowledgeable and was able to list many different types and breeds, many of which she keeps herself, although they have to be quite good looking before she will entertain them.

Charlotte's chickens are kept naturally and are free range. They like to eat insects and grubs but it's eating grass that gives the yolks their beautiful golden colour. Chickens have good eyesight and they enjoy sheltering and sun bathing! When chickens get hot they droop their wings. They also preen their feathers and need to dust bathe to keep clean and keep the mites at bay.

Chickens can be defined as 'Heavy Breeds', 'Light Breeds' or 'Hybrids'. Some of the Heavy Breeds include the Rhode Island Red, Light Sussex, Barred Plymouth Rock and Black Marans to name a few. They are good layers and the eggs are brown.

Light Breeds include the Silver Dorling, which was reputed to have been brought here by the Romans, Leghorns, Sumatras and a charming chicken called the Scots Dumpy, so named because it has very short legs and is kept under crofts in Scotland. These eggs can be different colours. If you were looking for chickens that are good to keep in the garden then look no further than Blue Laced Wyandotts or Gold Brahma Bantams.

Hybrids lay more eggs and are the Heinz 57 variety of the chicken world. Cockerels will look after their flock which can be up to 12 hens. They will break up fighting females and alert them to predators. Chickens need to take grit into their diet to help grind up their food so their food contains oyster shell which contains the calcium they need to produce strong shells.

Surprisingly chickens are omnivores and will eat mice, slugs, snails and woodlice as well as corn and yellow maize.

Such a fascinating talk although not many people wanted to take this up as a new hobby; maybe sometime in the future as Charlotte reassured us that chickens make extremely good pets.

**The next meeting in June will be *Gardening for Television* by Kate Bennett and Eleanor Waterhouse.
Please come along**



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www.andovercats.org.uk

Fund-raising/volunteers 07733 242196 or

coord@andovercats.org.uk

Items for resale 01256-892773

After our report about feral cats last month an extremely pregnant feral was caught in a trap and brought in by one of our supporters. She is now in care awaiting the birth of her kittens. Hopefully, they can be tamed and go to homes and she will be released back to her food source.

Two of our fosterers attended the Open Day at Strathmore Vets in May. It was an enjoyable afternoon and we have received a cheque for £103.75 from them, which was part of the money raised. Thank you Simon and all at Strathmore vets.



Blossom, last month's cat, has found her forever home in Shipton Bellinger.

This is **Hobo** who was found straying in Tidworth. He is ginger, about eight years old and has beautiful golden eyes. He has a chatty and friendly nature and would love to find a family home where he will get lots of attention.

Martin Bevan

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 POST OFFICE

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'Plastic' Banknotes

Over the next 6 - 18 months the Bank of England will start changing over to polymer banknotes. The new notes will be smaller in size, more secure and more durable than paper banknotes. They will give better counterfeit resilience and increase the quality of banknotes in circulation. The distribution and circulation of the new £5 note will begin in September 2016

Beatrix Potter Special Stamps - 28th July 2016

The 150th Anniversary of the birth of Beatrix Potter will be marked with a 10 stamp issue to celebrate the timeless characters she created. Beatrix Potter (1866-1943) devised some of the best loved characters of children's books of all time. With 250 million sales she is one of the most published authors of all time. Her first book, The Tale of Peter Rabbit, at 45 million sales is among the world's best-selling children's books of all time. She remains among the world's best selling children's authors.

Maureen Flood - Sub Post Mistress

CHAPTER AND VERSE

We would like to thank the helpers, the 'offerers' and the attenders who helped us make a super total towards the new 'Loo'.

We raised a staggering £580 and an additional £110 for Winchester Night Shelter (Chapter and Verse's chosen charity) The Raffle (from very generous anonymous donors) raised another wonderful £165.10!

So our unbelievable total is £721.10p

With thanks

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Saturday 23rd July 2016

A concert to be held in a Marquee in the Grounds of

The Old Rectory, Abbotts Ann

Picnics from 7.00 pm, Concert 8.00pm.

*Bring your own Picnic. Tables and chairs provided.
Pay Bar. Come in Costume (Optional).*

Ticket Price:- Adult £15 – Children(15 and under) £7.50

*Tickets from Abbotts Ann Village Shop &
Goodworth Clatford Village Store*

Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall HELP REQUIRED!



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:-

Jenny Read, Saxley Farm, Red Rice, SP11 7PG

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

Many thanks!

Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall

VIEW FROM THE REAR STALLS

"Huis Clos", a play by the French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre, depicts three urbane and disparate characters who have died and been condemned to Hell. At first, they are relieved to discover that there are no tormenting demons, punishing pitchforks, or everlasting fires. Then, as they get to know each other, they gradually realise that their sealed fate is to remain locked in the same small room, together, for all Eternity...

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, informally called the AGM, took place in the Jubilee Room of the War Memorial Hall on 19th May. Not quite the Ides of March, but it had its similarities.



ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

Shop Manager: Tim Abram

Deputy Shop Manager: Carol Murphy

Sub Post Mistress: Maureen Flood

July 2016

New Look

The shop has a new, modern, look. Over the May Bank Holiday a team (led by Tim) worked really hard to remove stock and shelving, make more shelving, paint and refit all the shelving and then re-stock the shelves. Congratulations to all involved for all your hard work. The result was well worth all your efforts. This was all done for the benefit of you, the customers. So come on in to shop, have a coffee or use the WiFi; remember it is your shop.

Coffee, coffee, coffee

Espresso, Double Espresso, Lungo (?), Cappuccino, Latte, Americano – even instant – the choice is yours! All are available now, with our fantastic new machine for drinking in the shop or to take away. You could even be different and have a hot chocolate. Tea is of course still available for those who do not drink coffee.

Volunteers

We still need more volunteers to serve in the shop, especially for Sunday mornings. Many thanks to those of you doing extra shifts, particularly whilst Carol is off sick. Get well soon Carol we all miss you.

Pizza Night
Order your Pizza
for
Friday 15th July - 1700 to 1900

(Place your order beforehand for collection at a time convenient for you.)

*Elizabeth Howard
Shop Volunteer & Committee Member*

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**Matthew, Hugh,
Christopher, Bethany, Daisy
and other young
Abbotts Ann
artists will thrill you with
their music.**



Abbotts Ann New Generation



**Friday 22nd July
2016
7.30pm (bar opens 6.45pm)
in a marquee in the
garden of
The Old Rectory
Tickets: £5.00
(to include a welcoming
drink)
Pay bar**

**In celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the Church of
St Mary the Virgin, Abbotts Ann
Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church**

**Tickets from Abbotts Ann Village Shop; Andrew Liddell
(710572); Penny Scriven (710502); Matthew Carter (01264**

The first item on the agenda of an AGM is the election of the Chairman. The incumbent, Cllr Beth Deacon, read out a statement explaining why she did not wish to remain as Chairman after only three months. Unfortunately, no councillor volunteered to take over, possibly taken by surprise. The Vice-Chairman would normally deputise, but Cllr Elizabeth Howard didn't want to stand for re-election to her role either and, again, no one came forward.

Cllr Deacon therefore presided for the evening, as there can be no meeting without a Chairman. Elections for the two posts were deferred to June. Standing Orders, the rules by which a Council runs its business, were revised and will be posted on the website and in the shop.

At the end of the meeting, Cllr Deacon announced her resignation from the Council. Cllr Howard then said that she also had finally made up her mind to leave.

This was interesting, since, without an elected Chairman, the Council was "leaderless" and impotent. But the June meeting was not far off and someone would surely take the Chair then.

However, as you know, the matter did not rest.

After a great deal of deep thought and heart-searching, within six days, three more councillors had stood down from the Council, leaving only two. The Council was now not only leaderless, but below the statutory minimum of five members (Local Government Act 1972, s16 (1)), and certainly below the quorum of three required to hold a valid meeting.

Abbotts Ann has seven Parish Councillors, who are elected every four years. "Elected" does not mean residents have always had to troop along to the War Memorial Hall to make their mark. If there are not more candidates than places available, there is no contest, and no point in having a ballot. Those who stand are automatically deemed "elected unopposed" – a bit like a walk-over in horse-racing.

For many years, this was the situation at Abbotts Ann. Although the statutory notices of election were posted publicly on the parish notice-boards as required every four years, with invitations for candidates, there was no excess of people applying for the spaces available. There was thus no need for a ballot, or poll. If there were not enough people standing for election, the Council would then subsequently have to co-opt individuals to fill the seats.

In May 2015, however, there were nine candidates for the seven places, a very healthy position as electors then had a vote.

The situation is different if someone steps down from the Council mid-term. This is known as a "casual vacancy". No election is called unless at least ten

electors request it. If they don't, the remaining councillors are at liberty to co-opt, or invite, whom they want on the Council. This is what has led, in the past, to accusations of "crony-ism": no one in the parish had asked the Borough Council for an election, so the Parish Council simply had to choose those it thought most suitable.

Even if there are more people coming forward than the number of mid-term vacancies, this does not trigger a ballot. Electors must still formally request an election. Without this, the Council will interview the candidates, and make their own selection.

The minimum number of councillors who must be present at any meeting is three - the "quorum". This allows for occasional absences of some of the seven councillors, without leaving too small a number for fair discussion. No business can be transacted with fewer than the quorum. If this is temporary, such as through illness, the Parish Council meeting will be postponed until a quorum can be reached - as happened in January/February of 2015.

However, resignations are permanent, and as fewer than three councillors now remain in Abbotts Ann, the Council is frozen. No business can be transacted - not even to co-opt new members. Legally, there is no Parish Council.

Test Valley Borough Council now has to step in and insert its own temporary appointees so that the Parish Council can resume basic duties, such as paying invoices.

In the meantime, notices of the five casual vacancies have been posted, and ten electors or more have, indeed, duly requested an election. This initially avoids the two remaining Parish Councillors and the TVBC appointees having to co-opt individuals, and gives the public a chance to stand. It is transparently fair.

If there are fewer than five candidates for the five vacancies, they will all be deemed "elected unopposed", without a ballot, as described earlier, and will automatically become Parish Councillors. The remaining seats will still need to be filled. The existing, and any new, councillors must then co-opt, or directly invite, people they think suitable to fill the vacancies. It's not exactly a press-gang, but it's certainly not as desirable as the public having a vote.

But if more than five people offer themselves as candidates, there will be a ballot - this is where we do have the opportunity to express our opinion with an 'X'.

If no one stands for election, the two existing councillors and the TVBC appointees will presumably co-opt as they see fit.

The five councillors who have stood down from the present Council had all

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.

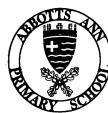
We expect the entry fees to cover the organisation cost but really need some local company sponsorship to hit the target so we are also looking for local company sponsors. We are hoping to organise a company race for teams from various companies in the area.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY RUBBER BRIDGE?

Wednesday Bridge Club is looking for new members. The club meets every Wednesday at the Goodworth Clatford Village Club from 7.00pm until 10.00pm to play Rubber Bridge. Occasionally Chicago Bridge is played. Tables of 4 are made up on arrival and players change tables at the end of each rubber. The first Wednesday of the month is a partners evening. Tea or coffee and biscuits are offered during the evening.

The Wednesday Bridge Club is not a teaching club so prospective members would need some experience in playing bridge. Rubber Bridge play is similar to Chicago, but the scoring is slightly different and can be easily picked up. Please contact Rosemary Johnson-Ferguson on 01264 710 547 for more details.

Helen Norman



JUMBLE SALE

Thank you for all the donations towards the April Jumble Sale. With your generosity and support we raised £1060.99 for Abbotts Ann Primary School.



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fully intended to serve out their four-year term of office and have worked hard for the good of the parish. They are a mix of long-standing as well as recently-elected members; people whose experience of the village ranges from being born and raised here, to fairly recent arrivals with a welcome fresh approach and ideas.

Yet their stated reasons for standing down were similar.

With the Derby just behind us, and a recent programme on Emily Dickinson in mind (she who, as evidence now suggests, did not intend to throw herself in front of the king's horse, but just to affix a "votes for women" poster to it) maybe it is time for all good men and women true to come to the aid of the party and consider if they would like to have - or should have - some say in the running of this parish.

If more than five candidates step forward, there will be a ballot on 4th August. For democracy's sake, let's make it "the more the merrier" and ensure we get a vote, not a cabal.

Rosemary Groves



WI BRASKETS

Kate and Wendy demonstrate that there is never a dull moment when you join the WI!!

THE PARISH COUNCIL

There is an old Chinese saying, “May you live in interesting times...” Recent times for the Parish Council have indeed been interesting. In that sense, for the Greater Good of the village, it would have been better if they had not.

So, after much thought and consideration, especially following the last meeting of Thursday, 19th May, when the resignations of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were separately announced, I reluctantly came to the view that the Parish Council had become unworkable to its best effectiveness for our village. I was not alone in that view.

Accordingly, I wrote to the Clerk on the following Wednesday, 25th May, saying, “It is with deep regret and profound sadness that after 37 years’ service as an Abbotts Ann parish councillor, I realise I will be better able to continue service to the village outside the Parish Council rather than remaining under its increasingly bureaucratic, and suffocating, constraints as a member.”

This has not been a step that I have taken at all lightly. Very far from it, for you all know my feelings for this very special place; very far from it, as I have been given, and humbled by, the trust, friendship and great support of so many electors for such a long time and I have the highest regard for this responsibility.

For a long time, and until comparatively recently, Abbotts Ann Parish Council had enjoyed the reputation amongst the county local government associations of being one of the happiest parish councils in Hampshire. I became increasingly saddened that it could come nowhere near claiming that accolade at present, and could not foresee any likelihood of an improvement in the circumstances. I do, however, refute the view, expressed by some, of any “animosities amongst councillors” being “long-held”.

Parish Councils in general come in extremes of sizes and, sometimes, politics. All have to abide by legislation and regulations – and experience – for they are responsible for public money and public affairs. But there is a balance. In this village, the Parish Council is representative of a small community, a village of people who should be friends, and are. As such, the council, which has only seven members, should be operating in a friendly, co-operative and positive fashion, for that is how it is efficient. In other words, it would work – as, indeed, it used to.

The converse is divisive, negative and unpleasant, with little achieved. The atmosphere spreads outside, even causing rifts in the whole community. This is not the vision of any of us for our village.

Maybe the “interesting times” in which the Parish Council presently finds itself are an opportunity for a “clean sweep” – who knows?

As we stepped down, another long serving colleague and I remained acutely aware of the heritage, privilege and history that our predecessors passed to us. I am so appreciative to be part of it.

Thank you all for your friendship and encouragement – I am still here to help. Most of all, thank you for your understanding.

Bernard

Threadgill Cup Garden Competition – 2016

Many thanks to all those who entered their gardens this year. The standard was very high, as always, making the judge’s task a difficult one. I will be looking for even more entries next year, there are many more beautiful gardens in the village – I know, I have glimpsed them!

Liz Dell – The Old Exchange, 711051

The Results

Winner of the Threadgill Cup:

**2 St Mary’s Meadow
Charlotte & Owen Pearce**

Large Garden:

Winner:	Lane Cottage	Jill Tayler
Merit:	Spring Cottage	Bill Easterbrook

Small Garden:

Winner	2 St Mary’s Meadow	Charlotte & Owen Pearce
Joint Merit:	Florence Cottage	Sally Flint & Leslie King
Joint Merit:	The Old Exchange	Liz Dell

Vegetable Garden:

Winner:	Spring Cottage	Bill Easterbrook
Merit:	Longthatch	Beth Deacon

Containers & Hanging Baskets:

Winner:	Spring Cottage	Bill Easterbrook
Merit:	2 St Mary’s Meadow	Charlotte & Owen Pearce

Garden Design:

Winner:	The Old Exchange	Liz Dell
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