

		7.30pm Goodworth Clatford Lent Course, see page 3
		7.30pm Goodworth Clatford WI meets in GCVC
22 Mar	(Wed)	10.30am Abbotts Ann Lent Course, see page 3
		7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		7.30pm AGM of Abbotts Ann Green Action at the War Memorial Hall.
23 Mar	(Thurs)	7.45pm Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in UC Memorial Hall.
		3.00pm Upper Clatford Lent Course, see page 3
		3.00pm to 4.00pm Neighbourhood policing, village shop
		7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Mary's
24 Mar	(Fri)	7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
26 Mar	(Sun)	7.30pm Thomas Plant, Valuer and Auctioneer, in GCVC
		(The Fourth Sunday of Lent) – Mothering Sunday – full service details – page 2
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
28 Mar	(Tues)	11.15am Said Service of Morning Prayer, St Francis Chapel, St Peter's
		7.30pm Goodworth Clatford Lent Course see page 3
		7.30pm Film Night in Goodworth Clatford Village Club
29 Mar	(Wed)	10.30am Abbotts Ann Lent Course, see page 3
		7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
30 Mar	(Thurs)	3.00pm Upper Clatford Lent Course, see page 3
		7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Mary's
		7.30pm Abbotts Ann WI meets in Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall.
		7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's.

APRIL 2017

1 Apr	(Sat)	7.00pm "A Night at the Races" in Goodworth Clatford Village Club.
2 Apr	(Sun)	(The Fifth Sunday of Lent) – Passiontide begins Full service details – page 2
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
3 Apr	(Mon)	12.30pm Way Inn Lunch at St Peter's – page 2
4 Apr	(Tues)	11.15am Said service of Morning Prayer, St Francis Chapel St Peter's
		7.30pm Goodworth Clatford Lent Course, see page 3
5 Apr	(Wed)	10.30am Abbotts Ann Lent Course, see page 3
		7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
6 Apr	(Thurs)	10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning
		3.00pm Upper Clatford Lent Course, see page 3
		7.00pm Abbotts Ann Parish Council meets in AA Memorial Hall
		7.00pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk.
		7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
9 Apr	(Sun)	(Palm Sunday) Full service details – page 2
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
11 Apr	(Tues)	10.00am to 11.30am in St Peter's Room – Goodworth Clatford Community Coffee Morning. <i>Now second Tuesday of the month.</i>
		10.30am to 12.30pm Easter Eggstravaganza AAWMH see page 20
		11.15am Said service of Morning Prayer, St Francis Chapel St Peter's
		12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.
		7.30pm Goodworth Clatford Lent Course, see page 3

St Mary's Church, Abbotts 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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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN MARCH 2017

Please note change of services and times at all churches.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>St Mary's Duties:</u>
Wednesday 1st March 19.30 Benefice Eucharist	Ash Wednesday St Peter's (KD/PE)
Sunday 5th March 08.00 Said Holy Communion 10.00 Eucharist 10.00 Family Service 18.00 Evensong	First Sunday of Lent St Peter's (KD) All Saints' (NJ) St Peter's (PE) St Mary's (KD)
Sunday 12th March 08.00 Said Holy Communion 10.00 Eucharist 11.15 Matins	Second Sunday of Lent All Saints' (KD) St Mary's (NJ) Mr/Mrs G Howard St Peter's (KD)
Sunday 19th March 08.00 Said Holy Communion 10.00 Eucharist 10.00 Family Service (lay led) 16.00 Evensong	Third Sunday of Lent St Mary's (KD) Mrs P Keene St Peter's (KD) St Mary's (TT) Mr/Mrs G Howard All Saints' (NJ)
Sunday 26th March 08.00 Said Holy Communion 10.00 Family Service 10.00 Family Service 10.00 Family Eucharist & Baptism	Mothering Sunday St Mary's (NJ) Miss W Casson St Mary's (TT) Mr/Mrs G Howard St Peter's (NJ) All Saints' (KD)
Sunday 3rd April 08.00 Said Holy Communion 10.00 Eucharist 10.00 Family Service 18.00 Evensong	Fifth Sunday of Lent St Peter's (KD) All Saints' (NJ) St Peter's (KD) St Mary's (KD)
Sunday 9th April 08.00 Said Holy Communion 10.00 Eucharist 10.30 Morning Worship	Palm Sunday All Saints' (NJ) St Mary's (KD) Mr/Mrs G Howard St Peter's (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.

BENEFICE DIARY - MARCH 2017

1 Mar	(Wed)	(Ash Wednesday) 7.30pm Benefice Eucharist at St Peter's. 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting)
2 Mar	(Thurs)	7.00pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
3 Mar	(Fri)	10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer Service at All Saints'
5 Mar	(Sun)	(The First Sunday of Lent) For full service details – page 2 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
6 Mar	(Mon)	12.30pm Way Inn Lunch at St Peter's
7 Mar	(Tues)	11.15am Said Service of Morning Prayer, St Francis Chapel in St Peter's 7.00pm Goodworth Clatford Parish Council meets in GCVC 7.30pm Goodworth Clatford Lent Course, see page 3
8 Mar	(Wed)	10.30am Abbots Ann Lent Course, see page 3 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC 7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall
9 Mar	(Thurs)	10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning 3.00pm Upper Clatford Lent Course, see page 3 3.00pm to 4.00pm Neighbourhood policing, village shop 7.00pm Abbots Ann Parish Council meets in Abbots Ann Memorial Hall 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Mary's 7.30pm CADS production "Splat" in Goodworth Clatford Village Club. 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
10 Mar	(Fri)	5.00pm to 7.00pm Pizza Night at Village Shop 7.30pm CADS production "Splat" in Goodworth Clatford Village Club.
11 Mar	(Sat)	2.00pm All Saints' Jumble Sale, in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall. 7.30pm CADS production "Splat" in Goodworth Clatford Village Club.
12 Mar	(Sun)	(The Second Sunday of Lent) For full service details – page 2 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
14 Mar	(Tues)	10.00am to 11.30am in St Peter's Room – Goodworth Clatford Community Coffee Morning. Now the second Tuesday of every month. 11.15am Said Service of Morning Prayer, St Francis Chapel in St Peter's 12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'. 7.30pm Goodworth Clatford Lent Course see page 3
15 Mar	(Wed)	12.00noon Deadline for receipt of copy for the April 2017 Abbots Ann Magazine editor@abbotsannmagazine.co.uk 10.30am Abbots Ann Lent Course, see page 3 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC 7.30pm Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall.
16 Mar	(Thurs)	3.00pm Upper Clatford Lent Course, see page 3 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Mary's 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
17 Mar	(Fri)	10.00am Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
19 Mar	(Sun)	(The Third Sunday of Lent) For full service details – page 2 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
21 Mar	(Tues)	11.15am Said Service of Morning Prayer, St Francis Chapel in St Peter's

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Dear Friends

When I was a teenager, there was a game we used to play called 'In the manner of the word' (I have also heard it called 'In the manner of the adverb'). It's a game in the same sort of vein as Charades, in that people have to act out something and others have to guess something from their actions.

How it works: Person A goes out of the room and those remaining choose an adverb that Person A is going to have to guess on their return. Person A returns to the room, not knowing what the adverb is and selects one or two people to act out a scenario, in the manner of the (unknown) adverb.

For example the unknown adverb might be 'lovingly' or 'impatiently' or 'hungrily'. Person A says something like 'I want you to act out playing a game of cricket', in the manner of the adverb! So, the chosen actors perform playing cricket lovingly or impatiently or hungrily, and Person A tries to guess the adverb. This usually results in some hilarity as group members act out the scenarios and individuals struggle to guess the adverbs.

Wednesday 1st March, is the start of Lent. A time when people traditionally give something up, fast or choose to live more abstinently, following the example of Jesus' 40 days without food in The Wilderness and the three-fold temptations of The Devil. The temptations are all related to **HOW** Jesus is going to live his life and fulfil his mission. Is he going to be driven by other people's expectations? Is he going to achieve his ends by force? Is he corruptible in his ideals? Of course not! He is going to be faithful to God, while being compassionate to the need he sees around him; he is going to be a man of peace in the midst of a people desperate for freedom from oppression and he is going to be an example of a life lived in service to his heavenly Father.

Whatever we do in our lives - whether we go out to earn a living or work from home, care for family and neighbours or take part in different leisure activities – **HOW** do we live? What are we known for? Perhaps Lent is a time for us to consider what we want to be known for, remembered for and to work out what that means for us.

The churches in the benefice are offering a Lent course with weekly sessions looking at how Christian faith effects the way we live our lives, on our Frontline - our Frontline being the place where we spend much of our time; the place God has put us and called us be. A place of possibility and potential. What might God want to do where we are day by day? How might he use us? How will we grow?

Groups will meet Tuesday evenings 7.30pm in Goodworth Clatford, Wednesday mornings 10.30am in Abbotts Ann and Thursday afternoons 3pm in Upper Clatford. If you would like to know more please contact me or another member of the ministry team – contact details in The Directory section of this magazine.

Sunday 26th March is Mothering Sunday and each church in the benefice will have a special 10am service for all generations to worship together. You are most welcome to join us for one of these or any of our services. Full details in this magazine.

Final word – please note a change of service time at St Mary’s, Abbotts Ann on the second Sunday of each month – the communion service will now be at 10am rather than 9.30am.

Katrina

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:

24 Feb - 9 Mar
10 Mar - 23 Mar
24 Mar - 6 Apr
 7 Apr - 20 Apr
 21 Apr - 4 May
 5 May - 18 May

Flowers:

Lent
Lent
Lent
 Easter
 Sylvia Burson
 Wedding

Dusting:

Penny Scriven
Beth Deacon
Margaret Hind
 Jill Tayler
 Wendy Casson
 Wendy Alleway

From The Registers

Funeral

The funeral and burial of Rosalind Frances Lloyd David took place on 31st October at St Peter’s

Baptism

The baptism of Olivia Alice Hargrave was held on Sunday 22nd January at All Saints’

Burial of ashes

The ashes of Frederick Kenneth (‘Ken’) Mulley and Margaret Irene Mulley were buried in the Garden of Remembrance on Saturday 21st January at All Saints’

Elsie Hardiman ws cremated at Basingstoke Crematorium on 27th January

John Hunt was cremated at Basingstoke Crematorium on 3rd February

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

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Here we go – a new year, and plans for new productions. But first of all, a quick look back. As an AmDram group, we have great fun whilst looking to entertain YOU. But we also like to benchmark ourselves against other groups, and I'm pleased to announce that this year we have received no less than 3 nominations for the Southern Daily Echo Curtain Call Awards:

- Lee Poore - Best Performance in a Pantomime - Kai in The Snow Queen – *'A lovely singing voice, he carried the show'*.
- The Snow Queen - Best Pantomime – Director, Andy Poore – *'The cast were bursting with personality and energy'*.
- Will Johnson - Best Director of a Comedy/Comic Drama - Cash on Delivery – *'His vision paid off when delivering this frenetic farce'*.

Now make a note of our next productions - **5/6/7 May** - BVP presents an evening's entertainment including 2 1-Act plays:

- 'Rude Awakenings' is a charming black comedy by Nicholas Ridley which mixes both broad and subtle humour with truthful insights into the pain and pathos that can sometimes lie beneath the surface of village life.
- 'Mum's Army' – by Jimmy Perry & David Croft. After Captain Mainwaring announces that women are to join the (Dad's Army) Home Guard, several lady friends of the platoon come forward!

For more information on Burdock Valley Players, look us up through the following media:



THE MAGAZINE TEAM HAVE RESIGNED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT

It is with real sadness that we need to inform our readers that this will be the last magazine produced by the current magazine team who have all decided to resign their positions with immediate effect. We are very sorry indeed for any inconvenience this may cause but we feel we have been left with no choice.

We are very proud of our achievements. Since 2003 with the help of our subscribers and advertisers we have raised a total of **£18,907.09** in profits and we have been able to donate funds to village causes as follows:

The Abbotts Ann Village Shop	£900	towards a new computer
Abbotts Ann Village Hall	£200	to install baby changing facilities
Abbotts Ann Primary School	£200	to help equip their new school library
Abbotts Ann Nursery School	£100	for equipment
Abbotts Ann Hall Playground	£200	children's play equipment
St Mary's Church	£2,667	
St Mary's Church Trust	£500	

Thank you all for the support you have always given us and for the lovely comments we receive so regularly. It has been a real pleasure to have been involved.

Andrea Jackson – Editor
Pam Lytle – Distribution Manager
Mark Stevens – Advertising Manager

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. All are very welcome to attend.

Peter Eastwood

ST MARY'S CHURCH FLOWERS AND HOLY DUSTING

We are so grateful to all those who give time to cleaning and providing flowers for the church. It would be lovely to have some extra volunteers, please let us know if you are interested.

Sylvia Burson (710852) for flowers and Jill Tayler (710201) for dusting

COUNTRYSIDE GROUP FUTURE PROGRAMME



Following on from the recent visits to Saxley Farm, consideration is being given to arranging a visit to another farm a few miles further away. It would be helpful to know if villagers would be interested in taking part in such a visit on a summer evening later this year.

Please contact Julie Moon (710123 or julie.moon@care4free.net) to register an interest if you would like this to go ahead.

We would also be very pleased to hear from anybody who would like to join our small group to help in arranging activities. We need more people to be involved if the group is to survive in the longer term.

Julie Moon (Abbotts Ann Vision Countryside Group)

EDITOR'S NOTE:

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ABBOTTS ANN WI - JANUARY 2017

Our members enjoyed a post-Christmas/late New Year Dinner in the Village Hall this month. It was a lovely relaxed evening as we all sat there whilst our various selections were cooked and brought to us. As usual Mr Davies from Southampton came up trumps, portions were generous and delicious. Unfortunately, this was the last occasion he and his friendly staff will cater for us, as his wife has insisted it is time for him to retire. What will we do now?

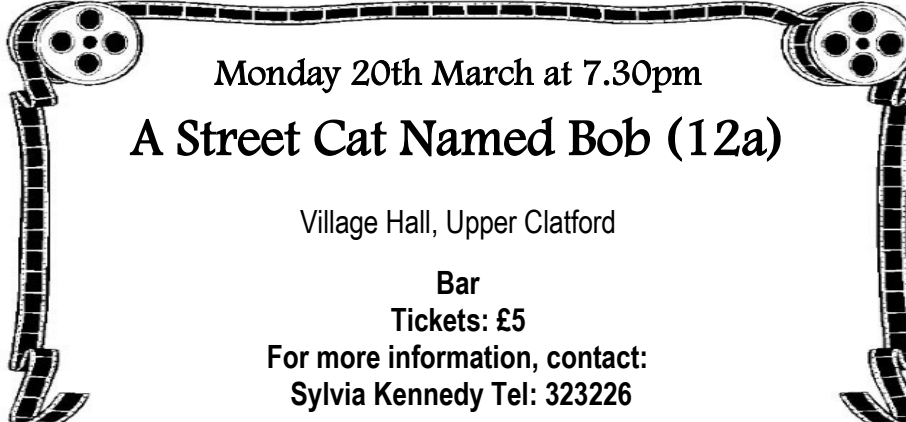
We were fortunate to secure, at the last minute, a much sought after local duo to entertain us. They informed us that we were lucky that their agent had managed to squeeze us into their otherwise very full diary - which was news to their wives!

They performed a medley of songs and readings much to the delight of their audience. So thank you John and Ray (or possibly Freda & Barry) - we are most grateful, a delightful finale to our evening.

2017 is our Centenary Year and we have various events and celebrations planned for the year, starting with an Easter Eggstravaganza on 11th April, 10.30 am -12.30 pm in the village hall. Please put the date in your diary and look out for the advertisement in this Magazine. No excuse not to know about it - there will also be posters in the village. All ages welcome.

Dream Interpretation will be the subject of Graham Birchmore's talk this month - last time he interpreted our handwriting, which produced some interesting results. I wonder what our subconscious will reveal about us! Want to know our secrets then come along to the Village Hall on 30th March at 7.30 pm to hear more.

Sharon King



Monday 20th March at 7.30pm

A Street Cat Named Bob (12a)

Village Hall, Upper Clatford

Bar

Tickets: £5

For more information, contact:
Sylvia Kennedy Tel: 323226

Dahlias

Dahlias should be divided every 2-3 years if left in the ground. Always put on a good mulch over winter. They can also rot in heavy soil.

Now is a good time to set them up. Put compost in a tray and put the tubers on top. Give them a misting. Once shoots appear you can take basal cuttings. Tubers can be divided as long as there is a shoot attached to the tuber. Keep moist but not too wet.

Start them in a frost free place. Light isn't necessary but heat can be applied later. Always remember to rehydrate.

Snowdrops should be divided when they have leaves but after flowering (in the green).

Jenny told members that £139 was collected for the foodbank at the Christmas meal.

The next club meeting is on 22nd March when Anthony Powell will be talking about 'Groundcover'. **You will be most welcome.**

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VIEW FROM THE REAR STALLS

I'm sure many people enjoy watching 'Spooks'. There's nothing like a good behind-the-scenes spy story to make you wonder what's happening in reality!

Much administration and negotiation in government or commerce must necessarily take place in confidence, so that the opposition doesn't know the full extent of one's strategy or armoury. The public is only told what it needs to be told. As the slogan says, 'I'm a mushroom – they keep me in the dark and feed me rubbish!' This can lead to misunderstandings of how decisions have been made, but the more important consideration is that the decisions have been able to be made at all.

So it is also with local affairs. It's the telephone calls between people who know each other that often make the real progress, by-passing the 'box-ticking'. Sometimes, this is not even documented, and things 'just happen'. Unfortunately, this can lead to the general populace thinking no action has been taken, or that some other catalyst has brought about the result achieved. Indeed, sometimes not even members of the organisations know exactly what has gone on in private – especially if they don't research their facts - and may pat themselves on the back for achieving something that was not, in fact, their doing. Those who have actually enabled the progress cannot always be recognised, but that is the nature of public service: the 'result' is all that matters. Discretion and confidentiality are the means to it, not self-aggrandisement.

Parish council (PC) meetings are 'meetings held in public,' not 'public meetings.' The public can only watch proceedings, unless invited to speak by the Chairman. However, because the public is present, councillors have to be diplomatic in the information they divulge. So, for example, when discussing contracts, they retire in closed session, to keep sensitive commercial or personal information private. The Local Government Act permits this in certain strict circumstances only - otherwise councillors could cheerfully discuss everything amongst themselves behind closed doors in a smoke-filled room, and there would be no transparency for their electors.

The public is entitled to see documents produced to aid councillors at or before meetings held in public - otherwise the discussions are meaningless to those who want to see democracy in action, and are not transparent. Formerly, such documents were attached to the minutes in the village shop for all to read. This appears to be no longer the

CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

Our speaker in January was Sally Burr and her talk was about 'Propagation'. Sally has been a volunteer at The Vyne National Trust property for 20 years and as well as having an RHS diploma, she also tends the garden at Winchester City Mill and Sandham Memorial.

Sally stressed how important it is to repot and top dress plants and remove any dead foliage to keep them healthy, especially if you hope to take cuttings from them. When you do decide to propagate plants, you must make sure your tools are clean and sharp and pots are washed. Antiseptic wipes are good for this.

Sowing Techniques

Firstly, don't sow too many seeds. Any surplus can be kept in the fridge or a cool and dry place. Naturally germination will diminish with time.

Choose good multi-purpose compost and mix half and half with Vermiculite fine grade. Fine seed such as lobelia can be mixed with silver sand or Vermiculite which makes it easier to sow. You can water the compost first or water afterwards from below. Always remember to label and date your seeds. Bigger seeds shouldn't be sown too thickly. Seeds that sink are viable, seeds that float are not. Sow them individually and if they have a hard coating nick the coating or soak them in water. A mini propagator can be made using transparent fruit containers. Once they have germinated move them to a warmer place.

Cuttings

Make sure your stock plant is healthy and free of pests and diseases. Soft cuttings can be taken from March onwards, semi-ripe cuttings in the middle of summer and hardwood cuttings are taken once growth has ripened and the leaves have fallen off. Winter is a good time to take fruit cuttings such as gooseberry or blackcurrant and also rose, viburnum and cotinus. Take a piece about the thickness of a pencil. Cut the top at a slant and the bottom straight so you don't plant it upside down. Several cuttings can be planted around the edge of the pot and kept outside.

Soft cuttings should be cut below a node, removing several lower leaves.

Root cuttings should be buried well in the compost leaving only a little bit showing. Root cuttings from plants such as primula or pulmonaria are put in horizontally and covered with compost.

Division

Sally went on to remind us that some herbaceous plants need to be divided every 2, 3 or 4 years when the centre of the plant has died. This will re-invigorate the plant and improve your stock. A couple of garden forks back to back should do the trick.

If the plant flowers in June, divide in autumn and if it flowers in summer onwards, divide in spring.



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practice, possibly to save space in the minutes folder. Nevertheless, these are public documents, and as the bare minutes can be a little obscure without background information, they should be available from the Clerk, on request. This includes correspondence discussed.

It is easy to criticise the activities of new generations, but times change. Experience from organisations that have hitherto relied on goodwill, ad hoc arrangements and subjective understanding, shows how easy it is to get into an unholy mess, with hurt feelings and broken relationships. The Parish Council, as a public body, is right to make sure its dealings are clear-cut, open, and recorded so understood by all.

Meetings of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) have different rules, and are not 'held in public'. Deliberations are confidential. Many villagers who are not regular churchgoers might therefore feel these meetings are irrelevant to them, even if they were aware. However, when they result in the maintenance of an historic and significant building in our community, or a spectacular event such as the Flower Festival at the Tercentenary, something of the PCC's efforts can be recognised.

In contrast to the two types of meeting described above, Abbots Ann Housing Project team organised a full 'public meeting' in January to introduce, and seek, ideas for helping villagers who would like to remain here, but who cannot find suitable accommodation.

The school hall was packed. Speakers explained how the project had developed from the Village Consultation. A housing needs survey subsequently conducted by an external body, in conjunction with the Borough Council, had assessed that there was a need for some fifteen new 'affordable' houses. These would be intended for people with village connections who could not afford open market prices – children raised here, for instance, who want to stay near their families and to continue to support the local amenities. Some of the new houses could be for existing house-owners who might wish to 'downsize', thus releasing their house for a larger family.

There are many options to be discussed before the final format is decided and the organisers encouraged everyone to express their opinions and become involved. Sadly, some young people who had attended remarked afterwards that the plans did not seem to be 'for the likes of them'. If the 'affordable' housing were unaffordable for the very people it is supposed to help, there would surely be something wrong.



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The Countryside Group met in February, led by John and Julie Moon. New members would be welcome as it is vital to spread the knowledge and understanding of our fascinating environment for future generations.

Another invaluable village organ is the parish magazine itself – compiled by volunteers, with unseen hard work and commitment, bringing news and views to the community and helping foster a united interest.

We are lucky to have so many willing and able to keep the village the vibrant place it is. In the past, many unsung individuals quietly carried out good deeds, such as the gentleman who would anonymously deliver firewood to the needy; or those who, unasked, made necessary repairs, or cut grass, or tidied up, or visited the lonely. It's what villagers do.

Incidentally, what villagers do **not** do is help themselves to piles of logs – they know it belongs to the owner of the fallen tree!...

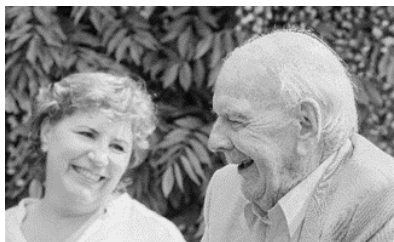
Finally, following the recent vote, the telephone kiosk will become an information point, to include some of the history of the village. Let's hope it's not 'post-history, alternative history and nothing like history' – insofar as the documents of true history can be made publicly available!

Rosemary Groves



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- The wildflower meadow should soon be moved to The Green, part of the enhancements being managed by Abbots Ann Green Action and The Friends of Manor Close Playing Field.
- Councillors were delighted to see the support for the Housing Project Group's presentation at Abbots Ann School, the Parish Council have offered our full support.

Finally, after an initial enquiry about a repair to the gate latch for the Burial Ground – we found it was completed gratis by local company, Alpine Group UK. Thank-you.

Andrew Hayter—Abbots Ann Parish Council Chairman

* the official minutes are published on the Abbots Ann website.



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

We have two fund raising events coming up this month. On the weekend of Friday 10-12th March we shall be at Pets at Home in Andover with our soft toy tombola. The shop will also be raising money for us by asking customers to round up to the nearest pound at the till and donations of food will be gratefully received. From 31st March, for three weeks, we will be occupying the Whitchurch Charity shop.



Dotty, last month's cat, has found a home.

Nala is a pretty brindle tortie about 4 years old. She has had several litters of kittens before coming into our care and is now looking for her new home. She would benefit from living in a quiet environment, maybe with older children. She is used to spending lots of time outside so a safe garden is essential.

Martin Bevan

Grenville Quilters Exhibition (Saturday 8th April 2017, 10am - 4pm) at the Weyhill Fairground Village Hall, SP11 0QN.
Entrance £2 (Partners & Children free)

ABBOTTS ANN PARISH COUNCIL
CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

A busy month on the Parish Council again. Two trees fallen across footpaths have been removed this month as one off jobs. The future annual maintenance contract will be an improvement on the previous approach. The first council meeting held in private discussed the commercially confidential bids for the contract to maintain the footpaths and churchyard. The Clerk presented the bids to councillors without disclosing the bidders names, the decision was to request a re-bid having cut the requirement to reduce costs.

Councillors had no objection to one tree and five planning applications. Councillors did object to the siting of a garden studio being too close to a garden wall with potential damage caused by its foundations and lack of space for maintenance. Councillors also objected to the proposed new developments on the Andover Business Park; the new jobs these sites will bring are great for local job prospects – however the proposal lacks a quality traffic management plan which may blight Abbots Ann, with traffic using it as a rat run.

We were also notified by Hampshire County Council that they were going to close the road between Monxton and Abbots Ann for up to a year – pretty dramatic stuff! On further investigation with our borough and county councillor's help, we've learned that HCC need to de-silt the pool in Monxton plus some other drainage repairs and resurfacing – although still in design it should only require a road closure for a few days over the 12 months and they'll make sure that local residents have access to their premises.

The rejuvenation of the Telephone Box will continue as soon as weather permits. The poll online and in the village shop resulted in the following outcome. A clear preference for an information point. Something that Cllr Haigh will be leading as part of her portfolio.

Option	votes
Information point/village history/local walks	40
Library/books/dvds	17
Leave it as it is	12
Information point hosted by local groups	12
Information point with wifi	6
To house a defibrillator	3

In other news:

- The system that fines Goodmans for lorries from the Andover Business Park that disobey the rules is back up and running. The funds should be spent on impacted roads and we've put our bid in to improve the St Johns Cross junction.**



Abbots Ann Green Action

Do you care about:
Caring for our planet and our village?
Living sustainably?
Reducing your fuel bills and our dependency
on fossil fuels?

You are invited to our Annual General Meeting

**In the presence of Cllr Carl Borg-Neal,
Deputy Mayor of Test Valley**

**To hear about and discuss AAGA's work
during 2016 and make plans for 2017**

Including short films on

Recycling (now a concern on the Parish
Council agenda)

The latest thinking on Climate Change

**Wednesday 22nd March 2017 at
7.30pm at
the War Memorial Hall**

HOUSING PROJECT MEETING, 19.1.17

Could this have been one of the largest village meetings for some years? On Thursday 19th January 125 people packed the Village School Hall to hear proposals for a small development of homes by the village for the village.

As they arrived they were offered a drink and invited to inspect the exhibition stands in the centre of the room.

Then, as they took their seats around tables, the presentation gave details of what it is all about:

- Last year's housing needs survey showed significant demand for both affordable housing and for housing for people to downsize. A development of fifteen homes is proposed. People were reassured to be told that this is a local scheme for and by local people and no commercial developer is involved in it – indeed it may well make such commercial developments much less likely in the future.
- There are good reasons for such a development in our community – keeping people in our community by providing affordable homes, which makes possible continuity down the generations; strengthening the institutions we value – shop, school, pub, and church; and not letting money be the only qualification for living in our village – the argument for fairness.
- Those attending were pleased to hear that everything humanly and legally possible will be done to ensure that the affordable homes built will remain within the control of the village by setting up a Community Land Trust. For more information about CLTs see: <http://www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk/what-is-a-clt>
- Many people came with the question 'where will they be built?' and were pleased to hear that there is a carefully thought-out process for identifying and acquiring a site, which will include consulting the village. This consultation began at the meeting as people were invited to give their priorities for selecting the site (everything from its impact on the village scene to the cost of the land).

The meeting was then thrown open for a wide-ranging question and answer session which demonstrated the level of interest in the project. Ray Lucas was able to reassure everyone that the development is by the village for village people and that everything possible will be done to keep the homes in the ownership of the village in perpetuity. Whilst questions were thoughtful and perceptive, no opposition was expressed to the scheme proposed.

The Steering Group is delighted that a dozen people indicated that they would like to help in a variety of ways to take this project forward. If, reading this, you would like to help, please contact Beth Deacon or Ray Lucas.

We shall keep the village informed of developments through magazine, website, and village email and by mail-outs to those who left their contact

Common remain unfrozen in the middle. Having admired the patterns and picked up great sheets of ice, the Tribe finally take great pleasure in shattering the ice - a little violent, but no one else was around and no harm was done!

Back at school, the temperature continues to hover around zero, but the stunning clear skies persist too. The crisp weather brings a return of more small birds to the feeders. One particular robin flies onto a shrub just outside the window by the sink; he looks at me through the glass with intelligent jet black eyes and cocks his head. I just enjoy watching him; or is it a her? It is almost impossible to tell as they both have red breasts. Robins' eyes are currently being studied by scientists as unique among avian animals. Scientists believe that robins are able to visualise the earth's magnetic field, allowing them to navigate effectively. The process is called 'magnetoreception'. Pretty impressive for such a small bird. A tiny wren flits amidst the protective cover of evergreen shrubs. Wrens have a powerful song and are quite shy birds; you are much more likely to hear them than see them. An interesting fact about wrens, they've been around for quite some time as there is fossil evidence of wrens dating from the last Ice Age. A gaggle of noisy goldfinches appear one day - a glorious burst of sunshine with their bright red faces, yellow wings and gregarious ways. In contrast, a quiet, but no less striking bullfinch, flies in another day. He is beautiful with his pink-red breast, neat black cap, bill and tail. The Littlest is enjoying learning about the different garden birds that we see.

Snowdrops are finally poking their pure white heads through the ground and along Cattle Lane the first few trees shake their catkins jauntily in the wind. A few days later however, damp weather returns with heavy fog that seems to last all day. Everything feels cold. But the overwhelming theme for the month is cold sunshine and enough frost on the ground for it to appear as snow. In between the Boy sail training, the girls playing netball and hockey and everyone playing tennis, we still just about find time for plenty of family walks. And despite the usual busyness of life, it feels like a quietly calm (on a personal level) beginning to 2017 and I feel that nature reflects my mood.

Mother of the Tribe www.lifewiththetribe.com

HAMPSHIRE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Come and meet us - **Abbotts Ann Village Shop & Post Office**

Every other Thursday

3pm - 4pm

Thursday 9th March

Thursday 23 March

Come along and speak to your local Neighbourhoods Team

coins currently in circulation are in fact counterfeit. The new £1 coin includes a number of anti-counterfeit features such as: milled edges - with grooves on alternate sides; micro-lettering – tiny lettering on the inside rim of both sides of the coin; a latent image - a hologram-like image that changes from a ‘£’ symbol to the number ‘1’ when the coin is seen from different angles. The Royal Mint, which produces the coin, has stated it is the ‘most secure coin in the world’.

The coin’s design is said to showcase the UK’s heritage and craftsmanship and includes the fifth coin portrait of Her Majesty the Queen (designed by Royal Mint coin designer Jody Clark). It also features a design by David Pearce that shows the English rose, the Welsh leek, the Scottish thistle and the Northern Irish shamrock emerging from one stem within a royal coronet.

Post Office Ltd will play a key role in launching this coin into circulation, as the intention is to take £330m from The Royal Mint – almost a quarter of the £1.5 billion coins they are producing.

David Bowie special stamps issue - On Sale 14th March 2017

Bowie made his breakthrough with the 1969 album Space Oddity. In 1972 he recorded The Rise and Fall of Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders From Mars establishing him as a leader of glam-rock. His 1975 album Young Americans began his “plastic soul” period, and in the 1980s he established a more elegant rock presence with hits like “Under Pressure” and “Let’s Dance”. Bowie also had hits with, Lou Reed, John Lennon, Mick Jagger, Iggy Pop, Mott the Hoople and Brian Eno.

Maureen Flood - Sub Post Mistress

LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - JANUARY 2017

The first day of the new year is overcast and wet but fortunately this quickly changes and the last day of the Tribe's holidays is celebrated with an icy walk on Stockbridge Common. The sky is brilliant blue but the air is freezing and the frozen ground is covered in a heavy frost that looks like snow. The Tribe enjoy the sharp clean air and there are shouts of delight as they break off large pieces of ice from frozen puddles. The puddles are a milky white colour and have an interesting pattern of concentric circles. So to the science bit. It seems that the white colour of the ice is due to the presence of minute air bubbles and these are due to the fact that as the skies were clear overnight and the air temperature quickly plummeted the water froze quickly thereby trapping the air within the ice. As the puddles froze quickly the ice contracted and caused cracking of the ice. As the water loses more energy to the colder air, ice forms, starting at the most shallow, outer rim of the puddle. With every drop in temperature more ice forms on the edges of that which is already frozen, thus creating the circular patterns. So, the patterns show the timeline of the freezing process, from the edge of the puddle to the middle. Many of the puddles on the

details at the meeting. If you would like your name added to the mailing list, please send your email or other contact details to David Read (david.read@mybroadbandmail.com; 1 Manor Cottage, Church Road, SP11 7BQ; 710090)

Beth Deacon – beth@thelioncompany.co.uk

John Barlow – Mayfield, Duck St.; jtbarlow@sky.com

*Ray Lucas – Michaelmas Cottage, Duck St; raylucas1984@gmail.com

For regular updates please go to the Abbots Ann website (abbotsann.com) and look at the ‘Housing for Local People’ section that features in the ‘Our Village’ tab.

David Read

CH.2146/S PRIVATE EDWARD SAMUEL ALDERMAN ,RMLI


Following the publication of Edward’s biography in the February edition of the Parish Magazine, I have been contacted by Miss Constance Morrell who is Edward’s niece. Miss Morrell has helpfully noted the following errors in the biography.

Firstly Edward’s rank was as a Private and NOT as a Marine. Secondly, Edward was born at Flinty Cottages, Chute Forest and NOT Chute. Readers may be interested to know that the hospital in Glasgow which Edward was evacuated to in 1918 was part of a building belonging to The North British Locomotive Company. They offered it to the Scottish branch of the British Red Cross Society in 1914. It closed in May 1919.

Edward died on 6th January 1975 one day after his 76th birthday.

With thanks to Miss Morrell.

Pauline Cooper



100 CLUB WINNERS 2017

1st prize £30, 2nd prize £20, 3rd prize £10

FEBRUARY 2017 DRAW WINNERS

First Prize : Dr P J White
Second Prize : Mr K Hillier
Third Prize : Mr S Wilson



ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

Shop Manager: Tim Abram

Deputy Shop Manager: Carol Murphy

Sub Post Mistress: Maureen Flood

MARCH 2017

Treasurer

Abbots Ann Village Shop Association are delighted to welcome a new Treasurer. Mike Bird from Ampert has volunteered. Thank you Mike. We look forward to working with you. Mike has also volunteered to help in the shop. He can be seen behind the counter on alternate Wednesday mornings. The Association is most grateful to Ron Lockhart who has held the purse strings for many years. A huge thank you Ron. We wish you all the best.

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday this year falls on 26th March (the day the clocks change to British Summer Time and you will have had an hour less in bed!). Mothers appreciate receiving their presents – a card, chocolates, plant, flowers or even a hand made box into which you could insert a small gift. All these goodies are available in our village shop

Abbots Ann Apple Juice and Cider Vinegar

The 2016 stock of Abbots Ann apple juice and cider vinegar has arrived in the shop; both at £2.30 a bottle. Now they really are locally produced!

Dandelion Cakes

Our homemade cakes supplied by Dandelion are a real treat. There are different flavours each week, all freshly baked for us and delivered every Wednesday afternoon.

Cheese

You will find a good range of cheese, including Winchester Mature, Oak Smoked and others from Artisan Dairies.

Eggs

Remember that our eggs, from Kings Somborne at £1.15 for ½ a dozen, are our best seller and a brilliant buy.

Coughs and Colds

Oh dear, it is that time of year again, with coughs and colds everywhere, but there is no need to suffer. Pop into your village shop for a quick remedy; we have Lemsip, Neurofen, Beechams, Strepsils, and more. You never know when the dreaded lurgy is going to hit you, so make sure you have a stock handy. Remember – Prevention is better than cure!

March Pizza Night

Friday 10th March - 1700 to 1900

Remember to order in advance for collection at your chosen time. Pepperoni, Vegetarian or Abbots Ann Special pizzas are specially made for you ready for

you to pick up. They are delicious and good value at £12.95 for a 12” one.

Newspapers

We do appreciate having regular orders for newspapers, but for those customers who only collect their paper please have a look around the shop. There is bound to be something else you could buy – milk, butter, chocolates, a bottle of wine or beer or even dog treats. Tim tries hard to stock something for everybody. **Happy local shopping.**

Elizabeth Howard

Shop Volunteer & Committee Member

ABBOTTS ANN POST OFFICE

ISA Tax-year end deadlines

Under the current ISA rules, customers have a £15,240 ISA limit for the 2016/2017 tax-year. In addition to a higher than ever allowance, customers have the flexibility to choose how they split their money between different ISA types. With the end of the tax year customers can save up to £15,240 into a Post Office Money Cash ISA this tax-year (subject to any Non-Cash ISA contributions).

Post Office Money only offers Cash ISAs. If customers do not make use of their annual ISA allowance by the tax year end, they will lose it forever.

Key dates for submitting applications

Monday 27 March: Last day to accept applications in branch with a payment from another Post Office Money savings product.

Thursday 30 March: Last day to apply in branch.

Thursday 30 March: The last recommended date to post an application together with the account opening cheque.

Saturday 1 April: The last day to top up an existing Premier Cash ISA in branch.

Wednesday 5 April: The last date for completed applications to be accepted by One Family.

Any applications received after this date cannot be accepted for the 2016/17 tax year.

Dates given are subject to applications being received at OneFamily by 5 April, including applications being handed in at a Post Office branch, and ID checks being successfully completed.

Thursday 6 April: The new tax-year begins and the new annual ISA allowance is £20,000 for the 2017/18 tax year.

Applications for the new tax-year will be accepted from Thursday 6 April.

The new £1 coin

The Government has announced that a new bimetallic, 12-sided £1 coin will be launched for circulation on 28 March 2017. The round £1 coin has become vulnerable to fraud and the Royal Mint estimates that 45 million of the £1