

5 Nov	(Thurs)	7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St. Peter's
6 Nov	(Fri)	10.00am-12noon Churchyard clean-up - page 4
7 Nov	(Sat)	9.30am-11.30am Churchyard clean-up - page 4
8 Nov	(Sun)	(The Third Sunday before Advent) REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Full service details – page 2 Note different service time 1.00pm Benefice Curry Lunch in Abbots Ann Memorial Hall - page 7 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
10 Nov	(Tues)	12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.
11 Nov	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC 7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall
12 Nov	(Thurs)	7.00pm Abbots Ann Parish Council meets in Abbots Ann Memorial Hall. 7.30pm Bellringing practice, St. Mary's 7.30pm CADS production "Goggle Earth" in GCVC 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St. Peter's
13 Nov	(Fri)	7.30pm Abbots Ann Conservatives' Quiz Evening and Supper - page 20 7.30pm CADS production "Goggle Earth" in GCVC
14 Nov	(Sat)	10.00am-2.00pm AA Village Shop Pre-Christmas Fair - page 26 7.30pm CADS production "Goggle Earth" in GCVC
15 Nov	(Sun)	(The Second Sunday before Advent) Full service details – page 2 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann 12.00 noon deadline for receipt of copy for the December 2015 <u>Abbots Ann Magazine. editor@abbottsannmagazine.co.uk</u>
17 Nov	(Tues)	7.30pm Goodworth Clatford WI meets in GCVC
18 Nov	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC 7.30pm Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall. 8.00pm AA Fete Committee AGM - Skittle Alley at the Eagle page 14
19 Nov	(Thurs)	7.30pm Bellringing practice, St. Mary's 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St. Peter's
20 Nov	(Fri)	10.00am Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
21 Nov	(Sat)	12.00 pMap presentation service, Winchester Cathedral, all welcome
22 Nov	(Sun)	(The Sunday Next Before Advent) Christ the King, Service details – p2 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
24 Nov	(Tues)	Film Show at Goodworth Clatford Village Club. "45 Years"
25 Nov	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC 7.45pm Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in UC Memorial Hall.
26 Nov	(Thurs)	7.30pm Abbots Ann WI meets in Abbots Ann War Memorial Hall. 7.30pm Bellringing practice, St. Mary's 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St. Peter's
28 Nov	(Sat)	1.00pm-4.00pm AA School Christmas Bazaar at School - page 29 2.30pm and 7.30pm Burdock Valley Players' production "The Snow Queen" at Upper Clatford Memorial Hall.
29 Nov	(Sun)	(The First Sunday of Advent) Full service details – page 2 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
30 Nov	(Mon)	2.30pm Burdock Valley Players' production "The Snow Queen" at UCMH 7.30pm Open Deanery Meeting at St. Mary's, Andover

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St Mary's Church, Abbots Ann

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Details of church officers and activities can also be found on the village website - http://www.abbottsann.com/amenitiesservices/church/		
Choir Practice	Thursdays 7.45pm, St Peter's, Goodworth Clatford	
Bell Ringing practice	Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm, St Mary's, Abbots Ann Handbells 7.00pm 1st Thursday each month Tower Captain: Dudley Alleway	710646
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Advertising Manager	Vacant	

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN NOVEMBER 2015

Please note change of services and times at all churches.

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

Sunday 25th October	Last Sunday after Trinity	
8.00 Said Holy Communion	St Mary's (NJ)	Miss W Casson
10.00 Sung Family Eucharist	All Saints' (NJ + CH)	
18.00 Evensong	St Peter's (NJ)	
Sunday 1st November	All Saints' Day	
8.00 Said Holy Communion	St Peter's (NJ)	
10.00 Sung Patronal Eucharist	All Saints' (NJ + CH)	
10.00 Family Service	St Peter's (TT)	
18.00 Evensong	St Mary's (TT)	Mrs S Dashwood
Saturday 7th November	All Souls'	
15.00 All Souls' Service	St Mary's (NJ)	
16.30 All Souls' Service	St Peter's (NJ)	
18.00 All Souls' Service	All Saints' (NJ)	
Sunday 8th November	Remembrance Sunday	
8.00 Said Holy Communion	All Saints' (NJ)	
10.55 Remembrance Day Service	St Mary's (TT)	Mr/Mrs G Howard
10.55 Remembrance Day Service	All Saints' (NJ)	
10.55 Remembrance Day Service	St Peter's (Rev. Malcolm Freeman)	
Sunday 15th November	2nd Sunday before Advent	
8.00 Said Holy Communion	St Mary's (NJ)	Mrs N Keene
10.00 Sung Eucharist	St Peter's (NJ + CH)	
10.00 Family Service	St Mary's (Lay led)	(St Mary's Team)
18.00 Evensong	All Saints' (PE)	
Sunday 22nd November	Christ the King	
8.00 Said Holy Communion	St Mary's (NJ)	Miss W Casson
10.00 Sung Family Eucharist	All Saints' (NJ + CH)	
18.00 Evensong	St Peter's (PE)	
Sunday 29th November	First Sunday of Advent	
10.00 Sung Benefice Eucharist	St Peter's (NJ, TT, PE + CH)	

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)

ALL SAINTS' WINTER LECTURES 2016

We are very pleased to be able to announce that we have two exceptional speakers this year, who will focus on the really big geopolitical issues that the UK and Europe face.

General Sir Richard Shirreff - Monday 11th January 2016

Europe's security paradigm has been shattered by Russia's invasion of Crimea and Ukraine; Russia is now effectively a strategic adversary. What does this mean for Britain and NATO?

In his 37-year career, General Sir Richard Shirreff commanded soldiers on operations at every level. This has included combat in the Gulf War of 1991 and again in Iraq, together with operations in Northern Ireland, Kosovo and Bosnia. He commanded NATO's Allied Rapid Reaction Corps and his final post before withdrawing from the Army, he was NATO's 4 Star Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe.

Rt. Hon Lord Mark Malloch-Brown KCMG -

Monday 22nd February 2016

Big Problems, Small World: how to manage global issues as conflicts multiply.

Lord Mark Malloch-Brown is a former number two in the United Nations as well as having served in the British Cabinet and Foreign Office. He now sits in the House of Lords and is active both in business and in the non-profit world. He also remains deeply involved in international affairs.

Tickets are £12.00 each and can be bought at Clatford Village Store & Post Office, The Abbots Ann Village Store and The Crook and Shears.

You can also buy tickets Nicki Crosthwaite Eyre (01264 35 25 30 or e-mail: Nicki.eyre@talktalk.net). Send her a stamped addressed envelope to The Old Malthouse, Upper Clatford, Andover, SP11 7QL, stating the number of tickets for each talk. Please book early to avoid disappointment and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year. Doors open at 7.00pm and the lectures start at 8pm at the King Edward VII Memorial Hall, Upper Clatford SP11 7QL. Parking is available behind the Hall.

BENEFICE DIARY - NOVEMBER 2015

1 Nov	(Sun)	(<u>All Saints Day</u>) Full service details – page 2 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
2 Nov	(Mon)	<u>All Souls' Day</u>
3 Nov	(Tues)	7.00pm Goodworth Clatford Parish Council meets in GCVC
4 Nov	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC 8.00pm AA War Memorial Hall AGM - page 16
5 Nov	(Thurs)	10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning 5.30pm Abbots Ann Fireworks – page 23 7.00pm Hand Bell Ringing Session at St. Mary's Church.

We were like children in a sweet shop at this month's meeting. Ann from The Clothes Shop in Newbury had brought along a vast selection of hats which included ones from her personal collection, previously worn by her mother and aunt at family weddings, as well the latest models available to purchase or hire from her shop.

The ladies of Abbots Ann who formed our own Institute back in 1917 would not have dreamt of attending a WI meeting without a hat and many of us today may well regret this lost tradition. On the whole women today only wear them for special occasions or, if appropriate, as protection to keep us safe or more likely to keep our hair out of the rain! Indeed there was one hat that proved very popular and you may well see it in a variety of colours on various heads this winter.

Ann asked three lucky ladies to model some beautiful creations, as she wished to demonstrate that anyone can wear a hat. Many women feel that hats just don't suit them, but that is not the case. It is a question of selecting the right size of brim and shape to suit one's height and head. Many of us let the evening go to our heads as we rushed up to try on our favourites.

Up to then, September had not been particularly busy, as only the Reading Group and Supper Club had met this month and even then the latter was a much smaller group than usual as they gathered at The White Lion in Wherwell.

This wasn't that surprising as we had had a very busy afternoon on 5th September organising the WI Teas at the Village Fete. We asked for cake and cake we certainly received. Please take this as a personal thank you to all of you (members and non-members) who kindly baked for us, for which we were very grateful. We do not wish to spoil any announcements the Fete Committee wish to make in the future, but we were rushed off our feet all afternoon and with outstanding results. THANK YOU.

Our next meeting is on 26th November and as usual is in the Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm and Penny Aikenhead will be whisking us off to Outer Mongolia, metaphorically, not literally. Members have been asked to bring along an item from the Orient for the Exhibition.

Sharon King

REMEMBER, REMEMBER

November is a month for memories. Abbots Ann PTA is preparing the bonfire on the 5th at Bulbery when we will remember 'gunpowder, treason and plot' but happily not the sectarian hatred that followed this coup attempt 410 years ago. Now it's a celebration for children.

Abbots Ann Village Shop's Halloween party on 31st October marks the start of Allhallowtide, a celebration that's a thousand years old. Halloween (All Hallows Even) possibly comes from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain or 'summer's end', but children knocking on our door represent other equally old ideas. Dressed as ghosts or skeletons and protected from evil spirits by pumpkin lanterns, they are both our ancestors returning for one night of the year and the poor seeking food - the old practice of 'souling'. Family reunions should be happy events and God loves a cheerful giver so let's greet 'trick-or-treaters' with warmth and generosity.

Most major religions recognise saints in some form but for Christians All Hallows or All Saints' Day on 1st November is the time to remember not just the illustrious and holy but all its former members. Whilst every parish church has a patron saint, like St Mary or St Peter, Upper Clatford church is dedicated to all the saints and on 1st November will host a joyful festival.

Anyone watching '*Who do you think you are?*' will know that studying ancestors can be emotional but the death of a beloved relative or friend leaves a sorrow which may never go away. The final element of Allhallowtide, All Souls' Day, is an opportunity to remember quietly those who have been important to us. It falls on the 2nd but we will mark the occasion here with church services on Saturday 7th November.

Finally, we remember those who died protecting us and our way of life. Individually we commemorate them during the moving two minutes silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day and collectively at churches and war memorials on Remembrance Sunday. A reading from that service, Ecclesiasticus 44:9, reminds us that 'some there be, which have no memorial'.

As we remember all those who have died, recalling happy times, shared experiences and knowledge of what they achieved, we are their memorial.

Tim Tayler

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SERVICES OF LIGHT AND REMEMBRANCE AT ALL SOULS' TIDE

These annual services will take place again this year in all our churches. Everyone is warmly invited to attend and particularly those who have lost loved ones and would value the opportunity to remember them during a service in church designed for that purpose. If you would like their names to be read out during the service there will be forms in the churches and in the village shops for you to use. The services will be held on Saturday 7th November, 3.00pm at St Mary's, 4.30pm at St Peter's and 6.00pm at All Saints.

Rev Nicky Judd

ST MARY'S CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 2015

This year the Christingle Service at St Mary's will take place at 6pm on Sunday 13th December.

Rev. Nicky Judd

CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP 6TH & 7TH NOVEMBER 2015

After the notice in last month's magazine we were contacted by people who want to help with the churchyard clean up but cannot come on Saturday 7th November.

Your help would therefore be most welcome on Friday 6th November from 10.00 to 12.00 or on Saturday 7th November from 09.30 to 11.30.

Please bring a brush or leaf rake and a bag for the leaves. I look forward to seeing you there.

Gordon Howard 710830

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.



<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Flowers:</u>	<u>Dusting:</u>
23 Oct - 5 Nov	Sylvia Burson	Dee Howarth
6 Nov - 19 Nov	Elizabeth Howard	Hannedore Whitcomb
	(Remembrance Sunday)	
20 Nov - 3 Dec	Advent	Elizabeth Palmer
4 Dec - 17 Dec	Advent	Polly Whyte
18 Dec - 31 Dec	Christmas	Jill Tayler
1 Jan - 14 Jan	Sylvia Burson	Penny Scriven



Abbotts Ann School Association

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 28th November 2015

★ 1pm-4pm ★

Venue: Abbotts Ann Primary School

★ Duck Street, Abbotts Ann, SP11 7FE ★

★ Gifts for children, home & kitchen ★ Crafts

★ Handmade Christmas gifts and decorations ★ Grand raffle ★

★ Santa's Grotto ★ Cake Stall ★ Bric-a-brac ★

★ Face painting ★ Children's games ★ Tombola ★

★ Refreshments ★ Fun for all the family! ★

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OPEN DEANERY MEETING

Bishop Tim has asked Area Deans to arrange an Open Deanery Meeting in every Deanery in the Diocese, literally for anyone in their Deanery who would like to attend. Details of our Andover Deanery meeting are as follows:

- Open Deanery Meeting, with the Bishop of Winchester
- Monday 30th November from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Andover
- Refreshments from 7pm, opening worship at 7.30pm
- Theme: 'How are we getting on?' - looking at the Bishop's charge and the things we have already achieved
- There will also be an opportunity for an open Question & Answer session addressing issues, challenges and concerns

Peter Eastwood - Deanery Secretary

From The Registers

Holy Baptism

23rd August at St Peter's: Jaxon Wattley
 6th September at St Peter's: George James Terry
 20th September at St Peter's: Edward John (Ted) Beckingham
 26th September at St Mary's: Melusine Eva Sunday Lloyd
 27th September at All Saints: Emily Jane Bowyer

Holy Matrimony

5th September at All Saints: Robin Targett and Alison Wright.

Blessing of Marriage

Lee Jackson and Brogen Cortes at All Saints on 22nd August

Burial of Ashes

Bernard Richard Hartley at All Saints on 10th September

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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**ST MARY'S ABBOTTS ANN
RESTORATION PROJECT FUNDED BY THE HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND
AND ST MARY'S ABBOTTS ANN CHURCH BUILDING TRUST**

We are most pleased to be able to announce that our project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and St Mary's Abbots Ann Church Building Trust, to restore St Mary's is about to start. The project is expected to take some four to five months and to finish just before Easter 2016. Replacing the Nave, Chancel and Vestry roofs, plus masonry, brick work and drainage repairs are to be carried out with a forecast completion date of 24th March 2016. Whilst we will try to keep the church running as normal, there are bound to be some restrictions.

Contractors will start work in the week commencing 19th October 2015. The construction of the scaffolding and temporary roof will start a week later and could continue up to the end of November.

Please proceed with caution when using Church Path or the Church grounds and building during the restoration work. Material will have to be carried from Church Road to the Church, from the start date above until the work is completed, at any time during the working week; which will normally be Monday to Friday, 0800 to 1700.

The period 26th October to the end of November 2015 could be particularly hazardous, as scaffolding will have to be carried along the path to the Church. So for this period the church will be locked during the working week, when the public are also requested not to go within 10 metres of the church building.

You are also requested not to go round the back (the South Side) of the church during working hours for any reason for the duration of the project. Families needing water for graveside flowers are requested to bring it with them.

To help clarify matters:-

When the church is open a Green sign will be placed on a notice board at the entrance to the church access path, and by the West door, when the church is open and access is permitted, and a Red one when it is locked and access is forbidden.

Signs will be placed at both ends of Church Path to give warning that the path may be being used during working hours for carrying material to and from the church.

In addition, security tape will be placed round the church to prevent access to the church and its immediate surrounds. This tape will be tied back at the Western access path to the church when access is permitted and the church is open.

The contractors will establish an administrative site in the car park off Church Road. So from 19th October 2015 until Easter 2016 the car park will be closed. Access through the car park for Riding for the Disabled into the field beyond will be maintained.



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julie72.julie72@gmail.com
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We have been lucky to gain the professional services of White Cat Design to put together Cat Chat, our quarterly newsletter for members, so the latest autumn issue is very much improved. Membership costs only £6.50 a year and if you would like to join you can contact our membership secretary by email martinbevan80@gmail.com or on 07733 242196.



This month's cat is twelve year old Gypsy who was left behind when her owner moved. A note left with her said 'Please look after Gypsy'. She is a delightful little cat and after having some teeth extracted is now in excellent health. She is, however, deaf so requires an indoor home.

Keith (pictured right) has at last emerged from his snuggly bed and is hoping for a new, forever home.



Martin Bevan

100 CLUB



OCTOBER DRAW WINNERS

First Prize £30: Mrs A J Curley
Second Prize £20: Mrs E P Balam
Third Prize £10: Mr S Broome

Neil Witten



Monday 16th November at 7.30pm

The Third Man

Village Hall, Upper Clatford

Bar - Tickets: £5

For more information, contact:
Sylvia Kennedy Tel: 323226

**Abbotts Ann Village Shop
Pre-Christmas Fair
Saturday 14th November 2015
10.00 am. Until 2 pm.**

Tea Tasting



Parsonage Farm - tastings



**Chef Tim
(with Winter dishes)**



**Orders taken for
Christmas meats
& vegetables**

Christmas Hampers



Gifts



Music by Noel



It is emphasized that church services will continue as normal. These measures are only for your own safety. It is not envisaged that there will be any danger to the public out of working hours. The measures being taken are to try to ensure that everyone is safe.



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Gordon Howard - Churchwarden

Benefice Curry Lunch

**Remembrance Sunday November 8th
at 1.00pm**

Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall

All are invited

£12.50 (same as last year)

Volunteers would be welcomed

Co-ordinator Judith Pritchard (Tel: 710350)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 8TH NOVEMBER 2015

ST MARY'S ABBOTTS ANN

Please do not let the scaffolding round the church put you off coming to St Mary's on Sunday 8th November. The usual Remembrance Sunday Service is planned. It will be taken by Tim Tayler and start at 1055.

Gordon Howard - Churchwarden

ABBOTTS ANN PARISH COUNCIL

Two honorary official posts, of **TREE WARDEN** and **FOOTPATHS OFFICER** for the Parish Council, are currently vacant.

The Tree Warden helps to advise the Parish Council on applications for tree works in the village – for tree pruning, felling, lopping, topping, etc. It is an important role in this rural setting, and ideally, the Warden should have some experience and knowledge of forestry or of trees generally.

The Footpaths Officer reports to the Parish Council on the condition of the parish's footpaths, rights of way, tracks, etc. He or she will be someone who enjoys walking the extensive paths on a regular basis, and can be proactive in reporting problems, or in dealing with minor clearance personally. Ideally, he or she should have some knowledge of rights of way law and related matters.

If you are interested in either of these posts, would you please contact the chairman, Bernard Griffiths, at cllrbgriffiths@gmail.com

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.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The harvest festival this year was celebrated in two parts, first on the Sunday and then on the following Friday when we had a special service for the School.

This was a welcome back to the church for the school; the first service to be held here since the new building was completed. The church was full of pupils, teachers and family and it was a very happy occasion. The service was conducted by Rev. Nicky Judd

The children sang unaccompanied three of their harvest songs which are becoming everyone's favourites. Each class had their own part to play and individuals narrated or said prayers.

Sally Dashwood

Thank you on behalf of Andover Foodbank for the many tins and parcels sent into school. They were absolutely delighted at the amount of donations.

Amateur Pantomime Production by the Abbots Ann Players

Babes In the Wood

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Produced by Lisa Hillier

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DECEMBER 2015

Friday 4th 7.30pm
Saturday 5th 2.30pm & 7.30pm
Sunday 6th 4.00pm

Abbots Ann War Memorial Hall

A HUGE THANK YOU

**from Abbots Ann Primary School to all
villagers who kindly donated their good
quality jumble to our autumn sale:
clothes, toys, books & bric-a-brac.**



**For those who like to plan ahead:
Next Jumble Sale is on 16th April.**

PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING IN AID OF AUTISM SUPPORT

Used inkjet cartridges and laser toner cartridges are now being collected in the village shop. For each cartridge recycled, a donation is made to the charity *Autism Support*.

Only original branded cartridges can be processed at present, not compatibles.

Ever-increasing postage rates mean that recycling of individual cartridges is no longer very cost-effective so, if you use a printer, please consider putting your empty cartridges in the collection box in the shop. It is located in the corner of the windowsill near the fridge.

If anyone has a large number of cartridges, please phone 710123 and I'll collect them.



Julie Moon, shop volunteer

HARVEST FESTIVAL

St Mary's Church celebrated its Harvest Festival at Evensong on Sunday 4th October. The celebrant was the Rev. Nicky Judd and the address was given by Tim Tayler assisted by Ray Lucas.

I have never attended such a joyful celebration of this wondrous thanksgiving for God's bounty in giving us a fecund planet to live in – Gaia, a self sustaining living world.

The congregation of about 65 people was in jolly mood. Whether the people were reflecting the gorgeous weather we have enjoyed for the last fortnight, or whether they were rejoicing at the reawakening of St Mary's after a long period of dormancy, I do not know: but it was fun to worship with such a happy crowd and it was a joy to see Methodists and Roman Catholics joining with us in this celebration.

The Church was decorated with seasonal fruits and flowers, which looked lovely in the autumn sunlight.

Nicky took the service with her usual warmth and with a charming informality, inviting participation from the congregation. Tim gave us an address that was both humorous and with sharp spiritual point. The theme was him, trying to explain to a puzzled God (Ray Lucas in the Gallery) the logic behind mankind's perverse disruption of God's wonderful provision of a self sustaining ecosystem!

After the service, there was a feast in the War Memorial Hall, with a table laden with a huge array of dishes. It was indeed a groaning board. About 45 people sat down to sup together in a continuing atmosphere of warmth and good cheer.

Thanks go to those who decorated the Church, to the celebrants and to the Choir who sang beautifully for us, to the bell ringers, to Paul for the music, to the indefatigable Churchwardens and also to all those who laid the tables, brought home made dishes, cleared away and washed up, an enormous task of team work by the stalwarts of the Church! Thank you and God Bless you.

Andrew Liddell

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Wherwell Singers Christmas Concert will be on
Saturday 12th December at 7:30pm,
St Peter & Holy Cross Church, Wherwell. Tickets are £8.

For magazine deadlines please refer to the Benefice Diary.

8th October 2015

The Rt. Rev. Tim Dakin

Dear Friends

Bishop of Winchester Appeal to support refugees from Syria and Victims of flooding in Myanmar.

We are sure that, like us, people across the Diocese have been shocked by the images they have seen in the news of people forced to flee their homes in Syria. At the same time, but with a much lower profile than the Syrian crisis, many people in Myanmar - one of our Anglican Link partners - have been killed, with hundreds of thousands more affected by devastating floods and landslides which have engulfed homes and cut off vast parts of the country. Many people have lost all their possessions and been forced into camps as their homes remain under water.

Today we are calling on our parishes and communities to help the people of both Syria and Myanmar. The Diocese is partnering with two charities doing important work to help the people affected by these crises:

- Refugee Action is one of the UK's leading refugee resettlement charities and has been working for over 30 years to support people fleeing from crises. At the moment the charity is helping to support refugees who have arrived in the UK by offering them safe places to stay, warm clothing and hot meals.
- The Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF) exists to empower Anglicans in the developing world to show the love of Christ to those in need in their own communities. ARDF is currently working on the ground to support victims of flooding in Myanmar.

We would ask you all to donate generously to these two very worthy causes and to encourage others to do so. A new section on the Diocese of Winchester website (below) provides a facility that will allow people to make donations online easily via JustGiving.



<http://www.winchester.anglican.org/news/diocese-winchester-launches-dual-appeal-support-refugees-syria-victims-flooding-myanmar/>

Jesus's parable of the Good Samaritan teaches us to look beyond our immediate horizons to find and help our neighbours in need. This is an opportunity to help those who are fleeing persecution and natural disaster.

We hope everyone will consider donating prayerfully, generously and sacrificially to help these people who are in such desperate need. We also invite everyone to join us in praying for those who have been forced to flee their homes.

Signed:

Bishop of Winchester, Bishop of Southampton, Bishop of Basingstoke



**TICKETS ON SALE IN THE
VILLAGE SHOP, THE EAGLE
& SCHOOL OFFICE**

**ABBOTTS ANN
FIREWORK DISPLAY & BONFIRE NIGHT**

*Raising money for our village school & sports field!
Arranged by Abbots Ann PTA & the Sports Field Committee*


**ON
THURSDAY 5th November**

5.30pm Gates Open

6.00pm Guy Parade & Competition

6.30pm Lighting of the Bonfire

7.15pm Fireworks Display by PyroFantasia



FAMILY Ticket: £12.00
2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN U16
(£15.00 on the night)

ADULT Ticket: £5.00
(£7.00 on the night)

CHILD (3 to U16yrs) Ticket: £4.00
(£5.00 on the night)

Free Parking Available

Food & Drink

**Entry onto Sports Field via Bulbery (car/pedestrian)
Or from Webbs Lane (pedestrian only)**

PLEASE NO SPARKLERS THANK YOU

Apple Day 2015.....

and the sun shone!

Everyone who came said what a wonderful day it was and what a great time they were having. Of course, the weather and a bumper apple crop helped, but more importantly **you** came to the Memorial Hall in large numbers to watch the village “scrumpy boys” at work and sample the apple juice they produced. You showed great enthusiasm for the mini press and its bespoke juicing, twenty of you entered your bakes into Abbotts Ann’s own version of Bake-Off (many thanks to our judge who wishes to remain anonymous) and you enjoyed the apple themed tea.

The winners of AA Bake-Off 2015 were:

- 12 and under: 1st Sasha Broome;
2nd Clemmie, Bea and Ben Ingram-Evans
- 13 and over: 1st Penny Scriven;
2nd Kate Bennett.

But everyone who entered was a star - shown by the speed at which the bakes disappeared at teatime.

So many children wanted to do the treasure hunt that Teresa had to keep replacing the “treasures” in the garden so that a new group could have a go. Fortunately there were enough prizes to go around!

Something different for 2015 was Charlotte Fyfe’s demonstration of how to make the perfect apple fritter (delicious).

AAGA would like to say a big thank you to all those who helped on the day, especially the “scrumpy boys”, Teresa Barkley, Bernard and Rosemary Griffiths, Lisa and Mike Morgan, Wendy Alleyway (and Milo), and Audrey Creswell. We would also like to thank all of you who came along to Apple Day to celebrate this year’s great apple crop and make the day a real Abbotts Ann event.

We’d also like to thank the 50 people (all but six Abbotts Ann residents) who signed our petition on Climate Change to David Cameron and our MP Kit Malthouse. Even Kit himself, a welcome visitor on the day, signed it! December will see a major conference on Climate change and our petition calls on the recipients to work for a legally binding agreement to cut carbon emissions to keep global temperature rise below the dangerous threshold of 2°C above current levels. Special thanks to Wendy Casson and Kate Bennett, who kindly took on the task of approaching people to invite them to sign.

See you next year – when we’ll try to arrange for apple identification to be back as so many asked about it; and perhaps we can get some apple trees for sale as some people asked if they could buy one.

PS. Don’t forget you can buy Abbotts Ann pasteurised apple juice in the village shop; and look out for Abbotts Ann Cider, which should be on sale in the shop and at the Eagle before Christmas.

David Read and Jo Dixon

APPLE DAY - 3RD OCTOBER 2015

The hard work and preparation of many in the village came to “fruition” on Saturday, 3rd October, with a gratifyingly large number of visitors - including our MP, Kit Malthouse - to the annual village Apple Day.

This is quickly becoming an eagerly-anticipated tradition, with an opportunity to make use of the autumnal produce that could otherwise go to waste, and to learn more about the different varieties of fruit in our gardens.

The big apple press was once more brought into service, with the addition of the heavy metal screw that had been found many years ago under a hedge and had inspired the idea of constructing a village press. From convivial discussions in the pub was born the concept of a frame that could serve as both a children’s swing in the summer and an apple-press in the autumn.

While the adults watched the process of scratting, crushing, and pressing on a large scale, producing juice for individuals to take away, the children were able to “have-a-go” themselves on Bernard Griffiths’s smaller press. It doesn’t matter what condition the apples are in, as long as they aren’t mouldy, so juicing is a very practical way of preserving goodness. Nor do they have to be peeled or cored. If the juice is frozen using tetra-paks - lined with polythene so that the ice brick can be easily removed and the boxes re-used - the bricks can be conveniently stacked in a freezer for long-term storage.

A spectacular selection of apple cookery was displayed in the War Memorial Hall, which tasted even better than it looked!

Author Charlotte Popescu tempted customers with fresh apple fritters and cream, and her array of fascinating books by members of her family – (how many Pullein-Thompson pony books did you have on your bedroom shelf as a child?) Her own books on poultry husbandry and country cooking were particularly fitting on this day.



The next day, Sunday, was “Cider Day”, with 1120 litres of juice produced, hopefully to fizz away gently over the coming weeks.

So many people contributed to make this a particularly successful event that it would be unwise to name individuals, but certainly in the forefront of those to be thanked are David Read, Neil Palmer, Adam Rose and Jo Dixon.

Rosemary Groves

ABBOTTS ANN PARISH COUNCIL – OCTOBER 2015

Dr John Moon reported at the last parish council meeting that he had been reading the responses on the TVBC website to the proposed Bulbery Field development.

The TVBC Housing Officer's response suggests that a housing needs survey should be carried out for the village. Somewhat disgruntled, councillors pointed out that Abbots Ann Vision had already prepared a survey, some months ago, in conjunction with Action Hampshire and TVBC. Thus, the TVBC Housing Department should be aware of its existence. The parish council had decided to postpone their survey, fearing the potential in general for statistics to be misinterpreted and misused by speculative developers, and considering the timing too sensitive.

The other restraint on the parish council's enthusiasm for carrying out a housing needs survey immediately, has been the uncertainty over whether the new government will extend the Right to Buy provisions to tenants of Housing Associations. Should this be the case, there could be ramifications all over the country. Landowners might balk at philanthropically parting with land at a discount to such Associations, only to find tenants can later buy their houses cheaply and sell on at a huge profit on the open market. Landowners might become disinclined to release their property for these social schemes, which could lead to the reduction in land available for those in need of "affordable housing".

Subsequently, Kit Malthouse, our MP, has raised the Right to Buy policy in the House of Commons, as it has become clear this is a concern to many rural constituencies.

Cllr Andrew Hayter commented that, according to information given at a recent planning seminar he had attended with the chairman, Test Valley as a whole has more than met its five-year housing supply requirement, and both Northern and Southern areas are, individually, over their requirement. Thus, whether the whole region or just our part is considered, there seems no statutory justification for more housing in Abbots Ann. The need of local people who wish to be able to stay and live in their home village is another matter, of which the council is well aware.

Another document Dr Moon drew to the council's attention was the prospectus produced by a group of fifteen borough councils and some Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) lobbying the government for devolution of powers to Hampshire and Isle of Wight in return for the locality's undertaking certain obligations.

A worrying aspect of this submission is the proposal to accelerate housebuilding in the HIOW region from 76,000 new houses over ten years, to 80,000 over eight years. Councillors were concerned that there has yet been no opportunity for public consultation, despite the reassurances from the

CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

The roses of Mottisfont Abbey were the subject of the September meeting, given by Thomas Stone who grew up at Mottisfont as the son of the Head Gardener. He now works as a freelance gardener.

Mottisfont became a National Trust property in 1956 but it was not until the 1970's that the rose garden began to be developed. The horticulturalist Grayham Stuart Thomas loved old-fashioned roses, which were at the time, much neglected. He started collecting them and researching into their history, and looking for a place to start his collection, found Mottisfont. It is a walled garden divided into three areas. The borders of the South Garden, which used to be a car park, contain more modern roses. In the Central Garden, Box edging about 120 years old borders the beds, which contain 800 types old fashioned roses and there is an herbaceous border in the middle, this is to provide interest all the year round. Around Midsummer Day is the best time to visit to see the roses, this June there were 120,000 visitors. Both these two gardens have very fertile soil because they had been cultivated for hundreds of years by the Augustinian monks. Not so the north garden which had very poor soil because it had never been cultivated, so a lot of work needed to be done. This was being developed at the time of the fall of the Berlin Wall, so some different old-fashioned varieties became available from the Eastern Block countries. Others were imported from the West Indies and America. The borders in this garden are edged with Lavender.

David then gave examples illustrated with slides, of some of the huge variety of roses growing at Mottisfont, too many to mention here, but people were scribbling down the names that particularly interested them.

The November Meeting will be our annual Christmas Dinner, and there is no meeting in December.

New members are always welcome.

Jenny Llewellyn

THE SHEPPARD'S ALMSHOUSES

The Sheppard's Almshouses Trustees invite applications for a single dwelling which will become available towards the end of the 2015. The applicant must be a resident of the following parishes:- Ampert, Abbots Ann, Grateley, Monxton, Over Wallop, Penton Grafton, Thruxton or Quarley and should be 50+ although the Trustees are prepared to view all applications. All applications should be submitted by 15th Nov to Nicholas Hoare, Chairman, Sheppard Almshouses Trust (207257), Flint Barn, Ampert, SP11 8JB and can also be sent by email to Nicholas@hoareandco.com

*Nicholas Hoare - Chairman
Sheppards Almshouse Trust*

Christmas Stamps on Sale 2nd November

Royal Mail has issued Christmas stamps since 1966. From 2005 it introduced a policy of alternating secular with religious designs each year, and 2015 is a religious year. The stamps tell the traditional Nativity story in an impressionistic style, from the Annunciation, through to the Nativity and Journey of the Magi.

The Christmas 2015 stamps feature scenes from the Biblical story of the Nativity, painted by artist David Holmes, with art direction and design by Studio David Hillman. The images are as follows:

1st Class and 1st Class Large: The Nativity

2nd Class and 2nd Class Large: The Journey to Bethlehem

£1.00: The Animals of the Nativity

£1.33: The Shepherds

£1.52: The Three Wise Men

£2.25: The Annunciation

Maureen Flood

Abbotts Ann Conservatives
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QUIZ EVENING & SUPPER

**ON FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2015
at 7.30 pm**

Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall

Tickets £10.00 (to include supper)

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BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR BRAINS

borough and county councillors present at the meeting that the plan is at a very early stage and could, in any case, benefit rural areas. Cllr Susie Bleeker noted that the government is pushing hard for housing development everywhere.

On more parochial matters, councillors were pleased that the dog bin originally incorrectly installed in Church Path, has now been repositioned on Church Road – out of the way of wedding photos!

Thanks to a friend of Cllr Elizabeth Howard, the council now finally has access to Burghclere Down Community Centre and is arranging a meeting with residents there. All attempts by the previous council to contact the Community Centre had come to nought, and the present locum clerk had similarly left copious messages to no avail.

From TVBC, Cllr Maureen Flood reported, to some expressions of surprise, that Andover High Street has been named one of the five best high streets in the country. Cllr Andrew Gibson, Hampshire County councillor, is still very concerned about speeding and road safety issues. The county council budget has been cut back (unlike the hedges!) and Cllr Bernard Griffiths has asked HCC for a template letter for the parish council to send to landowners whose vegetation persistently obstructs public paths, so that legal action can be taken if necessary.

Cllr Bleeker has discovered a government initiative to provide funding for community defibrillators. After purchasing the first defibrillator, sited at The Eagle, the council received grants from HCC and TVBC, and a further large private donation, and now holds funds for at least one more device. However, as ideally they would like to install one at Burghclere Down and Bulbery, as well as the Poplar Farm Inn, it will be helpful if government sources can be tapped. Cllr Bleeker has been asked to pursue this, rather than proceed immediately with the intended purchase for the Poplar Farm Inn.

A £250,000 grant for church repairs has been approved by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Work will continue over the winter, with the footpath improvements being deferred until the roof is finished. Friday and Saturday, 6 and 7 November, will be “clean-up” days in the churchyard and any volunteers will be welcome – last year the youngest volunteer was over 70!

During the month, Liz Bourne, who works with Hampshire Association of Local Councils, was invited to talk to the village about Neighbourhood Plans. Around twenty villagers learned a great deal about the legal status of a Plan, and how “making” one could protect the village from unwanted, externally-imposed, changes. It was emphasised that a Neighbourhood Plan could involve much hard work over a long period, and it is not the medium for opposing development per se.

The War Memorial Hall railings, damaged by contractors earlier this year,

were eventually repaired by Carillion Telent. However, this has not been satisfactory, and further steps are being taken by the chairman to have them restored to their original standard.

The normal meeting date of the parish council is the first Thursday of the month but, to avoid conflicting with the village Bonfire Party, the next meeting will be Thursday, 12th November: so there is no excuse for not attending either event!

Rosemary Groves



**LOCAL POLICE
101**

ABBOTTS ANN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our community is lucky in that in recent years the incidence of crime here has been minimal. With evermore cutbacks the Police are not in evidence in rural areas as they once were. However it is important that we keep a good active network of communication with regard to what are perceived as possible threats to our safety and well being.

If you are not registered with the Neighbourhood Watch Network here then do email me at chrisdavis710@gmail.com as this is an 'opt in' system. You will then receive regular advice from the Police both locally and nationally, and also from Hampshire Trading Standards about new scams.

Any suspicions of crime seen or being planned you can also feed back into the system for circulation to others in the village. However do always report (by ringing 101) if you believe a crime has been committed or 999 if it is going on.

Chris Davis Village NHW Coordinator

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE

Abbotts Ann Village Fete Committee

will take place on
Wednesday 18th November at 8pm
in the Eagle Skittle Alley.

Everybody is welcome and we look forward to seeing you!

We will be electing the officers of the 2016 committee, and have a vacancy for a **Fete Secretary**. If you have any questions about this role please contact Rob Stavelly on 712911.

Pre-Christmas Fair

Saturday 14th November

Join us for the Shop Pre-Christmas Fair on Saturday 14th November. There will be stalls laden with possible Christmas gifts. You will also have the opportunity to place your orders for meat, fruit and vegetables and of course our Christmas Hamper. See our separate notice for more details.

Elizabeth Howard

Shop Volunteer & Committee Member

ABBOTTS ANN POST OFFICE

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ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

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

November 2015

Volunteers

We are urgently in need of more volunteers, particularly for Friday evenings (5.30pm to 7pm) and Sunday mornings (08.30 to noon). It would be really good if we could fill the volunteers' diary for the rest of the year. Please spare a little of your time for the community in which you have chosen to live. If you are able to help, speak to Tim or Carol in the Shop or give them a call on 710230.

New Fruit and Veg. Chiller

I hope that you have all seen our new chiller, specially purchased to display fruit and vegetables) except for bananas which are elsewhere in the Shop. It is very smart and provides a welcoming display as you enter the Shop (thanks Tim and Nick for the installation work).

Apple Juice

Thanks to your generosity the Shop now has a good supply of Abbots Ann Apple juice, at £2.99 a bottle. It is quite delicious. The taste of our local freshly pressed apples really comes through.

Recipe Book

A few years ago we appealed for recipes for a village Cook Book. Quite a lot of work was put in, but the book was never completed. The project has been re-started. Tim has studied the recipes already received and plans to include them, but he would like to receive more, especially for starters and desserts. Please give your recipe(s) to Tim.

Tea

Those of you who like loose tea should welcome our new selection of 'Fine Loose Teas' from Pattersons Pantry.

Village Christmas Cards

Christmas cards designed by Kate Bennett will be available soon.

ORDERS

The Shop now offers a facility for you to order your weekly shopping; place your order on Monday or Tuesday for collection on Friday.

LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - SEPTEMBER 2015

September begins at a pace with the new term starting very early and this term sees all four of the Tribe dressed in school uniform; the Littlest is embarking on the adventure of school life. As the youngest, she has seen her siblings dressed in their uniforms, doing homework, reading and generally being involved in school life, so much so, that she desperately wants to know when she'll be able to do homework! Long may that continue. Her first day begins with a great sense of excitement. Father of the Tribe is going into work late and all the Tribe are dressed and ready by 7 o'clock for some family photos before the older two are taken to the station. Just under two hours later and things don't quite go to plan as she howls just outside the classroom and has no intention of being left by me. Any mother who's been through this knows what it's like; you know that your child will be absolutely fine as soon as you leave them, but every instinct that you have is screaming to wrap your baby in your arms and take her home. Obviously I don't do this and she is perfectly happy when she skips out a few hours later. I have spent the morning drinking strong coffee and creating some calm after the busy summer. Our Littlest is growing up and life has now started a new chapter.

In the world around us, the weather, although more clement than August and the Tribe eat outside for much of the month, it certainly doesn't bring an Indian Summer. Everything is still growing like crazy and the field is full of wildflowers again. We haven't found any exciting caterpillars to help hibernate over the winter months, but there are still bees, butterflies and the most annoying of all insects, wasps. Having been stung by one earlier in the summer that led to a course of antibiotics after my arm blows up like a balloon, I'm not particularly keen on them. The reason that wasps have a sting is to capture their prey - flies, caterpillars, spiders and moths. One day I watched, with a morbid fascination, a wasp on top of a moth that was about three times its size. The wasp literally tore a wing and half the moth's abdomen apart and began eating it. The moth was still alive and I was so appalled at the ferocity and savagery of the attack that I stamped on what remained of the moth as the wasp flew off clutching its bloodthirsty gains. It is the common wasp that has invaded us this year. They are easily spotted with black and yellow stripes and are about 15mm long. In late spring the queen finds a nesting site where she builds an extraordinary nest made up of hexagonal cells around a central column. An egg is laid in each cell. These then become adult workers who continue to feed the larvae. When there are enough workers, the queen just concentrates on reproducing. Each colony contains between 5,000 to 10,000 wasps and has only one queen. In late autumn, the queen mates and then finds a sheltered place to overwinter. Once the queen leaves the colony, the other wasps die.

At the end of the month the Tribe enjoy a last sail of the season with the Boy's sea scout troop, at Calshot. The day is blue skied and glorious. The Littlest delights in crabbing in the shallows as the tide goes out while the others sail. Like the weather, life feels a little more settled.

Mother of the Tribe - www.lifewiththetribes.com

HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLANDS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Thank you to everyone who sponsored John Dashwood and friends riding for our church and the Trust on September 12th. £148 was raised and part of the money will go towards needed repairs to the church.

Our thanks, too, to Wendy Casson, Kate Bennett and Peggy Ellis for helping to man St Mary's, welcoming visitors to our church.

Pat Balam

ABBOTTS ANN WAR MEMORIAL HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 4th November 2015

8.00pm in the Main Hall

All residents are welcome at this meeting, which is required by the Hall's Constitution. Please come along and give us an hour of your time (that's all, promise!) together with your views, thoughts and ideas, as we receive the Chairman's Report, the Treasurer's Report and Accounts, and as we decide - with you - what and where next for the future of your War Memorial Hall.

Graham Stallard - Secretary and Trustee, Abbots Ann War Memorial Hall

SWAN SONG AT THE OLD RECTORY **SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2015**

A huge thank you to Jane and Julian Benson for their wonderful hospitality at the Old Rectory on 26th September. It was a truly memorable evening in every way. The champagne reception was followed by an enthralling piano recital given by the very talented Nicholas Walker. It was a very varied programme with something for everyone's taste and he brought every piece of music alive with descriptive anecdotes. He played for over an hour and there wasn't a note of written music in sight. Such talent is almost beyond description.

As if by magic, seating arrangements were changed and we all sat down to a delicious supper with a good array of different wine choices. Evenings like this do not happen without hours of meticulous planning and we must also thank Jane's wonderful band of helpers.

I am sure everyone will join me in thanking Jane and Julian and wishing them health and happiness in their new home.

Andrea Jackson - Editor

ABBOTTS ANN - THE FALLEN OF 1915

WO2 (Company Sergeant Major) Robert Levy

6139, 2nd Battalion, the Hampshire Regiment, 88th Infantry Brigade, 29th Division. Killed in action at Gallipoli, 28th April 1915, aged 33.

Commemorated on Panel 125 to 134, Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Son of Mrs Hannah Levy of 33, Abbots Ann, Andover, Hampshire.

Private William Creed

11179, 5th (Service) Battalion the Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's), 14th Infantry Brigade, 13th Division. Killed in action at Gallipoli, 23rd July 1915, aged 19.

Commemorated on Panel 156 to 158 Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey. Youngest son of the late George Creed, South Street, Andover and Mrs Emma Newman, Upper Clatford, Hampshire.

**At the going down of the sun,
and in the morning,
We will remember them**

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