

11 Oct	(Sun)	<u>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</u> ) Full service details – page 2
11 Oct	(Sun)	Walk the Test Way
		<b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
13 Oct	(Tues)	<b>12.30pm</b> Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.
14 Oct	(Wed)	<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
14 Oct	(Wed)	<b>7.30pm</b> Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall
<b>15 Oct</b>	<b>(Thurs)</b>	<b>12.00noon Deadline for receipt of copy for the November 2015 Abbotts Ann Magazine.</b> <a href="mailto:editor@abbottsannmagazine.co.uk">editor@abbottsannmagazine.co.uk</a>
		<b>7.30pm</b> Bellringing practice, St Mary's
		<b>7.45pm</b> Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
16 Oct	(Fri)	<b>7.30pm</b> My Tutu's gone AWOL Page 9
17 Oct	(Sat)	<b>1.00pm</b> Abbotts Ann School Jumble sale - page 20 "Gypsy Dreamers" at Goodworth Clatford Village Club
18 Oct	(Sun)	<u>The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</u> Full service details – page 2
		<b>3.00pm</b> St Luke's Gospel, All Saints - page 4
		<b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
20 Oct	(Tues)	<b>7.30pm</b> Goodworth Clatford WI meets in GCVC
21 Oct	(Wed)	<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		<b>7.30pm</b> Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall.
22 Oct	(Thurs)	<b>7.30pm</b> Bellringing practice, St. Mary's
		<b>7.45pm</b> Benefice Choir Practice, St. Peter's
25 Oct	(Sun)	<u>The Last Sunday after Trinity</u> Full service details – page 2
		<b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
28 Oct	(Wed)	<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		<b>7.45pm</b> Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in UC Memorial Hall.
29 Oct	(Thurs)	<b>7.30pm</b> Abbotts Ann WI meets in Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall.
		<b>7.30pm</b> Bellringing practice, St. Mary's
		<b>7.45pm</b> Benefice Choir Practice, St. Peter's
		<b>NOVEMBER 2015</b>
1 Nov	(Sun)	<u>All Saints' Day</u> Full service details – page 2
		<b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
2 Nov	(Mon)	All Souls' Day
		<b>12.30pm</b> Way Inn Lunch at St. Peter's
3 Nov	(Tues)	<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
5 Nov	(Thurs)	Abbotts Ann Fireworks Night - more details next month
		<b>7.00pm</b> Abbotts Ann Parish Council meets in Abbotts Ann Memorial Hall.
		<b>7.00pm</b> Hand Bell Ringing Session at St Mary's Church.
		<b>7.45pm</b> Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
7 Nov	(Sat)	<b>9.30am</b> St Mary's Churchyard clean-up - page 5
8 Nov	(Sun)	<u>The Third Sunday before Advent</u> REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
		Full service details – page 2 - Note different service time
		<b>1.00pm</b> Curry Lunch - page 6
13 Nov	(Fri)	<b>7.30pm</b> Quiz Evening & Supper, AAWMH - page 24
14 Nov	(Sat)	Abbotts Ann Shop Pre-Christmas Day

## St Mary's Church, Abbotts Ann

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<b>All Saints'</b>	Eleanor Jakeman Bill Mitford	362502
	Details of church officers and activities can also be found on the village website - <a href="http://www.abbottsann.com/amenitiesservices/church/">http://www.abbottsann.com/amenitiesservices/church/</a>	357675
<b>Choir Practice</b>	Thursdays 7.45pm, St Peter's, Goodworth Clatford	
<b>Bell Ringing practice</b>	Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm, St Mary's, Abbotts Ann Handbells 7.00pm 1st Thursday each month Tower Captain: Dudley Alleyway	710646
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## **SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN OCTOBER 2015**

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

**Date:**

**Sunday 27th September**

8.00 Holy Communion  
11.00 Harvest Eucharist  
18.00 Evensong

**Sunday 4th October**

8.00 Holy Communion  
10.00 Eucharist  
11.00 Harvest Family Service  
18.00 Harvest Evensong

**Sunday 11th October**

8.00 Holy Communion  
9.30 Eucharist  
11.15 Matins  
18.00 Evensong

**Sunday 18th October**

8.00 Holy Communion  
10.00 Eucharist  
10.00 Family Service  
18.00 Evensong

**Sunday 25th October**

8.00 Holy Communion  
10.00 Family Eucharist  
18.00 Evensong

**Sunday 1st November**

8.00 Holy Communion  
10.00 Patronal Eucharist  
10.00 Family Service  
18.00 Evensong

**Saturday 7th November**

15.00 All Souls' Service  
16.30 All Souls' Service  
18.00 All Souls' Service

*Anyone unable to carry out their duty and who cannot exchange with another sidesman please contact Kate Bennett or Wendy Casson on 712028. Please note that services are provisional as changes can sometimes be made at short notice. Please check the Sunday Link Sheet.*

**St Mary's Duties:**

**17th Sunday after Trinity**

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

**18th Sunday after Trinity**

St Peter's (NJ)  
All Saints' (NJ + CH)  
St Peter's  
St Mary's (NJ + TT) Mrs S Dashwood

**19th Sunday after Trinity**

All Saints' (NJ)  
St Mary's (NJ + CH) Mr/Mrs G Howard  
St Peter's (TT + CH)  
St Mary's (lay led Peggy Ellis)

**20th Sunday after Trinity**

St Mary's (NJ) Mrs N Keene  
St Peter's (NJ + CH)  
St Mary's (lay led St Mary's team)  
All Saints' (Bill Mitford)

**Last Sunday after Trinity**

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

**All Saints' Day**

St Peter's (NJ)  
All Saints' (NJ + CH)  
St Peter's (TT)  
St Mary's (TT) Mrs S Dashwood

**All Souls'**

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

Private Howell was discharged to the Z Reserve as a Lance Corporal on 10 February 1919 and freed from any further military commitment on 31 March 1920 after 20 years and 146 days service. His discharge address was to 20 Abbotts Ann

Alfred Howell died on 19 October 1954 aged 73 years. He is buried in St Mary's Churchyard, Abbotts Ann. His service to his country is commemorated on the memorial panel inside the War Memorial Hall, Abbotts Ann.

He was entitled to the 1914-15 Star and the British War and Allied Victory medals

*Mike Cooper*

## **ANDOVER FOOD BANK**

Andover Food Bank has written to the village shop to thank its customers for their generous donations. So far in 2015 we have donated 75kg of food and 6kg of toiletries and cleaning products.

These contributions have helped to feed a total of 2639 local families and individuals in need.

Please keep donating. For anyone who is not aware of the collection, the basket is just inside the door of the shop. Buying an item in the shop from time to time to put in the collection basket helps ensure the viability of the shop, as well as holding out a lifeline to people in crisis in the local community.

*Julie Moon, shop volunteer*

## **BENEFICE DIARY - OCTOBER 2015**

1 Oct	(Thurs)	10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning – The Post House, Church Lane, GC.
		7.00pm Abbotts Ann Parish Council meets in AA Memorial Hall.
		7.00pm Hand Bell Ringing Session at St. Mary's Church.
		7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
3 Oct	(Sat)	2.00pm Abbotts Ann Apple Day AAWMH Page 8 and Page 19
4 Oct	(Sun)	<u>The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity</u> Full service details - page 2
		6.00pm St Mary's Harvest Festival and Supper Page 6
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
7 Oct	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
8 Oct	(Thurs)	7.30pm Bellringing practice, St. Mary's
9 Oct	(Fri)	7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
10 Oct	(Sat)	AA School Harvest Festival at St Mary's
		2.00pm All Saints' Jumble Sale

**5703 PRIVATE ALFRED HOWELL  
THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE REGIMENT  
(PRINCESS CHARLOTTE OF WALES'S)**

Alfred Howell was born in Hampstead Norris near Newbury in 1881, the son of Enos Howell, a shepherd, and his wife Harriet. Alfred had no siblings. He is not shown on the 1901 Census as he was serving abroad and on the 1911 Census he is shown as a farm labourer living in Abbotts Ann.

Alfred Howell enlisted into the Royal Berkshire Regiment at Reading on 6 November 1899 aged 18 years and 8 months. It was noted on his enlistment medical that he had slight varicosity on his right leg, a small scar on the back of his head and a tattoo on his left forearm. He served with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion in Gibraltar from 1900 to 1902 and with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion in Egypt from 1902 to 1906. Whilst with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, he was admitted to hospital in Alexandria on 2 April 1904 suffering from a dog bite and attended the Cairo Institute for 23 days for daily rabies injections. During his first period of service he was employed as a Regimental Policemen, in the ammunition magazine and as an officer's servant, as well as an infantry soldier in a rifle section, and earned 3 good conduct badges. His transfer documents to the Army Reserve on 5 November 1907, when the 2nd Battalion was garrisoned in Dublin, stated that his conduct and character was exemplary, he was sober, honest, hardworking, clean, trustworthy and intelligent.

Howell is probably fairly typical of the many time served Regular soldiers who returned to the Colours as Reservists in 1914. He was mobilised on 5 August 1914 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion and entered France on 19 March 1915. But, on 27 March 1915 he was evacuated to England suffering from varicose veins – not something an infantry soldier would wish to have given the requirement to march up to 25 miles a day.

Private Howell stayed with the Royal Berkshire Regiment in the 1<sup>st</sup> (Home Service) Garrison Battalion until he was transferred to 629 Employment Company of the Labour Corps at Portsmouth in 29 Jun 1917, this resulting from a medical board at Portsmouth on 26 May 1917 which graded him as C2 (free from serious organic diseases, able to stand service in garrisons at home, to walk 5 miles, see and hear sufficiently for ordinary purposes).

Private Howell was next transferred to 257 Protection Company in 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion Royal Defence Corps from the Labour Corps on 22 June 1918. The Royal Defence Corps was formed by converting the (Home Service) Garrison battalions of line infantry regiments. Garrison battalions were composed of soldiers either too old or medically unfit for active front-line service; the Home Service status indicated they were unable to be employed overseas. The role of the Royal Defence Corps was to provide troops for security and guard duties inside the United Kingdom, guarding key point locations such as ports or bridges and also prisoner-of-war camps.

## **Anniversaries**

Anniversaries are quite important in life and cover so many aspects of our lives. They might be birthdays, very important when you are young, but not quite so welcome when you are getting older. They might be wedding anniversaries, which seem to be the other way round in importance. Starting with basic things like paper, cotton, and wood, moving on through silk, lace, and crystal, before the very special, silver, gold, and diamond! We are now so often reminded by the media of the more serious anniversaries which are connected with wars and terrorism such as D-Day, battles, tragedies, the Twin Towers and so on. Whatever anniversary it might be they have one common theme – they are all recording the passage of time. Time moves on day by day, month by month, and year by year, then decade by decade, and even century by century.

I have been looking carefully at my own anniversaries as I approach the situation where travel insurance will cost more than the ticket for the holiday. And time which seemed to flow so slowly when I was at school, now very disconcertingly seems to be gathering pace!

I can hardly believe I trained and entered the Reader ministry almost twenty-five years ago, and can scarcely remember the admission service in Bristol which was taken by the then Dean of Bristol Cathedral Wesley Carr. Most of my ministry was at St John's, Haydon Wick in Swindon under the guidance of Rev Alistair Mort and Rev Raymond Adams. Raymond has an anniversary lunch coming up too – he will have been at St John's twenty-five years in November. I remember welcoming him into the church because I was churchwarden.

The last few years have been very different, switching from Bristol diocese to Winchester and a new boss – Rev Canon John Harkin. It was my good fortune that he sent me to minister in Pastrow benefice with Rev Canon Jill Bentall where I have been for the last three years. And that really great chapter taking more than fifty services, came to an end last week with the welcome arrival of Rev Alex Randle-Bissell.

But a new chapter has now started here at St Mary's, All Saints, and St Peter's and I am sure it will be just as memorable as all that has gone before. I think we will all face new challenges but the amazing thing we need to remember is that God is in charge. And although we might be worried about what the future might bring, we are all in God's hands and if we just try to seek his will, all will be well. Isn't God absolutely wonderful!

**Peter Eastwood**

## ST LUKE THE STORYTELLER

**Come and hear the whole of St Luke's Gospel**  
**Sunday 18th October 2015**  
**All Saints, Upper Clatford**  
**3.00 pm**  
**Followed by tea (and Evensong!)**  
**Donations invited towards the work of the**  
**Countess of Brecknock Hospice and the**  
**Benefice churches**

## 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*

## BRIDGEBUILDERS

At the time of writing there is still room on the Growing Bridgebuilders course (see August Magazine for full details). Please speak to Tim Tayler or Nicky Judd if you would like to take part.

*Rev Nicky Judd*

## SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are delighted that the School will be coming to St Mary's to celebrate Harvest Festival during the morning of 9th October.

*Rev Nicky Judd*

## A MESSAGE FROM BIZ SHAW

**Your cards, flowers, kind messages and your huge support at Andrew's Thanksgiving Service have been totally overwhelming and such an enormous comfort. I thank you with all my heart.**

## FLOWER, PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW

### ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE FETE - 5TH SEPTEMBER 2015

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the show. The number of exhibitors was higher than last year and the display of flowers, fruit and veg, food and drink, art, craft and photography was excellent. As usual the Young Exhibitors' section was full of wonderful pictures and craft work, with the "Teddy" photographs proving a popular new category.

Congratulations to this year's winners who are:

Top Vase: Jonathan Randall

Top Tray: Jonathan Randall

Young Exhibitors Award: Edward Hornby

Abbotts Ann Challenge Cup: Jonathan Randall

Andover Garden Centre Cup: Jonathan Randall

Miller Mundy Prize: Jonathan Randall

Mrs Thomas King Cup: Cecilia Cotton

Marjorie Fowles Cup: Wendy Casson

Abbotts Ann Community Cup: Wendy Casson

Threadgill Cup: Annabel Stowe

Best in Show Domestic: Joscelyn Hocking

Best in Show Art & Craft: Wendy Casson

Best in Show Eggs: Louise Carroll

Best in Show Vegetables: Jonathan Randall

Best in Show Fruit: James Hocking

Best in Show Flowers: Rebecca Lawrence-Bristol

Best in Show Young Exhibitors: Alice Uffindell

Best in Show Photography: Adam Rose

A big personal thank you from me to all the volunteers who helped with the set up and running of the show and clearing away afterwards – it wouldn't have happened without you! This was my first year organizing the Show and I would also like to thank Polly Whyte for all her advice and support.

*Anne Emerson - Show Secretary*

## 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.

Abbotts Ann Conservatives  
invite you to our

## QUIZ EVENING & SUPPER

ON FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2015  
at 7.30 pm

Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall

Tickets £10.00 (to include supper)

Available in advance from

Michael Pugh (Tel: 711158) or Biz Shaw (Tel: 710197)

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR BRAINS

Monday 18th October at 7.30pm

## Far From the Madding Crowd

Village Hall, Upper Clatford

Bar

Tickets: £5

For more information, contact:  
Sylvia Kennedy Tel: 323226

### CHURCH KNEELER

About 2 years ago one of the kneelers went missing. Despite a notice in the magazine and asking around there was no trace.

The other day went I went to the church, sitting on the back pew was the kneeler all spruce and re-upholstered.

Whilst I am sorry someone took it without letting anyone know I am very pleased to see it again and in such good condition. My many thanks to the person presumably a relation who did such a good job.

The "terrier" book which hold all our records of chattels in the church will be amended at the end of this year!

*Sally Dashwood - Churchwarden*

### CHURCHYARD CLEAN UP 7TH NOVEMBER 2015

Starting 9.30 am till finished! Coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Every year in the autumn and spring a few people rake up leaves and clear rubbish from the churchyard. Last year the youngest person was 70 years old.

A few years ago the churchyard was handed over to the Parish Council by the Privy council as a closed burial ground and is now with the parish part which is still open. This is still your churchyard and many of you pass by it every day.

If it is not cleared of leaves in the autumn there will be very few snowdrops in the spring. Please can we rely on your help for a few hours. If you cannot come on Saturday, Friday would help. If you let one of the Churchwardens know if you are available that would give us some idea of the assistance that would be coming.

*Gordon Howard 710830 - Sally Dashwood 710640*

### 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:

25 Sep - 8 Oct  
9 Oct - 22 Oct  
23 Oct - 5 Nov  
6 Nov - 19 Nov  
20 Nov - 3 Dec  
4 Dec - 17 Dec

#### Flowers:

Harvest Festival  
Anne Jones  
Sylvia Burson  
Elizabeth Howard  
(Remembrance Sunday)  
Advent  
Advent

#### Dusting:

Helen Stuart  
Biz Shaw  
Dee Howarth  
Hannedore Whitcomb  
Elizabeth Palmer  
Polly Whyte

## From The Registers

### Holy Baptism

Matilda Daisy Hay and Charlotte Ella Hay at St Peter's on 19th July

### Holy Matrimony

James Ward and Laura May, whose marriage took place on 22nd August at All Saints'

### Rest in Peace

Sydney Snook of Upper Clatford at Basingstoke Crematorium on 24th August  
The funeral of Andrew Paul Shaw took place at Basingstoke Crematorium, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving for his life at All Saints' on 26th August

The funeral of Bernard Richard Hartley (Bernie) took place at All Saints', followed by the Committal at Salisbury Crematorium on 27th August.

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

### HARVEST FESTIVAL - SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2015 AT 18.00

Harvest Festival Evensong on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October will be taken by Nicky Judd and Tim Tayler and will be followed by a Harvest Supper in the War Memorial Hall. Please put the date in your diary and encourage your friends and neighbours to join us.

Notices are in the Church and the Shop for you to sign to say you are coming and what dish(es) you are able to provide.

Worshipers of all denominations are most welcome. Please come and help us make the first Festival of our interregnum at St Mary's a special celebration of Church life in the Parish.

*Gordon Howard & Sally Dashwood*

## 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 - after 1st October)



Enquiries 01256-892019 or [www.andovercats.org.uk](http://www.andovercats.org.uk)

Fund-raising/volunteers 07733 242196 or [www.andovercats.org.uk](http://www.andovercats.org.uk)

Items for resale 01256-892773

We now have ten rescue pens each of which can accommodate up to three cats from the same household or a family of mother and kittens. Of course, the more cats we take in the more money we need to raise. Adrianne, who has been organising our fund raising for many years has decided to step down. We offer her many thanks for all her hard work. She will be difficult to replace but we will do our utmost to continue as usual. The three weeks we spent in the Whitchurch shop were very successful and we raised £2961, a record so far. If you would like to help with the shop and other fund raising events in 2016 please contact us.



Mozza, last month's cat, has been very lucky and found a home with one of our supporters. He has not yet come to terms with the other cat in the household but is very happy and sleeps on the bed.

Keith (pictured left) was taken to the vet to be euthanized but was fortunately passed to us. He is a dear little two year old black and white cat who lost an eye in a road accident. He is seeking a quiet, safe home.



*Claire Bevan*

## 100 CLUB



### **AUGUST DRAW WINNERS**

**First Prize £30:** Mr K Hillier  
**Second Prize £20:** Mr R Lockhart  
**Third Prize £10:** Mrs P Lytle

### **SEPTEMBER DRAW WINNERS**

**First Prize £30:** Mr K Malthouse  
**Second Prize £20:** Mr S Wilson  
**Third Prize £10:** Mrs G F Bintcliff

*Neil Witten*

**Abbotts Ann Fireworks - Thursday 5th November - details next month**

## **CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB**

“Taking a Stand” was the subject of the August Meeting of the Gardening club, when Christine Hayward gave us an insight into the large amount of work that goes into putting on a display at Hampton Court Show. Christine and her husband Keith hold the National Collection of Cannas in their garden near Farnborough. They also own a nursery near Woking in which Keith planted 4,000 Cannas last year.

Set up day at Hampton Court starts for them at 4.30 am when they load up all the plants and drive to the showground which they have to enter via the exhibitors’ entrance and then pass through all the tight security measures. When they arrive at their allotted destination the stand area is already marked out for them, so they unload as quickly as possible as all vehicles and rubbish must be removed by 9.30.

They first started exhibiting in 2003, when unfortunately their display was disqualified for two main reasons, firstly, the black plastic pots holding the flowers were visible and secondly, the display was not thought to be artistic enough. The following year they covered the pots with moss and included a small pond to make it more artistic and were rewarded with silver medal. From 2006 onwards their displays were themed, ‘Memories of Christopher Lloyd’ (2006), ‘The Role of Public Parks In Canna Conservation (2007), ‘Argentina’ (2009) and ‘Joys and Duties of Holding a National Collection (2010). Each time the judges found faults such as, including a plant with no flowers, and not enough educational material’ until in 2010 they hit perfection with a Gold Medal. Their efforts in 2009 resulted in a change in the rules, because they wore Argentinean dress, which was somewhat frowned on, and was banned thereafter. The same year was difficult for them because the weather was so bad that they could not start erecting their display until the Saturday and it has to be ready by Sunday.

Monday is the press and judging day, and everyone has to leave the marquee whilst judging is taking place after which the marks are explained to each exhibitor. To ensure fairness there is an overall moderator who in fact, judges the judges. After thousands of visitors have passed through, everything is dismantled on Sunday evening. In 2013 they also exhibited at Tatton Park when their volunteer helpers planned and erected the stand and were very pleased to be awarded a Silver Gilt.

The next Meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> October and is the Annual General Meeting.

**Meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday each month at 7.45 pm in Upper Clatford Village Hall..**

*Jenny Llewellyn*

## **Andover Deanery Half-Night of Prayer**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

**6pm – Midnight**

**St Michael’s Colebrook Way, Andover**

### **Prayer stations to remember**

The churches of our Deanery

Our pMAP process

Mission work around the world

Local and individual concerns

**Evening Prayers will be said on the hour**

**With Compline at 11.40pm**

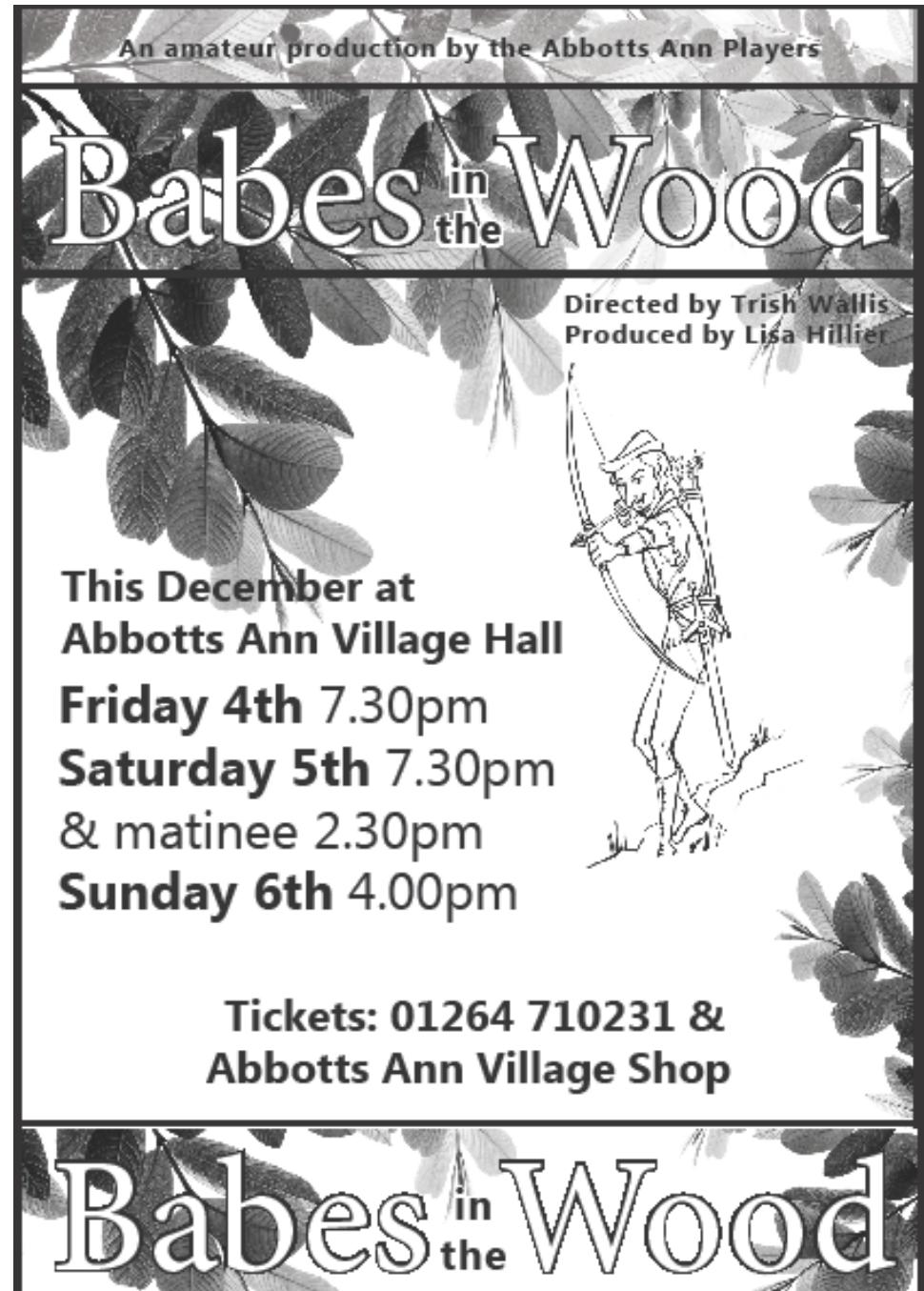
**Refreshments in the Hall all evening until 11.30 pm  
with an opportunity to meet informally and chat**

### **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*



Abbotts Ann Primary School's

# Autumn Jumble Sale

on Saturday 17th October  
at 1.00pm

## at Abbotts Ann Primary School

Entry 50p



TOYS



CLOTHES

If you are having a Clean Out after the summer  
then please donate your good quality jumble -  
clothes, toys, books, & bric-a-brac.  
Collection of jumble will take place  
around the Village the week beginning  
Monday 12th October

For alternative collection call Esther Kitching on 710245



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## Friday 16th October at 7:30pm

### "My Tutu's Gone AWOL!"

Live at the Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall, for one night only, the Abbotts Ann Players, in association with Hog The Limelight, are proud to present an international award-winning vaudeville turn starring the celebrated **Iestyn Edwards** (aka Madame Galina) who will be performing his mix of stand-up, clowning, classical singing, ballet and mayhem.

*"A rare and perfect synthesis of art and larkiness...the audience howled with laughter, stamped and cheered" The Times*  
*"I both love and admire the fabulous Iestyn Edwards" Joanna Lumley*  
*"It doesn't come any better than this" Ruby Wax*

Tickets £7/£10 available from the Abbotts Ann Village Shop  
Further information from Chris Wallis - Tel 710918

### POPPY APPEAL 2015

October will soon be upon us and our wonderful team of volunteers will be doing their door to door visits for the British Legion Poppy Appeal around the end of the month. If you miss your representative at the door Poppies are also available from the Village Shop until Remembrance Sunday.

I would like to thank all our volunteers for their commitment.

Like all organisations we are desperate for new volunteers to replace those who have given their time for many years and would like to step down without leaving a huge gap. My aim is to stand down as Organiser after this year's Appeal. If anyone is interested in knowing more about taking over from me or being a local volunteer for British Legion Poppy Appeal please feel free to contact me.

I would also like to thank you all for your generosity in advance. We have always had a very good response to this Appeal in the past and hope to continue in the future for what is a very good cause.

Thank you

Jackie Stanton - 710933  
[pjmc.stanton@btinternet.com](mailto:pjmc.stanton@btinternet.com)

## **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](mailto: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.**

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## **APPLE DAY - SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2.00PM ONWARDS**

### **WAR MEMORIAL HALL, ABBOTTS ANN**

**Apple Cake competition** Bring your specially-baked apple cake and enter the competition for the best. (two competitions – 12 years and under; 13+ – including adults of course) Please bring it to the Hall by 12.00 noon for judging.

**Apple juice!** Bring along your container (any size) and fill it from the mega-press.

**What about the children?** Children (under supervision!) love to press their own apples on the small-scale press. Lots of games for children too.

**Apples become cider** Bring your own container (any size) labelled with your name and fill with juice from the mega-press. Hand it to Tim Abram (he of the shop), who will be nearby. He'll answer any questions, write you a ticket, and ask you to pay 50p per litre to cover the cost of production (no profit to him!). Around 14<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November call at the Village Shop to collect your cider (80% of the volume you handed over). It will be still (not fizzy) farmhouse cider. Quality and taste can't be guaranteed as they depend on the varieties used to make the juice.

**Chatting with Lisa and Robbie about caring for your apple trees** Lisa and Robbie Morgan own a small orchard in the village and will be around to talk with anyone who would like to know more about care of apple trees. Look out for them!

**Have you got apples you'd like collecting?** The whole idea of Apple Day is that not one single Abbotts Ann apple goes to waste. So please bring yours along. If you have more than you can manage to transport, contact Bernard Griffiths on 710279 or email him on [rosemarygroves@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemarygroves@btinternet.com), and he will turn up with his trusty trailer.

**Cakes for tea** Lots of hungry people come to Apple Day and we depend on the generosity and skill of the village cake bakers (experienced or first-timers) to bring along a cake or two for tea. If you can make a contribution, please contact Jo Dixon on 710458 or email her on [joanna.dixon@actionhants.org.uk](mailto:joanna.dixon@actionhants.org.uk) or [jo\\_david@talktalk.net](mailto:jo_david@talktalk.net). You will be rewarded by the satisfied looks on the faces of lots of villagers!

*David Read*

## **HOST**

Room at the inn? Charity HOST is seeking friendly people who could volunteer to offer an invitation to adult international students for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Learn about other cultures, welcome a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier! To be put in touch with your local organiser, visit [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call 020 7739 6292.

**For magazine deadlines please refer to the Benefice Diary.**



## HIBBERT CUP 2015 / 2016



I am delighted to report that the Hibbert Cup for 2015 / 2016 was awarded at the Abbotts Ann Fete on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September to **Andrew Liddell**.

The Cup is awarded for outstanding, voluntary, unpaid contribution to the Abbotts Ann community in honour of Basil Hibbert, who himself made an outstanding contribution to our community. A bench in memory of Basil stands outside the village shop. Andrew is the 14<sup>th</sup> holder of the cup, joining some illustrious and worthy predecessors. The quotations that follow are directly from the village residents who nominated Andrew:-

“Andrew has run several fund raising musical evenings for the Church restoration; he regularly visits new residents in all parts of the village, as well as residents, like himself, living on their own.”

“Andrew has entertained us with 4 or 5 articles in the Parish Magazine about his life around the world and is the nicest, kindest person you could hope to meet. All this he does without the help of his wife Jill, who died 9 years ago.”

“All villages would be better off with an Andrew Liddell.”

“Andrew doesn’t drive any more but walks to deliver flowers to friends who are sick (or dying) and is an unsung hero...”

“Despite his advanced years, Andrew has worked very hard fundraising for St Mary’s Church. He has been the principal organiser of a series of concerts in the village which have proved to be most successful. He has also been active on the PCC for a considerable time.”

“Andrew is a frequent and generous customer of our community shop.”

“Andrew’s good deeds in the village are well known. He is always quietly active in the background with enormous generosity of spirit and very little fuss.”

A very worthy winner indeed!

*Graham Stallard  
Secretary and Trustee, Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall.*



## ABBOTTS ANN WI - AUGUST 2015

For a variety of reasons it was not possible to organise our annual summer outing for the first week in August this year, as we usually do, instead we opted for the second week, Thursday 13th, but never again. The first venue selected was vetoed, the next two were unable to accommodate us and so we decided upon Waddesdon Manor, a National Trust property in Buckinghamshire who would be delighted to welcome us - third time lucky.

Fortunately we are joined by friends and family on these occasions, and whilst the numbers fluctuated up-and-down, they finally settled at 41 (coach capacity 49) - tick. That is until the 12th August. Then six genuine cancellations communicated by email and telephone. Not good

The weather forecast for the day was dire; apparently we could expect heavy rain, thunder and lightning, but undaunted the remaining 35 gathered at the two pick-up points, with wet weather gear at the ready for whatever would be thrown at us. 9 am came and went, but no coach appeared. It transpired that other parked vehicles were prohibiting its progress down the hill. So like the Grand Old Duke of York’s men we marched up the hill (but not down again) to climb on board and set off for the second pick-up. No they hadn’t given up and gone home. As requested we had a lovely air-conditioned coach - but it was too powerful and our passengers were chilly. No comment. Finally some 30 minutes late we set off.

Don’t worry you can read on ..... it was a great day. Waddesdon Manor is a spectacular venue and the weather was kinder than anticipated. Whilst overcast and a little damp underfoot, the rain held off until the afternoon by which time we were inside enjoying our tour of the magnificent house. There is so much to do at this property it is impossible to do it all in a day and I believe there is talk of some members making a return visit later in the year - by car.

Not much else on our calendars this month, the reading group met and discussed their latest selection and we are busy baking for the WI teas at the fete of course. However, a large group from the Supper Club found time to meet at The Boot in Houghton. We always have a good meal there, whatever choice is made from the menu, and as usual we seem to generate a lot of noise both from our chatter and the laughter.

Andy Rhind-Tutt is making a return visit this month and this time will be talking about Something Interesting - 7.30 pm on 29th October in The Village Hall. Last year he enthralled us when he spoke about the excavations at Amesbury. Oh and I almost forgot, any volunteers to organise next year’s summer outing?!?

*Sharon King*



## ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

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

October 2015

### **Village Fete**

Well done to our Shop manager Tim, and of course to Paula, for the wonderful stall they ran on our behalf. They produced some amazing meals using ingredients which are all available in the Shop. I hope all who took a recipe sheet have tried the recipes for themselves.

### **Christmas Cards**

As you know, I don't like to mention this too early, but Christmas cards are now available in the Shop for those who are planning ahead.

### **Autumn Days**

It is getting to that time of year when we all welcome good warm meals; Soups and Casseroles come to mind. Don't forget that our local watercress makes a delicious soup and, with buffalo meat or pork (I used pork tenderloin), a superb casserole – all available in the Shop of course!

### **Gluten Free**

We are often asked for gluten free products. We now stock Gluten Free Bread and Rice Crackers.

### **Apples**

Another reminder – We would still be pleased to receive your surplus apples to make apple juice. If you have problems with picking or delivering them then please call the Shop on 710230. Thank you to those who have already delivered their apples to us.

### **Date for the Diary**

The Shop will be holding a special pre-Christmas day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Hopefully Tim will sport his chef's hat again.

**Keep on buying local produce at Your local Shop.**

*Elizabeth Howard  
Shop Volunteer & Committee Member*

our hallway. Carrying a 3 week old baby, I found a tree surrounded by a pool of water leaning at a precarious 45 degree angle held up only by the cable of the fairy lights that were still merrily flashing. The cats looked at me as if to say, "Nothing to do with me.". Hmmmm.

On learning that we were to move to the Middle East there was never any question that the cats would come with us. When we picked them up in the scorching summer heat and brought them to our new home in Jumeirah, I realised it had been absolutely the right decision, despite the time, effort and money involved. Knowing no one in the region and without any help, we were very much on our own. With the cats, we knew that we were all together and everything would be just right. The cats didn't venture very far, cats don't; but despite the fact that we lived close to a busy road, they were pretty streetwise. Even with the stray cats that roamed the streets, our cats would 'protect' their patch taking their positions on the high wall either side of the gate to the compound. A few times a stray would try and get into our garden, but this is when 'Mad Max' would live up to his name and chase the intruder over the whitewashed walls.

When we first returned to Abbotts Ann I found myself alone in the kitchen one night; Father of the Tribe was still living in Qatar and the Tribe all safely asleep upstairs. Suddenly I could hear a tap, tap, tapping. It kept going and I began to feel a little nervous - where the heck was it coming from? And then I saw him. Max's face with its upside down white V nose just outside the window and his paw going up and down tapping on the window. Brilliant! And that was how he always let us know that he wanted to come in.

I miss that tapping. I miss the fact that there are only two cats following the Tribe across the fields. The other two cats miss him; Father of the Tribe misses him much more than he ever thought he would; and the Tribe miss him, especially our son. Max, with the softest silky fur, will never again be the heavy weight sleeping at the end of his bed. With the new term, life has been so busy that we haven't yet found time to scatter Max's ashes and have a little ceremony, but he will be scattered over the fields where he used to play and chase and under the trees where he used to sleep in the sunshine. He was much loved and he will be much missed.

*Mother of the Tribe - [www.lifewiththetribe.com](http://www.lifewiththetribe.com)*

## THE 2016 ALL SAINTS WINTER LECTURE, UPPER CLATFORD The King Edward VII Memorial Hall, Upper Clatford.

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## LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - AUGUST 2015

We are away for much of August and it is mostly a wonderful holiday month of long sunshine filled days. Just before we return home however, we are contacted by the friend who is looking after the Tribe's cats. When she went to feed them in the morning she found one of them in the house, lying in a pool of blood. Pretty horrible for her and I am so grateful to her and her husband for sorting everything out while we were away. The foaming around Max's mouth together with the fact that he was safe in the house leads us to believe that he was poisoned. Rat poison we guess. I know that Max was only a pet, but he really played a big part in our family life. So this month is dedicated to Max, our much loved short haired moggy.

Max belonged to our son. We bought three kittens for the Tribe as a Christmas present in 2009. The evening we drove to pick them up it started snowing heavily. So much so, that Father of the Tribe put shovels and ropes in the back of the car - a true Kiwi! - and I wrapped the Tribe in blankets as they were bundled into the car in their pyjamas with no idea of where we were taking them. Arriving at the house where the kittens were, the landscape was totally white - the snow was definitely settling. Pretty exciting especially when you're 4, 6 and 7! As we went through the door the penny dropped and the Tribe were besides themselves with excitement as they realised that they were there to choose their own kitten. Our Boy was so thrilled at having a little **boy** kitten all of his own. He picked this little bundle of black with white socks and an upside down white V on his nose, cuddled him and announced to everyone, "This is Max". No discussion of names, he just knew that's what the kitten was going to be called. The kittens travelled home in a cardboard box in the back of the car and as we had three, there was never any trauma or upset; they cuddled up together and slept with one of them purring ridiculously loudly. And that was it; our family of 5 had expanded to 8 with our feline additions.

The kittens were always up to mischief - that's their job, they're kittens! But Max or 'Mad Max' as he became known, caused me a few grey hairs before any of the Tribe did. One day I was hoovering on the balcony, not long after the kittens had joined our family, Max, terrified, backed away, and to my utter horror, backed straight through the spindles of the balcony and into oblivion. I felt as though I was watching in slow motion and was frozen to the spot, "How on earth was I going to explain this to my son??". When I finally did look over the balcony expecting to see a tiny, lifeless, broken body, there was nothing. Max had disappeared. Running downstairs, I found little Max, completely unperturbed, but more than happy to be picked up and made a fuss of. I guess that was one of his nine lives used up.

The following Christmas we became 9 with the arrival of the Littlest and all three of the now year old cats, just assumed that she was one of them and spent hours sleeping in the Moses basket with her. That Christmas, Max, together with his two siblings, found it fabulous fun to climb the 12' Christmas tree in

## ABBOTTS ANN POST OFFICE

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#### International Economy (formerly known as Surface Mail)

Tuesday 13 October: Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, South Africa, USA

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Tuesday 17 November Western Europe

#### International Standard (formerly Airmail) & all International Tracking and Signature Services (formerly Airsure & International Signed for)

Friday 4 December: Africa, Middle East

Monday 7 December: Asia, Cyprus, Far East, Eastern Europe (ex. Poland, Czech Republic and Slovakia)

Tuesday 8 December: Caribbean, Central & South America

Thursday 10 December: Greece, Australia, New Zealand

Monday 14 December: Czech Republic, Germany, Italy

Tuesday 15 December: Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA

Wednesday 16 December: Austria, Iceland, Ireland, Portugal, Spain

Thursday 17 December: France

Friday 18 December: Belgium, Denmark, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Switzerland

#### International Standard HM Forces Mail (British Forces Post Office - BFPO)

Friday 27 November: Operational BFPOs

Friday 11 December: Static BFPO's

*Maureen Flood*

## PARISH COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER MEETING

At their latest meeting, councillors were very sorry to say “goodbye” to the locum clerk, Amy Taylor, who stood in at short notice in March and has been a stalwart support ever since. She has dealt efficiently, knowledgeably and cheerfully with a new council of largely inexperienced members at the busiest time of the year. However, Amy already has other councils for which she is the permanent clerk and Abbotts Ann has therefore advertised over the past few weeks for candidates to fill the vacancy.

Business discussed in September included the purchase of public seating for The Green. Cllr Sally Coffey had already bought three seats locally, spending under the £500 figure previously authorised by the council for one seat only. She had been anxious that residents would be able to enjoy them while there still remained some summer! Two were quickly installed by the village shop manager, Tim Abram, voluntarily, and residents were soon happily making use of them. However, the Big Bad Wolves of Health and Safety, and Compliance, growled menacingly in the wings.

Quite properly, Cllr Andrew Hayter was concerned that any seats purchased by the council for public use should conform to regulations. Cllr Susie Bleeker concurred, relating that she had unfortunately, in her professional career, experienced having to tell generous donors that seats given in memory of loved ones were not suitable.

This raised another issue, as the Children’s Playpark has been given such a memorial seat by the daughters of two former residents, and it was due to be erected last week-end. Following the council’s discussions, this was postponed while further checks were made. Enquiries were made of RoSPA (who undertake the Playpark annual safety checks); the council’s insurers; TVBC; HCC; Health and Safety Executive; and several manufacturers and suppliers. None of these august bodies was aware of any specific regulations. The insurers and RoSPA advised that it was a matter of common sense whether a seat was likely to be safe or not. So, hopefully, the third seat at The Green and the memorial seat in the War Memorial Hall Playpark will both be in place very soon.

The Green needs pedestrian access from Manor Close, and it was at first suggested that a wicket gate be purchased. Again, there are recommendations and rules about this, and furthermore roadworks would need to be authorised to alter the kerb. An alternative is lockable posts which would be fixed far enough apart for pushchairs and wheelchairs, but not enough for cars to get through. The posts could be unlocked and removed for field maintenance work. Councillors liked this idea, and a local manufacturer has been approached.

Cllr Bernard Griffiths thanked the former Tree Warden, Dr John Moon, for continuing to offer his expert opinion on tree works applications. However, he

does wish to stand down from the post and so the council is still looking for another keen arboriculturalist to take over.

Cllr Hayter had prepared a schedule showing the actions in the council’s pipeline. This was welcomed by councillors as being very helpful for their own use and also enabling parishioners to see what progress is being made. Cllr Brian Sims noted that he had, for instance, been raising the subject of drainage on the A343 by Little Ann Bridge, and the speed of traffic and St John’s Cross, for very many years.

Cllr Beth Deacon reported on a meeting with the village webmaster, Keith Saunders. Only about 130 residents are registered on the village e-mail site, and it is hoped many more will sign up. The e-mail site is an excellent means of contacting people urgently, without any effort on their part. The message just arrives in your e-mail in-box, and Keith ensures that your private details are secure.

Traffic is still of great concern to residents. There have been incidents only recently in Little Ann Road and St John’s Cross, and there is speeding down Red Post Lane. The parish council had some time ago expressed keen interest in a traffic speed watch scheme, perhaps joining with another parish, but their approaches had not met with positive response. Amy Taylor felt that the time might now be right to try again, and although the parish council has no powers over traffic matters, it can at least continue to bring pressure on the County Council for action. County Councillor Andrew Gibson has already agreed to a site meeting in the village.

The railings outside the War Memorial Hall had been damaged earlier in the year by contractors from Carillion Telent. Numerous attempts at resolving the situation had not been successful, until Cllr Griffiths finally wrote a firm letter to the CEO. The railings have now been removed for repair by Carillion Telent.

A resident had asked whether the council could provide allotments, since these had disappeared from the village over the years. Cllr Sims had confirmed out of meeting that all the allotments in the village had been on private land, not council property, and had been gradually sold off by the landowners. The position in law is that if six residents petition the council, it must provide allotments – but the question is, where? It is a stipulation of the lease of the former Manor Close Playing Field (The Green) that there can be no allotments there. There may need to be some research into the possibilities of compulsory purchase or rental of land.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, at 7.00 pm in the War Memorial Hall (Jubilee Room), and all are welcome.

*Rosemary Groves*