

16 Oct	(Sun)	7.30pm "Launch Party" a new play at Upper Clatford Memorial Hall (<u>The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity</u>) – full service details, page 2
18 Oct	(Tues)	8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann 10.00am to 11.30am in St Peter's Room – Goodworth Clatford Community Coffee Morning. 11.15am Said service of Morning Prayer, St Francis Chapel in St Peter's Church 7.30pm Goodworth Clatford WI meets in GC Village Club
19 Oct	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC 7.30pm Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall.
20 Oct	(Thurs)	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Mary's. 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
21 Oct	(Fri)	10.00am Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
23 Oct	(Sun)	(<u>The Last Sunday after Trinity</u>) – full service details, page 2 5.30pm Choral Evensong at St Peter's Church - see page 15 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
25 Oct	(Tues)	11.15am Said service of Morning Prayer, St Francis Chapel in St Peter's Church
26 Oct	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
27 Oct	(Thurs)	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Mary's 7.30pm Abbots Ann WI meets in Abbots Ann War Memorial Hall 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
28 Oct	(Fri)	10.00am Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
29 Oct	(Sat)	Goodworth Clatford Riverside Walk and Riverside Rest task day. 7.30pm All Saints' Annual Quiz Evening at UC Memorial Hall
30 Oct	(Sun)	(<u>The Fourth Sunday before Advent</u>) – full service details, page 2 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann

NOVEMBER 2016

1 Nov	(Tues)	11.15am Said service of Morning Prayer, St Francis Chapel in St Peter's Church 7.00pm Goodworth Clatford Parish Council meets in GCVC
2 Nov	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
3 Nov	(Thurs)	10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning 2.30pm The Old Dairy Farm, Hatherden, Anne Sebba "Les Parisiennes: How the Women of Paris Lived, Loved and Died in the 1940s". 7.00pm Abbots Ann Parish Council meets in AA War Memorial Hall 7.00pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's
5 Nov	(Sat)	All Souls Commemorative Services – see page 2
6 Nov	(Sun)	(<u>The Third Sunday before Advent</u>) All Saints' Patronal Festival - full service details – page 2 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
7 Nov	(Mon)	12.30pm Way Inn Lunch at St. Peter's 12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.
9 Nov	(Wed)	8.00pm AAWMH AGM - page 7
11 Nov	(Fri)	7.30pm AA Conservatives Quiz Evening & Supper - page 7

St Mary's Church, Abbots Ann

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All Saints'	Eleanor Jakeman Bill Mitford	362502 357675

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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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN OCTOBER 2016
Please note change of services and times at all churches.

Date:	<u>St Mary's Duties:</u>
Sunday 2nd October	Nineteenth Sunday of Trinity
08.00 Said Holy Communion	St Peter's (KD)
10.00 Sung Eucharist	All Saints' (NJ)
11.00 Harvest Family Service	St Peter's (KD/PE)
18.00 Harvest Evensong	St Mary's (KD/TT)
Sunday 9th October	Twentieth Sunday of Trinity
08.00 Said Holy Communion	All Saints' (KD)
09.30 Sung Eucharist	St Mary's (KD)
11.15 Matins	St Peter's (TT)
Sunday 16th October	Twenty-first Sunday of Trinity
08.00 Said Holy Communion	St Mary's (KD)
10.00 Sung Eucharist	St Peter's (NJ)
10.00 Family Service	St Mary's (lay led) (Team with KD)
12.00 Baptism (Hutchinson family)	All Saints' (KD)
18.00 Evensong	All Saints' (KD)
Sunday 23rd October	Bible Sunday
08.00 Said Holy Communion	St Mary's (NJ)
10.00 Sung Family Eucharist	All Saints' (NJ)
17.30 Choral Evensong with Goodworth Singers	St Peter's (NJ/PE)
Sunday 30th October	All Saints' Sunday
10.00 Patronal Eucharist	All Saints' (KD/NJ)
Saturday 5th November	All Souls'
15.00 All Souls' Service	St Mary's (KD/NJ)
16.30 All Souls' Service	St Peter's (KD/NJ)
18.00 All Souls' Service	All Saints' (KD/NJ)
Sunday 6th November	Third Sunday before Advent
08.00 Said Holy Communion	St Peter's (KD)
10.00 Sung Eucharist	All Saints' (KD)
10.00 Family Service	St Peter's (NJ)
18.00 Evensong	St Mary's (PE)

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



Monday 17 October at 7.30pm
Love and Friendship (U)
 Village Hall, Upper Clatford
 Bar
 Tickets: £5
 For more information, contact:
 Sylvia Kennedy Tel: 323226

BENEFICE DIARY - SEPTEMBER 2016

1 Oct	(Sat)	1.00pm Abbots Ann Primary School Hall, Jumble Sale
2 Oct	(Sun)	"Russia and Europe – What Next?" at Goodworth Clatford Village Club. (<u>The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity</u> – full service details, including Harvest Family Service at St Peter's at 11.00am page 2
		1.00pm St. Peter's Harvest Lunch at Goodworth Clatford Village Club. St Mary's Harvest Supper after Evensong
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
3 Oct	(Mon)	NO Way Inn Lunch today.
4 Oct	(Tues)	11.15am Said service of Morning Prayer, St. Francis Chapel in St.Peter's Church
5 Oct	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
6 Oct	(Thurs)	2.30 to 4.30pm Goodworth Clatford WI Charity Afternoon Tea at GCVC in aid of Hampshire Air Ambulance and Macmillan Cancer Support
		7.00pm Abbots Ann Parish Council in AA War Memorial Hall
		7.00pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk.
		7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
8 Oct	(Sat)	2.00pm Abbots Ann Apple Day at Abbots Ann War Memorial Hall.
		7.30pm "Voices from Syria" an illustrated talk by Revd. Andrew Ashdown, at St Peter's.
9 Oct	(Sun)	(<u>The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity</u>) – full service details, page 2
		AAWMH Car Rally and Treasure Hunt - see page 18
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
11 Oct	(Tues)	11.15am Said service of Morning Prayer, St. Francis Chapel in St Peter's Church
		12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.
12 Oct	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall
13 Oct	(Thurs)	7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Mary's.
		7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's
14 Oct	(Fri)	5.00-7.00pm Pizza Night Abbots Ann Village Shop
15 Oct	(Sat)	12.00noon Deadline for receipt of copy for the November 2016 Abbots Ann Magazine editor@abbotsannmagazine.co.uk

An amateur production by the Abbotts Ann Players

Snow White

DECEMBER 2016

Friday 2nd, 7.30pm

Saturday 3rd
2.00pm & 7.30 pm

Sunday 4th, 4.00pm

Tickets available from
Abbotts Ann Village Shop

£6 Adults

£4 Concession

£16 Family

Directed by Andrew Hayter

Produced by Lisa Hillier

Written by Alexandra Slater

Abbotts Ann
War Memorial Hall

Dear Friends

We have a mouse in the house! A fairly brazen one that scurried across the sitting room floor while we were watching the first episode in the new series of Cold Feet the other evening! As this is not a problem I have encountered before, I have been canvassing ideas as to what to do about it. Number one suggestion is to get a cat – unfortunately Mr Vicarage is allergic so that's not going to work. We do have a dog – Shadow is his name – but he is useless when it comes to discouraging the mouse – or the rabbits that are digging up the lawn for that matter. His interests lie elsewhere, but that's another story for another magazine article!

Suggestion number two, relates to finding how said mouse is gaining access and blocking it up. This we have made some attempt at, although mousey seems quite good at finding or making new portals!

Someone did tell me that if we have mice we won't have rats, so perhaps some kind of compromise may have to be found to live and let live. I wish there were some way to reason and encourage them to move. The alternative does not sit easy with me!

Mice aside, we are enjoying our new home in the villages and are looking forward to sharing life and celebrating the seasons of the year and the Christian festivals with you.

Where we live (in Upper Clatford) we are surrounded by fields and in recent days we could not but notice the farmers harvesting late into the evenings. In the coming weeks we will celebrate Harvest Festival in our churches, giving thanks for the hard work of our farming communities, and wondering at the beauty and abundance of the world around us. I hope you will be able to join us.

It is perhaps also a time to recognise the fragility of the natural world and remind ourselves of our duty to care for it. If we are not to damage our environment beyond repair we must take a careful look at the impact our lifestyles have and if necessary make the changes that will help us to protect the natural world and enable it to flourish.

This principle of care also applies to our relationships with people near and far. In these early days of living and working in the local community, I have heard of many people who give generously of their time and talents to support others and enrich the life of our communities and beyond - they are to be celebrated and appreciated. In addition there are many who quietly and without any fuss, help and support family members and neighbours. It would be appropriate during the season of harvest, to find a way to also thank them.

Some within the Christian community talk about Living Lightly – in other words living in such a way as not to hurt or scar the places and people around us. It is quite a challenge I think! One that requires careful planning and

discipline to make it a reality. Some things in life don't just happen unless we are intentional about them.

As we give thanks this harvest time we may also want to think of one new thing we will do that will enable the environment or people around us to flourish.

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for the harvest of our lives;
for the kindness of gentle hands;
and the tenderness of loving hearts.
JND Stuart*

Katrina

ST MARY'S CHURCH FLOWERS - AND HOLY DUSTING ROTA

We are so grateful to you all for giving up your time to the Church. Here is the rota. If the dates are inconvenient and you are unable to change with someone else, please ring Sylvia Burson (710852) for flowers and Jill Tayler (710201) for dusting.



<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Flowers:</u>	<u>Dusting:</u>
23 Sep - 6 Oct	Harvest Festival	Biz Shaw
7 Oct - 20 Oct	Gwen Pollard	Helen Stuart
21 Oct - 3 Nov	Gwen Pollard	Dee Howarth
4 Nov - 17 Nov	Elizabeth Howard	Hannadore Whitcomb
	(Remembrance Sunday)	
18 Nov - 1 Dec	Advent	Elizabeth Palmer
2 Dec - 15 Dec	Advent	Polly Whyte
16 Dec - 29 Dec	Christmas	Jill Tayler
30 Dec - 12 Jan	Sylvia Burson	Margaret Brooks

From The Registers

Holy Baptism

21st August Jessica Patricia Ewence and Joshua Edward Thomas at St Peter's
28th August Noah Paul Croombs at All Saints
11th September Imogen Grace Saunders at St Mary's

Burial of Ashes

The ashes of Joan Perry were buried with those of her parents on 8th August at All Saints'.

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

100 CLUB WINNERS 2016

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



APRIL 2016 DRAW WINNERS

First Prize : Mr A Thompson
Second Prize : Mr G Stallard
Third Prize : Mrs H Whitcomb

MAY 2016 DRAW WINNERS

First Prize : Mr J Benson
Second Prize : Mr J Aldridge
Third Prize : Mr P Stanton

JUNE 2016 DRAW WINNERS

First Prize : Mr H Sims
Second Prize : Mrs R Anderson
Third Prize : Mrs A Pugh

JULY 2016 DRAW WINNERS

First Prize : Mrs A Pugh
Second Prize : Mr J Gwinn
Third Prize : Mr N Palmer

AUGUST 2016 DRAW WINNERS

First Prize : Mr C Burson
Second Prize : Mrs E Robinson
Third Prize : Mrs T Barkley

SEPTEMBER 2016 DRAW WINNERS

First Prize : Mrs A Godman
Second Prize : Mrs Hopkins
Third Prize : Mr A Thompson

Lisa Hillier

K 30751 STOKER 2ND CLASS CHARLES HENRY FENNELL ROYAL NAVY

Charles Henry Fennell was born in Abbots Ann on 24th December 1889, the son of Henry and Annie Fennell, who lived at 50 Abbots Ann. He had two sisters, Nellie, and Lillian. In the 1911 Census he is shown as being a farm labourer and still living in Abbots Ann.

He enlisted at Portsmouth as K30751 Charles Henry Fennell on 10th February 1916 for the duration of the war and did his training as a Stoker on HMS Victory II.

He joined HMS Flirt, a torpedo boat destroyer, on 12th August 1916 at Dover, with the rank of Stoker 2nd Class.

HMS Flirt was assigned to the 6th Destroyer Flotilla based at Dover. During her deployment there she was involved in anti-submarine, counter-mining patrols and defending the drifters of the Dover Barrage. On 28th October 1914, under the command of Lieutenant H S Braddyll RN, she took part in operations off the Belgian Coast around Ostend. HMS Flirt was awarded the battle honour Belgian Coast 1914 – 1915 for this action.

On the night of the 26/27th October 1916, ships of the Imperial German Navy commenced an attack on the Dover Barrage. HMS Flirt (now commanded by Lieutenant R P Kellett RN and with a crew of about 80) left Dover around 10.00 pm and two hours later heard gunfire from the drifter line guarding the Dover anti-U-boat net and mine barrage. A German destroyer raid was in progress, with part of a force of two and a half flotillas attacking the drifters, patrolling destroyers and any other Allied shipping. HMS Flirt came across the drifter Waveney on fire and lowered a boat to render assistance. In the early hours, on a very dark, overcast night, unidentified ships approached. A challenge was issued by HMS Flirt and she was immediately fired on by enemy destroyers. Heavily damaged in this encounter (some sources credit HMS Flirt's loss to a torpedo), she rapidly sank with all hands, the boat's crew being the only survivors. A total of six drifters were also sunk and the destroyer HMS Nubian torpedoed and damaged in the action that night.

Stoker 2nd Class Charles Henry Fennell was killed in this action. As his body was lost at sea, he has no grave and is commemorated on Panel 20 of the Portsmouth Naval Memorial and on the St Mary's Church, Abbots Ann memorial to the fallen.

Charles Fennell was entitled to the British War and Allied Victory Medals.

Pauline Cooper pp The Late Michael Cooper

ST MARY'S CHURCH ABBOTTS ANN **Harvest Supper – Sunday 2nd October 2016**

Our Harvest Supper will be held in the War Memorial Hall after Harvest Festival Evensong on Sunday 2nd October, all are welcome. If you wish to attend then please add you name, or names, to the list in the Shop or the church vestibule. Any contributions of food for the supper gratefully received.

Elizabeth Howard

MORNING PRAYER

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

Peter Eastwood

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

Victor and Albert - An A-Z of Britain

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

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

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

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

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



HIBBERT CUP 2016 / 2017



I am delighted to report that nominations this year, both in quantity and quality, were higher than ever. They included a suggestion that Andrew himself should be awarded the cup for an unprecedented second successive year. When Andrew, as part of the selection team, asked for this to be put to one side in favour of other nominations, the resulting discussion led to a decision to create an additional community cup, to be called the Liddell Cup, which Andrew himself would endow. More of this below.

The Hibbert Cup for 2016/2017 was awarded at the Abbots Ann Fete on Saturday 3rd September to Lisa Hillier.

Lisa's nominations show that she has been for many years, and remains, a committed and hard working member of many committees in the village, including both Schools, the Fete, and the War Memorial Hall. She has also actively helped many other village organisations. She is renowned for collecting, advertising, organising and just simply doing whatever needs to be done for the community.

The Hibbert Cup is awarded for outstanding, voluntary, unpaid contribution to the Abbots 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. Lisa is the 15th holder of the cup, joining some illustrious and worthy predecessors.

One final note – every nomination received this year would also have been a worthy winner of the Hibbert Cup. If your own nomination was unsuccessful, please, in the spirit of our community, celebrate the choice that has been made, and submit your nomination again next year with the confidence that your candidate is a good one!

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



LIDDELL CUP 2016 / 2017



This cup has been endowed by Andrew Liddell as described above. Like the Hibbert Cup, it is to be awarded for outstanding, voluntary, unpaid contribution to the Abbots Ann community, with the key difference that the Liddell Cup is for a specific, single and significant project achievement on behalf of the community. As such, there may be years when no award is made, as there may not have been such a project achievement in that year. Andrew has asked that the nomination and selection process be combined with the Hibbert Cup, so that next year the Secretary of the Hall Committee will be seeking nominations for both cups, and the three Hall Trustees will meet with the current holders of both cups to consider all the nominations.

- You have apples you could bring along or would like to be collected
- You can help with picking apples and/or helping to press them on the day
- You would like to help on the day
- You would like to take away apple pulp at the end of the day for your compost heap

Email me (david.read@mybroadbandmail.com) or phone (710090) if you have any questions, would like to contribute. You'll be welcome.

See you on 8th October!

David Read – Chair, Abbots Ann Green Action – for the AD planning group

CIDER - OR APPLE JUICE?

APPLES FOR CIDER

On Saturday 1st October Abbots Ann Cider Ltd* will be out and about in the village collecting apples that would never get to Apple Day. The apples collected will be pressed the following day – volunteers (but not onlookers) are welcome.

Apples pressed on 2nd October will become this year's Abbots Ann Cider for sale at the Eagle and in the village shop. Some may also be pasteurised and bottled and become Abbots Ann Apple Juice for sale the following weekend at Apple Day.

Profits from last year's pressing have already provided the splendid yellow scatter you may have seen on display at the fete as well as equipment for pasteurising and bottling – this will all be put to good purpose on 2nd October and again on Apple Day.

APPLES FOR JUICE

Your apples will be most welcome on Apple Day – **October 8th**. Please bring them along on the day or phone David Read or Bernard Griffiths to arrange for them to be collected.

They will be pressed on the day as usual and you are warmly invited to watch the team at work. Bring your containers if you'd like to take away free juice for consumption within the following month. You'll also be able to book your personal supply of cider by bringing your containers to hand to Tim Abram. 50p per litre will cover the cost.

The rest of the juice will be bottled and pasteurised for sale in the village shop.

Neil Palmer (Abbots Ann Cider Ltd)
David Read (Abbots Ann Green Action)

*Abbots Ann Cider Limited is a limited company set up for the sole purpose of making cider from Abbots Ann apples. All profits are redistributed to village good causes.

cries are in response to threats and the piercing, high pitched cries are the combat calls. Perhaps next time I'll concentrate more on exactly which noise is being made.

Back at home, the end of the month sees the return of warm sunshine and rain. The natural world around us continues to flourish and looks as glorious as ever. This summer really has been one of bugs, bees, butterflies and moths and one of our favourite memories is when the Littlest, following in her big sister's footsteps, picked up a butterfly net and spent an afternoon chasing butterflies in the hot summer sunshine.

Mother of the Tribe www.lifewiththetribes.com

APPLE DAY: SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH FROM 2.00 **AT THE WAR MEMORIAL HALL**

There is nothing like the juice of freshly pressed apples. And the huge apple press in the War Memorial Hall grounds will again be pressing apples. This will mean juice to drink on the day, juice to take away, and cider to order (don't forget to bring your container). In due time it will also mean Abbotts Ann Apple Juice and Cider for sale in the village shop.

Please have a look at our separate notice about *Apples for Cider and Juice* to find out all about where the apples come from, how they are collected, and where the juice goes to.

Lots of other activities as well:

- Games for the children, including apple bobbing and treasure hunt
- Lots of different varieties of apple from Sparsholt – bring yours along to see if you can match your variety with one of theirs
- Try your hand at making juice yourself from your own apples on the hand press

And, of course, tea with apple related goodies, provided (of course) by the excellent cooks of Abbotts Ann. We'll be very grateful for all contributions. Thank you!

There'll be candy/toffee apples too.

And again there'll be a competition (two categories: up to 12 and over 12) for the tastiest apple recipe, so why not bring along a sample of your cooking for our judge to try? Then we can all gobble them up – except for a sample of the winners for you to admire!

By now we hope your taste-buds are tickling and you're planning to come along and join in the fun. Meanwhile, do get in touch with us if

The Liddell Cup for 2016/2017 was awarded at the Abbotts Ann Fete on Saturday 3rd September to Gordon Howard, who becomes the first holder of the cup. Gordon's specific achievement was leading the refurbishment – roofing, brickwork, drainage – of St Mary's Church. Despite their initial refusal, Gordon secured substantial Heritage Lottery funding, and went on to work with architect and builders to complete the project.

With congratulations to Gordon, and thanks to both Gordon and Andrew.

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

ABBOTTS ANN WAR MEMORIAL HALL **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** **Wednesday 9th November 2016** **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, Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall

Abbotts Ann Conservatives
invite you to our

QUIZ EVENING & SUPPER

ON FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2016
at 7.30 pm

Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall

Tickets £10.00 (to include supper)
Available in advance in advance from
Michael Pugh (Tel: 711158) or Biz Shaw (Tel: 710197)

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND YOUR BRAINS

ABBOTTS ANN CIDER PRESS

The roots of the story of the evolution of the Abbots Ann Apple Press, go back to the 1940s, but for our purpose the latest chapter begins as follows.

This all began nearly thirty years ago with the appearance of an advertisement in the Andover Advertiser, “Cider Press – free to collector, tel.....”

I telephoned.

“Yes, it’s here, come and see it.....”

Directions were given by the genial advertiser. I proceeded thither, to Smannel (near Andover) in my mother’s elderly and not very large Peugeot 304 Estate.

On meeting the press’s owner, we digressed into conversation on common ground in the world of proper motor cars and British motor-cycles. Eventually, he said, *“you’d better come and see the press.”* So, off into his fairly large garden, to a thick hawthorn hedge and large field beyond.

“There it is!” he said, motioning towards the base of the hedge.

“Where?” I asked, seeing only nettles and prickles.

“There,” he said, pointing at the ground.

Oh yes, there indeed was something – large and round, bigger than a football. With a stick flattening the nettles, a long threaded column emanating from the round bit was also revealed. Also, more lengths of iron strapping and a cast plate and pin. Interesting.

I tried to roll out the ball and column. I could just about rock it. It had been there a long time, clearly intending to remain longer still. Putting it in the back of Mum’s Peugeot was not an option. Nor was collection that day going to happen.

I agreed with the owner that I would certainly like to acquire what remained of a once-complete press, please, but would need to explore heavier transport possibilities.

It transpired that the owner had bought the complete press years earlier, as an ornamental garden feature, from someone living in Tadley. When the original oak-work had decayed, the remaining “iron-work” found storage space beneath the hedge, and some time later the advertisement had been put in our local paper.

At that time, students from the Fisheries Management Department of Hampshire College of Agriculture – now Sparsholt College – were coming at intervals to learn practical skills on the Pill Hill Brook. I asked a couple of the lecturers if they thought rescue and restoration of this press might have some

Common and as with all our local chalk rivers, is crystal clear (and very cold!). The day we visit, we only meet one other group of people as we walk across the meadow to the main river. We are astonished - it's not raining, we're in the school holidays and it's free! I am quite happy with the space to ourselves as the Tribe and friends run, jump, climb and paddle and yes, that does include the Eldest. You are never too old for any of these things. The marshy grassland alongside much of the tributary is cordoned off for protection of the flora and fauna, but there is still plenty of open land to walk across. What we do find a lot of are slugs. Big, slimy, black ones. Everywhere. The wet has brought them out in huge numbers. Last winter our resident slugs didn't bother to hibernate and instead spent their time mating. Together with the decline in their natural predators, such as hedgehogs and song thrush, and the mild, damp winter, their population has increased significantly. Just to give you some statistics, one cubic metre of garden can contain 200 slugs each laying between 20 and 100 eggs, this in turn leads to the average UK garden being home to 20,000 slugs. Imagine how many must be on Cow Common. Yuck!

Most of the month is taken up with an increasing interest in moths and in the Midi-Pyrenees region of France, we discover an array of stunning moths. One is the Cucumber Moth. Its wingspan is about 6cm and its wings are translucent white with a chocolate brown border and an unusual tuft of orange-brown hairs on the tip of its abdomen. They are usually found in South Asia, Australia and the Pacific Islands so this one appears to be far from home. However they feed on cucumber and melons and as this region grows a lot of both, perhaps this is why. Another striking but much bigger moth is the Red Underwing moth with a wingspan of 80mm. It is apparently quite common in the UK although we have never seen one at home. At rest it would go unnoticed as its mottled grey-brown wings are almost perfectly camouflaged against tree bark, but when it flies it has a spectacular flash of red and black markings on its hindwings. Hovering around the profusion of flowers surrounding the old stables, the Tribe discover a large, rather scary looking, black bee-like insect. Having watched it for some time, we realise that it has no interest in doing anything other than take nectar from the flowers. It is strikingly beautiful - it's body is glossy, jet black and its wings iridescent blue-black and lilac. In France they are known as the blue bee. As well as the profusion of insect life, there are wild animals too. Early one morning I cycle across the misty fields and frighten a hare; it streaks ahead of me at an astonishing speed before disappearing into the undergrowth. 'Gerald Durrell' is in her element as she finds fresh hoof prints of wild boar in the clay ponds and just to confirm that they are resident in the surrounding woods, I am woken one night by a loud grunting and screeching sound outside. It scares the heck out of me, until I realise what it must be, although, as it is pitch black outside and I don't have the eyes of a cat, I decide that there's no point getting up to try and see the wild boar. The following day I do some research and learn that the grunting noises are the contact calls, the screeching 'gu-gu-gu'

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LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - AUGUST 2016

Ah, August, the month of long, sun-drenched days. No trains to catch, no schedules to meet. Utter bliss. Well, it doesn't quite start off like that with a pretty wet first day of the month, but things do get better and it's never chilly.

Early in the month we visit Chilbolton Common with our 'city' friends who adore it, seeing it as something straight out of Swallows and Amazons - innocent and untouched. And they're right of course, we are living in a countryside that is still relatively untouched considering we live in the 21st Century. Known as Cow Common, in medieval times it was part of the Wherwell Priory. Mary Tudor then gave it to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester as payment towards her wedding at Winchester Cathedral. In the 17th and 18th Century, floating water meadows were created; this meant that the river water was encouraged to flood the meadows which in turn would nourish the grass and protect it from frost which would then lead to earlier lambing and increased flocks of sheep. Today it is protected and remains a site of Special Scientific Interest due to its untouched grassland, marshy grassland, reed beds and woodland all of which provide a unique environment for many plants. A tributary of the Test runs through the middle of the

practical interest and benefit for the students, and they were certainly enthusiastic. Sadly, shortly afterwards, one of the lecturers became ill and the other changed colleges. The rescue mission stalled. I tried local assistance, but without much enthusiastic reception.

So, the press remained in Smannell, undisturbed. Family illness intervened in my own life and the idea remained dormant. It was not forgotten.

About 15 to 20 years later, I was discussing the restoration of the village stocks with Adam Rose, a local green-oak frame building specialist, and mentioned the press. He pricked up his ears. I had also told another friend about this press, who was also quite keen to know more of it. Later, in the pub, another keen cyderist friend, Peter Yarlett, by one of those happy co-incidences hearing of this hedgerow discovery years before, declared that he knew the owner's son quite well and would ask on our behalf what had become of the ball, threaded column and bits.

A week or two later, Peter reported back to us at the Eagle that the bits were still reposing 20 or so years on beneath the same hedge in the same owner's garden, and if we wanted them, they were still available. I made a phone call to the owner. Yes, he would like us to have it, so long as I made a donation to the Andover Food Bank, to which I happily agreed. I reported to the close circle of cyderist conspirators. Adam, Rick Nolan and I were able to make the appointment for the recovery mission. The stage was set.

This was all co-incident with the time that Abbots Ann Green Action (AAGA) was evolving, and there was growing interest in the fruits of the countryside, conservation, renewable energy and all sorts of similar things.

One sunny evening in late June that year, Adam in his Land Rover with hefty trailer and a substantial pneumatic-tyred four-wheel trolley borrowed from his father-in-law, set course for Smannell, with Rick and I following.

Suffice to say, some brute force, ingenuity and much perspiration were spent extracting the parts from the hedge, safely manoeuvring the grossly-overloaded trolley over spongy and consequentially rutted turf of a prize lawn, down narrow garden paths far too close for comfort to well-maintained greenhouses, through a snicket path with a quarter of an inch to spare, to the driveway and the waiting Land Rover and trailer. After yet more of the aforementioned B. F.I. and M.P., all the recovered components were safely aboard and tied down. The trailer loaded, and my wallet considerably lightened, happily towards the former owner's extremely Good Cause, at long last the bits of the press were on their way safely to Abbots Ann.

I think it's only fair to report that the exhausted parties certainly enjoyed a restorative potion-or-three on their return at that Home of the Origins of All Good Ideas, the Eagle. Now our thoughts turned to how to rebuild our parts into a working press once more...

The press is a fairly basic piece of apparatus. A timber frame, uprights, base plate and crossbeam and press plate; the iron-work being a threaded column at the base of which is the ball locating onto an iron plate atop the oak press plate. The ball has two pairs of large holes through it at right angles to allow a stout pole to be inserted to turn the column, winding the press plate down and back up again, rather like a capstan. The head of the threaded column is in a corresponding threaded collar in the timber crossbeam. Iron fitch plates strengthen the timber uprights and steel guide rods keep the press plate aligned with the base plate. Simple.

We had no woodwork at all to guide us. As I have said, Mr Weedon, the former owner, had bought the press from someone in Tadley, used it himself as a garden ornament until the woodwork had decayed. Adam set the column and threaded collar to soak in diesel in the hope of successfully freeing them. This took a while, and a design went into the contemplation stage.

In the meantime, another chance and fortuitous conversation in the Abbots Ann Home for the Origins of All Good Ideas, with Peter Yarlett:

“Don’t know quite what form this press is going to take – all we can guess is that it was big...”

As for fitting in Chris Davis’s barn, we’d have to wait to see if that might be possible.

“Why,” suggested Peter, “don’t you go to Barry Topp’s Cyder Works at Burley in the New Forest. He has an open weekend mid-October and that’s a couple of weeks away. Lots to see and do, and several visiting presses. Country folk, bygone country crafts, farm machinery, and old vehicles, live music – and Barry’s cyder in his trailer.”

This seemed a very good idea in more ways than one. As it happened, only my wife, Rosemary, and Peter Yarlett were able to accompany me on a golden October Day. What a fascinating time it turned out to be.

A picturesque New Forest village, lots of very happy people, crafts, old vehicles, steam machinery, music, working presses, scratters, all manner of nostalgic curiosities and cyderists to match, and Barry Topp’s hospitality barn. Well, perhaps “barn” is a little generous given its size, but it is a barn – thatched, on black weatherboard sides, and on wheels. A travelling cyder trailer, in fact – delightful! It is a well-known centre of congregation at the Great Dorset Steam Fair.

A barn, it is large enough to accommodate three hogsheads – Sweet, Medium and Dry. Parked, with an awning and a scrubbed pine trestle-table – well, bar, if you must – and festively cheery dispensers of half-pint prescription restoratives. A word of caution – they’re all good, but if you can’t make up your mind, be **very** careful when you go round again for the decider!

Talking to one older custodian of some visiting presses led to a deeper

unrealistic insurance value. An old wooden ladder might still be on the register, but in reality be languishing with rotted rungs in a storage shed. An external lavatory block might have an indexed insurance value far in excess of its rebuild cost. ‘Office equipment’ might be an accumulated entry, but how many individual quills, biros or old Amstrad cassette computers still exist, or are usable?

A council needs a resolution in full meeting to delete assets from the register and there are often just too many more pressing calls on a Clerk’s time. Removing a pencil stub, metaphorically speaking, from the records is not a high priority for a busy agenda. The council is now attacking the issue and hoping thereby to reduce the insurance premium.

Councillors revealed at August’s meeting that they had received a further communication from Richborough Estates in connection with the potential development of Bulbery Field (on the left of Duck Street as you leave the village, not the sports field). They will follow their policy of not responding to pre-application approaches from land promoters or developers. Not all villagers agree with this policy and there’s surely more to come on this topic!

At the September meeting, a housing needs report by Action Hampshire was produced for the council’s consideration. This indicates that some twenty households might need affordable housing, and thirty might consider downsizing. Some of the figures relate to the whole parish, rather than just the village. Abbots Ann Vision has suggested a Community Land Trust might be a suitable vehicle to provide this housing. Councillors agreed to hold an Extraordinary Meeting on 26th September, to discuss the concepts and ask questions of experts.

The damaged defibrillator at Burghclere Down has been replaced, and given a new coded, lockable door. The Clerk confirmed the ambulance service supports both locked and unlocked cabinets, but having to telephone 999 to obtain the opening code number means an ambulance will be summoned at the same time and help will already be on its way. There are still the other operational defibrillators, at The Eagle – unlocked, for immediate access – and the Poplar Farm Inn.

Autumn may bring a chance to ‘start over’, yet St Mary’s tercentenary and the cycle of village life reminds us this is a community deeply rooted in history – both Abbots Ann and Little Ann are mentioned in Domesday Book. By contrast, Parish Councils are a modern invention, only coming into existence in 1894 – within the lifetime of my grandfather!

Post scriptum – for those who managed to wade through the last article on procedure at election of Council Chairmen (someone said it read better upside down!), the musings on ‘presidents’ have now been confirmed as correct. Nevertheless, it is in reality but an interesting technicality, as the subsequent signing of the minutes effectively validates the decisions of a meeting.

VIEW FROM THE REAR STALLS

Autumn is sometimes seen as a melancholy time, but the drawing in of the year can bring new opportunities. Children look forward to new subjects, new teachers, new routine. For others, too, it can be (as John and Yoko put it) 'just like starting over'.

One eagerly-anticipated marker of passing summer is the annual pub outing to the Great Dorset Steam Fair, organised by Alan and Kate at The Eagle. The huge campus, set in a shallow circular valley, hosts a plethora of steam engines; showmen's engines; displays of country skills; rural produce stalls; a fairground; live music for all tastes; an abundance of food, beer and cider; and an exuberant gathering of thousands of like-minded folk and waggy dogs. It is reminiscent of the great mediaeval fairs, when peasants, gentry, travellers and tradesmen from far and wide would gather in a tumult of festivity and earthy enjoyment; a frenzied celebration to drain every last drop of freedom and frivolity before returning to their unremitting labours.

The day concludes with Dr Busker (not for the faint-hearted!) in the Real Ale tent, a glorious "hearts of oak" saturnalia of English yeomanry, straight out of Thomas Hardy!

The seasonal markers in the village – fête, Harvest Festival, Bonfire Night – lead to the new Church year, at Advent. This year, however, saw a very special event in the life of our church building and celebrations of the tercentenary spread over the summer. It was apt that, in the same week the Bishop came to celebrate the past, he returned to license a new priest-in-charge – a new era.

With a complete change of personnel, including the Clerk, in the last eighteen months, there is certainly an opportunity for the Parish Council to 'start over' and the Asset Register is providing such an occasion. This register is a list of all the council's purchases over the years. As these are made with public money, the cost remains on record to show the sums disbursed.

Unlike normal accounting practice, the assets of a Parish Council cannot be depreciated to represent their sale value as a used item. Technically, they are 'written off' as soon as bought, i.e. re-sale value is not considered. However, the assets are insured, so that if they are lost or damaged, they can be replaced at no extra expense to the public. The insurers automatically increase the insurance value each year, to take account of inflation.

This has led to some items being shown at their original low cost, yet also with a very high insurance value. Many Parish Councils do not even have the original cost for some assets, particularly for land and buildings. Either it was never known, or the figures have become lost down the decades. In this case, the cost and date of acquisition are simply noted as 'historic'.

Very often, the equipment listed is long since obsolete, or has accumulated an

conversation about our "collection" of bits. Sitting on a tripod milking stool, he leant back and reached for an album which he started to shew me. About half-way through – "whoa!" said I, for there was a press, with a familiar ball and column. My "oracle" retrieved the picture-card from its sleeve and we read the caption – "Science Museum Reserve Collection, Hangar L2".

We talked a bit longer, and then, thanking him, I left, encouraged that we might be making progress. Eventually, we blearily got home, and a day or two later we set about contacting the Science Museum, with a brief outline of why we were enquiring.

They were fascinated, and very helpful with our request to visit the Reserve Collection at Wroughton near Swindon, to see the cyder press. "*Only one small problem*", they said. "*We don't have a cyder press. Have you any more details?*"

We sent them the details I had copied from the cyderist's post-card. A week or two later, came the amused reply. "*That's not a cyder press, it's a sheet press!*"

"Oh," we said. "*Laundry.*"

"No," they said, "*paper-making.*"

Well, we thought to ourselves, modified slightly, a replica would squeeze apples, and they agreed. We made arrangements and the Museum allowed a small party of us to visit in April 2012. Chris Davis, Neil Palmer, Peter Yarlett, Adam Rose and I, duly went, armed with tape measures, cameras and notepads.

Just one of the many hangars houses a vast array of stored artifacts, from jet engines to veteran cars, missiles, and aeroplanes – and a sheet press. We looked at it and gasped. That's BIG! And very heavy. All thoughts of a replica being stored out of season in Chris Davis's barn evaporated. Pictures, notes, sketches and dimensions taken, thanks given to the staff, and it was, quite literally, back to the drawing-board.

The sheet press in the Science Museum collection came from the Oxford University Press, and dates from 1790. Given the striking similarity of our own, it will be interesting to explore more of the contemporary history of our own apparatus. Clearly, it is historic. Initially, we had thought "iron-work, and casting of parts – Taskers", but then Mr Weedon had said he got it from Tadley. Now, the dates don't agree, and Tadley is quite a lot further from Taskers in Anna Valley, than perhaps Tadley is from, for example, Overton, where Portals made paper even for the Bank of England. An interesting thought. Perhaps I should revisit that hedge, just to check there were no other "plates" left behind!

Possibly daunted by the magnitude of a re-creation project and storage of a replica press, Adam had in any case to revert to his own work commitments,

still, between times, contemplating alternative schemes.

Meanwhile, elsewhere in the village...

A month or two later, the Parish Council started to consider adding to the very basic children's play installations – a slide and a couple of swings – in the grounds of the War Memorial Hall, aka the Recreation Ground for Children. The Clerk, Adrian Stokes, gathered brochures and price lists and Cllr Rebecca Bone, a mother of young children and a schoolmistress, volunteered to visit other local village playgrounds and make suggestions of what might be provided here. Her recommendations were gratefully considered and layout of the essentials drafted. Estimates from commercial suppliers were sought. When the estimates came in, the Parish Council was greatly astonished at their size. I commented that the albeit splendid apparatus appeared to be basically very large fence posts and galvanised steel simple fittings. Well within the constructional capabilities of local craftsmen and local workshops, perhaps.

But who would be able to make such a facility, the Parish Council asked. On further thought, we knew just the man. Rebecca and I met Adam, who initially was cautious, given his standing commitments, but given the timetable was enthusiastic.

The funding for the project was to be through the Parish Council but contributions would also come through TVBC. Adrian Stokes, the Clerk, asked how they viewed such a local project and funding it, and they responded very enthusiastically. Just the sort of thing they would like to assist with, especially using a local craftsman.

Once more, some meetings now to refine the design details of the play park were informally convened with Adam, Rebecca, Adrian and me in the lounge of the Abbotts Ann Home of the Origins of All Good Ideas. We discussed the teepees, pick-up sticks, hopping over tyres, and the design of the climbing frame, construction practicalities and safety requirements as specified by RoSPCA/Playsafety, who were also enthusiastically supporting the village initiative and its enterprise.

The children's swing came under discussion, as we relaxed in the warmth of the hostelry. Two substantial softwood posts, a stout crosspiece, galvanized strapping and through-bolts and swing-ropes and an accommodating suspended seat... The silhouette seemed familiar to me. Adam said it reminded him of something, too, and I said, "If that was made of oak..."

"Are you thinking what I'm thinking?" queried Adam. When we stopped laughing, he said, "I'll do some sketches and calculations."

Good as his word, he did. The project, with all authorities' enthusiastic approval, became a reality and it is indeed a very fine and much-enjoyed play park. By children of all ages. It was opened officially by our MP, Sir George

FLOWER, PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the show this year. The number of exhibitors was higher than last year and the number of entries, particularly in the flower, fruit and veg and domestic classes was excellent. The display in the marquee was lovely and several judges commented on the high standard of the entries. The Young Exhibitors section was, unfortunately, not well supported this year although the art and handwriting from the school made, as always, a wonderful display.

Congratulations to this year's winners who are:

Top Vase:	Cecilia Cotton
Top Tray:	James Hocking
Young Exhibitors Award:	Bria Bone
Abbotts Ann Challenge Cup:	Rodney Cotton
Andover Garden Centre Cup:	Brian Stuart
Miller Mundy Prize:	Rodney Cotton
Mrs Thomas King Cup:	Charlotte Pearce
Marjorie Fowles Cup:	Charlotte Pearce
Abbotts Ann Community Cup:	Steve Randall
Threadgill Cup:	Charlotte and Owen Pearce

Best in Show Domestic:	Joscelyn Hocking
Best in Show Art & Craft:	Cindy Rose
Best in Show Eggs:	Paula Grant
Best in Show Vegetables:	James Hocking
Best in Show Fruit:	Abbotts Ann School Gardening Club
Best in Show Flowers:	Rebecca Lawrence-Bristol
Best in Show Young Exhibitors:	Poppy White
Best in Show Photography:	Steve Randall

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! I would like to particularly thank Margaret Hind, John and Julie Moon, Dave Woods, David Read and Kevin Emerson who all stayed on Friday evening to help set up after the very late arrival of the marquee. I would also like to thank Polly Whyte for all her advice and support as always.

Anne Emerson, Show Secretary

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Young, on 20th October 2013, on Abbotts Ann's annual Apple Day. There was, however, one small detail difference in the children's play equipment.

The children's swing was not, that day, a swing as such. The swing seat was replaced by a huge iron screw, capstan-head press and base plates and large formed "cheeses" of apple-pulp for pressing. Sir George enjoyed it enormously, and stayed long, joining in with the happy cyderists despite the pouring rain. He commented: "Never in my parliamentary career have I ever before been asked to open a cyder press."

Thanks to many friends and enthusiastic helpers, Apple Day has grown so much in popularity that the press yielded this year such a quantity of juice which under the experienced capabilities of the Abbotts Ann cyderists, Abbotts Ann Cider Ltd. has been born and its first batch of "DeCider" is on the market.

Apple Day is bringing many happy memories to the grown-ups - most importantly the children will I hope be able to look back on a happy childhood in a special village.

*Now Farmer likens apples to some people that you meet,
The choice ones may be sour and the plain ones may be sweet.
But put 'em all into a press
And give them one big squeeze,
You'll come up with a mixture that is guaranteed to please.*

Bernard Griffiths

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ABBOTTS ANN WI - AUGUST 2016

It never does any harm to have a break from routine, and as much as we enjoy all things WI some of our regular activities have taken a backseat this month, although we have still managed a lunch and a walk.

For a change the lunch group met at the beginning of the month, this time at Wyke Down, for which there was a good response and the walking group did a gentle stroll round Ampot, finishing for a quick bite to eat at The Hawk.

On our calendar in August is usually our summer outing and this year we travelled up the M3 to Syon House, one of the last great houses of London. It has been in the family of the present owners, the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland, for more than 400 years.

Our party was divided into two groups for our tour of this grand house and our guides were certainly knowledgeable - but some of us were rather overloaded with facts by the time we finished some two hours later. Nevertheless, after refreshments at the adjacent Wyevalle Garden Centre we were able to return and enjoy visiting the first floor bedrooms and inner courtyard garden in our own time.

The interior was re-modelled by Robert Adam and took us all by surprise. We learnt about his love of symmetry and some of the tricks he used to create his designs. The grounds are much smaller than they used to be, much has been sold off, but Capability Brown was employed to create the landscaping. There is still a lake to walk around and the Great Conservatory to admire, which is quite something. All the members of staff were so friendly and informative.

The feedback has been positive and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was hard to believe we were barely nine miles from Charing Cross. Thank you to everyone who joined us on this trip, we couldn't have done it without you!

Autumn will be upon us before we know it, but we will be on sparkling form on 27th October, as our guest speaker is Mark Wilson and his topic is Fabergé. As usual 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Sharon King

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On Wednesday September 7th, St Peter's hosted the Licensing service for Katrina.

Bishop David Williams, Archdeacons Richard Brand and Peter Rouch, Assistant Area Dean Rev'd Peter Gilks plus twelve visiting clergy processed through the church led by a seventeen strong choir.

Bishop David thanked our 'team': Rev'd Nicky Judd, Tim Tayler and Peter Eastwood and said he thought they had done an amazing job, a fact we all heartily agreed with!

The churchwardens from all the three churches in the Benefice were on hand together with many volunteers to ensure all went smoothly.

It was a very moving service, with much laughter and reflection. Katrina was welcomed by Maureen Flood our local councillor and the heads from both Abbots Ann school and Clatford school with much pleasure and anticipation as they look forward to working with her in the future.

It was good to meet Katrina's immediate family and the many other family and guests that came to support her over refreshments afterwards.

St Peter's churchwardens would like to thank all who helped with car parking, refreshments, welcoming, seating etc., your help was greatly appreciated.

Jane Eastwood and John Milne. St Peter's Churchwardens.



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Restoration of St Mary's our village church was essential, and urgent, in order for it to continue to be open for all and remain at the centre of our community. I happened to be in the right place at the right time and was happy to be able to lead the project team.

The project started in 2014 and we were able, at the second attempt, to obtain a grant of around a quarter of a million pounds from the Heritage Lottery Fund under their scheme for 'Grants for Places of Worship' which funds urgent structural repairs to Grade I, II* and II listed places of worship in England. Thanks to their funding, and the support of our own St Mary's Building Trust, we were able to restore the roofs, brickwork, stonework and rainwater drainage systems so that the outside of our lovely church should be secure for at least another fifty years.

I and my project team have been only too happy to put something back into our lovely community. I was most surprised and grateful to be the first recipient of the Andrew Liddell Cup, an honour I share with my team.

Thank you.

Gordon Howard



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As usual at this time of year, we are once more overrun with kittens. One poor young cat who came in, pregnant with her fourth litter, gave birth to six kittens and collapsed a few weeks later. She was rushed to the vet and against all odds, with great veterinary care, miraculously survived. We were left with a large bill and six kittens to hand rear.

We are still offering neutering for a donation of £10.

We are unable to run our popular soft toy tombola due to a shortage of soft toys. If you have some that you no longer need, clean and in new condition, please call our 'items for resale' number.



Bertie, the September cat has found his forever home. Fortunately his friend Belinda doesn't seem too perturbed at being left alone in the pen and is still happily playing with her piece of string.

Minky is a 6 year old tabby with white paws. She is very loving but timid. She gets on very well with her companion **Nuzzy**, who is a black, two year old female so it would be nice if they could be homed together.

Martin Bevan

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Shop Manager: Tim Abram

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Sub Post Mistress: Maureen Flood

October 2016

Cakes

We have a new name on our 'homemade' cakes – Dandelion – the baker is the same person but is now a separate company. Taste, who have provided cakes for us over several years, have now shifted their business more into catering. Fresh cakes are still delivered on Wednesday afternoons. If you would like to order a cake for a special occasion then please speak to Tim well in advance.

Apple Juice 2015

Our 2015 Abbots Ann Apple juice has now been reduced to £2.30 and we still have available some Abbots Ann Cider.

Peppermint Chocolates

Did you watch Country File on Sunday 4th September? Well, the peppermint chocolates featured on that programme are available in our village shop.

New look

Have you noticed our new look? We have gone green both inside and out. Quite refreshing!

Pizza Night

Remember that we stay open until 7.00 pm every Friday night, with one Friday per month being our Pizza night.

Order your Pizza for

Friday 14th October - 1700 to 1900

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

*Elizabeth Howard
Shop Volunteer & Committee Member*

ABBOTTS ANN POST OFFICE

Latest recommended posting dates for Christmas delivery.

Royal Mail delivers up to 1 billion parcels and 16 billion letters a year to over 29 million addresses, 6 days a week.

Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year so make sure you send your letters and parcels by the latest recommended posting dates.

UK

Tuesday 20th December - 2nd Class and 2nd Class Signed For

Wednesday 21st December - 1st Class and 1st Class Signed For

Thursday 22nd December - Special Delivery Guaranteed

International - Economy (Surface Mail)

Wednesday 28th September - All non - European destinations except Middle East, South Africa, Far East, Canada

Thursday 29th September - Middle East and Far East (except Hong Kong and Singapore)

Thursday 13th October - South Africa, Hong Kong, Singapore, USA, Canada

Thursday 3rd November - Eastern Europe, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Malta, Iceland

Thursday 17th November - Western Europe

Christmas Stamps 2016

Christmas Stamps will be on sale from 8th November

This year's set of Christmas stamps from Royal Mail celebrates some of the key traditions of a UK Christmas: decorating the Christmas tree, making a snowman, hanging out a stocking, eating a Christmas pudding and lighting a Christmas lantern. It also includes a Robin redbreast which is synonymous with our Christmas and which has a strong association with sending and receiving cards and messages. Its appearance on cards was inspired by the red coats worn by postmen in Victorian times.

More Stamps

Mr Men Special Stamps on sale 20th October 2016-09-15

In 2016 Royal Mail will celebrate the work of Roger Hargreaves, the creator of Mr Men and Little Miss, one of the most iconic series of children's characters ever created. Successful series of books and TV cartoons have been enjoyed by generations since the birth in 1971 of Mr Tickle, Mr Happy and the rest of the characters. 2016 marks the 45th anniversary of Roger Hargreaves' creation

Maureen Flood - Sub Post Mistress