

BENEFICE DIARY - SEPTEMBER 2015

1 Sept	(Tues)	7.00pm Goodworth Clatford Parish Council meets in GCVC
2 Sept	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
3 Sept	(Thurs)	10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning 7.00pm Abbotts Ann Parish Council meets in AA Memorial Hall.
		7.00pm Hand Bell Ringing Session at St Mary's Church. <i>Revised date.</i>
5 Sept	(Sat)	ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE FETE, PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW.
6 Sept	(Sun)	1.00pm All Saints', wedding of Aly Wright and Rob Targett. <i>(The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity)</i> St Mary's Patronal Festival. Full service details – page 2
8 Sept	(Tues)	8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
9 Sept	(Wed)	12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.
		7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall
12 Sept	(Sat)	Hampshire and the Islands Historic Churches Trust sponsored "Ride and Stride Day".
13 Sept	(Sun)	<i>(The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity)</i> Full service details – page 2 3.00pm St Mary's, Andover, Countess of Brecknock Hospice 25th Anniversary Celebration and Remembrance P21 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
15 Sept	(Tues)	12.00 Noon Deadline for receipt of copy for the October 2015 Abbotts Ann Magazine. editor@abbottsanmagazine.co.uk
		7.30pm Goodworth Clatford WI meets in GCVC
16 Sept	(Wed)	7.30pm Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall.
		7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
18 Sept	(Fri)	Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group.
20 Sept	(Sun)	<i>(The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity)</i> Full service details – page 2
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
21 Sept	(Mon)	7.30pm Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, UC Village Hall page 7
23 Sept	(Wed)	7.45pm Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in UC Memorial Hall. P 11
		7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
24 Sept	(Thurs)	7.30pm Abbotts Ann WI meets in Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall.
26 Sept	(Sat)	"Swan Song at The Old Rectory" – piano recital by Nicholas Walker. P13 Chris Walker & the Pedigree Jazz Band, UC War Memorial Hall,
		10.00-5.00pm Wallop Artists Exhibition page 4
27 Sept	(Sun)	<i>(The Seventeen Sunday after Trinity)</i> Full service details – page 2
		8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
		10.00-5.00pm Wallop Artists Exhibition page 4
29 Sept	(Tues)	Film Show at Goodworth Clatford Village Club.
30 Sept	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
		OCTOBER 2015
3 Oct	(Sat)	2.00pm Apple Day, AAWMH Page 8 and Page 19
4 Oct	(Sun)	6.00pm St Mary's Harvest Festival and Supper Page 6
16 Oct	(Fri)	7.30pm My Tutu's gone AWOL Page 9

For magazine deadlines please refer to the Benefice Diary.

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN AUGUST 2015

Please note change of services and times at all churches.

Date:

St Mary's Duties:

Sunday 30th August
10.00 Benefice Eucharist

Sunday 6th September
8.00 Holy Communion
10.00 Eucharist
10.00 Family Service
11.30 Baptism George James Terry
18.00 Evensong

Sunday 13th September
8.00 Holy Communion
9.30 Eucharist
11.15 Matins
18.00 Evensong

Sunday 20th September
8.00 Holy Communion
10.00 Eucharist &
Baptism Edward John Beckingham
10.00 Family Service
18.00 Evensong

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

13th Sunday after Trinity
All Saints (NJ, TT, PE + CH)

14th Sunday after Trinity
St Peter's (NJ)
All Saints' (CH)
St Peter's (NJ)
St Mary's (PE) Mrs S Dashwood

15th Sunday after Trinity
All Saints' (NJ)
St Mary's (NJ + CH) Mr/Mrs G Howard
St Peter's (NJ + CH)
St Mary's (Lay led) (PE) Mrs S Dashwood

16th Sunday after Trinity
St Mary's (NJ) Mrs N Keene
St Peter's (NJ)
St Mary's (Lay led) Mrs S George
All Saints' (TT)

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

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

*Revd Nicky Judd (NJ) Tim Tayler (TT) Peter Eastwood (PE)



Enquiries 01256-892019 or www.andovercats.org.uk
Stories of rescued cats adrianne.major@hotmail.co.uk
Fund-raising/volunteers adrianne.major@hotmail.co.uk
Items for resale 01256-892773

We have been very lucky recently in finding a new fosterer and a double pen is currently being installed in her garden. This means that we can take in and re-home two more cats from our lengthy waiting list. We would be happy to speak to anyone else who is interested in fostering. The time commitment is not excessive and all expenses are paid.

We had great fun with our soft toy tombola stalls at both the Worldwide Whitchurch Weekend and St Mary Bourne Fete. The weather was fine for both and although the proceeds from neither were great we always enjoy being out and about meeting the cat-loving public.

Liono, our August cat, is now living in a quiet home in Basingstoke with a single lady.



Mozza is a very large, very placid, middle aged, black and white cat. He has come into care through no fault of his own and is looking for a new home where he will get lots of love and attention. He is rather depressed at the moment and the two highlights of his day are when his pouch of Felix arrives.

Martin Bevan

AQUAFIT AT FARLEIGH SCHOOL

Mondays 10.15 - 11.00 am
Starting 7th September
Tuesdays 7.15 - 8.00 pm
Starting 8th September



Further details email roslynswim@hotmail.co.uk



We are looking to change the pricing to make it more viable so it will be £6.00 per week if you pay as you go or £38.50 for the term of 7 weeks (£5.50 per session)

Would you like to join the Magazine Team?

We are looking for someone to volunteer to manage our annual advertising which is a vital role in the success of our publication.

The commitment is approximately ten hours over a six week period, mid-March to mid-May.

The hours are fully flexible as required.

Basic computer skills are necessary and help given if needed



If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please contact the Editor on 710630

Dear Friends,

As a teacher, I am programmed to think of September as a time for new beginnings. This year, that is appropriate for our church life, too. I am becoming aware of a groundswell of energy in all three of our villages and I am praying for a blossoming of ministries right across the Benefice. There are so many opportunities: within our churches it would be lovely to have more volunteers to be sidespeople, to read the lessons, to read the prayers of intercession, to serve at the altar, to be Eucharistic assistants, to sing in the choir, to help with children's work, to be on the coffee rota, to consider training to be a lay leader of worship, to arrange flowers or to be a Holy Duster among other things. Administrative help is always welcome, too. In the wider community there are also lots of possibilities like helping in our village shops, becoming a school governor (if you have the needed skills to fill the vacancies that arise), hearing children read in our schools (subject to the required checks, of course), being involved in the annual fêtes, school fund-raising activities and many more. This all sounds very busy and that does reflect how our lives are, both inside and outside the church building. However, there are other things that are also necessary – one is taking time to be still before God and a second is taking time to listen to other people. Into this somewhat traditional mix there is also always a need for the visionary and the ideas person who might challenge us, but who might also be speaking the word to which we most need to pay attention.

Recently I heard someone say, “If my local church wants me to attend and also wants me to give it money, my question is, ‘Why should I give my time and my money to this church?’” This was not a reaction given with disdain, but actually a genuine question which we might do well to consider in our own contexts. It seems to me that our task is both to build up each church congregation to become a confident and visible part of the body of Christ *and* to reach out into each village community in our calling to care for our neighbour. The way we do the latter will speak volumes about the health of the former.

Yours in Christ,

Nicky

Fifth Sundays

The Churchwardens and Ministry Team have decided to try holding just one service on a fifth Sunday in the hope that this will be an occasion when all congregations will come together under one roof. This month All Saints will host the Benefice Eucharist at 10am. On subsequent fifth Sundays, this service will take place in the other churches in turn. This is for a trial period

PILOTING GROWING BRIDGEBUILDERS

As a rural benefice we have been invited to take part in a pilot of a new training course, *Growing Bridgebuilders*, which is to run in the autumn of 2015. It is a course designed to train participants in the better handling of tension, disagreement and 'conflict' (in the widest sense) in church life and beyond.

The resource is being written by Bridge Builders, who have been providing similar training for church leaders for nearly 20 years. It will be published jointly with the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS), who have experience with producing similar types of resources, and it will run nationwide.

The overall aim is to help churches better reflect the reconciling purposes of God in the world, and to promote a church culture of handling tensions in a more Christian manner. The course objectives are:

- To transform how participants think about tension and conflict, including thinking more faithfully in keeping with the Christian Gospel;
- To raise participants' awareness of how they approach tension and conflict, how others may approach it differently, and the way our families shape our approach; and
- To equip participants with some practical skills and frameworks for improving how they handle disagreement, tension and conflict, especially in church life (but with relevance to many contexts).

Churchgoers and non-churchgoers are equally welcome to take part. The course will run on four Saturdays, from 9.00am until 1.00pm, on 17th and 24th October and 7th and 28th November.

After each session of the pilot, participants will be asked for their feedback.

The course leaders will be the Revd. David Read, from Abbotts Ann, and the Revd. Jenny Ellis, from Laverstoke. Both are Methodist ministers and experienced course leaders.

Please speak to Tim Tayler or Nicky Judd if you would like to know more.

TT & NJ

WALLOP ARTISTS EXHIBITION 2015 **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 26TH AND 27TH SEPTEMBER**

The Exhibition will be held in the Wallops Parish Hall

from 10am to 5pm each day,

Refreshments will be served throughout the exhibition and there will be a raffle.

home port on duty as a troop ship. She was not difficult to find, as her funnels reared way above the surrounding buildings. We rushed to her berth to gaze at her; her wartime uniform of drab camouflage paintwork could not diminish her majestic presence as we peered up her enormous sides. There was no security, as the crew were too busy celebrating.

It was dawn before we crawled up the stairs to bed, conscious that we had another leg of our journey to complete that day. Our next stop was Ryde. After the usual meagre supper we headed for the beach. A full moon rose over the Solent and turned the sea to silver, so that we could make out hundreds of small boats ahead of us on the water as we splashed into the surf.

The boat owners must have been hoarding rockets, maroons and flares all through the war, and now these began to crackle and fizz above us as we splashed and giggled, their reflections in the water doubling the spectacle. It was completely spontaneous and disorganised, and all the better for that. I had never seen anything like it in all my childhood. Like kite-flying and bell-ringing, fireworks had been strictly forbidden 'for the duration'. My first and most memorable firework display marked the day when the world turned hopeful again.

Veronica Rustica

COUNTESS OF BRECKNOCK HOSPICE **25th Anniversary** **Service of Celebration and Remembrance**

The service, to be held at St Mary's Church Andover on Sunday 13th September, will be a celebration of all that the Hospice has achieved and acknowledge the support of so many who have helped us to evolve and develop over the past quarter of a century. A perfect opportunity to recognise the dedication of the staff and volunteers and to give thanks to the local community for their tireless fund raising and generous donations.

It is our vision that the Hospice will continue to thrive, to look forward and embrace future changes and challenges in palliative care, whilst always remaining committed to providing compassion and comfort to help each individual patient, their family, friends and carers.

All are welcome to attend the service, which will commence at 3.00pm and be followed by tea and cake.

COUNTRYWOMAN'S CORNER

VJ Day 1945

Just after midnight my sisters and I were blasted awake by ear-shattering bangs and explosions. It was 1945 and we had grown up with nightly air-raids, so - breathless and shaking with fright - we shot out of bed, grabbed our coats and looked around frantically for shelter. Then our landlady appeared in curlers and dressing-gown, delirious with excitement. Mr Attlee, the Prime Minister, had announced at midnight that the war with the Japanese had ended with their surrender. It was August 14th 1945 and six years of war were finally over.

Linking arms, we girls rushed out into the Southampton streets. It was glorious mayhem. The deafening racket came from spontaneous celebrations rocking the whole city as the wonderful news spread like wildfire. The streets were thronged with people dancing, swigging beer, letting off firework, singing whatever song came into their head (mainly 'There'll always be an England' or 'Rule Britannia'), or simply screaming their heads off. Everyone seemed to be on the move, running, jumping or dancing.

Although the streets were teeming with joyously drunken sailors and soldiers, we were not in the least scared among that friendly swaying, chanting throng. I remember holding my breath as a very tipsy sailor shinned up a 60ft flagpole to plant a beer bottle on the top. I recall only one alarming scene, when out of sheer joie de vivre, a crowd overturned a car and set light to it, dancing round this impromptu bonfire and throwing petrol on the flames.

I had never seen anything like it. I was 13 and on my first summer holiday. With the war in Europe over and the roads finally free of long columns of military vehicles, my elder sisters and I decided to cycle from our home in Sussex to the Isle of Wight, staying in youth hostels - where bunk beds and basic ration were available for 5 shillings a night - along the way. We were staying at one such place in Southampton the night the war ended.

Earlier that day we'd pedalled wearily down The Avenue, the devastation from earlier air-raids stretching as far as we could see. Almost every building had been flattened, with only the odd wall or chimney still upright, except for the old Bargate standing square and defiant, symbolising the city's survival.

It's the sounds of VJ Day that I'll never forget. The thundering booms and guttural whoops rising above the cheering in the streets as every ship in that naval town hooted its siren in triumph. Even one ship giving tongue is a mighty sound, but to hear dozens all at once is the most awe-inspiring peace-time noise.

Soaring above them all, and drawing us down to the dockside was the deep bass voice of the Queen Mary, the largest liner in the world, just back in her

ST LUKE THE STORYTELLER

On Advent Sunday the new Church year begins and it will be the Year of Luke, when many of the Sunday readings will be taken from his Gospel account of the life of Jesus. Sunday 18th October is St Luke's Day. This gives me an opportunity to attempt something I have long wanted to do and that is to read a whole Gospel out loud in one sitting. In our Sunday services, we hear small portions of Scripture, but do not get the full impact of the whole Gospel. It is this latter that I would like us to experience. Please join me at All Saints' Church in Upper Clatford at 3.00pm on 18th October to hear how St Luke unfolds his story of Jesus. There will be tea in the Meadow Room afterwards and, for those who wish, Evensong follows at 6.00pm. I am hoping that you will be able to support this event not only with your presence, but also with a donation. All proceeds will be shared, with half going to the Benefice churches and half to the Countess of Brecknock Hospice in Andover.

NJ

HAND BELLS

We had our first meeting of the hand bell ringers on Thursday 6th August. We were very pleased to welcome Jerry and Margaret Veale, Tom and Ben Wardman and Penny Ealand.

The majority of us were just getting the feel of the bells but we felt very proud as we progressed from rounds to playing a little tune!!

We plan to meet on the first Thursday of every month in the church 6.50 to 7.30 pm. However we may meet more regularly so please keep in touch with our tower captain Dudley Alleway dudleyalleway@talktalk.net We would still love to see more people who would like to have a go!

Alex Pugh

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:

28 Aug - 10 Sep
11 Sep - 24 Sep
25 Sep - 8 Oct
9 Oct - 22 Oct
23 Oct - 5 Nov
6 Nov - 19th Nov

Flowers:

Gwen Pollard
Pamela Graham
Harvest Festival
Anne Jones
Sylvia Burson
Elizabeth Howard
(Remembrance Sunday)

Dusting:

Ann Hopwood
Audrey Cresswell
Helen Stuart
Biz Shaw
Dee Howarth
Hannedore Whitcomb

From The Registers

Holy Baptism

At St Peter's on 19th July the Baptisms of Matilda Daisy Hay and Charlotte Ella Hay took place.

Holy Matrimony

At All Saints on 1st August the wedding of Caroline Jakeman and Andrew Young took place.

At St Mary's on 1st August the wedding of Katie Burrows and Cameron Wright took place

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 4th 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 will be put 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

HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

Once again we shall take part in the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust sponsored "Ride and Stride". This year it will take place on Saturday 12th September.

You can cycle, walk or run choosing safe country lanes, visiting our lovely interesting churches.

Come and join us for a very enjoyable day out.

Half the money we raise will go to help maintain our own church St Mary's.

All details and sponsorship forms are available from Pat Balam, Cygnet Cottage, Tel: 710040.

Pat Balam

house before suddenly turning back to the field and swooping down towards the other bird that is now in the middle of the field. The second bird is black - a crow I think. Both birds then fly off in different directions and I can only surmise that they were fighting over food - some unsuspecting rodent or small bird. It is all over very quickly, leaving me under the deepening midnight blue of the sky, to marvel at the wonders of nature.

Mother of the Tribe - www.lifewiththetribe.com

APPLE DAY **SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2.00PM ONWARDS** **WAR MEMORIAL HALL, ABBOTTS ANN**

Apple Cake competition Bring your specially-baked appley 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 14th-28th 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, 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 or jo_david@talktalk.net. You will be rewarded by the satisfied looks on the faces of lots of villagers!

David Read

LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - JULY 2015

July 1st is glorious. The morning brings clear, blue skies and the promise of the hottest day of the year. I love days like this although they are too few in the UK and I wish that the Tribe were not at school. Early in the day our garden birds are feeding, but as the warmth increases they stay in the shade as much as possible. Not so for our overseas visitors. The swifts, house martins and swallows love the heat as it ensures an abundant supply of flying insects. They soar high over the fields and are a delight to watch although it can often be easy to confuse them. The highest, fastest and largest fliers are the swifts who, in fact, are part of another family. They even sleep as they fly. Swifts can be seen flying in flocks but never perched. They are plain brown all over, often appearing black when they are high in the sky, with a pale throat, their tail is a short fork and their wings are long and scythe like. I think that swallows are the easiest to recognise with their glossy, blue black backs, white belly and underwings, red throat and long forked tail. They are the lowest of the fliers and delight the Tribe in the pool as they swoop down to take a quick drink! They are also the birds that we see lined up on telegraph wires chattering away to each other. Finally, house martins although similar to swallows with their blue black head and white underbelly, their neck is white and their tail is a short fork. House martins fly in between the high swifts and the low swallows. All of them are an utter joy - one of our favourite summer sights and on this first day of July they are in abundance above the field.

This hot and sultry day is deliciously long and languid. When I collect the Boy from the station in the early evening, his sun-kissed face is beaming with pride as he presents me with a good sized, freshly caught trout! Not bad for an afternoon learning to fly fish! It is barbecued a couple of days later and is utterly delicious. School is not just about academia!!

Despite the arrival of high temperatures, one of our ash trees is only just coming into flower. It is a bizarre sight with the rest of the garden and hedgerows a dark, lush green. The field is full of grasses and wild flowers, but the dreaded ragwort is pushing through and early in the month, Father of the Tribe has the field topped. The Tribe are furious as they love the pathway that is cut up to the top of the field - the perfect spot for watching the sun go down. As they walk along it, dozens of butterflies fly up around them. But they don't have to do battle with ragwort and taking it down before it flowers will prevent it from self seeding. And the meadow grasses and flowers will return quickly enough. Lavender has also grown magnificently this year and with it, we are delighted to see that with the profusion of lavender flowers, dozens of bees appear. Occasionally, we find one that is utterly exhausted, so we carefully carry it out of harm's way, and putting it on a lavender flower in order that its energy can return.

The most extraordinary thing that I see this month happens one evening while it is just about still light. Alongside the edge of the field behind the house, I notice two largish birds having a bit of a kerfuffle. As one flies towards the house, I realise that it's a barn owl. It swoops silently, low and close to the

ABBOTTS ANN VISION COUNTRYSIDE GROUP



This year has been a busy one for the Countryside Group.

Two nature walks were held: in May we visited Bridge Meadow to see the damp-loving plants growing in the old water meadows and also looked at the numerous species of wild plants in the churchyard wildflower meadow and in the churchyard itself, and in July we enjoyed a walk through fields at the edge of the village, full of late summer flowers and butterflies. In May a well-attended evening footpath walk took us around some of our local paths.

Two further visits were made to the local cress beds, courtesy of Ron Bainbridge and Vitacress: in June we were given the low-down on the history and practice of watercress growing, and in July we learnt about stream ecology and observed some of the local moths and bats.

Also in June, on a guided visit to Saxley Farm, Matthew Read gave us a fascinating insight into arable farming and the machinery involved in this. We also saw his biomass boiler and a solar farm with the panels underplanted with a carpet of wild flowers.

In the meantime, work has continued in conjunction with HCC on the lengthy process of getting the Old Coach Road recorded on the definitive map as a right of way. Thanks to all those who filled in forms giving evidence of usage over many years. A permissive path from the garden centre to the Hexagon, which will provide a safe and pleasant route into Andover for pedestrians and also link up with other local paths, is in the process of establishment and it is hoped to open it within the next month; please look out for notices of an inaugural walk on the village email and on posters. The possibility of another permissive path from Abbotts Ann Down through Saxley Farm is under discussion.

We have also been looking after the churchyard wildflower meadow, in conjunction with the Fun Club and Abbotts Ann Green Action.

Your small Countryside Group committee cannot however continue this level of activity without more help. So, if you have enjoyed any of last year's and this year's activities, please consider whether you could lend a hand. We would particularly like to hear from anyone who would be willing to organise an indoor meeting in autumn 2016 (email julie.moon@care4free.net).

Julie Moon, Abbotts Ann Vision Countryside Group





ABBOTTS ANN PARISH COUNCIL

ABBOTTS ANN PARISH COUNCIL IS LOOKING FOR A
SUITABLE CANDIDATE

FOR THE POST OF
**CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE
FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Parish Council is on the first tier of local government, with the purpose of maintaining and enhancing life in the village of Abbotts Ann.

The post is part-time, for 15 hours per week, working from home. Working hours are flexible, but you must be able to attend meetings a minimum of one evening per month.

As Proper Officer for the Council, the Clerk manages council business, assisting and advising councillors in all aspects of local government administration and ensuring they comply with their legal and financial obligations. The successful candidate will also be the Council's Finance Officer (Responsible Financial Officer – RFO), managing all aspects of the Council's finances. Experience in local government is desirable but not essential.

Applicants should be computer-literate, experienced in the use of spreadsheets and accounts, and have proven organisational and administrative skills. They should hold, or be willing to study to achieve, the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA).

Salary will be £11-£14 per hour, depending on experience.

Two references will be required.

For further details, please contact Mr Bernard Griffiths (Chairman) at clrbgriffiths@gmail.com.

Please apply in writing to the Chairman, as above, with C.V.

Applications close at 5.00 pm on 15th September 2015

Interviews will take place on 18th and 19th September.

Abbotts Ann Village Fete

**Saturday
5th September 1pm**

at Bulbery
Playing Field

Entrance: adults £1, children FREE!

Live music from 8pm

- Festival of Motoring
- Donkey Rides
- Mini Olympics
- Ferret Roulette
- BBQ, teas, cakes and beer tent
- Produce and craft show
- Games and children's rides
- Bouncy castle & Circus skills
- Comedy tightrope act
- Stalls AND MORE!



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

FOR SALE, WANTED, OR SERVICES IN ABBOTTS ANN ON FACEBOOK!

A new Facebook group has been set up for the Abbotts Ann community. The group called, 'For Sale, Wanted, or Services in Abbotts Ann' is for people in and around Abbotts Ann who have things to sell such as child car seats or bikes that are too big for Ebay, or they would simply like to sell their items locally. It is also a place to post when you are after something - for example a post could be; 'Does anyone in the village have a spare suitcase I could borrow for my holiday this year!'

The group is also a place to advertise services like child minding, gardening, dog walking - available or wanted. It is also the ideal place to advertise local events - like art classes, jumble sales or concerts.

We believe an online group like this could be ideal for Abbotts Ann. These sites have proven popular and successful in other local villages and so we wanted to give it a try! It is free to use, free to post on and good way of connecting with our community.

Just go to Facebook and search for: For Sale, Wanted, or Services in Abbotts Ann or use this URL: www.facebook.com/groups/122577861418805/

As a reward for reading our very long article in the last edition, this month I will be brief and to the point.

The Supper Club went further afield and met at The Plough in Sparsholt and enjoyed excellent food on a warm summer's evening. It was a very busy venue and we had our own little room - maybe our reputation goes before us as we can be quite raucous. A few days later the more sedate Lunch Club met at the Abbotts Mitre in Chilbolton and enjoyed catching up with all their news.

This month's meeting was a social evening in the form of a beetle drive and our demon dice thrower with the highest score was Cecilia Cotton. Later in the evening there was champagne and cake to celebrate this year's centenary of the WI in the UK.

It will be a question of "where did you get that hat" at this month's meeting, as The Clothes Shop in Newbury are going to share The History of Hats with us. Date: 24th September 2015. Time 7.30 pm. Venue: Abbotts Ann Village Hall.

Sharon King

**Ready
Steady
Bake!**



Abbotts Ann Fete 5th September

The **cake stall** is always a must visit stall and we rely on the generosity of village bakers to provide our cakes.

Can you help us by baking a cake to sell on the day?

Please bring it along on the day or we can collect.

Phone Valerie on 710256

Elizabeth Howard

Shop Volunteer & Committee Member

ABBOTTS ANN POST OFFICE

Interesting Times

New customers can shop interest-free for more than two years with the Post Office market-leading matched credit card offer. As from 17th August 2015 we're offering 0% on all purchases for 25 months as long as you buy something in the first three months. Other benefits include 0% on balance transfers for 16 months, no annual fee, no cash fee to buy travel money at the Post Office and free purchase protection insurance.

Rugby World Cup Stamp Issue - 18th September

On Friday 18th September England will kick off the eighth Rugby World Cup. 20 of the world's best International Rugby Union teams will take part in a tournament that will be televised to an audience of billions throughout the world, culminating with a final that will take place on 31st October. Rugby is a huge game in the UK with England alone accounting for almost 2000 separate clubs and over 1 million regular participants. Fierce rivalry between the British home nations ensures that all international games are well attended and keenly followed.

Royal Mail Loss Claim Improvement

Customers can claim for missing post sooner now Royal Mail has cut the number of days until items are classed as lost. For 1st Class and 2nd Class items including Royal Mail Signed For, it's down from 15 working days after the due delivery date to 10, and for Special Delivery Guaranteed it's now five working days instead of 10.

Maureen Flood

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP RIDE-LONDON 100 IN AID OF THE EPILEPSY SOCIETY

Thankyou to everyone who kindly sponsored me for my Ride London-Surrey event on 2nd August.

The ride was really enjoyable - 100 miles on a closed route all around London and Surrey finishing up on The Mall.

26000 cyclists so you had to have your wits about you...
So far the sum raised is £763 with a little more to collect..

I plan to close the page in a couple of weeks but if anyone still wishes to donate this is the link;
<https://www.justgiving.com/AndrewScarborough/>

Andrew Scarborough



ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

Shop Manager: Tim Abram

Deputy Shop Manager: Carol Murphy

Sub Post Mistress: Maureen Flood

September 2015

Village Fete

The Shop will be having a special stall at Abbotts Ann's Village Fete on Saturday 5th September. Our Manager, Tim, will be demonstrating his cooking expertise with products all available in the shop. Truly a stall not to be missed! Also, don't forget to buy your raffle tickets for the Gallon of Whiskey – on sale in the Shop at only £1 per ticket.

Local Produce

We now have a large selection of local produce available in the Shop. There is no need to rush off to the market. Buy your speciality local products in Abbotts Ann.

Quails Eggs from Frenches Farm – they are delicious when hard boiled, rolled in celery salt or just with a sprinkle of black pepper.

Wines from Somborne Valley – Red, Rosé and White. Also, sparkling Rosé from **Cottonworth**.

Parsonage Farm (Upton) are supplying snack Salami (£1) and large Salami (£3.50).

Artisan Dairy Cheese (Chilbolton) are supplying three cheeses:- Soft Blue, Traditional Cheddar and Lychwood (a nutty, crumbly cheddar tyoe).

Water Buffalo products (Broughton) are proving to be very popular. We now stock Sausages, Burgers, Mince and Steaks.

Garden Produce

A reminder – A big thank you for the garden produce you have already supplied to the Shop (tomatoes, beans, courgettes etc.). It flies off the shelf. Please keep it coming. We would be delighted to accept your surplus produce.

Also, the Shop will be delighted to receive your surplus apples in the autumn so that we can get apple juice produced again. Last year's supply was so popular and we would like, if possible, to produce more this time. Please leave them at the Shop, or if you need help with the picking, speak to Tim or Carol who will arrange picking/collection. We hope to produce cider this year as well as apple juice.

**Enjoy the rest of the Summer and
keep on buying local produce at Your local Shop.**

CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB

David Beeson, who has spoken at our meetings in the past, was luckily able to step in when the booked speaker was unable to attend. He talked on the same topic, namely, 'Wild Flowers on your Doorstep.' Firstly, he outlined the importance of local geology, and hence soils, on the distribution of wild plants. Chalky soils, common in our area, are very thin and lack humus, and plants that can thrive under these conditions are known as "calcicoles" and include rock roses, fine grasses, birdsfoot trefoil and wild Clematis (Old Man's Beard). Water in these areas is often in short supply, so rock roses, for example grow near to the ground, have a thick, small leaves and a small number of stomata (pores), all of which cut down the rate of water loss. Juniper, hawthorn and blackthorn can also survive under these conditions. Chalk supports several species of orchid such as the Spotted Orchid and The Pyramidal Orchid, orchids can in fact be seen at Picket Twenty around the A303. On the top of some chalk hills are found clay soils which form when acidic rain washes out the calcium carbonate, trees growing in these areas include Sycamore, Oak and wild pear and apple (there is one wild pear on Danebury Hill)

In the valleys are waterlogged areas, where again plants show adaptations to these particular circumstances. Here there is no shortage of water so the leaves of many plants bear numerous stomata on their upper, exposed surface. The water crowfoot lives in fast moving rivers and streams, and has very fine leaves which reduces friction and it holds its flowers well above the surface of the water. Examples of woodland plants in the area: dog's mercury, wood sorrel and primroses.

David emphasised the importance of wild plants to wildlife. For example caterpillars are only able to feed off plants if they have the ability to detoxify the toxins found within a plant. Thus if a plant species disappears so does the butterfly or moth that feeds on it. In fact all wild plants contain toxins but often in very small amounts. The two most toxic British plants are Deadly Nightshade and Monkshood. Throughout the talk he gave numerous examples of where many of these plants can be seen locally, so we all need to keep our eyes open.

At the end of the evening he was thanked for filling in at short notice and giving such an interesting talk.

Since the June meeting there has been a successful BBQ and a visit to Hidcote Gardens. An evening visit to The Hyde, Old Alresford is planned for September.

Meetings take place in upper Clatford Village Hall at 7.45 pm. The September Meeting is on the 23rd when Thomas Stone will talk on Mottisfont Roses and their Underplanting. Everybody welcome.

Village Fete Flower, Produce & Craft Show : Saturday 5th September

ONLY A FEW DAYS TO GO!

Don't forget to complete your entry forms for the show. All entries must be brought to the Show Marquee by 10.30 as competitors need to leave by 10.45 in order for the judging to start. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

**Entry forms to be delivered to Anne Emerson,
1 Warren Drive.
Any queries please call 710851**

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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A SWAN SONG CONCERT A PIANO RECITAL GIVEN BY NICHOLAS WALKER

Nicholas Walker, "a prodigy of awesome technical fluency backed by exceptional artistry" (London Evening Standard), studied at the Royal Academy of Music and the Moscow Conservatoire. Winner of the first Newport International Piano competition, he has performed with major British Orchestras, given recitals worldwide, and recorded for the BBC, BMG, ASV, Chandos and Danacord. In 2010 he organised the Balakirev Centenary concerts in London.

Saturday 26th September at the Old Rectory

The Concert will include Schubert and Beethoven
Black Tie
Drinks at 6.15pm
Recital at 7.30pm - Followed by Dinner
Tickets £30 - Strictly Limited



In aid of St Mary's Church

Mrs J R Benson
The Old Rectory
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I would like Tickets for the Piano Recital at £30 each and enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to The PCC of St Mary's Abbotts Ann

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