

22 Sept	(Thurs)	7.30pm Bellringing practice St Mary's 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's
24 Sept	(Sat)	10.00 to 5.00pm Wallop Artists' Exhibition, Page 11 10.00 to 12.00 noon "How Can You Save on your Heating Bills", in Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall – Page 12
25 Sept	(Sun)	Goodworth Clatford Riverside Walk and Riverside Rest task day. (The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity) – full service details page 2 including Harvest Eucharist, 11.00 am at All Saints' followed by Barbecue. 10.00 to 5.00pm Wallop Artists' Exhibition, Page 11
28 Sept	(Wed)	8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC 7.45pm Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in UC Memorial Hall.
29 Sept	(Thurs)	12.30 to 3.00pm Be Healthy and Independent Page 9 5.30 to 6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. 7.30pm Abbotts Ann WI meets in Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall. 7.30pm Bellringing practice St Mary's
30 Sept	(Fri)	7.30pm "Victor and Albert – An A-Z of Britain" in AA WM Hall. Page 13 OCTOBER 2016
1 Oct	(Sat)	1.00pm Jumble Sale Abbotts Ann Primary School Hall, Page 23 "Russia and Europe – What Next?" at Goodworth Clatford Village Club.
2 Oct	(Sun)	(The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity) – including Harvest Festival at St Peter's, 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
3 Oct	(Mon)	12.30pm Way Inn Lunch at St Peter's.
5 Oct	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
6 Oct	(Thurs)	10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Charity Coffee Morning at GCVC 7.00pm Abbotts Ann Parish Council meets in AA War Memorial Hall 5.30 to 6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. 7.30pm Bellringing Practice St Mary's
8 Oct	(Sat)	7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's 2.00pm Apple Day, AA WM Hall Page 25
9 Oct	(Sun)	7.30pm Voices from Syria, St Peter's Church, Page 21 (The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity)
11 Oct	(Tues)	8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
12 Oct	(Wed)	12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.
13 Oct	(Thurs)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC 7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall 5.30 to 6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. 7.30pm Bellringing Practice St Mary's
15 Oct	(Sat)	7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's 12.00noon Deadline for receipt of copy for the November 2016 Abbotts Ann Magazine editor@abbottsanmagazine.co.uk

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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN SEPTEMBER 2016

Please note change of services and times at all churches.

Date:

Sunday 4th September

08.00 Said Holy Communion
10.00 Sung Eucharist
10.00 Family Service
17.00 Tercentenary Evensong

Wednesday 7th September

19.30 Licensing Service

Sunday 11th September

08.00 Said Holy Communion
11.00 Sung Family Eucharist &
Baptism Imogen Saunders?
11.15 Matins

Sunday 18th September

08.00 Said Holy Communion
10.00 Family Service (lay led)
11.00 Sung Eucharist
18.00 Evensong

Sunday 25th September

08.00 Said Holy Communion
11.00 Harvest Eucharist &
Baptism Monty Hall
18.00 Evensong

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

St Mary's Duties:

Fifteenth Sunday of Trinity

St Peter's (NJ)
All Saints' (NJ)
St Peter's (PE)
St Mary's (Bishop David)

St Peter's (Bishop David)

Sixteenth Sunday of Trinity

All Saints' (Rev.KD)
St Mary's (Rev.KD)

St Peter's (TT)

Seventeenth Sunday of Trinity

St Mary's (Rev.KD)
St Mary's (St Mary's team)
St Peter's (Rev.KD)
All Saints' (PE)

Eighteenth Sunday of Trinity

St Mary's (Rev.KD)
All Saints' (Rev.KD)

St Peter's (PE)

BENEFICE DIARY - SEPTEMBER 2016

1 Sept	(Thurs)	10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning 5.30 to 6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. 7.00pm Abbotts Ann Parish Council meets in Abbotts Ann Village Hall 7.30pm Bellringing practice St Mary's 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's 1.00pm Abbotts Ann Fete (<u>The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</u>) – full service details, page 2 Celebrating St. Mary's Church and its People, including Evensong led by the Bishop of Basingstoke 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
3 Sept	(Sat)	
4 Sept	(Sun)	
5 Sept	(Mon)	12.30pm Way Inn Lunch at St Peter's
6 Sept	(Tues)	7.00pm Goodworth Clatford Parish Council meets in GCVC
7 Sept	(Wed)	<u>7.30pm at St. Peter's, the licensing of Rev. Katrina Dykes with the Bishop of Basingstoke</u> 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
8 Sept	(Thurs)	5.30 to 6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. 7.30pm Bellringing practice St Mary's 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's 17.00-19.00pm Pizza Night at Abbotts Ann Village Shop
9 Sept	(Fri)	Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust "Ride and Stride" P15
10 Sept	(Sat)	(<u>The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</u>) – full service details, page 2
11 Sept	(Sun)	Approx. 7.00pm at All Saints' (after Evensong), Barbecue outside The Meadow Room. 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
13 Sept	(Tues)	12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'. 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
14 Sept	(Wed)	7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in UC Memorial Hall
15 Sept	(Thurs)	<u>12.00noon Deadline for receipt of copy for the October 2016 Abbotts Ann Magazine editor@abbotsannmagazine.co.uk</u> 5.30 to 6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. 7.30pm Bellringing practice St Mary's 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's 10.00am Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
16 Sept	(Fri)	(<u>The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</u>) – full service details, page 2
18 Sept	(Sun)	10.30am at Charlton Sports Centre, Andover 10k Lake Run, and 3k Fun Run, in aid of Andover Foodbank. 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
19 Sept	(Mon)	7.30pm Golden Years, Village Hall Upper Clatford, Page 7
20 Sept	(Tues)	10.00am to 11.30am in St Peter's Room – Goodworth Clatford Community Coffee Morning.
21 Sept	(Wed)	7.30pm Goodworth Clatford WI meets in GCVC
22 Sept	(Thurs)	7.30pm Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall. 5.30 to 6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk.

ST MARY'S TERCENTENARY WEEKEND

If you were away for the weekend of 22nd to 24th July you missed something special. The weekend kicked off with a Pop Concert by the youth of the village, Abbotts Ann New Generation Artists, all former members of St Mary's Fun Club. It was held, by kind permission of the Benson family, in a marquee in The Old Rectory Grounds. What a superb evening's entertainment our youngsters gave us. They were fantastic. The talent they showed was amazing and I'm sure everyone wishes them well for the future.

Saturday was a very busy day. The church buzzed with visitors at the Flower Festival and the Abbotts Ann history exhibition. The Flower Festival displays were a celebration of events from the 300 years since the church was built. The church looked wonderful and I am grateful to all those who contributed. Tim Taylor organised a superb history exhibition which took a lot of hard work by him and his team. Well done all. Ploughman's lunch was available in the marquee and many visitors took the opportunity to relax and enjoy it.

ABBA's Angels, a tribute band, performed in the marquee at The Old Rectory on Saturday night. Some 200 people enjoyed their picnics. The music started and, wow, the audience of all ages got to their feet and danced the whole of the evening. It was a most enjoyable and memorable event.

Sunday saw many more visitors to the flower festival and lots of them then enjoyed a cream tea in the marquee. The weekend concluded with a "Songs of Praise" in the church with members of many village organisations taking part.

It was a great weekend, thanks especially to Tim Tayler, Lynne Lucas and Penny Scriven and all their helpers. We raised £4,500 which will be put towards building a WC at the church.

Well done everyone and thank you for your support.

Elizabeth Howard

ABBOTS ANN BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE - GETTING INVOLVED

The Abbotts Ann Burial Ground and St Mary's Churchyard are managed by the Parish Council. It was agreed to set up a separate committee to focus on the Burial Ground and Churchyard to oversee the regulations and future strategy. A number of topics need to be reviewed and proposals put together for approval by the Parish Council. For example, reviewing the regulations and charges, the future of the wildflower meadow, maintenance schedule etc. These will direct and support the Parish Clerk who is responsible for day to day operations.

If you would like to be part of the committee, please contact me. The aim is to have a first meeting in late September in which we can agree the frequency of meetings.

*Andrew Hayter, Abbotts Ann Parish Council Chairman
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Dear friends,

One of the benefits of being retired is having the leisure (occasionally) to read the daily paper at length. This is a mixed blessing because stories from the Middle East are harrowing. It can be hard to understand the scale of the damage done to lives and property whilst the stories of human tragedy and suffering can be so heart-breaking that it's very tempting to pass over the foreign pages in search of sunnier news. But then we may feel guilty for ignoring the plight of people caught up in these troubles. But what can we, safe in our comfortable villages, do about it all?

For Christians (the target of the latest Isis terror campaign, incidentally) the answer is clear: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' (Luke 10:27). It's easy to think that one of Jesus' most famous sayings would ring hollow in Syria. Not so, says the Revd Andrew Ashdown, Inter-faith Adviser for the Diocese of Winchester, who has travelled widely in the Middle East. He has lived with Christian monks and nuns in Syria who work tirelessly for their Muslim neighbours who, in turn, protect their benefactors from Islamic extremists. He's visited a Christian congregation that resolved to stay in their homes and not to hate their captors if they were overrun by Isis. These people can't solve the Middle East's problems any more than we can but, in whatever way is open to them, they are working to help their own communities. Here perhaps lies an answer to counter any feelings of despair or guilt we might have when thinking about the horrors of the world. We cannot solve them but we can make the world a better place by helping our own communities.

How fortunate we are to live in such lovely villages but what really makes them attractive is the community of the people around us. To love our neighbours is the best thing that we can do. We each do it in different ways but when added together our individual efforts form our community spirit. Katrina will help us in her unique role as Priest in Charge when she arrives on 7th September. We look forward to welcoming her and Philip as they begin the next stage of their lives here with us. Katrina of course will be very familiar with the First Letter of Peter, one of the most beautiful and compelling books of the New Testament. I'll close with advice written 2000 years ago for new churches which sometimes faced harassment. 'Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing' (1 Peter 3:8-9).

Best wishes,

Tim

THANK YOU

Thank you: Tim, Peter and Nicky thank you all for welcoming us as the Ministry Team during the Vacancy. It has been a very rich time in terms of experience for the three of us and we are very grateful for the support and encouragement we have received. Now we look forward to a new chapter as we welcome Katrina and explore together the path along which God is leading us.

From The Registers

Holy Baptism

24th July Baptisms of Matilda Celestine McLaren Baxendale, Gabriel Wray Sheehan Baxendale and Isabella Charlotte Kaur Mal at All Saints
31st July Baptisms of Emilie Nina Lockhart and Dominic James Cooper Cottam at St Mary's
4th August Baptism of Eleanor Carolyne Rose Putigny at All Saints'

Holy Matrimony

16th July Wedding of Hannah Johnson and Oliver Smith at St Mary's
23rd July Wedding of Heather Kitley and Cameron Niblett at All Saints
29th July Renewal of the Marriage Vows of Jacqui and Rob Morris at St Peter's
23rd July Wedding of Cameron Niblett and Heather Kitley at All Saints'
4th August, Wedding of Stefan Putigny and Susannah Machin at All Saints'
6th August. Wedding of Nathan Hardiman-James and Leanne Phillips at All Saints'

Burial of Ashes

31st July Burial of ashes: James Walter Appleton at St Peter's
8th August Burial of ashes: Joan Perry at All Saints'
The ashes of Anita Diane Dunne were buried in the grave of her mother, Hilda May Gale at All Saints' on 29th July.

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

CELEBRATING 300 YEARS SINCE THE BUILDING OF THE CURRENT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday 4th September - St Mary's Church and its people
Evensong at 5 pm - led by the Bishop of Basingstoke.



Apple Day will happen again in 2016 – of course and you will be welcome (bring your family, friends, and neighbours). It will be on 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.

'Where will all these apples come from?' you ask. There are lots of apples in the village, from gardens with one or two trees to small private orchards. We hope it will be possible to collect windfalls in the week before Apple Day, and perhaps offer a picking service if enough people are willing to join in. Let's not see a single apple go to waste! (And by the way apples left at the shop in the weeks running up to Apple Day will be rapidly juiced and bottled). If you'd like your apples collected, have a word with Tim, our shop manager, and he'll try to arrange it.

Lots of other activities as well:

- Games for the children
- Your apples identified by the experts from Sparsholt
- 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!

And again there'll be a competition (two categories: under 12s and over 12s) 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

- 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 have ideas of what you'd like to see happen on the day
- You would like to help on the day and/or share in the planning
- 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, or would like to know the date of the next planning meeting. You'll be welcome.

See you on 3rd October!

CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB GARDENS OF RUSSIA

The July meeting saw a return visit from John Baker and his wife, June. John had given the club a talk previously about his passion for hostas and he managed to build the plants into his talk about Russian Gardens rather cleverly.

John started his talk with slides from Moscow where he went to visit a number of private gardens. In winter, they can get temperatures as low as minus 20 or 30 degrees but the snow that comes with it can provide a blanket for plants such as daylilies and offers them some protection.

People like to buy and exchange plants here and should you mention that you like a particular plant there is a pretty good chance that you will be given one at some point. Horticulture is still relatively new and exciting for Russians and they welcome people into their gardens to admire them. John told us about Dacha Gardens. Dacha means 'a gift' and stems from the days when the Soviets decided to give everyone a small piece of land, often with a hut on it. Today however, the huts have been replaced with rather grand houses and small gardens where they like to relax and socialise at weekends. Watch out for the traffic jams though! In the suburbs there are gardens very like English gardens with flower beds and borders and neatly trimmed lawns.

Other gardens worthy of a visit include Proto Sova which has been designed around the theme of a dragon and has beautiful views. Also The Alexandrovsky Gardens which are alongside The Kremlin and the river are very beautiful. Kolomenskoy Park is a place where Russians like to go and relax and it is steeped in history dating back to the 13th century. It has a wooden palace which was reconstructed in 2010 and you can walk through woods which have many ancient oak trees.

If you get to visit Saint Petersburg there are two gardens that are a must see. One is The Hermitage which was created by the wife of Alexander III and the second is The Peterhof Garden, designed by Peter The Great. It consists of a French garden with fountains and an avenue of water. The upper garden has pools, the lower garden has waterways and a cascade. The east garden has several 'joke fountains' which can rotate or drench you depending on where you are and some have canopies that let the rain through. At the end of the year there is a festival of fireworks and light which provides an amazing display.

John went on to show slides of some new hostas and give advice on how to keep the slugs and snails at bay. He also showed a list of other interesting talks he gives so we could well see him again in the near future.

Our talk on the 28th September is by Peter Barwick and is all about fruit trees which should be very interesting so please come along. If it's your first visit you will be made very welcome. We start at 7.45 in Upper Clatford village hall.

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>
26 Aug - 8 Sep	Margaret Hind	Ann Hopwood
9 Sep - 22 Sep	Gwen Pollard	Audrey Cresswell
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 (Remembrance Sunday)	Hannadore Whitcomb
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



Village Fete Flower, Produce & Craft Show : Saturday 3rd September

ONLY A FEW DAYS TO GO!

**Don't forget to complete your entry forms for the show.
There are classes for fruit and vegetables, flowers, eggs,
domestic, arts and crafts and photography.
Also separate classes for children.**

**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.**

**Schedules available in the Village Shop.
Entry forms to be delivered to Anne Emerson,
1 Warren Drive.
Any queries please call 710851**

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

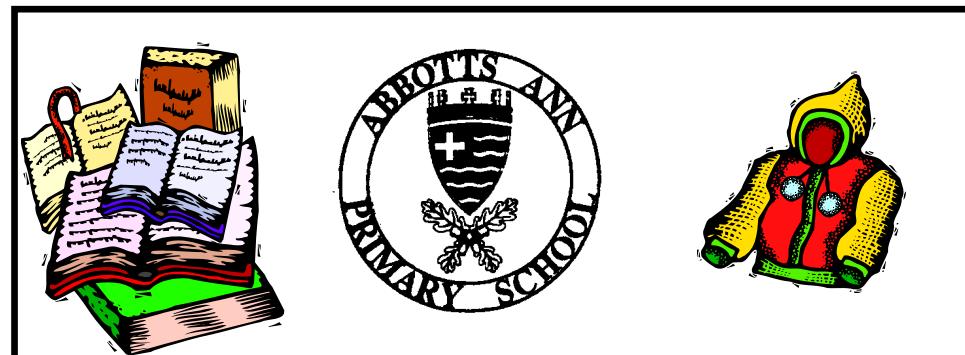
ST MARY'S TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION

All of our five senses were needed to appreciate the weekend of celebrations to mark the tercentenary of our very special church. Our skin basked in the warmth of summer sunshine, which also enhanced the heady fragrance from the blooms adorning the varied and interesting displays in the beautiful flower festival. This was on the theme of notable events during the past three hundred years. Pitt's Diamond was interpreted using elegant tones reminiscent of the Georgian era, which contrasted delightfully with the bold colours of twentieth-century pop music. There was wit also; the use of arum lilies in the arrangement depicting the invention of the telephone brought to mind those antique receivers. Outside, we also feasted our eyes on an interesting and informative display on the history of the church and the life of Abbotts Ann villagers during the past three centuries. There was something of interest for everyone (especially details of the colourful William Pitt!) and it was thoughtfully presented, with the amount of white space, text and pictures perfectly judged.

Our taste buds were also catered for, with ploughman's lunches and cream teas in high demand; what could be more pleasant than scoffing home-made scones on a warm summer afternoon whilst listening to the church bells? And this was something really, really special. The Ancient Society of College Youths, founded in 1637 and one of the premier change ringing societies in the country, treated us to a faultless 5040 Surprise Minor, comprising seven different peal methods and taking just under three hours. When I commented on the stamina needed for this marathon feat, an experienced ringer told me that it was like childbirth. After the first time, you vow never to repeat the process, but the memory of the pain fades over time!

In fact, the sense of sound was royally treated over the whole weekend, starting with an impressive performance in a marquee in the Old Rectory grounds by the talented young folk of the village. It's astonishing that such a small community has managed to produce so many musicians of such a high calibre – we're very proud of you. The following evening, the same venue saw folk of all ages tucking into picnics and having a whale of a time at a concert given by an Abba tribute band, who were most impressed by how quickly and enthusiastically the dance floor was filled.

Not long after the church bells ceased on Sunday afternoon, a 'Songs of Praise' style service was held in the church. Representatives of village organisations



JUMBLE SALE

Time to have a sort out & donate your jumble to the PTA for our Jumble Sale on Saturday 1st October
Clothes, toys, books, bric-a-brac –
We Need It All!!

Your jumble will be collected by a PTA member the week of 26th September. Watch for the leaflet through your door or phone Sarah Hawkins on 400933.

All money raised goes towards fundraising for the school

Don't forget to come and join us to pick-up some bargains!

At: Abbotts Ann Primary School Hall

Date: Saturday, 1st October

Time: 1.00pm

Entry: 50p



BOOKS AT THE B A R N

Autumn Programme

Mary Lovell

The Mitford Sisters

Thursday 29th September - 2.30pm

Anne Sebba

Les Parisiennes: How the Women of Paris Lived, Loved and Died in the 1940s

Thursday 3rd November - 2.30pm

Alison Weir

The Lost Tudor Princess and Katherine of Aragon
Wednesday 9th November - 2.30pm

Rachel Joyce

(author of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*)
A Snow Garden

Thursday 17th November - 7.30pm

Tickets £12 (including a cup of tea or glass of wine)

Tickets and information available from:

www.booksatthebarn.co.uk or booksatthebarn@gmail.com

Please note our new venue: **The Old Dairy Farm, Hatherden, SP11 0HT**

said a little about what they did in the village, and coupled this with popular hymns. I have to admit to getting the giggles when we sang the line 'may we serve you till the break of day' after the village shop offering, though.

I'm not going to attempt to name those who made these festivities such a success, as I'd be bound to miss some deserving soul out. But there were many, which I find particularly heartening – thank you so much to each and every one of you. What I found so uplifting was that the church and the village celebrated as one this weekend. I sense the start of a new chapter where our community grows back together in care and companionship. Here's to the next three hundred years!

Polly Whyte

POPPY APPEAL 2016

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

Like all organisations we are desperate for new volunteers to replace those who have given their time for many years and would like to step down without leaving a huge gap.

This is my last year as Organiser. Unfortunately no one responded to my appeal last year. This means unless someone comes forward it will be the end of door to door collections. We will most likely just have Poppies in the Shop and possibly Church.

If anyone is interested in taking over or knows of someone who might be, please let me know. They can go through the programme of responsibilities and shadow me this year. I hope that we can find a keen replacement for the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Thank you

Jackie Stanton - 710933

Monday 19th September at 7.30pm

Golden Years (12A)

Village Hall, Upper Clatford

Bar

Tickets: £5

**For more information, contact:
Sylvia Kennedy Tel: 323226**



in place for anyone engaged by the council. A member of the last council even attended a day course on the management of burial grounds - not just a question of digging holes in the right place!

HALC runs courses on to ensure councillors and clerk are following statutory obligations and best practice. Previous councils in Abbotts Ann have found their unfailing support and explicit legal advice invaluable.

Meanwhile, business carries on, with the Sports Field Management Committee considering the best way to achieve a new pavilion; Abbotts Ann Green Action assessing suggestions for the use of The Green (one idea received was keeping goats!); the burial ground sub-committee being reprieved (there had been a request that it be dissolved as unnecessary); and decisions awaited on the future use of the Duck Street telephone kiosk (it will not be a telephone kiosk!). The good ship Abbotts Ann has left port and is in full sail once more!

Rosemary Groves

‘Voices from Syria’

An illustrated talk by
Revd Andrew Ashdown
On Saturday 8th October at 7.30pm
at St Peter’s Church

Andrew will explore the historical context and background to the conflict, and share the experiences, and the voices he has heard in his recent visits. The talk will last for about an hour and there will be time for questions and discussion afterwards.

Revd Andrew Ashdown is an Anglican priest who has been visiting and leading groups to the Middle East for over 20 years. He visited Syria several times prior to the conflict, and is one of very few non-journalists to have travelled extensively in the country five times in the last 2 years, both as a member of international faith delegations, and independently. He has spent time with ordinary Sunni, Shia, Alawite, Christian, Druze and Kurds; met with faith and community leaders in Damascus, Homs, Tartous, Lattakia and met with reconciliation committees in Homs and elsewhere. He has also met with government and internal opposition figures; and visited refugee camps in Lebanon and Iraq. In November last year, Andrew spent a few days at a monastery just a few kilometres from ‘ISIS’ lines, and he led a British delegation to the country in September 2016. After 25 years, Andrew has stepped aside from parish ministry to undertake PhD research into Christian-Muslim relations in Syria.

Tickets £10 including a glass of wine or juice are available from Clatford Village Stores or Abbotts Ann Village Shop
Any queries to Jane Eastwood 353320

Who controls the meeting? It cannot be the Clerk, although he or she is probably better versed in the rules than many of the councillors! As an employee, all the Clerk should do is advise, not take charge.

Similarly, if a Chairman resigns from the council mid-term, rather than just vacating his seat in the elections, he has no further connection with the council. If there is no elected Vice-Chairman, the councillors are legally required to choose a new council Chairman from amongst themselves, at a formal meeting.

But that meeting will open without a Chairman, and a meeting without a Chairman or President is invalid! The question then arises: should the chairman-less councillors first select someone to preside over their formal meeting and the election of Chairman of the council? Is it valid if they elect a Chairman of the council straightaway, without having a President? Could someone be elected by acclamation?

It is a nice point. If there is no President, no one can break a potential deadlock with a casting vote, if there is more than one candidate. There is, of course, nothing to prevent the councillor selected to preside standing for Chairman of the council himself, voting for himself, and possibly even using a casting vote in his own favour! And if all the councillors are in favour of one candidate, does it really matter if they do not first appoint someone to preside over the election, and then take their formal vote? Pragmatically, no, but in these days of box-ticking, it seems the best-intentioned plans can fall on a technicality.

A scamper through Arnold-Baker (the Bible of local government legalities) did not provide immediate clarification, and the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC), which is the council's professional advisory body, answered my query on 'pragmatism versus procedure' with 'no comment'. A Francis Urquhart line? You may very well think that... But, to be fair, HALC's job is to advise councils, not mere members of the public!

Two of the seven parish councillors were absent for the 'election of Chairman' at the July meeting, leaving four new members and one sitting member. The Clerk advised the council of the agenda item. No one volunteered or was nominated. After a brief pause, Cllr Andrew Hayter offered himself as Chairman, and was proposed, seconded, and unanimously elected on a show of hands. He took the chair, and now remains in post until the next Annual Meeting. He presided over the election of the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Tim Abram.

Both councillors are to be congratulated on their new appointments, and I am sure we wish them well in the months ahead as they come to grips with their duties. Although no one may have technically presided at this 'election of Chairman', musing on the minutiae of procedure is academic as all the councillors present supported Cllr Hayter to a man.

The new councillors will all be attending training sessions on the various matters for which they are now responsible. Apart from general council procedure, they will need to know, for instance, about the new requirements to provide a pension scheme for employees, and ensuring that proper contracts are

COME AND JOIN US ON 29TH SEPTEMBER
FOR
'BE HEALTHY AND INDEPENDENT'

Andover and District Older People's Forum was established 6 years ago to provide an independent voice for older people in the north of Test Valley. It is non-party political although it may lobby politicians on behalf of older people on issues of real concern to them.

Each year it plans a 'Full of Life' event to celebrate the International Day for Older People on 1st October and this year we will be holding an Independence Roadshow with display stands full of information on how to keep healthy and independent at home. We invite all interested older people to join us for a wander round the Wellington Centre in Winchester Road, Andover to gather information and have a drink and snack as you do so.

This year we are focussing on health and well-being issues that can get in the way of staying living independently and our keynote speaker at 2pm (Linda Toulson, Regional Development Manager, South West National Osteoporosis Society) will be talking about Osteoporosis and looking after your bones.

The Wellington Centre has a small public car park at the back and is not far from the parking in South Street. It also is on an hourly number 12 bus route from Andover Bus Station and the bus stop is just before the turning into Old Winton Road.

We look forward to having new and old members join us for what we hope will be an enjoyable and informative event.

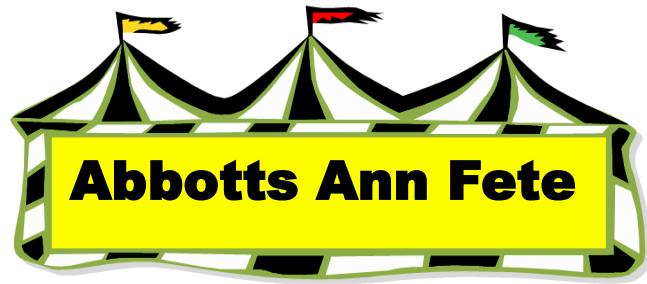
We apologise to those who may have read an earlier article when we had hoped to have Dr Tom Ballard from the Royal College of General Practitioners. He will now be guest speaker at our AGM next April.

Put 29th September 12.30pm – 3pm in your diary NOW !

Submitted on behalf of Mollie Antrobus, Secretary, Andover and District Older People's Forum.

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Abbotts Ann Fete

Abbotts Ann Fete will be held on **Saturday 3rd September**. We will be collecting around the village throughout the summer for the stalls listed below. To contribute your much appreciated donation please call the relevant number below for collection to be arranged.



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aptly named, they are white with black spots and their head is fluffy white. As caterpillars they have a remarkable ability to create astonishingly strong (and sometimes huge) webs to protect themselves and their food source from predators. The shrubs that they spin their webs over are completely stripped of vegetation, but otherwise they are harmless. The webs are strong enough to carry the weight of a snail moving across it. Not a favourite of gardeners, if they choose your garden I imagine. The moths only fly at night, resting during the day, hence the fact that they are very easy to study.

The end of primary school for GD includes the usual flurry of events from the cathedral service at Winchester to the big year 6 water fight on Amport Green. This year it is a perfectly hot final day of school and all the year 6s return home with us where they play and stay late; they are blissfully happy and it is a lovely start to the holidays. I too get that end of term feeling, mad routines can be shelved for at least a few weeks over the summer. And it looks as though it might just be a warm, languid summer with at least the Littlest catching bugs, bees and butterflies.

Mother of the Tribe - www.lifewiththetribe.com

VIEW FROM THE REAR STALLS

Q: Why is a Parish Council like the USA?

A: They both have presidential elections!

But whereas Hillary and Donald will be scrapping it out in November, our new Parish Council Chairman breezed into office in July, unopposed.

It's not the Chairman himself who is 'presidential', of course, but the process of his election at a council meeting - in the sense that someone normally is required to 'preside' over the election of the Chairman of the council, who then remains in office until the election of his successor. There is no gap - 'the king is dead, long live the king!' No meeting is valid without a Chairman - be he Chairman of the council, or a temporary 'president' for that meeting.

The election of the new Chairman of the council takes place each year at the Annual Meeting in a vote of the councillors. It is usually presided over by the existing Chairman, who will either be retiring or standing for re-election. Indeed, if the existing Chairman is present at the meeting, he **must** preside. The Chairman still carries out this presiding duty at the Annual Meeting following the four-yearly local council elections, even if he has not been re-elected to the council! Such a 'non-councillor' Chairman cannot vote initially in the election of his successor, BUT he does have a casting vote.

This is significant. Whether or not he is also entitled to an original vote in his own right, the Chairman of the meeting has a casting vote. In the event of a tie, he must use this casting vote to break the deadlock. He therefore provides a means of ensuring a clear result. The fact that the Chairman effectively can have two votes has surprised even some councillors in the past!

But what happens if the existing Chairman or a Vice-Chairman is not present?

the Festival the skies are alive with vintage aircraft while on land there are battle re-enactments from Vikings to WWI. The rain turns to hail in the valley itself and within moments, the already saturated ground becomes mud; Glastonbury eat your heart out. We missed the centenary commemorations of the Battle of the Somme held at the Festival on 1st July, but the Tribe were able to see trench re-enactments, the mud giving an even more realistic interpretation. 950 soldiers associated with Wiltshire were part of the 1916 Battle, many training in Larkhill; 1280 men from the Hampshire Regiment were killed in the same campaign. The Eldest is only a few months younger than the youngest British soldier to die at the Somme. Having lied about his age, Private Valentine Studwick, at the age of 14, enlisted. He died in the mud of the Somme at the age of 15. Tragic.

A fortnight later back in the present of Abbotts Ann, we are blessed with a mini heatwave. The Boy has finished school earlier than the others and spends his first week at Andover Lawn Tennis Club's impressive new site playing with friends and coaching the youngest Club members. The outdoor courts are surrounded by towering mature trees and it is probably the prettiest club I've been to.

As I'm returning from one of my drop offs, I pass what appears to be a hedgehog along Red Post Lane. I stop and decide - as it is most definitely not squashed (like most of the hedgehogs that I see), looks quite terrified - to pick it up and take it home; before it does get squashed. I get a blanket from the car and gently pick it up; it half curls into a ball and its pointed little face is in fact, terribly pretty. Beatrix Potter painted the hedgehog, Mrs Tiddlywinks quite perfectly. Hedgehogs are totally nocturnal and should never be seen out and about during the day. If they are out, it probably means that something is amiss. The ability that they have to roll themselves into a protective, spiky ball is quite complex; a pair of muscles in their skin pulls the skin forward over their head and another pair of muscles pulls the skin backwards over their bottom. They have about 5,000 spines and can stay in a prickly ball for hours. I put this rescued hedgehog in a large box with water and plenty of cover for it to hide under and a little bit of wet cat food. The Tribe are enchanted by it and decide that it will become our new wild 'pet' should it survive. It moves about a little initially taking water and a little food, but then stops eating and on the Monday morning, as I'm about to take it to the vet, we find it dead. We're all rather sad about this; it was probably pesticides that killed it.

As everything is growing so rampantly - I'm convinced that I can actually see the lawns growing as soon as they are cut - I am thrilled when GD finds wild orchids in two places in the field behind us. Ours are a pinky-lilac colour, the flower heads made up of tiny little flowers, together forming a small pyramidal shape, their leaves unseen at the stem's base amidst the thatch of the field. The pyramidal orchid (*Anacamptis Pyramidalis*) is apparently one of the winners as temperatures rise in the UK allowing some species to flourish while others do less well. Another strikingly beautiful addition to our local natural world has been the White Ermine moth. Easily recognisable and very



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We have recently received a media release from our head office with the following suggestions for keeping your cat safe that we would like to pass on.

Keep cats in during hours of darkness. As evenings become darker, remember that cats are at increased risk of road accidents after nightfall. Try to keep your cat indoors overnight and time meals to coincide with rush hour to help keep your cat away from busy roads.

Ensure cats are neutered, vaccinated and microchipped. Ensure your cat is neutered for a host of benefits, including preventing unwanted kittens being born. Neutered cats are less likely to roam, lowering the risk of car accidents, and less likely to fight and contract serious diseases spread by saliva. Microchipping offers a safe and permanent method of identification, while ensuring your cat is vaccinated will protect against parasites and diseases.

Our next fundraising event will be the Whitchurch charity shop which we have from the 9th to the 29th of September. We have lots of interesting goods to sell. Please come and support us.



Hobo, now renamed Ginger, was such a nice cat that his fosterer was unable to resist him and he now lives happily and amicably with her four other cats. Poor **Gemma** is still in her pen waiting for a forever home.

Bertie and Belinda were handed to us because a child was allergic to them. They are about two years old, very friendly and would like to find a home together.



Martin Bevan

WALLOP ARTISTS' EXHIBITION 2016

The Wallops Parish Hall

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September 10am to 5pm

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



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Royal Mail Collection Times

Please note that Royal Mail have now implemented the change to the last collection time from Abbotts Ann Post Office.

Monday to Friday - 16.30 pm

Saturday – 11.00 am

Special Stamps: September 2016

The Great Fire of London: 2nd September

The fire was one of the most infamous disasters to strike London. For this stamp issue it was decided to adopt a fresh way of telling the story of the Great Fire and to use a 'graphic novel' style of illustration to re-imagine the events.

In the early hours of Sunday 2 September 1666, fire broke out in a bakery on London's Pudding Lane eventually devouring more than 13,000 buildings including St. Paul's Cathedral. The stamp issue to mark its 350th anniversary re-tells its story in the graphic novel style, evoking the high drama of those days while ensuring a high degree of historical accuracy.

Agatha Christie: 15th September

This set of stamps commemorates the mysteries of the biggest selling novelist of all time with 2016 marking the centenary of Agatha Christie writing her first story: the birth of Hercule Poirot, as well as the 40th anniversary of Christie's death. Known affectionately as the Queen of Crime, Agatha Christie is the world's most popular author with seventy-eight murder mysteries, six other novels, four works of non-fiction and twenty plays to her credit. Her books have sold over two billion copies in sixty-four languages.

Maureen Flood - Sub Post Mistress

LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - JULY 2016

July arrives along with particularly un-summery weather continuing. A year ago, Abbotts Ann was basking under azure skies with Mediterranean temperatures; what a difference a year makes. We visit the Chalke Valley History Festival for the first time (utterly brilliant). We are bowled over by the area's beauty - despite arriving in torrential rain under leaden skies; the Gurkhas marshalling traffic are dressed as if they are midway in the Fastnet Race. Is it really 2nd July?? The Chalke Valley name is given to the valley of the River Ebble, stretching from Salisbury in the east to Shaftesbury, Dorset in the west. Part of the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, it is breathtakingly beautiful and despite being on our doorstep, we have never visited the area. Usually very peaceful, during



ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

Shop Manager: Tim Abram
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September 2016

Look out for Jamie Oliver

Yes, Jamie Oliver has arrived in Abbotts Ann – well, not the person, but Jamie Oliver branded goods; Sauces, Pestos and a range of pasta. Try something new and different.

Beers and Ales

We have a new stock of local ales from Andwells, Red Cat and Mash. Give them a try. We can also strongly recommend our traditional and craft ales from around the world. Come and have a look.

Apple juice and Cider

A small supply of Abbotts Ann apple juice is still available, as well as Abbotts Ann's own cider.

Parsonage Farm

You can buy Parsonage Farm products from us, as seen on TV – we have different salamis, pink peppercorn is a new recipe.

MACMILLAN Coffee morning

We are taking part in the Macmillan “The world's biggest Coffee Morning” on Friday 30th September. Make a note of the date now and watch out for more details on our posters.

Pizza Night

Remember that we stay open until 7pm every Friday night, with one Friday per month being our Pizza night.

Order your Pizza
for

Friday 9th September - 1700 to 1900

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

Elizabeth Howard
Shop Volunteer & Committee Member

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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 Abbotts 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

 **PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FIRST EVER ANDOVER 10K LAKE RUN AND 3K FUN RUN ON SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2016.**

To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Andover foodbank, we have organised a 10k Race and 3K fun in Andover on Sunday 18th September. The route takes you past Charlton and Anton lakes in Andover and we are hoping that the two races will cater for all ages and abilities - some might achieve a personal best, but the main purpose of the races is to have fun and raise money for a worthy cause.

The race starts at **Charlton Sports Centre** at **10.30am** and further details and online entry information can be found on the website www.andover10klakerun.co.uk. We do hope that you will come and join us.

We expect the entry fees to cover the organisation cost but really need some local company sponsorship to hit the target so we are also looking for local company sponsors. We are hoping to organise a company race for teams from various companies in the area.

ABBOTTS ANN WI - JULY 2016

We have had a very enjoyable and social time this month. The walking group had a lovely ramble around Stockbridge Down, the sun was shining and there were plenty of fauna and flora to see, but not necessarily identify. This was followed by a very pleasant lunch at the Abbotts Mitre in Chilbolton. Meanwhile the Supper Club also travelled to Stockbridge; there was a large group in attendance at The White Hart. Everyone enjoyed their meals, but those who had selected the pork were particularly enthusiastic about their choice.

This month's meeting was also a social occasion. Ostensibly, it was to celebrate the 90th Birthday of the Queen, but really it was an excuse to enjoy chatting, eating a buffet supper supplied by all the members and playing Bingo! There was a cake with candles and we did sing Happy Birthday, but Her Majesty wouldn't have heard us, as we believe she was on the Balmoral Estate enjoying a well-earned rest following the various national and private celebrations. A few members had also brought along some Royal memorabilia.

Our next meeting is 29th September - 7.30 pm in the Village Hall - when our speaker is Atalanta Clifford and her talk is entitled "My Life". Intrigued? Then come and join us and find out what she has been up to - I have no information to share!

Sharon King

AN EXCERPT FROM THE ABBOTTS ANN PARISH MAGAZINE DATED SEPTEMBER 1976

Mr WH Newman of Clematis Cottage was reminiscing the other day about a parish meeting in 1922 when a great row took place, due mainly to the fact that the villagers were not allowed to use the school for a whist drive. So they decided to build a village hall and until they could afford to do this they used an old army hut.

I am indebted to Mr George King for the loan of early magazines from his archive.

Editor

HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

Enjoy Cycling or walking and fancy a challenge, or just a nice day out?

Why not get sponsored to visit the regions historic churches? You can choose your own route, how many churches you wish to visit and set your own pace. Money raised will be split equally between the Hampshire & the Islands Historic Churches Trust and St Mary's Abbotts Ann.

The event takes place on Saturday the 10th of September and churches are open between 10am and 6pm for you to check in and in many cases also provide refreshments.

If you are interested in taking part or wish to find out more contact Hannah Church on 710 584 for further details and sponsorship forms.

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