

22 June	(Wed)	<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC <b>7.30pm</b> Abbots Ann Village Shop Association Annual General Meeting - P6 <b>7.45pm</b> Clatford Valley Garden Club meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall.
23 June	(Thurs)	<b>7.00am to 10.00pm</b> – European Union Referendum <b>5.30–6.30pm</b> Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. <b>7.30pm</b> Bellringing practice St Mary's <b>7.45pm</b> Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's
24 June	(Fri)	<b>5.00pm-7.00pm</b> Pizza Night at Abbots Ann Village Shop <b>7.00pm</b> Abbots Ann Vision Countryside Group visit to Saxley Farm – page 8 <b>7.00pm</b> Beetle Drive at Abbots Ann War Memorial Hall. - page 19
25 June	(Sat)	<b>2.00pm</b> St Mary's Bell Tower open to visitors
26 June	(Sun)	(The Fifth Sunday after Trinity) – full service details page 2 <b>4.00pm</b> "Songs of Praise" Patronal Service at St Peter's, with Archbishop Peter Rouch to celebrate the life of the village. <b>8.00pm</b> , Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
29 June	(Wed)	<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC
30 June	(Thurs)	Abbots Ann WI Canal Cruise and afternoon tea <b>5.30–6.30pm</b> Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. <b>7.30pm</b> Bellringing practice, St Mary's <b>7.45pm</b> Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's

### **JULY 2016**

1 July	(Fri)	<b>10.00am</b> Abbots Ann Primary School Church Service.
3 July	(Sun)	(The Sixth Sunday after Trinity) - full service details page 2 <b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
4 July	(Mon)	<b>12.30pm</b> Way Inn Lunch at St Peter's
5 July	(Tues)	<b>7.00pm</b> Goodworth Clatford Parish Council meets in GCVC
6 July	(Wed)	<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
7 July	(Thurs)	<b>10.30am</b> Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning <b>5.30–6.30pm</b> Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. <b>7.00pm</b> Abbots Ann Parish Council meets in AA War Memorial Hall <b>7.45pm</b> Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's
10 July	(Sun)	(The Seventh Sunday after Trinity) – full service details next month <b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
12 July	(Tues)	<b>12.30pm</b> Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'.
13 July	(Wed)	<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC <b>7.30pm</b> Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall
14 July	(Thurs)	<b>5.30–6.30pm</b> Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. <b>7.30pm</b> Bellringing practice St Mary's <b>7.45pm</b> Benefice Choir Practice St Peter's
15 July	(Fri)	<b>12noon Deadline for receipt of copy for the August 2016 Abbots Ann Magazine</b> <b>10.00am</b> Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
16 July	(Sat)	<b>1.00pm</b> St. Mary's, wedding of Oliver Smith and Hannah Johnson
17 July	(Sun)	(The Eighth Sunday after Trinity) – full service details next month <b>8.00pm</b> Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbots Ann
19 July	(Tues)	<b>10.00am -11.30am</b> in St Peter's Room – Goodworth Clatford Community Coffee Morning. <b>7.30pm</b> Goodworth Clatford WI, meets in Goodworth Clatford Village Club.
20 July	(Wed)	<b>7.00pm</b> The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in GCVC <b>7.30pm</b> Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall.
21 July	(Thurs)	<b>3.30-5.00pm</b> Fun Club Strawberry Cream Tea - Full details page 8

## **St Mary's Church, Abbots Ann**

<b>Rector</b>	Vacant	
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Details of church officers and activities can also be found on the village website - <http://www.abbottsann.com/amenitiesservices/church/>

<b>Choir Practice</b>	Thursdays 7.45pm, St Peter's, Goodworth Clatford	
<b>Bell Ringing practice</b>	Thursdays 7.30-9.00pm, St Mary's, Abbots Ann Handbells 7.00pm 1st Thursday each month Tower Captain: Dudley Alleway	710646

### **Parochial Church Council**

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN JUNE 2016

Please note change of services and times at all churches.

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

<b>Sunday 29th May</b> 10.00 Benefice Sung Eucharist	<b>First Sunday of Trinity</b> All Saints' (NJ,TT,PE)
<b>Sunday 5th June</b> 08.00 Said Holy Communion 10.00 Sung Eucharist 10.00 Family Service 18.00 Evensong	<b>Second Sunday of Trinity</b> St Peter's (NJ) All Saints' (Bishop David) St Peter's (PE) St Mary's (PE)
<b>Sunday 12th June</b> 08.00 Said Holy Communion 09.30 Sung Eucharist 11.15 Matins 18.00 Evensong	<b>Third Sunday of Trinity</b> All Saints' (NJ) St Mary's (NJ) Mr/Mrs G Howard St Peter's (PE) St Mary's (Peggy Ellis)
<b>Sunday 19th June</b> 08.00 Said Holy Communion  10.00 Sung Eucharist 10.00 Family Service, lay led With Baptism 18.00 Evensong	<b>Fourth Sunday of Trinity</b> St Mary's (Rev.Jill Bentall) Mrs P Keene St Peter's (Rev.Jill Bentall) St Mary's (St Mary's Team)  All Saints' (TT)
<b>Sunday 26th June</b> 08.00 Said Holy Communion 10.00 Sung Family Eucharist 16.00 Village Songs of Praise	<b>Fifth Sunday of Trinity</b> St Mary's (NJ) Miss W Casson All Saints' (NJ) St Peter's (Arch Deacon Peter Rouch)
<b>Friday 1st July</b> 10.00 School Service	St Mary's (Rev.Canon John Harkin)
<b>Sunday 3rd July</b> 08.00 Said Holy Communion 10.00 Sung Eucharist 10.00 Family Service 18.00 Evensong	<b>Sixth Sunday of Trinity</b> St Peter's (NJ) All Saints' (NJ) St Peter's (TT) St Mary's (PE)

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

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

## BENEFICE DIARY - JUNE 2016

1 June	(Wed)	7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club (Partnership Meeting) in GCVC
2 June	(Thurs)	10.30am Goodworth Clatford WI Coffee Morning 7.00pm Abbotts Ann Parish Council meets in AA Village Hall 5.30-6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. 7.30pm Bellringing practice St Mary's 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
3 June	(Fri)	7.30pm Burdock Valley Players' production "Cash on Delivery" UCMH. page 26
4 June	(Sat)	11.00am to 5.00 pm All Saints' Flower Festival. 7.30pm Burdock Valley Players' production "Cash on Delivery" UCMH page 26 (The Second Sunday after Trinity) – full service details page 2 Including Benefice Confirmation Service, 10.00am at All Saints' 12.00noon to 5.00pm All Saints' Flower Festival. 12.30pm Abbotts Ann Village Family Picnic – page 19 6.00pm Burdock Valley Players' production "Cash on Delivery" in UCMH 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
5 June	(Sun)	12.30pm Way Inn Lunch at St Peter's 12.30pm Meadow Room Lunch at All Saints'. 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in Goodworth Clatford Village Club. 7.30pm Upper Clatford Parish Council meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall 5.30-6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. 7.30pm Bellringing practice St Mary's 7.30pm CADS production "The Insurance Man" in GCVC 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St Peter's
6 June	(Mon)	7.30pm "Boeing Boeing" at Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall page 25
7 June	(Tues)	7.30pm CADS production "The Insurance Man" in GCVC
8 June	(Wed)	7.30pm "Boeing Boeing" at Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall – page 25 7.30pm CADS production "The Insurance Man" in GCVC (The Third Sunday after Trinity) – full service details page 2 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann Last day for entries for The Threadgill Cup
9 June	(Thurs)	12.00 Noon Deadline for receipt of copy for the July 2016 Abbotts Ann Magazine <a href="mailto:editor@abbottsannmagazine.co.uk">editor@abbottsannmagazine.co.uk</a> 7.00pm The Wednesday Bridge Club meets in Goodworth Clatford Village Club. 7.30pm Upper Clatford WI meets in Upper Clatford Memorial Hall.
10 June	(Fri)	Goodworth Clatford WI's coach outing to Compton Acres. 5.30-6.30pm Hand Bell Ringing at 9 Catherine's Walk. 7.30pm Bellringing practice, St. Mary's 7.45pm Benefice Choir Practice, St. Peter's
11 June	(Sat)	10.00am Goodworth Clatford WI Walking Group
12 June	(Sun)	7.00pm "Chapter and Verse" Concert in Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall, in aid of St Mary's – page 7.30pm Bingo Night at Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall – page 9 6.30pm for 7.00pm Village Club Summer Picnic at GCVC (The Fourth Sunday after Trinity) – full service details page 2 8.00pm Eagle Pub Quiz, Abbotts Ann
15 June	(Wed)	10.00am to 11.30am in St Peter's Room – Goodworth Clatford Community Coffee Morning. 7.30pm Goodworth Clatford WI, meets in Goodworth Clatford Village Club
16 June	(Thurs)	
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18 June	(Sat)	
19 June	(Sun)	
21 June	(Tues)	



Burdock Valley Players  
Amateur Dramatic Society Presents:



# Cash on Delivery

A Comic Farce by Michael Cooney

Friday 3rd June - 7.30pm      Tickets £7, 4 for £25

Saturday 4th June - 7.30pm      Available to purchase at:  
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Sunday 5th June - 6.00pm      The Hexagon Stores  
King Edward VII Memorial Hall, Upper Clatford, SP11 7QL

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Now that her appointment as our Benefice Priest-in-Charge has been confirmed, Katrina Dykes would like to introduce herself:-



Hi!

I am Katrina and I am soon going to be your local vicar!

When we meet new people at functions of some sort we often ask one another what we do, as if that will in some way define us! Well, I am currently school chaplain to St Swithun's school in Winchester – I spend my days with 700+ children and teenagers, (some from countries far away and cultures very different to our own) as well as teachers, domestic, office, kitchen, estate and medical staff and occasionally parents! I enjoy the company of people of all ages and consider it a great privilege to be part of such a diverse, intelligent and caring community.

We sometimes introduce ourselves by our relationships to others. Whilst recently visiting our youngest son at Uni I was 'Jonah's mum'! In other contexts I'm 'Phil's wife' or even Shadow's owner! Growing up I always seemed to be someone's daughter or sister – connected in some way to someone already known and usually with a good reputation, as if that would somehow be a commendation on my own character and perhaps give the listener some sort of expectation as to what I would be like and what I might be good at. It sometimes felt like a standard would be expected that I could never live up to!

Personally, I try hard not to box people based on what they do or who they are related to, but rather let time and personal experience reveal a person's character. So, whilst this little introduction will have given you a little information about me, I look forward to us meeting and getting to know one another in person.

**Katrina**

### From The Registers

#### Holy Baptism

Emilie Evelyn Perkin was baptised at St Mary's on 24th April

James Stuart Lister was baptised at All Saints on 8th May

Keira Poppy Davis was baptised at All Saints on 15th May

#### Burial of Ashes

Eileen Muriel Stewart at All Saints on 22nd April

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

### 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:

**20 May - 2 Jun**

**3 Jun - 16 Jun**

**17 Jun - 30 Jun**

1 Jul - 14 Jul

15 Jul - 28 Jul

29 Jul - 11 Aug

12 Aug - 25 Aug

#### Flowers:

**Janis Bulpitt**

**Anne Jones**

**Pat Keene**

Mary Howell

Flower Festival

Elizabeth Howard

Charlotte Pearce

#### Dusting:

**Peta Chattell**

**Gill Page**

**Alex Pugh**

Mary Howell

Jill Tayler

Pat Keene

Charlotte Pearce

### CONFIRMATION

Bishop David will Confirm Jonathan, Freddie, Mary and Stuart at All Saints during the 10.00 am service on 5th June. Please pray for our candidates as they take this important step of commitment for their lives. You are all welcome to support them at the service, too.

*Rev Nicky Judd*

### CONTEMPLATIVE DAYS

#### From Sight to Insight – Journeying with Christ in Modern Art

The Revd Jenny Ellis is leading a series of Contemplative Days at her home, Batts Row Cottage, Laverstoke Lane, Nr Whitchurch, RG28 7PA. Each session begins at 9.30 am for 10.00 am and ends at 4.00 pm. The cost is £12 per session, including refreshments, light lunch and materials.

The sessions and themes are as follows:-

#### **June – Living Well**

Begun Saturday June 11th and completed Saturday June 18th

If this is of interest to you, please book with Jenny at

[jenny.battsrow@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.battsrow@gmail.com) or on 01256 892 895

*Rev. Nicky Judd*

The Abbotts Ann Players are proud to present  
An amateur production of



**At Abbotts Ann Village Hall  
On 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.30pm**

**In the 1960's swinging bachelor Bernard couldn't  
be happier: 3 gorgeous air hostesses all engaged  
to him without knowing about each other. When  
all 3 girls are in town simultaneously Bernard's life  
becomes a little bumpy!**

**Tickets £5.00  
on sale at Abbotts Ann Village Shop  
Contact Trish Wallis (01264) 710918**

Kitchener's New Army Service Division, and the on 26 October 1915 to 74 Infantry Brigade in the same Division.

During the early stages of the 1916 Somme offensive, 74 Brigade was attached to under command of 12th (Eastern) Division, another Kitchener Service division. On 3 July, 2/Royal Irish Rifles moved forward from Senlis to Bouzincourt, where they were in billets until 6 July. At a strength of 20 officers and 603 other ranks, the Battalion then moved forward through Albert and arrived at 11.00 pm in assembly trenches at La Boisselle, preparatory to an attack on Ovillers the next day.

At 8.00 am on 7 July, the Battalion moved forward into the front line trenches that had been vacated by 9/Loyals and 13/Cheshires, which were in the first phase of the attack. At 9.50 am, 2/Royal Irish Rifles advanced to the old German front line to reinforce the remnants of the first phase. In this operation, the Battalion suffered 30 killed, 121 wounded and 17 missing. Jack King was one of those killed.

Rifleman King's grave was lost in the subsequent Somme fighting, which lasted until November 1916. He is commemorated on Pier and Face 15A and 15B of the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France, as well as on the memorial panel outside St Mary's Church, Abbots Ann.

Jack King was entitled to the 1914-15 Star, and the British War and Allied Victory Medals.

*The Late Mike Cooper*

Author's note. I am intrigued by Jack King, particularly as he was an Abbots Ann man in an Irish regiment, which had a fearsome battlefield reputation. Despite many searches using different parameters, I have been unable to locate a service record for him although I have read the Battalion war diary for the day he was killed. I have spoken to Kings in the village, and appeals in the Abbots Ann Parish magazine and the Andover Advertiser to trace any relatives have proved nugatory. I have also researched public domain family trees and, although he appears in several, there is no detail. But, interestingly, almost every year a Remembrance cross is left for him at the village memorial, on which he is named, so someone out there knows who he was. Most recently, on 11 November 2014, 2 crosses were left for Jack, one signed Mike and the other Rod. I would really like to make contact with Mike and Rod who I am sure are related to him and correct or confirm the part of this biography that is my conjecture. If anyone has any information, please telephone 710315.

MC

*Mike wrote as yet unpublished biographies of the Abbots Ann villagers who served their country during The First World war. It is my hope that these will be published following his planned timetable of the war years. Please phone me if you have information about Private John King.*

*Pauline Cooper*

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

Please put the events below in your diary, or on the kitchen calendar, now:-

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 'Chapter & Verse' Concert – 7 pm** This popular entertainment makes a return visit to the War Memorial Hall.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July Abbots Ann Primary School church service – 10 am** service to celebrate The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All welcome.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July. St Mary's Church in the wider community.**

### ***Friday***

- **7.30 pm Youth Pop Concert** – In a Marquee in the Old Rectory garden (bar open at 6.45pm)

### ***Saturday***

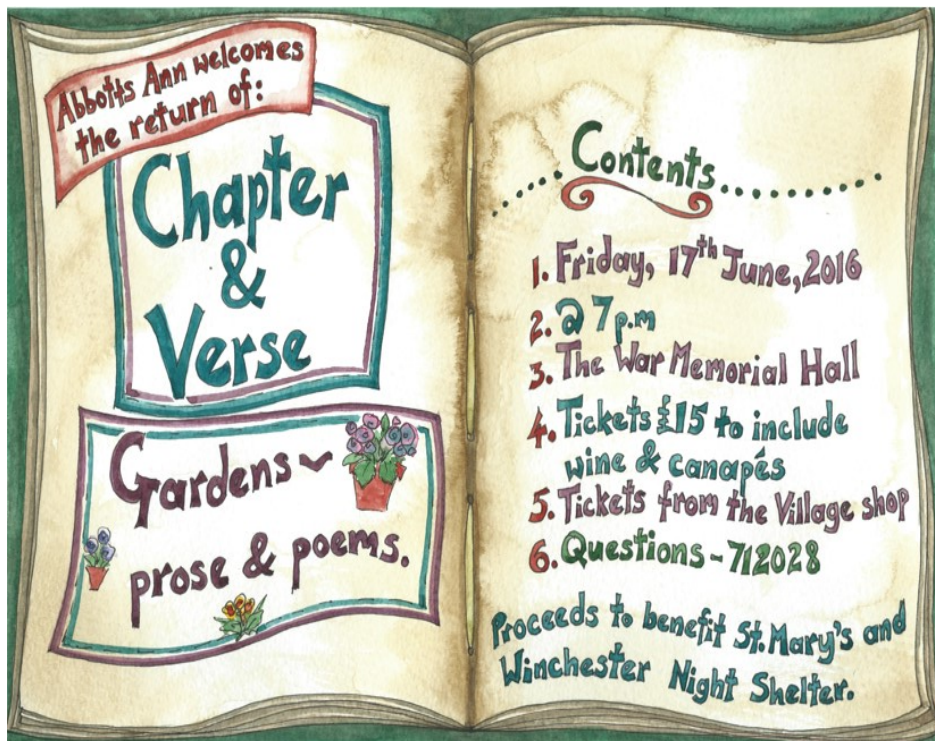
- 10 am to 5 pm - Flower festival – In Church.
- 10 am to 5 pm - History exhibition – Outside Church.
- 12 noon to 3 pm - Ploughman's lunch – In a Marquee in the Old Rectory garden.
- **7 pm.- Abba's Angels Tribute Band Concert** - In a Marquee in the Old Rectory garden. – bring your own picnic.

### ***Sunday***

- 10 am to 5 pm - Flower festival – In Church.
- 10 am to 5 pm - History exhibition – Outside Church.
- 2 pm - Peal attempt by Ancient Society of College Youths
- 3 pm to 5 pm - Cream teas - Old Rectory Garden.
- **6 pm - 'Songs of Praise'** Evening service in Church.

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

If you have any queries about, or suggestions for, this programme contact Tim Tayler on 710201, Lynne Lucas on 710037, or for Flower Festival matters Elizabeth Howard on 710830.



### **TERCENTENARY FLOWER FESTIVAL** **23RD & 24TH JULY 2016**

I am looking for helpers to make the Flower Festival possible by arranging the flowers. Also, you are most welcome to sponsor an arrangement, perhaps in memory of a loved one. In either case, should you wish to be involved please contact me, Elizabeth Howard on 710830.

*Elizabeth Howard*

### **ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP ASSOCIATION** **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Abbots Ann Village Shop Association (AAVSA) will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 in the War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann.

Nominations for persons wishing to stand for the Committee should be addressed to The Secretary AAVSA, Long Thatch, Abbots Ann, before 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

*Elizabeth Howard*

### **3/5059 RIFLEMAN JOHN ARTHUR KING** **2ND BATTALION, THE ROYAL IRISH RIFLES**



Arthur John King (his name order is changed in military records) was born in Abbots Ann in 1896, the son of Charles King, a woodsman, and his wife Emma. Known as Jack, he had two older brothers, Ernest and Harry, three younger brothers Frederick, Albert and Alfred and a younger sister Florence. The family lived at Down Farm in Abbots Ann. In the 1911 Census, Jack's occupation is shown as a farm labourer, and he would probably have

had experience with horses.

At the outbreak of war on 4 August 1914, Jack would have been 18, too young to deploy, but not to enlist, and he may have volunteered for service in 1914 as his qualifying date for theatre entry to France is shown as 23 June 1915 on his medal record. Regrettably, there is no service record for him, and attempts to find any relatives have proved nugatory. However, the image above shows Jack King wearing cavalry accoutrements and, under magnification, his cap badge could be that of the Gloucestershire Hussars, a yeomanry regiment in the Territorial Force.

Seventeen reserve cavalry regiments were formed when the army mobilised. The 4th Reserve Regiment of Cavalry was formed in August 1914 at Tidworth. It trained men for the 4th and 7th Dragoon Guards, the Gloucestershire Hussars and the Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry. It is thus a reasonable assumption that Jack might have attested into the Gloucestershire Hussars and trained at Tidworth. His training would have lasted about 4 months, so he would have been a trained cavalryman by late 1914. But the Gloucestershire Hussars moved to Kings Lynn in November 1914, possibly leaving Jack behind, and landed at Suvla Bay, Gallipoli on 18 August 1915. A more credible scenario recognises that 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles were reduced to a cadre in the crucible of the desperate 1914 fighting and urgently needed replacements. Jack, by his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, possibly in early 1915, and left behind by his regiment, wanted to get into the war and volunteered to transfer from the Gloucestershire Hussars to the Rifles. His regimental number indicates that he was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> (Reserve) Battalion, based in Belfast.

When war was declared, 2/Royal Irish Rifles were based at Bhurtapore Barracks in Tidworth as part of 7 Infantry Brigade in 3 Division. The Battalion was part of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) and landed at Rouen on 14 August 1914, one of the first BEF units into France. Jack King joined the BEF on 23 June 1915 and the Battalion, now in Belgium, shortly afterwards, taking part in actions at Bellewaarde and Hooze. On 8 October 1915, the Battalion was transferred, with 7 Brigade, to 25 Division, a



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We are beginning to get reports of feral cats beginning to breed. These cannot be taken into care and unless kittens are handled very early in their life they will never become tame. All we can do is neuter and return. If you have feral cats on your property please let us know before things get out of hand.



Please note that our helpline telephone number has changed to 0345 260 1501. This is the number for all calls relating to cats. If there is no reply leave a message and we will get back to you ASAP.

Lou Lou, last month's cat, has gone to be companion to an elderly lady in a lovely rural home. This is Blossom who was found straying in Andover. It is thought her owners moved house and left her behind. She is a confident, friendly, affectionate cat, good around children and could possibly live with another cat.

*Martin Bevan*

## Summer Concert

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm**  
**St. Peter & Holy Cross Church, Wherwell**

Join the Wherwell Singers in a celebration of Summer. The choir will perform a mixed programme of sacred and secular music from around the world, including works by Tallis, Byrd, Sarti, Elgar, Mathias, Vaughan Williams, Gershwin and so much more.

Tickets £8, available online: [www.wherwellsingers.org](http://www.wherwellsingers.org)  
via Kim Lampard on 01264 720529, or on the door.



**ABBOTTS ANN GREEN ACTION**

**Not a boring AGM!!**

Not boring because on April 27<sup>th</sup> the evening opened with a lively presentation from Erin Hacker and Tania Rawat, two Andover young people who are **Climate Justice Ambassadors**. They are part of the United Nations *Plant for the Planet* initiative which was started by a nine year-old German boy. He challenged the children of the world to plant a million trees to offset CO2 emissions. Erin and Tania reminded us that the greenhouse effect is already having a massive impact on the planet and challenged us with the Climate Justice slogan: **'Stop talking and start planting!'**

AAGA's priorities for the coming year will be:

- Complete the village consultation about the future of **the Green**. AAGA has a special interest in this since the Parish Council gave notice that the church yard will shortly need to reclaim the area currently occupied by the *Wildflower Meadow*. We hope that the Parish Council will decide to re-locate it on the Green. Meanwhile AAGA is collecting and collating the many suggestions for how the Green might be developed which have come from village residents – thanks to everyone who contributed! By the time you read this the consultation will have closed and a report made to the Parish Council for consideration at their June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Depending on the Parish Council's decision, assist the Fun Club and others with the moving of the **Meadow** to a new home in the Green. Do let us know if you would like **share** in this operation.
- Share in the **Village Fete** especially by making sure that as much waste as possible is recycled. Look out for our labelled bins at the fete and place your rubbish accordingly. We'd welcome **helpers** for this – gauntlets and litter pickers will be provided!
- Follow up our checking village homes for heat-loss spots (with a thermal imaging camera) with an open morning at the village hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Lots of ways you can **save energy and insulate your home** will be on display. See you there!
- Invite everyone to share in **Apple Day** in October. Last year two thousand litres of apple juice were produced as well as the first containers of Abbotts Ann cider. Juice and cider are both on sale in the village shop. If you'd like to take part in making Apple Day 2016 a success by **joining in the planning and/or helping on the day**, please do get in touch with us. We'd love to hear from you.

At the AGM we re-elected David Read as Chair, Ann Hopwood as Secretary,

and Wendy Davis and Maureen Wood as committee members. Sadly our indefatigable secretary, Jo Dixon, has had to stand down. She and Phil Wood were thanked for all they've done to support AAGA's contribution to village life.

**So: our committee is small and we are without a secretary. We'd welcome anyone who is interested in sharing in our work of encouraging sustainable development and awareness of climate change in our village.**

**If you are interested in anything in this report and would like more information and maybe get involved, contact David on 01264 710090 or david.read@mybroadbandmail.com**

*David Read*



**ST MARY'S FUN CLUB**  
**Invite You To Our Summer Fundraiser**  
**A Strawberry Cream Tea**  
**On Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July**  
**3:30pm - 5:00pm**  
**At Abbots Ann Primary School, Duck Street, Abbots Ann**  
**Bring your friends and family to enjoy afternoon tea made, prepared and served by St Mary's Fun Club**





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Christian Outreach

### VISIT TO SAXLEY FARM

Following on from last summer's very popular visit to Saxley Farm, there will be another opportunity to visit this local arable farm, by kind invitation of Matthew Read, on the evening of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The visit will begin at 7pm and last about two hours.

We hope to hear about last year's harvest and to find out what crops and varieties are being grown on the farm this year and what is involved in their cultivation, and we'll get to see how the wild flower meadow is developing. We'll also get an update on the latest science and technology being employed on the farm, and the measures taken to protect and enhance the environment.

If you would like to come, please contact Julie Moon (710123 or julie.moon@care4free.net) to book your place and get directions to the farm if you need them.

*Julie Moon (Abbots Ann Vision Countryside Group)*

## ABBOTTS ANN POST OFFICE

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*Maureen Flood - Sub Post Mistress*



## **ABBOTTS ANN VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE**

**Shop Manager:** Tim Abram

**Deputy Shop Manager:** Carol Murphy

**Sub Post Mistress:** Maureen Flood

**June 2016**

### **Picnic Boxes**

On the occasion of the celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 5<sup>th</sup> June on Bulbery the shop will be selling Picnic Boxes for those attending. Orders must be received by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. For more details please enquire in the shop or by phone on 710230.

### **Apple Juice and Cider**

Summer has arrived (my fingers are crossed). It's BBQ time and it would be lovely to wash your meal down with Abbots Ann's own Apple Juice or Cider. Apple juice is still available at £2.99 a bottle and you can either purchase a 10 Litre container of Cider for £25 or bring your own 1 Litre bottle and have it filled up for £3.

### **Local Wine**

Try our local white wine from Coach House, the grapes are grown at West Wellow, at £10.49 a bottle.

### **Eggs**

Our hens eggs are still the cheapest around, at £1.15 for ½ a dozen, and we also sell Duck eggs and Quails eggs.

### **Basil's Bench**

The shop bench, in memory of Basil Hibbert, has been refurbished and is looking good. Our thanks to Nick Young. Dog owners – please do not tie your dogs up to the bench, or let them sit on it.

### **Pizza Night**

Pizza Night in June will be later in the month, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup>, to fit in with other events in the village.

### **Order your Pizza for**

**Friday 24th June 1700 to 1900**

(place your order beforehand for collection at a time convenient for you)

*Elizabeth Howard  
Shop Volunteer & Committee Member*

## **Bingo** "Eyes down, folks!" **Night**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**Abbots Ann War Memorial Hall**



**Doors open 7pm**

**Books on sale**

**7.30pm, First  
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**£10 Includes Supper**

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**Abbots Ann War Memorial Hall Committee**





### **SALISBURY ROAD FOOTPATH INAUGURAL WALK**

A walk to celebrate the opening of the new footpath from Andover Garden Centre to the A303 bridge on Salisbury Road took place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April. This permissive path was negotiated by Abbots Ann Vision in order to provide a safe pedestrian route between the village and the edge of Andover.



Over 20 of us walked from the village shop via Green Lane to the Garden Centre roundabout and the start of the new path, where John Moon, on behalf of the village, thanked the Burnfield family for generously agreeing to the use of their land. He also thanked Peter Watson, formerly of HCC Countryside Service, for his enthusiastic support of the project and for clearing a line through the HCC land at the far end of the path. Thanks were also due to Andover Ramblers who provided a work party to clear the surface of the path inside the field, and to other members of AAV, particularly Ray Lucas and Phil Wood, for help in drawing up a formal permissive path agreement and for scrub and litter clearance. The path had already been used by at least two walking groups and one running club, as well as by several individuals.

After walking the length of the new path we walked back to the Garden Centre for refreshments before returning to the village.

*Julie Moon (Abbots Ann Vision)*

Abbots Ann Conservatives invite you to  
**COME AND HAVE SOME FUN AT OUR  
BEETLE DRIVE!**

**ON FRIDAY 24TH JUNE 2016**  
**DRINKS IN THE GARDEN AT 7.00 pm FOLLOWED BY**  
**BEETLE DRIVE at 7.30pm**  
**AT ABBOTTS ANN WAR MEMORIAL HALL**



**Tickets £10.00 (to include 2 course supper)**  
**Available in advance from Michael Pugh (Tel: 711158)**  
**([pughabbottsann@gmail.com](mailto:pughabbottsann@gmail.com)),**  
**Biz Shaw (Tel 710197) ([bizmorris@sky.com](mailto:bizmorris@sky.com))**  
**or Committee Members (Cheques payable to NWHCA)**

**Abbots Ann Family Picnic Party**  
**To Celebrate Her Majesty's**



**90<sup>th</sup>**

**Birthday**

**To be held at Bulberry Sports Field**

**On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 12:30**

**Bring a picnic or order and collect from the Abbots Ann Shop**

### **HIBBERT CUP 2016/2017**

This cup is awarded annually at the Abbots Ann Fete which this year is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

It is awarded for outstanding, voluntary, unpaid contribution to the Abbots Ann community in honour of Basil Hibbert, who himself made an outstanding contribution to our community. A bench in memory of Basil stands outside the village shop. This year's winner will be the 15<sup>th</sup> holder of the cup.

The decision is made by the Trustees of the War Memorial Hall, which Basil chaired for many years. In making the decision, the Trustees also consult with the current holder of the Cup (2015/2016 Andrew Liddell).

All nominations (including all past unsuccessful nominations) are considered with great care, and any village resident may make a nomination. Please send your nominations, with a description of the outstanding contribution made, to Graham Stallard, Secretary and Trustee, Abbots Ann War Memorial Hall, Rose Cottage, 86 Little Ann Road, SP11 7NW – or email to [graham.p.stallard@gmail.com](mailto:graham.p.stallard@gmail.com)

Closing date for nominations is 31<sup>st</sup> July, five weeks before the Fete. Please remember that your nomination must be yours alone – no groups please - so that it is absolutely confidential. Please keep your nomination secret as it would be most inappropriate in our Abbots Ann family for the names of unsuccessful nominees to be known, and to be open for discussion.

*Graham Stallard*

### **AQUAFIT AT FARLEIGH SCHOOL**

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### **NEW ADVERTISING YEAR 2016/2017**

This month's magazine is the first in our new advertising year and we would like to thank all those advertisers who have continued to advertise with us and offer a warm welcome to our new advertisers. A special thank you to all those who were very prompt in sending in their cheques and artwork for the coming year. Please support our advertisers as they support us.

*Editor*

## **How does your garden grow?**

Every year, at about this time, someone organises our village garden competition. I would be delighted if you would consider entering your garden this year. Neither size nor structure matter. It can be small or large, intensively cultivated, or encouraged to be wild and eco-friendly, there is a category for everyone. Don't worry about the patch the children have worn, or the area that is being redesigned.

Our judge this year is Brian Davis, an RHS qualified judge. He has requested that you simply enter your garden. He will decide whether your garden is large or small, and which gardens have excelled in various areas e.g., eco-friendly, ornamental plants, vegetables, hard landscaping, etc.

The overall winner will be awarded

### **The Threadgill Cup**

There will be also be prizes for various categories.

Entry forms are available from the village shop If you have any questions please e-mail or give me a ring.

Last date for entry is 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Judging will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> June (not the 30<sup>th</sup> as previously suggested.)

Organiser: Liz Dell [lizdell.48@gmail.com](mailto:lizdell.48@gmail.com) 01264 711051  
*The Old Exchange, Duck Street, Abbots Ann.*



### **ST GEORGE'S DAY TEA**

This was an amazing success with a chilly but clear day, attended by approximately 80 and a total of £736 (Raffle £140) sent off to The Children's Society. Kate Bennett and Jane Wilson were overcome by the generous flow of delicious home-made cakes and would also like to thank all those who came, who helped on the day and who made donations.

*Kate Bennett*

### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

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## **LIFE WITH THE TRIBE - APRIL 2016**

Having given nature a head start with a mild winter, everything in our natural world appears to have hit the breaks and this month the trees are only just beginning to show a tantalising glimpse of green leaves and snowy blossom. Our weather is not playing ball and the Tribe are most definitely still wrapped up in winter uniform and bundled up in coats as they leave for school. In fact there have been several occasions when I have been scraping ice off the windscreen first thing in the morning! Despite the barrenness of so many trees, spring flowers are emerging everywhere and light up gardens and woodland alike. The fabulous bluebells with their bell-like, nodding heads and bright green leaf blades, bring joy on an overcast day. The bright, buttercup yellow of the celandine, are also appearing below the still skeletal hedgerows. Our delayed Spring this year however, should result in a bumper crop of fruit later this year as the trees and shrubs are less likely to be damaged by frost when they finally come into blossom. By the end of the month our small cherry trees just start to blossom, but our largest and oldest cherry tree remains in its bare state with buds still tightly furled. We will be patient.

One morning, as I return from the morning's final school run, I stop the car halfway up the drive as I see two cock pheasants eyeing each other under the bird feeders. Of the two, I recognise 'our' pheasant, but the other is an incomer. I watch to see what happens. Directly facing each other, following a series of threatening and dramatic displays with wings being spread, these two males leap upwards at each other, thrusting their sharp clawed feet, together with their spurs deployed, at taking each other. It is violent, but the challenger doesn't hang around for long and 'our' pheasant returns to strut his stuff, beating his wings against his body. This beating, sends low level waves around the surrounding countryside, letting every other pheasant in the vicinity know, that this is very much HIS patch. It is fabulously impressive to watch.

Another bird that we are pleasantly surprised by is a lesser spotted woodpecker. As the Eldest and I are getting out of the car one evening, she suddenly stops and points up at the big, old cherry tree. We stay in the car to watch, as a woodpecker flies out of a perfectly formed hole in the trunk of the tree. Following this, the head of another woodpecker emerges, looking around for several moments before disappearing back into the hole. The first woodpecker returns and flies straight back into the hole. It is amazing and thrilling to see this. The hole is chiselled out by both the male and female birds, in soft or decaying wood; these woodpeckers were the main beneficiary after the catastrophic demise of elms by Dutch elm disease as the dead wood provided them with plentiful nesting sites. Once the hole is made horizontally, it then goes straight down for 15-30cm where a small chamber is made for the nest itself, which is lined with wood chips. We now watch daily



The bell ringing team did a magnificent job ringing the bells from 1200hrs for half an hour on Thursday 21st April to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and afterwards downing a glass of bubbly to toast the Queen. In the picture from left to right are, Gil Warner, Alex Pugh, Roni Dye, Dee Walker, Colin Walker and Malcolm Dye. Hopefully, those village residents around at that time enjoyed the bells too.  
*Dudley Alleway*

Kit Malthouse is hosting a second information session in the run up to the EU Referendum on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June at the Fieldgate Centre in Kingsclere at 7pm. This is the most important question to come before us in generations with profound consequences for the future of our country. Kit's hosting this event with speakers from both sides so everyone can make an informed decision before the vote.

Everyone's welcome, but so we have a good handle on numbers, please RSVP via [www.kitmalthouse.com](http://www.kitmalthouse.com), or by calling 020 7219 3940

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Our speaker this month Andrew Negus (no relation to Arthur) is obviously passionate about history and in particular the City of Salisbury. A teacher by profession, he had our members and visitors enthralled as, with the aid of slides, he brought to life the early settlement located on Bishopsdown Ridge at Old Sarum. He explained that during its long history it has had various names, including Sorviodunum, Searoburh and Sarisberie. With Andrew's graphic descriptions, it was easy to imagine how crowded, noisy and smelly the settlement became and hence the need to find something else more accommodating.

The Cathedral that we know and love today was the beginning of the second city and was completed in 38 years. Much to Andrew's abhorrence the spire was added some 100 years later and he dislikes it intensely. He is on a one-man mission to get it removed - sssh don't tell him, but I suspect he is not going to win that argument. Strange, as for most of his audience, it is the sight of the spire as we approach the city that we love the most.

The new City was planned on a grid system. The proximity of the royal Clarendon Palace a couple of miles east of Salisbury, together with the confluence of several rivers and major roads, ensured its success. However, it was at this point that Andrew drew his talk to a close, stating this was the end of Part One! No doubt he will be asked to return with Part Two at a later date!

Once again we have had a busy month, although our walking group was down to three it didn't deter us, we had a gentle stroll around Amport and ate at The Hawk. However, there was a large group at the White Lion in Wherwell for Supper Club and after a break of several months the Lunch Club gathered at the Poplar Farm.

Our summer outing is to Syon House - the London home of the Duke & Duchess of Northumberland. If anyone is interested in joining us on this trip, then the cost is £24 to include entry and coach - please contact Sharon King (01264 335630) for more information.

For our meeting this month we are taking to the high seas, also known as the Basingstoke Canal. Members please make sure your name is on the list - if unsure then please contact Colleen Jackson for detailed information.

*Sharon King*

for glimpses of these striking birds and perhaps we'll be fortunate enough to spot their young too.

And perhaps the sun's warmth will return very soon.

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

## **PARISH MATTERS**

There was no Parish Council meeting this month before the June edition of the parish magazine "went to bed", but one worthwhile village event to report is the Inaugural Walk for the new footpath.

This permissive path runs along the Salisbury Road from the Garden Centre to Cherrywell Bottom, aka the A303 flyover by Burghclere Down. A formal agreement for its use had been signed some time ago following successful negotiations with the landowners by Abbots Ann Vision, in particular Ray Lucas and John Moon, on behalf of the Parish Council.

The official opening on 16<sup>th</sup> April attracted a goodly crowd at Abbots Ann Village Shop (coffee and cakes available for fortification!). We set off along Church Path and down Mill Lane: the more energetic then continued up Green Lane, arriving at the entrance to the footpath by a circuitous and healthy route. Others (inc. me) took a short cut along Cattle Lane!

The new footpath provides a very pleasant stroll, secluded from traffic by the hedge, with a lovely view across farmland. It then passes through a small wooded area, before emerging at the flyover, where pavement takes over. Only just over a quarter of a mile long, a quick turn round and return makes it an undaunting outing for most, particularly if one then crosses over to the Garden Centre for more coffee and cake – as we did!

Abbots Ann is blessed with a network of easily-accessible footpaths, and the new one is a welcome addition. It would be even better if Those in High Places could be persuaded to set a zebra crossing nearby! The traffic hurtles across the roundabout at alarming ferocity and intensity, particularly from the slip-road off the A303 and such a crossing would reduce the hazards to pedestrians even further.

But I would hope it would be more permanent than the short-lived zebra crossing that mysteriously appeared in Duck Street early one April, several years ago...!

Thank you to all those who have worked so hard to see the project through - it really could be a life-saver!

*Rosemary Groves*

## **CLATFORD VALLEY GARDENING CLUB**

### **A talk about Fuchsias by Derek Dexter**

Derek has been growing fuchsias since 1998, mainly as a hobby. He has however exhibited at The Fuchsia Society and Hampton Court, winning a first in one of the championships.

Derek recommended that at the end of October, early November, fuchsias can be cut back to a couple of inches and left dormant. They may need a little water and will need to be kept frost free to protect the roots, not the leaves. After Christmas, he suggested spraying the plants with warm water to soften the hard wood and within a fortnight they should come back to life. Tip the plants out and make sure they have little white roots. First, saw off about a third of the root ball, add some new compost and continue to spray until they come back to life in late March, early April.

### **Cuttings**

Derek advised that you should look for some healthy growth and cut just below a leaf joint. The cuttings only need to have two leaves. Put the tiny cuttings into a 2" pot and spray. In ten days' time the cuttings should have rooted. If you haven't got a heated greenhouse, a clear plastic pop bottle will do. Don't forget to label the plants and don't put the cuttings into direct sunlight. Once the cuttings have taken, put them into square plastic trays. For some strange reason they seem to prefer these to round pots!

### **Planting up a pot or basket**

Derek used a moss called Big Moss which retains water extremely well, into the bottom of a 5" pot and then topped up with compost. He suggested putting three new plants into the pot. A basket would be done in a similar way but the moss could be extended up the side of the basket, stopping a little way from the rim. He suggested putting a 2" pot in the centre of the basket for watering. In a 16" basket, you could use 4 or 5 of these pots. This stops you from losing your compost.

### **Hardwood Cuttings**

In late October take some 6" cuttings but not those with flowers. Put them into well drained compost such as Jack's Magic. There is no need to spray at this point.

### **Feeding**

Feed once a week in April and May with Chempak No.3. Once they are about 7-8 weeks old, feeding can be stopped.

### **Pests**

Vine Weevil is the main pest. Derek uses Provado twice a year in Spring and Winter and puts a handful on hardy fuchsias too. This also helps to kill whitefly. He also suggested keeping tools clean by rubbing with tomato sauce (any variety!).

Derek was a great enthusiast and spoke with passion and humour. His advice and tips were invaluable and hopefully we will all be able to bring on our own healthy plants from cuttings in the future.

**The next meeting in May will be 'Keeping Hens in the Garden' by Charlotte Popescu and June will be 'Gardening for Television' by Kate Bennett and Eleanor Waterhouse.**

We hope you can come and join us. We meet at 7.45 in Upper Clatford village hall and the meeting is followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.



## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY RUBBER BRIDGE?**

Wednesday Bridge Club is looking for new members. The club meets every Wednesday at the Goodworth Clatford Village Club from 7.00pm until 10.00pm to play Rubber Bridge. Occasionally Chicago Bridge is played. Tables of 4 are made up on arrival and players change tables at the end of each rubber. The first Wednesday of the month is a partners evening. Tea or coffee and biscuits are offered during the evening.

The Wednesday Bridge Club is not a teaching club so prospective members would need some experience in playing bridge. Rubber Bridge play is similar to Chicago, but the scoring is slightly different and can be easily picked up. Please contact Rosemary Johnson-Ferguson on 01264 710 547 for more details.