

ABTALK



News from Abthorpe

April 2014

We make no apologies for the gap between issues, as the editors have been away travelling in warmer climes and escaping the 'end of the world' weather. With the last issue coming out before Christmas there's quite a bit to catch up on.

CHRISTMAS IN ABTHORPE

Just before Christmas the restaurant at The New Inn was packed with the more mature villagers for the annual lunch hosted by the Village Fund Group. Guests enjoyed

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a traditional Christmas meal cooked by Steve the chef and served by volunteer waiters Jan and Joyce. It was a great opportunity to chat to friends.

The beautiful Abthorpe crib was set up in the church to celebrate the Christmas season. The delicate porcelain 45cm tall figures of Mary, Joseph, the infant Jesus plus the shepherds and all the animals were set in a stable with rushes and straw on the floor. The Wise Men were waiting close by to join the group at Epiphany.

There is an interesting story behind this tableau, recounted by Rene Balderson who was born and brought up in Abthorpe. The figurines

were given to the church by the late Reg Chapman, who used to live in the Old Bakehouse, in memory of his mother who served as churchwarden for many years when Rene and her late sister Elsie Kelcher were children. As Mrs Chapman died in 1952 Rene believes that the crib was presented in 1953. The figures apparently have Roman Catholic tendencies as at the time Reg, who ran the village post office, was contemplating leaving the Church of England.

Horace Coles, famously known locally as 'Nobby' and who died in 1977, was not only landlord of the New Inn and a dealer in old railway sleepers as well as being the local carrier. He picked up the large box

containing the figurines from the long since disappeared Wappenham Station (on the Banbury branch of the Stratford-on-Avon & Midland Junction Railway - the SMJ, that closed finally in 1965) and took them to the church. When the figures were unpacked it was found that the head of one of the shepherds had broken. This was stuck back on with glue, a repair that has lasted until the present day. The stable was made by Rene's late brother Edmund Kendall, known locally as 'Shen', who constructed it from pine and went down to 'the brook', a local name for the River Tove, to collect rushes to thatch the stable, and straw from local fields to scatter amongst the animals. Surprisingly the rushes and straw seem to have lasted all these years.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Council has set the precept at the same amount as last year. As there has been an increase in the number of homes in the village this has led to a slight reduction per household.

After many phone calls and much frustration, the direction sign at the Silverstone Road crossroads has been replaced. But where did the old one go?

We have not been so successful

with the replacement of the grit bin by the cross-roads, but have asked that one on the road to Wappenham, which is not used, is moved there. We might get this resolved in time for bad weather next winter. We have also repeatedly asked that the developer's sign in front of Snelson's Orchard be removed.

The Council's accounts have been through their annual audit, with a clean bill of health. The Council has commented on the draft Local Plan being drawn up by the District Council. This plan has to go through at least one more stage of consultation but its publication is awaited with interest. Of particular impact to our village is any change to the amount of development which is permitted. We believe that any growth should be very limited, in gradual stages and appropriate to a village with few services.

The vehicle speed indicator has now been in use for several week and seems to have reduced the speed of some vehicles. It will be moved periodically from one end of the village to the other.

Come and hear about all the activities over the last year at the Annual Parish Meeting on 12th May at 7.45.

Keith Fenwick

TOWCESTER FOOD FESTIVAL

If you're a foodie and fancy volunteering at the Towcester Food Festival on 7th and 8th June as a steward greeting and guiding visitors, in return you will be offered free tickets and a food voucher, plus your festival-branded T-shirt. Two recruitment events are planned for April at the offices of SNVB in Moat Lane, Towcester. One is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd April, the other at 11am on Thursday 24th April. More information: www.towcesterfoodfestival.co.uk

FACES FROM THE PAST

Digital photos wing their way around the internet to be enjoyed by friends and family but how many pictures will be around in fifty years time or even the event be remembered? Family albums which are viewed with pleasure or amusement at relatives' expressions and clothes often fall short because no names have been added. At the time it would seem pointless as everyone knew who was in the photos, but then the next generation is left staring at them just guessing who the strangers were and often regretting that no one thought to name or even date them.

We look at the photos of the church before and after the first clock was put up some time between 1872 and 1910 but no one knows exactly when it happened or for what celebration. Probably money was hard-raised by villagers to pay for the new clock yet no one recorded the event, not even in the church minute book.

In the 1920s the village had a band which entered competitions. There were mentions in the local paper when they played at Feast day and local competitions and a few people had photographs, otherwise that would be another lost village achievement. Pictures of maypole dancing and a performance of a *Missummer's Night Dream* show the variety of school activities in the 1930s, but soon there will be no one to recognise who the participants were.

See the photo opposite.

There they stood, the proud children from Abthorpe School with the shields and cups won at Daventry schools sports day, a good result from a small village school. The photograph is a record for us to keep the memories of them, very few now left in the village to recall their relatives and teachers. One or two may still recognise a grandparent or parent, others will remember

names of those who made them welcome when arriving as new residents in the 1970s.

Rene Balderson has been able to name all the children. Some of us may recognise a few from a striking family likeness, shown in 1940s school photos taken of their own children at the same age, particularly Peter Snelson and Carol Allen, daughter of Gladys Coles. However even this sports photo leaves a query as to when the event took place. A note in the school log



Back row

Miss Henson, John (Bill) Kendall born 1920, Fred Boughton 1920, John Farrow, ? Scrivens, Venvill Beasley, Miss Davies

Second row, all standing

Barbara Sheppard 1919, Mary Scott, Gladys Coles 1917, Rene Holton, Gwen Holton 1920, Hilda Matthews, Leo Underwood 1919, Peg Holton.

Third row, sitting

Mary Sheppard 1918, Ada Instone, Miss Abberley, Joyce Billing, Jan Bradbury

Front row

Jack Lockland 1918, Eric Snelson 1915, Fred Brookes, John Digby 1920.

book said, 'In July 1925 Abthorpe won eight prizes at the school sports held at Daventry'. Did they win more than once? It is very likely because some of those on the photo would have been only five then. The photo is thought to have been taken about 1930. Up until 1931 children stayed at Abthorpe school until they finished at fourteen. After that age the older ones transferred to Silverstone school, except for those who had won a scholarship to Towcester Grammar School.

Against some of the names is the year in which they were born, so can anyone estimate how old those children were when it was taken to date it more accurately?

Some of those children were from other villages: Mary and Barbara Sheppard from Braden, Leo Underwood from Slapton, all from large farming families. Venvill Beasley from Wappenham had been baptised William V Beasley but his best friend Eric Lawrence still refers to him as Venvill. Mary Scott and Ada Instone were Dr Barnado's girls staying with Jane Kendall at 1 The Green; Mary still keeps in touch with her friends here. Gladys Coles is Audrey Dancer's sister. The Holton family lived with their father Ted in Yew Tree Cottage on the corner of Main Street.

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NEW INN NEWS

Landlord Rob Smith is a very busy man. For the past few weeks he has been fully occupied lambing at his farm at Slapton. Despite this he hasn't neglected the pub and has introduced a new local cask ale to his selection of Hooky Norton beers. It is Hooky Mild with an alcoholic content of 2.8% compared with 3.5% for bitter, 4.6% for Old and 4.8% for Hooky Double Stout. It's an ideal lunch time pint, with the New Inn being one of the few local pubs where mild is on draught.



Another new introduction is aimed at local winers and diners: 'Have a piggy back home in the booze bus. Wednesdays to Saturdays'.

Following the change of décor in the restaurant, the bar has taken its turn to be spruced up, and a new menu introduced.

Easter is fast approaching and plans are afoot for an evening of music and a lamb BBQ on Sunday 20th April, with the restaurant being open for lunch on Easter Monday. St George's Day follows hot on Easter's heels and on the following Saturday, 26th April, a patriotic meal will be on offer with part of the proceeds being donated to the Village Fund.

And of course the monthly Sunday quiz evenings continue, the latest being on 23rd March when Team Bernard selected the local branch of Shelter to receive the £166 raised. In February just over £100 went to the Old School, the charity chosen by Chatty Apes. Future dates are 27nd April, 25th May and 29th June.

SAFARI SUPPER

The organisers have been hard at work planning this year's event which will take place on Saturday 10th May. At present there are a few tickets left, so if you are interested or would like to know more about how the evening works, contact Andrea Lambert on 850536 or email safari@abthorpe.net.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Unfortunately the recent spate of break-ins has continued with two more properties being targeted earlier this month. The police are keeping an eye open for a blue Jaguar X-type, RV55 OZJ, which may be associated with them. If you happen to see it, please call 101.

And do review your security arrangements, especially if you plan to be away. Work vans are also being broken into so it's worth ensuring valuable tools aren't left in them overnight. The local PCSO, Clive Ashmore, would be happy to give any advice: tel 101 ext 343091, sct-southnorthantsbrackley@northants.pnn.police.uk

There is also a notice out to beware of scammers posing as Trading Standards officers. There has been a case in Towcester recently, so if anyone does turn up at your door claiming to be a council officer make sure you check their ID and also call the customer service centre on 0300 126 1000 to check if they are genuine. A council officer will never mind waiting while you do this.

Reviving Neighbourhood Watch would go quite a way to helping combat these intrusive events. A Coordinator is required to hold an email list and circulate any alerts which come through from the police, probably only a handful a month, so not an arduous task. If you would consider doing this and care to find out more, please call Jill Tolson on 857320.

OLD SCHOOL UPDATE

"Jules Dyckhoff has unfortunately left Abthorpe for a new life in France. She is sorely missed and we all thank her for her hard work and wish her well." Those were the words of Richard Gladdle, who has succeeded Jules as Chairman of the committee that manages The Old School, when he opened the recent AGM.

Richard, in a comprehensive report, said that all the committee's fund raising successes resulted in the complete refurbishment of the kitchen and meeting room. Already Damian York hires the hall for a weekly upholstery class and it is hoped that there will be more regular bookings. Fund raising events in the past year included a plant sale, fish and chips on the village green, clay pigeon shooting, a race night and a Saturday morning truckers' breakfast which was so popular

that a second breakfast was held in February. Additionally Women's Food and Farming organised a broadcast gardeners' question time "Green Welly Show," and a cookery demonstration.

Lynn Neasham in her Treasurer's Report said that it had been a very successful year for fund raising. The committee's next step is to update the hall's toilet facilities. The Constance Travis Trust and Abthorpe Parish Council have kindly provided grants to assist with this work and South Northamptonshire Council has promised a further £8,500. Lynn is keeping her fingers crossed that an application to the Lottery Fund is successful.

The present committee consists of Richard Gladdle (Chairman), Jan Miles (Secretary), Lynn Neasham (Treasurer), Janet Dancer, Sarah Lawson, Fi Noble and Tim Pope.

The Old School, now that it has been refurbished, is a great venue and benefits from a superfast broadband connection.

Future events to look forward to are the restarting of the coffee mornings, the first to be at Fi Noble's home, The Elms, Wappenham Road on 24th April from 10 to 12. The ever popular plant sale with tea and cakes is scheduled for 25th May so please do start adding a few extra

seeds during your spring planting and pot up any spare plants which are being split.

The fish and chip supper on the Green has become an annual event, this year with an added twist: a table top sale in the morning. The date depends on the availability of the fish and chip van.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

These will be held on Thursday 22nd May. We are in the East Midlands constituency, currently represented by five MEPs:

Derek Clark, UK Independence Party

Roger Helmer, UK Independence Party

Emma McClarkin, Conservative

Bill Newton-Dunn, Liberal Democrats

Glenis Willmott, Labour

You can see how each MEP does (and did) vote at VoteWatch.eu, an independent website which contains a database of all European Parliament roll call votes since the 2009 elections. It also gives voting trends, and the EP's calendar of future meetings.

No other elections are scheduled this year in Northamptonshire.

ABTHORPE'S FAME

On Friday 13th December the following clue appeared in the The Times 2 crossword: 17 across. Northamptonshire village pea broth (anagram) (8)

NEWS FROM ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

The cockerel's back. Steeplejacks have replaced the refurbished weather vane on the spire. He's looking proud and has been working hard in the recent weather. This completes the quinquennial work identified at the inspection, and the next project is to redo the path on the North side.

The pancake tea on Saturday 1st March was a great draw for lots of families and children. Not just the freshly tossed pancakes and array of cakes, but the warm sunny weather made it even more of an occasion and an opportunity for the children to play in the school yard. Approximately £150 was raised for church funds.

The Annual Church meeting is on Tuesday 8th April at the Old School. Everyone is welcome to hear what the PCC is about and to have a say in the future of the church.

Dates to look forward to include a concert on 17th May, a return of the John Cleveland band, which

is being organised jointly with the Old School committee. Tickets, including refreshments, will be £15, the same as last time. A cream tea is also planned for 21st June. This is generally a quintessentially English garden event so let's hope for a similar summer to last year.

The December tote was won by Mark Wardley and Shannon Saby (£215), while in January Phil and Marie Pratt won £225. The February draw of £217.50 went to Katie and Chris Deal, and for March Mrs Audrey Dancer's numbers came out first with a win of £225.

Thank you to the volunteers who are once again preparing to keep the churchyard mowed this summer.

And a special welcome to our four new volunteers.

It would be helpful if more joined the rota. It's just an hour and a half once or twice a year, and means that the centre of the village can be kept looking really nice.

Please don't wait to be asked. If you would like to help, just call Richard on 858316 or email richard.tomalin@abthorpe.net.

THE TOVE IN SPATE

How fortunate we are that our village has been built on higher ground above the Tove flood plain. The flooding this year has been noteworthy, but sadly as the Environment Agency's measuring station on the Tove at



*The Tove
in flood*

Greens Norton is still not active it is difficult to make accurate assessments of the huge volume of water that has been flowing at times down our little river. But after a few hours without rain the flood water magically disappears from the flood plain and rushes down to annoy Towcester and then into the River Great Ouse in Milton Keynes and onwards through Bedford, St Ives and Ely to finally reach salt water at The Wash.

TOWCESTER FOOD BANK

Although our area is reported to be one of the most affluent in the country, some of our neighbours live below the poverty line. Someone once asked "And who is my neighbour?" It's good to know that local people know the answer.

Receiving yet another box of goods from Abthorpe, Anna Fox one of the volunteers at the food bank explained that as always, low income, benefit delays and changes account for the majority of their clients' needs. In February this year 60 adults and 35 children were helped compared to 77 people last year. Since the local food bank commenced operations, 1,449 individuals have received donated food that weighed in total 13,279kg. The stock at the food bank is barely keeping pace with this increased need. The current stock figure stands at 1331kg, which looks healthy but is due to food being purchased directly to top-up donations.



*Mayor Cllr
Jim Lynch
receiving
Abthorpe
foodbank box
from
Joyce Riches*

From October 2012 to February 2013 the local food bank was feeding an average of 18 people each week. For the same period this winter the number has risen to an average of 28. A lower proportion of this number now come from Towcester but it is believed that clients, more families than singles, come from the surrounding villages.

TOVE VALLEY BROADBAND

The total number of homes connected to the system has now topped 260, spread over the villages of Bradden, Slapton, Abthorpe, Wappenham, Lois Weedon, Weston and Helmdon. Interest from people in Helmdon, which is a recent addition to our coverage area, is growing quickly.

Not only has the system been extended to serve more homes, but the traffic per user has increased as people have discovered that they can now use services such as BBC i-Player and You View to watch TV programmes on line.

The popularity of the service is far above expectations and has spurred on efforts to enhance the system and complete the formalities to obtain a government grant under the Rural Communities Broadband Fund. The enhancement will include increasing the speed of our Internet connection and installing fibre links between the villages to replace the wireless links

currently in use. Several potential contractors have responded to our invitation to tender for this work; these tenders are now being evaluated. The intention is to carry out the work during the summer. Since part of it involves laying fibres across fields, the exact timing will depend on when crops are gathered in and access can be obtained.

Tove Valley Broadband was recently mentioned in the House of Commons by our MP, Andrea Leadsom. She highlighted our work as a fantastic example of community effort to bring superfast broadband to an area where it is not commercially viable to provide the service. The Minister in response, echoed her comments and stated that in principle £118,000 has been approved for our project through the Rural Communities Broadband Fund

If you are not yet connected and want to find out more, visit www.tovevalley.com.

FILM ABTHORPE

The film evenings in the Old School have restarted after their Christmas break. Recent offerings have been *Princess Bride* and *A Man For All Seasons*, supported by episodes from well-loved comedies. Future dates are being planned, provisionally 24th April, 15th May and 26th June.

PEOPLE

A warm welcome to Mary and Roger Brennan who moved to the Old Bakehouse from France just in time for their first Christmas in Abthorpe. They have two sons in this country and two grandchildren, and have now extended their family to include Cassie, a black lab puppy who will feel quite at home among many of her kind in the village. Apart from all the usual pursuits associated with living in the country, Mary and Roger are looking forward to putting their mark on the garden.

Manazza Hill and Tim Pollock decided that her weekend commute from Worcester to Milton Keynes had gone on long enough and so they bought The Cottage in School Lane to spend all their time together. Their Siamese cat, Shena, can be seen going for walks with them around the village, and has even ventured into church. Tim is one of the Thames Valley's Mounted Police team based in Milton Keynes, and Manazza is shortly starting work in Banbury. As the weather improves you may well see them, Manazza in her pink helmet, riding round the countryside on their pride and joy, a many-mirrored Lambretta.

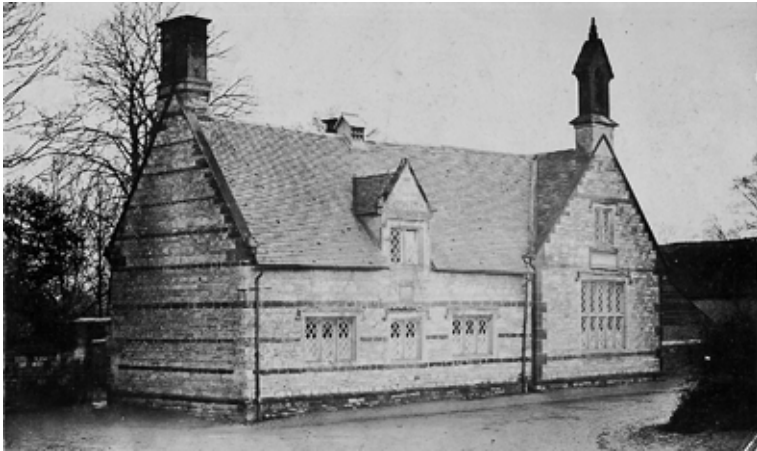
Also just arrived at The Orchard, Wappenham Road, welcome to Rowland and Sam Dines, their children Josh and Tilly, along with Whisky the dog and Sweep the cat. They have moved from Leckhampstead, so not very far. Rowland works for an agricultural equipment company, and has family connections with the village. His grandparents, Mr and Mrs Warren, used to live at Home Farm and also ran the pub.

POSTCARD TO MAUD

This intriguing little tale started when Sheila Andrews was browsing on eBay and saw an old postcard for sale depicting Abthorpe School. She promptly bought it.

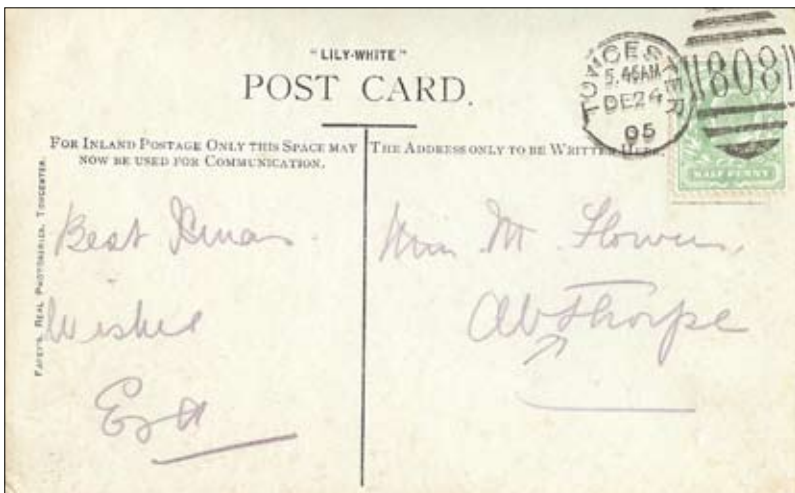
The photograph on the card was taken around 1905 and proves that over the past 109 years the school has changed very little. The height of the north end chimney has been reduced and the bell tower shortened, whilst what seems to have been ventilation vents in the roof have been removed.

Even more intriguing is the reverse of the card. The King Edward VII ½d stamp was franked at Towcester at 5.45am on Christmas Eve -



24th December 1905. It was addressed simply to Miss M Flowers, Abthorpe, with the message Best Xmas wishes. There was then what appeared to be the indecipherable initials of the sender.

Rene Balderson, whose memory serves the village so well, was asked to look at the card. She immediately identified that it was addressed to Maud Flowers who later married Rene's uncle Vardy Matthews. She promptly produced a very old photograph of Maud looking very smart in the attire of her era. Maud and Vardy's son Harold, who became a Royal Navy Petty Officer Motor Mechanic, was a casualty in the



Second World War. He is buried in a war grave in Abthorpe cemetery and is remembered on the war memorial in Braden church, the village in which he lived. When asked who had sent the card, Rene contemplated for a while and then exclaimed that it was obviously posted by Eva, Maud's sister.

But the most baffling thing is how on earth did the card get to be sold on eBay? Any ideas?

WIND FARMS IN THE VALLEY

Gamesa was planning to build a wind farm in the Tove Valley, but they have recently announced in a letter to our MP Andrea Leadsom that they will not be submitting a planning application, citing that they have concluded the project is 'not feasible'.

This change of heart would seem

to reflect the change of mood nationally which has seen more criticism of onshore windfarms, and in December 2013 the announcement of reductions in subsidies.

The plan by Broadview Energy to place 5 windmills at Spring Farm Ridge near Helmdon has not yet concluded, despite a High Court appeal by SNC going against Broadview Energy and a subsequent public enquiry decision which again quashed the planning permission. Broadview will be seeking redetermination yet again.

ADVICE FROM VILLAGE NETWORKS

The Lottery-funded Village Networks outreach vehicle is coming to Abthorpe with expert help on debt, welfare benefits, job-seeking, volunteering and information on free computer lessons. If you bring along your electricity statement they



can offer help to find better deals to reduce these ever-increasing household bills. There is also help on the bulk buying of heating oil.

The vehicle will be on the Green between 12.00 and 1.00 on the Tuesday 20th May, 17th June and 15th July.

For further information contact Nick King: 53321; nick@snavb.org.uk; www.snavb.org.uk

WARTIME MEMORIALS

In February 2012 we mentioned the memorial erected at Woodend to commemorate the air crew who lost their lives in 1944 when three B-17 Flying Fortresses collided there, two crashing with the loss of 11 servicemen.

This month another memorial plaque was unveiled to honour the memory of the crew of a Stirling bomber which crashed at Astwell Park, just outside Wappenham, on 16th March 1944. It was returning from a raid on Amiens in northern France to attack the railway installations in the lead-up to D Day. This again was a collision, this time with a Wellington bomber at Quanton in Buckinghamshire, but the Stirling flew on for a further 17 miles before coming down on the farm still owned by the Turnham family who were farming there at the time.

The Aircrew Remembered web site explains the full story of how this tragedy occurred, accompanied by photographs of the young crew: aircrewremembered.com/spring-joseph.html

FARM CRIME SURVEY

We know that farm crime is far from uncommon. Harper Adams University and the Rural Services Network are requesting help with some research into farm crime being undertaken by a postgraduate researcher at the university.

The aim is to understand the extent of farm crime across England and Wales, the levels of uptake of crime prevention measures on farms, and the impact of crime on farmers.

If you would like to take part in this survey, please go to <https://www.survey.bris.ac.uk/harper-adams/farmcrimeew>. All responses are anonymous.

FREE DOG MICROCHIPPING

The Dogs Trust will be offering a free microchipping service at Springfields in Towcester on 17th April from 11 am to 3 pm. More information: 0207 8370006; www.chipmydog.org.uk. The law is changing. As from 6th April 2016 you must have your dog microchipped.

A CAUTIONARY TALE

A Towcester dog owner has recently been found guilty of allowing his dogs to bark excessively.

At Northampton Magistrates Court he was fined £500 and in addition ordered to pay South Northamptonshire Council costs of £2,469.

EASTER ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN

Among the many sporting and other activities put on for children during the holidays, a local one to consider is Kids' Pottery Painting on Saturday 5th April, 2-hour sessions either morning or afternoon. More information: The Spotted Chicken Ceramics Studio, Wappenham. 860502; www.wix.com/barbaragundle/thespottedchicken.

WAPPENHAM NEWS

There are a couple of summer events in Wappenham which may be of interest. The annual plant sale has moved to the village hall this year: 10th May, 2.30-4.30. And on 21st June there's a beer festival, with barbecue and open mike session, again at the village hall. It will be opened by Andrea Leadsom at 3pm.

OVERNIGHT CAR PARKING

The problem of overnight 'garaging' of cars on the roads around the village has increased dramatically in recent years and has now reached a tipping point. The Council has received a 150% increase in complaints about blocked driveways, narrowing of carriageways forcing people to drive on pavements, parking on pavements and restricting access for emergency vehicles.

Fortunately under the Communities Act 2013 and the Localism Act 2011 which devolved control to local level we now have enabling powers to remedy this problem.

As we have received no objections to a recent consultation document it is proposed that an overnight parking charge of £4.50 be levied on all vehicles parked between 12 midnight and 2.00am on the public roads around the village. Money raised will go towards the salary of a local person to administer the scheme and the remaining funds will be used for the construction of a hard-surfaced car park with security lighting and charging points for electric cars.

To give residents who are affected by this scheme time to adjust or make alternative parking arrangements it will not be introduced until 1st April 2015.

We think everyone will agree that this is a fair and equitable long term solution to this problem which will make Abthorpe a greener and more sustainable environment for the future.

For more information call Avril Fish on **Abthorpe Parking Restrictions Information Line: 03330115808.**

DIARY

Tuesday 8 April

Annual Church meeting, 7.30 at the Old School

Monday 14 April

Parish Council meeting, the Old School, 7.45

Thursday 17 April

Free dog microchipping, Springfields, Towcester, 11.00 - 3.00

Easter Sunday, 20 April

BBQ and music, the New Inn

Easter Monday, 21 April

Restaurant open for lunch, the New Inn

Thursday 24 April

Coffee morning, 10.00 - 12.00, The Elms, Wappenham Road

Film Abthorpe, 7.30 at the Old School

Saturday 26 April

St George's celebration special menu, the New Inn

Sunday 27 April

Charity quiz evening, the New Inn, 7.30

Saturday 10 May

Safari supper around Abthorpe

Plant Sale, 2.30 - 4.30, Wappenham Village Hall

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Monday 12 May

Annual Parish meeting, the Old School, 7.45

Thursday 15 May

Film Abthorpe, 7.30 at the Old School

Saturday 17 May

Concert in St John the Baptist, jointly organised by the PCC and the Old School committee

Monday 19 May

Parish Council AGM, the Old School, 7.45

Tuesday 20 May

Village Networks advice vehicle on the Green, 12.00 - 1.00

Thursday 22 May

European Parliamentary Elections

Sunday 25 May

Plant sale and tea, the Old School

Charity quiz, the New Inn, 7.30

Saturday 21 June

Cream tea in aid of Church funds

Wappenham beer festival, barbecue and open mike

Thursday 26 June

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Sunday 29 June

Charity quiz, the New Inn

Monday 30 June

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Tuesday 15 July

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