

News from Abthorpe

April 2017



ABTALK

**NOTES FROM THE PARISH
COUNCIL**

Keith Fenwick

At the meeting on 30th January the precept for the coming year was confirmed at the same level as last year, £4,000. This is despite some increases in costs, one of which is the Clerk's salary which over the last few years has dropped steadily below the going rate.

Street lighting was again discussed; opinions differ about the single LED replacement light at the corner of Stanhill Row. Some dislike its harshness while others prefer it especially as its spread is reduced and it is not so intrusive. You are welcome to give us your views. An alternative fluorescent white light has been seen in other villages. A full quote for that type will be obtained.

The speed sign was at the Towcester end of the village for some time and has now been moved to the Wappenham end. We will continue to move it around to act as a warning for both directions.

As usual a few planning applications have been considered,

but none of them controversial apart from a further one from the owner of Mini Farm, which was rejected by South Northants Council.

We are hoping that the County Council's enhancement gang will be able to tidy up the footpaths around the village green. If that does not happen, a village clean up day will be organised. It is several years since we did that, but they are good opportunities to improve the appearance of the village and to get to know your neighbours.

The village green mower is nearing the end of its life. It will hopefully last this year, but a replacement will be needed next year. Hopefully its purchase can be covered by money received from the solar farm nearby.

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Monday 8th May. This is your opportunity to hear reports from the parish council and all the various village organisations, so come along to the Old School at 7.45pm, or any of our regular meetings. The next one is on 15th May.

Parish Council finances remain in good health. Once upon a time, the

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Clerk was able to carry out all his duties with a few letters and phone calls. Nowadays a computer and email correspondence is a necessity so with the benefit of a grant we have provided the Clerk with an official computer and printer. This is all part of streamlining the running of the council; we are even able to pay most of our bills electronically while still having the protection of authorisation by two councillors.

The defibrillator in the former telephone kiosk has fortunately not been needed, but don't forget that it is there.

WHEELIE BINS, TREES & HEDGES AND CAR PARKING

Parking space in parts of our village is limited. As a result, some residents who park on the road need to park with two wheels of their vehicle on the footpath for safety. In places this blocks the footpath for pedestrians. Please be considerate if parking on the footpath, and leave sufficient room for wheelchairs, prams and pedestrians to pass without having to go onto the road. Please also avoid parking too near to the corner of a road junction as this reduces visibility. There are areas of the village where on-street parking restricts road access for large delivery vehicles and, should the need arise, also for

emergency services too. We would kindly remind you that causing an obstruction is illegal.

Similarly, wheelie bins left out on the footpath can pose a hazard to pedestrians, as can over-grown and overhanging hedges and trees, forcing pedestrians out onto the roadway. We would request that residents trim and cut back any overhanging greenery of this sort, and ensure that wheelie bins are placed out of the way so that footpaths remain accessible to those on foot. Thank you.

The Parish Council

A GALLOP THROUGH HISTORY

Those of you who pay attention to such things will notice there has been rather a gap between issues of the newsletter. No excuses: the editors have been otherwise engaged in enjoying their retirement. Indeed, a third pair of hands would be very welcome if anyone would like to volunteer a little time to ensure a more timely pattern of publication, and bring a fresh perspective.

So rather than full articles about interesting but now rather historical goings on in Abthorpe, here's a round up of the last few months.

The charity quizzes at the New Inn on the last Sunday of each month continue to be as popular

as ever. A full house at Christmas raised £268.75 for the Hope Centre in Northampton. In January the winning team was the No Hoppers who chose Marie Curie to receive £140. February's event was tense with only five points covering all six teams. The joint winners were Four Amigos + 1 and again the No Hoppers - perhaps they should



The three quiz masters, Roger Tolson, Clive Wright and Philip Berry

consider renaming themselves. That month £150 went to Northamptonshire Country Centre which helps people with learning difficulties. Coming right up to date, another £150 was raised in March which went to support the work of Cancer Research.

Then there was the very lively Christmas Fayre organised by the Old School Committee much expanded from the Christmas coffee morning -



and successfully so. Over £1,200 was raised for the refurbishment of the premises.

Another Christmas event, surely to be repeated, was beer and carols at the New Inn, lead by the Rev'd Paul McLeod festively dressed in snowman jumper and dog collar,



which fitted well with his seemingly endless supply of Father Christmas jokes straight out of his bumper fun book. An impromptu collection generously raised £106.25 which again went appropriately to the Hope



Jim and Marion Hyde at Beer and Carols



Centre in Northampton.

The poorly church bell has been mended. Replacement parts made by Dave Abbott of Abbott's Engineering in Wappenham were inserted giving it a new lease of life and once again marking church services.

BUCKNELL WOOD

Formerly part of the medieval Whittlewood Forest hunting area, Bucknell Wood is a mix of ancient woodlands with large oaks and younger conifer plantations that the Forestry Commission is gradually restoring to their natural broadleaf species mix. The bridle paths in the woods remain closed to enable recovery of the surfaces although perversely the recent dry weather has meant that the surface is now quite safe to use. The closure notice runs to August.

The Forestry Commission would like to recruit more volunteers. The Silverstone Woodlands Volunteers improve the woodlands by taking part in activities which help the trees and wildlife. There are a couple of current projects: 'Free the Trees!' which removes the fences protecting newly-planted trees once they are large enough to be a less attractive snack for rabbits and make the woodlands feel more natural, and before breaking fences become a hazard to wildlife. Another is 'Living Room for Oaks' where the volunteers are cutting down willow and birch that are overshadowing a lovely area of young oak trees.

The group meets twice a month, generally the second Sunday and fourth Tuesday, at 10am and works

till around 2pm but if you want or need to leave earlier then that's fine. The carrot is a break for tea and biscuits in the middle of the session. For more information call 01604 863830 or email brian.pollard@forestry.gov.uk

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST NEWS

Barbara Malcomson

So much seems to have happened in church since the last *Abtalk* when we were heading up to our Christmas celebrations. Our Christmas Eve Christingle service was lovely with almost standing room only in church, and our Christmas Day service was also well attended.

Our Mothering Sunday service this year was taken by Clare Ray, a Reader in Training for the Benefice; very enjoyable with a bit of a difference.

A reprise of the successful garage sale is planned for this year so Sunday 24th September is the date to ensure you clear your cupboards and attics ready for the things you'll buy that other people no longer want! Flyers will be circulated in due course.

Following the success of our monthly Tea and Piece events last year, we have decided to repeat them this summer. We held our first one in March, which was a

complimentary 'thank you' tea for everyone who supports the church. Our second was held on April 9th and they will continue through the summer on the following dates: May 21st, June 18th, July 16th, August 20th, September 17th. Come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and piece of home made cake.

The annual meeting was held on March 28th. We were pleased to welcome Darren Emerton as churchwarden on to the PCC - see more below. Richard Tomalin has been doing an amazing job as the only churchwarden since 2014. He organises the maintenance of the building, churchyard and churchyard extension. With any work needing doing, he get quotes from workpeople and meets with them as well as applying for any faculties needed for the work. On top of that, he does his bit on the church rota and helps with fundraising. I am sure Richard and Darren will make a good team. Alison Robbins remains as treasurer, Barbara Malcomson as secretary and Jill Greenhalgh as PCC member.

Church wardens are ecclesiastical jacks-of-all trade with a multitude of different pastoral, disciplinary and financial responsibilities. At a social event held in church on Sunday following his election Darren appeared with a large 'Dazza Church Warden' badge and enthusiastically welcomed visitors.

He has already agreed to take part in the Pledge2Pray day. This is a global invitation to prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost. As part of this, our benefice is planning a Prayer Walk on 27th May calling at all five churches in the benefice. The walk will start at 9.30am at Slapton, come to Abthorpe at 10am, then on to Silverstone, Whittlebury and finally Paulerspury. People can walk,



cycle, go by car or dip in and out of the walk as they wish. All five churches will be visited but timings may not be exact. There is a poster outside the north door of the church with details on.

Recent tote winners have been Mike Matthews in December, Merrick Logan in January, Louise and Andrew Gough in February and Mrs Webster in March, each winning between £200 and £205. Congratulations to them all and thank you to everyone who supports our tote. If you do not, but would like to, please contact Richard Tomalin on 01327 857066 or richard.tomalin@abthorpe.net to find out more.

Future Sunday services

14th May	11am	Holy Eucharist
21st May	9.15am	Holy Eucharist
11th June	11am	Holy Eucharist Patronal Festival
9th July	11am	Holy Eucharist
16th July	9.15am	Holy Eucharist
13th August	11am	Holy Eucharist
17th September	10am	Holy Eucharist

The Harvest Supper will be on 7th October and our Harvest service on 8th October. Everyone is very welcome to any of our services and information on all the services in the benefice can be found on the notice board outside the north side of the church.

THE HOPE CENTRE

We've mentioned this charity earlier as the recipient of quiz and the beer and carols donations. Its work is centred on relieving poverty and tackling the causes of homelessness in Northampton by giving people a hand up not a hand out. Recognising that if you continually provide hand-outs there is no incentive to become self sufficient their work is focused on helping others to help themselves. To that end they are looking for donations of the following: men's and women's underwear; garden spades and forks for repair in their workshop; large shoes and work boots sizes 9-13; cleaning products and paper towels for the kitchen and bathroom

The church has offered to be the collection point for any donations, so please put any contributions at the back between now and the end of May. Would anyone who works in Northampton be willing to take them to the Hope Centre? Please email richard.tomalin@abthorpe.net.

PEOPLE**MRS AUDREY MAY DANCER**

Abthorpe Church was packed for the funeral service of much loved villager Audrey Dancer who died in February at the age of 93.

Audrey was a true lady of Abthorpe. She was born in a cottage in School Lane in 1923 and was the youngest of six children. The late Dorothy Swann, Rene Balderson who is blessedly still living and Audrey were all born in the village in the same year and were life-long friends. Audrey lived virtually all her long life in Abthorpe except for a brief spell working at Northampton's Manfield Hospital. She attended the village school and was able



to work in the shoe factory opposite the pub in Silver Street. When children David and Rosemary were born she did what she liked best and devoted her life to making a loving and caring home for them and her late husband Tony who died in 2009. Audrey was a life-long member and supporter of the church.

Grandson Andrew Dancer in his eulogy delivered by Nick Pike recalled that "our Gran was always there for us with a cup of tea and a slice of cake. An invitation was never needed as Gran was always at home. She would remember about her extended family members and never forgot the important things they were doing. She would on occasion be on Facebook catching up with their adventures. Not bad for 93!"

PEOPLE (CONTINUED)

As Matthew Farr one of her grandsons recalled in his eulogy, Gran had always been such a big part of his life since the day he was born, and concluded that "we all loved her so much and it will never be the same without her".

Dawn and David Josephs have moved to Thorpe End on School Lane from Towcester with their sons Callam, 19 and Jacob, 13. Dawn and David have a specialist carbon fibre manufacturing business in Daventry, MCT Engineering Ltd, which principally works with the motorsport and car industries. And their automotive interests extend to their own collection of older cars with which they take part in events. We hope they enjoy living in Abthorpe and soon feel at home with others in the village who have similar interests.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND NEEDLEWORKERS

Lionel Weston is developing a community project in readiness for the commemoration of 11th November 2018 which he is calling 'Armistice100'. This will involve creating a number of tapestries characterising the years since the end of WW1, one for each decade.

As well as finding artists to design these works of art Lionel will need plenty of volunteers to actually sew them. In particular if any artists would be willing to help design one of the panels, 2'6" x 2'0", he would be delighted to hear from you. Also any people who enjoy sewing on a large

and ambitious scale he would happily include in the project. Lionel's phone number is 01280816413; lionelweston9@gmail.com

And another project for needleworkers: new kneelers for the church. About 10 years ago the church organised new kneelers to brighten up the inside of the church. This was very successful and lots of people from the village worked a kneeler kit, usually in memory of a loved one. It's very simple cross stitch.

Recently another 3 kits were found that were never made up and it would be lovely to see them take their rightful place among the others

in church. If anyone would like to have a go, the kits are only £35 each (actually would be much more now!). Just pop into church to see the ones that are already there to get an idea, and contact Richard Tomalin if you are interested: 858316; richard.tomalin@abthorpe.net

NEWS FROM THE NEW INN

The momentous news from the pub is that landlord Rob Smith has bought it from the Hook Norton Brewery, ensuring we have this great village amenity for years to come.

Rob became the landlord in August 2008. At that time the pub was struggling and many locals feared that it was destined for closure. From his first night as landlord when some of his family wore L plates on their backs to emphasise they were on a steep learning curve, things changed. The relaxed, friendly atmosphere is much appreciated. Rob is most modest about his achievements and simply commented that "..... it's nice to get control of our pub to ensure its future for our local village community".

And for those who are anxious that they will no longer be able to quaff a pint of their favourite Hooky, Rob assures us that although his pub is now a Free House a long term agreement has been signed with the

brewery for the supply of its ales.

To celebrate his tenth anniversary and buying the pub, Rob has arranged a Folk and Beer festival on Saturday 22nd July with music all day culminating in a full band in the evening to accompany a pig roast.

The open mic sessions on the second Sunday of the month have gained real momentum and are now attracting some genuine talent. They are open to anyone. The sound system is in place, just bring your instrument and plug in. Worth going and listening to as well.

The darts team plays all year and would welcome more members, so sharpen up those arrows and join in.

And the second noteworthy event at the New Inn is the news that Stuart Jones, who lives in Abthorpe, has taken over the restaurant side of the business. Stuart has other catering interests running an outside catering firm and The Griffin at Pitsford. Steve is the chef at the New Inn, assisted by Josh as restaurant manager.

Between them they have developed a frequently changing menu and specials board. Additionally, Thursday will be pizza day, and different themed evenings will be presented about once a month. The upcoming offering is on

Friday 21st April when the focus will be on tapas.

The first few weeks have been encouraging and indeed reports from diners have been good. We hope they will enjoy being a central part of village life.

BLETCHLEY PARK SECRET UNVEILED

Gemma Briggs, who lives in Abthorpe, is employed as Press Officer at Bletchley Park, the World War Two headquarters of Britain's Code and Cypher School. Alex Whitworth is a skilled illustrator who frequently visits Abthorpe.

Recently Alex and Gemma have been engaged on the preparation of a new exhibition at Bletchley Park that tells the story of how, in order to keep staff fit and well and able

to work, senior management came to the decision that facilities and a welfare programme were needed. The exhibition entitled 'Off Duty - High spirits in low times', attempts to record the recreational activities that ensued. At the official opening of the exhibition in The Mansion at Bletchley Park, Gemma wore a smart 1940s outfit complete with a spring hat. Erica Munro the Exhibitions Manager paid tribute to Alex's wonderful, evocative illustrations that in the absence of photographs give an atmospheric flavour of that essential, secret wartime operation.

Not only have Gemma and Alex been engaged in bringing the 'Off Duty' exhibition to fruition, they have recently become engaged to be married. We wish them every happiness.



*Gemma
Briggs
and Alex
Whitworth*

OLD SCHOOL NEWS

The Annual General Meeting on 2nd March was well attended this year. Chairman Richard Gladdle commented that the change of date, more clement weather and the offer of free wine to attendees were all factors that encouraged villagers to turn out. In his report Richard listed the fund raising events that the committee had arranged during the past year and all had been financially successful. He was pleased that village organisations plus patrons from outside the parish were using the hall's much improved facilities on a regular basis.

Treasurer Lynn Neasham presented the accounts for what she described as a very successful year. She commented that the plant

sale in the spring of 2016 plus the Christmas Fayre had been particularly encouraging. The following were elected to serve for the following year: Richard Gladdle, Chairman; Jan Miles, Secretary; Lynn Neasham, Treasurer plus Janet Dancer, Sarah Lawson, Fi Noble and Tim Pope.

To date the committee's programme has refurbished the kitchen, toilet block and committee room. Jill Tolson stated that the last element was to renovate the main hall. Plans are in place to solve the damp problems and to replace the deteriorating woodwork. Acoustic panels could be placed on the ceiling, storage facilities constructed and a lighting scheme installed that would allow lower levels of illumination for parties and other social events. The



Sunshine on the truckers' breakfast

floor would be stripped and restored, and the heating system needs to be improved. Jill emphasised that nothing was set in stone but the committee was determined that the improvements will maintain the character of the much loved, historic building. Jane Leeson who built the school for the village in 1642 would surely have been proud of their efforts.

The concept of the Truckers' Breakfast has been taken to villagers' hearts and the most recent Saturday morning attracted a good turnout for breakfast and a natter with neighbours. Along the way it raised £379.52.

Other social events are in the planning stages: a race night in October, another autumn truckers' breakfast, and a wine and cheese afternoon (posh frocks to the fore).

Fundraising is necessary not just to support the grants for improving the fabric of the building but also to maintain the day to day running costs and keep some reserves for unexpected expenditure. Since the closure of the nursery income barely meets these demands. With the completion of the final stage of the improvement programme it is hoped rental income will increase.

CRETE PARACHUTE INVASION

A correspondent from Denmark (yes, *Abtalk* goes international) has challenged the assertions made in our November 2016 issue, page 11. Philip Hollingbery's email to John Riches details the argument:

After reading about Stephen Holley's adventures in Abtalk, I can't resist contesting the assertion that Crete was the target for the first parachute invasion in history. Bloody



*Storstrøm
bridge*

though that action was, the honour of being first arguably belongs to a small Danish island (Masnedø) at the northern end of the crucial Storstrøm bridge (1935), which was protected by a WW1 fort. It was 5.00 a.m. on 9 April 1940, more than a year before Crete, that two divisions from Germany's 1st Parachute Regiment, 4th Company, comprising 80 men, jumped from their Ju-38 transport aircraft and set up their machine guns on the railway embankment. One of the two young Danish conscripts whose job it was to guard the fort, Adolf Kernwein, who could speak German, reassured the German officer who approached them carrying a white flag that there were no soldiers nor ammunition inside the fort. The youngsters had received no instructions whatsoever on how to deal with such a situation! Understandably sceptical, the officer ordered some of his men to enter the fort cautiously, with their weapons at the ready, but these soon emerged, grinning broadly.

I photographed the elegant bridge, which at 3.2 km was until recently Denmark's longest, during our honeymoon in 1974. Some 20 years later I seized the opportunity to cycle across it while youth hostelling with our third child Bjarne, after pausing to examine the fort.

TOVE VALLEY BROADBAND

Keith Fenwick

At the AGM in January the chairman, Eric Malcomson, reported another successful year. Membership continues to increase.

There was considerable discussion about the two full days when service was lost. Eric explained that this was outside our direct control. It had taken some time to find out the underlying reasons which relate to the main link to London. TVB is not a direct customer of the organisation concerned. The impact of this disruption varied; people working from home were very much inconvenienced but one family reported that it had made the children talk to their parents.

TVB still has a number of loans to repay; they should all be repaid by next year. That will in turn release funds for upgrading the network. As a trial, a group of homes in the village has been directly connected by fibre. This is only effective if a group of adjacent properties are to be served. There is some cost involved, but also some effort as the fibre cable has to be buried about one metre deep.

As of mid April there are 575 properties connected. It is now four years since we started superfast service and it is noticeable that



Darcey Collett with her beaming smile is in the middle of the front row.

during that time the number of devices connected in each home has increased so the demands on wifi networks within the home is much greater. Wifi hubs which worked well enough four years ago are now showing their age. If you have problems you should consider upgrading your wifi hub; we have added to the advice on our web site and included a range of possible units.

YOUNG CHORISTERS

Back in January Silverstone School entered their first choir into the rotary club young musicians competition and were good enough to reach the regional semi-final only to be pipped

at the post by one point and miss out on first place in the final held in Melton Mowbray.

Silverstone is the local catchment school for children in Abthorpe and our very own resident Darcey Collett, aged 7, is a member of the choir. Well done to all of the children who took part.

WOOL DONATIONS WANTED

Do you have any surplus wool, including odd bits, that you could donate to Charity Crafts? snvb Charity Crafts volunteers produce handicrafts that are passed onto local groups to sell or that will assist them in their services. They can be dropped into snvb at Whittons Lane,

*Janet Dancer and
Julia Ford-Cordes*



Towcester, or put at the back of the church from where Richard Tomalin has kindly offered to take them to snvb.

PLANT SALE

The popular plant sale this year is on Sunday 28th May at the Old School starting at 2.00. And of course the enticement of tea and homemade cake is always a draw.

Now is the time to pot up spare plants you may be splitting, and sorting out garden tools which can be passed on. Plants can be taken to the Old School on Saturday 27th May between 11.00 and 2.00, or if that's not convenient, Janet Dancer and Julia Ford-Cordes will be happy to look after them until the sale if you contact them on 857650 (Janet) or 857750 (Julia).

Preparations are on course to

make the sale bigger and better than ever. Proceeds from the afternoon will be split three ways between Marie Curie, the Old School and the church.

NEWCOMERS TO THE VILLAGE

Two newcomers to the village have moved into their new home and are busily making preparations for additions to their family. Unusually, anyone in the world with an Internet connection can peep into their lives and observe their preparations. The couple in question is a pair of local blue tits. A webcam has been placed in their nesting box which is tucked away on a wall in a corner of the village. To look into the bird box visitors have simply to log on to the Abthorpe village website, www.abthorpe.net, and click on the 'blue tit' icon. It's fascinating watching the

two birds scurrying to and fro getting things ready. A thoughtfully provided link to a British Trust for Ornithology blog tells visitors what to expect.

Mum has already taken moss from the local gardens to form into a cup where so far four eggs have been laid; there should be more to come. The female will incubate the eggs whilst hopefully the male will bring her food. During May the chicks should hatch blind and naked, but they will grow quickly and by the early June they will be ready to fledge. It will be fascinating to watch these wonders of nature unfold before our eyes thanks to Tove Valley Community Broadband.

THE ABTHORPE PARTY PLANNERS

News of a new social group in the village has reached us. The Abthorpe Party Planners have formed a team who have been making plans for occasional village social events. Last September the Safari Supper, which was a great success, was enjoyed by many village revellers. The Abthorpe Party Planning team (Emily Humphrey, Manazza Hill and Sue Burgess) have proposed that the next Safari Supper is held on Saturday 19th May 2018. Although this is a year away, please do make a mental note of the date.

The APP team would like to keep the momentum up of having another social gathering for the residents of Abthorpe, and as an alternative to the Safari Supper this year they are in the midst of making plans to host a 'BBQ on the Green'. This event will be for all the family, and the proposed date is Saturday 26th August starting early evening so that those with younger members in the family can all join in.

Like the Safari Supper there will be small charge to cover costs; it is not intended to make money by any profit made will be split across all village organisations. More details will follow but in the meantime, please pencil this date in your diary and keep your fingers crossed for a warm summer's evening.

TOWCESTER FOODBANK

March marked a notable milestone in Abthorpe's generosity to provide much needed food supplies for local people in crisis. 1,000 kilograms of donations were exceeded - tonne up.

Thanks go to all those who continue to support the foodbank and to John and Joyce Riches who collect the donations from the back of the church. During 2016 the foodbank provided three-day supplies of nutritionally balanced food for 1,225

people. They welcome our ongoing support for non-perishable food but also toiletries and household items.

BOOK GROUPS IN THE VILLAGE

For those who enjoy extending their reading to titles and genres they may not have ventured into, we are fortunate to have two book groups in the village: PageTurners and Abthorpe Book Club. If joining a monthly group appeals, contact

merrilyn.berry@abthorpe.net for PageTurners or alison.symmers@abthorpe.net for more information on each.

ABTHORPE ON FACEBOOK

Abthorpe has several Facebook pages related to village activities: Abthorpe Notice Board, Abthorpe Old School, and the New Inn.

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Sunday 13 August

Holy Eucharist Service, 11.00, St John the Baptist

Sunday 20 August

Tea and Piece, 3 - 4.30, St John the Baptist

Saturday 26 August

BBQ on the Green

Sunday 17 September

Holy Eucharist Service, 10.00, St John the Baptist

Tea and Piece, 3 - 4.30, St John the Baptist

Sunday 24 September

Garage sale, 2.00 - 5.00, village wide

Saturday 7 October

Harvest Supper, the Old School

Sunday 8 October

Harvest Festival service, St John the Baptist

Saturday 19 May 2018

Safari Supper, village-wide

DIARY

Monday 8 May

Annual Parish Meeting, 7.45, the Old School

Sunday 14 May

Holy Eucharist Service, 11.00, St John the Baptist

Monday 15 May

Parish Council Meeting, 7.45, the Old School

Sunday 21 May

Holy Eucharist Service, 9.15, St John the Baptist

Tea and Piece, 3 - 4.30, St John the Baptist

Saturday 27 May

Pledge2Pray journey between Whittlewood Benefice churches, 9.30 onwards from Slapton

Sunday 28 May

Plant sale, the Old School, 2.00 - 4.00

Sunday 11 June

Holy Eucharist Service, 11.00, St John the Baptist

Sunday 18 June

Tea and Piece, 3 - 4.30, St John the Baptist

Sunday 25 June

Holy Eucharist Patronal Festival Service, 10.00, St John the Baptist

Sunday 9 July

Holy Eucharist Service, 11.00, St John the Baptist

Sunday 16 July

Holy Eucharist Service, 9.15, St John the Baptist

Tea and Piece, 3 - 4.30, St John the Baptist

Saturday 22 July

Folk and Beer festival, the New Inn