

St Giles and Shipbourne
NEWSLETTER



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Please contact him with enquiries about baptisms, banns, weddings and funerals. He would appreciate being told if any parishioner is admitted to hospital, if any housebound person wishes to receive Holy Communion at home, or if there is anyone who would welcome a visit. Normally he takes Friday as a day off except if there is an emergency.

PARISH DIARY – AUGUST 2016

EVERY SUNDAY the main morning service at St Giles Shipbourne is at 9.30am
EVERY WEEKDAY at 8.00am Morning Prayer will be said at Plaxtol Church and every weekday evening (except Friday) at 4.30pm Evening Prayer will be said at St Giles Shipbourne.

SUNDAY	7th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Service followed by short Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Isaiah 1 vv 1, 10-20 Hebrews 11 vv 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12 vv 32-40
Thursday	11th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
Saturday	13th		No Playchurch – returns in September
SUNDAY	14th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Isaiah 5 vv 1-7 Hebrews 11.29-12.2 Luke 12 vv 49-56
Thursday	18th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
SUNDAY	21st	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		12.00pm	Short Communion service at Plaxtol Church
			No Community@4 – returns in September
Readings:	Jeremiah 1 vv 4-10 Hebrews 12 vv 18-end Luke 13 vv 10-17		
Thursday	25th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
Saturday	27th	8-9am	Bulk Refuse Collection
SUNDAY	28th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Jeremiah 2 vv 4-13 Hebrews 13 vv 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14 vv 1, 7-14
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	29th	12.30-3.30pm	St Giles' Fair on the Green, Shipbourne

REMINDER:

Sir Harry Vane, Superstar

Come and hear about this colourful
17th century character whose life – and
death – is so entangled with our two
parishes of Shipbourne & Plaxtol.



Commemoration
Service

10.30 am

Plaxtol Church

Sunday 31st July

Coffee & Sweetmeats
served afterwards

Playchurch and Community @ 4

**Playchurch and Community @ 4 will return in
September**

LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear All

BREXIT AND ALL THAT

For my letter this month I am going simply going to paste in two paragraphs from the joint statement of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York on the referendum result. This, I admit, is partially because I am dashing this off an hour or so before leaving to go on holiday. But more importantly because they offer wise calming words at this time of such uncertainty. They follow below. The full statement is available on the C of E website, www.churchofengland.org

“As citizens of the United Kingdom, whatever our views during the referendum campaign, we must now unite in a common task to build a generous and forward looking country, contributing to human flourishing around the world. We must remain hospitable and compassionate, builders of bridges and not barriers. Many of those living among us and alongside us as neighbours, friends and work colleagues come from overseas and some will feel a deep sense of insecurity. We must respond by offering reassurance, by cherishing our wonderfully diverse society, and by affirming the unique contribution of each and every one.....

As those who hope and trust in the living God, let us pray for all our leaders, especially for Prime Minister David Cameron in his remaining months in office. We also pray for leaders across Europe, and around the world, as they face this dramatic change. Let us pray especially that we may go forward to build a good United Kingdom that, though relating to the rest of Europe in a new way will play its part amongst the nations in the pursuit of the common good throughout the world.”

Best wishes

Andrew

CHURCH NOTICES

SAVE THE DATE



HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 7 October 2016

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Further details to follow in the September issue

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Thank you to everyone who donated to this year's Christian Aid Week appeal. Across Plaxtol and Shipbourne we raised over £1000 which will help families across the world threatened by flooding. Christian Aid's Love every neighbour campaign will provide families with the basics of life: food and shelter. For more information, visit www.christianaid.org.uk.

Thank you for your generosity.
Sally Bryden

CHURCH FOOTPATH

Many of you will have noticed that the path leading up to the Church has recently been repaired and replaced and now looks very smart once again. The work was undertaken by Penfold Driveways of Crowborough and the total cost was met by the Farmers' Market.

Our thanks are due to Bob Taylor, David Porter, Andrew Boorman and Paul Britton for organising this. Also to the four of them for spending a Saturday morning with their spades clearing overgrowth off the old path ready for the work.

Andrew Procter

RIDE AND STRIDE - A SPONSORED EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2016

By cycling, walking or running around Kent Churches you can raise money to be divided equally between the Church of your choice and Friends of Kent Churches who make grants available for restoration work. Details from Mary on 810797.

A BLOOMING GREAT THANK YOU

..... to everybody who supported us so enthusiastically at our Marie Curie Blooming Great Tea Party in the beautiful garden of Malling Well House on Friday 8 July.

We are so grateful to everybody who provided such delicious cakes and sandwiches to sustain us; to those who donated fresh strawberries, cherries and other home grown produce to raffle; and to others who brought clothes and crafts to sell in aid of Marie Curie. And of course, we must say just as big a thank you to everybody who came along on the day to support us and to those, not able to be there, who nevertheless gave us such generous donations before and after. And we are really pleased that, this year, Plaxtol School was able to take part; having so many children there, clearly enjoying themselves, was wonderful.

I am delighted to confirm that in total we raised the magnificent sum of £955, all of which will go towards supporting Marie Curie nurses locally and which is a significant increase on anything raised in previous events.

Huge thanks to Calista and Steve Dickinson for making this event possible and many thanks for the generosity and hard work of so many people. We look forward to another equally enjoyable tea party in 2017.

Carole Howlett
Chair Marie Curie Sevenoaks Fundraising Group

St Giles' Summer Fair Bank Holiday Monday 29 August 2016

**on Shipbourne Common
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- * Return of the popular Dog Show ***
- * Children's Fancy Dress (Roald Dahl theme) ***
- * Biggest Marrow Competition ***
- * Brass Band ***

... and lots more fun and surprises!

ST GILES' SUMMER FAIR NOTICES

With just over a month to go until the St Giles' Summer Fair we are busy working on the final arrangements. Thank you to everyone has volunteered to help out on the day. We have everything crossed for fine weather and not a repeat of the past two years ...

Contacts on the Day

Viv Packer and Lindsay Miles are the main contact on Fair Day:

Viv: Tel: 810822 / Mob: 07768 397936

Lindsay: Tel: 810439 / Mob: 07932 746002

Timings:

The Fair will be opened at 12.30pm by Mr James Swartz of The Fairlawne Estate and will conclude with the prize giving and Prize Draw at 3.30pm. By popular demand, the Tonbridge and Sevenoaks Training Band will return to play some marvellous music throughout the afternoon.

Stallholders

Please can all stallholders be ready to set up their stall from 10.30am on the day of the Fair. Please provide a table cloth for your stall. Prize for the best-dressed stall!

Prize Draw

Following last year's success, we have, again, included a book of raffle tickets with every copy of this month's Newsletter and would be very grateful if you could sell as many of your tickets as possible to help make it a record-breaking year for raffle ticket sales. Ticket stubs and monies (and returned books if you are unable to sell them) can be dropped off at John and Janet Playle's house (Waylands, Back Lane (by the row of white and yellow cottages), taken to the stall at the weekly Farmers' Market (where additional tickets will also be on sale) or dropped off at the Prize Draw stall on the day of the Fair. There are great prizes up for grabs including cash prizes of £100, £50 and £25 and fabulous prizes kindly donated by local businesses. If you have any queries relating to the raffle tickets please contact Janet and John on 01732 810562 or email j.playle@beamingmail.com.

Dog Show

The popular Dog Show returns this year. Dogs (and owners) can register in advance by completing and returning the registration form in the centre of this Newsletter. Alternatively registration can take place on the day from 12.30pm. The Dog Show will start promptly at 1.30pm. Each class costs £1 to enter and the winner of each class will automatically qualify for the "Best in Show" category. Full refunds will be given should poor weather result in the Dog Show being cancelled.

BBQ Volunteers *STILL* Desperately Needed!



We ***STILL*** desperately need volunteers to run the BBQ at the Fete – a very popular stall. Please let Lindsay or Viv know if you can help 810439/810035.



FANCY DRESS

Children's fancy dress competition: the theme will be "**Roald Dahl**" to mark the centenary of the author's birth in September. As always, homemade costumes will earn extra points and there will be older and younger age group categories.



BIGGEST MARROW COMPETITION

Rained off last year, there is another chance to enter the biggest marrow exhibition and competition. Please ensure all participating marrows are displayed at the Fair by 1.30pm ready for judging.

Requests for

Thank you in advance for any donations of the following items:

Cake Donations for Cake Stall and Village Hall Refreshments

If you are able to kindly provide a homemade cake for either the Cake Stall or for the Village Hall refreshments, please bring them to the Village Hall from 10am on the morning of the Fair. Many thanks in advance for all cake donations and big thanks to Kathy for leading the team.

Small jars with lids for the Hoopla Stall (either clean and empty or filled with a few wrapped sweets)

Bric-a-Brac – good, clean bric-a-brac (no clothes or electrical items)

Many thanks in advance for all of your help – we couldn't run the Fete without you.

Lindsay Miles and Viv Packer

PRODUCE STALL

Jenny and David Porter are running the Produce Stall again this year and would appreciate donations of any surplus produce to sell. Apples, tomatoes, vegetables, soft fruit, eggs or any other type of produce would be most welcome. If necessary we can collect, please telephone 01732 832657



SOFT TOY TOMBOLA – REQUEST FOR DONATIONS!

If you have any clean but unwanted soft toys for the soft toy tombola please either call me or drop them at Viv Packer's house.
Any donations greatly appreciated!

Many thanks

Sally Bryden 810935



BOTTLES!

We are looking for a wide selection of (filled) bottles for the St Giles' Summer Fete Bottle Tombola. This is a great opportunity to have a good sort through your cupboards and donate unwanted bottles to a worthwhile cause. Any type of bottle will do e.g. sauces, syrups, fruit juices, fizzy drinks, vinegars, washing up liquid ... absolutely anything that comes in a bottle – **no empties or out of date please!**

Please donate any bottles to Lindsay Miles at The Stables, Back Lane or Viv Packer at Plantation House on Reeds Lane

Many thanks!



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ST GILES' SUMMER FAIR
DOG SHOW REGISTRATION ENTRY FORM
(entries can also be made on the day)

Name of Dog:

Breed of Dog:

Owner:

Owner contact tel no:

Please circle which class(es) you would like to enter (£1 entry fee per class)

- 1. *Best Puppy***
- 2. *Best Veteran (7 years and over)***
- 3. *Best Crossbred***
- 4. *Best Rescue***
- 5. *Prettiest Bitch***
- 6. *Most Handsome Dog***
- 7. *Best Condition***
- 8. *Judge would most like to take home***

Please return entry forms with relevant entry fee (£1 per class entered) to Lindsay Miles at The Stables, Back Lane, Shipbourne TN11 9PP.

Please note entries can also be made on the day of the Fair from 12.30pm (Dog Show commences at 1.30pm)

All fees refundable if Dog Show is cancelled due to bad weather

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SAVE THE DATE



Christmas Craft Fair

Shipbourne Village Hall

Saturday, 19 November 2016



BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS

Are you interested in learning to play Bridge?

Would you like a taster session on your doorstep in Shipbourne Village Hall?

I have found a teacher who could tailor classes to suit if there is enough interest. Possibly 2 x 2 hour lessons to get us started followed by sessions to progress.

**Please ring me as below and I will formulate a list!
Cilla Langdon-Down - 810338**

THE WEATHER IN JUNE

The rainfall recorded in June was 87.4mm. (3.4 in) compared with an average of 48.8 mm. (1.9 in.) over the last thirty one years. The average maximum temperature was 22.9⁰ C, compared with an average of 20.2⁰C over the last twenty six years and the average minimum temperature was 11.3⁰C compared with an average of 11.5⁰C over the last eleven years

Donald Forbes

SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Mobile Police Station

The mobile police stations are ceasing operation, effective immediately. The nearest mobile station was on York Parade, Shipbourne Road. Should you have any issues you wish to raise with the police please call them on 101.

Broadband

Openreach have now commissioned their new green cabinet near The Chaser. It is connected via glass fibre to the Plaxtol exchange and a superfast broadband service should now be available via an internet service provider (ISP) to addresses that are served from this cabinet.

To see if you are connected to this cabinet (known as cabinet 5) go to <https://www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk/when-can-i-get-fibre.aspx> , enter your landline (preferably) or postcode and click the search button. It will then show a text box superimposed on a map of the Shipbourne area. The Text box will show you the name of your exchange and your cabinet number.

If you are on cabinet 5 from the Plaxtol exchange the "The Cabinet Fibre Journey" diagram should show that orders are being taken. Click the 'service providers' link to see which ISPs are offering service and on the next screen click a provider to see what packages, introductory deals etc. they offer.

Remember that whereas Gigaclear is a 'fibre to the premises' (FTTP) broadband service, the service from cabinet 5 is 'fibre to the cabinet' (FTTC) with the final link between the cabinet and your router being over your copper landline; if your copper connection is longer than about half a mile you can expect some degradation in broadband speed. Speak to the ISP to seek further clarification.

Summer

The Parish Council does not meet in August. Therefore we would like to wish you a very happy (and hopefully restful!) summer. At the time of writing this report the sun is shining brightly – please remember to ensure that pets are not left in hot cars and that you all stay hydrated. Please also look out for your neighbours. Let us hope that the sun continues shining for a while yet!

Our next Parish Council meeting is 7.30pm 12 September 2016. All public are welcome to attend.

Sarah Codling, Parish Clerk.
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DEMENTIA

There is no cure for dementia yet but early diagnosis of most forms can make a great difference to the effect of palliative treatment, delaying its onset significantly.

The Patients Participation Group (PPG) of Hadlow Medical Centre (HMC) is working with HMC to publicise the benefits of early diagnosis across HMC's catchment area (including Plaxtol and Shipbourne) by organising an event with a talk on **September 3rd** in Hadlow Old Village Hall by Diane Blockley, Home Support Manager for the Kent branch of the Dementia Society, and a talk by Dr Jon Palin of HMC, followed by a discussion over refreshments, to encourage those who think that they might have early symptoms to contact their doctor and take a simple ten-minute test. This may lead to early treatment, or better, allay their fears. It is hoped that sons and daughters and even grandchildren will persuade possible sufferers to visit their doctor for help.

Donald M Forbes
(Tel: 811155)
Treasurer, HMC PPG

FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Members of the Children's Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee at County Hall have been given an interesting report on progress made to implement Kent's Teenage Pregnancy Strategy, which was approved in September 2015.

Teenage pregnancy rates have been one of the success stories of the last decade in the Public Health field. Nonetheless, more work is needed to bring down rates to those seen in other Western European countries. The rate in Kent, like that of England, is falling, but Kent has conception rates above the South East regional average in Dover, Thanet, Swale, Gravesham and Shepway. Significant progress, however, has been made in progressing the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy and with continued effort in particular district and ward level action, it is anticipated that Kent's percentage of Teenage Mothers will continue to fall. The Cabinet Committee will receive a subsequent update on the strategy in July 2017.

With best wishes,

Valerie Dagger, Kent County Councillor.

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SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL NEWS

The last term of school from June to July is always a busy one and this year is no exception.

Children from Years 4, 5 & 6 visited The Houses of Parliament on the hottest day so far this year, to meet with MP Tom Tugendhat.

Year 2 & 6 now have their SATs results, with Year 6 combined results substantially ahead of both national and Kent. Congratulations to all pupils and staff for these excellent results, they are a fantastic endorsement of all the hard work they have put in throughout the year.

The school held its annual Summer Fete at the beginning of July which was very successful and raised around £2,000. This will be put towards improving facilities for the children, such as new carpets in two of the classrooms.

As our year 6's look forward to their new schools, there have been opportunities for them to meet children from other local schools and attend days at their secondary schools as part of the transition process. On Friday 15th July they had their 'Leavers Assembly' at St Giles' Church.

We look forward to welcoming 7 new entrants starting in Reception in September.

There is a vacancy for a Co-Opted Governor (formerly a 'Community Governor'). If you are interested in this, please give it some thought and contact the school in September.

Term ended on Wednesday 20th July & the Autumn Term will start on Monday 5th September.

Cilla Langdon-Down

Shipbourne School News will return in the October issue of the Newsletter after the school summer holidays



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SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET

What a miserable summer so far. As I write this in July with the rain pouring down I am just hoping that summer is just around the corner. Certainly June wasn't a summer month. Our monthly records for June were broken. The lowest since we started the market. If it carries on like this we will soon reach a tipping point when stallholders find the market to be unsustainable.

August is one of the best months for filling up your Farmers' Market shopping basket. Plenty of summer vegetables are coming into season as we head towards harvesting time of year. Home-grown tomatoes are in abundance and taste superb right now, as do shallots, onions, French and runner beans, courgettes, aubergine, peppers, cucumber, and an amazing number of salad leaves, some of which will have been picked that very morning. Corn on the cob should be cooked and eaten as fresh as possible before the natural sugars turn to starch – cook the cobs protected by their leaves directly on the barbecue and serve with a lime and chilli butter. Early marrows and squashes should also be available, along with main crop potatoes. Make your own chutneys and pickles now, and then leave them to mature in a cool dark place to allow the flavours to meld and develop. They will be at their best just in time for Christmas and make perfect presents.

The soft fruit season is peaking for raspberries, black, white and red currants, plums, blueberries and blackberries, and with a late start to the cherry season, there should still be some available. Now is the time to buy soft fruit and convert it into jams, ice cream, smoothies and cakes, or store in the freezer to bring a taste of the summer to the winter months. A couple of summer puddings in the freezer make a perfect way to taste summer when the days are shorter

Summer fish is plentiful this month. Sea trout is a luxurious treat that is scarce even when in season so buy or (order them) when you see them and cook as simply as possible to preserve their flavour. Sole, sea bass and plaice are also excellent now. For seafood lovers look out for local crab at its finest at this time of year. Pile the white meat into ripe avocado halves then sit on toasted sour dough bread and top with a dollop of homemade mayo and a squeeze or two of lemon juice.

A barbecue is a perfect way to make the most of some of the many meat products that you can find at your market. The obvious

choices are steaks, burgers and sausages – properly made with locally raised meat, they have far superior flavour and cook really well on the barbecue compared to more insipid mass-produced versions available in supermarkets. You will find some interesting recipe combinations too – wild boar, pork and venison, pork flavoured with apple, hops etc. Picnickers will find superb pies, scotch eggs in many different flavours and styles, pates and terrines, quiches and tarts at many markets – all real time savers for making the most of sunny days when all you want to do is head for the beach.

And don't forget the Glorious 12th marks the start of the new game season so look out for venison, wild duck, wood pigeon and rabbit, as well as grouse. Venison burgers and wild boar sausages all make an excellent choice for the late summer barbecue; serve them with the first of the corn on the cob and some locally made chutney for a perfect partnership.

SHIPBOURNE WI

WI members had looked forward to a talk about “ Queen Victoria's Dreadful Uncles” at our monthly meeting on Wednesday 13th July, but unfortunately the speaker was unwell. Instead, as well as enjoying a delicious tea, we chatted and undertook a quiz where each answer was the name of a tree. Some of the questions were quite searching!

During August there will be no meeting, but on 11th August, Shipbourne WI members will host a picnic on the Green for members from other WI's in the district. Fingers crossed for good weather, and an enjoyable afternoon.

Glynis Coates

COOKERY CORNER

CLASSIC CHEESEBURGER

This is a recipe for real beef burgers, no bread crumbs for filling, no egg for binding just meat!

Makes 4 burgers

- 450g 1lb lean beef mince
- 1 tsp of Oregano and basil (dried is fine)
- 1 table spoon of tomato paste
- 4 slices of Cheddar
- Ciabatta rolls (half per burger)

Light barbeque

Place beef in a large bowl and season with oregano, basil, salt and pepper. Add tomato paste

Using slightly damp hands, shape the mixture into 4 9cm/3½” burgers. Cover and chill for 20 minutes

Paint the burgers with oil and put them on the on the barbeque when the coals have a red glow and have a powdery white surface (i.e. low heat and certainly NO FLAMES). Use meat tongues to turn them over and do not pierce as the meat juices will escape and they will become tough and dry.

Cut ciabatta rolls in half and place on grill cut side up. Paint with olive oil. Add slice of tomato and lettuce leaves, drip balsamic over and then add the burger



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THE GARDEN SHED

This month not only heralds the holiday season but also one of the peaks in the fruit and vegetable garden. If you are going away and the beans and tomatoes are ready for eating and the courgettes are developing well, then harvest all that are ready or nearly ready and either eat them, freeze them or give them away. If you leave them on the plants they will get too mature and this will inhibit further productive growth.

Any container grown plants that need watering over your holiday period are best gathered together near the water source and, if possible, placed in the shade. To make life easier for your kind friend who is looking your garden while you are away, take hanging baskets down and place them on a bucket or large flower pot with the other plants. After that go away and have a lovely holiday.

It is still worthwhile carrying on with the dead heading of border plants, annuals and roses, this will encourage flowers to continue developing and they will carry on blooming throughout September and even into October.

The first two groups of *Clematis* have given a wonderful display of colour this year and now it is the turn of the third group. This group has already started to bloom and will continue until the end of September. The flowers in this section are smaller but the individual size is well offset by the volume of blooms on the plants. A wide range of clematis varieties have been developed from the *Clematis viticella* species with colours ranging from white through pink, deep red, purple, violet to a lilac blue. One very old variety, *Clematis viticella* 'Purpurea Plena Elegans' (quite a mouthful!) has very double dusky purple flowers and looks wonderful growing through soft pink roses. These clematis flower on the current season's growth and are excellent subjects for growing through and over other shrubs that have flowered earlier in the year and which, by mid-summer are looking rather dull. This variety of clematis is best planted on the north or north west of the support shrub and at least 75cms (30 inches) away from its main stem. A cane can bridge the gap until the new plant is well established. Clematis is one of the few plants that are happy to be planted deeper into the soil (10-15 cms or 4-6 ins) than they are in the pot.

The clematis plant clings onto its support by the stems of the leaves, so when the leaves have dropped in the late autumn it is easy to gently remove the flowered growths from the outside of the shrub.

In February the following year these stems can be cut back to about 75cms (30 ins.) from the soil level. This group will also grow beautifully up walls, on trellises and over pergolas. A great bonus for this group is that it is not prone to clematis wilt.

Do have a lovely holiday

Tessa Forbes

LOCAL HISTORY

A MYSTERY SOLVED

Hanging in the ringing chamber in the tower of St Giles' are two 'hatchments'. The identity of the people whom they commemorate has long been a mystery. The mystery has now been solved.

Hatchments are decorative and commemorative paintings depicting the heraldic arms of a person who has died. They were displayed outside the home of the recently-deceased, were carried in the funeral procession to the church and then often hung permanently in the church in memory of the person concerned. They were usually painted on canvass stretched over a diamond-shaped wooden frame about 6 feet across.

Kent is rich in hatchments, with about 350 surviving examples, more than any other county. Near Shipbourne, there are large collections in the parish churches at Ightham, West Peckham and Tonbridge. The two at St Giles' seem to have been in the ringing chamber since the present church was built in 1881 but they must have hung originally in the 18th century building which preceded it. Because they are hidden away in the tower they are little seen, except by the bell-ringers, and were omitted from the national survey of hatchments published in 1985.

Who do they commemorate and how old are they? To find the answer I approached the national Institute of Heraldry at Canterbury. To my surprise, the Director, Dr Richard Baker, was excited about the discovery and came to see them. He identified them relatively easily from the coats of arms which they display and has subsequently published an article about them.

Both commemorate members of the Yates family, cotton weavers from Lancashire who bought Fairlawne in the early 19th century

(and later sold it to the Cazalets). The first shows the arms of Yates and also of the Peel family and commemorates Elizabeth, second wife of Edmund Yates, who was born a Peel and was first cousin of Sir Robert Peel, later Prime Minister. Edmund and Elizabeth Yates were married at Altham, Lancashire, on 17 August 1809 and settled at Fairlawne but Elizabeth died within weeks and is buried in the Yates vault beneath the chancel of St Giles'.

The second hatchment commemorates Marianne Yates, daughter of Edmund by his first marriage. She died at Fairlawne on 6 December 1845 and is also interred in the Yates vault. Her hatchment bears just the arms of Yates, which feature three antelopes' heads and three gates (a verbal play on the family's name: Yates/gates).

Our hatchments are in fair condition, though the painted surface of the earlier one is showing signs of decay. The frames of both are nailed to the wall, which makes them difficult to move. However, at some point we shall need to consider taking them down for conservation and perhaps displaying them in the body of the church.

Paul Britton

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the September newsletter by **17 August 2016**. Please note any articles received after this date will be held over to the next issue as the Newsletter has a tight deadline for printing. Please email articles to lindsay_miles@btinternet.com or call 01732 810439.

BULK REFUSE SERVICE (4th Saturday of month)

Upper Green Road (opposite Village Hall) 8am - 9am on
Saturday 27 August 2016
Saturday 24 September 2016

SHIPBOURNE CLASSIFIEDS

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NEW: PRIVATE TUTOR: Matthew Worby, 3rd year Neuroscience BSc undergraduate at Bristol Uni. Will provide Biology and Chemistry revision/prep support up to GCSE level. Shipbourne based. Please call 07885730031 or email matthewworby1@gmail.com (07/17)

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