

St Giles and Shipbourne
NEWSLETTER



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Except where indicated below, the main morning service at ST GILES SHIPBOURNE is at 9.30am.

Thursday	3rd	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
Saturday	5th	4.15-6pm	Shipbourne School Bonfire and Fireworks (see advert)
SUNDAY	6th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church with commemoration of the departed
		9.30am	Parish Communion with commemoration of the departed at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Service followed by short Communion with commemoration of the departed at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Job 19 vv 23-27 2 Thessalonians 2 vv 1-5, 13-end Luke 20 vv 27-38
Thursday	10th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
Saturday	12th	9.30am	Playchurch at St Giles Shipbourne
SUNDAY	13th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		10.50am	Remembrance Service at St Giles Shipbourne
		10.50am	Remembrance Service at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Malachi 4 vv 1-2 2 Thessalonians 3 vv 6-13 Luke 21 vv 5-19
Monday	14th	7.30pm	Shipbourne Parish Council meeting, Village Hall
		8.00pm	Shipbourne Parochial Church Council meeting, Village Hall
Thursday	17th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
Friday	18th	7-9pm	Fete thank you drinks, Village Hall (see advert)
Saturday	19th	12-4pm	Christmas Craft Fair at Shipbourne Village Hall
SUNDAY	20th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		12.00pm	Short Communion service at Plaxtol Church
		4.00pm	Community@4 at Plaxtol Church
Readings:	Jeremiah 23 vv 1-6 Colossians 1 vv 11-20 Luke 23 vv 33-43		
Thursday	24th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
Saturday	26th	8-9am	Bulk Refuse Collection outside Village Hall
SUNDAY	27th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service with baptism at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		6pm	Benefice Advent Carol Service at Plaxtol Church
Readings:	Isaiah 2 vv 1-5 Romans 13 vv 11-end Matthew 24 vv 36-44		

PLAYCHURCH

Playchurch is for pre-schoolers, primary school children and parents and takes place on the second Saturday of every month from 9.30–10.30am at St Giles Shipbourne.

Come along to hear fuzzy-felt bible stories, singing and craft activities.

Next meeting: Saturday 12th November 2016

For further information please contact:
Mary Perry Tel: 01732 810797

We hope that you will join us at our next joint benefice service

‘Community @ 4’

**On Sunday 20th November from 4-5pm
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- suitable for all ages
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- discussions for different age groups
- craft and play time for children

Please bring food and drink for our

“Bring & Share” refreshments after the service

FROM THE CHURCHWARDENS

Andrew and Elizabeth took their leave of the congregations both at Shipbourne and Plaxtol on Sunday 9 October. It was a bitter-sweet farewell. Sad, but with joy and great appreciation of their nine-year ministry, large congregations wiped away tears while wishing them a long, happy, healthy and productive retirement. They were presented with cheques for substantial sums by both churches and with a Snapfish album of photographs, also containing personal messages from many of us: this will, we hope, ensure that they do not easily forget us as they move on. The harvest supper at Home Farm, Fairlawne on 7 October, attended by over 150 people, was also an occasion for a light-hearted celebration of Andrew's ministry in our two parishes.

During the interregnum we have the privilege and responsibility of leading our church through an, as yet unknown number of months before a new Priest has come forward, been appointed and is finally inducted as Rector. There is a lot to do and we may well be asking for your assistance at times and most certainly for your commitment to Church worship, understanding and tolerance as we do our best.

All Sunday services will continue as usual. With help, we have been able to find visiting preachers to take the principal services at St Giles' and at Plaxtol. So there will be variety in preaching and teaching. We encourage you to make the most of this opportunity.

The Revd Peter Flynn will take some services and will continue to minister to the bereaved and to conduct funerals, cremations and interments. He can be contacted at 01732 811304.

Anyone wishing to arrange a baptism or marriage should contact one or other of us.

As for finding Andrew's successor, the Bishop has given his consent to our filling the post on a part-time basis. Our Rector would work 4 days a week - including Sunday, of course - in the benefice and 2 days on diocesan business. We think that this will be very similar to the position in Andrew's time, given his diocesan work on healing and his Christian counselling. We hope that the post will be advertised in November with interviews probably in the New Year.

If during this interregnum there is any matter which you want to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Viv Packer and Paul Britton, Churchwardens

CHURCH NOTICES

FROM ANDREW AND ELIZABETH ...

Dear All,

Elizabeth and I want to send our heartfelt thanks to you all for your lovely send-off both at the Harvest Supper and during our last Sunday's services on October 9th.

It was all most heart-warming. Thanks you for the kind things said on those occasions and in the cards and the photo-book. We will keep them for ever and they will be treasured memories of our time with you all.

Thank you too for the most generous cheques. We shall use the money towards our new garden. It will be our first project once we are moved in. It needs a lot of landscaping work and we shall try to spend your gift towards a particular part of the garden by which we can remember your kindness.

I have tried to say already more than once how much sharing these last nine years has meant to us both. We have felt welcomed and appreciated throughout. We have been very happy here. We are not far away in St Mary Platt and hope to keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Andrew & Elizabeth

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the December newsletter by **17 November 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.

ANDREW'S FAREWELL

Oh Andrew, you are leaving, can this really be the end?
The lure of Platt is proving strong and we must lose a friend.
We have some thoughts and memories, to show you that we care,
As life within the vestry walls is something we should share.

The lack of space for you to dress isn't easy to believe.
No wonder that the microphone gets stuck inside your sleeve.
The ladies hog the mirrors and the basses fight for books,
Church wardens struggle in and out giving you despairing looks.

This rabble in the vestry must give you cause for thought,
That every Sunday morning it can all get very fraught.
We laugh, we shout, we chatter: we make a fearful din
Until you calmly start to pray and remind us of our sin.

But once we're in the choir stalls decorum is restored
With hymns and prayers – and then you preach –
We hang on every word.
No fidgeting, no nodding off, no suggestion that we're bored,
And when you bring those fuzzy felts, our attention is ensured.

Your gratitude for what we sing has always been profuse.
It's flattering to hear such praise as we're sometimes not much use.
When colds and coughs and bugs attack
And our vocal chords are shot
The going gets tough and the sound gets rough
Harmonious we are not!

God moves in a mysterious way to put us to the test,
On Sunday we've just one more chance to do our very best.
We'll sing our praises to the Lord and we'll raise the roof above
To thank you for your time with us,
Your leadership and love.

By Mary Ann Taylor

Sung to the tune of "Oh Jesus I have Promised ..."

HARVEST SUPPER

On the 7th of last month over 150 parishioners, young and not so young, from both Shipbourne and Plaxtol sat down to a traditional and warming Harvest Supper in the charming and atmospheric setting of Home Farm Barn. The evening, enhanced by music from The Wealden Ramblers, a quiz and the singing of traditional harvest hymns raised over £2,000 for the benefice. Our thanks to the Fairlawne Estate for the use of the barn, to James Sheldrick and his team for clearing and setting up the barn with table and straw bales on which to sit, to those who provided and cooked Shepherd's Pies, Apple Crumbles and salads, provided apple juice, set up on the day and helped with the serving and clearing up afterwards and helped with the all important bar! Our particular thanks goes to the generosity of local businesses and individuals who donated prizes for our raffle which alone raised over £450.

So, all in all a wonderful evening. If you didn't come and have never even thought of coming then you missed out. Don't miss our next year. Similarly, if you would like to join our small team of organisers you would be very welcome. Please do contact one of us.

Julia Sheraton, Kate Symonds & Andy Doughty

EDNA HILLS

Edna Hills has now been moved from Pembury hospital where she was recovering from a fall and is living at:

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I am sure she would love any visitors as she is definitely missing Shipbourne.

Sarah Tyler



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ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY PROJECT TRUST CHATHAM

The link between the Trust and Plaxtol and Shipbourne churches is now up and running and to enable us to find the items they are needing – a list of which is sent to us every Monday – it would be really helpful to have email addresses for all those in and around Shipbourne and Plaxtol who think they may be able to help so that we can send out a weekly update.

If you are happy to do so, would you please email me at:
leach_helen@yahoo.co.uk

Specific items on the list received Monday 10 October are:

Portable radio
Cookery books
Fridge freezer
Double bedding

There are, however, many other things which, although not on a list, will always be appreciated so if you have any items (unwanted food, household goods – eg furniture, soft furnishings, or toys) that you are willing to give away, please let me know by email or by phone as we may be able to store them temporarily. Any such items will be advertised, and if required, then collected and distributed by Chatham. Thank you.

Helen Leach
01732 811144
07762 241720

BULK REFUSE SERVICE (4th Saturday of month)

Upper Green Road (opposite Village Hall) 8am - 9am on
Saturday 26 November 2016

SHIPBOURNE WI

The subject chosen for the talk at the WI meeting on 12th October was very much of local interest. Through his talk, Fred Lemont demonstrated a deep knowledge of "The Flemish Weavers in Kent". The talk was illustrated by very clear and interesting slides. Members learnt of the early history of Flemish weaving which transformed the industry in this country. The Flemish began weaving in England after the Norman Conquest and continued well into the sixteenth century. When weaving was no longer viable, the Flemish descendants turned to printing and brewing ale! Perhaps a subject for another meeting?

During the business meeting, dates were set for the pre-Christmas festivities, including the party and a lunch.

The next Committee meeting is on 2nd November, and the main meeting on 9th November, when the subject of the talk will be "Demelza Hospice".

Glynis Coates



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SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

New Parish Clerk

Shipbourne Parish Council has appointed Mrs Sarah Huseyin as the new Parish Clerk with effect from 1 November 2016.

The new contact details for the Parish Council from 1 November 2016 will be:

Shipbourne Parish Council
Clerk – Mrs Sarah Huseyin
Gable Cottage
Ismays Road
Ightham
TN15 9BE
e-mail: shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com
Telephone: 01732 886402

Shipbourne Website

In early October the Shipbourne website www.shipbourne.com was moved to a new platform. The Parish Council wanted to make it easier for those that update the website to add fresh news and content directly, themselves, to encourage more frequent updates and spread the load. Councillor Keith Wallington took on the task of coordinating this effort with significant support from Saul Cullen. Thank you Saul!

The Parish Council would also like to say a big thank you to Gary Davies for building and then maintaining the previous website for many years. Gary has always been reliable and highly responsive. Thank you Gary!

The plan was to initially replicate the previous website and then over time evolve as the PC and Shipbourne residents see fit so if you have any ideas or would like something added, such as a news item, please email web@shipbourne.com.

Temporary Road Closure – Hildenborough Road, Shipbourne – from 24 October 2016 to 4 November 2016

Kent County Council advise that the road will be closed between junctions of Ightham Road A227 to Riding Lane for resurfacing.

Temporary Road Closure – Reeds Lane, Shipbourne – from 21 November 2016 for up to 5 days

Kent County Council advise that the road will be closed between “Old Woodcocks” and “Martins”.

The alternative route is via Back Lane, A227 Tonbridge Road/Shipbourne Road, Puttenden Road and Hamptons Road and vice versa.

The closure is to enable the installation of a high voltage cable to be carried out by UK Power Networks.

Planning

The Parish Council has recently discussed the following planning applications:

- Application: **TM/15/03865/FL**
Location: **Great Oaks House, Puttenden Road, Shipbourne, TN11 9RX**
Proposal: Demolition of existing stable block and hay barn buildings and construction of a 3 bedroom dwelling house. Please note the above amended description. Also amended block plan and proposed plans, elevations and sections have been received
- Application: **TM/16/02494/FL**
Location: **Church House, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, TN11 9PE**
Application: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new two-storey dwelling with attached triple garage with games room over
- Application: **16/02921/TNCA**
Location: **Meadow Place, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne, TN11 9PG**
Proposal: T1 Catalpa - Reduce whole crown by approximately 25%. Tree is becoming very large for the space it occupies, work is to contain it whilst keeping it attractively shaped. T2 Ash - Remove 2 low crossing branches and 1 small low branch to lift the tree and allow more light underneath and T3 Field Maple - Remove 3x low branches over lawn, work is to lift the tree to allow more light below

You can view and comment on planning applications at www.tmbc.gov.uk

Local Plan - The Way Forward

The Borough Council has published the first stage of the new Local Plan - The Way Forward - for public consultation.

This draft plan sets out the challenges that need to be addressed, including the need for new homes, jobs etc, and a potential strategy for responding to the issues.

The documents available for public comment are:

- Local Plan: The Way Forward (September 2016)
- Appendix F: Potential Development Strategy Map
- Interim Sustainability Appraisal Report (September 2016)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment: Screening Report (September 2016)

There are many ways that you can take part in this consultation but responses must be made in writing:

- Online questionnaire - complete the electronic form with your responses
- E-mail - download the questionnaire form, complete it offline and e-mail it to the Local Plan Team
- By post - submit responses to the questionnaire to:
Planning Policy Manager, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ

The documents are available to view at the Council's offices at Kings Hill and Tonbridge Castle and at libraries throughout the borough.

Public exhibitions will take place at the following events:

- Kings Hill Community Centre, Thursday 13 October, 11am to 2pm
- Larkfield Leisure Centre, Friday 14 October, 10am to 1pm
- Angel Centre, Tonbridge, Monday 17 October, 3pm to 6pm
- Hadlow Village Hall, Tuesday 25 October, 10.15am to 1.15am
- Aylesford Village Community Centre, Friday 28 October, 1.15pm to 3.45pm
- Borough Green Village Hall, Tuesday 1 November, 4.15pm to 6.45pm

The deadline for comments is 5pm on Friday 25 November 2016.

Further information on the Local Plan, including the timetable for its production, can be accessed from the www.tmbc.gov.uk

Our next Parish Council meeting is 7.30pm 14 November 2016. All public are welcome to attend.

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FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The percentage of Kent schools now rated 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted stands at 89%, compared with 84% nationally. In August 2015 82% were good or outstanding, having risen consistently from 75% in 2014, 71% in 2013, 60% in 2012 and 50% in 2011.

The current situation is that of 85% of secondary schools, 90% of Primary schools, 98% Special schools and 86% of Pupil Referral Units are judged to be good or outstanding. Also, 95% of Early Years settings are good or outstanding.

Patrick Leeson, KCC's Corporate Director of Education, has said that this excellent achievement highlighted the hard work and dedication of all involved in education in Kent and the determination to make sure every school a child attends is 'Good' or 'Outstanding'.

Ofsted is continually raising the bar in terms of standards, and Kent schools have risen to this challenge. We are continually looking for improvements and have set an ambitious target of at least 90% of primary and secondary schools to be judged good or outstanding in the next year or two.

Kent's vision is that every child and young person should go to a good or outstanding school, have access to the best teaching, and benefit from schools and other providers, working in partnership with each other, to share the best practice as they continue to improve.

With best wishes,

Valerie Dagger, Kent County Councillor.

Tel. 01732 810222

E-mail: Valerie.dagger@kent.gov.uk

THE WEATHER IN SEPTEMBER

The rainfall recorded in September was 15.6 mm. (0.6 in.) compared with an average of 56.0 mm. (2.2 in.) over the last thirty one years. The average maximum temperature was 24.8^oC, compared with an average of 17.6^oC over the last twenty six years and the average minimum temperature was 10.9^oC compared with an average of 9.4^oC over the last eleven years.

Donald Forbes

SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET

Finally it would seem that we might have turned a corner re the number of visitors to the market. The first 9 months show an increase of over 5% vs the last 2 years. In fact if we omit June, which was the worst month on record since we started the market, (excluding January) it would be 10% up. June was just cold, cloudy and miserable. We also have some ideas as to how we might be able to improve the economics of the market. Watch this space!!

Now the clocks have gone back and it's that time of year again when short days and cold nights mean we all crave a little comfort from the kitchen. Slow-cooked casseroles, homely dishes such as the mashed topped game pie recipe below, rich flavoured roasts and warming puds all fit the bill perfectly. So wrap up, put on some sensible shoes and head out for a trip to the market for inspiration.

November is the month to get organized and place your orders for Christmas treats to pick up at the December markets so go prepared with your shopping list to ensure you get just what you want.

Make local game the meat of choice this month as the season is well under way for birds such as pheasant, partridge and wild duck. Keiron (Keiron's Game) has all sorts of Venison cuts and makes a healthy choice as most wild game has 5% to 7% fat, compared to red meat such as lamb with 25% or more. The lower fat content means careful cooking to avoid letting the meat dry out, so forget the old traditional slow cooking methods in stews and casseroles. Less strong and much more tender than red meat, it calls for more modern, time-friendly techniques such as flash-frying, or grilling. If you want to slow cook for great comfort eating, look out for the cheaper cuts of venison and pair with some fattier pork to keep the dish moist, or choose beef, lamb and pork – shin of beef, belly pork, or lamb neck all cook down to meltingly wonderful mouthfuls of flavour, perfect for colder days. Remember that most stews, pies and casseroles actually improve in flavour from being cooked and stored for a day or two in the fridge before serving. I double up and put some in the freezer to make the most of this keeping benefit!

Colder coastal waters at this time of year make for the highest quality fish and seafood, and as the temperature drops the range available just gets better. Treat yourself to the very best crab, lobster and oysters order directly from Mick (Mickey's plaice) our fish monger. For fish, Dover sole, turbot and halibut are rightly

considered the very finest eating by cooks and chefs. But also this month why not try some of the lower cost alternatives as many are at their best. Brill is a real discovery if you haven't tried it before – a firm white flesh full of clean flavour that only needs simple cooking. Or opt for healthy mackerel and herring, full of valuable Omega 3 fish oils. Shellfish including oysters, scallops and mussels are also all good this month.

Root vegetables are at their tastiest now and perfect for mashes, gratins and roasts – they improve with the cold and you will notice a marked difference in flavour from locally sourced varieties compared to supermarket specimens. Look out for parsnips, Jerusalem artichokes, swede and turnips. Try cooking peeled, cubed celeriac with a couple of cloves of garlic in the cooking water then mash with a big dollop of locally produced butter to go with venison or roast beef (or use in the recipe shown here). Main crop potatoes are full of texture and flavour and the varieties available in your own area are worth exploring. Ask Gary (OakApple Farm) for advice on which potato to buy – the right one, floury or waxy, will make all the difference to the finished dish. The brassicas really come into their own this month too – kale, spring greens, Brussels sprouts and all kinds of cabbages are wonderful in stir-fries, soups, and hashes or just steamed with grated nutmeg and more butter! And red cabbage cooked with apple, spices and red wine is another seasonal treat to go with rich pork, or maybe a roasted wild duck.

Apples, pears and plums are in abundance this year, all benefiting from the cool wet spring so try as many local varieties as possible – Bramleys are perfect for using in mincemeat and Christmas pudding so buy them ready for stir-up Sunday at the end of the month. Carry on making chutneys and pickles and remember the eating varieties can also be used in tarts, puddings and cakes.

See www.kfma.org.uk/shipbourne for stallholder contact information

COOKERY CORNER

POACHER'S PIE

A Shepherd's pie transforms into something even more satisfying than usual when made with local game such as venison – perfect comfort food! I've made it with venison mince plus some pork to stop the mixture being too dry but you can also make it with leftovers from a roast but just cook the base for 10 minutes.

Serves 4 – 6, Prep 20 minutes, Cook 1 hour

- 2 tbsp olive or rapeseed oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped and 1 large carrot, finely chopped
- 500g venison mince and 250g minced pork
- 1 - 2 tsp Ras al Hanout spice (a classic Moroccan spice mix), 1 - 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp redcurrant jelly
- 4 tbsp chopped flat-leafed parsley
- 500ml good beef or game stock
- 500g floury potatoes such as King Edward, peeled and cubed
- 1 large swede, peeled and cubed and 2 parsnips, peeled and sliced
- 30 - 50g butter (I like my mash buttery so add to your taste)
- 50g strong cheddar-style cheese, grated
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 Preheat the oven to 200C/fan oven 180C/Gas mark 6. Heat the oil in a large non-stick frying pan and cook the onion and carrot for 3 minutes until softened. Add the minced venison and pork and break up with a fork. Sprinkle with the Ras al Hanout and fry for a few minutes until lightly browned.

2 Stir in the Worcestershire sauce, redcurrant jelly and chopped parsley. Add stock and seasoning and bring to the boil. Simmer, half covered, for 25 – 30 minutes, stirring occasionally until the liquid is reduced.

3 While the mince is cooking, place the potatoes, swede and parsnip in a pan with enough cold water to just cover. Bring to the boil and simmer for 15 - 20 minutes until tender. Drain the vegetables thoroughly, return to the pan and mash until smooth. Add the milk and the butter to the pan and beat into the mash. Season well and

spoon over the top of the mince mixture. Rough up the surface with a fork then scatter with the cheese. Bake for 25 – 30 minutes until the top is golden and bubbling. Serve with peas or steamed broccoli.

Mary Gwynn

Author and food writer <http://trufflehound.wordpress.com>

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Stavros Martis

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THE GARDEN SHED

The dry period during September has continued right the way through until now (mid October) and everything is longing for some rain. At this time of year some dry weather makes harvesting crops much easier, they can go into store dry and will keep much better.

The interest in growing your own fruit has increased in the last few years and the pleasure of gathering and eating your own fresh produce from the garden is so rewarding.

As we live in an area renowned for its fruit production it is obvious that the soil, situation and climate are ideally suited for such crops. So let us start with apples! Most of the present day gardens are too small to grow even a solitary apple tree and its normal crop would be too great to deal with before the quality deteriorated. Luckily, the breeders and growers have been working hard to improve this situation.

'Family apple trees' have been developed. These trees have been grafted with three or four different varieties of apple, this not only gives a successive range of fruit but overcomes the problem of supplying cross pollination for the flowers, but these trees will still take up quite a lot of space.

A more suitable type of apple tree for the smaller garden is the cordon. This is a single stemmed tree that has been grafted on to a dwarfing rootstock (which encourages a more compact growth and a tendency to fruit at an earlier age). These trees are tied to a wired support at an angle of 45 degrees and are planted 90cm (3 ft) apart. Cordon trees can be planted against a wall (providing it is a sunny one), or as a light screen or as a backdrop for a vegetable garden or a border planted with low plants. One of the great advantages of growing a row of cordons is the ability to choose the varieties you enjoy eating, that they flower roughly at the same time and that the varieties are compatible (these problems can be sorted out by an experienced nurseryman). To choose the varieties you wish to buy 'fruit tasting days' are held Brogdale Nursery, near Faversham, the R.H.S. at Wisley and at Keeper's Nursery at East Farleigh. Others may be found on the internet.

Another group of small apple trees is the Minaret; these are slender, columnar trees which produce their fruit on spurs on a single stem. They grafted on to very dwarfing stock so they need to be planted only 60-90cms (2-3ft) apart and they will grow to 1.8-2.4m (6-8ft)

high. Minarets can also be grown in tubs and are very decorative on a balcony or patio.

Pear trees can be grown in the same ways as the apples, although there are not the varieties to choose from.

November is an ideal month to plant any deciduous trees, as the ground still has some warmth in it and the plants can begin to get established before the winter sets in. Next month other types of fruit will be discussed, until then.

Tessa Forbes

LOCAL HISTORY

WOODHALL, AN IMPORTANT SHIPBOURNE PROPERTY.

Woodhall is one of Shipbourne's oldest farms and there are various records of those who lived there. One of the residents wrote the following essay which gives us a charming insight into what life was like before properties in the village were not only renovated but gentrified too. Woodhall Cottage is of a similar age to the farmhouse but it was only in the 1970's that the oast and barn were converted to a house.

"Nightingales used to sing in the wood opposite and the squirrels made a highway on the treetops there. The barn and oast were authentic 15th century; no nails just wooden pegs until we left and a builder 'renovated....Several people who had lived at Woodhall came to visit us after we rented it for £95 a year in March 1935. Most of the houses on Shipbourne belonged to Peter Cazalet, the Queen's steeplechaser horse trainer. We had been offered the farm with 27 acres, but took only two. Woodhall Cottage was rented by the estate house painter Mr Beach.

We used the oast downstairs as a coal shed. On the slatted floor upstairs we wintered apples (until rats devoured them). Woodhall had been rented by chicken farmers who only left because they inherited an estate.

We uncovered the inglenook, put a window in the dairy and made the downstairs half bathroom, uncovered the beams in the hall which had been cased in Victorian boxes, removed a huge copper from the kitchen, opened up the well and planted hundreds of daffodils, after cutting a vista through the nut orchard.

One former owner came from Yorkshire. Another in charge of hop fields had fallen in love with a neighbour's wife and left for Germany.

His son, born at Woodhall, came back forty years later to tell us this. Another very aged couple had lived at Woodhall when there were two cottages and a butchers shop. They lived in the south side of the house and painted up to where a ladder led to the 'the loft upstairs'."

William Barrett was born in Woodhall Cottage in 1830. His father, also born in Shipbourne, was a builder by trade but by 1830 farmed land at Budds. His grandparent's gravestones are in the churchyard. In 1891, a farm labourer, John Humphrey, aged 30, lived there as did William Johnson, aged 32, a butcher. So the couple must have been very aged indeed to remember him.

William Warnett, aged 37, and his wife, Carry, moved in 1900 from Hadlow to live at Woodhall Cottage, and according to the census of 1901 they lived there with their children, William, 8, (he attended Shipbourne School and in 1923 played cricket for Shipbourne) and his sister, Carry, 4. Their lodger was Thomas H. Pritchard, aged 43, an Estate Manager's Clerk. Next door, at Woodhall Farmhouse, lived farmer Timothy Banfield, aged 54, and his wife.

The 1911 census shows the Phillips family lived in the farmhouse and WW1 records of 1914 record Oliver Bicknell as resident and Joseph Clark living in the cottage. The Bevan family occupied Woodhall Cottage in 1937 – Dorothy Bevan was a Sunday School teacher and sang in the choir - and in the 1930's and 40's Mrs Dobson and her daughters, Norah, Sylvia and Molly (whose twin brother taught in Hastings) lived at Woodhall Farmhouse. It is well-known that Michel Roux was born in the Cottage in 1960 whilst his father was chef at Fairlawne.

Our recorder (possibly Norah Dobson) continues: *"At one time we uncovered a brick runaway for water on the northern slope (our kitchen garden now the garage). I used these fine extra large bricks for various paths. Only when we went to Lullingstone to see the Roman Villa remains did we realize our bricks were probably Roman bricks for they looked exactly similar – on old maps there were traces of a Roman track nearby."*

So, not only were the buildings of Woodhall medieval in origin but on the site - on the route the Romans took on their way from the ford at Tonbridge via the chapel at Shipbourne and on towards Oldbury – are recycled materials possibly used originally to build the Roman villas at Plaxtol.

Libby Cohen

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