

*St Giles and Shipbourne*  
**NEWSLETTER**



*July 2017*

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## PARISH DIARY – JULY 2017

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

**Every weekday at 8.00am Morning Prayer will be said at Plaxtol and every weekday evening (except Friday and Saturday) at 4.30pm Evening Prayer will be said at St Giles Shipbourne.**

**Plaxtol Church is at present closed for building works. Services are being held in Plaxtol Memorial Hall; Morning Prayer is said in the gazebo in the churchyard.**

Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	3.15pm	Archdeacon Clive Mansell's farewell service at Rochester Cathedral
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Memorial Hall
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Family Service followed by short Communion at Plaxtol Memorial Hall
		Readings:	Genesis 22 vv 1-14 Romans 6 vv 12-end Matthew 10 vv 40-end
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Playchurch at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
		<b>12-4pm</b>	<b>Shipbourne School Summer Fete</b>
		<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Matins at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Memorial Hall
		Readings:	Gen 24 vv 34-38, 42-49, 58-end Romans 7 vv 15-25a Matthew 11 vv 16-19, 25-end
		<b>Monday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2.30-4pm</b>	<b>Clive Attrill, Antiques Valuer at Shipbourne Village Hall</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Memorial Hall
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
		12.00pm	Short Communion at Plaxtol Memorial Hall
		4.00pm	Community@4 at Plaxtol Memorial Hall
		Readings:	Genesis 25 vv 19-end Romans 8 vv 1-11 Matthew 13 vv 1-9, 18-23
<b>Monday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Shipbourne Parochial Church Council meeting at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne</b>

<b>Friday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Shipbourne School Leavers' Service at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Family Service at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Memorial Hall
		Readings:	Genesis 28 vv 10-19a Romans 8 vv 12-25 Matthew 13 vv 24-30, 36-43
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Memorial Hall
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Book of Common Prayer Communion at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Morning worship at Plaxtol Memorial Hall
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Benefice Choral Evensong at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
		Readings:	Genesis 29 vv 15-28 Romans 8 vv 26-end Matthew 13 vv 31-33, 44-52

## **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 8 July 2017

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

## **PASTORAL LETTER**

### **ARE ALL SUDDEN CHANGES TRAUMATIC?**

Since coming to the United Benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol, my wife and I have been feeding the birds, and getting a great ornithological turn-out for our troubles: two species of finches, three species of thrush, four species of tits, five species of crow...and even a parakeet! But having changed our supplier of 'fat-balls' we notice, all of a sudden, that the birds had stopped eating them: from nine per day to nothing within twenty-four hours. Why? Was it traumatic for the birds? Perhaps we will never know.

As the Rector, I have been getting to know the ways of the two churches, and something of the lives or parishioners: particularly those who are sick or housebound, and those who have been bereaved. It is always a privilege to hear about the lives of people's loved ones, and to have the opportunity of providing spiritual comfort. It is abundantly clear, in this context, that sudden change and loss is traumatic.

In our nation we have experienced the sudden and traumatic loss caused by terrorist attacks and, as a very strange parallel, the calling of a 'snap' general election and the unexpected outcome of a 'hung' parliament. Those who follow politics may well feel traumatised, and those who speculate on the value of goods, currencies and 'futures' find their own sense of trauma reflected in the financial markets of our capitalist economy. This, in turn, can do lasting damage to rich and poor alike, via Joe Bloggs' pension fund.

Here's the paradox: we long for stability, but our world is always changing; and, to make matters worse, our sense of control over change really does turn out to be an illusion.

At the first funeral I took in the Benefice, that of Group Captain Peter Hill RAF, we sang 'Onwards Christian Soldiers' - a hymn I've probably not sung for thirty years or more. I was reminded of another 'spoof' version that goes:

'Like a mighty tortoise moves the Church of God; brothers we are treading where we've always trod!' The Church is not as static as this 'spoof' makes out; indeed we cannot afford to be at a standstill if we are truly engaged with the local community and the wider world. But, as a tradition, the church is keen to be a source of

stability and hope, even in the face of sudden and traumatic change. At the same funeral we also sang a version of Psalm 46 by Richard Bewes, fittingly set to the tune of Eric Coates' 'Dambusters' March':

*God is our strength and refuge,  
our present help in trouble;  
and we therefore will not fear,  
though the earth should change!  
Though mountains shake and tremble,  
though swirling floods are raging,  
God the Lord of hosts is with us evermore!*

**Peter Hayler**

Rector

## **CHURCH NOTICES**

### **All Saints Community Project Trust Chatham**

Plaxtol and Shipbourne churches look to support All Saints Trust by providing financial support, donations of food, household goods and toys, and by offering voluntary support.

**If you have any 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 –**

**leach\_helen@yahoo.co.uk**

**07762 241720**

**01732 811144**

Any such items will be advertised, and if required, then collected and distributed by Chatham.

Just 30 minutes drive away, it is one of the poorest wards in the country and any help you are able to offer will be very gratefully received. Thank you.

**St Giles' Summer Fete  
Bank Holiday Monday  
28 August 2017**

**12.30pm – 3.30pm**

**On Shipbourne Common  
(by kind permission of Fairlawne Estate)**



- \* Dog Show \***
- \* Children's Fancy Dress \***
- \* Brass Band \***
- \* Beer and Pimms Tent \***
- \* BBQ \***

**... and lots more!**

**We really need help this year to organise the  
day and run stalls – please contact Lindsay or  
Viv to volunteer (01732 810439 or 01732  
810035)**



## **ST GILES' SUMMER FETE NOTICES**

It is only a few weeks until the St Giles' Summer Fete and preparations are well underway. Fingers crossed we will get a nice sunny date for the Fete again this year ...

The fete will be opened by Mr Swartz of Fairlawne at 12.30pm and will conclude with the prize giving and Grand Draw at 3.30pm. The Tonbridge and Sevenoaks Training Band will return to play some great music throughout the afternoon and the popular Dog Show also makes a welcome return (although it will be a little shorter than last year!)

We still need volunteers to help run some stalls. Some of the larger popular stalls also need some extra helpers to run them on the day. If you have just moved to Shipbourne, helping out on a stall is a great way of meeting the locals!

### **PRIZE DRAW - £100 CASH FIRST PRIZE**

Janet and John Playle are kindly running the Prize Draw again this year. Last year's inclusion of a book of raffle tickets in the August Newsletter gained extra sales so we shall be repeating that again this year – watch out for your book of tickets in next month's Newsletter. There will also be a stall at the Farmers' Market in August selling tickets. Should you know of any local businesses who would be happy to donate a prize (however large or small), please let Janet and John know on Tel.01732 810562 or email [johnandjanetp@gmail.com](mailto:johnandjanetp@gmail.com) .

### **BBQ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



We need volunteers to run the BBQ at the Fete on a rota basis as this is a very popular and busy stall. Payment in the form of a beer and a burger. Another huge help would be someone to manage the procurement of the burgers/sausages in advance of the Fete. Please let Lindsay or Viv know if you can help 810439/810035.



## **FANCY DRESS**

Children's fancy dress competition: the theme will be announced in next month's Newsletter. As always, homemade costumes will earn extra points. Judging will take place before the Dog Show starts this year.

### **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 Fete. Many thanks in advance for all cake donations!

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

***Homemade preserves for the Preserve Stall***

***Bottles (not empties) for the Bottle Stall***

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

***Soft toys*** (clean!) for the Toy Stall and Soft Toy Tombola

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

***Lindsay Miles and Viv Packer***



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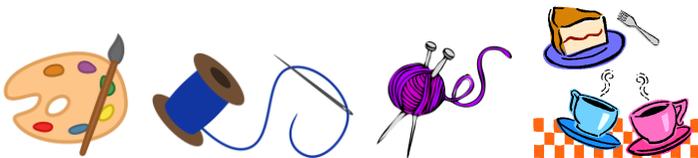
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# **SAVE THE DATE**

## **SHIPBOURNE CRAFT FAIR**

**SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2017**

**SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL**





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For Village Hall **enquiries and bookings** please call 07762 241720 or email [shipbourne.villagehall@gmail.com](mailto:shipbourne.villagehall@gmail.com)

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The contact details for the Parish Council are:

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Please visit the website for Shipbourne Parish Council Meeting Agenda's, Minutes and News. (<http://www.shipbourne.com/>) If you have any ideas or would like something added, such as a news item, please email [web@shipbourne.com](mailto:web@shipbourne.com).

### **Vacancy**

The Parish Council are still looking for a Parish Councillor, if you are interested in applying, please contact the Parish Clerk – [shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com) or telephone 01732 886402.

### **Litter**

We have noticed a recent increase in the amount of litter in our village Please look out for litter and litter pick when you are out walking. Tonbridge and Malling have just advertised a 'litter app'. Littergram is a free app solution that allows users to take a picture of litter, flytipping or overflowing litter bins that need emptying. GPS then pinpoints the location of the problem and the photo is sent automatically to the relevant local council authority.

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council worked with littergram to develop the app, which will help the Council to respond even more quickly when rubbish is spotted and reported by app users. As well as pinpointing the exact location of the rubbish and sending a photo, the app also gives the Council the opportunity to reply to the sender to let them know what action is being taken. For more information visit [www.littergram.co.uk](http://www.littergram.co.uk)



## **Highways Matters**

If you notice any potholes, broken or missing signs or blocked gullies, please report them to the Parish Clerk so that she can notify Kent Highways.

## **Saturday Waste Service**

The next date for the bulk refuse freighter is Saturday 22 July 2017. The freighter visits Upper Green Road between 8-9am. The service is provided for disposal of general household waste only. Commercial or trade waste will not be accepted. The following items cannot be collected: builders' waste, concrete and similar waste, vehicle parts, oil, paint or other chemicals, asbestos, plasterboard, soil, rubble or bricks, glazed windows or toughened glass, water tanks, boilers, iron/steel baths. Large items such as bed bases and wardrobes should be broken down in advance. Please stay with your items until they are on the freighter otherwise they will not be collected.

Should you have any queries please contact 01732 876147 or visit <http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/recycling,-rubbish-and-waste/household-waste-special-collections-for-large-items/saturday-household-waste-service>

## **Defibrillator**

A new defibrillator has recently been installed on the back wall of the Chaser and we are looking for more Volunteers who would be willing to be part of a Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS). It is a Community Scheme to summon assistance in the case of an emergency and ONLY after 999 has been called. VETS does not replace 999. Volunteers can collect and bring the defibrillator to the patient and assist in CPR whilst the ambulance is on its way. If you are interested in participating please email the Parish Clerk [shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com). The defibrillator is registered with the Ambulance Service, if anyone requires the defibrillator the code for the cabinet will be given over the phone on calling 999. The Chaser has the code for the cabinet. Please notify the Parish Clerk if you notice any problems with the defibrillator or cabinet. We will be organising a training session in the autumn, please look on the website and at the newsletter for the date.

## **Kent Police**

To report a non-urgent crime, call 101. Kent Police will be launching a new online reporting service later this year. Look out for details in forthcoming newsletters or on the Shipbourne Parish website.

## **Planning**

You can view and comment on planning applications and decisions at [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk)

### **South Eastern Rail Franchise Consultation - deadline 30 June 2017**

On 14 March, the Department for Transport (DfT) launched a consultation on the South Eastern Rail Franchise. The consultation deadline is 30 June. The consultation can be accessed via <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/south-eastern-franchise-consultation-launched>. The DfT's ambitions for this franchise include:

- creating more space for passengers by running longer trains and upgrading or replacing older trains
- increasing reliability and reducing delays by the train operator working closely with Network Rail
- improving compensations arrangements with a simple automated system
- introduction of a smarter payment system, including mobile phones
- improving customer service with staff able to respond quickly and effectively to passenger's needs

We understand that this will be the first franchise to have an integrated operating team between train services and infrastructure. The new operator must form an alliance with Network Rail.

Our next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on 10 July 2017. All members of public are welcome to attend.

### ***Mrs Sarah Huseyin***

Parish Clerk

e-mail: [shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com)

Telephone: 01732 886402

## **Macbeth'** at White Rock Inn from 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017

The *Sevenoaks Shakespeare Society* is returning to the **White Rock Inn** this summer for an Open Air production of **Macbeth**, directed by Sandra Barfield.

Performances: Thurs–Sat **29<sup>th</sup> June–1<sup>st</sup> July 8pm**  
Wed–Sat **5–8<sup>th</sup> July 8pm**;  
Sun **9<sup>th</sup> July** matinee at **3.30pm**.

Do come – PLEASE bring warm clothing for an open-air production AND rugs/low-back chairs to sit on.

Food & drink available at the Inn – sorry, but no picnics - please!

Tickets £12 *in advance*; £15 *on the door* (cash/cheque); children & students £5.

Tickets from White Rock Inn (01732 833112)

or Stag Sevenoaks ([www.stagsevenoaks.co.uk](http://www.stagsevenoaks.co.uk); 01732 450175).

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help as a steward, please contact Brenda Mullinger (01732 810688).



### **CLIVE ATTRILL ANTIQUES VALUER**

**will be making a return visit to  
Shipbourne Village Hall  
on Wednesday 12th July 2.30-4pm  
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## **SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET**

As George Gershwin put it so succinctly, "summertime, and the livin' is easy". Eating in July is all about keeping it simple as the glorious harvest of absurdly fresh locally produced ingredients reaches a peak that will run until September. Effortless eating should be the aim this month.

We are aiming to introduce an array of guest stallholders during the next few months to enhance the variety of produce available so keep looking on our web site [www.shipbournefm.org.uk](http://www.shipbournefm.org.uk) which we shall be updating throughout the summer months. On the drinks front Greensand (Shipbourne) gin, Redhill Estate wines and Hepworth's brewery will be attending the market this month.

Don't miss tender BROAD BEANS, one of the true tastes of summer (freshly picked little pods can be enjoyed whole), fresh GREEN PEAS, radishes, beetroot, spring onions, spinach, and of course, new potatoes. Cucumbers, beans, both French and runner, and courgettes should be there alongside all kinds of salad leaves and great bunches of fresh herbs.

A bowlful of summer berries served with thick local cream and meringues is the perfect way to end a summer meal, or try the glorious cheesecake recipe below. STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES AND CURRANTS are all at their best now. And don't miss out on CHERRIES as the season is now in full swing (Kentish cherries are justifiably world famous). This is the month for jam makers and you don't have to make huge vats of the stuff – just a few jars are incredibly satisfying to produce in your home kitchen, taste marvellous and make wonderful gifts.

Grass-fed summer LAMB is now at its very finest and all cuts are ideal for the BBQ.

For seafood fans midsummer is a great time to enjoy all sorts of fish and shellfish. Try some on the BBQ. Mikey carries a whole selection of recipes for cooking fish especially fish on the BBQ.

## COOKERY CORNER

### RASPBERRY AND WHITE CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE

A glorious baked cheesecake makes the perfect finale to a summer party. You do need to spend a bit of time in the kitchen for this one but it is better made the day before so easy on the day. You can make it with raspberries or strawberries or a combination of both...

**Serves 8/Prepare 20 minutes/Cook 35 - 40 minutes plus chilling overnight**

- 125g dark chocolate-coated ginger biscuits, crushed with a rolling pin
- 35g butter, melted
- 400g full fat soft fresh cheese
- 100g caster sugar
- grated rind of 1 lemon
- 2 medium eggs plus 2 medium egg yolks
- 100g white chocolate, broken into chunks plus white chocolate stars to decorate
- 100ml double cream and 100ml soured cream
- 2 tbsp raspberry balsamic vinegar (optional)
- 300g fresh raspberries

1 Preheat the oven to 170C Gas mark 3. Mix the crushed biscuits with the melted butter and press into the base of a 20cm greased and base lined spring-release tin.

2 Beat together the soft cheese, sugar and lemon rind until smooth, then gradually beat in the eggs and egg yolks. Melt the chocolate with the cream in a small pan over a very low heat and stir until smooth and cream. Cool then fold into the cheese ingredients with the balsamic vinegar if using. Spoon into the tin and level the surface then bake for 35 - 40 minutes until only just set. The top should still wobble a little when you shake the tin. Remove from the oven and cool on a wire rack for a couple of hours then chill for several hours, overnight if possible.

3 To serve, carefully remove the cheesecake from the tin and place on a serving plate. Spread the soured cream over the surface and top with the raspberries. Scatter with white chocolate stars and serve.

## **SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL NEWS**

On returning from the half-term break, the Years 5 and 6 swimming team competed valiantly in the annual Tonbridge and Malling swimming gala – one of the highlights of the school year. The much-anticipated whole school trip to Port Lympne in mid-June was enjoyed by all – as too was Sports Day at the end of the month. Fingers had been firmly crossed for good weather!

July heralds a visit to Maidstone Grammar School for year 2, 3 and 4 for a musical concert by 'Kidenza', and a Teddy Bear's picnic for all the new entrants who will be starting at Shipbourne School in September.

But before that, there are two more important events: the **Summer Fete** on **Saturday 8th July**, which is open to all. Do come along and support the school. Then the term finishes on 21st July with the Leavers' Service in St Giles Shipbourne, always a memorable occasion.

Children will be back in school on Thursday 5th September.

***Brenda Mullinger***

## **THE WEATHER IN MAY**

The rainfall recorded in May was 64.5 mm. (2.5 in.) compared with an average of 47.6 mm. (1.9 in.) over the last thirty two years. The average maximum temperature was 21<sup>0</sup> C, and the average minimum temperature was 8.4<sup>0</sup>C.

***Donald Forbes***

## **AUGUST NEWSLETTER**

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## **THE GARDEN SHED**

The rain that fell in mid June came as a great relief both to the plants and to us, and although quite an amount fell the ground is still fairly dry deep down. However, the plants responded very fast to the rain and there has been a glorious display of flowers and growth since then.

To achieve a repeat performance next year the flowered portion of those shrubs that produced those arching sprays of flowers need to be cut back to a growing shoot at their base. This treatment will save the bush expending unnecessary energy producing seeds, and put the energy into the development of growth for next year's flowers; it will also allow more light and air into the plant's centre. The rambling roses (which flower just once in the year) fall into this category, as do some of the shrub roses. Shrubs like Weigela, Deutzia, early flowering Spiraeas, mock orange (Philadelphus) and Exochorda (a beautiful shrub that has long sprays of pure white flowers in early June) will also benefit from this treatment.

Rhododendrons, Azalias and Lilac (Syringa) just need to have the spent flower heads removed; this needs to be done very carefully as the new shoots (for the next year's flowers) are growing at the base of the flower head. Any dead heads of flowers, especially roses, need to be removed. The dead heads do spoil the beauty of those buds yet to flower and will discourage the continuous flowering of the plant.

A light dressing of a general fertiliser (a type that will encourage flowers and fruits) gently hoed into the ground will give a boost to the plants for the rest of the season.

If there is a special occasion using the garden, planned for later in the summer, it is quite a good idea to have a few containers and tubs planted with plants that will flower over a long period of time. These tubs and containers can be grown in a nursery area (where they can easily be looked after), then when the day arrives they can be moved to areas in the garden that are looking a little dull. These pots can either be put into the soil or put into ornamental containers. If the pots are put into soil they will still need watering. The plants to use can be dwarf Dahlias, Perlagoniums, Hydrangeas and Alstroemarias which all keep blooming for a long time; they will

all need to have the flowers removed as they fade, so that the display continues to look at its best all the time.

Wishing you all a lovely summer holiday.

**Tessa Forbes**



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### **SCOTTISH DANCING IN SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL**

Held fortnightly on Tuesday evenings from 7.15-9.00pm, dates for July are 11th and 25th. There will not be any dancing in August but classes will resume again in September (dates to be confirmed). All are welcome - just turn up on the night and give it a try or phone Helen Leach (811144) or Margaret Thompson (810789) for more information

**Helen Leach**

**01732 811144**

## **LOCAL HISTORY**

### **BRICKMAKING IN SHIPBOURNE**

Although bricks and tiles were made in Kent in Roman times, the process declined during the Saxon period as brick production was expensive and most houses were built of timber. Brick and tile making was re-introduced in the medieval period - when thatched roofs were banned in towns due to the risk of fire - and when yeoman farmers were more prosperous and could afford bricks for their fireplaces and chimneys.

As hauling manufactured bricks any distance added to the expense the bricks were instead made by hand from local clay and fired in situ, often adjacent to the building site. The plentiful supply of firewood and clay in Shipbourne made it a natural site for brickmaking.

Farmers had the land to do this and, as the occupation fitted in with the farming year, it was the farmers that made local bricks. Brickmaking began in late spring – when lambing and sowing had finished – and the bricks were left to dry until the harvest and haymaking had taken place. Kiln burning took place from mid-Summer onwards until the first frosts.

The presence of ponds next to old houses can often indicate the site of an old claypit. Brickmaking was also apparent in Shipbourne names: Kilnwood just by The Hoard; Kiln Bank in the 1847 Shipbourne Tithe; Churchgate Farm next to St Giles had a 2.2 acre field named Brickfield: Brick Kiln Paddock was a 1.2 acre field noted in a Tithe dated 10<sup>th</sup> June 1845 whilst Puttenden Farm and most farms nearby had a Kiln Field or Brickfield.

The clay was dug in the autumn and large stones removed. It was then left in a heap overwinter so that the rain, wind and frost would render it easier to handle in the spring. With the danger of frost over the moulding began. The bricks were made one at a time. The clay was pressed into a wooden frame by hand, the excess cut off with wire, the brick turned out onto a board sprinkled with sand, arranged in a herringbone pattern, covered in straw and left to dry in the open air before being built into a clamp and fired.

Old bricks were often used as the base for the clamp and on top of a bed of fuel, usually brushwood but sometimes charcoal,

and the unfired bricks were stacked in layers, interspersed with more fuel, leaving space for the heated air to travel through the layers of bricks. The stack was covered with turf and clay, lit and left to burn until all the fuel was consumed. Clay tiles for buildings were also produced in this way.

The consistency of the bricks made by the above method were often unpredictable as the firing could not be controlled as it could in a commercial brickworks. The bricks exposed to the greatest heat would bake a darker colour, and their ends would turn blue-grey and vitrified. These were often used as headers such as can be seen on St Giles Cottage in School Lane.

As the heavy clays of our Western Low Weald produced a plentiful supply of the raw product for bricks there were several large brickworks in Tonbridge in the 1800's, such as those at Quarry Hill, Castle Hill and Lavender Hill. A 'head burner' would prepare his own clay to a favourite consistency using a horse-powered mill and teams of brickmakers could produce 900 bricks per hour.

Roof and hanging tiles and specialist items such as ridge tiles would also be produced. At the same time there were local potteries that also used the clay: one was in operation at Pittswood, Hadlow, in 1801 where bakery products and even toys were made. There was also a brickworks on the outskirts of Shipbourne in Starvecrow on the Shipbourne Road that was still in production in 1851.

### ***Libby Cohen***

An interesting fact: "The name for any kind of kiln – including a brick kiln - was *hoste* or *oste* (apparently in common use up to the 16<sup>th</sup> century) now surviving in the word '*oasthouse*'."

#### **BULK REFUSE SERVICE (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of month)**

Upper Green Road (opposite Village Hall) 8am - 9am on

**Saturday 22 July 2017**

**Saturday 26 August 2017**

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