

*St Giles and Shipbourne*  
**NEWSLETTER**



*August 2017*

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## PARISH DIARY – AUGUST 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.**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	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 32 vv 22-31 Romans 9 vv 1-5 Matthew 14 vv 13-21
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Benefice Open Air Service on Shipbourne Green followed by refreshments at the Village Hall</b>
		Readings:	Gen 37 vv 1-4, 12-28 Romans 1- vv 5-15 Matthew 14 vv 22-33
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	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
		Readings:	Genesis 45 vv 1-15 Romans 11 vv 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15 vv 1-9, 21-28
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>27<sup>th</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:	Exodus 1.2-2.10 Romans 12 vv 1-8 Matthew 16 vv 13-20
<b>Bank Holiday Monday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.30-3.30pm</b>	<b>St Giles' Summer Fete on Shipbourne Green</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne</b>

## **PASTORAL LETTER**

### **HOLIDAYS - REST - PRAYER - VIGILANCE**

As we arrive into high summer, so we come to the end of the school year. St Giles' Church has a tradition of giving the gift of a Bible to all those who are leaving Shipbourne Primary School. We believe it's more than just a book, indeed the printed book symbolises the Word of God. We hope that the Bibles we give will be read, rather than shelved, because only through reading can the Word come alive. (Hebrews 4:12)

But is reading all we do with the Bible? At the Rectory, we've been pleased to run our first Quiet Day, and we have a second one coming up soon - fully booked! On these occasions we use a traditional method of reading, thinking, praying and resting in the scriptures. The thinking can be done in a number of ways: through other spoken input, through music, through creative art, or just taking a stroll or sitting quietly. The praying is an intentional effort to dialogue with God, to tell and to listen. But perhaps the resting is the most important phase; a place in which we seek to be still... and, paradoxically, where we find our inner lives to be busy and noisy. For those who are busiest, stillness and rest can be a formidable challenge.

And so to the 'six weeks' school holiday. It's a long period of important 'down-time' for our youngsters (and our teachers!) and time for a family holiday. It can be full of rest and recreation, but it can be boring and even isolating for some. I remember my own childhood: long hours spent in front of the TV, engrossed in the Test Matches, long hours of cycling around the neighbourhood and playing board-games with friends, but sometimes I was bored out of my mind. Most of all, the holidays need to be safe and, while I'm no expert on the countryside, I know that it has its own set of hazards, just as our cities do.

So we need to be vigilant - watching out for the safety and wellbeing of each member of the community, whatever their age. Just as children can be in danger at play, so too, our elderly can be at danger in the heat and on their own. Please also remember that Plaxtol Church is still closed to the public as it is a building site and therefore a place of significant risk. It strikes me as I write this that vigilance, too, is part of the nature of prayer. Watching, waiting,

listening and resting in the presence of God as an intentional practice helps us to align our imperfect love with the perfect love of God, and to align our imperfect wills with the perfect will of God.  
Happy Holidays!

**Peter Hayler**

*Rector*



*United Benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol*

## **Open-Air Praise**

*10.30am, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August*

*on the Green, by Shipbourne Village Hall*

*All Welcome!*

## **SAVE THE DATE**



## **HARVEST SUPPER** **Friday 6 October 2017**

**Further details to follow in the September issue**

## CHURCH NOTICES

# **Playchurch and Community @ 4**

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

## **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 \***

*(sponsored by Dog Grooming Kent, Plaxtol)*

**\* 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**

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 £100 cash 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 [johnandjanetp@gmail.com](mailto:johnandjanetp@gmail.com).



## **Dog Show**

The popular Dog Show returns this year and is sponsored by **Dog Grooming Kent, Plaxtol**. Dogs (and owners) can register in advance by completing and returning the registration form included in this Newsletter. Alternatively registration can take place on the day from 12.30pm. The Dog Show will start promptly at 1.40pm, after the judging of the children's fancy dress. 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 need volunteers to run the BBQ at the Fete on a rota basis as this is a very popular and busy stall. Please let Lindsay or Viv know if you can help 810439/810035.



## **Fancy Dress**

Children's fancy dress competition: the theme this year is "**Under the Sea**". 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 – see ad***

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

***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***



## **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. Please either bring items up to the fete in the morning or drop off in advance to Lindsay Miles at The Stables, Back Lane. Thank you!



## **SOFT TOY TOMBOLA – REQUEST FOR DONATIONS!**

If you have any clean but unwanted soft toys for the soft toy tombola please drop them to Lindsay Miles at The Stables, Back Lane or Viv Packer at Plantation House on Reeds Lane. Any donations greatly appreciated!

Many thanks



## **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!

## **SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

Please send any articles and adverts for the September newsletter by **17 August 2017**. 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](mailto:lindsay_miles@btinternet.com) or call 01732 810439.



## ST GILES' SUMMER FETE DOG SHOW REGISTRATION ENTRY FORM

(sponsored by *Dog Grooming Kent, Plaxtol*)

**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 Rescue***

**4. *Prettiest Girl***

**5. *Most Handsome Boy***

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 1.40pm). All fees refundable if Dog Show is cancelled due to bad weather.

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## **SHIPBOURNE WI**

This month, one of our own members, Lindsay Creighton, on behalf of the Citizens' Advice Bureau, gave members a talk on U-Switch, switching utility providers to save money. The CAB has an impartial approach to energy comparison, but recommends people should review providers annually. Then members were also able to have their 'heirlooms' and antiques valued by Clive Attrell, an antiques expert.

The programme of monthly lunches continues, recently with a visit to the Plough at Leigh, and next on July 19th, at our very own Chaser! There is no formal meeting in August, instead we shall have an outing to Pashley Manor. The next committee meeting is 6th September, followed by the main meeting and talk on Autumn Flower Arrangement on 13th September.

***Glynis Coates***



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## **SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Telephone: 01732 886402

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).

### **Vacancies**

The Parish Council are now looking for 2 Parish Councillors. A Parish Councillor is a volunteer holding a civic office on the first tier of local government. If you would like to make a real difference to the community that you live in 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.

## **Defibrillator Training**

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.

Please note that there is also a defibrillator inside the **Kentish Rifleman** available for the residents and visitors of Dunks Green.

## **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)

Our next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on 11 September 2017. All members of public are welcome to attend.

## **Mrs Sarah Huseyin**

Parish Clerk

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# SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET

## Numbers, Numbers

The first 6 months of 2017 has seen a slight improvement (3%) in the number of visitors compared to this time last year. We are now only 7% down from the heady days of 2012 and numbers have improved by 12% since 2014 our lowest year.

The number of visitors is the only item we have in measuring the health of the market but just to prove how difficult it is to learn from them we had one of lowest markets (in terms of numbers) in June 125 and one of our highest the first week of July 190.

Many markets have experienced a decrease in numbers over the last few years caused in the main (we think) by the increasing use of on line shopping and home delivery.



Lazy summer days and, hopefully, some holiday sunshine bring out the best of British at the Farmers' Market this month. We are fortunate in that Shipbourne is situated in a beautiful part of the county so you could plan to make your trip a day out. Pack a cold box in the back of your car to keep purchases at their best – a good idea whenever it's warm and buy the makings of a great picnic from the market and enjoy food at its freshest in the countryside that it came from!

So what should you be putting in that shopping basket this August? Lots of wonderful vegetables are now coming into season. Home grown tomatoes are in abundance, as are shallots, onions, French and runner beans, courgettes, aubergine, peppers, cucumber and an amazing number of salad leaves, some of which would have been picked that very morning! Early marrows and squashes will also be available, along with main crop potatoes. Make your own chutneys and pickles now and they will be at their best just in time for Christmas so perfect for presents.

The soft fruit season is peaking for raspberries, black, white and red currants, plums, blueberries and blackberries, and there may be late cherries still 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.

Summer fish is plentiful this month and very reasonably priced. Salmon is excellent for the BBQ and sole, sea bass and plaice are also excellent now. For seafood lovers look out for crab for a real treat. Serve simply with real mayonnaise and little potatoes steamed in their skins.

Local lamb is the meat of choice in August and a big joint makes a great Sunday roast if we get traditional Bank Holiday weather.

Don't forget the Glorious 12th marks the start of the new game season. Keiron will be back (after his hip operation) so look out for venison, wild duck, wood pigeon and rabbit. 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 for a perfect partnership.

## **COOKERY CORNER**

### **BUTTERFLIED LAMB WITH CHARRED COURGETTES AND AUBERGINES**

- Pre- order a butterflied leg or boned shoulder joint from Annabelle at the Farmers' Market.
- Make a marinade with 3 tbsp olive oil, 2 crushed garlic cloves, 1 lemon, thickly sliced, 2 tbsp maple syrup, 1 tbsp each Ras al Hanout spice and tomato ketchup, leaves from two sprigs of rosemary and seasoning.
- Place in a large freezer bag and add the lamb. Rub the marinade into the lamb and marinate for 2 hours before cooking on the barbecue.
- Add sliced courgettes and aubergines to the marinade to coat then cook for 4 -5 minutes alongside the lamb, until charred.

*Mary Gwynn is a local author and food writer. She writes regularly for Waitrose Weekend newspaper and has published several cookery books, including The WI Cookbook: The First 100 Years and The Busy Mum's Cookbook, has appeared as a guest judge on The Great British Menu and cooked for John Craven on BBC Countryfile. She is on the committee of Penshurst Farmers Market.*

## **SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL NEWS**

On returning from the half-term break, the Years 5 and 6 swimming The school fete in July raised around £1500 – thanks to all who supported us. The school production of Hansel & Gretel was a very enjoyable event with much positive feedback “We enjoyed every minute; the children sang beautifully, acted superbly and all joined in with maximum enthusiasm”. Congratulations to all involved.

School closed for the summer holidays on 21st July after participating in the first Leaver's service with the Rector, Rev Dr Peter Hayler.

Children will be back in school on Thursday 5th September and School News bulletins will resume in the autumn.

***Brenda Mullinger***



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## THE GARDEN SHED

All the hard work that has been done during the previous months, gives its peak rewards in August, not only in the vegetable and fruit areas but also in the ornamental garden. Harvesting and preserving goes hand-in-hand with keeping the borders in full bloom and continuing the job of dead heading the roses, dahlias and many of the other border perennials. Not only does the removal of the dead flowers improve the look of the beds, it will also encourage the side growths on the flower stems to send out a further display of blooms.

August is also the month when the planning for the following year begins. This includes planting and sowing hardy vegetables for the late autumn and early spring, buying and planting bulbs for next year's display and taking cuttings for the following year. These cuttings will be an insurance for those plants that have difficulty surviving a wet and cold winter, such as Penstemon, Pinks, Lavender and the less hardy Salvias. These plants are propagated by taking cuttings of non flowering shoots early in the month; the cuttings can be placed in cutting compost round the edge of a flower pot or in trays with individual modules. Once the cuttings have been taken and given a watering they need to be covered with a plastic lid, or in the case of flower pots, with a plastic bag secured with an elastic band. The tops are kept closed until there are signs that the cuttings have developed some roots (an indication that this is taking place is when the foliage shows signs of growth) then the ventilators on the tray lids can be opened or a corner can be cut off the plastic bag. It is best to leave potting up the young plants until the early spring.

A genus of plants that typifies the summer garden is the Campanula or bellflower. Different species will flower from the early spring until the late summer and will range in height from a few inches to four or five feet high. Their predominating colour is blue (pale and dark) but there are white varieties and occasionally some varieties that have pink flowers. Most campanulas enjoy a sunny site but there are some species that do well in light shade. *Campanula lactiflora* is the latest to flower and is one of the tallest, growing to about 150cms. (5ft.) and does best in light shade, and will flower from early July until mid August with dozens of mid-blue individual flowers in a 30cms (12ins.) panicle, if the main panicle is removed when the blooms are over then the side shoots grow and the display carries on. There are several good varieties – *C.l.* 'Pritchard's Variety' has violet blue flowers, *C.l.* 'Alba' has white blooms, *C.l.* 'Lodden Anna' is a soft lilac pink and *C.l.* 'Pouffe' has mid blue flowers and

only grows to 60cms. (2ft.). The greater bell flower (*C. latifolia*) is a sturdier plant growing up to 90-120cms. (3-4ft.); it has darker blue flowers which appear in mid June and will last until mid July, its variety *C.l.*'Brantwood' has even deeper blue blooms.

As there is no more space the rest will have to wait until next month.

**Tessa Forbes**



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### **THE WEATHER IN JUNE**

The rainfall recorded in June was 47.5 mm. (1.9 in.) compared with an average of 48.8 mm. (1.9 in.) over the last thirty two years. The average maximum temperature was 25.4<sup>0</sup> C, and the average minimum temperature was 12.6<sup>0</sup>C.

**Donald Forbes**

## **LOCAL HISTORY**

### The Historic Footpaths of Shipbourne

Open air exercise was a fact of life until the advent of the motor car but today it something we choose to do or sometimes have to be encouraged to do. In Shipbourne there are no sports or playgrounds: there is a tennis club and there has been a thriving cricket club for over one hundred years but one has to be not only talented in those areas but a member of these clubs. However, we do have some wonderful outdoor resources freely available to all – two commons and an extensive footpath network that runs for many miles through the parish and beyond.

Shipbourne Common is an area of 53 acres and Hoad Common, to the south – sadly underused and overgrown – is another area of 29 acres of publicly accessible land (OS grid ref TQ55). The Shipbourne Commons are not ‘common land’ in that they are not owned by the parish or the residents and no common grazing rights remain. They are registered as ‘Commons’ but they are privately owned. However, the historic footpaths that cross them have been in existence for hundreds of years and remain public rights of way.

The Greensand Way is a long-distance route that follows the line of an old pilgrim path and crosses the parish east to west. In turn, footpaths cross it and veer off taking us north and south.

Because we do not have the sports facilities of larger parishes we rely on our Public Rights of Way (PROW) to access this beautiful surrounding countryside and provide outdoor exercise - it is one of the joys of living in Shipbourne and our most valuable natural resource. The footpaths are clearly marked on the Ordnance Survey (OS) map of the area.

A PROW on foot is a ‘footpath’ and it is the duty of the owner of the land the footpath crosses to keep it free from obstruction and able to be easily and safely navigable throughout the year. In winter time this can include keeping muddy crossings navigable and fences in good repair, in summer keeping hedges clipped and paths bramble free.

In general larger landowners in Shipbourne are aware of their duties and keep the footpath network on their land in good repair but if those owning land crossed by a footpath do not know of their

responsibilities they are not equipped to fulfil them (see [www.gov.uk/guidance/public-rights-of-way-landowner-responsibilities](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-rights-of-way-landowner-responsibilities) ). The standards that apply are not always well known to the general public either, for example, the width of a gap between hedges along which a footpath runs must be at least one metre wide and it should be clipped so that there is no encroachment on the path. This is particularly important if the hedge has thorns to avoid possible injury. If there is a stile rather than a gate between the hedges the gap should include manoeuvrability space either side of the stile to cross it.

In the case of farm land, the minimum width of a footpath that crosses a field is one metre and if it is field edge path the minimum width is one and half metres. After ploughing the landowner has 14 days to reinstate the line of the footpath across a field and that line should be clearly signed, as all footpaths should.

There is a 'definitive map' (available from the parish clerk or council department) that shows every public right of way that crosses the parish. All structures for access on a PROW must be recorded on this 'definitive map' and cannot be deleted, blocked, closed, changed or diverted without permission from the County Council. Gates are the preferred choice but existing kissing-gates and stiles are acceptable if they comply with British Standards (British Standard 5709:2006).

There are also mandatory requirements for stiles that should be complied with. The minimum width for what is termed a 'narrow' stile is 600mm to 700mm and the overall stock proof (step-over) rail height is 800mm with maximum 900 mm high to comply with 'narrow' stile status. The overall height of the top rail of a standard stile measuring 1200 min wide should not exceed 1050mm maximum.

Security is always a concern for any property owner but safety must be the over-riding factor when it applies to a nearby footpath. An electric fence or even a prickly hedge closer than one metre of the crossing point can be considered a 'nuisance' as it is non-compliance with the British Standard. Unfortunately the trend for affixing barbed wire to all fencing is a much more worrying – it can constitute a 'nuisance' and even an 'obstruction' which is an enforceable offence.

Barbed wire which is likely to be injurious to persons or animals lawfully using a footpath is a 'nuisance' on any land adjoining it. To

demonstrate: where, “on a narrow path, the wire is fixed on the path sides of the posts” (*Rights of Way, a guide to law and practice*) or stile posts are used as barbed wire straining posts or where several strands of barbed wire are within one metre of the footpath are all deemed to be ‘out of repair’ and must be changed to adhere to the British Standard. We can all of us imagine only too clearly what horrible injury could result from a running child falling into, or a stumbling adult claspng, a viciously barbed fence.

A landowner reading this would also, quite rightly, want it mentioned that along with public rights to use these footpaths are corresponding responsibilities: the line of footpaths should be adhered to – the land either side is private land and it is not available to be wandered over. Many of us enjoy exercising our dogs along these footpaths but we have to think of others: dog faeces on the path is unpleasant and should be removed, whilst bagged mess – which does not biodegrade quickly - should not be left anywhere except in a bin.

It is often necessary for farmers to remind dog walkers that dogs should be on leads if notices request it or if there is livestock along the path: if dogs are off lead they should be under control which means that if they are, say, 5 metres from their owner they will respond to recall on command. If dogs are out of sight of their owner they are not ‘under control’. Any farmer finding a loose dog among livestock it entitled to shoot it.

We are encouraged by health practitioners to keep fit and use such facilities as footpaths to do so. But we must also safeguard this precious resource and not abuse it and can all play our part in keeping it litter free and safe. Shipbourne residents thoroughly enjoy and value the historic parish footpaths and a big thank you is due to those landowners who keep them safely navigable and the wonderful views across the countryside from them available and able to be enjoyed by everyone.

***Libby Cohen***

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