

St Giles and Shipbourne
NEWSLETTER



October 2017

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PARISH DIARY – OCTOBER 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.

SUNDAY	1st	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Harvest Festival Family Service with Baptism at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Exodus 17 vv 1-7 Philippians 2 vv 1-13 Matthew 21 vv 23-32
Thursday	5th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
Friday	6th	7.30pm	Benefice Harvest Supper, Home Farm Barn
SUNDAY	8th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		4.00pm	Community@4 at Plaxtol Church "The Banquet"
		Readings:	Exodus 20 vv 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Philippians 3 vv 4b-14 Matthew 21 vv 33-end
Monday	9th	7.30pm	Shipbourne Parish Council meeting, Village Hall
Thursday	12th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
SUNDAY	15th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		12.00pm	Short Communion service at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Exodus 32 vv 1-14 Philippians 4 vv 1-9 Matthew 22 vv 1-14
Thursday	19th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
SUNDAY	22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Exodus 33 vv 12-end 1 Thessalonians 1 vv 1-10 Matthew 22 vv 15-22
Thursday	26th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
		10.30am	United Benefice Playchurch at Plaxtol Church

SUNDAY	29th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		10.30am	Benefice Morning Worship at St Giles Shipbourne
		6.00pm	Benefice Choral Evensong for All Souls at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Deuteronomy 34 vv 1-12 1 Thessalonians 2 vv 1-8 Matthew 22 vv 34-end

PASTORAL LETTER

ALL GOOD GIFTS AROUND US

It's been a thrill to have fruit and veg in the Rectory garden, but a real challenge to capture the goodness and avoid waste. So I've been freezing some, pickling others, and making jelly like there's no tomorrow: crab-apple, rowanberry, bramble and, as the autumn comes on, even japonica; and a good number of folk seemed ready to pay for it at the Shipbourne fete, which was a new and pleasing experience for me. I've been somewhat alarmed at the amount of sugar it takes to make jelly set. We inherit this tradition as a way of preserving things that will otherwise perish, and yet the history of preserving with sugar also evokes the horrors of our slave-trading past. Now there's a heady mixture of the sweet and the bitter, and it's with some trepidation that I identify my new hobby of preserving.

All this has interesting parallels in the Church, particular as we approach the time of Harvest Festival and, of course, our Harvest Supper. The Church is a custodian of the good news of Jesus Christ, which has been handed down through the centuries, accompanied by various traditions, some of which last, and others that don't. Tradition has to be an open-ended process formed from a constantly monitored effort to reach the intended goal. If this or that particular choice is no longer effective in helping us to reach our goal, then it ceases to inform our tradition. Likewise, if new ideas enable us to hone our intentions and the way we present the good news, then they deservedly become part of our tradition.

During the past month the congregation at Plaxtol have taken back its newly re-ordered building. This too is an illustration of the tension between preserving and moving tradition forward. Our plans were clear that to serve the village we needed to be equipped with

toilets and a kitchenette, and more comfortable space. With the help of the wider community, for which we remain most grateful, we have been able to achieve this within one year of the launch of the appeal. The challenge ahead of us is in learning to use the building wisely for the purposes of the good news. We will need to make choices for inclusive, welcoming, accessible activities that are for the wellbeing of the communities, for the Common Good, whilst preserving, but not pickling or freezing the sanctity of a place of prayer and worship.

At Shipbourne, we face the opportunity of celebrating the synergy between our once-per-year celebration of the harvest with our week-in-week-out determination to host a Farmers' Market and to promote local and seasonal produce. Here again is a heady mixture of renewing older traditions through new undertakings, and passing on the good news of God's blessings.

Peter Hayler

Rector

All Saints Community Project Trust Chatham

Due to an administration problem at Strood, we have been asked to stop asking for donations for the time being.

Thank you to all who have kindly given items in the past and please watch out for a notice in the Newsletter in the hopefully not too distant future when they have ironed out the problem and we can again start collecting for this really worthwhile charity.

REMINDER!

**The Shipbourne and Plaxtol Benefice
Harvest Supper
Friday 6th October 2017, 7.30pm for 8.00pm at
Home Farm Barn**

TICKETS

Please buy your tickets as soon as possible to give an accurate idea of numbers and catering requirements. Tickets can be purchased at Plaxtol Post Office or Shipbourne Farmers' Market. Prices are unchanged at £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for children (12 and under). It won't be possible to purchase tickets on the door.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD PLEASE!

We still really need volunteers please to make shepherds' pies, vegetarian dishes, salads and apple crumbles (a dish designed to feed 8 people is ideal) and, as usual, we would kindly ask people to bring the food with them directly on the evening and hot items will be placed straight on the hot plates in the barn. We also welcome any help to set the tables in the barn on Friday lunchtime from 1.30pm and to clear up after the event.

A list for food and volunteering is at the back of St Giles' Church with a corresponding one at Plaxtol Post Office so do please sign up if you are able to help

Please direct any queries or offers of help to:

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The United Benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol

HARVEST SUPPER 2017

Friday 6th October

7.30pm

Home Farm Barn

Entertainment

Cash bar

Prize raffle

Adults £10.00

Children £ 5.00 (Under 12 years)

Tickets available at Plaxtol Village Stores
& Shipbourne Farmers Market



NEW VENTURE :
UNITED BENEFICE PLAYCHURCH

Playchurch is for pre-schoolers and primary school children.
Come along to hear fuzzy-felt bible stories, singing and
craft activities.

Next meeting: Thursday 26 October 2017
10.30am in Plaxtol Church

For further information please contact:
Mary Perry Tel: 01732 810797
Carol Crossley Tel: 01732 810801

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

‘Community @ 4’

“The Banquet”

**On Sunday 8th October from 4-5pm
at Plaxtol Church**

- suitable for all ages
- worship songs with a band
- discussions for different age groups
- craft and play time for children

Please bring food and drink for our

“Bring &Share” refreshments after the service

ST GILES FETE – THANK YOU!

August Bank Holiday Monday was (very) warm and (very) sunny and a great day for the St Giles Fete. The brilliant Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Training Band, the popular Dog Show (which was thankfully a little quicker than last year!), afternoon tea and cakes, quality Farmers' Market sausages and burgers on the BBQ (expertly run by BBQ Bob, Geoff and Sandy), beer, Pimms, strawberries and cream, local produce, tractors, generous donations for the Grand Draw and face painting (the list could go on) made it the most successful Fete yet with a grand sum of approximately £4,600 raised for St Giles.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped out (including the extra family members and friends who lend a hand) - we really appreciate you giving up your Bank Holiday for the village. Thanks too to Fairlawne for their help at what is a very busy harvest time for them. We look forward to thanking everyone at drinks on Friday 3 November, 7pm-9pm at Shipbourne Village Hall.

Thank you!

Lindsay and Viv

ST GILES FETE – GRAND DRAW

Janet and John are so very grateful for all the valuable prizes which were so generously donated by various individuals and organisations, which encouraged people to purchase more draw tickets than usual, enabling us to make the fantastic profit of around £900 towards the church funds.

Janet and John Playle

THE WEATHER IN AUGUST

The rainfall recorded in August was 33.5 mm. (1.3 in.) compared with an average of 59.7 mm. (2.35 in.) over the last thirty two years. The average maximum temperature was 19.3⁰ C, and the average minimum temperature was 9.1 ⁰C

Donald Forbes



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SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2017**



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For Village Hall **enquiries and bookings** please call 07762 241720 or email shipbourne.villagehall@gmail.com

Further details can be found on the Shipbourne website
www.shipbourne.com

SPEEDING IN SHIPBOURNE

The Parish Council are about to commission a speed survey in Shipbourne near to the school with a view to getting another speed indication device at the Tonbridge end of the Common and would like to ask residents to let the Parish Council know when the busiest times are along that stretch/ when speeding is at its worst.

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SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL NEWS

The new school year started in early September with 'buddies' from Year 6 eager to help new children settle in. Some exciting opportunities for learning had been planned, starting with 'Sublime science' workshops in which all the children took part in a range of practical activities, including making slime and launching rockets. This inspired some excellent writing as well as bringing science alive.

This was closely followed by a creative focus day across the whole school, which focused on the work of Andy Goldsworthy, and a Greek Show' presented to the whole of Fairlawne class (years 4-6) by the ever-popular Steps in Time.

Taking advantage of the school's rural location, Hampton class (years 2-3) will be out and about in the locality in early October, map making and sketching. The children will eagerly bring Harvest donations to school before distributing them around the village in preparation for the school's Harvest service in the church on 20th October.

Looking ahead, fireworks night is another popular fixture, being held on **Saturday 4th November** 4.15-6pm this year. All are welcome: tickets from the Chaser, school office (during office hours) or on the gate.

Brenda Mullinger

SCOTTISH DANCING IN SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Alternate Tuesdays from 7.15 to 9pm, dates for October are 10th and 24th - please come and join us!

Helen Leach

01732 811144



Christmas Craft Fair
Saturday, 11th November 2017
12.30–3.30pm
Shipbourne Village Hall

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SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The contact details for the Parish Council are:

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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 – 7 November 2017 7-9pm at the Chaser Inn

All welcome– Please email shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com or call 01732 886402 if you would like to attend so that we have an idea of numbers

The defibrillator is on the back wall of The Chaser Inn and 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.

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 Applications in process as at 11 September 2017

You can view and comment on planning applications and decisions at www.tmbc.gov.uk or email the Parish Clerk at shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com for further details.

TM/17/01741/FL School Lane Cottage, School Lane, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9RT.

Conversion of existing garage and ancillary accommodation to main house to 2 bedroom dwelling, with single storey rear extension.

TM/17/02081/LB - The Wood House, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9PQ.

Listed Building Application: Demolition of existing external staircase and replacement with new staircase.

TM/17/02166/LDE - Ambleside, Reeds Lane, Shipbourne. Lawful development certificate existing: non-compliance with agricultural occupancy condition of TM/75/1070.

Planning Decisions – Approved by TMBC

TM/17/01871/FL Puttenden House, Puttenden Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9RH. Two bay Oak framed garage with storage space.

TM/17/01887/LB - Claygate House, Claygate Lane, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9RL.

Listed Building Application: Internal alterations, new french door to rear in existing window position, two conservation rooflights to rear elevation and minor excavation to rear and underpinning.

TM/17/01390/FL Church House, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9PE - Section 73 application for variation of condition 9 of planning permission TM/16/03581/FL (added under planning reference 17/01302/NMA to provide list of approved plans): To substitute approved plans with new plans to show proposed new basement to approved dwelling.

TM/17/01376/LB Listed Building Application: Claygate House, Claygate Lane, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9RL Retrospective listed building consent for permission approved under planning consent TM/00/02308/FL. Demolition of existing garage and store and to replace with oak framed garage and store, replacement link, change in accesses and an additional window.

TM/17/01288/RD Church House, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9PE - Details of conditions 2 (materials), 3 (joinery, soffits and eaves), 4 (levels) and 6 (landscaping) submitted pursuant to planning permission TM/16/03581/FL (Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new two storey dwelling and detached double garage (Resubmission of TM/16/02494/FL).

TM/17/01432/FL Bassam Lodge. Lane End, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9PF - Construction of a passing bay to serve Bassam Lodge.

TM/17/01860/RD - The Barn, Tinley Lodge Farm, Hildenborough Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9QB. Details of Part A and B of condition 1 (site investigation) pursuant to planning permission TM/14/01783/PD3MB (Notification of application for prior approval of Class MB(a) and (b) development consisting of a change of use of an agricultural building to a dwellinghouse and associated building operations).

TM/17/01554/FL- Dynes Cottage, Long Mill Lane, Dunks Green, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9SD. Demolition of conservatory, detached garage, porch & single storey rear extension. New two storey rear extension and open porch along with associated window/door opening revisions and new detached single garage.

TM/17/00703/FL 1 Martins Cottages and Crockwell. Change of use of land from agricultural to residential curtilage, construction of a detached double garage and two storey side extensions, single storey rear extensions and rear dormers.

BBC2's The Repair Shop

BBC2's The Repair Shop are seeking damaged family and community heirlooms for their second series and objects that have special significance during Christmas time for their upcoming Christmas special. The series follows a team of passionate and skilled crafts people who restore damaged objects of sentimental value. The experts work side by side in beautiful barn nestled deep in the British countryside as they fix, repair and breathe new life into objects brought in by members of the public. The experts are drawn from different disciplines such as furniture repairers, metal workers, mechanics, ceramicists, clock makers, picture conservationists, and up-cyclers, restorers and fabricators of every ilk.

The team is especially eager to restore a sleigh that could decorate a town at Christmas time. If you have a precious object you'd like repaired please email repair@ricochet.co.uk or call 01273 224829

Rights of Way Improvement Plan Stakeholders

Kent County Council's Public Rights of Way and Access Service is reviewing its Rights of Way Improvement Plan which will be consulted on in late 2017/early 2018.

The Plan will cover how our Rights of Way are used and what changes are required to meet the needs of Kent's residents and visitors over the next 10 years.

KCC have commissioned an independent market research agency to conduct a study on the views of Kent's residents who use Public Rights of Way and those that do not. Click on link <http://explorekent.org/blog/2017/08/11/say-public-rights-way/> or visit www.kent.gov.uk and search Rights of Way Improvement Plan. If you have any issues accessing the survey or require a hard copy, please contact Denise Roffey: denise.roffey@kent.gov.uk

Bluebird Care launches innovative new service to help people living with dementia in Kent

Bluebird Care has launched an innovative new service to improve the quality of life for people living with dementia in Kent. With the number of elderly people living with dementia in the UK set to reach more than one million by 2025, Bluebird Care, one of Kent's leading home care providers, has launched RemindMeCare, a new online tool to improve the wellbeing of people living with dementia. For more information, please contact Nathan Brown NathanBrown@bluebirdcare.co.uk or call 07808 253 556

Temporary Closure of North Farm Household Waste Recycling Centre

Kent County Council operate a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) and a Waste Transfer Station (WTF) at North Farm in Tunbridge Wells. Following a fire last year at the WTF, KCC need to close the facility to carry out permanent repairs and are taking the opportunity to carry out improvements to prolong the life of the site. The site will be closed from 18 September for around ten weeks. Details of alternative HWRCs for residents to use during the closure can be found on KCC's website: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/rubbish-and-recycling/find-your-nearest-tip>. As usage of the other sites nearest to TMBC (Maidstone & Sevenoaks) will no doubt increase during this period, residents may wish to make use of our own Bulky Collection Service:

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/recycling,-rubbish-and-waste/household-waste-special-collections-for-large-items> to save having to queue.

Our next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on 13 November 2017. All members of public are welcome to attend.

Mrs Sarah Huseyin

Parish Clerk

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SHIPBOURNE WI

During the summer, members visited Pashley Manor and Merriments, both of which they greatly enjoyed. They even managed to miss the wet weather!

At the September meeting it was business as usual, with plans for the next few months, including Christmas events such as lunches, teas and carols.

The speaker this month was Toni Francis, whose talk was "Autumn Flower Arrangement". Members not only watched a very talented flower arranger assemble delightful arrangements, but were entertained with amusing stories simultaneously. Toni's use of a range of flowers and mixed foliage was inspiring, including the recycling of a used gift bag, holding half of a plastic bottle as a container. Members who had won arrangements in the raffle returned home clutching their prizes.

The WI Book Club book for the summer was *At The Edge of the Orchard* by Tracy Chevalier. Book Club always meets on the third Monday of the month.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on 4th October with the main meeting on 8th October, where members will be looking forward to a talk on "Queen Victoria's Dreadful Uncles".

Glynis Coates

KENT PAINTERS GROUP 2017

In this month's Newsletter you will find an invitation to The Kent Painters Annual Art Exhibition & Sale.

We are now in our 27th year of exhibiting a diverse range of paintings & sculpture. In that time we have raised nearly £300,000 for local mental health charities.

This year we are supporting Sevenoaks Mencap, Macintyre & Rethink.

Friday evening is a bit of a party & a chance to meet the artists but if you like a quieter, more leisurely look, then we are open between 10 - 4p.m on both Saturday & Sunday. Entry is free so do come along - we would love to see you.

Cilla Langdon-Down

BULK REFUSE SERVICE (4th Saturday of month)

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SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET

Here in the Garden of England it's that time of year again when all the finest apples and dessert pears for which this area is justly famous are at their peak. It should be a great season so make sure you try as many local varieties as possible, whether for eating with local cheeses or cooking into pies, puddings and preserves.

The changing season and the return to school herald a longing for richer, more comforting meat dishes and it's the start of the game season with pheasant appearing once again at the market. It's a personal favourite and I use it as would a chicken – cubed breast meat works perfectly in curries, stir fries or just marinate the whole breasts and cook on the griddle as shown in the recipe below. Modern game is no longer tough, strong-flavoured meat that needs long cooking. Lean and tender, it suits quick cooking methods such as frying and grilling. Look for recipes on the internet as plenty of chefs are now using British game on a regular basis. Fish and seafood are plentiful this month and very reasonably priced. With an 'r' back in the month, it's the start of the native oyster season, and mussels are also good and plentiful. Sea bass, skate (or ray), plaice, turbot, cod and haddock are all good as the seas get colder towards the equinox.

Onions, leeks, beetroot, carrots and tomatoes are all full of flavour at this time of year whilst the wonderful array of squashes and pumpkins offer so much more for the cook than merely lanterns for Halloween. Try them baked with cream and spices or in risottos and curries. Root vegetables such as parsnip, swede and celeriac are all wonderful roasted or mashed and perfect with new season's game. Use them in soups, stews, bakes and pickles for rich seasonal colour and taste. Cobnuts, walnuts, hazelnuts and chestnuts are all ripening – try them now when they are 'wet' and discover a whole new intensity of flavour. Use in autumn salads or toasted with fruit compotes or meringues for impact.

COOKERY CORNER

PHEASANT BREASTS WITH LEMON, THYME AND CHILLI

More game dealers are selling boned pheasant breasts which make a lovely simple supper dish that cooks in minutes. This is my favourite way of cooking them and the way I tend to prepare pheasant at the annual Game Day that takes at Penshurst Market every November. This method of cooking also works just as well with chicken

Serves**Prep 5 mins plus 30 minutes marinating****Cook 10 minutes**

- 2 pheasant breasts, skin on or off
 - 2 tbsp olive oil
 - 1 lemon, thickly sliced
 - 3 -4 sprigs fresh thyme
 - 1 red chilli, seeded and chopped
 - salt and freshly ground black pepper
1. 1 Place the pheasant breasts in a sealable plastic bag. Add the oil, lemon slices, thyme sprigs, chilli and plenty of seasoning and rub the bag sides to coat the pheasant meat thoroughly in the marinade. Leave in the fridge for half an hour or longer.
 2. 2 Heat a griddle pan or frying pan until smoking hot then add the pheasant and cook for 8 – 10 minutes turning once until browned and cooked through so the juices run clear from the meat. Transfer to a board and cover loosely and leave to rest for 5 minutes. Add the lemon slices to the pan and cook quickly on both sides over a high heat until charred. Serve with the pheasant. I serve them with oven cooked sweet potato wedges and a big rocket or watercress salad.

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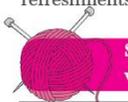
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THE GARDEN SHED

October is really the month that ties up one gardening year and starts the next. It is also the time to cast one's thoughts back through the year to the successes and disappointments that happened over that period. The successes are good to remember especially if it was a result of a combination of plants or colours that were put together. The disappointments do not want to be repeated, so try something new – but they might have been caused by the weather, which was a little extreme at times.

Winter flowering heathers, *Erica carnea*, *E. erigena* and a cross between the two *E. x darleyensis*, make a lovely colourful display through the first three or four months of the year and on any sunny day during that time they will be hosts to bees and other insects for the nectar they produce. Not only do the flowers produce a colourful display but there are several varieties in each group that have striking coloured foliage. All heathers enjoy growing in the sun, although the winter flowering varieties will tolerate partial dappled shade (but they will not flower so profusely). The soil needs to be neutral to acid and rich in organic material, such as leaf mould or peat, but not a rich soil, and fairly well drained. It is best to do the planting in early autumn as heathers have a very fine shallow root system and it is good to get them established while the soil still has some warmth in it. On the whole the plants need to be placed about 30cms (12ins) apart and planted well into the soil.

The one activity that will make all the difference to the subsequent life span of the heathers is pruning them! Winter flowering varieties need to be pruned once they have finished flowering. This needs to be carried out by the middle of May. The best tool to use is a pair of shears to just cut off the spent flower heads (heathers will not tolerate being pruned into old growth). After this is done a mixture of leaf mould, peat or peat substitute and a small amount of fertiliser can be scattered over the plants and lightly brushed in.

October is a very rewarding month. Not only is it a time when the final harvesting of the spring and summer's hard work takes place, but also when the plants and trees steadily turn colour and give their wonderful autumn display. To fully enjoy this explosion of colour take a walk in the countryside at the end of the month or in early November.

Do enjoy the lovely autumn.

Tessa Forbes

LOCAL HISTORY

THE GARDENS OF SHIPBOURNE

At a time when many of us worry that the National Trust is losing its way regarding the nation's historical gardens and small farms we can still hold our heads high in Shipbourne. Whilst the Trust seems to be disregarding the history and original designs of some of its gardens many rural areas of the country are valuing their gardens and natural landscape more than ever. Even the government is extolling us to 'garden'.

The overriding feature of Shipbourne is the Common: grown and managed by Fairlawne as a traditional hay crop it preserves the distinctive character and quality of our landscape and is the feather in our cap. The species rich grassland and the large expanse of flowers is the envy of many a wildflower gardener. And most of our garden boundaries contribute to this distinctive character: hedges of deciduous mixed native species and beech, native evergreen ones of yew, box or holly, rather than the alternative of suburban and ecologically unfriendly panel fencing, blend with the surrounding landscape and reinforce our rural setting.

Capability Brown for all the worthy accolades heaped upon him and the undoubted genius of his vision was nonetheless responsible for not only sweeping away many of our historical gardens but also for manufacturing unnatural landscapes where trees grew in clumps on small hilltops, straight riverbanks were made sinuous leading to manmade lakes and villages were moved in their entirety to create a 'view'.

An owner of an Estate had to have deep pockets to afford a Capability Brown makeover. Fortunately, many did not and because of this the gardens around their houses remained unmodernised. If an owner could afford it then Humphry Repton was later employed to replace many of the lost garden features around the house, such as flower borders.

Sadly, the special ornamental Shipbourne garden that existed at Fairhill in Riding Lane when Lord Derby and later the Buxton Family lived there – it was listed as an 'Historic Park and Garden' - has been lost but at Fairlawne House there is still a garden to be proud of. Actually sited in Plaxtol, the house is considered by those living in Shipbourne to be as much their own as it is the residence of the Lord of the Manors of Shipbourne. The oldest prints of

Fairlawne show a complicated clipped French parterre but those of 200 years ago portray open vistas, sweeping lawns and solitary oaks trees in a park like setting and that is to a great extent still so today.

Apart from a few exceptions the gardens have been left largely unspoiled as designers of quality have been employed to enhance and bring about sympathetic changes to the landscape without marring its historical character or setting. The pond with its Japanese bridge remains simple and charming, the Wildernesse is as natural – the trees larger of course - as the day it was planted, the pond with its water spout is in its original form.

The drives through the Estate continue to pass through simple lawns that follow the natural form of the land and specimen trees still grace them. The new pair of Hidcote look-a-like pavilions are not out of place and the walled kitchen garden, orangery and classical herbaceous borders are preserved and beautifully kept. From surrounding footpaths the house and garden continue to impress the observer as an historically compatible and aesthetically pleasing whole.

Many large gardens and small urban gardens did fall prey to the Victorian fashion of bedding out and flowers planted in serried ranks but fortunately this fashion seems to have bypassed rural Shipbourne. The large gardens of the detached village houses were – and generally are - mainly styled on the understated gardening style popular between the wars with large lawns, long herbaceous borders, roses, clipped hedges and shrubberies. Sizeable areas for vegetables and fruit were also part of the garden but without the help to upkeep these labour intensive areas many of these have since, understandably, decreased in size.

Gardens in the small houses of the village were, and to a great extent continue to be, true cottage gardens with a jumble of colourful flowers, vegetables and fruit just as they were since the 1800's. Then the garden was not only a source of food but great pride - and some rivalry - was taken in the produce.

Over one hundred years ago, 'The Shipbourne Cottage Gardeners' and 'Amateurs Mutual Improvement Society' held a monthly show which gives us an idea of how gardens were important to the villagers. In addition, 'The Annual Fruit and Flower and Vegetable Horticultural Show' of the Shipbourne and Plaxtol and District

Horticultural Society was initiated in 1902. President of the society was Mr.W.M.Cazalet of Fairlawne and the shows were held in large tents in his grounds and reported in the local press.

Gardeners from houses of the professional classes exhibited more exotic plants, fruit and vegetables and 'amateurs' and gardeners who lived in cottages - the labouring class - or those that had allotments entered the more everyday produce: several varieties of potatoes were grown and entered; runner beans; lettuce; onions; cucumbers; pears; cooking apples; dessert apples; black currants; red currants; gooseberries were all judged and given prizes.

Flowers were also much admired and grown by them. Stocks and dahlias had a class of their own and there was usually a prize for the best 'cut flowers' and often one for 'window plants.' Special prizes were given for the 'best cultivated and stocked cottage garden', the 'best cultivated and kept allotment' and the best 'collection of vegetables'.

It is clear that gardens have always been important to those who live in Shipbourne and for many of us it was the desire for a larger garden set in unspoilt countryside that encouraged us to move from the suburbs. Hopefully we will continue to cherish and care for both countryside and gardens and respect their landscape setting.

Libby Cohen

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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