

St Giles and Shipbourne
NEWSLETTER



November 2017

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PARISH DIARY – NOVEMBER 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.

Wednesday	1st	8.00am	All Saints Day Morning Prayer at Plaxtol Church
		4.30pm	All Saints Day Evening Prayer at St Giles Shipbourne
Thursday	2nd	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
Friday	3rd	7-9pm	Fete Thank You Drinks at Shipbourne Village Hall
Saturday	4th	1-5pm	Launch of Diocesan Strategy, "Called Together" at Rochester Cathedral
		4.15-6pm	Shipbourne School Bonfire and Fireworks
SUNDAY	5th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Micah 3.5-end 1 Thessalonians 2 vv 9-13 Matthew 24 vv 1-14
Tuesday	7th	7-9pm	Defibrillator Training at The Chaser
Thursday	9th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
Saturday	11th	12-30-3.30pm	Christmas Craft Fair at Shipbourne Village Hall
SUNDAY	12th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		10.50am	Remembrance Sunday service at St Giles Shipbourne
		10.50am	Remembrance Sunday service at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Wisdom 6 vv 12-16 1 Thessalonians 4 vv 13-end Matthew 25 vv 1-13
Monday	13th	7.30pm	Shipbourne Parish Council meeting at Shipbourne Village Hall
Thursday	16th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
SUNDAY	19th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		12.00pm	Short Communion service at Plaxtol Church
		4.00pm	Community@4 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Zephaniah 1 vv 7, 12-end 1 Thessalonians 5 vv 1-11 Matthew 25 vv 14-30

Monday	20th	8.00pm	Shipbourne Parochial Church Council meeting, Shipbourne Village Hall
Thursday	26th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
		10.30am	United Benefice Playchurch at St Giles Shipbourne
SUNDAY	26th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Ezekiel 34 vv 11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1 vv 15-end Matthew 25 vv 31-end
Thursday	30th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne

PASTORAL LETTER

TIMES FLIES

I can't quite believe it's time to write November's letter - or that this will be my seventh since arriving in April; how time flies! November is a month when the darkness really descends upon our days. It normally triggers that part of me that is genetically related to the hedgehog, and I just want to hibernate! Let's see if the Kentish country air makes it any easier.

The Church's year also wanes quickly in November, beginning with All Saints' and All Souls' - moving on through Remembrance Sunday to the final Sunday of the Church's year at the end of November, which is known as 'Christ the King'. This climax helps us to look forward to the time when God's purposes are complete and, as we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come!" We will welcome the new Archdeacon of Tonbridge, The Venerable Julie Conalty, to both Shipbourne and Plaxtol on this day.

One of the signs of the Kingdom of God is inclusiveness. We've been thinking about this through some the stories that Jesus told: the story of workers in the vineyard where even those who arrive late are paid generously; and the story of the banquet, where the table must be filled with guests despite the excuses given by those who were invited first. We try to reflect this inclusiveness in our worship, and in a time of accelerated cultural change, this can be quite a challenge.

From the beginning of November, the Family Service at Plaxtol will become a Family Communion. We will begin at the same time,

11am. We will use the same easy-access style, with more contemporary choices of hymns and songs, and we shall have an interval with refreshments, using the lovely new facilities. Then, for those who wish to stay on for just 20 minutes, we will carry on to communion. It's really important that all ages meet around God's table, so it's really important that families with youngsters know that they are welcome. If anyone does not yet receive Communion, they are always welcome to come for a blessing. Communion is a way of enacting the inclusiveness of God's Kingdom; it pre-figures the heavenly banquet.

Families with little ones often worry about children's noise and 'appropriate' behaviour in church. Let's face it - by domestic standards, a church service is not normal; it's a strange activity in a strange building. It takes a bit of getting used to. like any other strange or new activity. That is why the Benefice, Shipbourne and Plaxtol together, is re-starting 'Playchurch'. This is a session for parents and pre-school children to come into church and discover what it's all about. Very soon the little ones will feel more 'at home'. We all need to receive the Kingdom of God with child-like simplicity.

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.

To all MUM's with babes-in-arms,
toddlers and pre-school children!!
Please come to our new United Benefice
"PLAYCHURCH"

Everyone welcome! Come and join us!
On Thursday 23rd November 10.30am
in Lady Vane Chapel, St Giles Church,
Shipbourne

A Bible story, creative fun followed by drinks and biscuits!

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

‘Community @ 4’

“The Banquet”

On Sunday 19th November 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

Community Bread Basket



Benefice Community Bread Basket

I would like to work with a team of volunteers to explore starting up a 'café' style event called Community Bread Basket. It would be based in Plaxtol Church, using the new flexible space and kitchen facilities, and run on the 4th Saturday of each month between 9.30am - 11.30am.

The aims of Community Bread Basket would be:

- to welcome the community into our Church building
- to offer hospitality and an opportunity for people to meet new friends
- to provide information on community activities, events and services

A team of volunteers would be needed to run the event each month. The bigger the team the more flexible we can be. My hope is to draw on people from the Church and community - male and female, young and mature - who would be willing to work with me organising this fun event for the community!

Please contact me if you are interested.

Donna Hayler
The Rectory - 811081
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A GREAT BIG THANK YOU FROM THE HARVEST SUPPER TEAM

The Barn of Fairlawne's Home Farm once again provided the perfect setting for the Benefice Harvest Supper on Friday 6th October with long trestles adorned with estate apples and other harvest bounty and straw bales as rustic seating!

Guests arrived to the sounds of English folk tunes played on a variety of accordions by Alan Austin with Linda Smith providing vocal accompaniment. Pre-supper drinks were purchased from the bar and guest mingled and chatted or tackled the picture quiz prior to taking their seats at eight o'clock for homemade Shepherd's Pies followed by Apple Crumble and rounded off with cheese and biscuits

Our thanks go, as ever, to the Fairlawne Estate for the generous loan and preparation of the barn for the occasion and for the supply of estate apples and water and to Felicity and Nick Ward for providing the cheeses and biscuits. To our Rector, Peter Hayler, for preparing the picture quiz and for acting as our Master of Ceremonies at his first Harvest Supper with us. For the local business and individuals who so generously donated the raffle prizes and to Plaxtol Village Stores for selling the tickets and for providing the wines and other bar essentials on a sale or return basis. Our thanks to all those who helped to set up and/or clear on the day and a special thanks to our many skilled and generous cooks for their delicious offerings, without which there would have been no supper. And finally, a thank you of course to all of those who brought tickets and came along to make it such a special evening. A little over £1,400 was raised for the Benefice.

Julia Sheraton & Andy Doughty

WEATHER REPORT

The weather report from Donald will return in next month's Newsletter

REMINDER!



THANK YOU DRINKS

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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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Parish Clerk

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2017

We're approaching Remembrance Sunday and marking the centenary of the tragedies of 1917, but the work of the Royal British Legion goes on to support the veterans of more recent conflicts, and former service men and women generally.

The Poppy Appeal is now collecting in Shipbourne and surrounding areas and we're looking for helpers to assist.

If you can spare an hour or two, please call Sean & Anne Waddingham on 01732 850048.

Sean & Anne Waddingham
Joint Poppy Appeal Organisers
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Beware of a Stab in the Tinsel!
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SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL NEWS

School has continued to be very busy, with every classroom seeming a hive of activity. Away from school, Tinley Class spent an enjoyable morning as chefs, making pizza at Pizza Express. The children came back to school inspired to set up their own restaurant, using the pizza boxes and hats they had been given. Meanwhile Year 6 visited Hugh Christie school to meet the author, Ali Sparkes, and are now reading one of her popular books in class. To support geography and maths skills, Hampton Class had an informative visit to Bedgebury Pinetum to take part in orienteering.

The School Council began the year well, with children helping to run a MacMillan coffee morning, which was well supported by parents and raised a very successful £115.50 for the charity. The term finished with a BBC Ten Pieces music day and a harvest festival in St Giles's Church.

The children returned to school on 31st October after their mid-term break looking forward to a week focusing on Design and Technology. And, of course, to the ever-popular fireworks night, organised by the school's PTA. This is on November 4th at 4.15pm and all from the village are welcome. Nativity rehearsals will follow closely behind this event as Christmas quickly approaches.

Brenda Mullinger

SCOTTISH DANCING IN SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Alternate Tuesdays from 7.15 to 9pm. Next dates are 7th November and 21st December - please come and join us!

Helen Leach

01732 811144

BULK REFUSE SERVICE (4th Saturday of month)

Upper Green Road (opposite Village Hall) 8am - 9am on
Saturday 25 November 2017



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Saturday, 11th November 2017

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SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The contact details for the Parish Council are:

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Shipbourne Parish Council Appoints Two New Councillors

Shipbourne Parish Council are delighted to announce the appointment of two new Parish Councillors: Jennifer Bate has lived in Shipbourne for almost 30 years and has extensive experience in planning and environmental issues. Anjum Razaq is a resident of Shipbourne and has worked in education for over 10 years.

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, Courtyard Room

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 9 October 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/17/01887/LB – Claygate House, Claygate Lane, Shipbourne

– Listed Building Application: Internal alterations, new French door to rear in existing window position, two conservative rooflights to rear elevation and minor excavation to rear and underpinning. “No objection.”

TM/17/02552/TNCA – 1 Grange Cottages, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne

– T1 Acer reduce by 1 metre all over and reshape to keep a balanced crown. T2 Gleditsia – reduce lateral spread over clients garden by 0.5 metre and neighbours garden by 1 metre and T5 Leyland Cypress – cut back lateral spread on the left side of the tree by 1-2 metres to allow room for neighbouring tree to develop, trim face back as hard as possible and remove low limb that is growing over neighbours garden. “No objection.”

TM/17/02581/FL – 1 Grange Cottages, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne

– Single storey rear extension.

Planning Decisions – Approved by TMBC

TM/17/00703/FL -1 Martins Cottages and Crockwell, Back Lane, Shipbourne.

Change of use of land from agricultural to residential curtilage, demolition of an existing garage and construction of a new detached two bay garage; demolition of existing rear extensions and erection of two storey side extensions, single storey rear extensions and rear dormers and associated landscaping.

TM/17/02432/AGN - Tinley Lodge Farm, Hildenborough Road, Shipbourne.

Prior Agricultural Notification: Replacement open fronted barn.

Our next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on 11 December 2017. All members of public are welcome to attend. Please check the website for the venue as it may be changed due to work at the Village Hall.

Mrs Sarah Huseyin

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SHIPBOURNE WI

We were disappointed at this month's meeting, as the speaker was unable to come. Consequently, we never did find out about Queen Victoria's dreadful uncles!

Unfazed by this, we had a quiz, which was won by our Secretary, Sue Streeter. In true WI style, the tea was, as ever, delicious.

Book Club has been postponed until 13th November. We are currently reading Sophia by Anita Anand, the story of a spirited Indian princess who turned suffragette. The next committee meeting will be held at Popes Villa Farm on 1st November, followed by the main meeting on Wednesday 8th November at the Village Hall, when the subject of the talk will be Some Supernatural Incidents.

New members are always most welcome to join our friendly group.

Glynis Coates

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the December newsletter by **17 November 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 or call 01732 810439.



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SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET

Market status

Our footfall improved again in the third quarter making the number of visitors to the market for the 9 months the best for five years ! (We have also been very fortunate with the weather on Thursday mornings which is always a benefit !).

We have a new stallholder 'The Biscuit Bar' They make amazing biscuits with Scandinavian, German and Slovakian flavours.

The winners of our Loyalty card (*) draw for September were Kelly Harwood and Penny Morrison.

We had visits from Somerhill, Shipbourne and Plaxtol schools this term all learning about fresh food and where their food really comes from (as opposed to a supermarket!)

As the autumn moves towards the depths of winter, the clocks have gone back and appetites change too with the shortening days as we all crave a little comfort. Slow-cooked casseroles, satisfyingly starchy creamy mashes, rich flavoured roasts and warming puddings all fit the bill perfectly so wrap up and head out for a trip to your local market for inspiration.

It's the time to take it slow with meat for great eating, so look out for the cheaper cuts of locally produced beef, lamb and pork this month to use in casseroles and braises – shin of beef, belly pork, or lamb neck or shanks all cook down to meltingly wonderful mouthfuls of flavour, perfect for creating contentment on colder days. Game is the meat of choice for cooks in November as the season is well under way for birds such as pheasant, partridge and wild duck and venison is available both farmed and wild in many markets. Try a game mix for the pie below. We now have a booklet with various game recipes

Root vegetables are at their tastiest now and perfect for mashes, gratins and soups – they improve with the cold and you will notice a marked difference in flavour compared to supermarket specimens. Look out for parsnips, Jerusalem artichokes, swede and turnips. Try cooking peeled cubed celeriac with a couple of cloves of garlic in the cooking water for a perfect mash to go with the pie below, venison or roast beef.

Colder waters make for high quality fish and seafood, and as the temperature drops the range available just gets better. At the luxury end of the scale Dover sole, turbot and halibut are rightly considered the very finest eating by cooks and chefs. But also this month why not try some of the lower cost alternatives as many are at their best. Brill is a real discovery if you haven't tried it before – a firm white flesh full of clean flavour that only needs simple cooking. Or opt for healthy mackerel and herring, full of valuable Omega 3 fish oils.

It's been a great year for fruit, and growers are talking of bumper harvests. Here in the Garden of England our fruit will be full of great flavour so make the most of its great flavour in puds, cakes, jams and jellies.

(*) Pick up a Loyalty card next time you go to the market. Every time you spend more than £5 your card is stamped. Get 6 stamps and then put your card in the Collection Box. Your card is entered both in the Shipbourne draw and then in the Tonbridge Loyalty card draw.

For more information about the market see www.shipbournefm.co.uk and for amazing photos of the market taken by Severien Vitts see our Instagram site <https://www.instagram.com/ShipbourneFMmkt/>

COOKERY CORNER

WINTER MARKET PIE

A good home-made pie is miles away from some of the heavy greasy versions available in the shops. Game works really well here – and it's quite a good way to introduce the family to it if you haven't before, and this one bakes in a roasting tin, making it easy to cut and serve. I use a bought casserole mix from my game dealer, Kieron's Game, or you can try a mix of venison and belly pork, or shin of beef. I always used to make my own pastry but with such good ready-made versions available I'm afraid I've become lazy.

Serves 4 - 6

Prepare 30 minutes. Cook 1 ½ hours plus chilling

- a knob of butter for frying
 - 500g game casserole mix or cubed shin of beef
 - 8 shallots, peeled and halved
 - 4 clove garlic, peeled and left whole
 - 100g smoked bacon lardons (cubed)
 - 100ml white wine
 - 150ml good chicken or beef stock
 - 2 bay leaves and a large sprig of thyme
 - 2 tbsp redcurrant or quince jelly
 - salt and ground black pepper
 - 500g puff or shortcrust pastry made with butter
 - beaten egg to glaze
- 1) Heat the butter in a flameproof casserole and add the meat. Brown on all sides then remove with a slotted spoon. Add the shallots, garlic and bacon and brown, return the game to the pan with the wine, stock and herbs. Season and bring to the boil. Cover the casserole and simmer gently for 45 minutes until the meat is tender. (If you are cooking beef cook for a further hour at least.) Stir in the redcurrant jelly and leave to cool completely and chill until needed.
 - 2) Preheat the oven to 200C/fan oven 180C/gas mark 6. Roll out two thirds of the pastry on a lightly floured work surface and use to line a shallow roasting tin. Spoon in the game mix, spread level and brush the pastry edges with water. Roll out the remaining pastry and use to cover the pie. Trim and pinch to create a fluted edge. Chill for 15 minutes.
 - 3) Brush the pie with beaten egg. Cook in the oven for 30 – 40 minutes, covering if they get too brown until the pastry is crisp and golden. Serve hot or cold with good mash and braised cabbage.



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THE GARDEN SHED

Once again November is here and the enthusiasm for working in the garden has waned, but there are still jobs that can be done when a pleasant day arrives.

One of those tasks is that of clearing away the fallen leaves. If the leaves are left on the lawn or even on growth in the borders they will encourage diseases to flourish, and also provide cosy winter quarters for slugs, snails and other harmful pests. The leaves can be packed into large black plastic sacks (with holes punched in them) or gathered into a wire netting enclosure to rot. When the rotting process is completed (which will take about twelve months) the valuable leaf mould can be returned to the soil as compost.

As mentioned before, this is the month to plant tulips. These bulbs want to be planted in a sunny area where the soil is well drained; if possible, plant them in groups or drifts, either as one variety or as a mixture of colours. If the flowering period is followed (which is usually written on each package) a continuous display from early March to late May can be achieved. The bulbs need to be placed 2.5 times the height of the bulb below the soil level and about 10cms. (4ins.) apart. Tulips can also be grown in tubs and containers, the best results being obtained by using the shorter varieties, as the taller ones can be damaged by heavy rain and strong winds. The dwarf ranges of tulips are found in the water lily varieties (*Tulipa kaufmanniana*) and *T. griegii*, these only grow to 15-20cms (6-8ins), the latter give a bonus by having attractive stripped leaves. Both types are some of the earliest tulips to flower.

A recent development in the bulb market has been packs of mixed bulbs and corms for planting in pots and containers. The packs give details of the depths to plant the different types of bulbs, the display will last for a month to six weeks, I grew some last year and I was very pleased with the results.

On the less attractive days of November time can be spent looking from the inside to the outside and planning for next year. So often the garden area is planned with the overall view contained within the garden (especially if the work is done on paper), but the aspect from the house is vitally important, especially in the winter months. If the garden is already set out, the placing of a focal point (whether a group of plants, an urn or statue, or even a solitary tree or shrub)

can make all the difference to the view from the house. Another suggestion is to make a piece of lawn weave behind a group of shrubs which will entice viewers to find out where it goes – maybe to a seat!

Until next time.

Tessa Forbes

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LOCAL HISTORY

BEYOND THE WAR MEMORIAL

The late Frank Chapman in his book, *Shipbourne Life and Times*, notes that the Shipbourne War Memorial is unusual in that it bears no names from the Second World War. In this the village was extremely fortunate as many served.

The 2014 Shipbourne Village Exhibition marking the outbreak of the First World War investigated many aspects of village life and the community's wide The late Frank Chapman in his book, *Shipbourne Life and Times*, notes contribution to that crisis and many forgotten aspects of social history were re-discovered, some apparent anomalies found and inevitable tragedies noted. However, perhaps the over whelming effect of both the World Wars was village community working together, and this is also reflected in the stone of the War Memorial.

The *Courier*, April 9th 1920, informs us that the Memorial was unveiled on Easter Eve 1920 by Mrs W.M. Cazalet of Fairlawne who had lost her son, Lieutenant Edward Cazalet 7 weeks after he arrived in France on 29th July 1916, at the Battle of Ypre, aged just 22. A diarist all his life and always opposed to violence, he wrote "The horror that at last I have got to help in killing people makes me more miserable than I can say, but under the circumstances one must do what appears to be one's duty...." No doubt others on all memorials felt the same way.

Following the Great War tens of thousands of Memorials were erected in cities, towns, schools, sports clubs and places of work. The War Memorials Register lists over 68,000. Most of the main public WW1 Memorials were paid for by local public subscription. It took time to raise funds and commission such a project, hence the date of 1920 for the unveiling. Of the 15 names on the Memorial the *Courier* newspaper identified 3 as "connected" with the village. In Shipbourne School there is a further Memorial Plaque with 13 names of former Scholars. Only 4 of the names repeat.

To look upon a war memorial as having a defined list of names for that village or town is misleading. A person can be listed on more than one memorial, as each may remember that person in a different way; resident, scholar, graduate or employee (Edward Cazalet is on both Plaxtol and Shipbourne village Memorials). It is a family matter to enter a name on a particular village memorial whilst an employer, club or institution may have simply listed its

members. Someone who died may not be entered on any memorial if the family did not wish for the commemoration or simply moved away between the year of death and the post war erection of a public memorial.

Whilst the War Memorials Register is growing, there is no complete list of all the names on those memorials although Roll of Honour.com records Shipbourne and Ightham but not Plaxtol or Tonbridge. Also, the name details on Memorials vary greatly from full names and sometimes details of actions to simply surname and initials which makes individual identification difficult.

Of four names reviewed from the Shipbourne School Memorial Plaque, A. Parks is likely to be Albert Parkes baptised 14 April 1895 in Shipbourne and whose mother was born in the Village, who may appear as A. Parkes on the Ightham Village War Memorial, the St Peters Parish Church Ightham Plaque, and the Ivy Hatch Roll of Honour in the Chapel at Ightham Moat; similarly F. Hyder is likely Frank John Hider (census spelling) born 1888 Ightham (Moat farm) named as F. Hider on both the above Ightham Memorials and the Ivy Hatch Roll of Honour. Whilst F. Boorman is likely to be Frank Boorman born Staplehurst 1896, died of wounds, and also named on the Ightham and Ivy Hatch memorials. A. Andrews born in Shipbourne 1896 may be the Andrews A.B. (Arthur Bertram) on the Tonbridge Memorial particularly as he lived in Pembury Road

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (founded 1917) has one of the most comprehensive lists of those fallen but during the Exhibition research, Frederick Wharton, listed by the Courier as “connected” with Shipbourne as the son of Arthur Wharton former Rector of Shipbourne (census 1881), was found not to be listed and this was subsequently rectified by David Cotterill of this Parish.

Although name spelling can differ and the fact that a good proportion of military personnel records were burnt through enemy action in 1940 and heavily weeded thereafter, the Shipbourne exhibition team were able to trace 138 individuals connected to the Shipbourne locality, together with their age, Rank, Regiment, occupation, address and where served. No doubt the list remains incomplete.

Beyond the Memorial are those that were wounded, physically or mentally, often altered for life in some way, and the Exhibition indicated that surviving casualties were at least twice those that

were killed or subsequently died of wounds. Recognition of the living casualties was a main theme in the Bishop's address at the unveiling of the Shipbourne Memorial invoking the name of the Church of St Giles, Saint of Cripples.

Frank Chapman provides an example. As a young man in 1965 he bought his house, Martins Farm, in Back Lane from Mr Horace Towner, who he thought rather lazy as he frequently spent part days in bed with a bad chest leaving Winifred to run the farm. Later he discovered that as a 19 year old soldier Horace was badly gassed on the Western Front whilst his actions saved a comrades life and earned him a Military Cross, he was dogged by asthma for the rest of his life.

War Memorials are not historical artefacts, they are from time to time added to for later conflicts, in Shipbourne by the tragic loss of Corporal I. Violino in Afganistan 2001. There is still strong community support for them, for example, Borough Green residents desired to gather together all the names of those on their various memorials and after a public consultation a new Memorial on the junction of Western Road and Sevenoaks Road has on it's completion been listed by War Memorials Online in July 2017.

The many thousands of memorials in Britain give us all ample opportunity to glance, pause and reflect on the sacrifice of others but they should also give us hope for our freedom in the future.

Peter Haywood

A full account of the character and circumstances of the death of Edward Cazalet, together with that of his brother Victor Cazalet in 1943, is given by Frank Chapman in his book "Two Families at Fairlawne", Chapters 9 and 10. The circumstances of the award of a Military Medal to Mr Horace Towner are given by Frank Chapman in the Chapter "All the Cat's fault" in his book "Shipbourne Life and Times".

For the personal history of those listed on the Shipbourne and Ightham Memorials see Royal British Legion Roll-of Honour (Copy Right). (<http://www.roll-of-honour.com/Kent/Shipbourne.html>). Shipbourne School Plaque however is not included nor are Tonbridge and Plaxtol Memorials.

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