

St Giles and Shipbourne
NEWSLETTER



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PARISH DIARY – AUGUST 2018

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 Church and every weekday evening (except Friday and Saturday) at 4.30pm Evening Prayer will be said at St Giles Shipbourne.

Thursday	2nd	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
SUNDAY	8th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Service with Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	2 Samuel 11.26-12.13 Ephesians 4 vv 1-16 John 6 vv 24-35
Thursday	9th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
SUNDAY	12th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	2 Samuel 18 vv 5-9, 15, 31-33 Ephesians 4.25-5.2 John 6 vv35, 41-51
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 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	1 Kings 2 vv 10-12; 3 vv 3-14 Ephesians 5 vv 15-20 John 6 vv 51-58
Thursday	23rd	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
Saturday	25 th	9.30-11am	Community Bread Basket (a café-style breakfast drop-in) at Plaxtol Church
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:	1 Kings 8 vv 22-30, 41-43 Ephesians 6 vv 10-20 John 6 vv 56-69
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	27th	12.30-3.30pm	St Giles Fair on Shipbourne Green (by Village Hall)
Thursday	30th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne

**Community
Bread
Basket**



Saturday 25 August 2018

9:30-11:30am Plaxtol Parish Church

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PASTORAL LETTER

HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

I've always been fascinated about the origin of words that we take for granted. Holidays are surely about trips to the seaside, messing about on the beach, ice creams... but the word has its origin in the celebration of the sacred: major church festivals or the saints' days. I wonder how easily these ideas come together for you.

I once went to Malta. It was the year of my 'A'-Levels (many years ago!) and we were there at the time of the summer celebrations of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the feast of the Assumption as the Roman Catholic Church calls it. The celebrations made their way around the island and we bumped into them on many days of our holiday: processions of statues, cathedral pillars dressed full-length in scarlet cloth, markets full of nougat, and fireworks the like of which I had never seen before. Holiday went hand in hand with Holy Day.

During my time in Cambridge the Bishop of Ely once addressed a clergy conference just before the summer holiday period. He shared his own plans for a summer break and spoke of the joy of praying in new places whilst on holiday. The other week I took a pre-conference trip to Lindisfarne, the island home of Saints Aidan and Cuthbert in the far NE of England. The tide very much determined the shape of the day; getting both on and off the island safely, along its causeway, meant that we couldn't afford to dilly-dally. But, after a guided tour that told us more about local history, industry and archaeology than it did about the spirituality of that special place, I did want to 'feel' something, and I ended up lighting candles for my two sons, and kneeling for a quiet moment in the little parish church there.

'Religion' - as a word - has the sense of being bound to, or connected with. Maybe on your holidays you will have chance to pause, to make your own holy day, to pray in a new place, and to find a way of feeling connected to God, the source of our life, our being, and our community, enabling you to come back refreshed, for whatever comes next.

Wishing you all happy and safe holidays this August.

Peter Hayler
Rector

St Giles' Summer Fair Bank Holiday Monday 27 August 2018

12.30pm – 3.30pm

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



*** Dog Show ***

(sponsored by Sue Dog Grooming Kent, Plaxtol)

*** Brass Band ***

*** Beer and Pimms Tent ***

*** BBQ ***

... and lots more!

Helpers needed to run stalls, BBQ, beer tent etc. For any new people to Shipbourne, this is a great way to get to know other locals. Please let Viv or Lindsay know if you can help.

ST GILES' SUMMER FAIR 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 still urgently need helpers to run the show (and volunteer to run next year's Fair – Lindsay and Viv are hanging up their organising boots after this year ...)

Contact on the Day

Viv Packer

Mob: 07768 397936

Timings

The Fair will be opened at 12.30pm by Mr James Swartz of The Fairlawne Estate and will conclude with the 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 10.00am on the day of the Fair. Please provide a table cloth for your stall. Prize for the best-dressed stall!

Prize Draw

We have 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.



Dog Show

The popular Dog Show returns this year and is sponsored by **Sue Dog Grooming Kent, Plaxtol**. Registration will take place on the day from 12.30pm. The Dog Show will start promptly at 1.30pm. Each class costs £1 to enter and the winner of each class will automatically qualify for the "Best in Show" category.

BBQ and Beer Tent 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 Viv know if you can help.

Requests for

Thank you in advance for any donations listed below which can be brought up to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fair:

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 Fair. 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 and homegrown produce for the Produce Stall

Bottles (not empties) for the Bottle Stall – see advert

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

Toys (clean!) for the Toy Stall – see advert

Many thanks in advance for all of your help.

Lindsay Miles and Viv Packer



BOOKS NEEDED

Books needed for bookstall at St Giles Fair, 27 August 2018. If possible please bring on the day; otherwise contact Paul Britton on 365794



BOTTLES!

We are looking for a wide selection of (filled) bottles for the St Giles' Summer Fair 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 Edward and Sue Buchanan at Bear Manor Oast (next door but one to the Village Hall) or bring along to the Village Hall on the morning of the Fair



TOY STALL – REQUEST FOR DONATIONS **A GREAT EXCUSE TO DECLUTTER YOUR PLAY ROOM!**

The toy stall at the Fair is requesting any donations of unwanted good condition children's toys and soft toys. Board games, jigsaw puzzles (all pieces please!), train sets, card games, soft toys (clean please!) No books required. If you have any donations please bring them to the stall from 10am on the morning of the Fair. Any donations greatly appreciated and any questions please call Edward and Wendy 01732 810499.

Many thanks!



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Management Committee

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MONDAY 20th AUGUST 2018 AT 7.30 PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

The Annual General Meeting of the Management Committee of Shipbourne Village Hall will be held as above. All residents of Shipbourne aged 18 and over are entitled to attend and vote.

At this meeting up to five residents of Shipbourne may be elected to join the appointed Trustees from the using organisations for the following year.

Nominations may be made at the meeting or to Curtis Galbraith, Secretary of the Committee. All nominations should be proposed and seconded by other Shipbourne residents either in writing or at the meeting.

C G Galbraith
Chairman

The Barn
Tinley Lodge Farm
Shipbourne
Tel: 810338

16th July 2018

SCOTTISH DANCING IN SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Scottish Dancing takes a break in August and will return in September.

BULK REFUSE SERVICE (4th Saturday of month)

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

Saturday 28 July 2018

Saturday 25 August 2018

Saturday 22 September 2018



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

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

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.

Kent Police

To report a non-urgent crime, call 101. Kent Police have launched a new online reporting service:

The public can now **report crimes and incidents** as well as **non-injury road traffic collisions** ONLINE directly through the website (www.kent.police.uk). Once a report is made online, the user will receive a unique reference number and a return email confirming receipt.

They are promoting both as a **test/pilot** at this stage. At the end of each form is the opportunity for the public making a report to give feedback on using the forms.

The overall aim is to provide another choice for how the public can report crime or incidents as well as try to reduce the number of people calling 101 on non-urgent issues that could easily be dealt with through digital contact.

Rights of Way Improvement Plan - Have Your Say

Kent County Council is consulting on our draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan which outlines objectives for Kent's Public Rights of Way network and wider public access for the next 10 years.

This consultation closes on 12 September 2018. Visit www.kent.gov.uk/rightsofwayimprovementplan to find out more and take part.

The Local Plan

To find out the latest proposals for the Local Plan and to view the draft Local Plan, please visit www.tmbc.gov.uk

Rural Transport

Kent County Council has launched The Big Conversation Programme which will develop potential new delivery models for rural transport services. The Programme consists of a period of engagement with both the market, public and other stakeholders.

What is the Big Conversation? KCC want to find out if there is a better, more sustainable way of providing transport to rural communities not currently served by commercial operators. They want to explore this in conversation with a number of stakeholders. They are working with transport and technology providers, District/Parish/Town Councils, stakeholder organisations and communities across Kent to identify potential ideas to develop new ways of delivering rural transport. KCC issues over 298,000 concessionary travel bus passes for elderly and disabled people as well as helping to transport 32,000 young people through their unique young persons and 16+ travel cards.

Around 97% of journeys in Kent are run on a purely commercial basis by private operators (such as Arriva and Stagecoach) – with over 50 operators covering 600 services. But not all of Kent's bus services are run in this way. Over the last 30 years KCC has funded some routes which, while not commercially viable have been considered important to meet the needs of the communities and passengers they serve. This is an exciting opportunity for members and residents to provide feedback on the ideas presented as they develop potential delivery models for rural transport.

A public consultation will commence on the 13th June until 7th August 2018 and will be available on line at www.kent.gov.uk/bigconversation, with hard copies located in libraries and available on request.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Programme

Team at bigconversation@kent.gov.uk.

Update on M20 Junctions 3 to 5 Smart Motorway Project: Part of the Kent Corridor Programme

The plan is to improve this busy 6.5 mile stretch of the M20 between Junction 3 near West Malling and Junction 5 near

Aylesford by upgrading it to an 'all lane running' (ALR) smart motorway. The work being undertaken forms part of the commitment made to improve the Kent Corridor to the M25 (M2 and M20).

Smart motorways reduce congestion and improve journey time reliability by making the hard shoulder available as a traffic lane and use variable speed limits to smooth traffic flow. They also add much needed capacity to some of the most congested parts of our network and support economic growth.

This work is being carried out by Kier on behalf of Highways England.

When will traffic management begin?

Installation of CCTV to monitor the 50mph speed limit during the road works began in late May.

On **Monday 25 June** they will start to install 3 narrow lanes on the eastbound carriage way between J3 and 5. On **Monday 2 July** they will start to install the same on the westbound carriageway.

Narrow lanes are used so that they can keep the same number of lanes open during improvement work, while also allowing additional space at the side of the motorway to provide a safer working environment for road workers. The speed limit will be reduced to 50mph for the duration of the works, due to complete by March 2020.

Lane closures and full closures overnight will be necessary during construction. Full closures will take place as follows:

10pm to 6am when working on the eastbound carriageway
8pm to 6am when working on the westbound carriageway

There will be clearly signed diversions routes in place. All closures will be subject to change and weather dependent.

All future closure information will be advertised on the Highways England project webpage <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m20-junctions-3-to-5-smart-motorway/> and Traffic England <http://www.trafficengland.com/> throughout the project.

Operation Stack

Highways England publicly launched their listening exercise on Operation Stack. According to the Government press notice (see <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/operation-stack-listening-exercise-starts-today>), the exercise is part of a completely fresh look at how traffic can be managed better when there is disruption to services across the English Channel.

Planning Applications Discussed at the July Meeting

Full responses are available on the TMBC website at www.tmbc.gov.uk/planning

TM/18/01307/FL - Tinley Lodge, Hildenborough Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9QB. Demolition of timber stable block, timber storage shed and metal corrugated shed and erection of a four bay timber storage barn.

TM/18/01359/FL - Mallow House, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9PE.

Two storey side extension and demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage

TM/18/01369/PDVLR - The Granary, Fairhill, Riding Lane, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9QL. Prior Notification for Residential Extension: (Part 1, class A) depth to 5.3m, eaves to 2.8m and maximum height of 4m: single storey rear extension. (Information only, no paperwork received for this).

TM/18/01487/FL - Stanley Lodge, Hildenborough Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9QB. Demolition of existing portal framed barn and its replacement with a smaller oak framed garage and change of use of agricultural land to residential garden within the designated curtilage.

TM/18/01509/TNCA - The White House, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9PG. T1 Mature Juniper - fell to near ground level and grind out stump to approx 300mm in depth including any visible surface lateral roots, H2 Mature Laspe - reduce height to level with the top of the maintained section of hedge and cut/trim all side faces hard back to form an even compact surface whilst maintaining a green covering and T3 Mature Ash - remove low scaffold branch and remove any dead, dying and suspect branches present within the overhanging crown only.

Applications Approved by TMBC in June 2018

TM/18/00909/FL - The proposal is to construct a 20m x 40m equestrian arena. Works to include a small amount of cut and fill, new land drains, membrane, stone base, silica sand and fibre surface - Paddock And Stables, Hamptons Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent.

TM/18/00950/FL - Residential glass link to between the main house and annexe accommodation in detached garage. Reconfiguration of garage layout following approved application (TM:15/02929/FL) - Valley House, Shipbourne Road, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9NU.

TM/18/01003/FL - Demolition of existing conservatory and the construction of part single, part two storey rear extension, rear dormer window, single storey bay extension to the front and extension of the roof slope over extended hallway - 1 New Cottages, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9PN.

TM/18/01025/FL - Replacement of existing detached garage, log store, shed, fuel oil storage tank and firewall with an oak framed detached garage and compact fuel oil storage tank. Realignment of driveway from Dunks Green Road - 3 Silverhill Cottages, Dunks Green Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge Kent TN11 9RU.

TM/18/01087/TPOC - Oak Tree - Pollard and Hornbeam - remove large branch - Martins, Reeds Lane, Shipbourne, Tonbridge Kent TN11 9RR.

Application Withdrawn

TM/18/01178/FL - Demolition of existing portal frame barn and construction of a smaller oak framed garage - Adjacent Tinley Lodge Farm, Coldharbour Lane, Hildenborough, Tonbridge Kent TN11 9QB.

Please note that the Parish Council does not meet in August and our next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 10th September 2018. All members of public are welcome to attend.

VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Shipbourne Parish Council will have a vacancy in the Autumn and will be looking for a new Parish Councillor. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk for further details

Mrs Sarah Huseyin, Parish Clerk

E-mail: shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com

Telephone: 01732 886402

SHIPBOURNE WI

Shipbourne WI met for the final meeting before its August break, with Sarah Sudlow, a member of the Board of Trustees of the West Kent Federation, joining the meeting.

Mrs Delia Taylor presented a talk on the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, their lives, lovers and legacy. John Ruskin's definition, "They are all at least a bit crazy and it is very difficult to manage them", was very well illustrated by Delia's talk and slides.

Instead of an August meeting, members will be visiting Merriments and Great Dixter for the summer outing.

Meetings resume in September, with the Committee meeting on 5th September at Popes Villa Farm, and the full meeting on 12th September when Mr Geoff Collins will be speaking on the Natural History of New Zealand. New members are always most welcome.

Glynis Coates

THE WEATHER IN JUNE

The average day temp. for June was 27^o, lowest night was 11.1^o, highest day temp. was 32.5^o, lowest night was 5^o, total rainfall was 3.0_{mm}, the average rainfall for June over the last 20 years was 49.2_{mm}, with the highest month June 2012 with 134_{mm}, lowest month June 2018 with 3.0_{mm}, possibly lowest since records began? Barometric pressure remains round about 1000_{mb}, for it to rain it needs drop considerably, so if you have a barometer keep an eye on it.

Lionel Stielow

SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL NEWS

There will be more news from Shipbourne School in September once the new school year starts.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the September newsletter by **10 August 2018 (earlier deadline due to holidays)**. 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.

SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET

Although we have been 'suffering' from too much sun for what seems to be many weeks we tend to forget the early part of the year which was cold and wet. This has had a major impact on the overall number of visitors for the first half of the year which is down 3%.

August is one of the best months to go shopping at the Farmers Market. 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. Early marrows and squashes will also be available, along with main crop potatoes. Now is the time to make your own chutneys and pickles. They will be at their best just in time for Christmas so perfect for presents.

The soft fruit season is peaking for raspberries, plums, blackberries and currants, though the cherry season is all but over. 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. Sole, sea bass and plaice are excellent now. For shell fish you should be early at the market or contact Mickey (our fish vendor) first.

A barbecue is a perfect way to make the most of locally produced steaks, burgers and sausages, from the market as they have far superior flavour and cook really well on the barbecue compared to more insipid mass-produced versions available in supermarkets. Try interesting recipe combinations of sausages – wild boar, pork and venison, pork flavoured with apple, hops etc. For the more ambitious try a butterflied leg of lamb or boned shoulder joint on the barbecue (you will need to pre-order from Annabelle). It tastes much better if marinated even for a couple of hours before cooking. Make a marinade of 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.

Don't forget the Glorious 12th marks the start of the new game season so look out for venison, wild duck, wood pigeon and rabbit as well as grouse.

If you want to a special order please go to www.shipbournefm.co.uk and click on Stallholders to find stallholder details.

COOKERY CORNER

SEARED STEAK SALAD

Serves 4 /Prep 10 minutes /Cook 15 minutes. This can either be cooked on the BBQ or in the kitchen.

- 4 rump or sirloin steaks
 - 1 tsp black peppercorns, lightly crushed
 - 3 - 4 tbsp olive oil
 - 4 plum tomatoes, halved
 - 450g new potatoes, cooked and halved
 - 1 large bunch watercress, washed
 - 1 red onion, thinly sliced
 - ½ cucumber, peeled and sliced
 - 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
 - salt
1. Rub the black pepper into the steaks and season with salt.
 2. Heat half the oil in a griddle pan or non-stick frying pan. Cook the steaks over a high heat on both sides for 4 - 8 minutes (depending on how you like your steak cooked), turning once until well browned on the outside but still very pink in the middle.
 3. Cook the tomatoes alongside the steak (turn at the same time).
 4. Remove the steak and tomatoes from the pan and leave to rest for 5 minutes.
 5. Cut the cooked potatoes into chunks if large and fry over a medium high heat for 5 minutes until crisp and golden.
 6. Arrange the watercress in a salad bowl and add the onion, cucumber and tomatoes with juices and potato.
 7. Slice the steak on the diagonal. Whisk the remaining olive oil with the vinegar and seasoning.
 8. Add the steak to the salad, pour over the dressing and toss together. Serve.

SPILLING THE BEANS

There is a very instructive video on the internet about pruning lavender, by the lavender guru Simon Charlesworth, of Downderry nursery (Hadlow). He advises us not to “wuss about” in the stems, but instead to grab your lavender by the scruff of the neck and cut back hard, down into the plant but not into the old wood. This stimulates new growth, producing leafy hummocks that will last longer and avoid the dreaded leggy lavender look.

Now that the *Angustifolias* and *Intermedias* are past their best they can be pruned using the method mentioned above. The same technique applies to roses; don't be shy and cut back lower. You will be greeted with fewer but larger flowers for the next flush.

Jonny's Jobs

During the long, hot summer of '76, thousands of litres of water were poured onto the polo lawns at Windsor Great Park. But the grass still turned brown. As soon as the rains arrived the lawns greened up again.

Although lawns can be a sorry sight at this time of year, don't despair and don't waste water on them. The first downpour will soon revitalise them, and the gardener who has been cursing their appearance (whilst simultaneously enjoying the enforced break from mowing) will have the mower out of the shed again in no time.

Traditionally box hedging is pruned on Derby Day, with a second cut in September to keep them tidy for winter. But the modern method is to cut once at the end of August. This reduces the danger of your box contracting box blight.

It is tempting to use a hedge trimmer for shaping box, particularly if you are faced with a large area to tackle. However hedge trimmers leave half-cut leaves which are unsightly and leave box more vulnerable to pests and diseases. A more pleasing result is achieved with shears, and it only takes slightly more time.

The advice given by my college tutor about the shears versus hedge trimmer debate for box hedging was simple: “Sharp shears and a strong back”.

Plants of the Month

Many perennial plants like Geraniums will have already finished their first flush of flowers, and should have been cut back close to ground level, to encourage the possibility of a second flush. If your

borders are looking bare at this time of year, there are 4 plants that can SAVE your summer. Salvia guaranitica, Anemone "Honorine Jobert", "Viticella" Clematis and Echinacea purpurea will add colour and structure to your late season border.

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