

*St Giles and Shipbourne*  
**NEWSLETTER**



**October 2018**

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## PARISH DIARY – OCTOBER 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.**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>St Giles Shipbourne Churchyard Working Party. Bring own tools, refreshments provided.</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Harvest Festival Family Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Job 1.1; 2 vv 1-10 Hebrews 1 vv 1-4, 2vv 5-12 Mark 10 vv 2-16
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Shipbourne Parish Council meeting, Village Hall</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Matins at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Job 23 vv 1-9, 16-end Hebrews 4 vv 12-end Mark 10 vv 17-31
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne</b>
		12.00pm	Short Communion at Plaxtol Church
		4.00pm	Benefice Community@4 and Rock Solid at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Job 38 vv 1-7 Hebrews 5 vv 1-10 Mark 10 vv 35-45
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Benefice Playchurch at Plaxtol Church</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30-11.30am</b>	<b>Community Breadbasket at Plaxtol Church</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>All Souls Service at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		Readings:	Job 42 vv 1-6; 10-end Hebrews 7 vv 23-end Mark 10 vv 46-end

## **PASTORAL LETTER**

### **BOUNDARIES**

A few weeks ago, while it was still summer, I officiated at a funeral in Hildenborough by kind permission of Tim, the incumbent in that parish. There's a very soft sense of boundary between the neighbouring parishes of Shipbourne and Hildenborough, with people living in one parish and worshipping in the other in both directions, and yet this was the first time I'd ever been in the church there. Not only is there a parish boundary but a Deanery boundary. Shipbourne and Plaxtol form the southern tip of the Deanery of Shoreham, which winds all the way up the Farningham, without ever running into a town. So as far as meeting next-door neighbouring clergy in Hildenborough is concerned, we might as well live on another planet!

As I write, I'm preparing to attend my first clergy conference among all my Rochester colleagues, the very large majority of whom I have never met. For an introvert, someone who prefers to get their batteries re-charged by being on their own, this is a daunting prospect. There are so many boundaries jangling around, but for these three days we'll be expected to act as though they don't exist. We'll be staying in student flats which, these days, have their own en-suite so at least I can retreat for an early night if I'm sharing with people I've never met before.

Let's try and re-frame this! One of the joys of being an Anglican is that you're always part of something bigger. Parishes are the smallest unit, then we have deaneries, archdeaconries (ours is Tonbridge), dioceses (ours is Rochester), provinces (ours is Canterbury), Churches (ours is the Church of England) - and they are all part of the Anglican Communion worldwide. It's good to celebrate being part of something bigger. At the end of October, our Archbishop, Justin Welby, will be making a formal visitation of the Rochester Diocese, spending at least some of his time in the archdeaconry of Tonbridge. There will be a special service altogether, to which all are invited, in the Cathedral on Tuesday 30th October at 5.30pm.

So where is all this talk of boundaries and being part of something bigger leading? What are the boundaries in your life? Do they make you feel safe, or are they something to be overcome? Part of the very nature of the church is that it is, or should be, a place where barriers that divide people are broken down (Ephesian 2:13ff). And

in what ways can we show that being part of something bigger is a good thing? It's all very well thinking (or singing!) "You in your small corner, and I in mine," but surely two lights shine brighter together. And, heaven knows, the nights are already drawing in; it'll soon be time to turn the clocks back!

**Peter Hayler**  
**Rector**

**Community  
Bread  
Basket**



**Saturday 27th October 2018**

**9:30-11:30am Plaxtol Parish Church**

**Café style Breakfast  
All welcome**



**ST GILES SHIPBOURNE CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY**

The next **churchyard working parties** will be on:

- **Saturday 29 September from 9.30.am**
- **Saturday 6 October from 9.30am**

Please bring your own tools. Refreshments provided.  
Please come and lend a hand, even if you just have half an hour to spare. Thank you.

## Plaxtol School -Caretaker Vacancy

Plaxtol School is looking for someone to join our friendly team as a School Caretaker. Your primary responsibilities will be the security and the Health and Safety of the school site. Training will be provided, as required.

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If you are interested please email [office@plaxtol.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@plaxtol.kent.sch.uk) or send your details to: School Administrator (re: caretaker role), Plaxtol Primary School, School Lane, Plaxtol TN15 0DL, by 19 October 2018.



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**KENT PAINTERS 2018**  
28TH ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION AND SALE  
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## **KENT PAINTERS EXHIBITION 2018**

In this month's Newsletter you will find an invitation to The Kent Painters Annual Art Exhibition & Sale over the weekend of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

We are now in our 28<sup>th</sup> year of exhibiting a diverse range of paintings and sculpture. In that time we have raised nearly £300,000 for local mental health charities. Proceeds go directly to our supported charities, Sevenoaks Mencap, Macintyre and Rethink.

Friday evening is a bit of a party between 6.30 and 9pm, with a chance to 'meet the artists' and to buy quality art at modest prices without gallery overheads. If you prefer a quieter, more leisurely browse, then we are open between 10 – 4 p.m on both Saturday & Sunday. Coffee, cakes and light lunches will be available.

Entry is free so do come along – we would love to see you.

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**AN ADVENT RECITAL GIVEN BY VOCE SACRI**  
**1st December 2018 at All Saints' Church, Tudeley**  
**6.30pm-7.45pm**

The 16 voiced chamber choir Voce Sacri will be giving their second recital on Saturday 1st December in All Saints' Church, Tudeley, in a programme of music reflecting the season of Advent. The concert will begin at 6.30pm and finish by 7.45pm. Admission free with retiring collection to cover costs.

Their first concert was held the week before Easter this year at St Peter and St Paul Parish Church, Edenbridge.

Voce Sacri are a group of singers who have extensive experience of singing in choirs in Kent and Sussex.

A number of them are regular members of local churches in the area and also sing with the Plaxtol Scholars.

**Further details from Marius Carboni**  
***mcmarius5@gmail.com***  
**01732 810618**



**BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2018**

In this centenary year of the end of the Great War, as we approach Remembrance Sunday 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 will shortly be 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.***

## **ST GILES' FAIR – THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the St Giles Fair on August Bank Holiday Monday. The weather may not have been quite as nice as last year (but we have had far worse!) but it was still a great afternoon with real community spirit.

The brilliant Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Training Band played their tunes, the popular Dog Show included some extra “fun” classes, quality Farmers' Market sausages and burgers featured on the BBQ a beer keg was kindly donated by Jon at The Rifleman, Kathy and her army served up tea and cakes in the Village Hall and we were finally able to have a combine harvester on show (thanks to the amazing summer weather providing an earlier harvest schedule). In total over £3,500 was 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 and to the unsung heroes/heroines who helped with the morning set up and afternoon de-rig.

We look forward to thanking everyone at drinks on **Friday 16 November, 7pm-9pm at Shipbourne Village Hall.**

Thank you!

***Viv and Lindsay***

## **THE PARADOX OF WAR**

The Paradox of War is a free WW1 art exhibition which will take place in the Chamber Room, Tonbridge Castle TN1 1BG between Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October. Open 10-4pm except Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> when it will close at noon. Contact Gill Smith for details [gillsmith01@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gillsmith01@hotmail.co.uk)

## **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER**

Please send any articles and adverts for the November newsletter by **17 October 2018**. Please note any articles received after this date will be held over to the next issue. Please email articles to [lindsay\\_miles@btinternet.com](mailto:lindsay_miles@btinternet.com) or call 01732 810439.



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

Further details can be found on the Shipbourne website  
[www.shipbourne.com](http://www.shipbourne.com)

**SCOTTISH DANCING IN SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL**

Dancing continues this month on Tuesday 2nd, 16th and 30th from 7.15 until 9pm. It's less expensive than a Keep Fit class and more fun! Come and give it a try - definitely no experience needed but a sense of humour helps!

***Helen Leach***  
**8111444**



**THANK YOU DRINKS**  
**for everyone who helped with the**  
**St Giles' Summer Fair**  
**Friday 16 November 2018**  
**7pm-9pm**

**Shipbourne Village Hall**

***We will also be brainstorming new ideas for next year's Fair***

## **SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **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

### **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](http://www.kent.police.uk))

### **Residents urged to complete electoral registration form as soon as possible**

Households in Tonbridge and Malling have been sent an important electoral registration form to fill in, as the Borough Council carries out the annual process of updating its Register of Electors.

Residents must be registered to vote in order to be able to vote in future elections or in any referendum that may take place. Every household must complete the form, even if they have voted in recent elections. The form has been delivered to all homes in the borough.

The form is easy to complete – if the details already printed on the form are correct and you don't need to make any changes, you can tell the Council online or by telephone (landline calls are free) or by text message using the details on the form. If you do have changes to make, you can respond online or by completing and returning the paper form you have received. You can also let the Council know if you would like to vote by post.

Julie Beilby, Electoral Registration Officer and Chief Executive of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, explains the process: “Completing the Household form is extremely important because we need to know who is living at your address so we can help ensure that they are registered to vote. We don’t get this information from council tax records or from any other organisations so we need to hear from you, even if you have voted in recent elections. So, please complete your form as soon as possible and make sure you don’t ‘lose your voice’ at future elections. Each response we receive now will also save the Council money, as we won’t need to send you a reminder, helping us to work in the most efficient way.”

For help and advice on registering to vote, please email [voting@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:voting@tmbc.gov.uk) visit [www.tmbc.gov.uk/voting](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/voting) or call 01732 876022.

### **Taking Flight: The Future of Drones**

On 26 July, the Department for Transport issued a consultation – Taking Flight: The Future of Drones – <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/drone-legislation-use-restrictions-and-enforcement>. **The deadline is 17 September.**

The consultation puts forward a number of policy proposals for safer use for drone use and enforcement and includes:

- The minimum age requirement for operators for small unmanned aircraft
- Whether the 1km flight restriction around protected aerodromes is sufficient
- A proposal to mandate and regulate Flight Information and Notification Systems (FINS) or just regulate FINS
- The powers required by enforcement bodies in order to properly police drone use and penalise incorrect use, including the possible use of fixed penalty notices
- Counter drone technology system proposals

Please take time to respond if you think that drone use is a problem in this area.

### **M20 Closures – Autumn 2018**

Highways England have announced that they will be **closing the M20 between junctions 4 at Leybourne and 6 at Maidstone** on the following weekends to allow for the demolition and rebuilding of Teapot Lane Footbridge, near Aylesford Station.

- Friday 14 September (evening) to Monday 17 September (morning)
- Friday 9 November (evening) to Monday 12 November (morning)

Highways England agreed diversion route will be the A228 from junction 4 of the M20 to junction 2 of the M2, then the A229 Bluebell Hill to junction 6 of the M20 at Maidstone.

The link for the Highways England M20 works website is:- <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m20-junctions-3-to-5-smart-motorway/>

### **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](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk)

## **Planning Applications Discussed at the September Meeting**

### ***Planning Applications***

Full responses are available on the TMBC website at [www.tmbc.gov.uk/planning](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/planning)

**TM/18/01840/FL** - Conversion of existing outbuilding containing garage/residential accommodation to a 3 bedroom dwelling with single storey rear and side extension and roof enlargement (Amendment to 17/01741/FL). School Lane Cottage, School Lane, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9RT.

**TM/18/01172/LB** -Listed Building Application: Demolition of existing low brick side boundary wall and provision of new picket fencing to facilitate new parking area in front garden. Butchers Cottage, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9PE.

### ***Planning Decisions from TMBC - Approved***

**TM/18/01704/TNCA** - Goat Willow – remove. Craft Cottage, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne, TN11 9PN.

**TM/18/01509/TNCA** - T1 Mature Juniper - fell to near ground level and grind out stump to approx 300mm in depth including any visible surface lateral roots, Mature Leyland Cypress hedge - remove 3 stems on south side of garage and reduce stems on west side to height of garage roof T3 Mature Ash - Remove low scaffold branch and remove any dead, dying and suspect branches present within the overhanging crown only. The White House, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne, TN11 9PG.

**TM/18/01359/FL** - Two storey side extension and demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage. Mallow House, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, TN11 9PE.

### **Rights Of Way - Restoring The Record**

Booking is now available online for most of the training days on Restoring the Record which will be run this year by former vice-chair of trustees, Phil Wadey, and his colleague Sarah Buck, both of whom are acknowledged experts in the field. The aim of the training events is to enthuse, enable and empower rights of way researchers to make definitive map modification order applications to ensure routes that would be extinguished in 2026 are saved from the cut-off date.

The training will be held at **Sevenoaks Community Hall, Crampton's Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN14 5DN**. For further information phone **02476 840515** or email [access@bhs.org.uk](mailto:access@bhs.org.uk).

The training is FREE and open to everyone. You can learn how to identify historical routes and the key resources used to study them, and find out what your evidence can unlock and how to create a systematic research method to investigate your routes. The day is free to attend and includes tea/coffee but delegates should bring along a packed lunch.

Delegates should also bring a laptop (wi-fi provided) – tablets or smartphones may not be suitable for some training exercises – and OS maps of their local area.

### **Planet or Plastic – Have Your Say Community Awareness Day on 27th October Borough Green Village Hall 10am – 12.Noon**

Come and challenge the VIPs! Ask questions like: Why do we have to wash waste that will be vaporised? There's a whole range of alternative recyclable/biodegradable alternatives available. Why are packaging companies not using them? Why is only one supermarket chain selling NAKED cucumbers!? Toilet wipes are sold as flushable but are they biodegradable? From 1st -20th October look for our BLUE BOXES in the library, the churches, medical centre, and a number of village stores. Whilst enjoying a free cup of plastic-free tea; ask YOUR questions and get some ideas on how YOU can help turn the tide on the plastic menace! Quarry Hill W.I.

## **Kent County Council's 'Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Consultation' launched on Thursday 6 September 2018**

This consultation will help deliver the Kent Waste Disposal Strategy and seeks views on the proposal to implement a charging policy for non-household waste materials including soil, rubble, hardcore and plasterboard, deposited at Kent HWRCs.

The 8 week consultation is available until Thursday 1 November 2018, and KCC would like to invite you to comment. The consultation questionnaire and supporting documents can be found at [www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation](http://www.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation)

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### **SHIPBOURNE WI**

The summer outing in August was greatly enjoyed by members who visited Merriments Garden and then Great Dexter. The first meeting of the autumn took place with business as usual, and then Geoff and Stella Collins speaking on the subject of The Natural History of New Zealand, or "The Land of the Long White Cloud". Members were shown slides of glorious scenery with glaciated valleys, mountains, lakes and gorges. Geoff described the wildlife and vegetation, with Stella interweaving Maori legends through the factual information. Tea followed, as is customary!

The Book Club will meet again on 17th September, members having read "I See You", by Clare Mackintosh over the summer.

A lunch at the Rose Revived has been arranged for this month; another popular activity!

The next Committee Meeting will be on 3rd October at Popes Villa Farm, and the main meeting will be on 10th October. Gordon Wright will be speaking about The Wildlife of Trinidad and Tobago. Do come and join us for the afternoon, and consider becoming a member for what will be our Centenary Year in 2019.

**Glynis Coates**

## **THE WEATHER IN AUGUST**

The average day temp. was 26.6°C, the average night temp. was 11.6°C, the highest day temp. 36.5°C (Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup>) the lowest night temp. was 5.5°C (Fri. 10<sup>th</sup>), total rainfall was 74<sub>mm</sub>, the average rainfall for August over the last 20 years was 68.25<sub>mm</sub>, highest rainfall was 2014 with 116.5<sub>mm</sub>, and the lowest was 2016 with 24.5<sub>mm</sub>, the hottest August day in my records (20 years) was Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2003 with 39°C.

***Lionel Stielow***

## **SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL NEWS**

The school year has started really well, with new children and their families quickly settling in and becoming a part of our school family. The first day began with a visit from Animalia Encounters, a local company who brought along a range of unusual animals for the children to view, handle and learn about. This was an excellent start to our Science Week, in which the children spent every afternoon in mixed groups investigating worms and their habitats. Children have used these experiences to inspire some excellent writing.

Our class topics this term include the Stone Age, Viking Raiders and Toys. Classrooms are already looking bright and colourful and there is excellent learning taking place. Both Hampton and Fairlawne have off-site visits this term, with Fairlawne visiting Pashley Manor and Scotney Castle to look at sculptures and complete landscape sketching, and Hampton visiting the Museum of Kent Life for a Stone Age Day.

We are looking ahead to our Harvest Service which will take place before half term at St Giles's Church; with deliveries being made to the local community during the week. Rev. Hayler is visiting us for regular assemblies, focusing on the Bible as a 'library of books', before moving on to stories from the Old Testament.

***Brenda Mullinger***

# PLAXTOL SPOUTE RECREATION GROUND



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Thank you for your support!

***Merran Hilton***

## **SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET**

We made it into the finals of Kent Life's Best Farmers Market in Kent thanks to your support. Unfortunately we won't know the final outcome till mid October !!

The warm September has been a relief from the heat of summer. Looking at our visitor attendance statistics it is obvious that really hot days, just like rainy days, has a negative effect on our numbers. It was also noticeable that there was a marked increase in the number of visitors between 08:30 and 09:30 (even though we open at 09:00!). We are 7% down vs last year, last which was our best year for 5 years. So we are looking at innovative ways to counteract this trend. The market is run for the community, which is you !! If you have any ideas you think would improve the market please contact us at [bob@lodgeoast.co.uk](mailto:bob@lodgeoast.co.uk)

The summer is well and truly over when it comes to food, so it's the month to rediscover the delights of colder weather eating with all the wonderful harvest of ingredients at our disposal. Our fresh fruit and vegetables are at their best – autumn and winter varieties and are even improved by a touch of frost. 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 just as lanterns for Halloween. 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, curries and pickles for rich seasonal colour and taste. Cobnuts, walnuts, hazelnuts and chestnuts have been harvested – try them now when they are 'wet' and discover a whole new intensity of flavour. Use in autumn salads for impact.

There is a much larger variety of apples at the market than at supermarkets so try different varieties. Bramleys for cooking seem to have fared well so make them into chutneys and jellies to enjoy through the winter. The later ripening varieties are good for keeping so you will be able to enjoy from now until next summer. Plums are becoming scarce but autumn fruiting raspberries and later strawberries are still available.

Much of our seafood is at its best caught from colder waters so as the sea temperature drops this month, fish just gets better and better. Sea bass, haddock and Dover sole will be fishing well. Remember the better the quality of the fish, the simpler it needs to be cooked.

October 1<sup>st</sup> sees the start of the pheasant-shooting season but early birds can be expensive so try partridge, grouse, wild duck and rabbit. All are excellent partnered with autumn greens and creamy mashed roots. Mother Nature really is very clever and ensures that the season's finest ingredients all go so well together! And where better to buy them than at the market – the best way to enjoy great local flavours and support your local farmers and growers at the same time.

## **COOKERY CORNER**

### **PHEASANT BREASTS WITH LEMON, THYME AND CHILLI**

*(This method of cooking also works just as well with chicken and quail)*

**Serves 2**

**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 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 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.

*Recipe by Mary Gwynn who is a local author and food writer. She writes regularly for Waitrose Weekend newspaper and has published several cookery books, including The WI Cookbook: The First 100 Years and The Busy Mum's Cookbook. She is Chair of Penshurst Farmers Market.*

## **THE GARDEN SHED**

October brings vibrant colour back to your garden, with the autumn foliage as backdrop to the berries and other fruits that are thriving and ripe. As the days shorten, we have to take advantage of the daytime hours. And for some jobs, the earlier in the autumn you can do them the better.

One of these is winter digging. If you have clay soil incorporate as much organic matter as you can because this will improve the soil structure. After digging, the winter weather will improve the soil structure so that, come spring, you will be able to break down the soil clogs much more easily.

October is a good month for planting trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants, while the soil is still warm enough for the roots to establish before winter starts. But don't buy any plants that are on the borderline of hardiness. Move evergreen shrubs while the soil is still warm but only move deciduous trees and shrubs when they are dormant.

Make a container for your fallen leaves, let them decompose for a year or two and they've turned into leaf mould, the best organic matter to use as mulch or soil conditioner. Don't let the fallen leaves lie around your plants because they can encourage slugs and snails. Rake up the fallen leaves of your roses to prevent blackspot spores from overwintering in the soil. Burn those leaves or bin them. Do not put them in the compost.

Shrubs like lavatera or Buddleia davididi have to be hard pruned in the spring, but now you can cut back half their height to neaten up your borders..

Plant hedges of evergreen and deciduous plants. Take note that the evergreens must be planted as early as possible this month. If not, you will have to wait until the spring. Meanwhile, the deciduous plants can be planted in the winter if conditions allow. Dig a large trench, fill with a generous amount of organic matter and add bone meal to stimulate the roots. Plant firmly to the same depth as previously planted, and water well if the soil is dry.

Cut back perennials that have finished flowering to discourage diseases from attacking the old growth and to make the garden look tidier. Lift and divide overgrown clumps of perennials. Replant the new pieces after revitalising the soil with organic matter. Dividing

can be done through the winter till spring as long as the soil is not too wet or frozen.

This is the time for the Dahlia tubers to be lifted up and stored in a cool, dry place so that they can dry off thoroughly.

In summary, quite a bit of maintenance this month, getting ready for winter. But as compensation, we have beautiful autumn sunsets and a rainbow of foliage. Enjoy.

**Anne-Marie Klain-Verdegem**



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