

St Giles and Shipbourne
NEWSLETTER



November 2018

OFFICERS OF ST GILES AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

ST GILES

Rector of Shipbourne with Plaxtol: 811081
Rev Dr Peter Hayler Email: RectorSwP@gmail.com
The Rectory, The Street, Plaxtol TN15 0QG

Lay Reader Mr P Brewin 810361
Churchwardens: Ms C Jackson 07729814798
Sir Paul Britton 365794

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Secretary: Mrs M Perry 810797
Treasurer: Mr M Williams 833751
Deanery Synod Rep: Mr N Ward 810525

CHURCH OFFICERS

Safeguarding Miss G Coates 811432
Officer: (Children)
Safeguarding Sir Paul Britton 365794
Officer: (Vulnerable Adults)
Choirmaster: Mr J Young 810289
Electoral Roll: Mr A Boorman 353597
Flower Guild Mrs F Ward 810525
Bell Ringing Sir Paul Britton 365794

SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk: Sarah Huseyin 886402 shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com
Chair: Libby Cohen 07949 591716
Vice Chair: Nick Tyler 811079
Councillors: D Pettengell, V Redman A Razaq
J Sheldrick, J Bate

VILLAGE WEBSITE www.shipbourne.com

SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

Interim Head: Mrs Daters 810344 www.shipbourne.kent.sch.uk

SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Chairman: Curtis Galbraith 763637
Bookings: Helen Leach 07762 241720

SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET

Manager: Bob Taylor 833976

SHIPBOURNE WI

President Margaret Thompson 810789

SHIPBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

Secretary: Mark Fenton 811067

PLAXTOL & SHIPBOURNE TENNIS CLUB

Membership: Cilla Langdon-Down 810338

ST GILES' AND SHIPBOURNE NEWSLETTER

Editor: Lindsay Miles 810439 lindsay_miles@btinternet.com
Advertising: Tish Gourmelon 07966 035492
Copying: Mary Perry 810797

USEFUL POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS

101 Non-urgent attendance, passing information and 24 hr crime reporting
999 Emergencies
01622 690690 For Maidstone office
07772 226006 Mark Thomas, Police Community Support Officer

**HAYWARDS the Butchers,
6 York Parade, Tonbridge**

Tel 01732 355611

*Cheerful and efficient service for all your needs
Meat and meat products, a range of sausages, cheeses, eggs,
ham and much more*

Giving a party?

HAYWARDS will help you plan your catering and all your requirements

(12/16)

TREESERVICES LTD

All aspects of private and commercial tree work undertaken by fully trained and well equipped staff

Fully insured

Free advice and Estimates

Our services include:-

- Hazard Evaluation (Health and safety checks)
 - Cutting back of trees and branches
 - Dangerous trees made safe
 - Crown reduction and thinning
 - Hedge cutting
 - Stump removal
 - Seasoned Logs and wood mulch sold

01732 810933 / 07973 264952

duncan@treeservicesltd.co.uk

Stone Cottage Roughway TN11 9SH

(tbc)

Rector of Shipbourne with Plaxtol
 Rev Dr Peter Hayler
 The Rectory, The Street, Plaxtol TN15 0QG
 Tel: 01732-811081 / E-mail: RectorSwP@gmail.com

PARISH DIARY – NOVEMBER 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	1st	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
Saturday	3rd	4.15-6pm	Shipbourne School Fireworks and Bonfire Night
SUNDAY	4th	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:	Deuteronomy 6 vv 1-9 Hebrews 9 vv 11-14 Mark 12 v 28-34
Thursday	8th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
SUNDAY	11th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		10.50am	Remembrance Service at St Giles Shipbourne
		10.50am	Remembrance Service at Plaxtol Church
		6pm	Beacon Event at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Jonah 3 vv 1-5, 10 Hebrews 9 vv 24-end Mark 1 vv 14-20
Monday	12th	7.30pm	Shipbourne Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall
Thursday	15th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
Friday	16th	7-9pm	Fete thank you drinks in Village Hall
SUNDAY	18th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		12.00pm	Said Communion at Plaxtol Church
		4.00pm	Benefice Community@4 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Daniel 12 vv 1-3 Hebrews 10 vv 11-14, 19-25 Mark 13 vv 1-8
Monday	19th	8pm	Shipbourne Parochial Church Council meeting in Village Hall
Thursday	22nd	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Benefice Playchurch at St Giles Shipbourne
Saturday	24th	9.30-11.30am	Community Breadbasket at Plaxtol Church and FOODBANK COLLECTION weekend
SUNDAY	25TH	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Daniel 7 vv 9-10, 13-14 Revelation 1 vv 4-8 John 18 vv 33-37
Thursday	29th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne

PASTORAL LETTER

SEASONAL SIGNS AND SYMBOLS

November is a time for all sorts of remembrance, from All Saints' day and All Souls' Day to Remembrance Day itself. This year in particular marks the centenary of end of the First World War, and 11th November happens to fall on a Sunday. We shall gather, as usual, at the War Memorials outside both churches at 10.50am and representatives from the whole community in our villages will join in with reading the roll of honour and laying wreaths. All are invited to follow into church for the rest of our Services of Remembrance, in which we shall sing hymns, listen to a reading from the Bible, say prayers, and re-commit ourselves to the cause of peace. The poppy is the main symbol in all of this, and most individuals choose to wear one.

To mark the centenary of the Armistice, Plaxtol Parish Council are planning an evening event to include the lighting of a beacon. Shipbourne's war memorial is marked 1919, commemorating the Treaty of Versailles and so we will be marking this centenary next year. I look forward to meeting many of you on these occasions, and I am working hard to find the right words with which to mark an occasion of such gravity: both for those who see this through the eyes of faith, and for those who don't identify with organised religion. I hope the language of signs and symbols is a beginning:

I'm fairly sure that no-one wears a poppy just because it's a red flower; it stands for something more than nature. It points (as signs do!) to the battlefields of Flanders, and beyond, and to bloodshed and sacrifice of war. When we purchase a poppy and elect to wear it, in public, we participate in a tradition of remembrance; we stand in solidarity with others who do the same, and the sign becomes a symbol. Likewise, I'm fairly sure that the evening beacon is about something more than having a bonfire to burn some wood on a hill-top. The light of the fire shining in the darkness (no-one does beacon in the day-time!) is a sign for many to see; it points towards poignant themes such as hope, peace, commitment, whether or not we identify as religious. Simply turning up with others and gazing up at the beacon is a participation in a symbolic act.

Christians may well take an extra step, in their minds, their hearts and in their prayers, giving thanks to God for the sacrifice of others and the sacrifice of Christ, and aligning the light shining in the darkness as sign of hope, because Christ is our light in a spiritual sense. The extent to which we bind these things together is the extent to which we might call ourselves religious, or not. But it's

important to remember that, amongst the liberties for which our forebears fought and died, is religious liberty. I shall be pleased to be leading the service and preaching in the morning, and I shall be careful not to ram it down anyone's throat in the evening!

Peter Hayler

Rector

Community

Bread

Basket



Saturday 24 November 2018

9:30-11:30am Plaxtol Parish Church

Café style Breakfast

All welcome

FOOD BANK COLLECTION WEEKEND

To all parents with babes-in-arms, toddlers and pre-school children!

Please come to our United Benefice

"PLAYCHURCH"

Everyone welcome! Come and join us!

A Bible story, creative fun followed by drinks and biscuits

Next Dates and Locations:

Thursday 25 October 9.30am at Plaxtol Church

**Thursday 22 November 9.30am at St Giles,
Shipbourne (during the Farmers' Market)**

Collection for Foodbank



Since the former Bishop of Tonbridge's Lenten Appeal on Poverty, the United Benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol have been linked with the Parish of All Saints', Chatham and its Community Project based at the Magpie Centre.

The Project seeks to offer support and resources to the local community as well as linking with other agencies within the Medway area. Among other things the Magpie Centre runs a Café, offers advice and information, helps with CV writing and IT skills. There are lunch clubs, singing, exercise and walking groups, a craft group, after school and youth clubs, as well as a support group for those experiencing Depression and Anxiety.

Community Bread Basket would like to contribute to our link with All Saints' by running a collection of food and household goods each month, which will take place over each Bread Basket weekend. There will be boxes in both Shipbourne and Plaxtol churches throughout each weekend so that people can leave any donations. These will then be delivered to Chatham promptly.

Dates: Oct 27th/28th, Nov 24th/25th, Jan 26th/27th.

Suggested Donations:

Tinned and packet food which is well in date
Cleaning products and toiletries
Children's nappies
Small kitchen equipment
Bedding
Curtains

Thanks!

Donna Hayler



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 28 September 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 anagram 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 anagram quiz and for acting as our Master of Ceremonies. 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, all 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. Over £1,500 was raised for the Benefice.

Kate Symonds & Andy Doughty

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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



LESTER BROWN LTD.

ALL ELECTRICAL WORK UNDERTAKEN
NO JOB TOO SMALL / BIG
FREE ESTIMATES
NO CALLOUT FEE
NICEIC CONTRACTOR
P.A.T. TESTING

T : 07766 657 234
lesterbrownltd@gmail.com



CERAMICS FOR SALE

Ceramic sculptures, animals, birds, wall plaques etc.
Made by Janet Playle

Available to view at Waylands, Back Lane, Shipbourne
(no obligation)

Please telephone in advance 01732 810562





I N SCOPE

COMPLETE PROPERTY SERVICES

www.inscopeinteriors.co.uk

EXTENSIONS, CONVERSIONS, KITCHEN & BATHROOM DESIGN & INSTALLATION

SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT FOR ENTIRE PROJECT

DETAILED, ITEMISED AND COSTED SCOPE OF WORKS

FREE SURVEY AND ESTIMATE

CAD PLANNING

Contact Peter Leach

Tel: 01732 811144 Mob: 07889 362462

References and photo gallery available at
<http://www.checkatrade.com/InscopeManagement Services/>

12/19



The Kentish Rifleman

Dunk's Green, TN11 9RU

A Free House and by far the best pub in Dunk's Green

16th Century Inn serving a good selection of real ales, wines and home cooked food. For more information (also regarding Bed and Breakfast) visit www.thekentishrifleman.co.uk

Bookings always advisable on 01732 810727



LIFE IN SHIPBOURNE 1914 TO 1918.

The villages of Shipbourne and Plaxtol have always been closely associated – even if sometimes in rivalry on the cricket pitch. In the past they were connected by the shared employment afforded by the Fairlawne Estate. The 'big' house and lands straddled both villages and employed most of the labouring poor and domestic workers in this nineteenth century farming community. Although born in one of the villages, the workers may well have lived at some time in an estate house in the other.

The other major 19th century employer in the area was Roughway Paper Mill. Residents of both villages worked at the mill - the men paper handlers, finishers or packers, the women rag workers, sorters or graders. Many of them lived in Dunks Green, the hamlet dissected by the shared parish boundary of Shipbourne and Plaxtol.

The churches of St. Giles and Plaxtol have also always been a focus for the communities. Because of shared employment - and the fact that people were less mobile than they are today - many of the families were also connected by marriage. Some born in one parish may well have got married in the other, their children perhaps christened in one but worshipping in another. Members of the Allcorn, Golding, Martin and Waghorn family, for instance, were just as likely to be found in Shipbourne as Plaxtol.

When war was declared in 1914 brothers often enlisted: among them were Ashbys, Beechings, Cazalets, Cheesemans, Collins, Cunninghams, Deerings, Dicks, Fielders, Heskett, Knowles, Larkins, Jenners and Woods. Sadly, the names on our local war memorials are testament to these close family and social ties. Many names feature on more than one memorial, some feature on none; many men were never found or identified, lucky to be commemorated at all, perhaps, in France or Belgium, Iraq, India or even Africa.



NAMES OF THOSE WHO DIED IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR ON THE SHIPBOURNE WAR MEMORIAL

Private Frederick G. BOOTH, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)

Lance Corporal Walter W. BUTLER, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)

Second Lieutenant Edward CAZALET, Welsh Guards

Second Lieutenant Guy N. COUSANS, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers & Royal Flying Corps

Private, John DICKS, East Surrey Regiment

Private P. Roper DICKS, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)

Private Charles HESKETT, Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment)

Sergeant Frederick T. HESKETT, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment)

Private E. Walter HOWARD, Royal Service Army Corps

Private George S. MARTIN, Suffolk Regiment

Private Edward MAY, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Private Harold J. SYMONDS, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment)

Rifleman Arthur H. WEST, Queen's Westminster Rifles

Lance Corporal Herbert WHARTON, Royal Fusiliers

Private William WRAIGHT, Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)



NAMES OF THOSE WHO DIED IN 'THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918' ON SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL PLAQUE

A. Andrews

F. Boorman

T. Cook

J. Crouch

C. Heskett

F. Heskett

F. Hyder

H. Jenner

G. Martin

A. Parks

H. Parks

A. West

G. Wood

It was not only the immediate family of the men who died that suffered but their wider family too – uncles and aunts, nephews, nieces and cousins – and after WW1 (the Great War) in particular the devastation felt by the entire community in and around Shipbourne was overwhelming.

If a family lost its young men then – apart from the grief – there was the worry: who would provide for their children, who would care for

their parents in old age. Not the State: families were large, houses were small, money was short. And who, under these conditions, was able to look after that ill, injured or disabled soldier who had fought so hard in appalling conditions for his country?

This inevitably fell to the women of the village. Few Shipbourne women of the labouring class had volunteered for war work outside of the village because it was they and their older children who had to take over their domestic husbandry and harvest during the war years and keep food on the table. Shipbourne school log books show when children were given dispensation to help with agricultural tasks. The upper and middle class women of the area also did their bit: they raised money, took in refugees, put on entertainments for troops, worked to improve the home production of food, transported troops by motor car or nursed.

During the research for the an exhibition and living history event in Shipbourne to mark the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War it was discovered that as many as 115 men associated with the village – they were either born in Shipbourne or lived and worked here in 1914 – fought for their country. Of these 45 were killed although only a percentage are commemorated on Shipbourne memorials. Some are commemorated on memorials abroad or on local ones in Plaxtol, Ivy Hatch, Ightham or Tonbridge.

On the 100th anniversary of the ‘end’ to the First World War there will be a small display in St Giles church to remember and pay tribute to those Shipbourne men who fought and those who died in WW1 and a remembrance service to honour all those who have died in service to their country on Sunday 11th November.

Libby Cohen



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 built around three different settings of O Magnum Mysterium, by Palestrina, Victoria and Byrd, interspersed with advent carols some with lesser known settings including Veni Veni Emmanuel, Away in a manger, The truth from above and Adam lay Ybouden.

75 minutes to ponder the wonders of the birth of Jesus.

Free entry with retiring collection to cover costs.

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

SCOTTISH DANCING IN SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Every fortnight in the Village Hall on a Tuesday evening from 7.15 - 9pm. The dates for November are 13th and 27th. If you would like to have a go, just turn up - no advance warning necessary!

Helen Leach

8111444

BULK REFUSE SERVICE (4th Saturday of month)

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

Saturday 27 October 2018

Saturday 24 November 2018

SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Shipbourne Parish Council
Clerk – Mrs Sarah Huseyin
Gable Cottage
Ismays Road
Ightham TN15 9BE
e-mail: shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com
Telephone: 01732 886402

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

VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Shipbourne Parish Council will have a vacancy in December 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)

The Local Plan - Consultation

www.tmbc.gov.uk/localplanreg19

Local Plan - Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Plans)(England) Regulations 2012 will commence on Monday 1st October for a period of 6 weeks closing at 4pm on 19th November. All details, including copies of the relevant documents and information on how to respond, www.tmbc.gov.uk/localplanreg19

M20 Closures – Autumn 2018

Highways England have announced that they will be **closing the M20 between junctions 4 at Leybourne and 6 at Maidstone** from Friday 9 November (evening) to Monday 12 November (morning) to

allow for the demolition and rebuilding of Teapot Lane Footbridge, near Aylesford Station.

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/>

Planning Applications Discussed at the October Meeting

Planning Applications

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

TM/18/02195/TNCA -Remove Conifer. Mallow House, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9PE.

TM/18/02248/FL - Section 73 application: removal of condition 3 (Agricultural occupancy) pursuant to planning permission TM/69/10766/OLD (outline application for an agricultural dwelling adjoining Woodlands). Higlens Farm, Back Lane, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9DP.

Planning Decisions from TMBC - Approved

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

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

Recycling 'Bring' Sites in the Borough - Message from TMBC

As you will be aware, the Borough's new waste and recycling collection service will commence next year, offering a much improved recycling collection service from the home.

Materials collected for recycling will include plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, glass bottles and jars, cans, tins, aerosols and aluminium foil. Paper and cardboard will be collected separately and additional items collected will include textiles, small electricals

and household batteries. Also included is a separate weekly food waste collection and an 'opt-in' chargeable garden waste collection service

This means that usage of many of the recycling bring sites (47 in total) will fall once the new kerbside service starts. This reduction has been demonstrated in other boroughs when a comprehensive kerbside collection is introduced, and the numbers of bring sites have been reduced or removed completely.

Bring sites are expensive to maintain and are very often locations seen as convenient for fly-tippers, adding to the cost of cleansing. Many of our bring banks are also coming to the end of their life and would need replacing in the very near future.

With this in mind, the Borough Council has reviewed the level of provision required following the introduction of the new kerbside services and Members have approved a reduction. We are, however, aware that we need to retain some core sites in the Borough, for those people who live in flats or may have larger volumes of recycling at certain times of the year. The core sites identified to remain are as follows:

Aylesford	Bailey Bridge Car Park
Borough Green	Station Approach
Burham	Village Hall, Rochester Road
Hadlow	Hadlow College, Tonbridge Road
Kings Hill	Asda, Alexander Grove
Larkfield	Morrisons Car Park, New Hythe Lane
Larkfield	Tesco, Lunsford Park
Snodland	Rocford Road Car Park
Tonbridge	Sovereign Way Car Park
West Malling	High Street Car Park

Please be reassured that no bring sites will be removed until the new kerbside recycling services have been fully implemented and at the current time it is anticipated that this will not be until late Summer/early Autumn 2019.

The contractor will be providing new recycling banks for the remaining sites shown above and these banks will 'mirror' the kerbside collections so there will be banks for mixed dry recyclables

– glass, plastics, tins, cans, cartons etc. Usage of the remaining sites will be monitored into 2020 to allow the Council to continue to assess public demand/need.

Mrs Sarah Huseyin - Parish Clerk
e-mail: shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com
Telephone: 01732 886402

SHIPBOURNE WI

It was delightful this month to welcome new members to our WI meeting, but sadly, however, we had to say goodbye to one of our longterm members, Pat Hill, who is moving to Surrey to be nearer to her family.

The talk by Gordon Wright on The Wild Life of Trinidad and Tobago, took us, as one of our members described it, to ‘a hidden world’. Gordon showed us superb photographs of the diverse flora and fauna, and the wide range of exotic birds on the two islands, including the sound of bird song. Gordon’s commentary was both informative and entertaining. We really felt as though we had been part of Lindsay’s and Gordon’s holiday, although we missed out on the street food!

This month the Book Club is reading The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Stedman. The Committee will be meeting again on November 7th, and the main meeting will be on 14th November, when Sir Paul Britton will speak on the subject of “A Life Spent Working with Politicians”. Not to be missed!

Glynis Coates

THE WEATHER IN SEPTEMBER

The average day temp. was 23.7^oc, the average night temp. was 8.5^oc the highest day was Monday. 17th with 28^oc, the lowest night temp. was Saturday 29th with 0.5^oc, total rainfall was 36_{mm}, the average rainfall for September over the last 20 years was 55.2_{mm}, with the highest month being Sept. 2001 with 122_{mm}, and the lowest being Sept. 2014 with 13_{mm}.

Lionel Stielow

SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL NEWS

Now that the half term break is behind us, we are eagerly anticipating our annual Fireworks and Bonfire Party and then the build up to the Christmas season. Children in year R to year 3 are already busily rehearsing songs for this year's Nativity play, and the school choir are working towards a range of carol singing commitments, including joining the West Kent Association of Change Ringers and the Cambridge hand-bell ringers at a carol service in St Giles's Church at the beginning of December. We have recently entered MP Tom Tugendhat's annual Christmas card competition, for which the prize is a visit to Parliament and the printing of the prize card to be sent to constituents.

In November, we also have an Outdoor Learning day planned, where all children will have the opportunity to explore the local environment and have fun getting messy and working in teams to solve problems and complete a range of tasks. This is a key focus for the school year, along with our continued work on famous artists and composers. We are currently learning more about Dvorak and Ennio Morricone and regularly listen to their music as we meet for assembly. The children really enjoy these enrichment days, photos of which can always be found on our website.

The Governing Board continue to play a vital role in leading our school and currently have vacancies for a co-opted (community) governor and a Local Authority governor. If this is something you are keen to do, please give our office a call (01732 810344) or see the advert below.

Brenda Mullinger

SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Shipbourne School is looking for a new Co-opted (formerly "Community") Governor as well as a Local Authority Governor to join its Governing Board.

Ideally, you will have strong links with the local community, as well as an interest in enriching the education of the children at Shipbourne School. We have a number of parents already serving as governors, and whilst this does not preclude parents from applying, we are keen to diversify the personnel within the Governing team.

A musical talent or artistic ability would be welcomed. This would tie in well with the School's termly focus on different artists and musicians.

Being a Governor at Shipbourne is very rewarding, and we would be pleased to receive applications from individuals with enthusiasm to take on the role to work with us to continue the improvement of our already "Good" school.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor, please contact the Clerk to the Governors, Mary-Clare Mark-Davies c/o Shipbourne School, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, TN11 9PB or give the school office a call on 01732 810344.

**SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL PTA
FIREWORKS & BONFIRE NIGHT
SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2018
4.15pm - 6pm**

**Family Ticket (2 x adults, 2 x children): £15
Individual Tickets: Adult £5/Child £3**

Food and drink available to purchase

**Tickets available from the school office 01732 810344
shipbourneschoolpta@gmail.com or from The Chaser Inn**



**All proceeds to Shipbourne Primary School PTA
Registered charity no: 1094459**

SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET

We have a few more new stalls for you to enjoy on the run up to Christmas to make sure there is plenty of variety for you to do all your Christmas shopping at the market

Georgie:- handmade cards from my photography of local places, countryside scenes, animals and nature. I also make my own illustrated cards and felt Christmas decorations.

Speedy Snail (soups) offers the finest and freshest local ingredients to produce an ever expanding range of healthy and delicious fresh soups. Where possible we tie up with producers from the markets to use their ingredients to create seasonal flavours that we hope you enjoy!"

Paula's Hand Made Soaps packed full of luxurious oils that will cleanse your skin with a variety of fragrances and essential oils plus ceramic burners and wax melts with wonderful fragrances to gently scent your room.

Nonsuch shrooms (mushrooms) produces yellow , pink , white , grey , pearl sometimes blue oyster mushrooms as well as sometimes beech mushrooms and king trumpet oyster mushrooms. We use used coffee granules as our substructure and all our packaging is biodegradable

Christmas wreaths will be back again towards the end of November and early December.

Greensand Gin, (and RUM and CASK AGED GIN and APPLE BRANDY!)

Cafezino High Mountain Brazilian coffee

We have also produced our **own Christmas card** this year based on Amanda's painting of the Church in snow.

Game is the meat of choice in November. The season is well under way for pheasant, partridge and wild duck. Venison makes a healthy choice. However, the lower fat content means careful cooking to avoid the meat drying out, so slow cooking is not ideal. Flash frying and grilling are better suited to lean, tender cuts of game. If you want to slow cook for great comfort eating, go for the cheaper cuts of beef, lamb and pork all cook down to wonderful mouthfuls of flavor.

Root vegetables are at their tastiest now and perfect for mashes. 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 venison or roast beef. Brassicas

really come into their own this month. Kale, Spring greens, and all kinds of cabbages are wonderful in stir-fries, soups, and hashes or just steamed with grated nutmeg and a knob of butter! Red cabbage cooked with apple, spices and red wine is another seasonal treat to go with venison, rich pork or maybe a roasted wild duck.

Colder waters make for high quality fish and seafood. Dover sole, turbot and halibut are rightly considered the very finest eating but 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.

STOP PRESS!

We attended the *Kent Life Food and Drink Awards* dinner on Monday 15 October and

For *Best Farmers' Market in Kent* the winner was

.... Shipbourne!

Thanks to all of you who wrote in supporting us and thanks to all our customers, without your support we would not have a local Farmers' Market.



REMINDER:
THANK YOU DRINKS
and light nibbles
for everyone who helped with the
St Giles' Summer Fair
Friday 16 November 2018
7pm-9pm
Shipbourne Village Hall

COOKERY CORNER

PEPPER CRUSTED VENISON STEAKS WITH CELERIAC AND RED ONION MASH

Keiron of **Keiron's Game** always has prime cuts of venison, they need quick fast cooking to be enjoyed at their best. This version of pepper steak is a good way to introduce newcomers to the meat – it should be meltingly tender and full of flavour.

Serve 2 Preparation:- 15 minutes Cook:- 30 minutes

- 1 tsp five pepper blend, coarsely ground
- 2 venison steaks, about 125g each
- 4 tsp cold pressed rapeseed oil, 100ml red wine and 100ml beef or game stock
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme and 2 tbsp juniper jelly

For the celeriac and red onion mash:-

- 1 medium red onion, quartered, small celeriac, peeled and cubed
- 1 clove garlic, 1 large potato, peeled and cubed
- large knob of butter and salt and freshly ground black pepper

Make the mash first. Preheat the oven to 220C/fan oven 200C/gas mark 7. Place the onion in a small pan and sprinkle with the sugar and vinegar. Cook in the oven for 15 – 20 minutes until caramelised. Meanwhile cook the celeriac, garlic and potato in boiling water for 15 – 20 minutes until tender. Drain thoroughly. Return to the pan and mash until smooth. Beat in the butter, onion and seasoning. Keep warm.

Press the crushed pepper onto both sides of the steaks. Heat the oil in a non-stick frying pan and cook the steaks on both sides for 4 - 6 minutes for rare, 8 – 10 minutes for medium and 10 -12 minutes for well done. Remove from the pan and leave to stand in a warm place for the same length of time so the juices can settle.

Add the wine and stock to the pan and simmer for 5 minutes until reduced by half. Whisk on the jelly and simmer till syrupy. Season. Transfer the steaks to warmed plates and spoon over the sauce. Serve with the celeriac mash and steamed broccoli or kale.

A Mary Gwynn recipe

THE GARDEN SHED

November can be a dreary month weather-wise, but before the real winter settles in we must take advantage of the few good spells to finish some important garden jobs.

The work you do now saves you considerable time when spring eventually arrives. If you want to save a lot of time, not only next spring but for many years to come, consider converting your vegetable plot to a deep bed system. This is the “no dig” approach to gardening, popular with many organic gardeners. The idea is to cultivate and improve the soil once, really thoroughly, which encourages soil-dwelling creatures, especially earthworms, which take a mulch of organic matter deep into the soil. This eliminates the need for digging and turning and doesn't interfere with the soil's structure.

November is the month when most plants become dormant and plant growth shuts down for the winter. Some plants begin to flower around now, notably *Viburnum x bodnanteuse* with its exquisite pink flowers, and the winter-flowering autumn cherry (*Prunus subhirtella 'Autumnalis'*) which produces beautiful white blossoms throughout the winter. There is also a pink-flowering variety, '*Autumnalis rosea*.'

Protect tender and newly planted trees and shrubs from frost and cold winds. Bitter winds in freezing temperatures do more harm to plants than a severe frost, damaging foliage through dehydration.

Newly planted shrubs can be protected by packing straw and bracken around them. You can use polythene for temporary protection but it must not touch the foliage of evergreen plants as the moisture condensing onto the polythene will freeze and damage the foliage.

At this time of year, bare-rooted stock of deciduous trees and shrubs can be planted through the dormant season, between November and March. They are cheaper than container grown plants but do check the root system to ensure that they have been lifted with care and are not dried up. Plant them as soon as possible. Make sure all newly planted trees are well-staked and tied. The stake should come up to about a third of the way up the trunk.

Also, bare-rooted roses can be planted now, but it is very important to thoroughly prepare the soil. Plant the rose deep enough so that the point at which it was grafted is about 5cm (2 inches) below

ground level. Try not to plant new roses in the same soil as the old ones to avoid a disease known as rose sickness.

This is the month to plant your tulip bulbs. Tulips are happy in a sunny position and in well-drained soil. If your soil is heavy clay, make sure you dig in some coarse grit for better drainage.

The wonderful thing is that there is no reason not to have beautiful flowers and green shrubs throughout the winter, as you wait for your tulips and countless other plants to wake up and meet the spring.

Anne-Marie Klain-Verdegem



Shipbourne Village Hall
Registered Charity No 1074519

The Hall can be hired for £12.50 per hour with a minimum of 4 hours (£50.00). It has an attractive secure garden with a good gate that can be closed. Inside there is wheelchair access through the rear door, a well-appointed kitchen, the main hall and an adjoining side room plus all usual facilities.

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



Wasp Treatment

Taking the sting out of summer

andy.wasp

Wasp & Wasp nest treatment

Fast, Efficient and Reliable

Tonbridge & surrounding area

Mobile: **07833558773**

Email: andy.wasp@yahoo.co.uk

TN9. TN10. TN11



CHIMNEY SWEEP

E. COLEMAN

Clean, Efficient and
Friendly Service
Traditional Brush and
HEPA Vacuum
Smoke Testing and
Insurance Certificates
Issued
Fully Insured
ICS Registered
Installation Advice

01732 810053

SHIPBOURNE CLASSIFIEDS

Shipbourne Classifieds –Contact Details:

Tish Gourmelon

Tel: 07966 035492 / Email: tishgo@hotmail.com

Simple Domestic and Personal Advertisements, up to four lines, are free to Newsletter readers. This free category includes items for sale or wanted, baby-sitting, dog walking, domestic needs etc.

To ensure Shipbourne Classifieds is kept up to date, each advertisement will be published in the Newsletter for three months and then removed unless requested otherwise.

Business Advertisements are charged at £1 per monthly issue or £10 for a whole year of 12 issues Also available are quarter-page display advertisements, charged at £10 per monthly issue, or £100 for a full year of 12 issues. Business advertisements must be booked and paid for in advance – please see contact details for Tish Gourmelon at the top of this page.

All revenue raised from Shipbourne Classifieds goes towards the printing costs of the Newsletter.

Disclaimer: Please note that the St Giles and Shipbourne Newsletter cannot be held responsible for the quality of the goods or services advertised in the Newsletter.

NEW: WEALD PRE-SCHOOL local pre-school, established for over 50 years, offering a caring, safe and stimulating environment for children to develop friendships and have fun! Experienced and caring staff, spacious hall and garden, safe drop-off area. Open every weekday during term time for children aged 2-5 years old in St Georges Church Hall, Church Road, Weald. Breakfast club available from 7.30am. www.wealdpreschool.co.uk. Contact us on 07453 016132/ 01732 450272 (church hall) weald_preschool@hotmail.com

NEW: MILLS AND BOON BOOKS for sale, very good condition, all new releases this year. £1.00 each one. If interested please ring 07732301967. All proceeds going to charity.

UPDATED: GARDENING SERVICES: Hadlow College and National Trust trained. Regular or one off jobs available. Please call Peter Zoepfel on 01892 836866 or 07845 174936 (10/19)

DOG WALKER. I am a nineteen year old university student back for the holidays offering dog walking services. Whether you need your dog walked or looked after during the day, I'd be happy to help. Philippa 07752 304272

UNLOCK MY PAST: Local Photo, Negative & Slide Scanning, Cine, Video & Audio Transfer Services. We also author slide shows, assist with compiling celebratory photo books, family history services and other related bespoke work. Please view our website www.unlockmypast.com for details or contact us on 0333 011 8514 (local rate call). (05/19)

RUSTIC BIRD BOXES FOR SALE. £8.00 each or two for £15.00. All proceeds go to charity. (www.aquinoe.org).Telephone 01732 365879

BAKING AND CAKES How about a bespoke, unique-to-you cake or sweet? If you're tired of the half-baked flavours available in shops, then design your own! It's easy, just email or call Meg so we can get to know you a bit. Whether you want an occasion cake based on your favourite movie or candy bar, or a delicious pud for Sunday lunch, Little Leo Cakery can help with one of a kind confection perfection. Please get in touch via my website (www.littleleocakery.com) or call me for a chat on 07734659175 (03/16)

LOCAL MUSIC LESSONS: Experienced and enthusiastic violin, piano and music theory teacher now teaching lessons in Shipbourne. Beginners as well as advanced students. Excellent exam results track record. Contact: 01732 810984 or 077898 33740 (05/16)

FREE DELIVERY OF PRESCRIPTIONS - Thompson's Chemist on Riding Lane, Hildenborough offer free delivery of prescriptions in Shipbourne and the surrounding area. Once your doctor has sent us the prescription, we take care of the rest. Call 833433 for details.

CHIROPODIST/PODIATRIST Alice Neale BScHons MChS, HCPC registered. Effective and caring foot care provided at my clinic in Hildenborough or home visits by arrangement. Established 10 years +. Please call 01732 832524

DOMESTIC GODDESS is a family run business offering cleaning, ironing and housekeeping support. We provide a professional, experienced, reliable and fully insured service and are committed to delivering the highest standard of work. We'd be happy to hear from you on 07746 488449 or see our website www.domesticgoddessuk.co.uk (04/16)

LOCAL BABYSITTER: My name is Alice Tyler, I am 17 years old and live on the Shipbourne green. I am an experienced babysitter and am free most weekends and also some weekdays. I am fun and responsible and am very happy to cook, play games and read stories. I am also able to drive. Please contact on: 07521832752 or 01732811079

EXPERIENCED LOCAL BABYSITTER with own transport. 20 years old, has been babysitting for several years and is confident and good with children of all ages. References available. Available during the University holidays from 5th December. Please phone Amy Wadsworth on 07514819430

DOG GROOMING KENT - Sue Angliss your local pet groomer based in Plaxtol both Salon Details Certified and City & Guilds qualified. Find me on FB or www.doggroomingkent.co.uk. Please call 01732 811023 (01/17)

HAIR BY SHARON - Mobile hairdresser, for prices or to make an appointment please call 01732 773043 (05/19)

TONBRIDGE OSTEOPATHIC CLINIC AT PEAK FITNESS GYM. Osteopathy for all ages and all problems. www.tonbridgeosteopathicclinic.co.uk / 01732 369928 £10 discount off 1st appointment when you mention this newsletter!

BROADBAND: www.TheBroadbandEngineer.co.uk 07504 170 951 gary.foard@projectbroadband.co.uk Broadband optimisation. Wired Ethernet extensions & more. (03/17)

MULTI-SKILLED TRADESPERSON, SHIPBOURNE BASED, with over 30 years' experience. References available. Animal Enclosures, Carpentry, Disabled Adaptations, Fencing, Floor Laying, Plumbing, Tiling, Tree Surgery, no job too small, Free estimates. Please contact Martin on 07851105739 Email: martincruise4@gmail.com (12/16)

SALLY OSBORNE – ELECTRICIAN: NAPIT Part P approved. All domestic electrical work undertaken. To arrange a free quote please contact me on 07710 443079 or email salvioz@blueyonder.co.uk (03/17)

DAVID ROWE Plumbing & Heating, a reliable engineer for all your domestic requirements including: boiler installation, servicing and repairs, full heating systems, radiators, hot water cylinders, power-flushing, gas fires, gas cookers, bathrooms. Please contact David, 07715266311 or email droweph@virginmedia.com (03/17)

YEW TREE & GARDEN SERVICES provide a complete solution to all your tree and gardening needs. Please visit us at www.yewtreeandgarden.co.uk. For garden enquiries please call Simon on 07864 829587, for tree work please call Christian on 07711 783580. NPTC Qualified & Public Liability insured. (12/16)

KINDLING: Split softwood quality kindling sticks, neatly cut and bagged in large green or orange nets. These barn stored seasoned sticks are ideal for lighting woodburners, log fires or barbecues. £5 each or 3 nets for £12. C.O.D. Free delivery in Shipbourne. Ring Cilla on 810338

LOCAL WASP NEST TREATMENT: Fast, efficient, reliable. Andy Wasp 07833 558773

PRIVATE TUTOR: Matthew Worby, 3rd year Neuroscience BSc undergraduate at Bristol Uni. Will provide Biology and Chemistry revision/prep support up to GCSE level. Shipbourne based. Please call 07885730031 or email matthewworby1@gmail.com (07/17)

VEHICLE REPAIRS and maintenance. Local mechanic with 30 years experience. No job too large or too small on any make of vehicle, lawn mowers etc I have a fully-equipped van so can offer a mobile service. Call Fred on 07714749754 (12/16)

NEED ASSISTANCE with your tax return? Worried about tax? Let me help. Friendly and personal assistance from a specialist. Call John Foster-Powell FCCA on 01732 810661 or 07914 855035 to arrange a meeting to suit you. Free initial consultation.

B AND B holiday accommodation in self-contained oast house in the heart of Shipbourne village. Visit www.bearmanoroast.co.uk For further details phone 01732 811256 or e-mail [BearManorOast@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: BearManorOast@hotmail.co.uk)



