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NEWSLETTER



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PARISH DIARY – JANUARY 2019

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.

SUNDAY The Epiphany	6th	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:	Isaiah 60 vv 1-6 Ephesians 3 vv 1-12 Matthew 2 vv 1-12
SUNDAY	13th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Isaiah 43 vv 1-7 Acts 8 vv 14-17 Luke 3 vv 15-17, 21-22
Monday	14th	7.30pm	Shipbourne Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall
Thursday	17th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles Shipbourne
SUNDAY	20th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles Shipbourne
		12.00pm	Short Communion at Plaxtol Church
		4.00pm	Benefice Community@4 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Isaiah 62 vv 1-5 1 Corinthians 12 vv 1-11 John 2 vv 1-11
Monday	21st	8.00pm	Shipbourne Parochial Church Council meeting in the Village Hall
Thursday	24th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Benefice Playchurch at Plaxtol Church
Saturday	26th	9.30-11.30am	Community Breadbasket at Plaxtol Church – featuring bread making competition (see ad)
SUNDAY	27th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Nehemiah 8 vv 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 1 Corinthians 12 vv 12-31a Luke 4 vv 14-21
Thursday	31st	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne

PASTORAL LETTER

ON THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS...

We all know 'The twelve days of Christmas' - even if we do most of our celebrating during Advent (and then wonder there's an anticlimax on 27th Dec!). But what happens on the 13th day of Christmas... well, it's the next great feast day of the Christian Calendar: Epiphany. This year Epiphany falls on a Sunday, and the season runs on for four weeks

Epiphany is a strange word - its literal meaning being 'showing through' or 'manifestation'. We begin with the visit of the magi (which also gets compressed into Advent and Christmas, even though it has its own special day). The Magi represent people of all different nations, beliefs and world views who come to recognise Jesus as a King, and who offer mysterious gifts of homage, recognising Jesus' kingship, his deity and his destiny of suffering and death. Other stories told during Epiphany usually include the Baptism of Jesus, his first miracle turning water into wine at a wedding and, back to his childhood, the presentation of him in the temple at Jerusalem as a first-born son, where Simeon and Anna, elderly prophetic characters, greet him with a similar recognition of his significance and destiny: "A light to lighten the gentiles, and the glory of God's people, Israel"

So a rounded view of Epiphany points us to the theme of mission, the way the church engages with the world around, and goes out into the world, amongst people of different belief and world-view, to proclaim in word and action the saving work of Christ.

In Shipbourne, the Farmers' Market is hosted by the church week on week, as a way of expressing the importance of community, characterising the essence of self-giving service, and binding an otherwise thinly spread district by the love of neighbours. It has been great, in 2018, to see the market recognised as the best in Kent, and we are looking forward to what the future holds.

Links with Shipbourne Primary are also developing, through fortnightly assemblies, occasional RE lessons, and end-of-term services in church. As the working relationships deepen, so do the opportunities for mission. It was a thrill to have the school choir sing for the Bell-ringers' Carol Service that we hosted in early December, and I look forward to what the new year will bring.

2019 will certainly have its own character, its own ups and downs. We have plans developing for the late Spring/early Summer to do with the centenary of the Treaty of Versailles, which our War Memorial commemorates. We look forward to developing all our bonds with the wider community.

Peter Hayler

Rector

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 24 January 2019 - 9.30am

at St Giles, Shipbourne

COMMUNITY BREAD BASKET



SATURDAY 26TH JANUARY
from
9:30 to 11:30 in PLAXTOL CHURCH

Café style breakfast – all welcome

TO CELEBRATE OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY,
WE ARE HOLDING A ...

BREAD MAKING COMPETITION!

Open to all, there are three categories:

- any bread made in a bread maker
- a white, handmade, farmhouse loaf
- novelty bread - go wild - be creative!
(11 & under and adults)

10am Deadline for entries

10.45am Judging and presentation of awards

(Are you a Star Baker?!?)



For further information, please email Donna Hayler at
donnahayler64@gmail.com

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: 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



IAN BOWLES

My husband Ian died at the beginning of November from a very aggressive neurological disease that took his life within five weeks. He had numerous tests and scans at Kings College Hospital in London for two weeks, the diagnosis, and then the final week in the Hospice in the Weald. As you can imagine I am still in shock and disbelief as at the end of September we were on a walking holiday on the Isles of Scilly with no major signs of a problem.

Ian was a professional Wildlife Artist and we lived at Yew Tree Cottage adjoining the Village Hall for over 20 years and opening our Studio and garden for various weekends in the summer some through the NGS Open Gardens scheme with other gardens in Shipbourne. He has had a very successful career over 40 years exhibiting locally at The Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve for 23 Annual one-man Exhibitions and exhibitions in London for the Moorland and Tyron Galleries, the Medici Gallery and Hancocks of Burlington Arcade exhibiting his wildlife watercolours and detailed sculptures of birds in bronze and silver. We exhibited his work at Chelsea Flower Show for 24 years meeting and selling to customers from all over the world, and also a highlight to Prince Philip, a large painting of Partridge which we know hangs at Sandringham today, plus other small game bird studies.

Ian did a lot of commissioned work for the a National Trust, World Wildlife Fund, the Medici Society and a long relationship with the RSPB who have commissioned over 20 years of calendars. We also produced our own calendar the Artist's Studio Calendar for several years which many of you have enjoyed. He has left behind a fantastic legacy of paintings and sculptures by which he will be remembered, and which will be enjoyed forever by so many. Ian had a fantastic warm personality and enthusiasm for his art and subject matter and loved life with a passion enjoying the countryside around Shipbourne and lately Plaxtol with his springer spaniels and our current cocker spaniel Snipe.

We had an amazing funeral for him at St. Giles on Tuesday 4th December with a New Orleans Jazz Band leading the coffin across the Village Green and a packed church of family and friends, including Dame Kiri te Kanewa who has been a friend and collector of Ian's work for several years. A thank you to Rev. Peter Hayler for a memorable service and his care of the family.

Sue Bowles

p.s. Copies of Ian's last calendar for 2019 are still available from our website ianbowleswildlifeartist.com or our email ianbowles.wildlife@btinternet.com

IAN BOWLES - BIRDWATCH

Some of you will remember that Ian wrote a Birdwatch for the Newsletter for several years and as a tribute to him we are repeating one of his articles. This particular one he wrote following a harrowing few days staying in London whilst his wife Sue underwent gamma knife treatment in a London Hospital following her brain hemorrhage 13 years ago.

A BIRDWATCH IN EXHILE

- A countryman in London, a personal view

A pale grey colourless sky breaks on a London skyline as three steel-coloured feral pigeons shuffle and cough their way along a pavement to all the world like three old men on their way to the Out-Patients Department of The Royal London Hospital at Whitechapel where we have been guests for the last few days. Nestling deep in London's East End, a land of so many cultures and so many accents, this relatively young hospital, its origins only go back to the 16th century, unlike Barts, the much grander neighbor whose grand exterior boasts a creation dating from the twelfth century. The hospital starts to come to life, a warren of corridors fill with different uniformed works whilst outside an anthill of activity seems to activate with seemingly no sense of direction or purpose and I find myself looking at the burka clad woman on reception whilst my mind escapes back to my world away existence in the sleepy hamlet of Shipbourne.

Outside, tiny areas, courtyards and garden patches offer some semi-natural refuge for wildlife. Crouched upon a large plane tree behind the hospital a blackbird sings the blues. I listen for the dawn chorus, but if it did happen then it was lost to the other dawn chorus that lasts all year, day in, day out, the sound of London coming to life.

The taxi collects us and slowly finds a way through the slow-moving traffic to Charing Cross station. Here many more respectable bowler-hatted, brief-cased pigeons strut on the station concourse discussing the FT index or the price of corn. The train departs and without delay we are whisked through the suburbs, a long long dark tunnel and suddenly this magic feeling of escape, the North Downs, the Vale of Homesdale, I am an escaped POW, I have reached Switzerland, I have made the countryside.

We drive across The Green, we have been away three days and I have missed it terribly, familiar faces with familiar dogs amble around the perimeter. A gloriously gold-studded pheasant, now safe from the guns of autumn proudly presents himself to a female pheasant as he embarks on the real thing of life that of breeding. The millennium daffodils now poke their heads through on the common, the buds of the blackthorn break in the hedgerow. We make our driveway, our year of hospitals is over and I'm on a high, the drifts of snowdrops gleam their welcome, two Billy Bunter shaped robins throw orange waistcoated chests at one another on top of the yew columns and a song thrush perched in the ash tree sings arias from Carmen and Madam Butterfly and I am so so happy to be back in our beautiful Shipbourne!

Ian Bowles



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SCOTTISH DANCING IN SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Scottish Dancing will resume on Tuesday 22 January 2019, 7.15pm-9pm – just in time for Burns Night! No experience necessary – please come along and have some fun.

Helen Leach

811144

POPPY APPEAL 2018

Organisers Sean & Anne Waddingham would like to thank all who helped with and contributed to the RBL Poppy Appeal in this special centenary commemoration year. In Shipbourne, Plaxtol and Hadlow almost £9000 was raised, a record amount for our area. Your continued support of veterans and their families is very much appreciated.

SHIPBOURNE WI

Shipbourne WI will return in next month's Newsletter.

A DATE FOR YOUR 2019 DIARY!

The Plaxtol Players announce their new Production

An hilarious farce entitled

'Old Actors Never Die – They Just Lose the Plot'

Friday 29th and Saturday 30th March 2019

Plaxtol Memorial Hall.

Further details to follow in next issue.

SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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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 the Parish Clerk.

VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Shipbourne Parish Council currently has a vacancy following the retirement of Cllr Cohen. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk for further details

LOCAL ELECTIONS 2019

Elections for your local Council will be held in May 2019. Find out what Town & Parish Councillors can do and how to stand for election from your local council or from the Kent Association of Local Councils. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further details

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Please note that there is a new Parish Noticeboard in the refurbished bus shelter on Upper Green Road. The current noticeboard outside the Village Hall is no longer fit for purpose and will be removed in the New Year. All Parish notices including the Parish Council Agenda will be posted on the new noticeboard. All other information including Minutes will be posted on our website **www.shipbourne.com** and are available from the Parish Clerk.

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)

Beware of doorstep callers selling household cleaning products
We have received reports of doorstep callers attempting to sell household cleaning products in Kent. The callers often claim to be ex-offenders who additionally say they are part of a rehabilitation scheme helping them to get 'back on their feet' but these schemes very rarely exist and are not arranged by probation services or other organisations trying to find people work.

To conduct door-to-door selling, a person need to be in possession of a pedlars certificate.

Purchasing goods from a doorstep caller can lead to you being overcharged for poor quality products.

Never agree to work or pay cash to someone you have just met on your doorstep.

If you feel afraid or threatened by a doorstep caller phone Kent Police on 101.

Please look out for neighbours and report any suspicious doorstep callers

KCC NEW WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE 2019

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council in partnership with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council have awarded an eight-year contract for a new recycling and waste collection and street cleansing service to Urbaser Ltd, a resource and waste management company.

The new contract, which will begin on 1st March 2019 in Tonbridge and Malling and on 30th March 2019 in Tunbridge Wells, will see Urbaser Ltd providing a greatly improved recycling service to 101,000 homes as well as street cleansing services across both boroughs.

Initially services will continue as normal. There are significant logistical arrangements required to introduce the new improved recycling services and our contract specifically provides for a 'bedding in' period for a number of months.

'Frequently Asked Questions' regarding the service are now on their website <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/recycling,-rubbish-and-waste/household-waste-information-and-advice/new-improved-recycling-collections-2019> These will be updated as more information becomes available.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT GRANT SCHEME

KCC has just launched a second round of funding for capital grants for Parishes to establish their own community transport schemes.

KCC's Community Transport Toolkit which is available on the KCC website on the community transport page:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/community-transport>

If you think that there would be sufficient interest in setting up a scheme, please email the Parish Clerk. The Deadline has just been extended to 28th February 2019.

LIBRARIES CONSULTATION

A consultation has started on the draft Kent County Council Libraries, Registration and Archives strategy for the next three years, including a proposal to tier libraries and review library opening hours. ***One of the proposals is to reduce the opening hours of Borough Green Library from 40 hours per week to 28. The mobile library services and routes will also be reviewed.***

As you may have seen in the local media, Kent County Council is looking at the future direction of Library, Registration and Archive services so that we can build a sustainable service for the future that maximises the positive benefits it can deliver.

The public consultation will run until **29 January 2019** and we wanted you to be aware of this and encourage you to consider the draft strategy as we are keen for feedback from your perspective. We want to hear everyone's views before a formal decision is taken.

The draft strategy and the consultation questionnaire can be found online at www.kent.gov.uk/lrastrategy or paper copies are available in all Kent Libraries, Register Offices & Gateways.

They will also be running 20 drop-in sessions across the county in libraries where people can come and speak to our team about the proposals. You will find all the dates and times of these online.

They want to hear from as many people as possible. Please help spread the word by sharing details of the consultation with your service users, staff and partners.

Should you have any specific questions about the proposal and how this might affect you or your partnership with us, please do not hesitate to contact KCC directly by emailing iraconsultation@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 413131.

The deadline for responses is 29 January 2019.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Shipbourne Parish Council will be looking at Climate Change in 2019 and the topic will feature on our monthly agenda and will be considered in our responses to planning applications. If you have any ideas or are involved in any schemes to help address climate change we would love to hear from you.

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THE WEATHER IN NOVEMBER

The average day temp. was 13.1^oc, average night temp. was 4.6^oc, highest day temp. was 18^oc, lowest night temp. was -2. 5^oc, total rainfall was 105.5_{mm}, with the average for the last 20 years for November 93.4_{mm}, the highest being November 2009 with 237_{mm}, and the lowest being November 1999 with 42_{mm}. So-far the forecast looks mild, let's hope it stays that way.

Lionel Stielow

SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL NEWS

What a fabulous few weeks we enjoyed at the end of last term! This year's Nativity was the best yet, and we were so impressed with the quality of the performances: thanks went to all the hardworking staff and children involved. The choir were also very busy, performing beautifully at the West Kent Bell Ringers' Carol Service at St Giles Church and at the Farmers' Market. Our next performance will be at the O2 at the end of January. Once again we are all eagerly anticipating joining hundreds of other school choirs at such an exciting event. For our annual trip to the pantomime, this year at the Assembly Halls, Tunbridge Wells, we saw an enchanting performance of Sleeping Beauty. This was followed by a lovely afternoon sharing a range of board games together. Our term finished with our Christmas Party and PTA Film Night, with a special guest in attendance, and our Christmas Service at St Giles Church.

The spring term began with all joining together for a Creative Day focusing on art inspired by poetry. These Creative Days always produce delightful pieces, which are displayed around the school. During January, Hampton Class will be visited by a drama company to help them understand the Romans, while Tinley Class will be discover more about Space. Fairlawne Class will focus on learning about the Normans, with a visit later in the term to Tonbridge Castle.

We continue to enjoy fortnightly visits from Rev Peter Hayler and are very grateful for his support and the kind generosity of all at St Giles for the recent gift to the school of a Coomber PA system with integrated CD player. This has proved invaluable during our Church services and performances. We look forward this term to learning more about the stories Jesus told and readying ourselves for Lent.

Should you wish to become involved in life at Shipbourne School, we still have one position on our Governing Body available. Please do call the school office if you would like more information.

Brenda Mullinger

BULK REFUSE SERVICE (4th Saturday of month)

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

Saturday 26 January 2018

SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET: 'MAKE IT LOCAL' A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO KEEP THROUGH THE YEAR

Although our shopping year hasn't finished I write this article, the numbers visiting the market in 2018 are still good compared to most previous years apart from 2017 which was a 5 year record but we are not far off i.e. over 7000. This reduction was mainly due to the terrible weather we experienced in the first quarter last year (snow, remember that!) but we made up for it with excellent weather during the rest of the year.

The year ended up on a high note with finding more interesting stallholders (soup, mushrooms, beer, coffee, cheese and crafts). We also won the best Farmers Market category in Kent Life's Food and Drink awards. We have also reached the national finals of the Farm Retail Association Awards (Farmers Market category) We will find out the winner in February.

After the excesses of the Christmas period, healthier menus should be on your minds. So it's time to go minimal in the kitchen and enjoy simple clean dishes that satisfy the senses. The brassica family neatly fits the bill. **Kale, Savoy cabbage, sprouts and spring greens** are all full of flavour now and don't need to be boiled to death. Quite the opposite as they work perfectly in stir fries, hearty soups and curries, or just serve them simply shredded and steamed tossed with a little seasoning and a dash of cold pressed rapeseed oil. Mark Twain called **cauliflower** 'cabbage with a college education' and it certainly is a vegetable that deserves more than just a cheesy sauce. Try it in soups, fritters, or steamed then tossed in pan with olive oil, chopped anchovies and garlic with some chilli for a quick pasta sauce. Main crop **potatoes, Jerusalem artichokes, parsnips, celeriac, swede and turnips** provide the starch that keeps us going in the cold so mash them together, season well and serve with slow cooked meat dishes.

Fish fits perfectly into a healthier diet. **Lemon sole, halibut, skate and turbot** are all good now when the seas are cold. – try them simply cooked on a griddle with a little oil to prevent sticking and finish with a squeeze of lemon juice. **Venison** is plentiful and, with its lean flesh and high mineral content, is marvellous for those watching waistlines. The feathered game season comes to a close around the end of the month so now is a good time to use **wild duck or pheasant** in a casserole or pie.

See more details on www.Shipbournefm.co.uk. **The market will start again on 17th January 2019.**

COOKERY CORNER

BAKED SEA BASS WITH POTATOES, PEPPERS AND PRESERVED LEMONS

It works with either fillets or whole fish and all you need is a salad or steamed green veg such as broccoli for a healthy meal.

Serves 2

Prep 10 minutes

Cook 40 minutes

- 300g waxy potatoes, scrubbed and thinly sliced
 - 1 red pepper, seeded and sliced
 - 1 preserved lemon, roughly chopped
 - 1 large clove garlic, finely chopped
 - 3 fresh bay leaves, torn in half
 - 2 sea bass fillets (about 150 – 200g each), skin left on
 - 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
1. Preheat the oven to 200C gas mark 6. Put the potatoes, pepper, lemon, garlic and bay leaves in a bowl with half the olive oil and seasoning and toss together to combine. Spread over the base of a roasting pan or baking dish that will fit the fish fillets neatly. Bake in the oven for 25 – 30 minutes until nearly tender and starting to brown at the edges.

 2. Remove from the oven and turn the potatoes carefully to bring any unbrowned bits to the surface. Arrange the fish fillets on the top, skin side up. Drizzle with the remaining oil and return to the oven for 10 -12 minutes until the fish is cooked through. Serve on warmed plates with a green salad and a glass of chilled white wine.

Recipe by Mary Gwynn who is now Chairman of Penshurst Farmers Market. Mary is a local author and food writer and 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.

THE GARDEN SHED

Before anything else, I would like to wish all my readers a warm and joyful holiday season and a Happy New Year filled with lots of gardening enjoyment.

January is generally the coldest month of the year but it is also the time to admire the interesting silhouettes of bare branches, the textures of bark and the bright winter stems of the cornus. Strong winds are a regular January feature so it is important to make sure that young trees and shrubs are well staked.

Cold air is heavier than warm air and always seeks its lowest level, so bear in mind when planting fruit trees as the flowers may emerge damaged in the spring. Also be careful not to walk on the lawn when it is frosted over.

A walk around your garden on a January day can reveal many surprises. Two of the happiest ones are the beautiful carpets of snowdrops and the yellow winter aconite. Amongst the standouts: the stunning white flowers of the *Helleborus niger*.

Scent is another bonus provided by many winter-flowering plants such as *chimonanthus*, *Viburnum x bodnanteuse* and *sarcococca*.

Another nice chore to occupy yourself with at this time of the year is to sip a glass of wine by the fireside and have a good browse through the seed catalogues.

One last appeal: let's not forget our garden birds, who now need help finding food and water and certainly deserve some feeders and a reliably filled water source.

Anne-Marie Klain-Verdegem

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the February newsletter by the 17 January 2019. . 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.



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 01732 811144 or 07762 241720 or email shipbourne.villagehall@gmail.com

Further details can be found on the Shipbourne website
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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: FABS Fitness Classes for Older Adults covering **FLEXIBILITY, AEROBIC, BALANCE and STRENGTH**, enjoyable, effective exercises accessible to everyone, can be done seated or standing. Age or ability are not barriers to an active lifestyle. OSH Hadlow - Tues 10.30am, Golden Green Hall Tues 12.30pm, Nettlestead - Wed 12.00 noon. Seated Class OSH Hadlow starts Tues 15th Jan 2.15pm, Seated Class Wateringbury Jan date TBC – Register today! Call: Carol 07941345001 Email: carol.welfare@moveitorloseit.co.uk TASTER CLASS FREE (£5.00 per session thereafter) (12/19)

IF YOU NEED HELP with personal household costs or club activity details, I can help to organise your data in easy-to-understand spreadsheets to ease your workload and improve your presentation - charged @ £10/hr. Please contact Nick on 07784 231127 to discuss your requirements. (10/19)

FOR SALE – RANGE ROVER AUTOBIOGRAPHY – full service history, excellent condition, many accessories. £4200 OVNO. Please call Gary on 07864 837958 (02/19)

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

MILLS AND BOON BOOKS for sale, very good condition, all new releases this year. £1.00 each ono. If interested please ring 07732301967. All proceeds going to charity. (01/19)

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!

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)

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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 barbeques. £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)

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