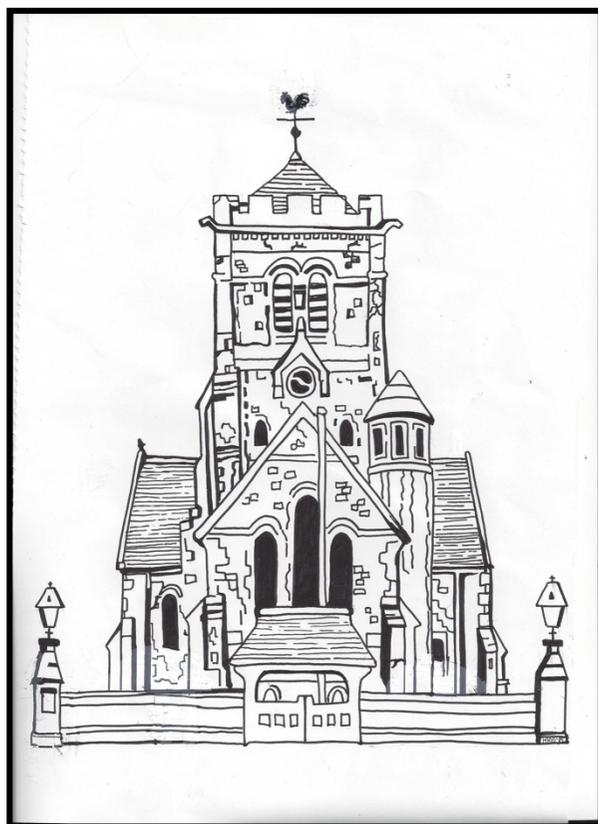


St Giles and Shipbourne NEWSLETTER



September 2021

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PARISH DIARY – OCTOBER 2021

Except where indicated below, the main morning service at ST GILES, SHIPBOURNE is at 9.30am. Every weekday at 8.00am Morning Prayer will be said at Plaxtol and every weekday evening (except Friday and Saturday) at 4.30pm Evening Prayer will be said at St Giles, Shipbourne.

St Giles Shipbourne is open for organ practice and private prayer daily except Mondays from 9.00am to 3.00pm <http://shipbourne.com/st-giles-church/>

SUNDAY <i>18th after Trinity</i>	3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Harvest Festival Service with Family Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Genesis 2: 18-24; Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12; Mark 10: 2-16
Thursday	7th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Friday	8th	7.30pm	Harvest Supper, Home Farm Barn, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>19th after Trinity</i>	10th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15; Mark 10: 17-31
Thursday	14th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>20th after Trinity</i>	17th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Community@11 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Isaiah 53: 4-end; Hebrews 5: 1-10; Mark 10: 35-45
Thursday	21st	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>Last after Trinity</i>	24th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Hebrew 7: 23-end; Mark 10: 46-end (St Giles readers and readings to be arranged)
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
Thursday	28th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>All Saints'</i>	31st	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Morning Worship at Plaxtol Church
		6.00pm	Benefice Choral Evensong for All Souls'
		Readings:	Wisdom 3: 1-9; Mark 12: 28-34

Note from the Rector:

We are pleased to be back to a full programme of services in church on Sundays. These gatherings remain subject to Government restrictions and the Church of England's "Recovery Group" guidelines. Any events that we have planned in anticipation of new freedoms remain provisional.

**SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
 COVID-19 HELPLINE**

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**We are opening again!!
 Community Bread Basket**



9:30 - 11:30 on Saturday 23rd October
In Plaxtol Parish Church

Café style Breakfast

All welcome

**United Benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol
 Collections for Chatham Foodbank**

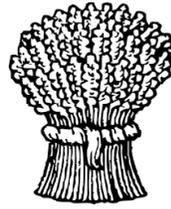
Boxes will be placed in both our churches over the fourth weekend of each month for donations of food and toiletries, to coincide with our Community Bread Basket event.

Next date: 27th November

PASTORAL LETTER

HARVESTS... OF THE EARTH, AND OF THE HEART

As the hours of daylight dwindle and the autumn draws in, we celebrate the harvest – or should I say harvests, in the plural. As we publish this October edition, Shipbourne will have celebrated its Harvest Festival already (26th Sept) and Plaxtol will be on the cusp of this seasonal favourite – the service being set for 11am on Sunday 3rd October.

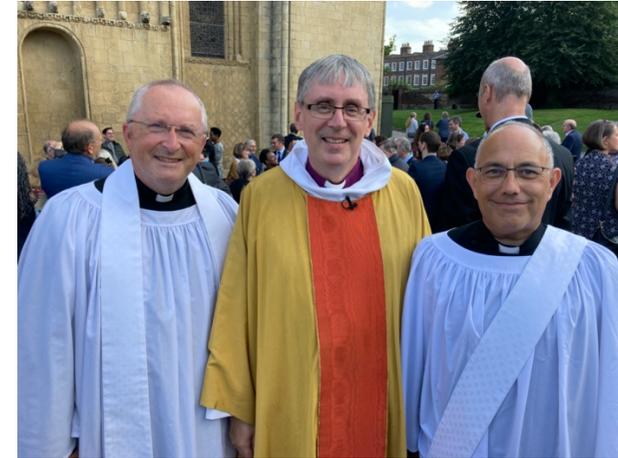


The Harvest Supper is also just days away, too (Fri 8th). We're grateful to Fairlawne Estate and the staff at Home Farm for their generosity in letting us use the Forrester's Barn, and to those in both parishes who work hard to bring this event into being. We're thrilled to be able to 'go-again' with this sociable seasonal favorite after missing it last year due of the pandemic. Tickets may still be available from Plaxtol Village Store or Shipbourne Farmers' Market. The Friends of Plaxtol Church are also putting on a Barn Dance in the same venue, the very next evening (Sat 9th) – look out for a jig, a reel or a Circassian Circle!

Harvests of the heart? I'm talking about the way things can take new shape when we respond to God's call, in our hearts and in our lives. People are called to all sorts of things, usually in line with their gifts and talents, but sometimes to unexpected avenues of service and even to ordained ministry in the Church. My own journey in ministry has not been in any way straightforward: I've been an Evangelist, then a Deacon and now a Priest, and I've served in industrial and Higher Education chaplaincies as well as in the parish setting. Likewise, Mark, our newly ordained Curate has a full-time professional role in IT within a Higher Education setting, and yet has responded to God's call in his heart, taking different turns along his journey and undertaking a substantial amount of theological study, bringing him at last to us. As this month's magazine is published, Mark will indeed be newly-ordained, a Deacon for the forthcoming year, so settling into that role within the time constraints that this professional and family life allows. We give thanks to God for this harvest of the heart, as we look forward to working with Mark and receiving from him new gifts from God's great storehouse of love and grace.

Peter Hayler, Rector
RectorSwP@gmail.com

MARK PACKER



**Mark Packer's Ordination at Deacon by Simon, Bishop of Tonbridge
25th September 2021, Rochester Cathedral**

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2021

We're pleased to confirm that our collectors will be back out in the community this year to raise vital funds for the Poppy Appeal. Every poppy counts, and your contribution will make a real difference to the lives of the Armed Forces community who have given so much for their country. This year's appeal launches on 28th October until Remembrance Sunday on 14th November. We're looking for collectors to help us in your area, so if you can spare an hour or two, please call your local Poppy Appeal Organisers **Sean & Anne Waddingham** on **01732 850048**.

The Shipbourne and Plaxtol Benefice

Harvest Supper

Friday 8th October 2021

7.30 for 8.00pm, Home Farm Barn

We are grateful that Fairlawne has once again very kindly offered the use of the magnificent Home Farm Barn on **Friday 8th October** to celebrate Harvest Festival, together with our neighbours in Plaxtol.

Tickets for the Harvest Supper will be available to purchase from **9th September 2021** from either Shipbourne Farmers' Market (Thursdays 9-11am) or from Plaxtol General Stores. An allocation of tickets will also be available to purchase at church services in the benefice.

Prices are unchanged at £10.00 for adults and £5.00 for children (12 and under). This includes food and entertainments.

We need volunteers please to make shepherd's pies, vegetarian dishes, salads and apple crumbles (a dish designed to feed 8 people is ideal) and, as usual, we would kindly ask people to bring the food with them directly on the evening and hot items will be placed straight on the hot plates in the barn. If you are able to help please let us know - it is so much easier when people volunteer rather than us having to ask (and always appreciated!). We also welcome any help to set the tables in the barn on Friday lunchtime from 1.30pm and to clear up after the event.

A list for food and volunteering will be put up at the back of both St Giles' Church and Plaxtol Church so do please sign up if you are able to help.

There will be a raffle on the evening, with funds going to the Church. If you would like to donate any prizes please contact either Andy Doughty or Viv Packer who are organising the supper. They can be contacted on 07801 039807 or 07768 397936 or by email at andrew.doughty135@btinternet.com or viv.packer@thepackerpartnership.com.

Please remember that it is not possible to heat the Barn so **please wrap up warmly** and remember we use straw bales as seats so you may wish to bring a cushion. You will also need cash for the pay bar and raffle.

Please check www.shipbourne.com and @shipbournevillage on Facebook for further updates.

Given last year's supper could not take place due to Covid, we are delighted the supper can take place this year and will enable guests to celebrate a return to some form of normality.

We look forward to seeing you all!

SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The contact details for the Parish Council are:

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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.

PARISH MEETINGS

The Parish Council are now meeting face to face. Our meetings take place on the second Monday of each month (except August) at 7pm and the agenda will be posted a few days beforehand on the noticeboard in the bus shelter opposite The Chaser and on the Parish website. If you have anything that you would like to raise or would like to join the meeting, please email the Parish Clerk shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com. Please visit our website www.shipbourne.com for further details.

POLICE

Please report any criminal activity to Kent Police <https://www.kent.police.uk/> or via 101 for non-emergencies. At this time of year, please be aware that there is usually a rise in shed and outbuilding break-ins, please report anything suspicious.

FLY TIPPING

Please report online How to report:
www.tmbc.gov.uk/do-it-online
waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There are new guidelines on responding to planning applications. The Parish Council now has 21 days to respond to applications which means that the deadline for some applications may fall between Parish meetings. You can view planning applications and

decisions for Shipbourne via the TMBC website: <https://publicaccess2.tmbc.gov.uk/online-applications/>
If you would have wished to have commented on an application at a Parish meeting or would like to discuss any applications with the Parish Council please contact the Clerk as soon as possible after viewing the application.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Shipbourne Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and are working towards net Zero by 2030. The Parish Council are putting together an audit and have found that our carbon footprint is low. Milage for Parish business is minimal as most Councillors walk to the meetings or only travel a short distance. Many external meeting and training sessions are now held virtually which had reduced the milage considerably. We only meet 11 times a year so use a minimal amount of electricity in the village hall. Councillors have been encouraged to view meeting papers online so we have also reduced the amount of paper and printing ink that we use. If you want to work out your carbon footprint, there are many resources online.

VILLAGE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION & THE VILLAGE HALL PODCAST

This year Rural Kent have teamed up with the [Village Halls Podcast Show](#) to promote their *Photo Competition 2021 celebrating village life and community spirit*

Win up to £1,000 for your local/nominated Village Hall and £500 for the photographer. Plus other cash prizes.

They are accepting entries to **21 November 2021**.

See www.thevillagehallspodcast.com/photo-competition for details of how to enter, pass this on and view the competition gallery.

Follow [@thevillagehallspodcast](#) and #wonderfulvillages2021 for this year's entries.

CITIZENS ADVICE IN NORTH & WEST KENT BESN PROJECT



The Big Energy Saving Network Project

Dates running: August 2021 to March 2022

As part of the energy advice we are delivering this year, Citizens Advice in North & West Kent will be taking part in the Big Energy Saving Network Project (BESN). This is a project aimed at reaching out to our local communities and helping consumers to save money on their energy bills and be more comfortable in their homes. We can provide energy sessions to local groups within the Dartford, Gravesham, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge areas.

The sessions will cover the following areas:

- Switching suppliers and payment methods to help get the best energy deals.
- Awareness of and applying for the Warm Home Discount scheme.
- Awareness of and applying for the Priority Services Register.
- Information on improving energy efficiency within the home and how it can benefit the consumer financially.
- Awareness of and information about Smart Meters.

We are also happy to cover other energy-related topics or to focus on specific-energy related issues, if requested.

The sessions are delivered by trained energy advisers from Citizens Advice in North & West Kent and are completely free-of-charge. They can either be in-person or via online mediums, such as Zoom.

Each session will usually last around an hour and include a presentation, a question-and-answer session and the opportunity for attendees to speak to our adviser on a one-to-one basis about their own situation. However, we are happy to adapt the format and duration to suit the needs of the group. If individuals require more in-depth energy advice than available in a BESN session, they can be referred into another of our energy advice projects that offers specialist one-to-one advice.

If you have any questions or are interested in booking in a BESN session, please e-mail us at energy@nwkent.cab.org.uk, or call us on 03330434879.

THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

Please see below extracts from a newsletter sent to Parishes from the Lord Lieutenants Office. Shipbourne Parish Council will be supporting this initiative by making a small amount of funding available to individuals who wish to take part in this initiative. Please email the Parish Clerk for details.

www.queensgreencanopy.org

On Sunday 6 February 2022 we will see the seventieth anniversary of The Queen's Accession, marking the first Platinum Jubilee in the long history of British Monarchs. Although the Platinum Jubilee year begins in February 2022, many of the celebrations will take place around the special Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

To mark this momentous occasion, there will be a unique tree planting campaign across the UK which will be known as The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC). It has been created to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. It will be an opportunity to thank Her Majesty for her exceptional service and promote the importance of trees to the environment, through the encouragement of tree planting and tree preservation across the nation.

How to get involved:

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage the planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations. As well as inviting the planting of new trees, the QGC will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

The planting of new trees across the UK may take the form of:

- Individuals planting trees on their private land
- Corporates and Businesses planting trees on their land and creating tree planting projects with employees
- Platinum Jubilee Community Planting projects for youth groups, Parishes, Residents'

Associations

- A Platinum Jubilee Avenue of medium-sized or large trees ideal for cities, large estates, new housing developments and parishes
- A Platinum Jubilee Copse on private land or land allocated by the County Council or Borough/District Council
- A Platinum School Tree on school grounds involving students and teachers

Individuals:

Everyone can get involved in the 'Planting a Tree for the Platinum Jubilee'. Whether you are a seasoned gardener or complete novice the QGC team will be able to guide people through the process of planting trees so that survive and flourish. People can plant a tree in their own garden and the QGC recommend that trees are ordered from a certified Plant Healthy nursery in the local area.

As part of the QGC, their Partner, The Woodland Trust will be giving away 3 million saplings free of charge to community groups on a first come-first served basis. Information on how to apply for these free saplings will be available through the Woodland Trust website from June 2021 <https://shop.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees>

Tree planting season - October to March

The QGC will encourage everyone to learn more about the best way to plant trees so that they survive and flourish for years to come. Trees and hedgerows must be planted with care, at the right time of year, in the right place and with species that are not prone to prevailing tree diseases. The QGC initiative will encourage planting during the official planting season, October to March, to optimise the chance of trees surviving and flourishing. People are encouraged to use this summer to plan their Jubilee tree planting projects and be ready for October.

Clear instructions on how and when to plant trees can be found on their website along with steps to put in place to ensure the trees remain protected and flourish

<https://queensgreencanopy.org/get-involved/plant/>

<https://queensgreencanopy.org/get-involved/protect/>

The Queen's Green Canopy Map:

From October, all planting projects can be uploaded onto an interactive map on the new QGC website so that everyone can share and inspire others, as well as creating a green canopy of projects to cover the country. The map is embedded within the QGC website <https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/>

SHIPBOURNE WI

Our meeting this month was rather special as it was the first full meeting we have been able to have since February in 2020, although we have managed to stay in touch and meet in small groups for walking and book club. It was, though, good to resume our normal meetings with a guest speaker and an afternoon tea.

Our speaker took us on a tour of Sri Lanka with photographs of the beautiful scenery, the fabulous birds, the grand hotels (and the less grand) and the colourful markets. The food looked good too. The island looked like a paradise, that is until the photographs of leach socks and poisonous snakes appeared but I suppose even in Eden there was the snake.

Our book club continues to be well supported and this month was no exception with a lively good humoured debate on the merits of the chosen book.

We continue with our walking group and this month's walk ended at a local hostelry for a well earned and very enjoyable lunch.

We now feel confident enough that we have drawn up our programme of speakers for the remainder of this WI year, hoping that the worst is behind us and that we are able to meet every month from now on.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the November newsletter by **17 October 2021** to lindsay_miles@btinternet.com or call 01732 810439 during working hours.

A digital version is also always uploaded to the village website www.shipbourne.com.



FOLLOW SHIPBOURNE ON FACEBOOK FOR VILLAGE NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS

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Shipbourne Village Hall
Registered Charity No 1074519

The Hall can be hired for £15 per hour with a minimum of 4 hours (£60.00).

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 www.shipbourne.com

OCTOBER in Shipbourne Village Hall

Tuesday	5th	11:00-13:00	Scent Training Class
Tuesday	5th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Wednesday	6th	09:30-10:30	Hatha Yoga
Wednesday	6th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Monday	11th	19:00-21:00	PC Meeting
Tuesday	12th	11:00-13:00	Scent Training Class
Tuesday	12th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Wednesday	13th	09:30-10:30	Hatha Yoga
Wednesday	13th	14:00-16:00	WI Meeting
Wednesday	13th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Tuesday	19th	11:00-13:00	Scent Training Class
Tuesday	19th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Wednesday	20th	09:30-10:30	Hatha Yoga
Wednesday	20th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Tuesday	26th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Wednesday	27th	19:30-20:30	Pilates

If anyone is interested in joining the Pilates or Yoga classes, please contact:

- Pilates: Emma Foyle at emma.foyle@sky.com
- Yoga: Alison French at fitalison1@googlemail.com / 07966 257027
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Please see separate advertisement for general hall hire enquiries.

Helen Leach, 01732 811144



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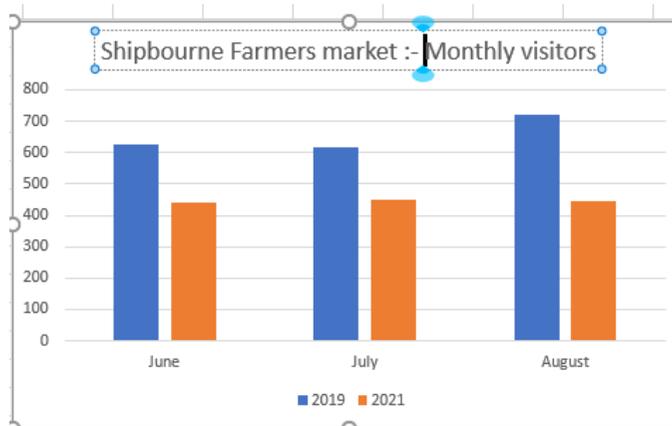
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OCTOBER AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET

Local produce made/grown by Local producers

We moved back from out on-line/Drive Thru market end of May so we now have experienced 3 months of 'normal operation'. How are we progressing? The bar chart below tells the whole story and the answer is 'not very well'.



Footfall in summer has always been impacted by shoppers going on holiday. Though in our case these numbers have been augmented by tourists in our area, especially foreign tourists. This year there were none. We think there are still a few of our previous shoppers not venturing out, but the main reason for the drop in footfall is that we believe that many have been converted to on-line shopping. This has had a major affect on weekly markets much more so than the monthly markets, which are seen an event.

October is the month for **apples and dessert pears**. They should now be at their peak. Try as many local varieties as possible, whether for eating with local cheeses or cooking in pies, puddings and preserves.

The changing season heralds a longing for richer, more comforting meat dishes and it's the start of the game season with **pheasant** appearing once again at the market later in the month. Lean and tender, it suits quick cooking methods such as frying and grilling. Try them with mushrooms the perfect partner for seasonal game

Kentish Cobnuts and walnuts are all ripening. Use in autumn salads or toasted with fruit compotes or meringues for impact. You will also find them in the Granolas at the market

Much of our seafood is at its best when caught in colder waters, so as the sea temperature drops fish gets better and better. **Sea bass, skate, Dover sole, plaice, turbot, cod and haddock** are all good at this time of year.

Onions, leeks, beetroot, carrots and tomatoes are all full of flavour at this time of year whilst **squashes and pumpkins** offer much more for the cook than merely 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, bakes and pickles for rich seasonal colour and taste.

To find out more about produce available at the Farmers Market go to www.shipbournefm.co.uk and click on 'Shop Now'. You can just browse or order then pick up at the market

COOKERY CORNER

BRACE OF PHEASANT STEW WITH MUSHROOMS AND BACON

Serves 6 / Prep 10 mins / Cook for 1 ½ -2 hours

- 3 pheasant breasts and 3 legs (or 2 pheasants (i.e. a brace) cut up)
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil and 2 tablespoons of butter
- 375gram mushrooms (quartered)
- 2 large onions (roughly chopped)
- 3 rashers of streaky bacon (roughly chopped)
- 30-gram flour
- 600ml red wine
- 600ml chicken stock
- 2 garlic cloves
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Brown the pheasant pieces in a casserole in the oil and butter.
2. Take out, then cook mushrooms until tender (about 5 mins).
3. Take out and cook onions, then take out and cook the bacon
4. Reduce the amount of fat in the casserole to about 2 tablespoons and stir in the flour
5. with the bacon and cook stirring until brown.
6. Stir in the wine, bring to boil and simmer for 5 minutes.
7. Add back the pheasant pieces, mushrooms, onions, garlic plus the stock.
8. Cover and simmer until the meat is tender stirring from time to time to prevent it sticking. (This could take 1-2 hours depending on the age of the bird).

Serve with mashed potatoes, or better still oven cooked sweet potato wedges, and savoy or red cabbage.

THE WEATHER IN AUGUST

The average day Temp. was 25.5^oc, the average night temp. was 12.6^oc, the highest day was Sat. 14th with 29.5^oc, and the lowest night was Mon. 16th with 7.0^oc, the total rainfall was 48mm, with an average over the last 30 years of 65.86mm, the highest month was August 2014 with 116.5mm and the lowest month was August 1995 with 3mm, in the last 3 weeks of August this year we only had 3mm of rain.

Lionel Stielow

Hatha Yoga Slow Flow 50+ or Beginners Shipbourne Village Hall Wednesdays 9.30am - 10.30am

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FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

I am proud of our communities. Over hundreds of years we have welcomed those in need from around Europe and the world. Kent, as the frontline of the kingdom, has been on the frontline of ideas and support too. Today, we're offering support to a different group of people in need – those fleeing persecution in Afghanistan.

We have all seen the collapse of a country that many of us had invested so much in supporting. We have seen the opportunities of so many torn away, and sadly we have heard how those who stood with us in building the new nation now find themselves hunted by a vicious regime. I know of friends and co-workers, diplomats and aid workers who have been left behind or have gone missing.

The evacuation operation conducted by brave members of our armed forces has been one of the largest ever. Thanks to this effort, over 13,000 people have found sanctuary in our country. Not all are coming to Kent but I am sure we will do our bit to help those who helped us. Across the UK, the Afghan Relocation Scheme has been rolled out and I'm am very proud that our borough council is taking part.

Tonbridge and Malling will be working alongside private landlords to find accommodation for those fleeing Afghanistan. If you are a landlord and wish to assist in offer help I would encourage you to get in contact with the council officers in Kings Hill to discuss what you can do to help. Our evacuation effort is still not over, and with many still stranded, fearing for their lives, any offer to help is greatly welcomed by me and everyone else who served in Afghanistan.

Tom Tugendhat
Member of Parliament for Tonbridge and Malling

NEWS FROM SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

At Shipbourne School, we have had a busy and very successful start to the school year. Having wandered the school on a number of occasions, I have seen fantastic teaching and learning in newly refreshed and stimulating learning environments. Credit must go to the hard work of all our staff and pupils for such a fantastic start to a new school year. Children have been so eager and ready for their next steps and our new pupils and staff have settled beautifully; it has been such a pleasure getting to know them all.

The next month at school includes a trip to Lullingstone Roman Villa for Hampton Class and a Victorians Day at Horton Kirby for Fairlawne Class. You may also see Tinley and Hampton Class enjoying Forest School on The Common. After School Clubs are back up and running and we are visiting Tonbridge Pool regularly for swimming lessons. We also hope to celebrate Harvest together at St Giles's Church before we break for half term.

Starting on 6th October, we have three 'open day' sessions for families starting with us in September 2022. If you, or anyone you know would like to join a tour, please call the school office to be added to the list.

We are also looking for a new governor to join the governing board of our federation, overseeing both Shipbourne and Hadlow Primary Schools. The governing board provides strategic leadership and accountability in schools. It has three key functions: overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent; holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction. The commitment would include attendance at four full meetings a year plus three committee meetings and in-school monitoring visits as relevant to our School Improvement Plan. If you would like to know more about this role, please do get in touch.

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