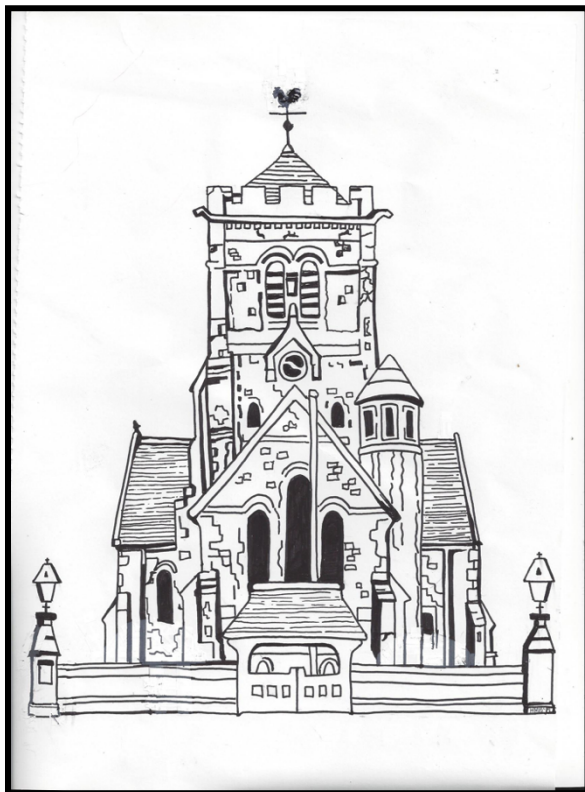


# St Giles' and Shipbourne NEWSLETTER



***Book of Fete Raffle Tickets included in every Newsletter. Please help to raise funds and buy a ticket if possible. Thank you!***

***August 2023***

## OFFICERS OF ST GILES' AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

### ST GILES

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Curate	Mr Mark Packer 07970-709006
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### VILLAGE WEBSITE

[www.shipbourne.com](http://www.shipbourne.com)

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Head:	Mrs Terri Daters	<a href="mailto:TDaters@bournepartnership.org">TDaters@bournepartnership.org</a>
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### SHIPBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

Secretary:	Mark Fenton
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Rev Dr Peter Hayler

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**NB: ON SABBATICAL FROM 19 JUNE TO 25 SEPTEMBER 2023 – PLEASE SEE ALTERNATIVE CONTACT DETAILS ON NEXT PAGE**

**PARISH DIARY – AUGUST 2023**

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/>

Thursday	3rd	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>Transfiguration of our Lord</i>	6th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles Church
		11.00am	Family Service with Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1: 16-19; Luke 9: 28-36
Monday-Friday	7th-11th	9.30am-3.30pm	Artistic Creations Childrens Art Workshops at Shipbourne Village Hall (see advert)
Thursday	10th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>10th after Trinity</i>	13th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28; Matthew 14: 22-33
Thursday	17th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>11th after Trinity</i>	20th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	"Community@11" Picnic
		Readings:	Genesis 45: 1-15; Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 10-28
Thursday	24th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>12th after Trinity</i>	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:	Exodus 1: 8-ch 2:10; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	28th	12.30-3.30pm	St Giles Summer Fair and Fun Dog Show on the Green by Village Hall
Thursday	31st	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne

**SABBATICAL**

The Reverend Doctor Peter Hayler is on sabbatical leave from 19 June to Monday 25 September 2023. **Please do not contact Peter during his sabbatical – any emails sent to his email address will not be replied to – but do contact one of the following instead:**

For funeral ministry in Shipbourne, please contact David Porter (Verger) 01732 832657

For general church enquiries in Shipbourne, please contact Andrew Boorman (Warden) 01732 352597

For pastoral support, please contact Rev Mark Packer (part-time Curate) 07970 709006



**Community Bread Basket**

Community Bread Basket will take a break in August and return in September

## PASTORAL LETTER

### MEET GOD ON THE JOURNEY

Our Rector Peter has just completed his pilgrimage by walking the 62 miles of St. Cuthbert's Way from Melrose in the Scottish Borders to the island of Lindisfarne.<sup>1</sup>

Pilgrimage is common to many religious traditions. In a Christian context it is a journey undertaken intentionally, stepping out of one's usual time, space and comfort zone(s) and travelling slowly in silence and solitude, through new vistas, towards new horizons seeking a fresh encounter with God and a deeper understanding of oneself. For many people the destination is the sole initial focus. Of course, the destination is important, without one the pilgrimage would be aimless wandering! Nonetheless, the majority of those with whom I have spoken discovered that it was the journey which proved most transformational by creating the space, silence and solitude for an encounter with God in a fresh context unconstrained by the unrelenting hurry of what passes for 'normal' daily life. Their journey prepared them for their destination which, became places of peace, rest and renewal. Not all journeys are easy and in balancing 'journey' and 'destination' pilgrimage is a good metaphor for life.

The Bible is full of individuals' encounters with God, many of which take place during an ordinary or, occasionally, extraordinary journey including: Hagar at the well, Moses on the burning bush, Elisha escaping from Queen Jezebel, the two disciples on the road to *and* from Emmaus and Paul on the road to Damascus.<sup>2</sup> The message I take is that whoever we may be or whatever our state of mind and heart whether dispirited, amazed, afraid, bemused, joyful or consumed with purpose, God awaits us on our life-journey, offering a transforming encounter.

So, why not create some space by taking a quiet walk by yourself in our beautiful benefice, say honestly what is on your heart and leave some space and silence into which the transcendent God who loves **you** can speak?

**Mark Packer, Curate**



## DONATIONS TO THE ST GILES' CHURCH RESTORATION APPEAL

If you would like to donate, you can do so:

- by bank transfer (sort code 09-01-51, account number 74188307), or
- by cheque made out to 'St Giles Church Shipbourne', or
- by placing cash or cheques in the yellow envelopes in Church, or
- by placing cash or cheques in the wall safe in the Church porch entrance.

Please include a reference 'Appeal' on bank transfer donations, on the back of cheques and on yellow envelopes so that we can track progress.

If you are a UK taxpayer, you can take advantage of Gift Aid and boost your donation by an extra 25%. To do this simply ask for a gift aid form from the Treasurer, Charlie Keeling, or any of the Appeal Committee.

We have set up a CAF Donate page:

URL: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/23053>

which can be quickly accessed using the QR code below:



Thank you for your support. There will be an update on the appeal in next month's newsletter.

**Paul Britton**  
**Chair, Appeal Committee**  
**Tel 365794; email [pauljbritton@live.co.uk](mailto:pauljbritton@live.co.uk)**

<sup>1</sup> Peter's Facebook page records his journey with pictures and accompanying haiku poems.

<sup>2</sup> Genesis 16:1-16; Exodus 3:1-22; 1 Kings 19:1-19; Luke 24:13-35; Acts 9:1-31.



# ST GILES SUMMER FAIR AND DOG SHOW

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 28th AUGUST  
12.30-3.30PM**



- **DOG SHOW**
- **BBQ**
- **BEER AND PIMMS TENT**
- **TEA AND CAKES**
- **SEVENOAKS & TONBRIDGE TRAINING BAND**
- **POCKET MONEY STALLS**
- **FUN AND GAMES**



## FUN DOG SHOW

**AT SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE FAIR  
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY  
28 AUGUST 2023**

**SIX CLASSES PLUS "BEST IN SHOW"**

- **Waggiest Tail**
- **Sit, Stay & Recall**
- **Catch the Sausage**
- **Fastest Sit**
- **Best Trick**
- **Simon Says (for children under 14 – plus dog!)**

**All winning dogs from each class will automatically be entered into "Best in Show"**

**JUDGING STARTS AT 1:30PM\***

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN – THE MORE THE MERRIER!**

**ENTRANCE JUST £2 PER CLASS ON THE DAY**

**\*Martina Ramage of Pets Whiskers, York Parade**

**DONATIONS FOR ST GILES SUMMER FAIR AND DOG SHOW – BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023**

Donations of the following items will be gratefully received:

- Produce – jams, fruit and veg
- Cakes – for both the teas/coffees and cake sale
- Children's and Adult Books (good condition)
- Bottles (full and in date) for the Bottle Tombola – *dropped off by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August latest* to allow for ticketing.
- Helpers!

Cakes and produce can be dropped off at the Village Hall from 10am on the day of the fete. All other items can be dropped in advance in the courtyard at The Stables, Back Lane, TN11 9PP, dropped at the Farmers' Market on Thursdays 9-11am or in the porch of St Giles.

**WIN £100 CASH IN THE GRAND DRAW!**

Every newsletter this month includes a book of raffle tickets for the Grand Draw which will be drawn at the end of the Fair on 28<sup>th</sup> August. If you are able to buy some or all of the tickets it would be very much appreciated! Ticket stubs, monies and unsold raffle books can be dropped off through the letterboxes of:

- Lindsay Miles, The Stables, Back Lane, TN11 9PP
- Janet & John Playle, Waylands, Back Lane, TN11 9PP

Any tickets to be included in the draw must be received by **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**. Tickets will also be available to purchase at the Fair.

**HOOPLA STALL AT SHIPBOURNE BANK HOLIDAY FAIR**

SHIPBOURNE WI WILL AGAIN BE MANNING THIS STALL AND WE'RE HOPING TO OFFER A VARIETY OF PRIZES TO ENTICE THE DETERMINEDLY COMPETITIVE AMONGST YOU TO TRY, TRY AND TRY AGAIN!

TO THIS END WE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO RECEIVE DONATIONS OF ANY ITEMS THAT WOULD, IN TIME, ALLOW A HOOP TO PASS OVER THEM!

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ITEMS IN THE WHITE BENCH OUTSIDE 5 NEW COTTAGES, UPPER GREEN ROAD

ALL OFFERINGS WILL BE VERY GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

**SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL  
SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023  
12.30 – 4.30PM**

**SHIPBOURNE WI INVITES YOU TO ANOTHER  
BOOKWORMS' BONANZA!**

**COME, RELAX AND BROWSE WITH TEA AND AN  
ASSORTMENT OF DELICIOUS CAKES  
SECONDHAND BOOKS AT BARGAIN PRICES  
MURDER – SUSPENSE – ART – TRAVEL –  
ROMANCE – BIOGRAPHIES – POETRY  
CHILDRENS' BOOKS  
AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED!**

**A FUNDRAISER JOINTLY IN AID OF SHIPBOURNE WI AND  
MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

## ARTISTIC CREATIONS



### **PLAXTOL SCHOLARS AT ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL AND SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL**

The Plaxtol Scholars are returning to St Paul's Cathedral to sing Evensong on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August. The 40 minute service begins at 5pm. They go onto Southwark Cathedral (just by London Bridge station) to sing the services over the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August. and Evensong at 3pm.

Come and join us if you can.

Further info from **Marius - 07885 753272**

## SHIPBOURNE WI

Members at our final meeting before the summer break, heard the speaker, Chris Stewart talking about "The Good, the Bad, the Ugly and the Beautiful", an intriguing title! The talk was about bugs, including some real 'beasties' living in our soil and on our trees and fauna, one being the Marmorated Stink Bug to beautiful butterflies and birds of prey. The talk was illustrated with photographs including those of an Asian Hornet and another a Raft Spider, both best avoided! Thankfully, the information and photographs failed to put us off the delicious tea which followed.

The meeting in August is to be replaced by an outing, yet to be confirmed.

A walk is planned for 14th July, starting from and finishing at The Bucks Head, Godden Green for coffee, and a lunch is arranged at The Poacher and Partridge at Tudeley on 19th July.

This month Book Club members have been reading "China Room", by Sunjeev Sahota.

The WI will be running the Hoopla Stall for St Giles Fete on Bank Holiday Monday, when money raised is for the Church. Donations of prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Our own fundraising event will take place on 7th October, when we shall be having another Book Bonanza. Again contributions of books will be warmly received!

The next meeting will be on 13th September, when Stuart Robinson will speak on the subject of "1666 - Plague, War and Fire", a fascinating subject.

**Glynis Coates**



## WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO ON SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER?

Why not join thousands of other people, including hundreds in Kent, by taking part in the sponsored Ride and Stride to raise money for our church and for churches and chapels across the County?

Ride and Stride is a community event where you walk, cycle or even drive between churches and chapels of all denominations in any part of Kent of your choosing. You select your own route and visit as many buildings as you wish from a list of 700 participating churches and chapels. Go alone or with members of your family or your friends and have an enjoyable day out. Most churches you visit will have someone to welcome you and many provide refreshments.

The aim is to raise money for our wonderful legacy of church buildings by asking people - your family, friends, other members of the congregation and community - to sponsor you, giving either a fixed sum or an amount for each church you visit. Half the money you raise goes to your own church or chapel, the rest to the *Friends of Kent Churches* to help fund their grants for repairs and facilities at churches and chapels across Kent.

Ride and Stride raises about £130,000 a year and helps to fund grants ranging from a few hundred pounds to £25,000 to churches and chapels in Kent. Never has there been a greater need to raise money for church repairs.

Ride and Stride started in Suffolk in 1982 and now takes place annually all over England. It is organised in Kent by the charity the *Friends of Kent Churches*. You can find out more by visiting [friendsofkentchurches.co.uk](http://friendsofkentchurches.co.uk) and [kentrideandstride.co.uk](http://kentrideandstride.co.uk)

**Lionel Stielow** will, once again, be taking part this year and there will be a sponsorship form at the back of the church – please do sponsor Lionel if you are able to.

If you would like to take part, please contact **Mary Perry** on 01732 810797 or email [perry6869@btinternet.com](mailto:perry6869@btinternet.com)



## Ightham Mote Visitor Infrastructure Project Update Update No. 2 - 2 July 2023

Following commencement of the project in May, relocated car park works are currently underway following nature and wildlife mitigation and protection.

Some of these removed trees are being temporarily relocated and will be replanted later in the project.

The project is on schedule with parking works due for completion in the Autumn, with all visitor facilities, events and programming unaffected.

Further information is available on our website. In the meantime, please contact us if you have any specific enquiries: [ighthammote@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:ighthammote@nationaltrust.org.uk)

Thank you, the Ightham Mote Team

Get in touch with us on 01732 810378 or scan the QR to find out more



## 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 meetings *usually* 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](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com). Please visit our website [www.shipbourne.com](http://www.shipbourne.com) for further details. ***Our next meeting will be our Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm.***

***We currently have a vacancy, if you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk***

***We are currently looking at setting up a Speedwatch group in Shipbourne, if you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish Clerk.***

***Following discussions with existing Trustees of Shipbourne Village Hall and The Charity Commission, it is proposed that Shipbourne Parish Council takes over the Trust as a Sole Trustee. The Parish Council would look at appointing a sub-committee for the day to day running of the hall.***

*If you have any objections to the proposal, please write to [shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com) outlining reasons for your objections by **10<sup>th</sup> September 2023.***

***Information required.....Do you use the local library facilities such as the mobile library, the library at York Parade or larger libraries at Borough Green and Tonbridge? If so, how often do you use them and what facilities do you use? Please email the Parish Clerk to let us know.***



## NOTICE

You are invited as an Elector of Shipbourne to attend the  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**Monday 11 September 2023, 7.00-8.00 p.m.**  
**SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL**

*If you have any specific questions or proposals for this meeting, please advise the Parish Clerk in writing*

Chair's welcome and Introduction

1. Apologies
2. To approve and sign the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held May 2022
3. Reports from
  - Chair – Cllr Valerie Redman
  - Responsible Financial Officer – Sarah Hüseyin
4. Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council - Report from Borough Councillors
5. Kent County Council - Report from County Councillor
6. Report from village organisations
7. Resolution to appoint Shipbourne Parish Council as sole trustee of Shipbourne Village Hall
8. Questions to Parish Councillors



## CLIMATE CHANGE

### Update from Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan Launch

Shipbourne Parish Council officially launched their *Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan* at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Cllr Bate gave a short presentation which was very well attended by around 25 members of the public and representatives from Shipbourne, Plaxtol and Platt Parish Councils.

*The Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan is now available on our website under Policy or via the Parish Clerk at [shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com)*

**CLIMATE ACTION SHIPBOURNE (CAS) is a newly formed community group. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Parish Clerk. Please see the CAS update also in this newsletter.**

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS – JUNE/JULY

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/planning-applications-appeals/planning-view-comment-planning-applications>

*Please note that the Parish Council receives Planning Applications via **List B** each Monday and has a strict 21 day deadline to respond. The deadline may have already passed by the time this newsletter is published. If you would like to receive planning applications for Shipbourne, please sign up to alerts on the TMBC website.*

### Planning Applications

**TM/23/01002/FL** - Wellhampton House, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9PN, Erect a greenhouse in the back garden as part of the redesigned kitchen garden. “No objection, request for boundary hedge to be retained.”

**TM/23/01278/PDVL** - Ash Tree Cottage, School Lane, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9RT. Prior Notification for Residential Extension (Part 1 Class A): A new single storey rear extension is proposed to improve accessibility and internal circulation for a physically impaired resident.

**TM/23/01389/TNCA** - Lady Vane Close, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent. T2 Nothofagus on roadside boundary with evidence of declining sections - Reduce height to 2.5m, removing completely dead stems to near basal area, in order to restart live stems and promote regrowth for easier

maintenance - Trim growth back from car park by approx. 0.5m to the vicinity of previously trimmed face, in order to minimise encroachment to parked cars- Reduce branches growing towards roadside by 1.5m to form compact framework in line with reduced height, to promote uniform re growth for easier maintenance – **Already approved**

**Planning Applications Approved** - None

### Sign up for news from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council is launching an email newsletter to help keep residents and partner organisations up to date with important news from around the borough. The newsletter will cover things like:

- Local Plan updates and consultations
- Information about leisure, parks and open spaces
- Community events
- Finance and policy changes, including council tax

**Residents wishing to register to receive the newsletter should visit** <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/council/newsletter>

And a reminder that you can also get real time updates to your phone on issues with bin collections and other important news by signing up for our app and clicking yes to notifications.

**Further details on the app here:**

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/council/download-app>

### WEST KENT RURAL GRANTS SCHEME

Following the approval of TMBC’s investment plan to DEFRA for Rural England Prosperity Funding, the West Kent Rural Grant Scheme is now open for its first call for applications. This capital grant funding scheme is aimed at both rural businesses and communities (Parish Councils that are located within the eligible area can apply) and grants range from £2,000 to £25,000.

You can find further information, including the guidance notes and the application form via

<https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/westkentgrants>

A link to the DEFRA magic map is also available on the link above. This map shows the eligible rural area. Please note some areas of

the borough are not eligible for this fund as they have been deemed by DEFRA to be urban in nature.

The deadline for applications is midnight on **15 August 2023**. There will be further rounds in the months ahead. If you have any queries contact [ruralgrants@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:ruralgrants@sevenoaks.gov.uk)



### EMERGING LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

We would like to hear your views on our emerging Local Transport Plan.

The draft plan sets out our ambition for transport in Kent together with policy outcomes and objectives designed to achieve this ambition. We want to hear your views about whether the emerging plan is proposing the right ambition and the right policy outcomes and objectives.

We also want to hear what actions you think we should take, either on a countywide basis or in different places in Kent to meet our objectives.

To find out more and have your say, visit [www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5).

The consultation closes on **18th September**.

You may also be interested in this years National Highways and Transport Survey. To find out more and take part visit <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/national-highways-and-transport-2023-24>

### TAKE PART IN THE CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM SURVEY

The Tonbridge and Malling Climate Change Forum would like to know more about what you think are the most important actions on climate change and the environment in our area.

Taking part in this quick survey (just five questions) means you can tell us about the issues that concern you most and where you'd like the Climate Change Forum partnerships to do more.

This survey closes at **6pm on 11 September 2023**.

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/climate-change/work-tackle-climate-change/3>



Thursday 3 August	A gentle stroll from the picturesque village of Matfield. Moderate difficulty.	5 miles
Sunday 6 August	A leisurely walk from Farleigh Green to cross the River Medway at Teston Bridge. Then follow the towpath past Barming Bridge and over East Farleigh Bridge to return through farmland, orchards and woodland. One short steep road climb. Lovely views over the Medway Valley and vineyards.	5.5 miles
Sunday 13 August	Brenchley South-West Loop: a leisurely and shady walk for summer with plenty of trees, lakes and ponds. Some hills and stiles and short sections on roads.	5.3 miles
Wednesday 16 August	Pushing out from The Boathouse - a leisurely flat walk from Yalding along the Medway to East Peckham and back.	5.5 miles
Sunday 20 August	Circular walk from Ide Hill to Toys Hill for great views to the south; then on to French Street and the Phillipines before we return via Emmetts Garden. Fairly hilly walk; moderate difficulty.	6 miles

Wednesday 23 August	Fish and Chip Supper walk: a short early evening walk from Wrotham up the Downs to build an appetite for a fish supper at the Rose and Crown. Moderate difficulty.	3.5 miles
Saturday 26 August	Walk from Borough Green to Basted Mill, then past Old Soar Manor and Dunks Green to Shipbourne for a picnic lunch and/or drinks from The Chaser. Return through the Fairlawne Estate and orchards. A mix of footpaths and quiet lanes. Moderate difficulty; some stiles and gentle ascents.	10 m

## THE WEATHER IN JUNE

The average day temp was 30.1<sup>o</sup>c, the average night temp. was 12.1<sup>o</sup>c, the highest day was Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> with 38.5<sup>o</sup>c, the lowest night was Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> with 8.0<sup>o</sup>c, the total rainfall was 28mm, we had 23 days without rain this month, the average rainfall over the last 30 years was 53.48mm, the highest year was June 2012 with 128mm and the lowest year was June 2018 with 3.0mm.

**Lionel Stielow**

## THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

The Coronation of King Charles III was marked in many ways in Shipbourne back in May.

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, the bells of St Giles' Church rang out in advance of the King's Coronation at 11am.

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Shipbourne and Plaxtol residents were invited by The Fairlawne Estate to attend a tree planting ceremony on Shipbourne Green. Three beautiful young oaks were planted in a triangular formation to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

A drinks reception followed in the Village Hall and, as well as fizz from Mereworth Wines, guests were treated to a fascinating display of historic artefacts owned by The Fairlawne Estate. These included a Princess's coronet worn at the coronation of King George II and Queen Caroline at Westminster in 1727 and Black Rod's Staff crafted by R&S Garrard & Co.

The celebrations continued on Sunday afternoon with a picnic and family fun and games on Shipbourne Common as part of the Coronation Big Lunch.

Huge thanks to everyone involved with the Coronation events.

Remember to sign up to @Shipbournevillage on Facebook to see photos and find information of events taking place in Shipbourne.



**Who?** - A newly formed parishioner group. The Parish Council is represented on CAS, and it supports CAS in its aims to achieve the objectives of the Shipbourne Climate Change Strategy.

**Our Aim** - Research and propose real world affordable solutions for the village to reduce our carbon footprints.

**Join** - Make a difference for your local community. Anybody is welcome to join the group and we particularly welcome young people. Look out in the September newsletter for the date of our next meeting in the Village Hall; please come and join us!

**When?** - Our group meets once every 2 months/ eight weeks, feel free to contact for dates.



**Suggestions & Comments** - If you would like learn more please contact the Secretary of the Group, Sarah Huseyin or Jenny Bate, Chair. [shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com) [jennifershipbourne@gmail.com](mailto:jennifershipbourne@gmail.com)

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# "The 2023 Duck Race"

at Plaxtol Spoute Recreation Ground

1.00pm

Sunday 17 September 2023

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## AUGUST AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

Following our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and our 100<sup>th</sup> market we are now heading into peak harvest time so make the most of the abundance of fresh vegetables and soft fruit and plan time for some preserving so that you can continue to enjoy great ingredients through the colder months. Make your own jams, chutneys and pickles now, and leave them to mature in a cool dark place to allow the flavours to meld and develop. They will be at their best just in time for Christmas and make perfect presents.



**Tomatoes**, in all kinds of varieties, are in abundance and taste superb right now, as do **shallots, onions, French and runner beans, courgettes, aubergine, peppers, cucumber**, and an amazing number of **salad leaves**. **Corn on the cob** is an August highlight and should be cooked and eaten as fresh as possible before the natural sugars turn to starch. To cook on the BBQ protect the cob by leaving on their leaves and serve with a lime and chilli butter. Early **marrows and squashes** should also be available, along with main crop potatoes.

The soft fruit season is still in full swing for **raspberries, currents, plums, blueberries and blackberries** (cherries may still available). Now is the time to buy soft fruit and convert it into jams, ice cream or store in the freezer to bring a taste of the summer to the winter months. Take a tip from the French and bottle the best quality fruit in alcohol such as eau de vie, vodka or brandy.

Summer fish is plentiful this month. **Salmon** and **sea trout** are always a treat and cook as simply as possible to preserve their flavour. **Sole, sea bass and plaice** are also excellent now. Continue to enjoy mackerel on the barbecue where their oily flesh keeps its wonderful texture so well. However, Mike will be out of action for August as he is having a rotator cuff op. So we **recommend you BUY NOW and FREEZE**.

Annabelle's new season lamb is now available. They have now been reared on grass for 6 months (compared to the normal 3-4 months for supermarket bred lamb). The BBQ is the perfect way to make the most of it, try a butterflied leg of lamb, cooked whole on the barbecue. Marinate overnight in yogurt and spices then barbecue and served piled into flat bread with barbecued vegetables. (Call

Annabelle to order). You will also find some interesting sausage combinations perfect for the BBQ – try wild boar and apple, venison, and even pork flavoured with hops. Finish off with a Winterdale cheese board and artisan bread.

Finally, don't forget that the Glorious 12<sup>th</sup> this marks the start of the new game season so look out for **venison, wild duck, wood pigeon and rabbit** towards the end of the month

To find out more about the produce on sale at Shipbourne Farmers Market go to [www.shipbournefm.co.uk](http://www.shipbournefm.co.uk) and click on 'On -line'

## SEASONAL COOKERY CORNER

### GAZPACHO (COLD TOMATO) SOUP

*Preparation time: 20 minutes / Serves 4*

#### Ingredients

- 500g ripe red tomatoes
- 1/2 a small cucumber, peeled and chopped
- 1 small red and 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 small red onion, chopped
- 250ml tomato juice and 250ml vegetable stock
- Handful of fresh basil leaves
- 1 large clove of garlic, crushed
- 1 tsp harissa paste
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar and 4 tbsp good olive oil

#### Method

- Put tomatoes in a bowl and cover with boiling water. After 2 minutes drain and slip the skins from the tomatoes (discard skins).
- Add skinned tomatoes and all other ingredients into a blender and blitz until smooth.
- Allow to chill in the fridge for at least 2 hours to let the flavours develop.
- Serve with a drizzle of olive oil and a few torn basil leaves.

**Perfect on a hot sunny day!**

*This recipe was kindly donated to us by Mags Murray who used to be a stallholder at Shipbourne Farmers' Market*

## USED STAMPS FOR THE R.N.I.B

I would like to thank everyone who has left used postage stamps at the back of the Church. It has taken over a year to collect sufficient stamps to weigh a total in excess of 1 kilo, but I have now managed to achieve this. 1 kilo of stamps should raise £20 for the RNIB, so I think it is a worthwhile thing to do.

So please keep collecting for me.

**Jenny Porter**



The image shows a business card for Plaxtol Pest and Wildlife Management. On the left is a circular logo divided into four quadrants: top-left shows a badger, top-right shows a pigeon, bottom-left shows a bee, and bottom-right shows a squirrel. The text 'PLAXTOL PEST AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT' is written around the circle. To the right of the logo, the text reads: 'PLAXTOL PEST AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT', 'Ciaran Payne', '07368 605762', 'INFO@PLAXTOLPEST.CO.UK', and 'WWW.PLAXTOLPEST.CO.UK'. The entire card is framed in yellow.

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