

# St Giles' and Shipbourne NEWSLETTER



**September 2023**

## OFFICERS OF ST GILES' AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

### ST GILES

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| Rector of Shipbourne with Plaxtol:        | 811081  |
| Rev Dr Peter Hayler                       | Email: RectorSwP@gmail.com  |
| The Rectory, The Street, Plaxtol TN15 0QG | <a href="http://shipbourne.com/st-giles-church/">http://shipbourne.com/st-giles-church/</a> |
| Curate                                    | Mr Mark Packer 07970-709006   |
| Lay Reader                                | Mr P Brewin 810361  |
| Churchwardens:                            | Ms C Jackson 07729814798  |
|   | Mr A Boorman 352597   |

### PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

|                    |                |              |
|--------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Secretary:         | Mrs C Chambers | 382228       |
| Treasurer:         | Mr C Keeling   | 07825 139046 |
| Deanery Synod Rep: | Mr N Ward      | 810525       |

### CHURCH OFFICERS

|                               |                          |             |
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| Parish Safeguarding Officers: | Ms C Jackson             | 07729814798 |
|                               | Miss G Coates (children) | 811432      |
| Choirmaster:                  | Mr J Young               | 810289      |
| Electoral Roll:               | Mrs H Leach              | 811144      |

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| Flower Guild: | Mrs F Ward     | 810525       |
| Bell Ringing: | Graham Edwards | 07487 729549 |

### SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Parish Clerk: | Sarah Huseyin                         | 886402 | <a href="mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com">shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com</a> |
| Chair:        | V Redman                              |        |  |
| Vice Chair:   | J Sheldrick                           |        |  |
| Councillors   | P Leach, S Oram,<br>A Dagger, S Davis |        |  |

### VILLAGE WEBSITE

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

### SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

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

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| Chairman: | Curtis Galbraith | 763115 | <a href="mailto:shipbourne.villagehall@gmail.com">shipbourne.villagehall@gmail.com</a> |
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### SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET

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| Manager: | Bob Taylor | 833976 |
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### SHIPBOURNE CRICKET CLUB

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### PLAXTOL & SHIPBOURNE TENNIS CLUB

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**Rector of Shipbourne with Plaxtol**

Rev Dr Peter Hayler

The Rectory, The Street, Plaxtol TN15 0QG

**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/>*

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| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><i>13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</i> | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | 8.00am           | Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church                      |
|   |                        | <b>9.30am</b>    | <b>Parish Communion at St Giles Church</b>            |
|   |                        | 11.00am          | Family Service with Communion at Plaxtol Church       |
|   |                        | Readings:        | Exodus 3: 1-15; Romans 12: 9-end; Matthew 16: 21-end  |
| <b>Thursday</b>                                       | <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>9-11am</b>    | <b>Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>        |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><i>14<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</i> | <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>8.00am</b>    | <b>Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>         |
|   |                        | <b>9.30am</b>    | <b>Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>                 |
|   |                        | 11.00am          | Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church                    |
|   |                        | Readings         | Exodus 12: 1-14; Romans 13: 8-end; Matthew 18: 15-20  |
| <b>Monday</b>   | <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>7pm</b>       | <b>Shipbourne Parish Council AGM in Village Hall</b>  |
| <b>Thursday</b>                                       | <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>9-11am</b>    | <b>Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>         |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><i>15<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</i> | <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> | 8.00am           | Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church                      |
|   |                        | <b>9.30am</b>    | <b>Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>       |
|   |                        | 11.00am          | "Community@11" Picnic (refreshments from 10.30am)     |
|   |                        | Readings:        | Exodus 14: 19-end; Romans 14: 1-12; Matthew 18: 21-35 |
| <b>Thursday</b>                                       | <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>9-11am</b>    | <b>Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>        |
| <b>Saturday</b>                                       | <b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> | <b>9.30-11am</b> | <b>Community Bread Basket at Plaxtol Church</b>       |

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| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><i>16<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</i> | <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>8.00am</b> | <b>Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>                  |
|   |                        | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Harvest Festival Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne</b> |
|   |                        | 11.00am       | Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church                             |
|   |                        | Readings:     | Exodus 16: 2-15; Philippians 1: 21-end; Matthew 20: 1-16       |
| <b>Thursday</b>                                       | <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>9-11am</b> | <b>Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>                 |

**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

**THE WEATHER IN JULY**

The average day temp. was 27.6<sup>o</sup>c, the average night temp. was 11.5<sup>o</sup>c, the highest day was Friday 7<sup>th</sup> with 33.5<sup>o</sup>c, and the lowest night was Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> with 6.5<sup>o</sup>c, the total rainfall was 82mm with an average over the last 30 years of 50.4mm, the highest year was July 2007 with 106mm, the lowest year was July 2010 with 17mm.

**Lionel Stielow**

## PASTORAL LETTER

### WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

I often walk with our dog from Ightham Mote around Scathes Wood. I love the variety of the walk and the changing views across fields and woods. It is fascinating watching the seasons turn and the crops as they ripen. I find it a truly remarkable idea that everything we eat, whether fruit, fish or fowl, has grown somewhere and been harvested by someone relying on natural processes and the forces of nature which are beyond human control.



It may be theoretically possible to synthesise nutrients as chemical compounds, but they are not especially appetising. Would you prefer NaCl and CH<sub>3</sub>COOH, Sodium Chloride and Ethanoic Acid or salt and vinegar on your fish and chips? Everything we eat grows and whether we know how, where or by whom (or even care), we are dependent on the weather and the interconnecting systems of the environment, the weather and human endeavour.

Working at Brunel Medical School means I get up early and this affords me the opportunity of catching Farming Today on Radio 4. This summer farmers are struggling to harvest their crops. The grain or hay needs a particular moisture content to be stored effectively. If hay is too wet it ferments and can spontaneously burst into flames. Drying damp grain requires energy, and we all know how expensive that is currently. An additional complication this year is the wet weather which means that agricultural contractors have very compressed windows of time in which to fulfil their harvesting contracts.

The bible promises that: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease." (Genesis 8:22) which is reassuring. There is no doubt, however, that the current state of the world politically, economically and in terms of climate change is impacting food production, prices and availability for everyone wherever they live.

So, when you sit down to your meals, try pausing and sparing a thought for all those involved in getting the food to you plate (including the cook) and then saying 'Thank you' aloud for the food you are about to eat. You may find that gratitude can be a most effective flavour enhancer!

**Mark Packer, Curate**

## PROGRESS OF THE ST GILES' CHURCH RESTORATION APPEAL

The appeal for the restoration of St Giles has now raised about £100,000, of which £44,500 has been in the form of grants from bodies such as the Friends of Kent Churches and various national grant-giving trusts and the rest from donations and events. We are very grateful indeed to all of you who have made or promised contributions. It is a great achievement for a relatively small community to have raised such a large amount in only 6 months.

Our plan is to go to tender in January and carry out the work next Spring or Summer, when the weather is dry and we can do the roofing work without having to erect an expensive temporary roof covering and warm enough to use lime mortar for the masonry repairs.

However, we still need to raise another £30,000 of the original sum we were aiming for, plus enough to cover recent inflation in building costs. We have hopes of one further grant and will hold further events, including a quiz and possibly some musical events during the autumn. But we need more donations.

So, if you have not yet made a donation or pledge, please consider doing so. You can donate

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

If you wish, you can use our CAF Donate page:

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

which can be quickly accessed using the QR code below:



Thank you for your support.

**Paul Britton, Chair, Appeal Committee**

**Tel 01732 365794; email [pauljibritton@live.co.uk](mailto:pauljibritton@live.co.uk)**

## Community Bread Basket

9:30 - 11:00 on Saturday 23 September 2023



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.*

**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**



# ST GILES SUMMER FAIR AND DOG SHOW

**AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY  
12.30-3.30PM  
ON SHIPBOURNE COMMON**



- DOG SHOW
- BBQ & BAR
- TEA AND CAKES
- PRODUCE
- SEVENOAKS & TONBRIDGE TRAINING BAND
- FACE PAINTING
- POCKET MONEY STALLS
- FUN AND GAMES



The United Benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol

# HARVEST SUPPER 2023

Friday 13th October at 7.30pm

## Home Farm Barn

**Entertainment**

**Cash bar**

**Prize raffle**

**Adults £10.00**

**Children £ 5.00** (Under 12 years)

**Tickets available from 14<sup>th</sup> September at**

**Plaxtol Village Stores**

**& Shipbourne Farmers' Market**

### **SHIPBOURNE WI**

A very happy August afternoon out at Merriments Gardens and Garden Centre near Etchingham was enjoyed by a large group of our members recently.

The well-timed break in the recent rainy weather meant we were able to make the most of the sunshine to explore the gardens, plant shop and of course the tearoom!

Merriments was originally a family business which established their gardens to showcase the plants grown onsite and provide visitors with ideas they could take home to their own gardens. The Gardens changed hands in 2017 and the current owners are working to restore the Garden to its former glory whilst further developing it.

We were very impressed by the many, colourful borders, with an abundance of familiar and unusual plants. These certainly inspired our shopping in the Garden Centre afterwards!

Book Club members have been reading 'Yinka, Where Is Your Husband?' by Lizzie Damilola Blackburn this month.

Our next fundraising event is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, when we will be hosting another Book Bonanza to be enjoyed with tea and homemade cakes. Any contributions of books would be gratefully received!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, when Stuart Robinson will speak on the subject of '1666-Plague, War and Fire'.

New members are always very welcome.

***Gillian Watts***

## 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)



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The Kentish Rifleman and Dunks Green



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## 'Country Houses, Jewish Homes' at Ightham Mote

18 September to 31 October 2023

Join us for an exhibition exploring the role of Jewish country houses in Britain, the prejudice Jewish people encountered and how they fought for the right to acquire land and play a full role in British society.

We reveal Ightham Mote's surprising and hidden Jewish history through the lives of its former owners Sir Thomas and Lady Mary Colyer-Fergusson, née Cohen.

Highlights include talks, displays of Victorian evening dress, a classical music soiree and a contemporary music installation by acclaimed sculptor **Anish Kapoor** and composer **Brian Elias**.

Full concert details and tickets: [musicatmalling.com](http://musicatmalling.com)  
Visit [nationaltrust.org.uk/ightham-mote/whats-on](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/ightham-mote/whats-on) for our latest events



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### SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The contact details for the Parish Council are:

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Telephone: 01732 886402

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

### 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. Please come along and meet our new Ward Borough Councillors.***

***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.***

### SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

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.

## LIBRARIES

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**

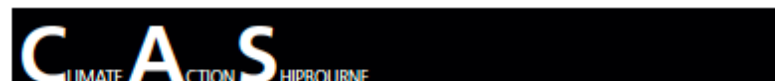
*If you have any specific questions or proposals for this meeting, please advise the Parish Clerk in writing*

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

CLIMATE ACTION SHIPBOURNE (CAS) have recently met with the new Climate Change Officer at TMBC. We hope you had a chance to visit the stall at the Shipbourne Fete, we will provide an update in the next newsletter. *If you would like to be involved, please contact the Parish Clerk. Please see the CAS update also in this newsletter and next month we will publish some top tips for energy and water savings.*



**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 Hüseyin or Jenny Bate, Chair. [shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com) [jennifershipbourne@gmail.com](mailto:jennifershipbourne@gmail.com)

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS – AUGUST

<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

**23/01692/TNCA** - T1 and T2 (Applicants Reference) 2x Ash trees-Fell- Signs of ADB and T3 (applicants reference) Horse Chestnut tree- Fell- Sooty bark disease - Meadow Place Upper Green Road Shipbourne Tonbridge Kent TN11 9PG.



**23/01599/FL** - Removal of existing conservatory and single storey side/rear extension, two storey part front extension, new porch, alterations and extension to roof incorporating a dormer window and rooflights and associated external alterations - The Old Coach House Stumble Hill Shipbourne Tonbridge Kent TN11 9PE.

**23/01492/TNCA** - Dead tree by gate at the rear of the property, fell to ground level. Failed conifer front of house, fell to ground level. Willow front boundary re-pollard road side lower limb only, finishing length 4m. - Little Budds Mote Road Shipbourne Tonbridge Kent TN11 9QD.

**23/01537/LB** - Listed Building Application: Replace existing clay roof tiles with new clay roof tiles on 3x No. cottages (1, 2 and 3), incorporating new insulation behind. Replace existing timber single glazed windows to first floor with new timber double glazed windows. Overhaul existing single glazed crittall windows to ground floor. External repairs and redecoration - 1-3 Church Gate Cottages Stumble Hill Shipbourne Tonbridge Kent TN11 9PF.

**23/01560/FL** - Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (Plans listed) TM/23/00839/FL New detached house and garage with new driveway access to replace bungalow previously approved under ref TM/22/02492/FL to update the external materials and therefore replace the listed drawings - Ambleside Reeds Lane Shipbourne Tonbridge Kent TN11 9RR.

**23/01579/FL** - New single storey extension is proposed to improve accessibility and internal circulation for a physically impaired resident - Ash Tree Cottage School Lane Shipbourne Tonbridge Kent TN11 9RT.

#### **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
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**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>



#### **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>



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| Wednesday 6 September  | Circular walk from Meopham Green to Foxendown and Luddesdown Church, then along the Wealdway before heading back. Moderate difficulty.   | 6 miles   |
| Sunday 10 September    | A circular walk up the Downs from The Street in Detling; moderate difficulty   | 5 miles   |
| Thursday 14 September  | Coldharbour circular: a leisurely flat walk through fields, woods and well defined paths   | 5.3 miles |
| Thursday 21 September  | A scenic walk from Shoreham through the woodland tracks and chalk grassland of the peaceful Austin Lodge Valley. Views of The Shard, Canary Wharf and the QE2 Bridge. Moderate difficulty.               | 5 miles   |
| Sunday 24 September    | Charcote circular: a leisurely and fairly flat walk from The Greyhound at Charcote near Leigh  | 5.5 miles |
| Wednesday 27 September | Circular walk from Mereworth through the woods and vineyards of Yotes Court. A long gradual climb out of Swanton Valley and through Hurst Wood before descending back to Mereworth. Moderate difficulty. | 5 miles   |

## KENT & MEDWAY PARTNERSHIP DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGY 2024-2029

We want to hear your views on the new **Kent & Medway Partnership Domestic Abuse Strategy 2024-2029**. The strategy represents the work and ambitions of 20 partners across Kent & Medway and has been written based on detailed feedback from people who have experienced abuse.

The public consultation is now live and will run until the 9<sup>th</sup> of October. We are keen to gather as much feedback as we can.

You can help make sure the strategy is informed by as many people as possible by visiting [www.kent.gov.uk/domesticabusestrategy](http://www.kent.gov.uk/domesticabusestrategy) to find the strategy and complete the online questionnaire

## MESSAGE FROM TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING POLICY CONSULTATIONS

Thank you for taking the time to take part in our Regulation 18 local plan consultation in Autumn 2022. We received over 4,000 responses and are extremely appreciative of all the comments received.

We have now finished analysing all the responses, which are available at the following link: <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/downloads/download/532/regulation-18-comments-and-officer-responses>

The committee report is also available at: [Agenda for Housing and Planning Scrutiny Select Committee on Tuesday, 18th July, 2023, 7.30 pm \(tmbc.gov.uk\) or https://democracy.tmbc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=465&Mid=5524](https://democracy.tmbc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=465&Mid=5524)

The next stages in the local plan timetable can be found within the council's new work programme (known as the local development scheme) available here: <https://democracy.tmbc.gov.uk/documents/s70250/Annex%201%20-%20Local%20Development%20Scheme.pdf>

If you have any queries with regard to the above please get in touch via [local.plan@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:local.plan@tmbc.gov.uk) or via the council's switchboard on 01732 844522 (please ask for a member of the planning policy team).

## **POLICE CADET LEADERS**

If you like the idea of inspiring and supporting young people to achieve things they never thought possible and are looking for something exciting and rewarding to do in your spare time, then we'd like to hear from you.

With nearly 500 cadets (aged 13 to 18) in ten units across Kent, the Kent volunteer police cadet programme is one of the county's largest voluntary youth organisations.

We have a small team of enthusiastic and committed adult volunteers - but we are always on the lookout for more.

You do not need to have policing experience as we provide all the necessary training and we only ask that you are willing and able to give one evening a week to the programme. Cadet sessions run from 18:00 – 20:00 or 18:30 -20:30, depending on the unit you attend.

Volunteering benefits:

- meet different kinds of people and learn from them
- you can boost your confidence by having the chance to try something new, achieving new things and feeling a sense of achievement
- you can make a positive impact on others, from inspiring young people, sharing your life experience and enhancing your local community
- volunteering experience can be seen as an asset by employers, demonstrating teamwork, motivation and positivity. Gaining leadership skills, problem solving experience and social skills will all help your CV stand out
- you can strengthen your social network, helping you to feel part of a larger community.

If you or someone you know would like to volunteer as a Cadet Leader, please click on the link below which will take you to the application page on the Kent Police Website.

<https://www.kent.police.uk/police-forces/kent-police/areas/kent-police/c/specials-and-volunteers/cadets/cadet-leader/>

## **ANNUAL SURVEY ON THE PERFORMANCE OF KENT POLICE**

The Communications Manager for Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Scott, has launched their annual consultation about the performance of Kent Police and crime levels in local areas. It's an anonymous survey, it will take about 5 minutes to complete and it is important, because the Commissioner uses the data to challenge the Chief Constable and hold him to account. It also informs him about crime in local areas etc.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/KentPolicingSurvey2023/>  
The results will be revealed later in the year. I'm much obliged for your help. As I say, the more people who get the chance to fill it in, from all over the county, the better.

## **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**



## **NEWS FROM SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL**

We all enjoyed a very busy and successful academic year at Shipbourne School. The final term ended with our Sports Day on Shipbourne Common, a whole school trip to Drusillas and our Leavers Service, which this year took place in school. We are very grateful to Susan Packer for joining us to present youth bibles from St Giles', and to share inspirational words with our Year 6 leavers, who shortly will be starting at their secondary schools.

Following a refreshing summer break, which thankfully did bring some sunshine in the end, our new year starts at the beginning of September and gets off to a very busy start from day one. We are looking forward to all that the year holds and to welcoming our new families, who are joining both Tinley Class in Reception, supported by their year 6 buddies, and further up the school in various other year groups. Very soon, we will be holding open events as we prepare for new applicants in 2024. Please do direct any one you know who is looking for school places to our website or school office, as we do still have space available.

The school year starts with a whole school Circus Day, Fairlawne Class visit to Parliament and Hampton Class visit to Mote Farm. Later in the term, Tinley Class hope to visit Tunbridge Wells Museum, Hampton Class will be visiting the Museum of Kent Life to take part in a Stone Age Day, Fairlawne Class will once again be heading into London, this time to visit the Tower of London as part of their history topic 'Off With Her Head!', and the whole school will enjoy bauble making workshop then Aladdin at the E M Forster theatre in December. The Autumn Term will also include celebrations for Harvest and Christmas at St Giles' Church, and we look forward once again to regular visits from Rev. Hayler once he has completed his sabbatical.

Moving on from our successful Summer Fete, our wonderful PTA are already busy planning our annual Fireworks and Bonfire Party, which this year is being held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We are in need of extra volunteers, so if this is something you are able to support us with, please do call the school office as soon as possible. The vital funds raised by this event are a huge benefit to the school, and we remain ever grateful for the patience and support shown by the entire village and Fairlawne Estate, particularly given the impact on local roads during the evening. We are also looking for additional school governors to work with both our school and Hadlow Primary, with whom we are federated. If this is something you would like more information about, once again, please do contact the school office.

We look forward to sharing more news with you as we head towards winter. Best wishes for the next few months.

**Mrs Daters**  
**Shipbourne School**

## **FROM YOUR LOCAL MP**

I've spent much of the summer keeping an eye on what the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has been doing. I'm concerned about what some of his plans will mean for communities like ours, where we are just a short day trip away from the capital.

Much has been said recently about the expansion of the Ultra Low Emissions Zone – ULEZ. This punishes those who need to get around, costs jobs and hurts families. London is the engine of the economy but this is a barrier to people working in and travelling to London.

The Mayor of London is also looking to scrap the very popular Day Travelcards for those who travel by train. These train tickets allow so many of us to travel into London for the day and have access to the tubes and buses throughout the capital. They can be incredibly valuable for families who would otherwise not be able to afford the full price, but also for convenience, with none of our stations being located in the Oyster Card area so we will be forced to buy train and tube tickets separately. It sends out the message that if you don't live in London then you aren't welcome in London.

During August, I invited everybody to fill out a petition on my website so that Sadiq Khan knows how important this is to us all. As a result, I also wrote to the Mayor of London passing on concerns of people across the community.

However, all is not lost just yet. The Mayor has made it clear that while he has triggered the six-month notice, he is open to reversing this.

I would still be very interested to hear your thoughts on how this will impact you, so please feel free to either email me, or write to me on the information below.

This decision from the Mayor of London will impact so many across our community, and I am very grateful for everybody who took to time to complete my petition.

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## SEPTEMBER AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

Farmers markets, unlike a normal High Street shop, comprise multiple small businesses with each one having different aspirations and objectives. They are also run by the producers themselves so their real skills are in the creating, making, rearing, growing their produce rather than spending their time marketing



As the nights start to draw in, the shorter days signal the changing season. This year was dry early on (we even had a hosepipe ban!) followed by rain at the wrong time which has had a major impact on the harvest. However, right now, both vegetarians and meat eaters alike are well catered for with the wealth of produce on offer. **Tomatoes, courgettes, sweetcorn, peas, cauliflowers, runner beans, cabbages and onions** are all plentiful. **Winter squashes and pumpkins** are starting to arrive and come in an amazing array of shapes and sizes, all with different flavours and textures – try in soups, curries, gratins and risottos. It is also the season for **local cobnuts and walnuts** to use in cereals, salads, cakes and breads.

Raspberries and strawberries are still available with soft tree fruit at their best and juiciest now so don't miss **plums, damsons and greengages..** They are wonderful for eating and using in preserves, ice creams, pies. You will also find early apple varieties so you have both soft and hard fruit all this month

Fish and seafood are plentiful this month. **Mackerel, grey mullet, sea bass** are plentiful. Wash down with a glass of the finest of Yotes Court or Meophams white wine and fizz! **Mussels** are also wonderful now but need to be ordered ahead.

**Venison** is the game of choice at the moment. It's the perfect free-range meat – minimum food miles, low in cholesterol and full of useful vitamins. It is lean and tender and is best cooked for a short time either fried or grilled. Serve a venison steak flash fried with a thyme and mustard butter or marinade in olive oil, lemon, garlic and chilli and cook on a griddle.

Last year there was a distinct lack of game birds as most eggs and poults come from Europe and were badly affected by bird flu. This year many more have been raised here so hopefully numbers will be considerably improved.

Cheaper cuts of meat such as **belly pork, shin of beef and lamb shank** all taste particularly good and tend to be easier to find at the market, where meat producers use their skills to ensure the entire animal is prepared for home cooks to enjoy at its best with no waste. For lighter meat, try **guinea fowl**. Cook in the same way as a small chicken roast, wrapped in streaky

bacon, and enjoy the flavour, which is richer than chicken and subtly gamey.

Please note if you want something out of the ordinary or bigger than normal always call the producer beforehand. You will find this information on the Shipbourne Farmers Markets website [www.shipbournefm.co.uk](http://www.shipbournefm.co.uk)

## SEASONAL COOKERY CORNER

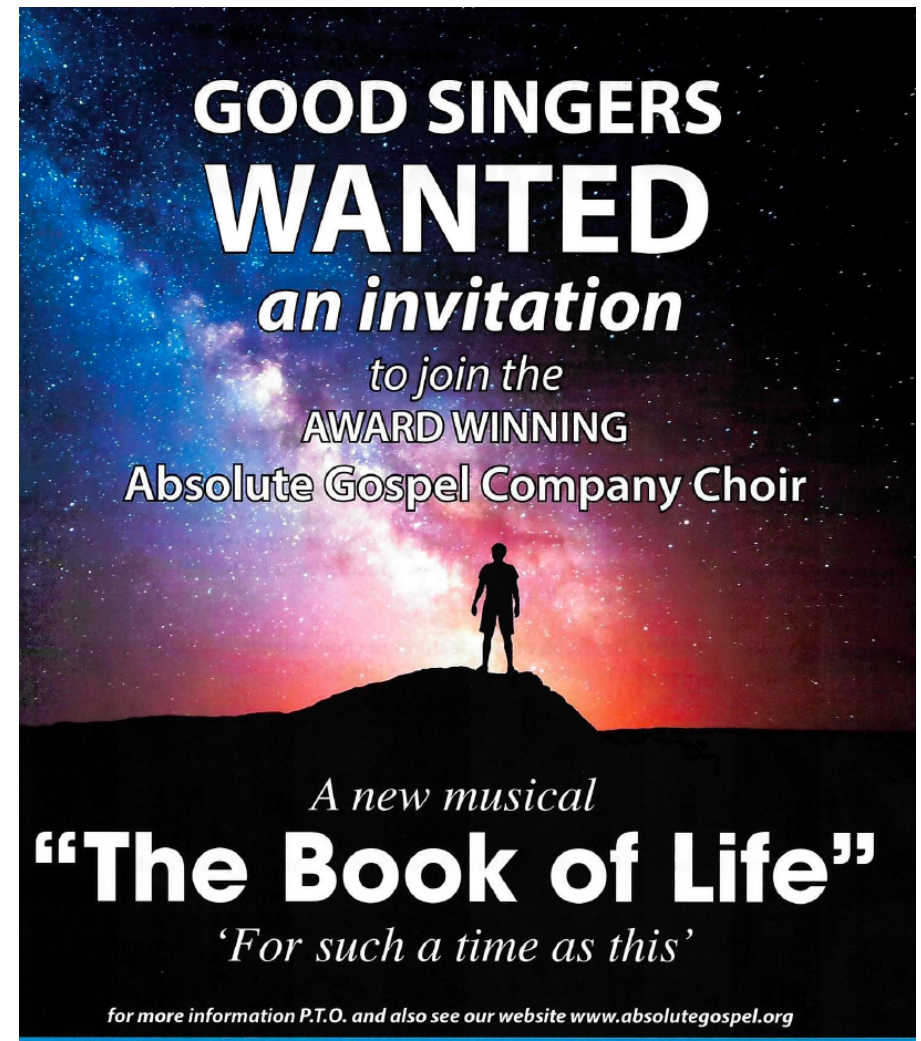
### SPANISH CHICKEN WITH CHORIZO

A real family favourite at any time of the year but lovely now with a locally reared chicken cut into joints. a hurry. Use lots of ripe tomatoes but you can use tinned chopped instead.

*Serves 4 / Prepare 20 minutes / 1 hour and 15 minutes*

- 1 large free-range chicken, cut into 8 pieces or 8 large chicken thighs
  - 2 tbsp olive oil
  - 100g (4oz) small cooking chorizo style sausage, cubed
  - 1 medium onion and 2 cloves garlic chopped
  - 3 red and yellow peppers, seeded and thinly sliced
  - 400g ripe tomatoes, skinned, seeded and chopped (or 200g can chopped tomatoes)
  - 2 fresh bay leaves
  - 150ml (1/4 pint) dry white wine
  - salt and freshly ground black pepper
  - chopped parsley to garnish
1. Preheat the oven to 190C/fan oven 170C/Gas Mark 5. Season the chicken pieces. Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole and cook the chicken thighs on a high heat in two batches on all sides until golden brown. Drain on kitchen paper.
  2. Add the chorizo to the pan and cook for a minute then add the onion, garlic and peppers. Stir over a medium heat for 5 minutes until starting to brown then add the tomatoes, bay leaves, wine and seasoning to the pan. Return the chicken pieces to the pan and bring to the boil. Cover the pan and transfer to the oven for an hour until the chicken is completely cooked through. Garnish with parsley and serve.

*Taken from The Busy Mum's Cookbook by Mary Gwynn published by Simon & Schuster.*

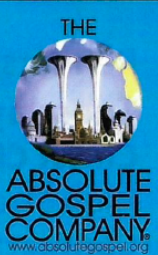


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