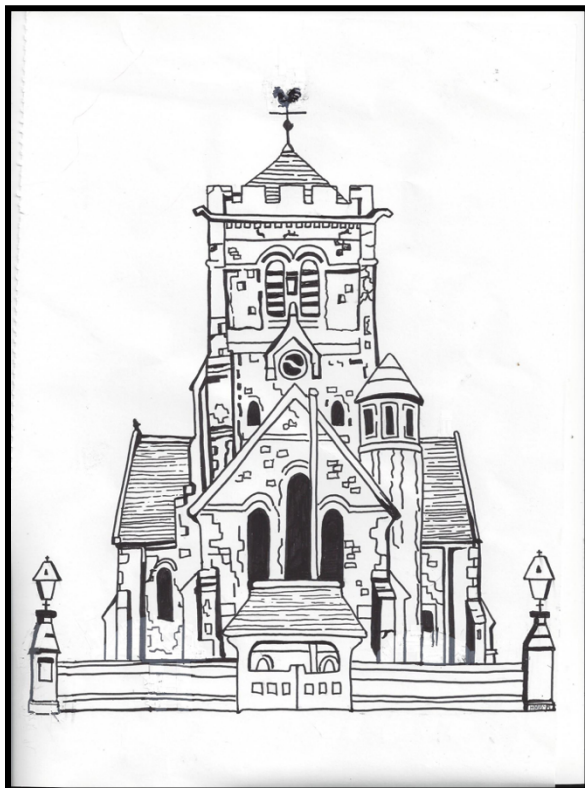


# St Giles' and Shipbourne NEWSLETTER



**October 2023**

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### PARISH DIARY – OCTOBER 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/>*

<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</i>	<b>1st</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion at St Giles Church</b>
		11.00am	Harvest Family Service with Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Exodus 17:1-7; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21: 23-32
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30-9.30pm</b>	<b>Summer Fair "Thank you" drinks in Shipbourne Village Hall – see ad</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.30-4.30pm</b>	<b>Shipbourne WI "Bookworms' Bonanza" event in Shipbourne Village Hall – see ad</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>18<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</i>	<b>8th</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 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Philippians 3: 4-14; Matthew 21: 33-end
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Harvest Supper at Home Farm Barn</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>19<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</i>	<b>15th</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Community@11 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Exodus 32: 1-14; Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19th</b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>

<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>20<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</i>	<b>22nd</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Exodus 33: 12-end; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30-11am</b>	<b>Community Bread Basket in Plaxtol Church</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>29th</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
<b>Last Sunday after Trinity</b>		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Morning Worship at Plaxtol Church
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Benefice Choral Evensong at Plaxtol Church</b>
		Readings:	Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; Thessalonians 2: 1-8; Matthew 22: 34-end

### JOHN (JOE) BUCKETT

Ann Buckett and Mary Ann Taylor would like to thank their many friends and neighbours for the kind and thoughtful messages they received after the recent sad death of John Buckett (Joe).

**REMEMBER: CLOCKS GO BACK  
SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**



## PROGRESS OF THE ST GILES' CHURCH RESTORATION APPEAL

If you have not yet made a donation or pledge and are able to do so, please consider donating:

- 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 [pauljjbritton@live.co.uk](mailto:pauljjbritton@live.co.uk)**

## Community Bread Basket

9:30 - 11:00 on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 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 WI

ON SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2023

IN SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

FROM 12:30 – 4:30PM

INVITES YOU TO A

## BOOKWORMS' BONANZA

WITH

TEA AND AN ASSORTMENT OF

DELICIOUS CAKES

RELAX AND BROWSE A LARGE SELECTION OF

SECONDHAND BOOKS AT BARGAIN PRICES

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BIOGRAPHIES – POETRY

CHILDRENS' BOOKS

DVDS AND CDS

A Fundraiser jointly in aid of Shipbourne WI and

Macmillan Cancer Support

## **ST GILES SUMMER FAIR AND DOG SHOW**

The band played, the dogs were shown, the teas and beer were poured, the burgers were flipped, faces were painted, wellies were wanged, bricks were lifted, sponges were thrown, raffle tickets were drawn, much fun was had by everyone ...

Huge thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Summer Fair. The Village Green has never been so busy with visitors and over £5,500 profit was made which is amazing and will be welcomed by the St Giles Restoration Appeal,

As always we would like to say thank you to everyone who lent a hand and will be hosting "thank you" drinks at the Village Hall on **Friday 6th October between 7.30pm and 9.30pm**. Please do come along and have a well deserved drink and bring along any suggestions for next year's Fair. Also do come along if you are new to the Village as this is a great way of getting to know your neighbours.

The Fair wouldn't run without you - THANK YOU!

*Viv, Lindsay and Peter*

### **SUMMER FAIR THANK YOU DRINKS FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023 7.30PM-9.30PM SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL**

Everyone who kindly helped at this year's Summer Fair are invited to thank you drinks on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 7.30pm-9.30pm, at the Village Hall. Please do come along, the Fair couldn't happen without you and we are very grateful!



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 SCHOOL FIREWORKS

This year our annual firework event will be held on Saturday 4th November, 4.15-6pm in the field opposite the school on Back Lane. It is a hugely important occasion in the calendar of our village school! Our children benefit so much from the funds we manage to raise. In addition, families have a wonderful time enjoying the bonfire, fireworks and everything else on offer in the field that Fairlawne Estate kindly allow us to use.

We are incredibly grateful for the tolerance and understanding of all the Shipbourne residents during the event, we know the village gets a bit busy for a couple of hours, we do our best to minimise disruption.

The event is run entirely by parent volunteers, this year we wondered if any residents from the village would like to be involved? We have need for volunteers on the BBQ, bar, cake stall, face painting and traffic marshalling. So, if you are feeling especially community spirited and would like to lend a hand, text or call 07540 990923.

Many thanks!

**Shipbourne School PTA**

## THE WEATHER IN AUGUST

The average day temp. was 28.3°C, the average night temp. was 12.1°C, the highest day was Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> with 32°C, the lowest night was Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> with 6.5°C, the total rainfall was 53.5mm, the average rainfall for the last 30 years was 64.26mm, the highest year was August 2014 with 116mm, the lowest year was August 1995 with 3.0mm.

**Lionel Stielow**



**SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL PTA**

**Fireworks & bonfire night**

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/shipbourne](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/shipbourne)

**SAT 4 NOV 2023**

**4.15-6PM**

**BACK LANE SHIPBOURNE**

**£6 Individual**  
**£20 Family of 4**

fireworks  
bonfire  
bbq  
bar  
glow facepaint  
family disco marquee  
cakes  
hot drinks  
& much more...

All sale proceeds to go to Shipbourne Primary School PTA  
Registered Charity No. 1094459

## SHIPBOURNE WI

After the summer break, it was very enjoyable to see so many of our members at our meeting, and to be able to catch up with their news. Members were delighted with the success of the Hoopla stall at St Giles' Fete, when we raised over £200 for the Church.

Our speaker this month was Stuart Robinson whose talk was entitled "Curiosities of the City of London". As a London Guide he had an infinite knowledge of the City beginning with the Romans. We learned a great deal from the extensive range of 'curiosities' including the Great Fire of London, the 1854 Cholera outbreak, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre opposite Newgate Prison, hanging at Tyburn, George Frederick Watts' monument for people of self-sacrifice in order to save others, and a fraudulent ghost story. The interesting afternoon was complete with an excellent tea.

The Book Club Book this month, "Warrior Queens and Quiet Revolutionaries" has proved to be rather monumental and will be discussed on 18th September.

A lunch has been proposed for this month, and plans are being laid for the Christmas lunch!

The Bookworms' Bonanza will be with us in no time, so we hope Shipbourne bookworms and those from further afield will join us in the Village Hall for books, tea and cake on **Saturday 7th October**, from 1pm until 4pm. We would still love to have contributions of books.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th October when the speaker Eddie Asquith will be considering "How Big is the Universe".

**Glynis Coates**

### ADVENT RECITAL ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, TUDELEY

Voce Sacri, the smaller arm of the Plaxtol Scholars, return to All Saints' Tudeley to perform a second Advent recital on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Free entry with retiring collection. Doors and bar open from 5.45pm: concert 6.15pm-7.45pm including short interval. All welcome.

## CAS Climate Action Shipbourne

### CAS has been busy!

Since our last meeting we have had a stand at the St Giles Summer Fair. Thanks go to the St Giles organisers for providing us with a 'pitch' and welcoming the Tonbridge Repair Café to demonstrate 'mend, repair, renew and reuse' with knife and tool sharpening. Many thanks also to all the participants of the poster competition for their lovely work, **and congratulations to the winners 1<sup>st</sup>, Posie, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jago and 3<sup>rd</sup> Maria.**

The pledges left on the tree had lots of ideas ranging from eating locally produced food, switching off unwanted lights, reducing time in the shower, using water butts, making compost and planting bee friendly and wild flowers.

We have met with Carrie Spencer the Borough Climate Change Officer who will be working with all the Borough Parishes to share ideas and initiatives, and we now have a voice on the Borough Climate Change Forum where we can help promote partnerships which will be mutually helpful.

Come and join us we need as many people as possible to help with our endeavours!

Contact: Sarah Huseyin: [shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com)  
07733250185

**Never too small to make a difference!**



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INFORMATION AND EVENTS**

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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

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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 9<sup>th</sup> October 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.**

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS – SEPTEMBER

<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/23/01829/FL** - 1 Silverhill Cottages, Dunks Green Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9RU. Proposed rear infill extension and alterations (revised scheme to TM/22/00335/FL and resubmission of TM/23/00365/FL).

### **KALC AWARD**

At the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 11th September 2023, Lindsay Miles was presented with the KALC Award for services to the community.

### **SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL**

At the Annual Parish meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September, following the resignation of the existing Trustees, it was agreed by the Parish Council and members of the public present that Shipbourne Parish Council should be appointed Sole Trustee of Shipbourne Village Hall. Shipbourne Parish Council would like to thank Curtis Galbraith as the outgoing Chair and all the existing and previous Trustees. We would also like to thank Trustees Peter and Helen Leach for organising the hires and maintenance of the hall. We will be looking to set up a Committee, to help with the day to day running of the hall, please contact The Parish Clerk if you would like to be involved: [\*\*shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com)

### **LITTER & GRAFFITI – MESSAGE FROM TOM TUGENDHAT**

<https://www.tomtugendhat.org/litter-and-graffiti-reporting>

We all know how unsightly and frustrating it is to see graffiti, litter, and fly-tipping throughout our community. In recent weeks I have received a number of emails from residents asking what can be done to improve the situation. This is an issue in town centres, villages, and rural areas alike.

Graffiti is the responsibility of the land or property owner to remove. If it occurs on land owned by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council or Sevenoaks District Council then they will look to remove it as soon as possible. If you see graffiti on private land then you can also notify Kent Police.

However, to make it easier for you, I have decided to set-up my own online reporting tool below. You can fill out the relevant

form to let me know where the graffiti or littering has taken place. I will then pass this on to either the Council or the landowner for it to be either cleaned up or removed.

### **TMBC ANNUAL CANVASS**

Annual Canvass is the annual check of the Electoral Register, to ensure we have all eligible residents registered in the correct properties. **It will run from July until the end of November**, when we will then publish the updated register on 1 December 2023.

Just a reminder about the changes to the process. It was ascertained that a high percentage of people do not move each year, so resources are wasted chasing people to respond, when there have not been any changes in registration in the property. Also the new process allows us to make use of other ways of contacting electors to ascertain if everyone in the household is registered, such as email and telephone.

The process starts by uploading our register data via the Cabinet Office to the DWP site, on a set date, to be compared with the DWP data. Our date was **28 July 2023**. From this comparison the entries either match (green) or don't (red). The results were sent back down to us the following day and have been downloaded into our electoral system. Then the households are set into 3 routes.

**Route 1 – Households that have matched** 75 % – likelihood is there are no changes to these properties – these Households will receive either:

- an email, (if we have an email address for someone in the property), informing them of the details we hold, which they **must** respond to, to confirm that the details are correct or changes made, if they do not respond they will then receive a CCA letter.
- Or a letter (if no email addresses held), CCA, which informs them of the details we hold, which they only must respond to if there are any changes. No further chasing is undertaken.

**Route 2 – Households that have not matched due to possible changes in the property** 24.9% – these households will receive up to 3 communications from us, a Canvass Form, an email reminder (if we have an email address for that property), a telephone call (if



we have a telephone number), or as a last resort a house visit from a canvasser with a tablet, followed by a final reminder Canvass form.

**Route 3** – These are properties that are different to normal households, such as care homes, HMO's, etc. There will be a letter sent initially and then they will be contacted either by telephone or in person to arrange a visit.

We have started with the **Route 2** Properties this year, their Canvass forms left on **15 August**. VRO's will be chasing non-responses from around **8 September**. Then we will send the **Route 1** Property communications mid-September and lastly **Route 3** at the end of October.

Please respond, via one of the digital routes, either online, telephone or text, not only to reduce the amount of paper the team will have to handle, but to save much needed Borough funds.

#### **ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS URGED TO TAKE UP VACCINE OFFERS**

People aged 65 and over are among Kent and Medway's vulnerable residents to be offered a COVID-19 booster and a flu vaccination this Autumn, the Department of Health and Social Care has confirmed. Kent County Council Director of Public Health, Dr Anjan Ghosh, said: "We are now living with COVID-19, as well as flu, and eligible groups will benefit most from vaccination. "I urge any resident who qualifies to take up the offers when they become available to increase your protection ahead of winter, when respiratory viruses are usually at their peak." Medway Council Director of Public Health, James Williams, said: "Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and reduce your risk of becoming unwell. "I would encourage anyone who is eligible to get their flu and COVID-19 booster, particularly those with a weakened immune system as they are at greater risk if they get infected."

#### **Groups eligible for a COVID-19 booster this Autumn include:**

- people age 65 years and over
- residents in care homes for older adults
- anyone 6 months to 64 years in a clinical risk group
- carers and close contacts of people with immunosuppression, and
- frontline health and social care workers.



BRING YOUR BROKEN HOUSEHOLD ITEMS



#### REPAIRS OFFERED

Electrical : Electronics : Mechanical : Wood :  
Clothing : Textiles : Knife sharpening : Bicycles

**Sat 23rd September**  
**Sat 28th October**  
**Sat 25th November**

**10am - 12:30pm**

Last repair accepted at 12:00pm or  
when capacity has been reached

**FREE** Voluntary contribution welcome  
**ENJOY** Refreshments at the St Stephen's Cafe

**St Stephen's Church**  
Waterloo Road, Tonbridge TN9 2SW

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Please Email me at: [boveynatalie@gmail.com](mailto:boveynatalie@gmail.com)

## **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**

## **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2023**

This year's appeal is from 26 October to 12 November. 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. If you can spare an hour or two to help with house-to-house collections in Shipbourne or Plaxtol, please contact Sean on 01732 850048.



02/24)

## **FROM YOUR LOCAL MP**

Each year I run an annual school bus survey, and this year is no different. The purpose of the survey is to allow parents and students to share their experiences of getting the bus to school.

September is always a tricky time for any parent, with our children going into a new school year and sometimes a new school entirely. This brings a change to the routine and our travel plans too.

I work closely with Schools, Bus Operators and Kent County Council (KCC) to make sure that any changes in travel patterns from one year to the next are addressed quickly. But to do that I need to know what is working, and what isn't working.

Across Tonbridge, Edenbridge and Malling there are tens of different bus routes serving our different Secondary Schools as well as ones that go further afield to Schools in nearby towns such as Maidstone, Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells.

While I know that a good number of people reading this may not be of school age, I'd be very grateful if you could pass it on to family members who you think may find it useful. It really helps me hearing from you on what can be done to improve the services and I know that KCC and the bus companies are also grateful.

The survey is accessible via the following internet link – [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2023schoolbussurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2023schoolbussurvey)

I have been running this survey annually to allow parents and students to feedback on the quality of their bus service at the start of the new year. Once I have collected responses I will be in touch with the bus companies, schools, and KCC to see what can be done to correct any issues. It offers a fantastic opportunity for you to have a say.

However, if you don't have access to the internet then please feel free to write to me, or give my office a call if you have any issues with a particular school bus service. My contact details are:

***E-mail – [tom.tugendhat.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:tom.tugendhat.mp@parliament.uk)***

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## SEPTEMBER AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

**(Local produce made/grown by Local producers)**

Footfall in late summer has always been impacted by shoppers going on holiday as soon as the new school term starts. There has been a distinct drop maybe also caused by the September heatwave when we found almost 80% of customers came before 10am! However we have finally spotted the return of a few foreign tourists which has helped make up our numbers.



September saw the start of the apple season and now October is THE month for **apples and dessert pears**. They are 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.

Although w have just experienced the hottest September the longer nights combined with 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 Tom Cannon's delicious and healthy breakfast granola. (This is not the variety filled out with sugars, preservatives etc found elsewhere!

Much of our seafood is at its best when caught in colder waters, so as the sea temperature starts to drops the choice of 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.

With the heatwave in September, helping to improve the sugar content, this year looks to be yet another bumper season for our **Kentish wine growers**. Did you know we have a selection of quality very local wines at the market? Although you may think morning tastings are a bit early, Gordon, our own sommelier, is on hand to explain how the wines are made and make sure you will be surprised by the taste and quality of the product at that time!

We have been working on upgrades to the [www.EatDrinkKent.org.uk](http://www.EatDrinkKent.org.uk) web site over the summer months and now we have a brand new 'What's in Season' section. Just click on any item and you will find ideas for cooking and storing it (both in the fridge and how best to freeze it).

### NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

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## SEASONAL 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 (cut into quarters))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, and cook mushrooms until tender (about 5 mins).
  3. Take out and cook the onions. Take out and cook the bacon
  4. Reduce the amount of fat in the casserole to about 2 tablespoons and stir in the flour with the bacon and cook stirring until brown.
  5. Stir in the wine, bring to boil and simmer for 5 minutes.
  6. Add back the pheasant pieces, mushrooms, onions, garlic plus the stock.
  7. 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).
  8. Serve with mashed potatoes, or better still, oven cooked sweet potato wedges, and savoy or red cabbage.



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