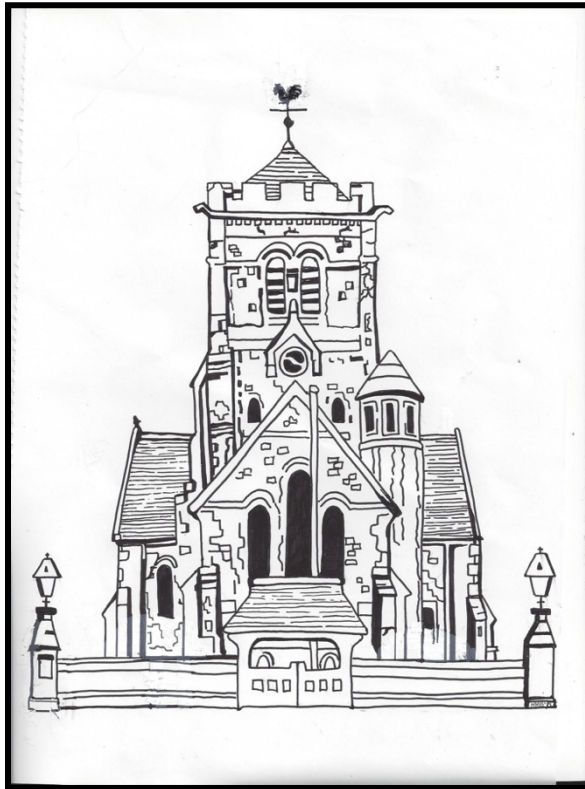


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PARISH DIARY – NOVEMBER 2023

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.

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	2nd	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	4th	4.15-6pm	Shipbourne School PTA Fireworks and Bonfire Night– for info and tickets visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>4th Sunday before Advent</i>	5th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Service with Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Micah 3: 5-end; 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13; Matthew 24: 1-14
Thursday	9th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>3rd Sunday before Advent</i>	12th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		10.50am	Act of Remembrance at St Giles, Shipbourne
		10.50am	Act of Remembrance at Plaxtol Church
		Readings	Matthew 5: 1-12
Thursday	16th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i>	19th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		10.00am	"Still Small Voice" at Plaxtol Church
		10.30am for 11am	Refreshments followed by Community@11 at Plaxtol Church
		11.00am	"Still Small Voice" at St Giles, Shipbourne
		Readings:	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30
Thursday	23rd	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne

Saturday	25th	9.30am-11am	Community Bread Basket at Plaxtol Church
SUNDAY <i>Christ the King</i>	26th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1: 15-end; Matthew 25: 31-end
Thursday	30th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne



Community Bread Basket

9:30 - 11:00 on Saturday 25th November 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.

THE ROBIN'S RECTOR'S RETURN

By the time the November issue is published, I will have been 'back-in-the-saddle' for a month – having enjoyed a lovely sabbatical over the summer. This was three months strictly off-duty for rest, recuperation and reboot. I was able to enjoy a pilgrimage walk along St Cuthbert's Way from Melrose to Lindisfarne, and a city-break to Tallinn, Estonia, which included a day trip across the Baltic Sea on the ferry to Helsinki. These trips opened up new physical landscapes and horizons in parallel to the new landscapes and horizons that I was exploring in prayer over the summer. I longed to rest from words and rational discourse, which are the currency of busy life and work, but when I reached into stillness and silence I was not at all surprised about the noise in my thoughts. So, I have been learning all about how to handle this in the tradition of the first Christian monks, known as the Desert Fathers.

Many thanks to all those who held the fort in my absence, particularly our Churchwardens and Vergers, our Curate, Mark, and other clergy colleagues who shared the workload of Sunday worship, weddings, and funerals.

The autumn is always a busy time of the year, and so I have come back straight into the busyness. Many thanks to all those who have contributed so generously with harvest gifts, through which we have been able to renew our connection with All Saints', Chatham and their social ministry through the Magpie Centre. Thanks, too, to those who have masterminded and hosted our annual Harvest Supper at the Foresters' barn on Home Farm, Fairlawne.

As the autumn moves on, we shall be celebrating All Souls' Day with the remembrance of our loved ones who have died at a special evening service at Plaxtol (6pm on Oct 29th). Then, of course, our remembrance of those who gave their lives for the freedom of our nation in war (Sunday 12th Nov – 10.50 by each War Memorial, going on into church after the two-minute silence. This will take us to within a fortnight of Advent (Carols on 3rd Dec – 6pm at Plaxtol) and then there'll only be four weeks till ... you know what! ... watch this space for details.

Good to be back!

Peter Hayler, Rector

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.
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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

POSTPONEMENT

ADVENT RECITAL ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, TUDELEY

The Voce Sacri Advent concert on Saturday 25th November at All Saints Tudeley has been postponed until next year.

I will confirm a new date in the next few weeks.

Marius Carboni

THANK YOU FROM ALL SAINTS COMMUNITY PROJECT TRUST

Donna Hayler has asked us to share the following excerpts from a recent letter received from All Saints community Project Trust:

"I am writing to you to give you Big Thanks for the Harvest Donation, which was received this week. As the donation arrived we were discussing how low the cupboard was here, so now they are full and overflowing.

The project is forever changing at this present time. Covid completely changed this project and it has not gone completely back to the way it was before. The community needs keep changing and nothing seems to settle.

The biggest need is food.

During Covid our cellar was cleared out, new stairs fitted, fireproof ceiling put in which was donated by a local company, walls and floor painted. It has lots of racking down there as well. On Mondays and Fridays we have Trussel Trust Medway Foodbank on site. So clients come to use for a voucher, and can go straight to Foodbank. One stop for both. Apparently we are the busiest Foodbank site in Medway.

Should someone come to us desperate for food on the other days, then we have our stocks of food which we use just to fill the gap.

We are now preparing for Christmas, as previous years we will be giving out 100 Christmas hampers to those in real need. Food shopping has already commenced as buying for 100 families takes a long time. We also like to buy all the children in the families a toy. So the next three months will be busy.

Your support from Plaxtol and Shipbourne helps many people in this area and beyond and encourages the staff here to know there are others who support us, so again many thanks.

Wishings and blessings

Diane Hatcher

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the December Newsletter by **15th November 2023.**

[A digital version](#) of the Newsletter is also uploaded on www.shipbourne.com.

Please email articles to lindsay_miles@btinternet.com or call 01732 810439.

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 SEPTEMBER

The average day temp. was 29.3°C, the average night temp. was 12.0°C, the highest days were Fri. 8th, Sat. 9th, & Sun. 10th. All 36°C, the highest September for 30 years (my records) the nearest was September 2020 with 34°C, the lowest night was Fri. 22nd with 6.5°C, the total rainfall was 49.5mm, the average over the last 30 years was 60.61mm, with the highest year being September 1995 with 137mm, the lowest year was September 1997 with 9.5mm.

Lionel Stielow

RIDE AND STRIDE

This year's Ride and Stride raised over £700 for St Giles' Church, Shipbourne. Thank you to everyone who generously sponsored Lionel and well done to super-Lionel for his amazing efforts on a very hot day in September!



Fireworks
& bonfire night

www.ticketsource.co.uk/shipbourne

SAT
4 NOV
2023

4.15-6PM



BACK LANE
SHIPBOURNE



£6
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£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.

Glynis Coates

A great big thank you from the Harvest Supper Team

The Forrester's Barn at Fairlawne's Home Farm once again provided the perfect setting for the Benefice Harvest Supper on Friday 13h October with trestle tables adorned with apples and other harvest bounty from the estate and straw bales as rustic seating!

Guests arrived to the melodic harmonies of The Abbey Capers playing English folk tunes. Pre-supper drinks were purchased from the bar and guest mingled and chatted before taking their seats at eight o'clock for homemade Shepherd's Pies followed by Apple Crumble.

Our thanks go, as ever, to the Fairlawne Estate for the generous loan and preparation of the barn for the occasion and for the supply of estate apples, bottled water and table decorations – and to our Rector, Peter Hayler, for acting as our Master of Ceremonies. To the local business and individuals who so generously donated the raffle prizes, and to Lindsay Miles for running the raffle on the night (over £500 raised!) To Shipbourne Farmers Market and Plaxtol Village Stores for selling the tickets – and to the latter for providing the wines and other bar essentials, all on a sale or return basis. Our thanks to all those who helped to set up and or clear on the day and a special thanks to our many skilled and generous cooks for their delicious offerings, without which there would have been no supper. And finally a thank you, of course, to all of those who brought tickets and came along to make it such a special evening. Well over £1,800 was raised for the Benefice.

Viv Packer & Andy Doughty

CAS Climate Action Shipbourne

As the days get shorter and temperatures fall we all look to our oil tanks and electricity meters! If we can save money on our heating and lighting bills this also has the added benefit of reducing our carbon footprint.

So put on those vests and jumpers, add thicker duvets and extra throws on the sofa, close thick curtains, switch off unneeded lights and monitors and insulate the loft! An extra 200cm makes a huge difference and will delay putting the heating on.

Send us **your** ideas for keeping warm whilst reducing your carbon footprint.

Let's reduce our footprints without getting cold, and have a good winter!

Contact: Sarah Huseyin: shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com 07733250185

Never too small to make a difference!



**FOLLOW SHIPBOURNE ON FACEBOOK FOR VILLAGE NEWS,
INFORMATION AND EVENTS
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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. Please visit our website www.shipbourne.com for further details. ***Our next meeting will be on Monday 13th November 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 – OCTOBER

<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.

New Planning Applications

TM/23/01949/FL - Paddock and Stables, Hamptons Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, Removal of existing stables, hay store and concrete hardstanding and erection of a single storey 3x bed dwelling with associated works.

Planning Applications Approved by TMBC

TM/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.

TM/23/01002/FL - Erect a greenhouse in the back garden as part of the redesigned kitchen garden - Wellhampton House, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9PN.

TM/23/01141/FL - Change of use of the land to residential and demolition of two storage barns to be replaced with 2x detached dwellings - Land And Buildings, South And East of Higlars Farm, Back Lane, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent.

TM/23/00073/FL - Barn West Of Ambleside, Reeds Lane, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent. Conversion of gamekeepers storage barn used to store pheasant shoot apparatus and equipment into five dwellings with associated external works and parking facilities

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

TM/23/01560/FL - Ambleside, Reeds Lane, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9RR. 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

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

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

Planning Applications Refused by TMBC

TM/23/00401/FL - Change of use of Grade II Listed Threshing Barn for use as wedding/entertainment venue - Barn 30 Yards Northwest of Great Budds, Mote Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent.

HOSPICE IN THE WEALD CHRISTMAS MARKET

Hospice in the Weald Christmas Market is set to return this year and promises to be bigger and better than ever!



From 10am until 4pm on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th November, the Hospice gardens will be transformed into a winter wonderland with sparkling lights, a wonderful Christmas market, games, crafts and performances by Women in Harmony, Saxissimo, Sarah Harris and the Tonbridge Scout and Guide Band.

With over forty stalls selling locally made crafts and produce including decorations, fashion, jewellery, home decor and more, visitors can enjoy browsing and buying, as well as sampling the range of food on offer from the Scandilicious food van, Simply Wafflez and, of course, the Hospice café will be open too.

There will be plenty of Christmas crafts available for you to try your hand at, including a wreath-making workshop with Tilly Bee Flowers, as well as other activities for all the family.

You'll also have the chance to win fabulous prizes in our raffle and tombola.

And let's not forget the big man himself, who will, of course, be making a special appearance. Set in his magical grotto, Father

Christmas will be supported by the cheeky Hospice elves who will help make Christmas all the more special for your little ones.

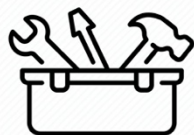
Speaking ahead of the Christmas Market, Fundraising Manager Lisa Browning said: 'It's so exciting to be holding the Christmas Market in our Hospice grounds again. It'll be a wonderful opportunity for visitors to find Christmas gifts from local sellers while supporting a great cause and experiencing the magic of Christmas.'

It's never too early to put the date in the diary. Also, don't forget to visit our website to book to meet Father Christmas. Please pre-book the wreath-making activity on the Tilly Bee Flowers website. There is a suggested £5 donation to enter the Christmas Market with all proceeds going to support Hospice in the Weald.

For details and to sign up, visit the Events section at hospiceintheweald.org.uk or call the Fundraising Team on 01892 820533.



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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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.



PLAXTOL PEST AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

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FROM YOUR LOCAL MP

Over recent months I have received more complaints locally about the amount of graffiti across our community and litter being left around towns and villages. This is a theme which has come up in all the communities I am lucky enough to represent.

We all know how unsightly and frustrating it is to see graffiti, litter, and fly-tipping throughout Shipbourne. Many neighbours have understandably been writing to me asking what can be done to improve the situation.

Graffiti is the responsibility of the land or property owner to remove. If it occurs on land owned by Tonbridge and Malling Borough 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 as they can see whether they recognise any of the tags used.

However, to make it easier for you, I have decided to set-up my own online reporting tool on my website here:
www.tomtugendhat.org/litter-and-graffiti-reporting

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.

It has proven to be really successful so far with numerous people getting in touch to report littering and graffiti. I am however aware that not everybody has access to my website so if you would like to report some to me then please feel free to write to me or give my office a call, you can do so using my contact details below.

E-mail – tom.tugendhat.mp@parliament.uk

Phone – 01732 441563

Facebook, Twitter and Instagram - @TomTugendhat

Address – 130 Vale Road, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1SP

OCTOBER AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

(Local produce made/grown by Local producers)

Now the clocks have gone back and it's that time of year again when short days and cold nights mean we all crave comfort from the kitchen. Slow-cooked casseroles, homely dishes such as the mashed topped game pie, rich flavoured roasts and warming puds all fit the bill perfectly. So head out to the Farmer's Market for inspiration.



Make local game the meat of choice this month as the season is well under way for birds such as **pheasant, partridge and wild duck**. **Venison** makes a healthy choice as most wild game has 15-20% content than red meat. The lower fat content means careful cooking to avoid letting the meat dry out. Forget the old traditional slow cooking methods in stews and casseroles flash-frying or, grilling are better suited to lean, tender cuts. Have a word with Kieron who now has a booklet of interesting game recipes

If you want to slow cook for great comfort eating, try some of the cheaper cuts of beef, lamb and pork such as **shin of beef, belly pork, or lamb neck**, all cook down to meltingly wonderful mouthfuls of flavour, perfect for colder days. Remember that most stews, pies and casseroles actually improve in flavour from being cooked and stored for a day or two in the fridge before serving. Buy and cook for double and put half in the freezer ready for another meal.

Colder coastal waters at this time of year make for the highest quality fish and as the temperature drops the range available just gets better. **Dover sole, turbot and halibut** are rightly considered the very finest eating by cooks and chefs. But also this month why not try some of the lower cost alternatives as many are at their best. **Brill** is a real discovery if you haven't tried it before – a firm white flesh full of clean flavour that only needs simple cooking. Or opt for healthy **mackerel and herring**, full of valuable Omega 3 fish oils.

Root vegetables are at their tastiest now and perfect for mashes, gratins and roasts – they improve with the cold and you will notice a marked difference in flavour from locally sourced varieties compared to supermarket specimens. Look out for **parsnips, Jerusalem artichokes, swede and turnips**. Try cooking peeled, cubed **celeriac** with a couple of cloves of garlic in the cooking water then mash with

a big dollop of butter to go with venison or roast beef. Main crop **potatoes** are full of texture and flavour and the varieties available in your own area are worth exploring. Ask Abi for advice on which potato to buy – the right one, floury or waxy, will make all the difference to the finished dish. The brassicas really come into their own this month too – **kale, spring greens, Brussels sprouts** and all kinds of **cabbages** are wonderful in stir-fries, soups, and hashes or just steamed with grated nutmeg and more butter! And red cabbage cooked with apple, spices and red wine is another seasonal treat to go with rich pork, or maybe a roasted wild duck.

Apples and pears are in abundance this year, all benefiting from the cool wet spring so try as many local varieties as possible – Bramleys are perfect for using in mincemeat and Christmas pudding so buy them ready for stir-up Sunday at the end of the month. Carry on making chutneys and pickles and remember the eating varieties can also be used in tarts, puddings and cakes.

Have a look at www.kfma.org.uk and click on our newest section 'In season'. This not only explains what is in season but how to store it i.e. in the fridge or freezer. We are in the process of adding basic cooking procedures so if you have any ideas please send them to bob@kfm.org.uk

SEASONAL COOKERY CORNER

'POACHER'S' PIE

A shepherd's pie transformed with venison – perfect comfort food! This recipe uses venison mince plus some pork to stop the mixture being too dry but you can use wild boar, rabbit or pigeon or a mixture.

Serves 4 – 6 / Prep 20 minutes / Cook 1 hour

- 2 tbsp olive or rapeseed oil
- 1 large onion and 1 large carrot, finely chopped
- 500g venison mince and 250g minced pork
- 1 - 2 tsp Ras al Hanout spice (a classic Moroccan spice mix)
- 1 - 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp redcurrant jelly
- 4 tbsp chopped flat-leaved parsley
- 500ml good beef or game stock
- 500g floury potatoes such as King Edward, peeled and cubed
- 1 large swede, peeled and cubed and 2 parsnips, peeled and sliced
- 30 - 50g butter (add to your taste)
- 50g strong cheddar-style cheese, grated
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/fan oven 180C/Gas mark 6. Heat the oil in a large non-stick frying pan and cook the onion and carrot for 3 minutes until softened. Add the minced venison and pork and break up with a fork. Sprinkle with the Ras al Hanout and fry for a few minutes until lightly browned.
2. Stir in the Worcestershire sauce, redcurrant jelly and chopped parsley. Add stock and seasoning and bring to the boil. Simmer, half covered, for 25 – 30 minutes, stirring occasionally until the liquid is reduced.
3. Cover potatoes, swede and parsnip in a pan with enough cold water. Bring to the boil and simmer for 15 - 20 minutes until tender. Drain thoroughly and mash until smooth, add the milk and butter. Season and spoon over the top of the mince mixture.
4. Rough up the surface with a fork then scatter with the cheese. Bake for 25 – 30 minutes until the top is golden and bubbling. Serve with peas or steamed broccoli.



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