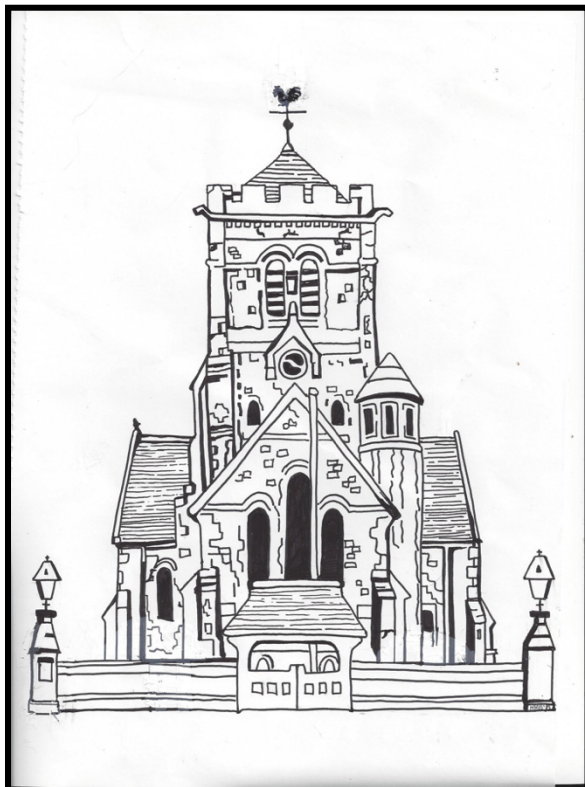


✦ *St Giles' and Shipbourne* ✦
NEWSLETTER



✦ *December 2023* ✦

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Christmas Worship

in Shipbourne and Plaxtol



Carols & Sketches

@ The Kentish Rifleman ~ Tues 19th ~ 5pm

Carol Service (Plaxtol) ~ Sat 23rd ~ 5pm

Family Nativity (Shipbourne) ~ Sun 24th ~ 9.30am

Family Nativity (Plaxtol) ~ Sun 24th ~ 11.00am

- *this replaces 'Bethlehem Live' - come in costume!*

Carol Service (Shipbourne) ~ Sun 24th ~ 5pm

Midnight Mass (Plaxtol) ~ Sun 24th ~ 11.30pm

- *an immersive service with the music of Enya!*

Family Communion (Shipbourne) ~ Mon 25th ~ 9.30am

Family Communion (Plaxtol) ~ Mon 25th ~ 11.00am

Rector of Shipbourne with Plaxtol
Rev Dr Peter Hayler
The Rectory, The Street, Plaxtol TN15 0QG

PARISH DIARY – DECEMBER 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/>

SUNDAY	3rd	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
Advent Sunday		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Service with Communion at Plaxtol Church
		6.00pm	Advent Carol Service at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Isaiah 64: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-end
Thursday	7th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne with carol singers from Shipbourne School
SUNDAY	10th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne
		10.00am	"Still Small Voice" at Plaxtol Church
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		11.00am	"Still Small Voice" at St Giles, Shipbourne
		Readings	Isaiah 40: 1-11; 2 Peter 3: 8-15a; Mark 1: 1-8
Tuesday	12th	10-11.30am	Plaxtol Playtime (see advert)
Thursday	14th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	16th	9.30-11am	Community Bread Basket "Relax into Christmas" at Plaxtol Church
SUNDAY	17th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11am	Community@11 at Plaxtol Church (refreshments from 10.30am)
		Readings:	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end; 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28
Tuesday	19th	8.00pm	"Open Air Carols and Sketches" at The Kentish Rifleman
Thursday	21st	9-11am	Christmas Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne

Saturday	23 rd	5.00pm	Carol Service at Plaxtol Church
SUNDAY <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> CHRISTMAS EVE	24 th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne – including “Sheepsville” – 3 rather chatty wisemen and sheep!
		11.00am	Family Costume Nativity (in place of Bethlehem Live) at Plaxtol Church
		5.00pm	Carol Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.30pm	Midnight Communion at Plaxtol Church
CHRISTMAS DAY	25 th	9.30am	Family Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Luke 2: 1-20
Thursday	28 th		NO FARMERS’ MARKET – Market reopens on 18th January 2024
SUNDAY <i>1st Sunday of Christmas</i>	31 st	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Morning Worship at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 15:21

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

This year, the preparatory season of Advent is as short as it can be, with Sunday 24th doubling as both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. As Christmas Day moves on to a Monday, it is a challenge to fit everything in without shipping important fixtures out, way too early, into the middle of December!



At the same time, we’re aware that everybody has different expectations. The most popular church event is clearly the **Carol Service**, and while some long for this to be a local version of the service at King’s College, Cambridge others prefer an indoor version of the Carol Singing that normally takes place in the street. In reality our **Carol Services** are neither of these, but somewhere in the middle. We love to tell the Christmas story; our choristers, who sing faithfully on Sundays week by week throughout the year, look forward to doing their bit while members of the community want to have a good sing, too. We also want to strike a balance where atmosphere and stillness can play a part in communicating the holiness of the season... while making it abundantly clear that all ages are welcome at everything.

We are pleased to have a renewed invitation to do *Carols and Sketches* at the **Kentish Rifleman** on Tues 19th at 5pm. This is the earliest Christmas event. We usually do a **‘Bethlehem Live!’** event in Plaxtol, but the way the days fall this years makes it impossible – so we are having a similar costumed **Nativity Service** in Plaxtol Church at 11am of Christmas Eve. Likewise, we are going to try something new at **Midnight Communion** (11.30 pm at Plaxtol, without either choir or congregational singing, but using the beautiful music of Enya to create a meditative or ‘immersive’ telling of the Christmas mysteries. So do please take a moment to think about your expectations and to consider the different formats and ‘feels’ that are on offer over Christmas. Above all, we long to celebrate with you the **Joy** of the Christmas message: that God loves the world so much that he sent his son to be **with us – Emmanuel !**

Every blessing for the forthcoming Christmas season!

Peter Hayler, Rector

PLAXTOL PLAYTIME

A group for Babies, Toddlers, Pre-schoolers and their parents, grandparents and carers

Meeting in Plaxtol Church on the 2nd Tuesday of the month
Join us for a coffee/tea - some play activities and to meet other local parents, carers and little ones in the community

£2.00 per family

Next meeting - 12th December

In Plaxtol Church from 10.00 to 11.30

Join us

Where? St Giles Church

When? Christmas Eve December 24th 2023

What time ? 9.30 am

What's happening? Singing carols of course and our young people will take us on a visit to Sheepsville while three chatty wise men are expected

THE ST GILES' CHURCH RESTORATION APPEAL

The total of gifts, pledges, grants and income from events has now reached more than £118,000 to add to the £100,000 which the church can contribute from its reserves, so we are not far from the £231,000 which was our original target. In practice we will need to raise a bit more than that target because of inflation in building costs since we began. However, this has been a splendid effort and thank you again for your great generosity.

We plan to go to tender in the spring and to carry out the main works during the summer when the weather should be more helpful for the kind of work we need to do.

Meanwhile, though, a separate project has already begun to tackle the repeated flooding of our crypt in recent years as the result of a collapsed drain. The drain cannot be easily repaired, so we are installing an electric sump-pump to remove water at times of heavy rainfall. We are also re-wiring the crypt because the existing circuits have failed because of the flooding.

Our appeal continues and the Farmers' Market will be selling packs of Christmas Cards designed by young local artists, the proceeds of which will go to the appeal. And look out for the Quiz Night which we will be organising in the New Year.

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 pauljbritton@live.co.uk

Community Bread Basket



invites you to

'Relax into Christmas'

Sat 16th December - 9.30-11am

Plaxtol Church

- ***Enjoy Chocolate Yule Log, warm Mince-Pies, and Hot Chocolate***
- ***Write a message to remember loved ones and put it on our tree***
- ***Children invited to colour-in and create their own Christmas cards***



SHIPBOURNE WI

Shipbourne WI has had a busy couple of months. The book sale in October was a great success, and then the talk by Gordon Wright, about the Cazalets, at the following meeting, was both fascinating and informative.

During the latter part of October there was a walk, a lunch and the Book Club meeting.

The meeting in November was a very active and fun event. Organised by Sue Streeter and Ali Jones, members were able to learn new craft skills, making decorations for Christmas ranging from stars made from a rainbow of cards, wooden labels designed as reindeer, frosted jar candle holders and motifs for wax candles. The workshop was very much enjoyed, and a good time was had by all. The delicious tea was well deserved and much appreciated. A special thank you is due to Ali for her ideas and help at the event.

A 'mud free' walk has been arranged for Friday 1st December, which we hope will be on the theme of Jane Austen in Tonbridge. The lunch will be at The Chaser on 13th November, and Book Club will meet on Monday 20th November, when we shall be discussing Circe by Madeleine Miller.

As we approach Christmas, two events we really enjoy are a lunch on 8th December at The View, the restaurant run by the college, and our party, which will be on 13th December, when passers by may well hear singing coming from the Village Hall!

Shipbourne WI wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas.

Glynis Coates

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the January Newsletter by
10th December 2023.

Please note earlier deadline due to Christmas break.

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.



A Tudor Christmas at Ightham Mote

18 November - 7 January - Mice at the Mote Christmas Trail

There's a mouse in the house! See if you can spot all the mice hidden around the garden and house this Christmas with this FREE trail.

18 & 19 December - Wandering Father Christmas

There will be a chance to spot Father Christmas wandering around Ightham Mote.

2 December - Meet Father Christmas (Visitors with Additional Needs)

Join us for a cosy one-to-one session with Father Christmas. This is an accessible, SEN-friendly session, aimed at providing a more relaxed and calm experience.

(For more information on this event or to book your place please visit our website)

Carols in the Courtyard

Enjoy the beautiful voices of so many local groups and choirs.

25 November: Tonbridge Rock Choir 1 December: Hartlip Singers
2 & 17 December: Morrigan 3 December: The Allegri Singers
16, 21 & 29 December: A Capella 23 December: Musical Memories

1, 8 & 29 December - Late Night Openings

Join us for a late night opening and enjoy our festive decorations, full of twinkling lights, flickering candles, and greenery from our garden.

Booking required

8 & 15 December - Book Craft Workshops

You can learn how to create works of art using old books, perfect for festive decorations or Christmas presents! Booking required.

31 December & 1 January - Winter Walks

Walk off that Christmas Dinner or start the New Year off right with our Dawn Winter Walks. Booking required - 8:45am - 11:30am, £15.

Scan me!



SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The contact details for the Parish Council are:

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 Ismays Road
 Ightham TN15 9BE
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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 11th December 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 – NOVEMBER

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

TMBC has just launched a new planning portal and planning applications are now sent to us when they are validated rather than via a weekly list. If you would like to receive planning applications for Shipbourne, please sign up to alerts on the TMBC website.

New Planning Applications

23/02048/FL— Fairview House, Back Lane, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9PP. Demolish lean to structure and erect single storey rear extension. New paved area.

23/02081/PP – Ambleside, Reads Lane, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9RR. Details of Condition7 (External Lighting) pursuant to Planning permission TM/23/01560/FL 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.

23/02042/LB – 3 Church Gate Cottages, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9PF. Listed Building works. Replace existing first floor timber framed single glazed windows with new double glazed timber framed windows to match existing profiles.

23/02055/TNCA – Great Budds House, Mote Road, Shipbourne, Kent, TN11 9QD. T1 English Oak, fell and treat stump with eco plugs. Reason clay shrinkage damage at the property.

23/02073/FL – Smallholding land North and South of Roughway Lane, Roughway, Tonbridge, Kent. Change of use and conversion of redundant store to 1 x bed dwelling for ancillary use in association of Stone Cottage, together with a single storey side extension and associated external alterations.

FREE HOME ENERGY UPGRADES AVAILABLE NOW

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council is helping residents save on energy use and make their homes warmer with the Home Upgrade Grant Scheme – open now.

Residents who rely on oil, electricity, liquid petroleum gas (LPG), coal, or wood to heat their homes could dramatically improve their home's energy efficiency for free and save money in the long run. Under the scheme, measures including insulation, air source heat pumps and solar panels are all available to residents that meet certain criteria.

Home Upgrade checklist:

- Do you own your property or rent from a private sector landlord?

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- Does your heating source include oil, electricity, LPG, coal, or wood?
- Is your household income below £31,000 annually? (Earning threshold varies in some postcode areas).
- Is your property's Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating D, E, F, or G? (Help is available to find this out).

Funding for the Home Upgrade Grant scheme has been allocated to local authorities by central government. Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council has partnered with E.ON Energy Solutions Limited to deliver the scheme.

Cllr Robin Betts, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Environment Services, says: 'This really is a great opportunity for those eligible to take control of their energy use and save money on energy bills. I urge people to find out more about the scheme. We will ensure successful applicants receive the most suitable upgrades for their homes and it won't cost them a penny. In turn, we hope the scheme will help to create a more energy-efficient community and reduce the carbon footprint of the borough.'

To find out more about the scheme and apply, visit www.tmbc.gov.uk/housingupgrade or call E.ON on 0333 202 4820 (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday).

Contact: corporate.communications@tmbc.gov.uk 01732 876009

GUIDED GROUP WALKS – DECEMBER 2023

Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation. We explore the beautiful countryside of Tonbridge and Malling and surrounding areas. You don't have to be a Ramblers member to try up to three 'taster' walks with us. If you're new to our walks, please contact the walk leader to check that their walk will suit you. For details of these and other upcoming walks and walk leaders, see www.tonbridgeandmallingsramblers.org.uk. Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers at Withyham



Sunday 3 December	A leisurely and gentle circular walk around Mereworth Woods.	3.5 miles
Wednesday 6 December	Leisurely walk from Dunk's Green to Ightham Mote (coffee break) and on to Shipbourne through orchards, fields and woods. 7 stiles and no hills.	5.5 miles
Wednesday 13 December	A leisurely and level circular walk from The Plough at Powder Mills to Leigh	4.5 miles
Sunday 17 December	Walk from St Mary's Platt through woodland, farmland, apple orchards and quiet lanes with valley views to the hamlets of Claygate Cross and Basted. Moderate difficulty	6.2 miles
Wednesday 20 December	A flat and leisurely circular walk from Haysden Country Park in Tonbridge, towards Haysden Water and on through the Eden Valley, returning via Lower Haysden.	4 miles
Sunday 24 December	Three churches walk from West Malling. Fairly flat; moderate difficulty.	5 miles
Thursday 28 December	Walk from Wateringbury Station along the Medway Valley then up over the hill past Roydon Hall and back down via Pizien Wells. Moderate difficulty.	6 miles



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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

THE WEATHER IN OCTOBER

The average day temp. was 20.3°C, the average night temp. was 8.7°C, the highest day was Monday 9th with 29.5°C, the lowest night was Sunday 15th with -1.0°C, the total rainfall was 189mm – the 2nd highest in 30 years (my records) the average rainfall over 30 years for October was 94.28mm, with the highest year being October 2000 with 218.5mm, and the lowest year being October 1995 with 20mm.

Lionel Stielow

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FROM YOUR LOCAL MP

A couple of months ago I wrote in The Shipbourne Newsletter about the Mayor of London's plans to scrap Day Travelcards, which would make travel to London much less convenient for us all.

The importance of the Day Travelcard is shown every time we are at the station. I am sure we have all seen people at Tonbridge Station who are not regular travellers, won't have an Oyster card but need to get the tube when they reach London Charing Cross. The Day Travelcard is the easiest ticket to buy. Without this option I have no doubt that fewer people would travel, which is not only bad for us but bad for the economy in London.

I received an overwhelming response to my request to hear from those affected and am very grateful to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts with me. Across our community I heard from hundreds of people. We received the wonderful news a few weeks ago that the Mayor of London has reversed his decision and the Day Travelcard is here to stay. This decision would have hit the poorest in our community the hardest and put off so many people from visiting London. Thank you to everyone who responded to my request.

In less positive news I also wanted to use my column to reflect on the terrible events we have seen in the Middle East over recent weeks. I have been working closely with communities here across the country who are affected by what is happening in Israel and Gaza and through my role as Security Minister I will continue to do what I can to ensure that the security of the UK, including every one of us in Tonbridge and Malling is protected.

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DECEMBER AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

(Local produce made/grown by Local producers)



Getting into the Christmas spirit

The market will be open every Thursday as usual and for an hour (9am - 10am) on the 23rd as our 'Pick Up' market. On December 7th we shall be visited by Shipbourne School choir to sing **Christmas carols**

We are planning to have Christmas cards designed by some of our younger artists in the village which will be sold in packs of five in aid of the St Giles' Restoration Appeal.

We have added a few additional stalls for Christmas and welcome back **'Patisserie Lingaud'** (Ira) 'real' **chocolates** and **'The Flower Hut'** (Jo) who will be bringing **Christmas wreaths, table decorations and bulbs.**

See the full list of stallholders on our web site www.kfma.org.uk Click on Shipbourne (on the Market list) and then 'Stallholders'.

To order Christmas produce in advance individual stallholders will organize their own order lists so please ask them for their Order List and make sure you order as early as possible.

Support your local producers and buy local this Christmas. We have a great selection of **meats** – maybe a haunch of venison, or a magnificent roast of beef on the bone, pork, or lamb? Or keep with tradition and stick to turkey or goose. If you are catering for smaller numbers how about pheasant or duck? For fish lovers smoked salmon, fresh turbot or halibut are available (please order in advance). Whatever you choose, buying locally means you are supporting small local producers and have the satisfaction of caring for the environment too.

We also have a great selection of vegetables so try something different. If you are unsure how to cook (or store) it have a look at our 'What's In season' section of our web site (www.kfma.org.uk) where we are building a comprehensive directory of produce in season plus how to prep it and store it.

We also have all sorts of **cheeses, nuts and oils** (for cooking and dressings) vital to make the perfect party.as well as locally made

quality **Christmas presents** such as mittens, scarves and head gear made by **Rosemary** from wool provided by her herd of **alpacos**, **Paula** not only makes soaps for every occasion but are created as works of art. **Ightham Wooden Products** have wooden Christmas decorations and various sizes of Cheese boards (the perfect present). Or how about some interesting spirits made by our own local **Greensand Distillery** or sparkling and still wines to rival the best in the UK, created by our local vineyards: **Yotes Court** and **Meophams**, or the **different varieties of Apple Juice** from **Roughway Farm**. To improve your leftovers once Christmas Day is over, try the variety of chutneys made by **Winsford House Produce**.

Stock up with **artisan breads** made by Pierre and Av at **Halstead Bakery**. They all freeze extremely well so make sure you have enough to last you through Christmas (to go with turkey sandwiches or a bowl of soup!).

Please note the market will re-open after Christmas on January 18th

SEASONAL COOKERY CORNER

CHRISTMAS SPICED RED CABBAGE

A most flexible dish. It can be served hot or cold, and actually gets better when left to mature for a day or two. It goes with all kinds of dishes. Serve with the main event on Christmas Day but make enough for leftovers to go with cold meats on Boxing Day and beyond.

Serves 8 / Prepare 15 mins / Cook 1½ to 2 hours

- 1 tbsp local rape seed oil
- 1 large onion, sliced
- 1 tsp ground coriander, ½ tsp ground cinnamon, ¼ tsp freshly grated nutmeg
- 750g red cabbage, finely shredded
- 1 large eating apple, cored and chopped
- 2 tbsp soft brown sugar
- 5 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 4 tbsp cranberry or redcurrant jelly

1. Heat oil in a large pan, add onion and cook for 3 minutes until softened. Stir in spices and cook for another minute. Add shredded red cabbage and stir to coat with spices then stir in the apple, sugar, vinegar and 4 tbsp cold water.
2. Season with salt and pepper and bring to the boil. Cover and simmer very gently for 1½ to 2 hours, stirring occasionally, until really tender and the liquid has evaporated. Stir in the jelly and serve hot or cold.
3. The classic sweet and sour flavours go wonderfully with all rich meats so serve with sausages and roast pork, game, creamy potato dishes, and cold with pates and sliced hams.

Taken from a recipe by Mary Gwynne (*Chairman of Penshurst Farmers Market*)



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Further details can be found on the Shipbourne website
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Simple Domestic and Personal Advertisements, up to four lines, are free to Newsletter readers. This free category includes items for sale or wanted, baby-sitting, dog walking, domestic needs etc. **To ensure Shipbourne Classifieds is kept up to date, each domestic/personal advertisement will be published in the Newsletter for three months and then removed unless requested otherwise.**

Business Advertisements up to four lines are charged at £1 per monthly issue or £10 for a whole year of 12 issues Also available are up to half-page display advertisements, charged at £10 per monthly issue, or £100 for a full year of 12 issues.

All revenue raised from Shipbourne Classifieds goes towards St Giles and the printing costs of the Newsletter.

Disclaimer: Please note that the St Giles and Shipbourne Newsletter cannot be held responsible for the quality of the goods or services advertised in the Newsletter.

NEW: JOANNE LOUISE BEAUTY - Offering Gel Nails and ELIM pedicures from my home studio in **Shipbourne**. I am fully insured and accredited, offering evening and Sunday appointments. Keep an eye on my Instagram for updates @joannelouisebeauty_ For any questions or to book an appointment I can be contacted on 07894054015 or email joanne@joannelouisebeauty.co.uk

SILVER CROSS PRAM FOR SALE: Excellent condition with as new folding hood, pram apron over plus bedding. £50 or nearest offer to go to church renovation fund. Tel: 01732 810541 (01/24)

FOOT CARE PODIATRIST/CHIROPODIST at my clinic in central Hildenborough. Gentle and effective care for your feet. Alice Neale MRCPod BSC Hons HCPC registered. Contact telephone 01732 832524 or text 07951949015 (01/24)

ORIGINALS IN PENCIL: Local artist applying bespoke art to interior design for homes and businesses. I love to create the unique, the unusual, the talking piece of any room and the best gifts. Visit www.originalsinpencil.co.uk to see a selection of my recent projects or contact me on victoria@originalsinpencil.co.uk or 07711 038484. (02/24)

MARVELLOUS MEN BUILDING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE: We do all types of building work and construction and refurbishment kitchens, bathrooms, extensions, loft conversions, painting and decorating, plumbing, electrics to garden and landscape work and much more. Please don't hesitate to contact us on 07887 511411 or 07478 739947 (02/24)

GARDENING SERVICES: Hadlow College and National Trust trained. Regular or one off jobs available. Please call Peter Zoepfel on 01892 836866 or 07845 174936 (02/24)

HAIR BY SHARON - Mobile hairdresser, for prices or to make an appointment please call 01732 773043 (02/24)

SALLY OSBORNE - ELECTRICIAN: NAPIT Part P approved. All domestic electrical work undertaken. To arrange a free quote please contact me on 07710 443079 or email salvioz@blueyonder.co.uk (02/24)

DAVID ROWE Plumbing & Heating, a reliable engineer for all your domestic requirements including: boiler installation, servicing and repairs, full heating systems, radiators, hot water cylinders, power-flushing, gas fires, gas cookers, bathrooms. Please contact David, 07715266311 or email droweph@virginmedia.com (02/24)

LOCAL WASP NEST TREATMENT: Fast, efficient, reliable. Andy Wasp 07833 558773 (02/24)



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Sending very best wishes and good health to all our readers for Christmas and 2024.