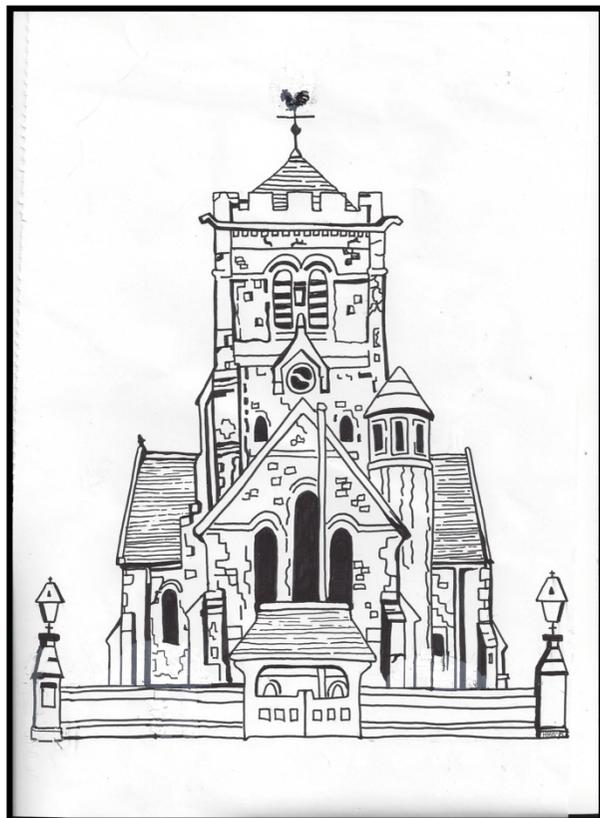


St Giles and Shipbourne NEWSLETTER



March 2022

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PARISH DIARY – MARCH 2022

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/>

ASH WEDNESDAY	2nd	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communioni with Ashing (said) at St Giles, Shipbourne
		2.00pm	Funeral & Lych-gate committal - the late Bryan Hayes
		8.00pm	Benefice Holy Communion with Ashing (sung) at Plaxtol Church
Thursday	3rd	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne -
Saturday	5th	11.00am	Interment of ashes - the late Tony Coombes
SUNDAY <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	6th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am Readings:	Family Service with Communion at Plaxtol Church Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Romans 10: 8b-13; Luke 4: 1-13
Thursday	10th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	13th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3: 17-4.1; Luke 13: 13:31-end
Thursday	17th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	19th	11.15am	Memorial Service and interment of ashes - the late Jacqueline Heskett
SUNDAY <i>3rd Sunday of Lent (Sexagesima)</i>	20th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Community@11 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Issaiah 55: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13; Luke 13: 1-9

Thursday	24th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday</i>	27th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Joshua 5: 9-12; 2 Corinthians 5: 16-end; Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-end
Thursday	31st	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne

(St Giles readers and readings to be arranged)

Note from the Rector:

We are pleased to be back to a full programme of services in church on Sundays. These gatherings remain subject to Government restrictions and the Church of England's "Recovery Group" guidelines. Any events that we have planned in anticipation of new freedoms remain provisional.



Community Bread Basket

9:30 - 11:30 on Saturday 26th March
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.

PASTORAL LETTER

MARCH - AND THE BEGINNING OF LENT

We all know that Easter falls on a different date every year. In the same way, Lent starts on a different date each year, giving a 40-day season of preparation. In the first centuries after Christ, Easter became a great time for Baptism, the preparation for which might have been as long as two years (!) - so Lent became the 'home straight' in all of this.



The Christian tradition is that forms of self-denial, such as prayer, study, fasting and almsgiving (charity) help us to redirect our attention, and make time and space for more of God. This also corresponds with a period of 'Forty days and forty nights' that Jesus spent in the wilderness as a 'retreat' before the beginning of his public ministry of preaching and healing. It was a time for him to focus on God's purposes, and the tasks that God had called him to.

We mark the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday (2nd March) with services in which we receive a cross of ashes upon our foreheads with these words: 'Remember that you are but dust, and to dust you shall return; turn away from sin and be faithful unto Christ.' There is a said service at Shipbourne at 10am, and a sung service at Plaxtol at 8pm. All are welcome!

In the following week our Lent groups begin. This year we're pleased to offer a range of opportunities: different times of the day, different days of the weeks, different venues, different leaders, different subjects and different styles of delivery - but all designed to help us grow towards God, and thereby prepare for the most intensive and most important season of the Christian year: Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

Please see details on the following page, entitled 'Opportunities for Lent 2022'. And do, please, e-mail the leader to register your interest. If you don't have access to e-mail then give me a call at the Rectory (811081) and I will be happy to help.

Lord, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, by your Holy Spirit.

Peter Hayler, Rector
RectorSwP@gmail.com

Opportunities for Lent

Benefice Lent Book: Women of Holy Week

An Easter Journey in Nine Stories by Paula Gooder and Ally Barrett
Discounted copies available in Church or from the Rector: £8

Study & Reflection: Women of Holy Week

based on the Benefice Lent Book.

Tuesday mornings from 8th March at The Rectory.

Led by Donna Hayler: 10.45am coffee for 11.00am start.

donnahayler64@gmail.com

Bible Study: The Letter to the Hebrews

Wednesday mornings from 9th March at The Rectory.

Led by Peter Hayler: 10.45am coffee for 11.00am start.

rectorswp@gmail.com

The Easter Story. Any Questions? Back to Basics!

Time together to think, ask and pray...

Wednesday evenings from 9th March at North Lodge, Plaxtol Lane.

Led by Janet Phythian: 7.45pm coffee for 8.00pm start.

janetsphythian@gmail.com

Alive in Christ.

Thursday evenings from 10th March.

Venue tbc. Offers of hosting/hospitality welcome.

Led by Mark Packer: 7.30pm coffee for 7.45pm start.

curateswp@gmail.com

Living in Love and Faith: The C of E's consultation on Identity, Sexuality, Relationships and Marriage

Thursday evenings from 10th March on Zoom.

Led by Tim Hatwell (Area Dean): 8.00pm revtim.hatwell@gmail.com

**FOODBANK COLLECTIONS FOR
ALL SAINTS' COMMUNITY PROJECT, CHATHAM**

Due to lockdown restrictions it has been difficult to support our link church All Saints', Chatham with food products. However, we are now able to resume our support and, now more than ever, our help is needed.

The All Saints' Community Project helps individuals and families who have an urgent need for food. They also have ongoing projects, groups and a café through which they support people. For more information on the project please visit their website: www.allsaintscommunityproject.org.uk

Here's how we can help:

- Each month: with Community Bread Basket (CBB), we will have boxes out in both Shipbourne and Plaxtol Churches for the collection of food items.
- The money raised by the sale of books at CBB will go into a fund that provides a free hot breakfast to those who otherwise couldn't afford it.

Thank you for your help
Donna Hayler

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COVID-19 HELPLINE**

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**REMEMBER:
CLOCKS GO FORWARD
Sunday 27th March 2022**

**If you would like to give a lily in memory of
someone at Easter ...**

Just fill in the name on one of the slips of paper at the back of the church, and put it with your donation in one of the envelopes marked "Easter Lilies" and give it to one of the Churchwardens. Alternatively you can send your donation to Felicity Ward at Hookwood House, Shipbourne, Kent TN11 9RJ. Cheques should be made payable to Mrs F. L. B. Ward please.

There will be a list in church at Easter in memoriam of all the people who are being remembered.

We shall also use daffodils or tulips for the church at Easter, so if you would like to give some to the church please bring them to St Giles between 9 and 10am on Saturday 16th April when we shall be decorating the church. If the weather warms up, we shall use yellow and white tulips on the windowsills, as the daffodils may be going over by then.

If you would like to help with the church flowers at Easter, please contact Felicity Ward (810525).

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the April Newsletter by **15th March 2022.**

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.



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE JUNE 2022

SAVE THE DATE!

Key dates for Shipbourne events are:

- * Thursday 2nd June 2022*
- * Sunday 5th June 2022*

We still need volunteers for the organising committee, to cover all age demographics in the village. Please put your hand up to help!

*Please contact Viv Packer 07768 397936 /
viv.packer@outlook.com or Lindsay Miles 07932 746002
lindsay_miles@btinternet.com to become involved.*

Thank you!

SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The contact details for the Parish Council are:

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Gable Cottage
Ismays Road
Ightham TN15 9BE
e-mail: shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com
Telephone: 01732 886402

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. During the ongoing Covid Pandemic, please check the website for any changes to the meeting schedule.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Shipbourne Parish Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and are working towards net Zero by 2030. The Parish Council are putting together an audit and have found that our carbon footprint is low. Milage for Parish business is minimal as most Councillors walk to the meetings or only travel a short distance. Many external meeting and training sessions are now held virtually which had reduced the milage considerably. We only meet 11 times a year so use a minimal amount of electricity in the village hall. Councillors have been encouraged to view meeting papers online so we have also reduced the amount of paper and printing ink that we use. If you want to work out your carbon footprint, there are many resources online.

If you would like to become a Climate Change Champion and help lead change in the community, please contact the Parish Clerk at shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com

THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

Please see below extracts from a newsletter sent to Parishes from the Lord Lieutenants Office. Shipbourne Parish Council will be supporting this initiative by making a small amount of funding available to individuals who wish to take part in this initiative. Please email the Parish Clerk for details.

www.queensgreencanopy.org

On Sunday 6 February 2022 we will see the seventieth anniversary of The Queen's Accession, marking the first Platinum Jubilee in the long history of British Monarchs. Although the Platinum Jubilee year begins in February 2022, many of the celebrations will take place around the special Bank Holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June.

To mark this momentous occasion, there will be a unique tree planting campaign across the UK which will be known as The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC). It has been created to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. It will be an opportunity to thank Her Majesty for her exceptional service and promote the importance of trees to the environment, through the encouragement of tree planting and tree preservation across the nation.

How to get involved:

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC will encourage the planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations. As well as inviting the planting of new trees, the QGC will dedicate a network of 70 Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

The planting of new trees across the UK may take the form of:

- Individuals planting trees on their private land
- Corporates and Businesses planting trees on their land and creating tree planting projects with employees
- Platinum Jubilee Community Planting projects for youth groups, Parishes, Residents' Associations
- A Platinum Jubilee Avenue of medium-sized or large trees ideal for cities, large estates, new housing developments and parishes
- A Platinum Jubilee Copse on private land or land allocated by the County Council or Borough/District Council

- A Platinum School Tree on school grounds involving students and teachers

Individuals:

Everyone can get involved in the 'Planting a Tree for the Platinum Jubilee'. Whether you are a seasoned gardener or complete novice the QGC team will be able to guide people through the process of planting trees so that survive and flourish. People can plant a tree in their own garden and the QGC recommend that trees are ordered from a certified Plant Healthy nursery in the local area.

As part of the QGC, their Partner, The Woodland Trust will be giving away 3 million saplings free of charge to community groups on a first come-first served basis. Information on how to apply for these free saplings will be available through the Woodland Trust website from June 2021 <https://shop.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees>

Tree planting season - October to March

The QGC will encourage everyone to learn more about the best way to plant trees so that they survive and flourish for years to come. Trees and hedgerows must be planted with care, at the right time of year, in the right place and with species that are not prone to prevailing tree diseases. The QGC initiative will encourage planting during the official planting season, October to March, to optimise the chance of trees surviving and flourishing. People are encouraged to use this summer to plan their Jubilee tree planting projects and be ready for October.

Clear instructions on how and when to plant trees can be found on their website along with steps to put in place to ensure the trees remain protected and flourish

<https://queensgreencanopy.org/get-involved/plant/>
<https://queensgreencanopy.org/get-involved/protect/>

The Queen's Green Canopy Map:

From October, all planting projects can be uploaded onto an interactive map on the new QGC website so that everyone can share and inspire others, as well as creating a green canopy of projects to cover the country. The map is embedded within the QGC website <https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/>

BIODIVERSITY AT DUNKS GREEN

The Parish Council has been discussing the grass cutting schedule at Dunks Green and are seeking opinions on whether to have less cuts to help with biodiversity.

Cutting longer grass and collecting it at the same time will help to create the right conditions for wild flowers to flourish. This will create a greater overall diversity of plant species, which in turn will provide a wider range of habitat and food source for bees, butterflies and other insects.

Please email the Parish Clerk at shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com with your opinion on how this area should be managed.

TMBC WASTE UPDATE

General Weekly Update

Please find below the latest weekly update from TMBC on the current situation with collections.

Operational Update

Garden waste:

The current interim garden waste collections continue. Those properties normally collected from on a [Wednesday in T&M](#) started their collections on Wednesday 2 February. Due to lower volumes of waste than the previous interim collection, slightly faster progress is currently being made but as with the previous collection, this is dependent on the number of staff available on each day once the frontline services have been staffed up & deployed. For example, although there were six crews deployed for most of last week, the last two days have only seen three crews deployed due to staff shortages.

Recycling:

Recycling collections are currently running to schedule.

Food Waste:

Food waste collections are currently running to schedule.

Refuse:

Refuse collections are currently running to schedule.

Communications & Website

We will continue to update the Council's website regularly with the latest situation for [collections](#) and would encourage all Members and residents to use this as their first port of call <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/bins-waste/check-waste-collection-updates/1>

There is also the separate page to provide more information on garden waste collections, which is linked from the Waste Updates page, and this will be updated as the current interim collection progresses.

THE WEATHER IN JANUARY

The average day temp. was 10.2^oc, the average night temp. was 1.4^oc, the highest day was Sat. 1st with 17^oc and the lowest night was Wed. 5th with -4,5^oc, the total rainfall was 25mm, with an average over the last 30 years of 86.3mm, the highest month was January 2014 with 192mm and the lowest month was January 1997 with 20mm, this January is the second lowest rainfall in 30 years with only 10 days of rain.

Lionel Stielow



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We look forward to seeing you soon.

www.thekentishrifleman.co.uk

NEWS FROM SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

The year has started positively for all at Shipbourne School after a restful Christmas break. We certainly appear to be moving back towards a pre-Covid calendar of events and have enjoyed being able to welcome visitors and parents back into the building. As the weather begins to brighten, we have a lot to look forward, including much more outdoor learning and enrichment trips for each of our four house teams. These new teams - the Romans, Victorians, Greeks and Mayans - have so far been busy holding charity fun days and have raised money for the Hospice in the Weald, Cancer Research, Age Concern and Refugease.

This term, Fairlawne Class visited Horton Kirby Education Centre to learn about school during the Victorian Era and more recently, Tinley Class enjoyed a morning at Tonbridge Castle. Year 5 and 6 were also fortunate enough to be able to visit the Farmers' Market before cooking and, most importantly, eating breakfast at the Chaser – a much loved trip in our calendar. We have also been visited by Mark Thomas, our PCSO, who met with all the children and shared stories about his role and answered a range of interesting questions from our pupils. Our PTA have met and are now looking ahead to our Summer Fete and other smaller events which will help raise vital funds for our school. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in hiring a stall at our fete, please do get in touch. Additionally, should you have anything you no longer need that you think may benefit our children, please let us know.

Terri Daters
Head of School
Shipbourne School

PLAXTOL PLAYERS

Next production: 22/23 April 2022
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MARCH IN SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday	1st	11:00-13:00	Scent Training Class
Wednesday	2nd	09:30-10:30	Hatha Yoga
Wednesday	2nd	11:00-12:00	Pilates
Wednesday	2nd	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	3rd	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Thursday	3rd	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Saturday	5th	13:00-17:00	Private Hire
Monday	7th	19:00-21:00	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	8th	11:00-13:00	Scent Training Class
Wednesday	9th	09:30-10:30	Hatha Yoga
Wednesday	9th	11:00-12:00	Pilates
Wednesday	9th	14:00-16:00	Shipbourne WI
Wednesday	9th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	10th	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Thursday	10th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Monday	14th	18:30-20:30	Shipbourne Housing Trust
Tuesday	15th	11:00-13:00	Scent Training Class
Wednesday	16th	09:30-10:30	Hatha Yoga
Wednesday	16th	11:00-12:00	Pilates
Wednesday	16th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	17th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Wednesday	23rd	09:30-10:30	Hatha Yoga

Wednesday	23rd	11:00-12:00	Pilates
Wednesday	23rd	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	24th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Wednesday	30th	09:30-10:30	Hatha Yoga
Wednesday	30th	11:00-12:00	Pilates
Wednesday	30th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	31st	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Thursday	31st	19:30-20:30	Pilates

If anyone is interested in joining the Pilates or Yoga classes, please contact:

- Pilates: Emma Foyle at emma.foyle@sky.com / 07967 645695
- Yoga: Alison French at fitalison1@googlemail.com / 07966 257027
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Please see separate advertisement for general hall hire enquiries

Helen Leach
01732 811144



Shipbourne Village Hall
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The Hall can be hired for £15 per hour with a minimum of 4 hours (£60.00).

It has an attractive secure garden with a good gate that can be closed. Inside there is wheelchair access through the rear door, a well-appointed kitchen, the main hall and an adjoining side room plus all usual facilities.

For Village Hall **enquiries and bookings** please call 01732 811144 or 07762 241720 or email shipbourne.villagehall@gmail.com

Further details can be found on the Shipbourne website
www.shipbourne.com



PLAXTOL PEST AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

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MARCH AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

Farmers Markets are the key outlets for finding **local food**. Almost all the produce comes from an area 30 miles away.

Why buy locally? Because it's fresh, lacks all types of preservatives and colourings plus you can actually talk to the Producer "!

These concepts came over extremely well in the recent TV programme about the Market produced by the BBC which concentrated on 2 of our Producers. You can still watch it on BBC iPlayer or on your PC

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0013nc5> You will have to register, but then you can see many other episodes are well worth seeing.

As March progresses the daylight increases by a wonderful two hours so that, by the end of the month, we will once again be enjoying days that are longer than nights. Once the clocks go forward on 27th March, it really feels like spring is properly underway and we can hope for a summer of sunshine to make up a bit for the wet of the winter now past.

For market visitors this month, what's on offer can seem rather restricted as we wait for kinder weather conditions for animals and crops, which will respond to the increasing light and warmth with bounty to come. That's why March is traditionally known as the hunger gap or famine month. But it's really a great opportunity to make most of the last of the winter and enjoy all those wonderful comfort foods and warming treats before they disappear again till the last quarter of the year.

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Fruit and veg

Beautiful pink forced **rhubarb** is really the only locally grown fruit around now but the season for the fine 'champagne' season is short so make the most of it. Use in fools, ice creams and sauces – it goes particularly well with a large pinch or two of ginger. Or make up batches of rhubarb compote and freeze in pots for later in the year. And don't forget it makes wonderful cakes – crumble topped, or upside down, with almonds or ginger. Serve as a pud with ice cream or keep for the tea tray. Don't forget that local apples are still good as the storing varieties go on delivering flavour and texture until April.

And don't forget....

to stock up on the jams, jellies and chutneys made using this winter's produce to keep you going over the next few months. Why not try a locally baked cake or sweet tart this month when the range of seasonal fruit is limited?

Meat and game

For meat eaters, **pork** is an excellent choice this month and it's still ideal weather to enjoy a hearty roast on Sunday with all the family. Try a shoulder joint for the best combination of flavour and texture. The cheaper cuts are worth trying in slow cooked stews –pork belly, breast of **lamb**, shin of beef – all great value and superb eating when the weather is still holding onto winter. Or what about that family favourite – a (free range) roast **chicken**? These slow grown birds have far more flavour and better texture and goes really well with roast wedges of sweet potato tossed in cold pressed rapeseed oil and a sprinkling of ground ginger before cooking. Serve with purple sprouting broccoli. Simple cooking works best with a really good bird as the flavour is enhanced rather than masked.

Rough shooting takes over as the end of the season has arrived for many game birds so **rabbit** and **wood pigeon** are both good eating now.

Fish and seafood

For fish lovers, **sea bass** is a good choice this month or try a wonderful warming fish stew as a superb way of enjoying superb local fish and seafood.. **Scallops** are at their finest now so enjoy one of the great pleasures of the season. Sea Trout or **Salmon** is also an excellent choice in March

WE ARE STILL HIRING!

Shipbourne Farmers' Market are looking for someone who can manage the signage boards for the market, putting them up at various locations on Wednesdays and collecting them after the market has finished on Thursdays. Approx 3 hours of work per week. Car essential. **This is a paid position of £40 per week.**

If interested, please contact David Porter on 07940 825428/davidporter30@hotmail.com or Bob Taylor on 07768 643614/bob@kfma.org.uk

SHIPBOURNE WI

We were most fortunate to welcome Sarah Fenn, from the charity Riding for the Disabled, to our meeting on 9th February. She gave an enthusiastic and informative description of the work done at Bradbourne for participants aged four and a half years upwards, both in riding and carriage driving. This valuable work is carried out entirely by volunteers and this has been so for over fifty years. With the motto, "It's What You Can Do that Counts", individuals are set challenges, and receive awards for their endeavours.

Members are hoping to visit Bradbourne RDA to see for themselves the impressive work that takes place.

A lunch has been arranged at The Rose Revived for the 16th February, with a walk at Godden Green on 18th February. Despite our best efforts, the walk in Tonbridge Park in January left us looking like mud larks!

The book this month is The Red Tent by Anita Diamont.

Next month our speaker is Dee Larcombe, who will speak on the harrowing subject of Four Years as a Child in a Japanese Prisoner of War Camp.

Glynis Coates

COOKERY CORNER

BRAISED CHICKEN WITH SAFFRON AND GARLIC MAYO

This chicken cooks in its own juices in a sealed pot so remains moist and full of flavour. The rich sauce is thickened at the end of cooking with the addition of garlicky mayonnaise. Serve with plenty of mashed potato to soak up the lovely sauce.

Serves 4/Prep 20 minutes/Cook 2 hours

- 1.3kg free-range chicken
 - 300ml white wine
 - 1 medium onion, peeled and halved
 - 3 large leeks, thickly sliced
 - 4 medium carrots, cut into chunks
 - a bouquet garni of bay leaf, sprigs of fresh thyme, celery leaves,
 - ¼ tsp saffron strands
 - salt and freshly ground black pepper
1. Preheat the oven to 180C gas mark 4. Place the chicken in a casserole with wine, onion, one carrot, one leek, bouquet garni, saffron, seasoning and add 300ml cold water. Bring to the boil then cover tightly and then cook in the oven for 1¼ hours.
 2. Add the rest of the vegetables to the pan and return to the oven for a further 25 minutes until the vegetables are tender. Remove the casserole from the oven, carve the chicken into thick slices and place on a warm platter with the vegetables.
 3. Serve the rest of the cooking juices in a jug as a gravy. Serve with lots of creamy mashed potato to sop up the juices.



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FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

I hope that your year has started well. Now I'm sure that you will have noticed in the news the discussion on energy bills, and the increases in payments that we will all face in the coming months.

Much of the discussion around this centres on our inability to supply our own energy through domestic generation or through stock that we have built up, or haven't. Currently we rely way to much on untrustworthy states to supply our energy.

With domestic stocks dwindling in areas such as the North Sea we should have been looking for domestic fixes. However, we have imported fuel, which has led to the problems we now find ourselves in.

We needed to start looking at way to fix our problems a decade ago, but only now are we starting to. Firstly, we must look towards the nuclear option. This isn't a form of energy generation to be afraid of. We need small generators rolled out to help with supplying energy to our homes.

As we all see greener energy on the horizon, we must think about how we power our green technology. Our electric cars are battery powered. China currently controls 75 per cent of the world's lithium processing, a crucial component of any battery. This is by no means being energy secure.

A lack of action in trying to develop our domestic energy generation will only lead to one thing, and that's an increase in the cost of living for us all. This must become the number one priority for us as we move forward and leave Brexit and Coronavirus behind us. We must start to put the general public first, and one way we can do that is by improving standard of living, including how much we spend on things like bills and tax, for everybody.

Tom Tugendhat
Member of Parliament for Tonbridge and Malling

SHIPBOURNE CLASSIFIEDS

*Shipbourne Classifieds have recently undergone a much needed spring clean - many thanks to **Olivia Bridgen's** voluntary work on this exercise.*

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.**

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

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UPDATED: YOGA: Shipbourne Village Hall: For Active Seniors or Complete Beginners. (Hatha Slow Flow Yoga) Join Alison 9.30-10.30am Wednesdays. More information available on Alison's Booking Website at bookwhen.com/alisonsyogaandfitness or any questions please contact fitalison1@aol.com / Facebook: Alisons Yoga & Wellbeing / Instagram: Alisons_Yoga_Wellbeing (02/23)

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