

# *St Giles and Shipbourne* **NEWSLETTER**



*The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Edition*

**June 2022**

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### PARISH DIARY – JUNE 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/>*

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Special Platinum Jubilee Farmers Market at St Giles</b>
		<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Shipbourne Platinum Jubilee Party at Shipbourne Cricket Club</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10-12</b>	<b>Bring your Queen's Posy to St Giles, Shipbourne - on display until Sunday 5th</b>
		6-9.30pm	Jubilee Family Barn Dance at Plaxtol Memorial Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	12 noon – 4pm	Plaxtol Church Fete and BBQ at The Rectory
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Pentecost and Platinum Jubilee</i>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Benefice Altogether Open-Air Praise on Shipbourne Green by Village Hall, including tree planting ceremony and followed by refreshments in the Village Hall kindly provided by Fairlawne</b>
		<b>1pm</b>	<b>Street Party outside Shipbourne Village Hall, bring your own picnic</b>
		Readings	Genesis 11: 1-9; Acts 2: 1-21; John 14: 8-17
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31; Romans 5: 1-5, John 16: 12-15
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
		11.00am	Community@11 at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	1 Kings 19: 1-4, 8-15a; Galatians 3: 23-end; Luke 8: 26-39

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30-11.30am</b>	<b>Community Bread Basket at Plaxtol Church</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></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:	2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14; Galatians 5: 1, 13-25; Luke 9: 51-end
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9-11am</b>	<b>Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne</b>

## SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL COVID-19 HELPLINE

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**Email: [shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com)**

## PASTORAL LETTER

### JUBILEE AND PENTECOST

As June arrives, our community is brimming with anticipation of the double bank holiday and the celebration of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. The Sunday that is part of the long weekend is also the Day of Pentecost, or 'Whitsunday' in the language of the old Book of Common Prayer. It is the day when the church remembers the coming of the Holy Spirit of God to be the power and life-force of the church.



There is a lovely connection between the Queen's Jubilee and Pentecost, which is the Oil of Chrism. At the Queen's coronation, on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1953, she was anointed with the Oil of Chrism as part of the ceremony. Chrism is a normal olive oil perfumed with 'Oil of Flowers' and blessed; it's something we renew every year at Rochester Cathedral on Maundy Thursday, and small portions of the oil are distributed to every parish, where it may be used to anoint Confirmation candidates. It is also used at the Cathedral to anoint those who are ordained for ministry. The anointing is an enacted prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit are the currency of the church. Without the gifts of the Spirit, or if we choose not to use the gifts we have within the life of the church, the church is as good as penniless. In a contemporary Pentecost song, we sing, "Come Holy Spirit, hear us calling to you. Come bring your gifts, edify your Church; come bring the truth, glorify our Lord; come be our guide, point the way; come walk beside." In a very familiar passage, St Paul tells us that the greatest of the holy Spirit's gifts is love:

*"Let there be love shared among us, let there be love in our eyes,  
May now your love sweep this nation, cause us, O Lord, to arise;  
Give us a fresh understanding of brotherly (or sisterly!) love that is real.  
Let there be love shared among us, let there be love."*

**On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be an open-air service on Shipbourne Green at 10am, somewhere between the Village Hall and the tennis courts. This is a service for both parishes – for the whole community. All are welcome. Please bring deckchairs and/or rugs.**

**Peter Hayler**  
Rector

## ST GILES ELECTORAL ROLL

It is essential that the Church Electoral Roll is accurately kept, is revised annually and that a new Roll is properly prepared when required. The Roll is used to determine eligibility for attendance and participation at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). It is also used to determine eligibility for election to the deanery, diocesan and general synods. In addition it is used for the calculation of the number of representatives who may be elected to each of these synods in the following year.

Forms are kept at the back of the church for anyone who is eligible and wishes to be added to the Roll, removed from it or just to amend an address or phone number.

If you have any questions, please email me at [leach\\_helen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:leach_helen@yahoo.co.uk).

**Helen Leach**  
ER Officer

## Community Bread Basket

9:30 - 11:30 on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022



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.*

**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](http://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**



**FOLLOW SHIPBOURNE ON FACEBOOK FOR VILLAGE  
NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS**

**@shipbournevillage**

**Updates regarding the Shipbourne celebrations for  
the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will also appear on this  
Facebook page.**

**Royal National Institute for the Blind.**

**See differently.**

Used stamps are a great way to raise funds for a charity - they can raise up to £20 per kilogram.

- . Trim off any excess paper leaving a border about 1 cm.
- . Pop the stamps into the box on the pew at the back of St. Giles' Church.
- . When the box is full it will be collected by Jenny Porter who will arrange for these stamps to be forwarded to the RNIB.

**THE WEATHER IN APRIL**

The average day temp. was 19.5<sup>o</sup>c, the average night temp. was 4.5<sup>o</sup>c, the highest day was Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> with 26.5<sup>o</sup>c, and the lowest night was Friday 1<sup>st</sup> with -2.5<sup>o</sup>c, the total rainfall was 14mm, with an average over the last 30 years of 51.5mm, the highest year was April 2000 with 145mm, the lowest year was April 2021 with 3mm, this month we have had 25 days without rain, lets hope that May is wetter (the gardens need it).

**Lionel Stielow**

**JULY NEWSLETTER**

Please send any articles and adverts for the July Newsletter by **15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.**

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

Please email articles to [lindsay\\_miles@btinternet.com](mailto:lindsay_miles@btinternet.com) or call 01732 810439.



## SHIPBOURNE INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

### Outline of Shipbourne Events

#### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

- 09:00-11:00 - Special Platinum Jubilee Farmers' Market at St Giles including live singing from the Tonbridge Community Singers and Jubilee cake cutting
- 16:00 onwards - Shipbourne Platinum Jubilee Party at Shipbourne Cricket Club
  - Fun and games for children and adults
  - Make your own crown competition for children and adults
  - Bring your own family picnic
  - Cash BBQ, bar, teas and coffees
  - Beacon Lighting at 21:45
  - Free entry and parking available on the cricket ground
  - Remember cash for BBQ and refreshments

#### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

- 10:00-12:00 - Bring your Queen's Posy to display at St Giles – on display until Sunday
- 11:30 – Celebratory bell ringing at St Giles to coincide with the Service of Thanksgiving taking place at St Paul's
- 18:00 - 21:30 - Jubilee Family Barn Dance at Plaxtol Memorial Hall with live music from 'Swing the Bridge', cold buffet, bar and raffle. Tickets £15 (adults), £10 (under 17s). Tickets from Marian Hemsted [marian.hemsted@talk21.com](mailto:marian.hemsted@talk21.com); 01732 810931 or Kath Barden [katherineabarden@gmail.com](mailto:katherineabarden@gmail.com); 01732 810460

#### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

- 12:00 - 16:00 - Plaxtol Church Fete and BBQ at The Rectory

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

- 10:00 - Benefice Altogether "Open Air Service" and tree planting ceremony on Shipbourne Green followed by refreshments in the Village Hall, kindly provided by the Fairlawne Estate
- 13:00 - Street Party outside the Village Hall, bring your own picnic

There will also be a competition for the **Best Decorated Platinum Jubilee House** in the village. Judging will take place during the morning of Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

It will be great to see as many of you as possible at these events to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**HELP and muscle power is needed to run these events!** Please contact Viv Packer 07768 397936 / [viv.packer@outlook.com](mailto:viv.packer@outlook.com) or Lindsay Miles 07932 746002 [lindsay\\_miles@btinternet.com](mailto:lindsay_miles@btinternet.com) to become involved.



## **REMINDER: MAKE A POSY OF FLOWERS FOR THE QUEEN**

Wherever the Queen visits, somebody gives her a little posy of flowers to welcome her. The posies are made to complement her outfit, so each is a special gift to her. She is lucky to be able to wear any colour!

We want everyone to have the chance to make a posy for the Queen for her Platinum Jubilee – whether you are at school, a friend of the Church, or a member of the Flower Guild, a stallholder or a visitor at the Farmers' Market, a member of the PCC or the Parish Council, a member of the WI, the Cricket Club or the Tennis Club, or just love Shipbourne.

We shall have photos of the Queen in some of the outfits she has worn over the years of her reign and they will be in the Church. The colours of the outfits will be pink, pale blue, green, yellow, mauve, cream or crimson. You can make your own choice of flowers and greenery to complement one of these colours. The posy should be suitable for her to hold in her hand if she came to the village – so no bigger than 23 cms (9 inches) in diameter – and tied with a ribbon. Attach a label with your name, telephone number and email address. We shall give a prize for the best posy made by an adult and the best made by a child (14 years old or less). Please note on the label if a posy has been made by a child. We shall announce the winners at the Morning Service on Sunday 5 June and in the Parish Newsletter in July.

Please bring your posy to the Church on Friday 3 June between 10am and 12pm and we shall display them all in the Church in celebration of H.M. the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**Felicity Ward**  
**07768 814 375**

## **SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

The contact details for the Parish Council are:

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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. For information on planning applications, in Shipbourne, you can sign up for an alert with TMBC. You can also access all details pertaining to planning: <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/planning-applications-appeals/planning-view-comment-planning-applications>



No Mow May' is a campaign by the charity Plantlife to let your lawn grow throughout May and provide a carpet of flowers for our pollinators to feed on. Even leaving a small patch of your lawn uncut will make a big difference.

Kent's Plan Bee team have been busy behind the scenes pulling together many KCC departments to put aside mowing some of the land they manage this May.

Now, we want to know how this links into the wider Kent landscape and see who else is taking part in No Mow May. Whether a garden or allotment, or you're a business or landowner looking to pledge a larger piece of land, we want to hear what you have planned!

For more information, resources and to make your pledge visit [www.kent.gov.uk/nomowmay](http://www.kent.gov.uk/nomowmay)

### **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](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com)***

### **Green Homes Grant scheme**

If you are aware of any residents who struggle to heat their home, **Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery funding** could make their home warmer and help them save on their energy bills. Please find details below and signpost residents interested in hearing more about the scheme to the link/telephone number. Thank you.

### **Can I get these free energy saving improvements?**

To get these improvements your home should have:

- an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rated Band E, F or G (D rated can also be considered)

### **And**

- You are likely to be an eligible household if you are on a low income and one of the following applies:
- If your annual household income is under £30,000, or under £20,000 after rent or mortgage costs,
- Your household is on means-tested benefits.
- An allowance will also be made for the number of children in your household, or if you have recently lost income.

### **What energy saving improvements can I get for my home?**

These are the energy and cost-saving upgrades that you may be able to receive in your house:

- Insulation & ventilation upgrades (to keep your home comfortable in both the winter and summer and help cut your energy bills)
- An upgrade to a low carbon heating system (to cut your carbon emissions so not gas or oil boilers)
- Heating Controls (that help save you money because you only use the heat when you need it)
- Energy Efficient Hot Water Solution (keeping your water warm for longer and saving you money)
- Solar Thermals panels (to heat your hot water)
- Solar PV panels (to generate free electricity)
- Energy Efficiency lighting (cheaper to run)

### **The upgrades offered will be based on the results of a free survey**

If you have a flat or maisonette not all these improvements can be done but if you would like, we can come and survey your home and talk with you about finding the best solution for your home.

### **Who pays for the energy saving improvement?**

The funding has been allocated to local authorities from central government.

### **Who is carrying out the work?**

All finance applications are made and managed seamlessly on your behalf by Warmworks (managing agent), who also manage all the installation works.

### How is the funding being distributed?

Funding is being distributed on a first come first serve basis.

### How do I find out more?

Call the Energy Saving Trust free on 0808 196 8255 or visit <http://surveys.est.org.uk/s/GreenHomesGrantSchemeLAD> for more information and to complete the online application form.

### UKRANIAN REFUGEES

We currently have a number of host households from across the borough who are supporting refugees or are waiting for their arrival. These are the three organisations experienced in providing support for refugees and can give helpful information:

<https://www.tw-welcomesrefugees.org/>

<https://www.sevenoakswelcomesrefugees.org/ukraine-crisis>

<https://www.tonbridgewelcomesrefugees.co.uk/contact/>

Please contact us at [shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com) if you are hosting a family as we will endeavour to put people in contact with each other and share information about community events.



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## JUNE IN SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday	1st	11:00-12:00	Pilates
Wednesday	1st	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Saturday	4th	15:00-17:30	Lady Vane Tea Party
Sunday	5th	All day	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Wednesday	8th	11:00-12:00	Pilates
Wednesday	8th	14:00-16:00	WI
Wednesday	8th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	9th	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Thursday	9th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Monday	13th	19:00-21:00	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	14th	11:00-13:00	Scent Training Class
Wednesday	15th	11:00-12:00	Pilates
Wednesday	15th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	16th	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Thursday	16th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Saturday	18th	14:30-18:30	Private Hire
Tuesday	21st	11:00-13:00	Scent Training Class
Wednesday	22nd	11:00-12:00	Pilates
Wednesday	22nd	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	23rd	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Thursday	23rd	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Tuesday	28th	11:00-13:00	Scent Training Class

Wednesday	29th	11:00-12:00	Pilates
Wednesday	29th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	30th	19:30-20:30	Pilates

If anyone is interested in joining the Pilates classes, please contact Emma Foyle at [emma.foyle@sky.com](mailto:emma.foyle@sky.com) / 07967 645695

Alison French has moved her Yoga class to new premises in Hildenborough. If anyone would like to start or continue with Yoga Alison can be contacted on [fitalison1@googlemail.com](mailto:fitalison1@googlemail.com) / 07966 257027

Please see separate advertisement for general hall hire enquiries

**Helen Leach**  
**01732 811144**



**Shipbourne Village Hall**  
**Registered Charity No 1074519**

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](mailto:shipbourne.villagehall@gmail.com)

Further details can be found on the Shipbourne website  
[www.shipbourne.com](http://www.shipbourne.com)



**PLAXTOL PEST AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

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### JUNE AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

**Thursday 02/06/2022 :- Jubilee celebrations at the Market**  
**The Tonbridge Community Choir will be singing songs from Shows both recent and past and tributes to the Queen (her favourite songs), plus the cutting of our special Jubilee cake!**

The dry and relatively cold start to the year slowed down growth but now growers and producers are now at full stretch as we lead up to the summer solstice in the latter half of June.

**BUY LOCAL** The benefits of buying locally at Farmers Markets means that not only do you get the chance to taste before you buy but by going directly to the source you can find out at first hand how the produce was grown or made. In addition, our Producers are able to give you storing and cooking tips so you can really make the most of your purchase.

With the cost of food increasing almost weekly, remember that when you are buying locally and seasonally, pricing is now very competitive with supermarkets and often cheaper so don't fall for the idea that shopping at Farmers Markets is an expensive luxury.

The vagaries of the weather are nowhere more in evidence than with the **asparagus** crop. A dry and old start meant the season didn't get going till early May. Picking will finish by the end of the month to allow the plants to generate growth for next year, so make the most of the green spears while they are around now. Eat your local asparagus traditionally, steamed and served with melted butter, or brush with olive oil and griddle the spears on the barbecue until tender then scattered with shavings of a sharp hard cheese.

Other veg to look out for are crisp **radishes**, **spring onions**, **spinach**, and of course **new potatoes**. There are also **early**

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**cucumbers, runner beans, spinach and courgettes**, alongside all kinds of **salad leaves** now in season.

Watts Farms have been ahead of the game when it comes to **strawberries** – they have some finer flavoured varieties, rather than the more robust berries grown to withstand the rigours of the supermarket supply chain. The cool start to the year has delayed the start of **cherries** (Kentish cherries are justifiably world famous), gooseberries and early raspberries, but are now available. A favourite way to serve raspberries, cherries and strawberries is to crush them slightly, sprinkle with a little cherry brandy and sugar, leave for an hour, then serve with vanilla ice cream.

**Spring lamb** is now at its very finest now and a boned-out shoulder or leg is perfect on the barbecue or simply roasted and served with baby new potatoes and minted broad beans and peas.

On the fish front it's really has to be **mackerel** – bought silvery fresh from the market and cooked the same day to enjoy at its very best. Try it the traditional way for the month – grilled and served with a tart **gooseberry** sauce. Mussels are also in season. If you have never tried cooking them before we have a straight forward, excellent recipe written by Anne Williams, our local shell fish expert.

Click and Collect is available at Shipbourne Farmers Market. To see what is available at the market go to [www.shipbournefm.co.uk](http://www.shipbournefm.co.uk)

## COOKERY CORNER

*Rosemary Williams shares one of her recipes for mussels*

### MUSSELS

*Serves 4 adults as a meal*

#### Ingredients

- 2kg live mussels, cleaned, prepared (all shells closed)
- 100ml white wine
- 4 sticks of celery
- ½ litre vegetable stock
- 85 grams unsalted butter
- 2 or 3 cloves of garlic
- Handful of fresh chopped parsley
- ¼ teaspoon ground white pepper
- lemon
- 1 fresh, crusty loaf ideally sourdough

#### Method

1. Melt butter at medium heat in a large saucepan, crush the garlic, add to the butter and gently cook.
2. Clean and thinly slice the celery across the stems.
3. Add the stock to the butter and garlic, together with celery and pepper
4. Allow to simmer for 7 minutes with the lid off.
5. Add the closed mussels, allow to cook for about 2-3 minutes with the lid on.
6. Add wine to the saucepan, return to simmer with the lid off.
7. When all or most of the mussels are open, it is ready. **Discard any mussels not open.** Mix in some of the chopped parsley
8. Ladle into the warm serving bowls with more parsley
9. Serve each bowl immediately with a lemon quarter and some bread

*Rosemary Williams: Author of 'Prep That Fish':  
[www.prepthatfish.co.uk](http://www.prepthatfish.co.uk)*

**DATE FOR DIARY:**  
**SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL SUMMER FETE**  
*Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022*  
*11am - 2pm*

## SHIPBOURNE WI

It was reassuring to be able to hold our AGM in May, unlike last year when it was held by Zoom, on 23rd June. We had almost a full complement of members. The Committee was re-elected and we are delighted that Barbara Jones continues as our President, Sue Streeter remains as Secretary and Lindsay Creighton as Treasurer. Following the business meeting, we had a game of Bingo which concentrated the mind and put a stop to our conversations for a while.

Our activities this month include Book Club to discuss A Single Thread by Tracy Chevalier, as well as a walk to Hadlow for tea and cake, and a lunch in Hildenborough.

The main focus for us after the Jubilee celebrations will be a fundraising event in the Village Hall at the beginning of July. More details next month.

In June we shall be celebrating our 103rd birthday at a party on Wednesday 8th June, new members are always welcome to join us.

*Glynis Coates*

**!!SAVE THE DATE!!**

*Shipbourne WI  
invite you to  
Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall  
on Saturday 2 July 2022  
from 2 until 4pm*

**ALL WELCOME**

**!!SAVE THE DATE!!**

## LOCAL ARTISTS WELCOME VISITORS IN JUNE

A real celebration of creativity is happening from 3-19 June when around 300 artists across Kent and East Sussex will be taking part in South East Open Studios – it's 25<sup>th</sup> year. This is an opportunity for art lovers to meet Artists and Makers in their own environment, watch them demonstrate their skills and learn about their process and what inspires them.

One of the artists says: 'South East Open Studios is an incredible community event that I look forward to every year, a chance for me to share my work and my studio and meet new people.'

Locally, 26 artists in Tonbridge, Hildenborough, Hadlow, Underriver, Five Oak Green, Brenchley and Penshurst will be part of an Art Trail to guide visitors from one studio to the next. It's the perfect time to meet the creators behind distinctive and inspiring artworks, including ceramics, sculpture, glasswork, painting, printmaking and jewellery.

A special walking trail has been devised in Hadlow, in conjunction with Walk Tonbridge. This will lead visitors to the three venues in the village featuring 11 artists with refreshment stops along the way. Full details can be found at [www.walktonbridge.co.uk/hadlow-art-trail](http://www.walktonbridge.co.uk/hadlow-art-trail). Since 2020, Walk Tonbridge has helped thousands of visitors to discover local walks with easy to follow routes to explore the beautiful countryside and fascinating history in and around Tonbridge.

Look out for the full colour Open Studios brochures giving opening times and more details for each artist, as well as local Art Trail leaflets. Copies will be available at lots of local venues including libraries, tourist offices and ArtSpring Gallery in Tonbridge High Street.

You can follow SEOS at @seopenstudios on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Check out the website, [www.seos-art.org](http://www.seos-art.org) where you can view the guide and find a location map. To keep up to date with news, community stories and features by signing up to our mailing list.

## FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Communities across our county have long been peaceful, but in some parts, people are increasingly focused on policing. Over conversations I've had in past weeks, I know that we need better response times from Kent Police that can only come from more police officers.

To help fix this problem, I'm talking to Kent Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Scott, to find out what he's doing to boost numbers. The government has already delivered an increase, and so has he, so that Kent police last year had 3,911 officers, up 800 from 2016. And they haven't stopped there. Kent Police are recruiting more and more officers each day and are hoping to recruit hundreds over the next couple of years.

Tackling crime is something that affects us all and I am confident Matthew and the team at Kent Police are doing everything they can to keep us all safe, but they need to hear from us directly. That's why I'm hosting a Public Meeting for people in the Edenbridge area so that everybody can hear, first-hand, from Kent Police about what is being done to tackle local crime. If you think we need something similar in your area, please let me know.

Types of crime vary enormously and I am always pleased to see the Kent Police Rural Task force on hand to help those more remote communities within Tonbridge and Malling. They are doing their best to tackle issues such as fly-tipping which is such a plight on our countryside. I know that they are always on the lookout for offenders but sometimes with rural crime it is difficult to get ahead of perpetrators. I know Kent Police are always grateful for any information that you may have and you can report non-urgent crime by calling 101.

I am always interested to hear your thoughts on crime in your local area so please do let me know what you think. While we all want greater security and safety in our local communities we must not forget the challenges that police officer face on a daily basis, they, and everybody in the force are working around the clock to protect us and I know I speak on behalf of everybody in thanking them for the work they do.

**Tom Tugendhat**  
**Member of Parliament for Tonbridge and Malling**

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