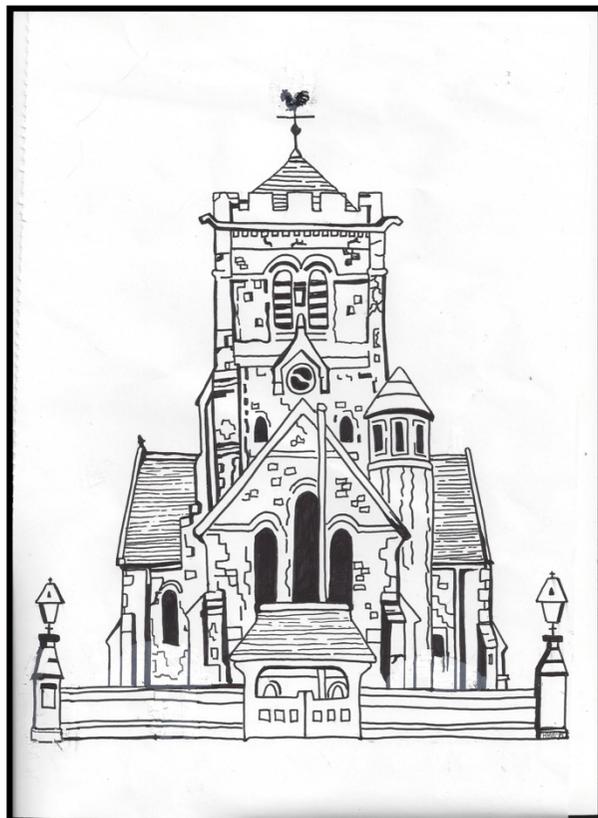


St Giles and Shipbourne NEWSLETTER



August 2022

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PARISH DIARY – AUGUST 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/>

Thursday	4 th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY	7 th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
8 th Sunday after Trinity		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Service with Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40
Thursday	11 th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY	14 th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
Readings:	Isaiah 5: 1-7; Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2; Luke 12: 49-56		
Thursday	18 th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY	21 st	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Community@11 at Plaxtol Church "Armour of God" with refreshments at 10.30am
		Readings:	Jeemiah 21: 4-10; Hebrews 12: 18-end; Luke 13: 10-17
Thursday	25 th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY	28 th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Jeremiah 2: 4-13; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY	29 th	12 noon – 3.30pm	ST GILES SUMMER FAIR AND DOG SHOW – Shipbourne Common (see further details in newsletter)
Thursday	31 st	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne

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PASTORAL LETTER

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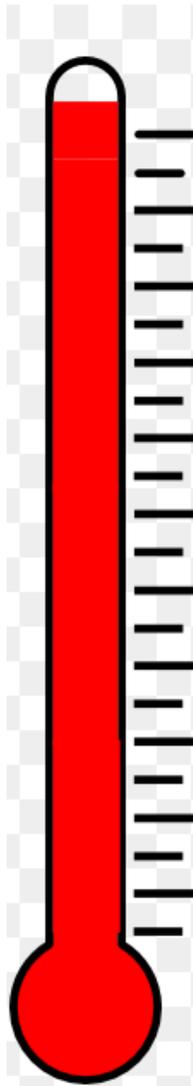
As I write, we're in a heat-wave that's only set to get hotter. I've just returned from a school assembly where lunchtime football was cancelled, and children were being encouraged to drink plenty and to 'slip-slap-slop'. The heat is also a metaphor for the maelstrom in Westminster as the 1922 Committee meet to review the rules to speed up the selection of a new Party Leader and Prime Minister. Whatever you part-political convictions, the heat is on, and many people are struggling with the cost of fuel and the cost of living; and Covid is on the rise again, and the Russians continue with their wanton bombardment of Ukraine. So much of what we're going through is global, and brought about by macro-political, macro-economic and ecological shifts that seem to be beyond our control.

'Think global - act local!' What small actions can we take to alleviate the stress of these things? How do we begin to be recollected in the face of these challenges?

'Be Still and know that I am God' - Psalm 46 v 10
Stillness is good in the heat - the more we move about, the hotter we get. Stillness is a good start in considering things in a wider perspective, and to search for the truth. It is a place for recognising of all that we have. Stillness is also a place for prayer: for knowing that we are beloved of God, and for remembering others who need to know more of God's love in their struggles. But beware! When we seek to be still with our bodies, we often realise how noisy it is in our heads. To cultivate real stillness is a lifetime's challenge. But the invitation still stands:

'Be still and know that I am God'

Peter Hayler
Rector



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



Community Bread Basket

will take a break in August
and return in September ...



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**ST GILES SUMMER FAIR AND DOG SHOW
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 29TH AUGUST 2022
12.30pm – 3pm**

The St Giles Summer Fair and Dog Show returns this year on Bank Holiday Monday 29th August 2022 following a two year covid-induced hiatus. Come and join us for fun, food and the wonderful Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Training Band. There will be a bar, BBQ, tea and cakes, welly-wanging, races, pocket-money stalls to entertain the children and entry on the day to the Dog Show.

As always, we need help to run these stalls so please step forward to lend a hand and take part in what is always a brilliant afternoon.

Thank you to The Fairlawne Estate for the use of the Common

HOOPLA STALL AT SHIPBOURNE BANK HOLIDAY FETE

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THE WEATHER IN JUNE

The average day temp. was 27.3° c, the average night temp. was 9° c, the highest day was Friday 17th with 35° c, the lowest night was Wednesday 1st with 4.5° c, the total rainfall was 26mm, with an average over the last 30 years of 54.4mm, the highest month was June 2012 with 134mm, the lowest month was June 2018 with 3.0mm.

Lionel Stielow



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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the September Newsletter by **10th August 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.

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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. Please visit our website **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>

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



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 if you are hosting a family as we will endeavour to put people in contact with each other and share information about community events.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – JULY

Please visit tmbc.gov.uk/planning for full details

TM/22/01264/FL – Ambleside, Reeds Lane, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9RR.

Demolition of existing bungalow and replace with new dwelling

TM/22/01365/FL - Land South of Woodbine Cottages, Roughway Lane, Roughway, Tonbridge,

Kent. Erection of a single dwellinghouse and associated works. Removal of existing buildings and concrete hardstanding.

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING RAMBLERS

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 out a couple of walks with us, to help you decide if you'd like to join. Advance booking is not required; you can just turn up on the day. If you are new to our walks, it's a good idea to contact the walk leader beforehand to check that their walk will suit you. Always check our website for latest details, including any late changes due to weather or other conditions.

Walks usually start mid-morning. There's a short break half-way through the walk (bring refreshments) and we finish near a pub.

For full details of our walks and walk leader contacts, see www.tonbridgeandmallingsramblers.org.uk or email info@tonbridgeandmallingsramblers.org.uk.

Thursday 4 August	An undulating circular walk around Birling via Paddlesworth and Ryarsh. Moderate difficulty.	5 miles
Sunday 7 August	Plaxtol circular walk in beautiful countryside with amiable people. Moderate difficulty.	5 miles
Sunday 14 August	Circular walk from Ide Hill to French Street and Emmetts with great views of the South Downs. Moderate difficulty.	5.2 miles
Wednesday 17 August	Circular walk from Meopham to Luddesdown, then along the Wealdway and back via Priestwood Green. Moderate difficulty.	6 miles
Sunday 21 August	A leisurely flat walk from Bearsted into the surrounding fields and woods, returning to the village where there are two pubs for refreshments.	5 miles



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AUGUST IN SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Wednesday	3rd	10:00-11:00	Pilates
Wednesday	3rd	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	4th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Tuesday	9th	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Wednesday	10th	10:00-11:00	Pilates
Wednesday	10th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	11th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Sunday	14th	12:00-17:00	Private Hire
Tuesday	16th	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Wednesday	17th	10:00-11:00	Pilates
Wednesday	17th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	18th	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Thursday	18th	19:30-20:30	Pilates
Thursday	25th	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class
Thursday	25th	14:00-16:30	Private Hire
Tuesday	30th	10:30-12:30	Scent Training Class

If anyone is interested in joining the Pilates classes, please contact Emma Foyle at 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 / 07966 257027

Please see separate advertisement for general hall hire enquiries

Helen Leach
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AUGUST AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

We are now heading into peak harvest time so make the most of the abundance of goodies and plan time for some preserving so that you can continue to enjoy great ingredients through the colder months. Make your own jams, chutneys and pickles now, and leave them to mature in a cool dark place to allow the flavours to meld and develop. They will be at their best just in time for Christmas and make perfect presents.



Every Thursday 9-11am

Tomatoes, in all kinds of varieties, are in abundance and taste superb right now, as do **shallots, onions, French and runner beans, courgettes, aubergine, peppers, cucumber**, and an amazing number of **salad leaves**. **Corn on the cob** is an August highlight and should be cooked and eaten as fresh as possible before the natural sugars turn to starch – to cook on the barbecue, protect the cob by leaving on their leaves and serve with a lime and chilli butter. Early **marrows and squashes** should also be available, along with main crop potatoes.

The soft fruit season is still in full swing for **raspberries, currents, plums, blueberries and blackberries** (cherries may still available). Now is the time to buy soft fruit and convert it into jams, ice cream or store in the freezer to bring a taste of the summer to the winter months. Take a tip from the French and bottle the best quality fruit in alcohol such as eau de vie, vodka or brandy.

Summer fish is plentiful this month. **Salmon** and **sea trout** are always a treat and cook as simply as possible to preserve their flavour. **Sole, sea bass and plaice** are also excellent now. Continue to enjoy mackerel on the barbecue where their oily flesh keeps its wonderful texture so well.

Annabelle's new season lamb is now available. They have now been reared on grass for 6 months (compared to the normal 3-4 months for supermarket bred lamb). The BBQ is the perfect way to make the most of it, try a butterflied leg of lamb, cooked whole on the barbecue. Marinate overnight in yogurt and spices then barbecue and served piled into flat bread with barbecued vegetables. (Call Annabelle to order). You will also find some interesting sausage combinations perfect for the BBQ – try wild boar and apple, venison, and even pork flavoured with hops. Finish off with a Winterdale cheese board and artisan bread.

Finally, don't forget that the Glorious 12th this marks the start of the new game season so look out for **venison, wild duck, wood pigeon and rabbit** towards the end of the month

To find out more about the produce on sale at Shipbourne Farmers Market go to www.shipbournefm.co.uk and click on 'On -line'

SEASONAL COOKERY CORNER

GAZPACHO (COLD TOMATO) SOUP

Preparation time: 20 minutes / Serves 4

This recipe was kindly donated to us by Mags Murray who used to be a stallholder at Shipbourne but now runs her own business (The Speedy Kitchen) next door to the Tonbridge Police Station, where you can still buy her amazing soups and salads if you don't fancy making it yourself!

- 500g ripe red tomatoes
 - 1/2 a small cucumber, peeled and chopped
 - 1 small red and 1 green pepper, chopped
 - 1 small red onion, chopped
 - 250ml tomato juice and 250ml vegetable stock
 - Handful of fresh basil leaves
 - 1 large clove of garlic, crushed
 - 1 tsp harissa paste
 - 1 tbsp red wine vinegar and 4 tbsp good olive oil
1. Put tomatoes in a bowl and cover with boiling water. After 2 minutes drain and slip the skins from the tomatoes (discard skins).
 2. Add skinned tomatoes and all other ingredients into a blender and blitz until smooth.
 3. Allow to chill in the fridge for at least 2 hours to let the flavours develop.
 4. Serve with a drizzle of olive oil and a few torn basil leaves.

Perfect on a hot sunny day!

SHIPBOURNE WI

The last meeting before the summer break took place, on a very sunny afternoon, but the Village Hall remained comfortably cool. Our guest speaker was Francis Read, who has an in depth knowledge of the Battle of Trafalgar. Francis spent his time during lockdown researching the subject, and gave us an enthusiastic and informative description of the characters, especially Lord Nelson, and events of the time. He delivered the talk with great humour, which everyone enjoyed.

A shady walk, (the emphasis on shady!) through the woods from Plaxtol to Ightham Mote has been planned, as has a visit to the cinema to see the film, Where the Crawdads Sing, which is based on a book which we have read at Book Club.

The book we have just read is The Man Who Died Twice by Richard Osman, and we shall be discussing the book at our next meeting. During August we don't meet, but we do have a good thick tome to read to keep us busy!

Members are looking forward to a lunch at the Vauxhall Inn, Tonbridge. Our next main WI meeting will be on September 14th, when the subject of the talk will be on Women in the Second World War.

Glynis Coates



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At the time of writing we are mid-contest and this is why I decided to stand as leader of the Conservative Party, and Prime Minister and launch my campaign with a speech focused on the future of our economy.

We need leadership with a renewed sense of mission, leadership that sees beyond divisive politics and delivers results. Leadership that will return Government to the service of our economy, our people, and our country. We need a clean start.

Returning Government to the service of our people means appreciating those who have helped you along the way, and I would not have been able to put forward my vision for our future without the support of you, the people of Tonbridge, Edenbridge and Malling. You have stood by me since my election in 2015 and each day I am driven to do my best to represent you on local, national, and international issues. We have achieved so much together in the 7 years that I have been a Member of Parliament, and I truly believe that we can achieve so much more.

No matter what happens over the coming days and weeks, I will still be representing our wonderful community on a daily basis.

Tom Tugendhat
Member of Parliament for Tonbridge and Malling

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