

St Giles' and Shipbourne NEWSLETTER



**ST GILES' CHURCH RESTORATION
APPEAL - update inside**

April 2023

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PARISH DIARY – APRIL 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 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/>

SUNDAY	2nd^h	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
Palm Sunday		9.15am	Procession of Palms
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		10.45am	Procession of Palms from Yopps Green
		11.00am	Family Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Philippians 2: 5-11; Matthew 21: 1-11
Monday	3 rd	9.00pm	Compline at Plaxtol Church
Tuesday	4th	9.00pm	Compline at St Giles, Shipbourne
Wednesday	5 th	9.00pm	Compline at Plaxtol Church
Maundy Thursday	6 th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
		8.00pm	Holy Communion and Gethsemane Narrative at St Giles, Shipbourne
Good Friday	7 th	12-1pm	Choral Service at Plaxtol Church
		1-2pm	Walking with the cross to St Giles, Shipbourne
		2-3pm	Choral Meditative Service with Hymns at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	8 th	8.00pm	Easter Ceremonies with Renewal of Vows at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY	9 th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Parish Family Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Matthew 28: 1-10
Thursday	13 th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne

SUNDAY	16 th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	“Community@11” at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Exodus 14: 10-end; Acts 2: 14a, 22-32; John 20: 19-end
Thursday	20 th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	22 nd	9.30-11am	Community Bread Basket at Plaxtol Church
SUNDAY	23 rd	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Zephaniah 3: 14-end; Acts 2: 14a, 36-41; Luke 24: 13-35
Thursday	27 th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY	30 th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Morning Worship at Plaxtol Church
		6.00pm	Benefice Choral Evensong at St Giles, Shipbourne
		Readings:	Acts 2: 42-end; 1 Peter 2: 19-end; John 10: 1-10



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PASTORAL LETTER

EARTH-SHATTERING NEWS

The earthquake that recently hit Turkey and Syria was truly earth-shattering, with thousands of lives and homes lost and so many more people displaced amid the cold of winter and forced further into poverty. It's easy to stand by and feel helpless in such dire situations... that even the United Nations find tough.



April brings us through Lent to Passiontide, Holy Week and Easter. This year we shall read the accounts of the death and resurrection of Jesus from Matthew's Gospel, and we will find that Matthew reports earthquakes on both Good Friday and on Easter morning. They didn't have seismographs then, so we shall never know with scientific certainty whether these earthquakes happened, but every day of our life we use figures of speech to emphasize the things we believe to be important, and Matthew is doing just that. For the writer of the first Gospel, both the death of Christ and his rising again are world-shattering items of news. In the weeks that follow on from Easter, we will read how the first disciples experienced the risen Jesus, how he changed their world, and how their faith changed the Roman Empire.

I know that some of you have had other forms of world-shattering news recently, and there will be just as many stories that I haven't heard. Whatever they are, I would urge you to try and place your news and your stories beside the stories of Jesus. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God himself enters into the human experience of pain, suffering and death... but also transforms these things through the power of resurrection. The Easter story invites us to believe that suffering and death is not the end, that there is new life beyond, and it invites us to throw our lot in with the power of God.

Please know you are all welcome to share the whole of this faith journey with us, from the Palm Sunday parades, through Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to Easter Day. Times and venues on other parish pages or websites.

Peter Hayler, Rector

ST GILES' CHURCH RESTORATION APPEAL

Peter Hayler's article in the March Newsletter explained that the church needs significant repairs to the roof, stonework, gutters and drainage which will cost about £280,000. The Church's reserves and a government grant that will be available to cover the cost of VAT will fund the first £150,000 of this sum but we need to raise the rest. There is a display in the church describing what needs to be done.

We are very grateful for the offers of help which we have had in the last month. The appeal has already raised about £34,000, of which more than half has come from local donations (and the rest from promised grants). This is a tremendous start but it is only a start – we still need another £96,000. We hope that further grants will contribute part of this sum but the majority will need to be raised locally.

So, if you have not yet made a donation or pledge, please consider doing so or taking part in our programme of fund-raising events. The first of these is the Roux Dinner on Tuesday 16th May. Others will be announced in the Newsletter as they are arranged.

If you would like to donate, you can do so

- by bank transfer (sort code 09-01-51, account number 74188307), or
- by cheque made out to 'St Giles Church Shipbourne', or
- by placing cash or cheques in the yellow envelopes in Church, or
- by placing cash or cheques in the wall safe in the Church porch entrance.

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 from the Treasurer, Peter Sandland, or any of the Appeal Committee.

We have set up a CAF Donate page:

URL: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/23053>
which can be quickly accessed using the QR code below:



Thank you for your support. We will continue to keep you informed of progress.

Paul Britton
Chair, Appeal Committee
Tel 365794; email pauljbritton@live.co.uk



SHIPBOURNE OPEN GARDENS

As part of the St Giles' Church Fundraising Appeal we are looking to hold an informal "Shipbourne Open Gardens" event in the summer (not linked to the National Garden Scheme). Residents will be invited to open their gardens for others to view with a purchased ticket giving entry to all gardens. Further details will follow but to assist with planning it would be helpful to know who may be willing to open their garden. If you would like your garden to be included – whether large, small, a few pots or a simple courtyard - please email lindsay_miles@btinternet.com or call on 01732 810439. Further details to follow.

Community Bread Basket

9:30 - 11:00 on Saturday 22nd April 2023



In Plaxtol Parish Church
Café style Breakfast

All welcome

United Benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol
Collections for Chatham Foodbank

Boxes will be placed in both our churches over the fourth weekend of each month for donations of food and toiletries, to coincide with our Community Bread Basket event.



SAVE THE DATE

**Community Bread Basket is coming to
Shipbourne!**

Saturday 10th June 9.30-11am

COMMUNITY BREAD BASKET REPORT FOR SHIPBOURNE AND PLAXTOL APCM MARCH 2023

Community Bread Basket (CBB) is an initiative set up by the Benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol. Our aim is to create a community 'hub' where everyone is welcome to share in our monthly café-style breakfast. Our hope is to create a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where neighbours and friends can get together. It also provides an opportunity for those who might feel isolated to feel connected. There is a book table, a children's colouring table, food bank boxes and opportunities for community and church activities to be advertised.

The food, table decorations and activities try to follow seasonal themes.

CBB ran successful up until Covid Lockdown. When it re-opened Sandy Oram took over as coordinator with other volunteers taking responsibility for the various jobs that enable CBB to run efficiently. Since restarting numbers have been down but we have seen an encouraging increase over the last few months. We hope as warmer weather comes we can welcome more people, including passing walkers.

In particular we would like to encourage more people from Shipbourne. As a way of doing this we are running an additional CBB on Saturday 10th June in Shipbourne Village Hall. We hope this will show people what CBB is all about. Good advertising and invitations delivered to each house will hopefully draw in the local community.

CBB is not about fund raising. After food and equipment expenses, any donations given go into a 'designated' fund. Recently a small sub group representing Shipbourne, Plaxtol and the wider community has been formed to discuss if there are any small projects and needs within our communities where CBB might be able to contribute.

Some of these have included:

Party equipment and Mulled Wine for the Christmas Party for local Ukrainian families and families from Shipbourne.

Sponsoring a Line Dancer for the Family Music Festival on May 8th to Celebrate the King's Coronation.

CBB also provide the coffee for Plaxtol church and any community groups using the facilities.

We would love to see you all at Community Bread Basket – and would welcome anyone who would like to join our volunteer team.

Sandy Oram

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

THE WEATHER IN FEBRUARY

The average day temp. was 12.6^oc, the average night temp was 2.2^oc, the highest day was Friday 3rd with 17.5^oc, and the lowest night was Tuesday 7th with -6.5^oc, the total rainfall was only 5mm the lowest for 35years (my records), the average rainfall over the last 30 years was 64.6mm, with the highest year being February 2020 with 137mm and the lowest being this year (February 2023) with 5mm. It was also quite a cold month with mainly north & easterly winds & 3 stints of nights with minus temps.

Lionel Stielow

SHIPBOURNE WI

There was a change to the programme at our recent monthly meeting, when Gordon Wright presented a talk about a holiday in the Seychelles. Gordon entitled his talk, "In search of the Black Parrot and the Blue Pigeon". Members thoroughly enjoyed Gordon's beautiful photographs and amusing anecdotes, and we were delighted that by the last day both a black parrot and a blue pigeon had been sighted. Gordon made his trip sound very enticing.

The Book Club met to discuss "Persuasion" by Jane Austen. There were strong views expressed by those who admired the book, and by those who didn't!

Members are looking forward to lunch at The Swan at West Peckham, and there will be a walk and scrabble on the programme before the end of the month.

On March 25th, the WI will be hosting children from both Ukraine and Shipbourne for a Scavenger Hunt on the Village Green. Naturally, the WI event includes tea, cake and of course, Easter eggs!

The next Committee Meeting is on 5th April, and the main meeting on 12th April, when the speaker will talk about animal communication.

Glynis Coates

ST GILES CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

We last met on 5 November and achieved a great deal of valuable work in cutting back and tidying up. However, there is more to do! So do come to the churchyard on **Saturday 29 April from 9.30am** onwards, for a morning of clearing vegetation. Bring your own tools - secateurs, shears, strimmers etc - and protective clothing. With luck it will be reasonable weather. If you can't come then, don't worry - I can let you know what needs doing and you can work in the peace of the churchyard in your own time.

Felicity will serve coffee, tea and soft drinks and a cake or two, to keep our spirits up. Let me know if you can join us on 29 April and I hope to see you there.

With best wishes

Nicholas Ward / Telephone 01732 810525

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 10 am on Saturday 8 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)**.

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



**INVITATION FROM
THE FAIRLAWNE ESTATE**
*Sunday 7th May 2023
at midday*

To commemorate and celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, Fairlawne invite Shipbourne and Plaxtol residents to attend a commemorative tree planting ceremony on Shipbourne Green followed by a drinks party in Shipbourne Village Hall

All residents from both villages are welcome

RSVP

peter4inscope@yahoo.co.uk

Following on from the above event, plans for **Shipbourne's Coronation Big Lunch** - a family picnic and possibly arranged games - are being put in place. Details will be announced over coming weeks.

For further information and offers of help please contact:

Sandy Oram - 01732 811494

Alice Dagger - 07825 941735



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Easter Egg Hunt

at Ightham Mote

From 25th of March to the 23rd of April

This Easter, we invite you and your family to join us for our 'Games in the Garden' Easter Egg Trail around the charming gardens of Ightham Mote.

Pick up an Easter Egg Trail and complete ten fun activities to win a chocolate Easter Egg!

To discover more about what we have on this Spring, please visit nationaltrust.org.uk/ightham-mote/whats-on or call 01732 810378



SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The contact details for the Parish Council are:

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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 held a week earlier on Monday 3 April at 7pm at Shipbourne Village Hall as the following Monday is a bank holiday.

Due to the elections on 4th May the earliest date that we can hold our first meeting of the new Parish Council will be Monday 15th May.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Update from Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan Launch

Shipbourne Parish Council officially launched their *Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan* at the Parish Council meeting on Monday 6th February. Cllr Bate gave a short presentation which was very well attended by around 25 members of the public and representatives from Shipbourne, Plaxtol and Platt Parish Councils.

The *Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan* is now available on our website under Policy or via the Parish Clerk at shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com

If you would like to be involved in a Climate Change Action Group, please contact the Parish Clerk. The inaugural meeting was held on 16th March, if you would like to get involved, please do

join us at our next meeting which will be on Monday 24th April at 7.30pm in Shipbourne Village Hall.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – MARCH

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

*Please note that the Parish Council receives Planning Applications via **List B** each Monday and has a strict 21 day deadline to respond. The deadline may have already passed by the time this newsletter is published. If you would like to receive planning applications for Shipbourne, please sign up to alerts on the TMBC website.*

Planning Applications

TM/23/00270/LDP - Brambleside Upper Green Road Shipbourne Tonbridge Kent TN11 9PH. Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: the installation of solar panels to the rear face of the property.

TM/23/00365/FL -1 Silverhill Cottages, Dunks Green Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9RU. Part one/part two storey side extension (Revision to refused application TM/22/00335/FL).

TM/23/00401/FL TM/23/00402/LB - Barn 30 Yards Northwest of Great Budds, Mote Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent. Change of use of Grade II Listed Threshing Barn for use as wedding/entertainment venue.

TM/23/00457/CNA - Rooks Hill House, Rooks Hill, Underriver, Sevenoaks, Kent. Consultation by Sevenoaks Borough Council (Reference: 23/00444/HOUSE): Installation of 72 ground mounted solar PV panels for domestic use.

Planning Applications Approved by TMBC

Parish Council comments on planning applications are available on the T&M web site and on the Shipbourne website in the Minutes. If you do not have access to the internet please contact the Parish Clerk or your local Parish Councillor for a copy.

TM/22/02731/FL - Stumble Hill Cottage, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9PB. New replacement garage in same position due to existing garages structural failings.

TM/22/00801/FL & TM/22/00802/LB- The Coach House, Puttenden Manor, Puttenden Road, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9RH.Listed Building Application: Proposed internal alterations and reordering at ground floor level with new structural opening to connect with existing garage building, existing garage building and connecting redundant stables and proposed conversion of both elements and fenestration's alterations with new opening between structures to provide ground floor level habitable accommodation. Installation of external Air Water Heat Pump and installation of solar panels to east roof slope of Coach House. (Alterations to consented scheme TM/21/00013/LB).

**LOCAL ELECTIONS MAY 2023
"BECOMING A LOCAL COUNCILLOR"**

If you are interested in becoming a councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk at Shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com

The Election timetable will begin on Monday 13th March, with the publication of the Notice of Election.

The Nomination period will run from **Tuesday 14th March – Tuesday 4th April**, between **10am and 4pm** each working day. Please contact the Elections team to book an appointment on 01732 876022 to bring your completed nomination papers in to Kings Hill.

Information about standing as a Candidate and Nomination Forms can be downloaded from the Electoral Commission website Candidate or agent | Electoral Commission <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>

Scroll down and click on the election you are standing in, either Local Elections in England or Parish Council Elections in England. You can request paper copies of the Nomination pack from the Elections Team, which can be collected in person from Kings Hill, by making an appointment with the elections team on 01732 876022.

VOTER ID

As you are probably aware Voter ID is being introduced at the Local elections in May this year. This means **all electors have to bring suitable photographic identification in enable them to vote in a Polling station.**

Please see below a link and www address to resources supplied by the Electoral Commission.

Voter ID Resource - Partner Pack - Group 1 | Electoral Commission <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/media/9632>

For those that do not have Photo ID, they can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate on the Government online Portal, Apply for photo ID to vote (called a 'Voter Authority Certificate') - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

TONBRIDGE & 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.



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

For details of all our mid-week and Sunday walks, start times and locations, and walk leader contacts, see www.tonbridgeandmalligramblers.org.uk.

Sunday 2 April	Figure of eight walk from Sevenoaks Weald through timeless countryside and along the Greensand Way, with fine views towards Bough Beech Reservoir. We'll pass through farmland and a series of ancient woodlands including Dale Wood, Pitfield Wood, App's Hollow, Whitley Forest.	6 miles
Thursday 6 April	Leisurely circular walk from Birling along the North Downs Way along quiet lanes and footpaths. Gentle ascent to the North Downs Way with good views.	5.5 miles
Thursday 13 April	Circular Walk of Contrasts from Platt to Borough Green via Basted Mill, returning across fields and Platt Woods. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles

Sunday 16 April	Circular walk from Shipbourne Common to Underriver. Mostly flat; some lanes and 17 stiles! Moderate difficulty.	5.6 miles
Weds 19 April	An undulating circular walk from Westerham over the Greensand Ridge. The climb is rewarded by an excellent view of the North Downs. Continue through woods and fields to Chartwell and back through French Street. Moderate difficulty.	5.3 miles

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**HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III
PLANS TO MARK THE CORONATION
SATURDAY 6TH MAY – MONDAY 8TH MAY**

The Lord-Lieutenant, The Lady Colgrain has been advised of further details from The King's Household to mark the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III where people from across the UK and the Commonwealth will come together to celebrate this historic event.

Saturday 6th May – Coronation Service

The centrepiece of the Coronation weekend is the Westminster Abbey Service due to take place in the morning. The Service will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Service will reflect the Monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry.

Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort will arrive at Westminster Abbey in procession from Buckingham Palace, known as 'The King's Procession'. After the Service, Their Majesties will return to Buckingham Palace in a larger ceremonial procession, known as 'The Coronation Procession'. Their Majesties will be joined in this procession by other Members of the Royal Family.

At Buckingham Palace, The King and The Queen Consort, accompanied by Members of the Royal Family, will appear on the balcony to conclude the day's ceremonial events.

Sunday 7th May – Coronation Big Lunch

Communities will come together to arrange street parties, gatherings in parks, gardens and community spaces to mark the Coronation. 'The Big Lunch' team, supported by The Eden Project, will provide downloadable resources via The Coronation Big Lunch

Her Majesty The Queen Consort has been Patron of the Big Lunch since 2013.

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has written to all Local Authorities in England asking them to be supportive of requests for Street Parties. Guidance on how to organise a street party can be found here You can also highlight more guidance on Street Meets which offers easier ways to bring communities together.

DLUHC has expressed its support for any Councils wishing to organise Coronation events and celebrations within their towns and cities and to utilise any of their council-owned civic amenities in order to do so. Large screens in public places can be used to show television coverage of the Coronation which could include the Ceremony and Procession on Saturday 6th May or indeed the Coronation Concert on the evening of Sunday 7th May. These screenings could be complemented or enhanced by being part of a wider local event if deemed appropriate and can be safely managed.

Sunday 7th May – Coronation Concert

On Sunday a special Coronation Concert will take place at Windsor Castle, produced, staged and broadcast live by the BBC. The BBC will arrange for several thousand pairs of tickets to be made available via a public ballot. The audience will also include volunteers from The King and The Queen Consort's many charity affiliations,

The concert will see a world-class orchestra play interpretations of musical favourites by some of the world's biggest entertainers, alongside performers from the world of dance. The performances will be supported by staging and effects located on the Castle's East Lawn and will also feature a selection of spoken word sequences delivered by stars of stage and screen.

There will also be an exclusive appearance from The Coronation Choir. This diverse group will be created from the nation's keenest community choirs and amateur singers from across the United Kingdom, such as Refugee choirs, NHS choirs, LGBTQ+ singing groups and deaf signing choirs. The Coronation Choir will appear alongside The Virtual Choir, made up of singers from across the Commonwealth, for a special performance on the night.

The centrepiece of the Coronation Concert, 'Lighting up the Nation', will see the country join together in celebration as iconic locations across the United Kingdom are lit up using projections, lasers, drone displays and illuminations.

Monday 8th May – The Big Help Out

This event is being organised by The Together Coalition and will include support from partners such as the Royal Voluntary Service, Faith Groups from around the United Kingdom and the Scouts. This initiative will highlight the positive impact volunteering has on

communities and the satisfaction it can bring to people giving up their time to volunteer and bring about change.

Recalling His Majesty's lifelong dedication to public service, supported by The Queen Consort and other Members of the Royal Family, it is hoped that this initiative will provide an opportunity for communities to come together and support a whole range of volunteering initiatives to create a lasting legacy. More information on how people can get involved can be found here on **The Big Help Out**

Funding

The National Lottery Community Fund is supporting communities across the United Kingdom to come together to mark the Coronation. Funding of up to £10,000 is available for Coronation-related events and activities via the National Lottery Awards for All programme. It can take up to twelve weeks from the date of application submission for successful groups to receive funding. Therefore, applications for events around the Coronation weekend would need to be made **by mid-February**. The funding criteria terms and conditions can be found at National Lottery Awards For All

The National Lottery Heritage Fund will celebrate the Coronation by providing new opportunities for young people to engage with heritage, landscapes and the natural environment. The Coronation programme will build on the Heritage Fund's Platinum Jubilee programme from 2022, with a £7 million commitment to help communities across the UK reconnect with nature and support young people who have chosen a career in natural heritage. Further information will be available in due course via **The Heritage Fund**

As and when further details become available, more information will be circulated.

If anyone has any queries or questions relating to any of the above, please do contact Miss Jo Holmes, Deputy Clerk – joanne.holmes@kent.gov.uk who will be pleased to assist.

SIGN UP FOR NEWS FROM TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council is launching an email newsletter to help keep residents and partner organisations up to

date with important news from around the borough. The newsletter will cover things like:

- Local Plan updates and consultations
- Information about leisure, parks and open spaces
- Community events
- Finance and policy changes, including council tax

Residents wishing to register to receive the newsletter should visit <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/council/newsletter>

And a reminder that you can also get real time updates to your phone on issues with bin collections and other important news by signing up for our app and clicking yes to notifications.

Further details on the app here:

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/council/download-app>

VICTIMS' RIGHTS

The Police & Crime Commissioner wants to encourage people to be aware of victims' rights. He also wants people to know how to access support and to understand the criminal justice process. It's one of the recommendations that came out of his work into Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).



Ways To Report Crime

1. In an emergency, only call 999 if: life is in immediate danger or a crime is happening.
2. Call 101 to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response.
3. Report online via [Report | Kent Police](#)
4. Report to your nearest front counter. To find your nearest one, type your postcode into the search bar via [Contact us | Kent Police](#)
5. You can call Crimestoppers anonymously via 0800 555 111
6. Nuisance or environmental issues will be the responsibility of your local council.
7. what3words is an app that defines your exact location, using a square made up of a unique combination of 3 words. Use these words to let Kent Police know where you are in the county because Kent Police staff who take your emergency calls use this. Find out more by visiting what3words.com

A poster with a red top half and a blue bottom half. At the top center is a gold crown. Below the crown, the text 'God Save the King!' is written in a white, cursive font. The bottom half of the poster is blue and contains white text: 'to Celebrate the King's Coronation', 'WE INVITE YOU TO', 'PARTY AT THE PAVILION', 'On Saturday 6 May', 'from 7pm at Plaxtol Cricket Club', and 'Tickets: £25 to include 2 course supper, Live Band and Paybar.' There are decorative yellow wavy lines separating the text sections.

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APRIL AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

So far this year numbers at the market have been a bit of a roller coaster. Although February has been the driest on record this has often translated into miserable grey weather. We also benefited from the re-run of our 'Farmers Country Showdown episode' which attracted more visitors. (You can still watch it via BBC iPlayer).

The arrival of April sees spring really starting to get into gear as longer days with more light stimulates growth and make us all feel better after a long grey (and very occasional white) winter.

This year the Easter break falls on Sunday, April 9th, and Easter Bank holiday on April 10th so celebrate it with all kinds of good things in season now— oysters, venison, crab and early salads such as rocket are at their peak and other goodies are all starting to appear. However, April is known historically as the 'Hungry month', as it comes with a rather restricted choice of fresh seasonal produce to choose from, so it makes it the perfect month to try some of the prepared products such as quiches and pies available at the market.

Fish and seafood lovers will find **sea bass, cod, halibut, cockles, mussels** and **scallops** all at their finest now. For meat eaters enjoy a wonderful joint of **beef or pork** for a family Sunday roast. For poultry look out for **guinea fowl**, whilst game dealers have **venison, rabbit** and **wood pigeon** available. With the longer days, **lettuces, spinach, cucumber and spring onions** are starting to arrive, taking over from the brassicas such as **cauliflower, purple sprouting broccoli, cabbages** and **kale**.

Keep on cooking with **rhubarb**, now moving from the bright pink early forced variety known as '*champagne rhubarb*' into the darker and more sour outdoor version. Rhubarb is a versatile fruit that works in both sweet and savoury dishes (but make sure you add the right amount of sugar to balance the sour!). A really good rhubarb fool is a seasonal pleasure, especially when made with local cream flavoured with ginger. And local apples are still good as the storing varieties keep well into this month.

Keep up to date with Shipbourne Farmers by requesting a copy of our e-newsletter. We normally produce two per month giving information about different stallholders and their produce. Go to www.shipbourneFM.co.uk and click on 'Reminders' This will ask you for your email address.

COOKERY CORNER

RHUBARB AND ORANGE POLENTA CAKE

With both oranges and rhubarb at their sweetest and best now, bring them together for this simple versatile cake recipe, which works well as a pud with ice cream or in slices with tea or coffee.

Makes one 20cm cake/Prep: 15 minutes/Cook: 1 – 1 ¼ hours

- 150g butter
- 200g caster sugar
- grated rind and juice of 1 large orange
- 3 medium eggs, beaten
- 150g polenta
- 1 ½ tsp baking powder
- 75g ground almonds
- 400g forced rhubarb, trimmed and thickly sliced
- 1 tbsp granulated sugar

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/ Gas Mark 3. Butter and base-line a loose-bottomed deep 20cm cake tin.

2. Cream the butter until soft then beat in the caster sugar and orange rind and continue beating until pale and fluffy. Beat in the eggs a spoonful at a time. Fold in the polenta, baking powder and ground almonds to give a soft mixture that drops easily off a wooden spoon. Spoon half the mixture over the base of the cake tin.

3. Arrange the rhubarb over the cake base then drop the rest of the mixture over the rhubarb, leaving gaps.

4. Bake in the preheated oven for 1 – 1 ¼ hours until well-risen and golden and a skewer inserted into the centre emerges clean and dry. Make holes in the surface of the cake with a skewer then scatter the granulated sugar over the top of the cake and sprinkle with the orange juice,

5. Cool in the tin for 15 minutes then remove and leave on a wire rack to cool. Serve warm with crème fraiche or vanilla ice cream or cool completely and serve sliced with coffee.



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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



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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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