

St Giles' and Shipbourne NEWSLETTER



May 2023

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PARISH DIARY – MAY 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/>

Thursday	4th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	6th	11am	Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. Bells at St Giles, Shipbourne to ring at 10am to mark the Coronation.
SUNDAY <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	7th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		10.30am	Benefice Altogether Open Worship at Plaxtol Cricket Club Marquee “CORONATION PRAISE”
		12:00 noon	Fairlawne Estate Coronation tree planting ceremony followed by drinks reception in Shipbourne Village Hall – all residents welcome
		2.00pm	Family Picnic and Games on Shipbourne Green
		Readings:	1 Kings 1: 38-40; Psalm 21: 1-7
Thursday	11th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	14th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne
		10.00am	“Still Small Voice” at Plaxtol Church
		11.00am	“Still Small Voice” at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings	Genesis 8: 20-9:17; Acts 17: 22-31; John 14: 15-21
Tuesday	16th	7.30pm	Michel Roux Jr Charity Dinner in the garden of The Chaser Inn to mark the 20th anniversary of Shipbourne Farmers’ Market
Thursday	18th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne

SUNDAY <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>	21st	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	“Community@11” at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Ezekiel 36: 24-28; Acts 1: 6-14; John 17: 1-11
Thursday	25th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	27 th	9.30-11am	Community Bread Basket at Plaxtol Church
SUNDAY <i>Pentecost Whit Sunday</i>	28th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service with Holy Baptism at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Numbers 11: 24-30; Acts 2: 1-21; John 20: 19-23
Thursday	31st	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne



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PASTORAL LETTER

GOD SAVE THE KING!

It's an odd thing to say, but only those in our community who are over 70 years of age will have an experience of a coronation. For many people it's a once-in-a-lifetime event. The last one, which took place, on 2nd June 1953 (my mum's 13th birthday!) was the first really big 'outing' for the BBC, as television was so new then. Many of those who can remember it will recall crowding round a small black-and-white cathode-ray-tube housed in a brown bake-o-lite box in a 'rich' neighbour's house. Today, very few people don't have a television, and some that do own multiple mega-mahoosive ones, so the experience will likely be better... if less neighbourly. Our respective communities have put on various other special events, so there should be plenty of time for... rejoicing!

The King shall rejoice in your strength, O Lord!

Psalm 21 v1

On the Sunday of coronation weekend, the two parishes of our benefice will be combining, this time in Plaxtol, at the Cricket Ground for open-air worship. We will recall the biblical texts that form the lyrics to two of our nation's favourite Coronation anthems, one of which is above. And we will rejoice with other great praise songs too. Our National Anthem, which we will also sing together, is a simple but profound prayer to God for our King, Charles III. We hope you will be able to join us at 10.30am. All are welcome!

Peter Hayler, Rector



ST GILES' CHURCH RESTORATION APPEAL

Our appeal to raise the £280,000 to fund the major repairs needed to the Church continues to go very well. 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 locally and from grants.

The appeal has so far raised about **£57,400** in just two months, a marvellous effort and we are very grateful indeed for all your offers of help. Of the amount raised so far, over £40,000 has come from donations, the rest from promised grants. This is a tremendous start but we still need another £73,000. We have a number of grant applications outstanding which we hope will take us some way towards this figure but, being realistic, much of it will need to be raised locally.

If you have not yet made a donation or pledge, please consider doing 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 and of our planned programme of events which starts with the Roux dinner later this month.

Paul Britton

Chair, Appeal Committee

Tel 365794; email pauljbritton@live.co.uk

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



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 27th May 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.

United Benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol
Community Bread Basket



invites you to
Shipbourne Village Hall
Saturday 10th June 9.30-11am

All are welcome!

Community Bread Basket (CBB) is an initiative set up by the United Benefice of Shipbourne with Plaxtol. Our aim has been to create a community 'hub' where everyone is welcome to share in our monthly café-style breakfast. We aim to create a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where neighbours and friends can spend time together over tea and coffee and food.

Donations are gratefully accepted.

MICHEL ROUX JR RETURNS TO SHIPBOURNE

May is an exciting month for Shipbourne as it sees the return of Michel Roux Jr to his childhood home.

During the evening of **Tuesday 16th May**, 170 guests will take their seats at a sell-out charity dinner taking place in a marquee in the garden of The Chaser Inn. The menu has been devised by Chef Roux and his team, using produce from the stallholders at Shipbourne Farmers' Market. Local wine, a silent auction and a cabaret performance from Hal and Lara Cazalet also feature during the evening.

The evening is a celebration to mark the 20th anniversary of Shipbourne Farmers' Market and it promises to be a memorable event. All profits from the evening will be split between the St Giles' Church Restoration Appeal and two agricultural charities – The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) and The Farming Community Network (FCN).

Full details will be included in next month's newsletter. See this month's Farmers' Market article for more details of the chosen ingredients for the dinner menu.

NEWS FROM SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

The year is flying by in front of our eyes at Shipbourne School, and we are now eagerly awaiting the Summer with much activity and learning planned. The Spring Term was also a busy one, with children engaged in a great range of learning enriched by First Aid workshops, a trip to Horton Kirby to complete a river study, a visit from Steps in Time to learn about the Great Fire and a sponsored event led by a national kick boxing champion! The term ended with a service at St Giles', an Easter Egg Hunt and a rather noisy disco.

During the Summer Term, alongside class learning and the dreaded SATS assessments, children from Years 3 and 4 will be venturing further afield for an overnight stay at Grosvenor Hall in Ashford, focusing on independence and team collaboration. In June, Year 5 and 6 pupils will head to the same location, staying for four nights and taking part in a range of challenging physical activities. We will all be celebrating the King's Coronation with workshops led by Perform for Schools and a 'garden party', where I am sure we will see lots of red, white and blue as we party with the nation. Our PTA

have much planned for the term with a quiz night, social and summer fair all taking place to raise much needed funds. Please come along to our Summer Fair on 17th June if you are free and bring lots of sunshine with you. Raffle tickets will be available from the school office or on the day if you would like to purchase any.

During the final term, we will support our Year 6 pupils as they plan for their move to secondary school. This is always a nerve-wracking time, but we hope they will leave us with very fond memories and remember to pop back and visit occasionally. The school year will end in mid-July with an inflatable fund day, trip to the zoo and our Leavers' Service and family picnic – a great way to finish before we all stop for a well-earned rest.

Mrs Terri Daters
Head of School, Shipbourne School
Part of the Bourne Partnership



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SHIPBOURNE WI

The Scavenger Hunt on 25th March was good fun and a great success. Children both from Ukraine and local families scoured the Green for clues, and then returned to the Village Hall for tea and delicious cake. Every participating child was given an Easter Egg, so there were a lot of cheerful children by the end of the afternoon! Many thanks to Lynne and Clive Buddle, who kindly organised the hunt for us.

At our monthly meeting, we had a speaker who is an animal therapist. She explained her work and described some of her case studies, and showed some interesting photographs of the various animals.

Members of Book Club will be meeting to discuss "Small Pleasures" by Clare Chambers, the story the focus of which is the Lewisham train crash of 1957. Be warned should you read the book, do not read the ending first!

A circular walk has been planned for 21st April starting at The Rifleman, and which will, without doubt end with coffee! Members will be having lunch at The Plough at Leigh on 26th April.

The main meeting on Wednesday 10th May will be the AGM.
Glynis Coates

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the June Newsletter by

15th May 2023.

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.



Coming soon to Sevenoaks, surrounding areas and the Eden Valley villages of Hever, Penshurst and Chiddingstone... Starting Friday 2 June until Sunday 18 June. Don't miss it!
ART IN JUNE Open Studios www.artinjune.org

Tour local artistic venues including The Barn at Falconhurst at Mark Beech, Jessops Farm & Chequers Cottages at Bough Beech, The Red House at Hever and The Old Dairy at Penshurst and many more!
www.artinjune.org

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



CORONATION WEEKEND

Sunday 7th May

12pm: Tree Planting Ceremony
followed by drinks reception
courtesy of the Fairlawne Estate
at Shipbourne Village Hall

2pm: Family Picnic and Games
on Shipbourne Green





**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 reception
in Shipbourne Village Hall*

All residents from both villages are welcome

RSVP

peter4inscope@yahoo.co.uk



God Save the King!

to Celebrate the King's Coronation

WE INVITE YOU TO

**PARTY AT THE
PAVILION**

On Saturday 6 May

from 7pm at Plaxtol Cricket Club

**Tickets: £25 to include 2 course supper,
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Organised for you by The Friends of Plaxtol Church and The Cricket Club

for tickets please contact:

FOPC: marian.hemsted@talk21.com 810931 or

katherineabarden@gmail.com 810460 or

CClub: emily_ball1@hotmail.co.uk 07806 501715



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find out more

Join us for a coffee morning

We're looking for new volunteers to share their love of Ightham Mote and the North Kent Portfolio with visitors.

We are holding open Coffee Mornings for people who are looking to volunteer in the future on the 11th May 2023 at Ightham Mote. Come along for a coffee and a chat at 10am. Just drop us an email or give us call to let us know you are coming along.

Call us on 01732 810378 or email us at IghthamMoteVolunteering@nationaltrust.org.uk



SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The contact details for the Parish Council are:

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Ightham TN15 9BE
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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. ***Our next meeting will be on Monday 15th May, this will also be our AGM.***

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 7.00pm in Shipbourne Village Hall.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – APRIL

<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/23/00780/LRD - Shipbourne House, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9PE. Details of condition 4b (Details of roof tiles) Pursuant to Planning permission TM/22/00853/LB Listed Building Application: Renew front right hand gate to match existing. Remove existing front bolted on section of garage, renew to match existing and replace it's feather edged roof with tiles. Repair defective pointing in numerous locations and renew some defective brickwork in places where faces have eroded.

TM/23/00735/TNCA - The Chaser, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9PE. T1/T2 Large weeping Willow and Apple at either end of outdoor seating area of The Chaser Pub. Prune back overhanging branches by approx 2M to allow space for 21m Marquee to be erected below. Lift remaining crown up to 3M to balance shape where required.

Planning Applications Approved by TMBC

Parish Council comments on planning applications are available on the T&M website 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.

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

23/00205/LRD - Details of condition 3 (materials/drawings) submitted pursuant to Listed Building Consent TM/22/02143/LB (Listed Building Application: Single storey extension to restaurant area) | Kentish Rifleman Dunks Green Road Shipbourne Tonbridge Kent TN11 9RU

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>

LOCAL ELECTIONS MAY 2023

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).



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.tonbridgeandmallinghamramblers.org.uk.

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.

NEW GREEN RESOURCE FOR SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL RESIDENTS

<https://electriccarguide.co.uk/> is a guidance site for new EV owners. We support owners with educational guides and resources to help them transition from petrol cars to electric cars.

Our site is non-commercial and free to use, we are asking councils to please share it with communities as a resource on your website.

The shift towards electric vehicles is a critical issue affecting our local communities and the global environment and many people are still lacking awareness about the technology and how to adopt it. Please let me know if you if there is anything we can do to supply your residents with further material to help them go electric, or if you are interested in more information about Electric Car Guide feel free to drop me a note jellmore@electriccarguide.co.uk

SHIPBOURNE ARCHIVE

If anyone is interested in taking over the Shipbourne Archive, please contact the Parish Clerk at shipbourneclerk@gmail.com

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

THE WEATHER IN MARCH

The average day temp. was 13.8^oc, the average night temp. was 5.5^oc, the highest day was Thursday 30th with 20^oc, and the lowest night was Sunday 5th with -3.0^oc, the total rainfall was 144mm, the average over the last 30 years was 57.4mm, with the highest year being this year (144mm) the highest march in my records (30 years) and the highest in Met records for 40 years, the lowest was march 1996 with 17mm, there was only 8 days this month when it didn't rain.

Lionel Stielow

MAY AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS MARKET

May will be our busiest month at the market. Not only is everything really starting to grow (finally!) but we are getting ready for the visit and feast prepared by Shipbourne's famous chef Michel Roux Jr and his La Gavroche team.



Not only will a good time be had by all but it enables us to both earn and donate a to both Farming charities and St Giles' Church Repair fund.

With the longer days and the warmer spring sunshine the first signs of the bounty to come has arrived. **Asparagus**, one of the great treats of the season, is at its best when picked and cooked within hours, something easily achievable when bought locally at the market. Make the most of the delicate **flavour** by serving simply steamed with melted butter or a hollandaise sauce. As the season progresses use in risottos, tarts, salads and soups.

River trout infused with Greensand gin will form the starter for the Roux dinner and Mikey's **wild sea trout** is one of the season's great treats. **Lemon sole, cod, halibut** and **sea bass** are all good at this time of year and shellfish fans should keep an eye out for **razor clams** and **cockles**.

Kieron's loin of **venison** will form the basis of our main dish. However, Annabelle's **beef and pork** will be at their most succulent as the grazing starts to green up. Now is the time to splash out on steaks, chops and fillets and use them simply cooked – grilled, stir fried or griddle cooked for lighter meals.

Alongside asparagus other spring vegetables are also starting to appear after the cold of the winter. Look out for are tender little early **new potatoes**, Leaves such as **spinach, watercress, rocket** and **lettuces** can now be found sitting alongside the last of this year's main vegetable crop of purple sprouting broccoli, spring cabbage, cauliflower, spring greens, spring onions and radishes. **Radishes, spring onions and samphire** mean that lighter eating is now an easy choice for the cook.

Honey Panna Cotta with a chilled rhubarb champagne consommé will form our dessert course. Try 'Green' i.e. **outdoor rhubarb** in lighter dishes such as homemade ice creams and fools. Or make your own rhubarb jams and chutneys – the tart flavour of the fruit

makes a lovely preserve to spread on scones, fill sponge cakes and enjoy simply on buttered toast, particularly if you add ginger as a flavouring.

By the end of the month the earliest **gooseberries** should be available, ready to pair up with their perfect partner – delicate fragrant elderflowers. Just add a head or two of creamy white flowers (pick away from roads or sprayed fields and shake to remove bugs) to the gooseberries for a few minutes as they cook then lift out and discard. The distinctive flavour will remain for crumbles, cakes, fools or creamy desserts such as crème brûlées and panna cotta.

Did you know we have a Click and Collect system at the market? Go to www.shipbournefm.co.uk and click on **Shop Now**. This gives you a preview of what is sold at the market

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

CHICKEN AND ASPARAGUS

This delicious classic combination is quick to prepare. Serve it with steamed new potatoes and a green salad

Serves 4/Prep 10 minutes/Cook 25 minutes

- 25g butter
- 4 chicken breast fillets, cut into thick lengths, seasoned with salt and pepper
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 100ml dry white wine
- 300ml chicken stock
- juice and finely grated rind of 1 lemon
- 450g bunched asparagus, trimmed and cut into 5cm lengths
- 100ml local double cream
- 2 – 3 tbsp each chopped fresh mint and parsley

1. Melt the butter in a medium heavy-based pan, add the chicken strips and brown lightly on all sides over a medium high heat. Remove from the pan and set aside.
2. Add the onion to the pan and cook over a low heat until lightly coloured. Return the chicken and any juices to the pan. Sprinkle over the flour, stir and let it cook for a minute.
3. Increase the heat and add the white wine and keep stirring. Gradually add the stock and lemon juice and bring to the boil. Keep stirring. Lower the heat and simmer gently for about 5 minutes until the chicken is nearly cooked through.
4. Add the asparagus and seasoning. Push the asparagus under the surface of the liquid. Simmer for about 5 minutes until the asparagus is just tender.
5. Stir in the cream, lemon rind and chopped herbs and heat through back to simmering point. Check seasoning before serving
6. Serve with new potatoes and a green salad.



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FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

The coronation of a new King is a moment of celebration. Only a few of us remember the last time this happened but all of us know we're ready for a fresh start. After swearing to serve our Late Queen as a soldier and an MP, I will always be an Elizabethan at heart, but seeing King Charles take the throne will be a moment of great joy for many in our community.

For me it will be a moment when we remember what makes us a blessed nation. In the United Kingdom, we have been lucky to have two things that make us safer and happier - a ruler who serves, and confidence in the future. The King, and his mother Queen Elizabeth, have helped to give us that as symbols of continuity in a changing world.

It has been an honour to be a part of the preparation for the day in my role as Security Minister. I'm sure that this will be a generation defining moment in our history and I am sure that for many of us the celebrations will mark an important moment in our lives. Many events around our towns and villages will bring people together and I hope to see as many of you as possible.

The Coronation reminds us how special this country is, and how our communities across the UK can come together to celebrate and share stories. I know it is a day that I will never forget, and I'm sure you won't either.

Amongst all the excitement, I look forward to seeing many of you out and about in our community over the coming weeks and months. I am truly lucky to represent everybody across Tonbridge & Malling.

Best wishes
Tom

Tom Tugendhat
Member of Parliament for Tonbridge and Malling



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

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