

St Giles' and Shipbourne Village
NEWSLETTER



October 2025

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ST GILES' AND SHIPBOURNE NEWSLETTER

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Rector of Shipbourne with Plaxtol
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PARISH DIARY – OCTOBER 2025

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	2nd	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Friday	3rd	7-9pm	Fair Thank You Drinks at Village Hall
Saturday	4th	7pm	Sparkling Wine Tasting at Village Hall
SUNDAY <i>16th Sunday after Trinity</i>	5th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Family Service with Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4, 2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10
Thursday	9th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	11th	9am	Churchyard Working Party at St Giles
SUNDAY <i>17th Sunday after Trinity</i>	12th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Matins at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings	2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19
Thursday	16th	9-11am	Farmers Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
SUNDAY <i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	19th	8.00am	Holy Communion at Plaxtol Church
		9.30am	Parish Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Community@11 at Plaxtol Church (Refreshments from 10.30am)
		Readings:	Genesis 32:22-31, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-18
Thursday	23rd	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne
Saturday	25th	9.30-11am	Community Bread Basket at Plaxtol Church
SUNDAY <i>Bible Sunday</i>	26th	8.00am	Holy Communion at St Giles, Shipbourne
		9.30am	Family Service at St Giles, Shipbourne
		11.00am	Parish Communion at Plaxtol Church
		Readings:	Isaiah 45:22-end, Romans 15:1-6, Luke 4:16-24
Thursday	30th	9-11am	Farmers' Market at St Giles, Shipbourne

SAINTS' DAYS A-PLENTY...

My little articles are always, to some extent, about the calendar, and the life of the church is very much based on the calendar. Not just twelve months or thirteen moons in a year, but the various festivals, seasons... and Saints' days. Some years we can go right through the summer without a Saints' day falling on a Sunday, but this year we've had three:



St Bartholmew, Apostle (Aug 24th), St Aidan, Bishop (Aug 31st) and St Matthew, Apostle and Gospel writer (Sept 21st). Looking forward into the autumn: St Michael and All Angels (Sept 29th) and All Saints' day (Nov 1st).

All Saints' day, also known as 'All Hallows', is a day for any and all saints to be remembered, and it's where Hallowe'en gets its name from. The very next day is All Souls' day. This has traditionally been a day when we remember all our love ones who have died. In the Shardlake series of novels by C. J. Sansom, the hunched-back slooth-lawyer passes through Tonbridge on All Soul's day, and although this is set in the reign of Henry VIII who had just forced the English Reformation along by cutting ties with the Pope, granting himself a divorce, and creating the Church of England, the locals are still keep All Souls' day in a very Roman Catholic way with Requiem Masses to get the souls of their loved ones out of purgatory and into heaven.

This year we will keep both All Saints' day and All Souls' day on Sunday 2nd November. In our evening service (6.00pm at Plaxtol) we will call out the names of those we have loved and lost as we remember and give thanks for their lives, their faith and their example. So, in the couple of weeks leading up to this, in the latter part of October, there will be lists in church where you are invited to add names of your loved ones who have died. We seem to have lost a more than usually high number of church members in the last month, so I'm anticipating that the service will be quite moving.

Nonetheless, all welcome!

Peter Hayler, Rector



Community Bread Basket

9:30 - 11:00 on Saturday 25th October 2025

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.

SUMMER FAIR & DOG SHOW THANK YOU DRINKS

FRIDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2025

7PM-9PM

SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Huge thanks to everyone who kindly helped at this year's Summer Fair & Dog Show which raised over £6,000 before costs – amazing! Everyone who gave a helping hand in any way are invited to thank you drinks on Friday 4th October, 7pm-9pm, at the Village Hall. Please do come along, the Fair couldn't happen without you and we are very grateful!



Saturday, 4 October 2025

7.00 pm Shipbourne Village Hall

Kent v The Rest of the World
Sparkling Wine Tasting

Join us for a fun and enlightening evening, with a guided tasting of 10 different sparkling wines from Kent and around the world, including France, Italy, Australia, Germany and Spain

Welcome Aperol Spritz on arrival
(courtesy of the Chaser)

Tickets £40, **places limited**

We recommend eating in advance as there are lots of wines to taste. Light nibbles will be available.

Please contact Peter Leach to buy your tickets
07889 362462
peter4inscope@yahoo.co.uk

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please send any articles and adverts for the November Newsletter
by **15th October**

Please email articles to lindsay_miles@btinternet.com or
call 01732 810439

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2025

It is time for us to meet as a churchyard working party!

It is some time since we last met so there is plenty to do! So do come to the churchyard on **Saturday 11 October from 9.30am** onwards, for a morning of clearing vegetation. Bring your own tools - secateurs, shears, strimmers etc - and protective clothing. Let's hope we get good weather.

Let me know if you can join us on 11 October and I hope to see you there.

Some of you have said that you would like to help, but Saturday is not a good day for you. If you would prefer to come in your own time, do - I suggest you tidy up one of the graves (or even several graves) which are overgrown.

Every little bit of work makes a difference!

Felicity will serve coffee, tea and soft drinks and a cake or two, to keep our spirits up.

Nick Ward

SAVE THE DATE!

Shipbourne School Bonfire and Fireworks Party
Saturday 8th November 2025
4.15pm-6pm

Tickets available from www.ticketsource.com

SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The contact details for the Parish Council are:

Shipborne Parish Council
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Telephone: 01732 886402

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.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

KENT POLICE

Our new beat officer is Thomas Mead PC 46014468, based at Tonbridge Police Station. For non-urgent matters, please call 101, for emergencies please call 999.

<https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/>

For information on community policing, My Community Voice is a messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves. You can sign up using the link or website address above.



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Shipbourne Village Hall News

Where did the Summer go?

Hall Windows

Having taken delivery of the new windows back in May, we had a hiccup getting the actual work carried out and missed all the dry period. The work is now due to start at the end of September. Keep fingers crossed that the weather remains fine and dry whilst the work is being done.

St Giles Fair

Following the success of the St Giles Fair on Bank Holiday Monday, a thank you drinks evening for the many helpers is taking place on Friday 3rd October at 7.00pm in the hall.

Wine Tasting

The wine tasting is taking place on 4th October; this was fully sold out by mid-September. A selection of bubbly has been put together so that Kent produced bubbly can be compared with other well-known and rated brands from around the world. We will let you know how the evening went in the next issue.

Quiz Night

Hot on the heels of the wine tasting and taking place on

Saturday November 29th - 7.00pm is the QUIZ NIGHT

Early booking is recommended as there is limited availability and last year the tickets went very quickly. Reservations by email to peter4inscope@yahoo.co.uk

The evening is split into two sessions, with food being served during the interval. This year we will have an alcohol licence so a selection of red and white wines, bottled beers (inc alcohol free) and soft drinks will be available to buy.

Further details will be in the next newsletter and will also be sent out by email. If you want to be kept informed about this and other events, please email peter4inscope@yahoo.co.uk with your contact details.

Hall Garden

Despite the dry weather, the new plants in the garden just about survived. However, the cherry tree set into the lawn is looking the worse for wear and may have to be removed the trunk is showing signs of rot.

Honeybees took up residence in a traffic cone behind the shed. The cone complete with bees and honey, has been relocated to a Tunbridge Wells apiary.

Fascinating photos are available online and on the Shipbourne Facebook page @shipbournevillage

Asian Hornets

Reports locally about sightings of Asian hornets have resulted in a couple of traps being placed in the hall garden earlier in September. To date these haven't delivered any Asian Hornets, which is a good thing, although a nest was located and destroyed in Plaxtol on the weekend of 13/14th September.

If you spot an Asian Hornet, it is important to report the sighting and not kill individual hornets. These are being tracked as they are very aggressive and destroy our native honeybees. By tracking them it is hoped their nests can be found and destroyed.

The following website provides details about the Asian Hornet and helps identify and report sightings.

<https://www.bbka.org.uk/identify-report-asian-hornet>

You can also contact Sue Knights to report any local sightings.

Email: sushelagh@icloud.com Mobile: 07825210885

Thank you to Terri Dakers at Shipbourne Primary School for kindly donating 30 stacking chairs that the school have now replaced with new. These will enable more seating in the hall garden during summer events and parties.

Help us to keep in touch

We are keen to keep everyone informed directly of village events and would greatly appreciate receiving your contact details; please email your name, address, telephone number and email address to:

shipbourneparishcouncil@gmail.com

Ideas for other events and activities are always welcome.

NEW ARRIVALS

Welcome to Sophie Bassett and Tom Chapman who moved into the village in July and have now been joined by their daughter Maggie who was born in September. Many congratulations.

SPONSORED WALKS/RUNS/CYCLE EVENTS -- WELL DONE TO:

Lionel Steilow, who once again has taken part in the Ride and Stride charity day on 13th September, raising money for churches in Kent.

Anna and Kevin Slaughter, who took part in The Tonbridge Marathon Walk on Sunday 21st September, raising money for The Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity. Find out more on their just giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/anna-slaughter> where you can also make a donation in support of their charity. Once again it's not too late to sponsor them.

SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

Situated on the Green in the heart of Shipbourne, our village hall with its enclosed and safe garden, is the perfect venue for children's parties, family celebrations, pilates, yoga, exhibitions, fundraising events, training courses or seminars. It has a main hall, an adjoining side room ideal for meetings, blackout blinds, wheelchair access, a well-equipped kitchen, baby changing facilities and disabled toilet.

Wi-Fi with excellent download speed is provided by courtesy of Gigaclear.

In addition, 2 N° 8m x 4m marquees, 3 N° 3m x 3m and 2 N° 2.5 x 2.5m gazebos are available for hire.

For hall rates, enquiries and bookings, please call Helen Leach on 07762 241720 or email shipbourne.villagehall@gmail.com



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Born in the 1500s, our traditional family run pub is open daily from 11.30am. By the cosy fire or out in the beer garden, we offer home-made food, local beers, a lovely selection of wines and spirits and a friendly atmosphere. Please book your table on 01732 810727 or on our website.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Climate Action Shipbourne and Plaxtol. *CASP*

www.casphub.org

Colder days are ahead. Good luck for a winter of warm houses, to all.

However... if your boiler breaks down, please think about installing a heat pump. No oil and no LPG! CASP can help you with useful links and advice on grants available. Email: info@casphub.org
Several villagers have already installed heat pumps and/or PV panels. We will be putting their stories up on our website. Here is one:

Experience of installing photovoltaic panels and switching from an oil boiler to an air source heat pump.

Photovoltaic panels: In 2011, we installed a 4 kW photovoltaic system on a south-facing roof. Since installation, the system has run without issue and generated over 55,000 kWh of electricity. Generation levels are highest in the summer, lower in the winter, non-existent in thick fog or snow.

Verdict: The photovoltaic system is brilliant.

With hindsight what would we change: We would add a storage battery to end dependence on the grid for evening and overnight electricity.

Air source heat pump: In 2022, we replaced a 35-year-old oil boiler with an air source heat pump as a retrofit which included an upgrade of all the radiators and the hot water tank. There were issues on installation. The system sprang two leaks: the first, caused by possible damage to a radiator pipe; the second, caused by a substandard joint in a previous plumbing repair. Both problems were resolved in a couple of weeks and since then the system has run without issue.

The biggest adjustment was accepting that the radiators were not hot, only warm to touch. We were encouraged to keep internal doors open and to maintain the entire house at an even temperature (our preference is between 15 and 18°C depending on the weather) whereas previously less-used rooms would have had the radiators switched off in winter and the doors closed. The increased internal airflow has meant that no cold or damp areas have been noted since installation.

Verdict: The air source heat pump works well. There is always hot water. When the outside temperature drops below zero, the increased demand for electricity is clearly visible on the smart meter. At this point we sometimes use a couple of stand-alone radiators to boost heat in the rooms we are using.

With hindsight what would we change: We would add more insulation so that we wouldn't lose the heat from the house quite so quickly when it's bitterly cold outside.

Shipbourne Resident 6/09/2025

Climate Action Shipbourne and Plaxtol. *CASP*

Never too small to make a difference.

CALL TO ACTION! - YOUR LOCAL SCHOOLS NEED YOU!

Are you passionate about education and keen to make a real difference in your community? The Bourne Partnership (Hadlow and Shipbourne Primary Schools) is looking for a Chair of Governors to lead our dedicated governing board.

This voluntary role is about helping our schools to thrive — working with the Headteacher and fellow governors to set the vision, support staff, oversee budgets and, most importantly, ensure the very best outcomes for our children. The National Governance Association (NGA) provides training and guidance, so you'll be supported every step of the way.

If you're a good listener, confident in bringing people together, and want to use your skills to help shape the future of two wonderful schools, we'd love to hear from you.

If you would like to explore this role further, please get in touch. If this is a role that someone you know could fulfil or you are part of a group that might be interested to read about this opportunity, please feel free to circulate the details.

The Headteachers

Mrs T Daters - Shipbourne School 01732 810344

Miss N Chapman - Hadlow School 01732 850349

USED STAMPS FOR THE R.N.I.B

Thank you to everyone who has left used postage stamps at the back of the church. So far I have managed to collect 5 kilos which should raise £100 for the R.N.I.B. Please keep collecting them for this very worthwhile charity.

Jenny Porter

SHIPBOURNE WI

Although there was no WI meeting in August that did not mean that nothing was going on. For us, August began with our Teas and Book sale which was very successful much to our delight. Then there was the book club meeting to discuss the book of the month.

Following this many of the members travelled to Whitstable by minibus for our annual away day. The weather was overcast but still warm which was fortunate as the rest of the week was very hot so this enabled members to explore the town comfortably. Many fish and chips lunches and cups of tea were enjoyed and it was a good day out.

Fortunately we still had some energy left at the end of the month as we ran the Hoopla Stall at the St Giles Fair, another very warm day. We had many lucky (or should it be skilful) winners both children and grownups. A day enjoyed by all involved.

We are now back to our normal schedule, the London Walk along the Thames Path to look forward to and the September meeting taking place on 10th September.

Sue Streeter

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Collection Hubs: Hard copies are available for collection from the following hubs (thank you to all hubs!):

- St Giles' Church
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- Plaxtol Stores
- The Kentish Rifleman

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FROM YOUR LOCAL MP

I have a strong desire for more buses serving our community. One of the ways you can ensure our bus services are as good as they can be is by letting me know any issues or concerns you may have. I am always interested to hear the experiences of anyone who uses our local bus routes, including our children.

That's why I run a School Bus Survey each year. With the new academic year having now started I have opened my 2025 survey to find out which services are working well, and which need improvement over the first few weeks of term. If you, or someone you know, has children of secondary school age, please ask them to complete my annual survey so they can have their say. I also would like to hear from anyone who has children of secondary school age who could get the bus to school, but choose not to. Why is that, and what would make you consider getting a bus to school instead?

Autumn is always a tricky time for any parent, with our children going into a new school year and sometimes a new school entirely. This brings a change to the routine and our travel plans too. With this being the case it's more important than ever to let me know your thoughts so that I can raise these with the relevant operators and Kent County Council. I meet regularly with our local bus companies and I am able to raise these issues with them directly.

The 2025 School Bus Survey is available on my website or directly using this link

www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025SchoolBusSurvey.

Please do share this with any friends and neighbours who have children who get the bus to school, or who might wish to use one of our local bus services but hasn't yet. If you can't access the survey but would like to share your thoughts with me, please use the contact details below.

Tom Tugendhat

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THE ORIGINAL FAYRE LANE

In the sitcom, *To the Manor Born*, it is not the character Audrey Fforbes-Hamilton and the large manor house that embodies the medieval definition of the word Manor: it is Del Boy in *Only Fools & Horses*. When he boasts "not in my manor" he means not on my patch; he is referring to an area of land over which he considers he has influence, rights and privileges.

A manor is a legal term for a parcel of land granted by the king to the lord, generally before 1290. The lord had, thereafter, the right to hold a manorial court called a court baron. This was the lowest court of law in England used to enforce the feudal services owed to the lord of the manor by his tenants.

In 1250 there were two manors in Shipbourne - those of Shipborne and Shipborne Puttenden – which were granted to Sir Roger de Bavent. The Culpepper family held the manors in frank fee for the Bavents but after Sir Richard's death, in 1358, his widow, Hawise, relinquished her rights to the manors to the Priory at Dartford.

During the 15th the Chowne family owned the medieval house often associated with the manor of Shipbourne. Sited south of Round Shaw near the River Bourne moated remains of such a house with its fishponds and earthworks have been found. The scant – practically invisible - remains have been a Heritage Monument since 1977. It was possibly the Chownes that then built the mansion house – first called Chownys then Fayre Lane - further up the hill in Plaxtol parish, probably a warmer, dryer spot than that of the original house in the river valley.

However, the manors themselves continued to be part of the possessions of the Priory until after the dissolution of the monasteries when in 1545 Henry VIII granted both manors to Sir Ralph Fane. His descendent, Sir Henry Vane, Secretary of State to King Charles I, was born and lived in his mansion in Hadlow. Then, around 1630, he bought the mansion of Fairlawn in Plaxtol from the Chowne family.

Finally, an impressive mansion house existed for the Lord of the Manor of Shipbourne, even if it was not actually in the manor. However there had always been a house associated with the Manor of Shipbourne Puttenden. In 1175 a farmhouse known as

Puttenden was situated in a 'den' in the Manor of Wrotham. And there is evidence that Puttenden Manor Farm was inhabited in 1198.

Although the house known as Puttenden Manor dates from the early medieval period it is listed as an 18th century farmhouse because it has undergone many transformations, period refurbishments and enlargements. The house was usually tenanted but after the Second World War (when it was a dairy farm) the Cazalets - owners of the Fairlawne Estate at the time and Lords of the Manors of Shipbourne and Shipbourne Puttenden – sited the kennels for the West Kent Hounds there. To this day, Fairlawne and Puttenden Manor remain an historical link to our manorial past.

Libby Cohen

THE WEATHER IN AUGUST

The average day temp. was 27.0⁰c, the average night temp was 11.4⁰c, the highest day was Tuesday 12th with 35⁰c, the lowest night was Thursday 21st with 4.5⁰c, the total rainfall was 25.5mm, the 2nd lowest in 35 years (my records), the average rainfall over the last 35 years was 55.0mm, the highest year was August 2014 with 116mm, the lowest year was August 1995 with 3mm!

Lionel Stielow

**REMEMBER: CLOCKS GO BACK
SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER 2025**



OCTOBER AT SHIPBOURNE FARMERS' MARKET



Local produce made/grown by Local producers

The summer is well and truly over when it comes to food, so it's the month to rediscover the delights of colder weather eating with all the wonderful harvest of ingredients at our disposal. Our fresh fruit and vegetables are at their best. Onions, leeks, beetroot, carrots and tomatoes are all full of flavour at this time of year whilst the wonderful array of squashes and pumpkins offer so much more for the cook than just as lanterns for Halloween. Root vegetables such as parsnip, swede and celeriac are all wonderful roasted or mashed and perfect with new season's game. Use them in soups, stews, curries and pickles for rich seasonal colour and taste. Kentish cobnuts, walnuts, hazelnuts and chestnuts have been harvested – try them now when they are 'wet' and discover a whole new intensity of flavour. Use in autumn salads or scattered on meringues and in fruit compote - delicious.

We have a much larger variety of apples at the market than at supermarkets so try different varieties. Bramleys for cooking – it's definitely crumble season - and making into chutneys and jellies to enjoy through the winter. The later ripening varieties are good for keeping so you will be able to enjoy from now until next summer. Plums will finish soon but autumn fruiting raspberries are still available.

Much of our seafood is at its best caught from colder waters so as the sea temperature drops this month, fish just gets better and better. Sea bass, haddock and Dover sole will be fishing well. Remember the better the quality of the fish, the simpler it needs to be cooked.

The changing season herald a longing for richer, more comforting meat dishes and it's the start of the game season with pheasant appearing once again at the market. Use it as chicken – cubed breast meat works perfectly in curries, stir fries or just marinate the whole breasts and cook on the griddle. Lean and tender, it suits quick cooking methods such as frying and grilling. Try with mushrooms, the perfect partner for seasonal game

Stall Update: We are delighted to welcome new stallholder Liz Reid to Shipbourne Farmers' Market. Liz is a baker, preserver and recipe developer and will be offering a selection of her delicious homemade savoury and sweet pies. Her first week at the Market saw her sell-out in the first hour and her delicious menu included dauphinoise potato and caramelised onion pie, honey and mustard sausage rolls, mixed berry fruit pies and the "Shipbourne" pasty.

Finally, (and just whispering the "C" word in October) we are excited to announce our first **Shipbourne Farmers' Market Christmas card competition**. Open to children aged 11 and under, entries can be posted into the box at the Market until the final October Market on 30th October. The winning entry will be professionally printed and sold in packs of 5 cards at the Market, with all profits being split between St Giles' Shipbourne and Shipbourne Village Hall.

To find out more about Shipbourne Farmers Market and to sign up for the weekly e-Newsletter, visit www.shipbournefm.co.uk



COOKERY CORNER

SILKY SQUASH RISOTTO

Serves 4 / not too tricky

- 1 butternut squash (1.2 kg)
 - 1 bunch of fresh marjoram (20g)
 - Rapeseed oil
 - 1.2 litres vegetable or chicken stock
 - 1 onion
 - 1 stick of celery
 - 300g Arborio risotto rice
 - 150ml dry white wine
 - ½ a lemon
 - 50g parmesan cheese
 - 1 knob of unsalted butter
1. Preheat the oven to 180c/350f/gas 4. Scrub the squash (there's no need to peel it), carefully halve it lengthways and de-seed, then chop into 2cm chunks (the seeds can be roasted and sprinkled on top).
 2. Place the squash in a roasting tray, pick and chop most of the marjoram leaves, then toss with 1 tablespoon of olive oil or rapeseed oil and a pinch of sea salt and black pepper. Roast for 1 hour or until soft and caramelised.
 3. With 20 minutes to go on the squash, simmer the stock over a low heat. Peel and finely chop the onion and celery, then place in a high-sided pan on a medium heat with ½ a tablespoon of rapeseed oil. Cook for 10 minutes, or until softened but not coloured, stirring regularly, then stir in the rice to toast for 2 minutes.
 4. Pour in the wine and stir until absorbed. Add a ladleful of stock and wait until it's been fully absorbed before adding another, stirring constantly and adding ladles of stock until the rice is cooked. It will need 16-18 minutes.
 5. Remove the squash from the oven and mash up with a fork, leaving some chunky pieces. Stir through the risotto about halfway through.
 6. When the risotto is done, add enough extra stock or boiling kettle water to make the risotto oozy, then finely grate in the parmesan and beat in the butter.
 7. Cover the pan, turn off the heat and leave to relax for 2 minutes. Stir, season and plate up sprinkling the remaining marjoram leaves and roasted seeds on top. Delicious topped with tenderstem broccoli or crispy pancetta.

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SHIPBOURNE VILLAGE 2025 EVENTS DIARY

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday 3 rd October	7-9pm	Summer Fair Thank You Drinks, Village Hall
Saturday 4 th October	7pm	Village Hall Sparkling Wine Tasting
Saturday 11 th October	From 9am	Churchyard Working Party at St Giles' Shipbourne
Saturday 25 th October	9.30-11am	Community Bread Basket, Plaxtol Church
Saturday 8 th November	4.15-6pm	Shipbourne School PTA Bonfire and Fireworks
Saturday 29 th November	7pm	Village Hall Quiz Night

Cut out and keep