

# The Shroton Lines

The Shroton Lines is a community newspaper which celebrates the life of the village and its inhabitants. It is compiled by local volunteers and provides information and news. Those of us who are involved with the creation of the Lines are hugely grateful for everyone who contributes and particularly to Emma who is responsible for printing it. Contact: shrotonlines@gmail.com. Editor: Helen Christmas, Quince Cottage, The Corner. Please do submit stories, recipes and letters!

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## Dates : February

### Main village & Bessells

Mon 7	Recycling
Mon 14	Rubbish
Mon 21	Recycling
Mon 28	Rubbish

### The Corner & Courtney Close

Weds 2	Recycling
Weds 9	Rubbish
Weds 16	Recycling
Weds 23	Rubbish
Mar 2	Recycling

### Garden waste (all)

February
Weds 1
Weds 15
January
Weds 12
Weds 26

### Wednesday morning:

**Coffee and chat in** the village hall : 10—12. All welcome.!

### Monday 28th February

**Lunch and Chat.** This is a lovely social event for older residents in the village. Please contact the organisers for more details:

Ena: 861309

Barbara (transport;  
8636443

## Centenary peal.



On January 7th the bells of St Mary's Shroton rang out to celebrate the centenary of the first peal rung on the six bells there. It was one hundred years ago that two extra bells were added to the then ring of four enabling the ringers to do so much more in the way of method ringing. It was then in 1922 that the first peal of Grandsire Doubles was recorded.

The ringers this time around were attempting to ring not one but six different methods and to produce the exact 5040 changes required. Should anyone in the band have the misfortune of making a mistake then the whole attempt of the peal would have stopped. It is not possible to ring these methods without a conductor and their job is not only to ring their own bell but also to extend the method onto the right amount of changes by the addition of certain calls and it is these calls that alter the direction and pattern of your work.

I rang my first full peal back in 1984 at Marnhull and at that time it was the first peal to have ever been rung on the ring of six. I always said I'd never ring another, but never say never! Here we were again: different stage, much older and less fit. On this occasion I was to ring a lighter bell, the treble or number one bell as some would say and my pattern of work would be relatively easy compared with the rest of the bells.

The time had come and we raised the bells in readiness. It was a slightly nervous start but as we progressed we developed a good rhythm and pace. As we entered our second hour a few aches and pains were starting to creep in; my arms had a feeling of cramp about them and as I looked towards the fourth he was stamping his foot on the floor, obviously his leg or foot was playing him up.

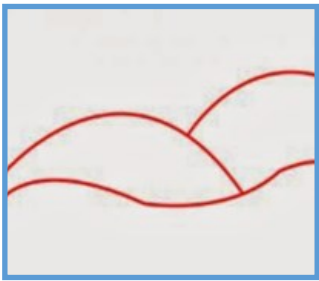
Nearing the last ten minutes my arms were about to give up with terrible cramp right down into my fingers and at that point I thought I was going to let the whole team down. I wasn't quite sure of the exact finish time, but knew it was mighty close.

David the conductor suddenly shouted, 'That's all!', as we came into rounds and stood our bells. There was a huge relief and a sense of achievement and it was nice to know that one Shroton person was involved....but NEVER AGAIN!

A huge thank you to the folk listening and for greeting us with a welcoming celebratory food and drinks after and to David Warwick our conductor and our other ringers, one coming all the way from Devon just to ring another peal.

We are sorry that people were unable to come into the church to watch us, but as you will now understand, we needed to avoid all distractions! Thank you to all for your forbearance with this.

Malcolm Trowbridge ( Tower Captain) **For a picture of the ringers, see page 5**



## News from the Hill from Clive

As I type it's a very hard hoar frost outside with the sun shining brightly and every blade of grass sparkling. Hambledon must be a very beautiful sight this morning with a rolling mist shrouding the valley below. February will see a lot of scrub clearance taking place on the eastern, southern and western ramparts, which is the final phase of our Wessex Hillforts Project [Learn about our work looking after hillforts and habitats in Dorset | National Trust](#) where we have been working hard in partnership with Historic England to get our hillforts into a really good condition.

This work will see contractors using brush cutters on the steep slopes, cutting and then treating the stumps to help keep the stunning archaeological features in good condition both now and in the future. Where the scrub becomes established burrowing animals often excavate beneath the cover this brings and damage the archaeology below ground – which is why we go to such great lengths to keep Hambledon and Hod Hills in as good condition as possible.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions about how we manage Hambledon Hill.

Kind regards,

Clive

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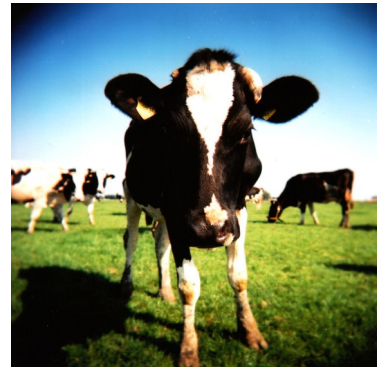
**Welcome to Shroton.** This is the section where we say Hello to all our new residents :

Welcome to Mr and Mrs Merry who have recently moved into Hambledon House. We hope that you have settled in and are enjoying getting to know people in the village..

Please let me know if you are new to the village . We'd love to welcome you too!

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Dear All,

There will be a log delivery on the Saturday 12th of Feb.

This may well be the last delivery. Unfortunately after 7 years of doing this a change in circumstance means we may no longer be able to deliver this service.

We are trying to find a new home to store the logs locally. If this is not possible then I'm afraid it will end.

I will endeavour to try and find another supply chain but may not be successful. Either way I will let you all know as soon as I do.

Jason & Tee

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Kez on 07971886412  
mation:-

### The February recipe: Sweet potato curry (V)

- 1 tbsp coconut oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, grated
- thumb-sized piece ginger, grated
- 3 tbsp Thai red curry paste
- 1 tbsp smooth peanut butter
- 500g sweet potato, peeled and cut into chunks
- 400ml can coconut milk
- 200g bag spinach
- 1 lime juiced

Melt 1 tbsp coconut oil using a medium heat and soften 1 chopped  
onion for 5 mins. Add 2 grated garlic cloves and a grated thumb-  
sized piece of ginger, and cook for 1 min until fragrant.

Stir in 3 tbsp Thai red curry paste, 1 tbsp smooth peanut butter and  
500g sweet potato, peeled and cut into chunks, then add  
400ml coconut milk and 200ml water.

Bring to the boil, turn down the heat and simmer, uncovered, for  
25-30 mins or until the sweet potato is soft.

Stir through 200g spinach and the juice of 1 lime, and season well.

## Letters to the editor

### More on the concert mystery:

#### Dear Editor

We have been talking to our son Christian, who remembers  
the concert as well. He broke his arm that day after falling  
off his motor bike and couldn't go. He also says that either  
the year before, or it could have been 2 years before, Bruno  
Brooks, a Radio 1 DJ was up there. He presented the run  
down of UK Top 40 singles from 1986 to 1990 and 1992 to  
1995.

Regards  
Bridget

### Bells

#### Dear Editor

I was delighted to receive The Pie'd Piper's note publicising  
the bell ringing marathon that would take place on Friday  
the 7<sup>th</sup>. I subsequently forgot about this event but it was  
while I was distributing 'The Lines' around the village on  
that morning that I heard the first peal. Historically, but  
doubtless, without any liturgical foundation whatsoever, I  
have always associated the ringing of church bells as a call-  
ing of the parishioners to their church. So, with this in mind  
and with the peals in full swing I went to St Mary's to watch  
and listen to Malcolm and his admirable and talented bell  
ringers. Imagine then my dismay and disappointment when  
I was faced with the abrupt notice pinned to the door saying  
that the church was closed for the duration of the bell ring-  
ing. There may well be some ecclesiastical or recent Parish  
bylaw that forbids audience participation for such events  
and maybe even a Canterbury issued diktat that we should  
accept that the joy is in the listening and not the watching  
of bells, but what a huge and missed opportunity to get  
people into the Church. This little pontification of mine  
needs to be put into the context of the recent news that the  
Church of England is declining faster than any other denomi-  
nation and if it carries on shrinking at such a rate then Angli-  
canism as we know it will disappear from the UK by 2033. I  
hope that the very questionable example set by the hierar-  
chy and leadership of the Church of England during the pan-  
demic by denying entry to their churches, while incidentally  
fleeing on furlough to France at the same time, has not in-  
fluenced nor set a precedent for this latest tragic own goal.

David Lloyd-Edwards

Please send letters or messages for publication to The Editor:

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Or drop something through my postbox:

Quince Cottage, The Corner

# Parish Council News February 2022

20 January 2022 Parish Clerk [iwernecourtney@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:iwernecourtney@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

## Dorset Local Plan

Housing needs figures provide the basis of housing allocation in the Dorset Council new Local Plan, which has been widely consulted on is being reviewed. Dorset Council is considering this evidence and all the responses to the local plan consultation and councillors will decide on revisions to the plan next year. The consultation document, published in 2021, suggested that Dorset Council would use the Government's standard methodology to determine the local housing need. Dorset Council with Town & Parish Councils, have tested and challenge all assumptions to ensure that the right development is in the right place(s) and that this reflects the demographics of the county, the natural environment including AONB's and how people live & work and how that may change over time. There is a strong need to consider how people access transport and community facilities to assist the reduction of the reliance on cars and providing alternatives that are what people want and will use. To find out how Dorset Council make sure our communities help shape the plan, read its [Statement of Community Involvement](#). And to find out more about the timeline of the plan, read the Dorset Council [Local Development Scheme](#).

## For the attention of residents of the Glebe and approach roads – for February 2022

The annual inspection of the Glebe Lombardy Poplar trees is now due to take place in February 2022, subject to weather conditions. This inspection requires the use of a Mobile Elevated Work Platform (a very large cherry picker) which is required to facilitate inspection of the crowns and aged branches of these specimens. Please be advised that road access immediately adjacent to the site position of these trees may be restricted during these inspections. As I receive confirmation of the inspection date (and maybe a time), I will advise the residents of the Glebe and community.

## The Parish Council

The Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council currently operates with 5 council members and a Clerk. The Parish Council is undermanned by 4 council members which has, unfortunately, delayed council business being completed or concluded and ultimately delaying Parish services' provision due to necessary absences, sickness or leave. This situation has resulted in the council being 'in quorate' in the past, which means there are not enough members present to allow for legal actions or business to be completed efficiently or benefit the Parish. The council members would be interested in hearing from residents who would consider joining the council as member representatives for this Parish. Please contact the Parish Council at [iwernecourtney@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:iwernecourtney@dorset-aptc.gov.uk) if this is of any interest.

## Dorset Councillor Somper Ward Meetings 2022

Cllr Somper will continue where possible and subject to Government guidance, to engage in carry face-to-face meetings with residents and intends to hold regular ward/village walks in the Beacon Ward

Dorset Councillor Somper - [cllrjane.somper@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllrjane.somper@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

## Dorset Libraries go Gigabit capable

Fourteen Dorset libraries have begun an exciting new chapter after benefiting from some of the country's fastest internet speeds. This is due to £200,000 of government funding that these libraries – from Ferndown in the east to Bridport in the west, and from Swanage in the south to Blandford in the north – now have the fastest possible broadband connection. The libraries all have full fibre installed right into the premises, giving staff and users speeds up to 1,000 megabits per second, or one gigabit. And that's not the only good digital news for the residents who use the council's libraries service. At 18 Dorset libraries volunteer digital champions are running free advice sessions to help people with any technological issues.

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Chairman of Dorset Council will be writing to Town and Parish Councils in the lead up to HM Queen Platinum Jubilee about the lighting of Beacons on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9.15pm across the county. The Parish Council has yet to receive this information about potential participation. However, if you feel this would be an appropriate opportunity to celebrate this magnificent accomplishment, let the Parish Council members know of your support for participating in this national participation. The beacon lighting will take place throughout the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, UK Overseas Territories and in each of the Capital cities of all the Commonwealth countries.

## Queens Baton Relay

Dorset Council are positively considering a request to facilitate the Queens baton relay within Dorset. The South West region (Isles of Scilly – Gloucestershire and points in between) has been allocated two days – provisionally 4 & 5 July 2022 – Dorset Council have been asked for proposals and suggestions.

## Planning Applications – the process – some guidance

Residents will be aware of changes to the processes for Planning Applications. Dorset Council have been asked to explain whether the process for considering planning applications could include local MP's and whether there is a role for them to be part of the determination of an application. **Below is an extract of guidance, written by the member (portfolio holder) for Dorset Council Planning:**

- *'All planning applications are considered on their merits and must be determined in line with adopted Local and Neighbourhood Plans, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. There is a statutory 21-day consultation period for planning applications, and Parish Councils are notified of all planning applications in their area.'*

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## Parish Council News February 2022 (contd)

### Planning Applications – the process – some guidance (contd)

- The officer's report for each application sets out how the application has been assessed, and how any concerns raised in representations have been taken into account. The Council's 'scheme of delegation' (which is on the website) ensures a higher level of scrutiny for applications where the Parish Council's view differs from the officer recommendation: for these applications, there is a consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the relevant planning committee, and Dorset Council ward members, before a decision is taken as to whether the application should be referred to the planning committee.
- The Council also offers a pre-application advice service. One of the aims of pre-application advice is to improve the quality of development in Dorset, by helping to shape proposals at an early stage.
- No decisions are made at the pre-application stage. Pre-application advice is made publicly available online once a related planning application is received, subject to commercial confidentiality rules.
- As Planning is a Local Authority function and not a national one, no additional weight is given to any influence from Members of Parliament, which is evidenced by there not being a separate slot for them to speak at Planning committees.

Clr Jane Somper writes ' I hope that this gives you reassurance that there is no manipulation of planning applications through the system and that all are given unbiased consideration either by an Area Committee (if that is triggered through the constitution) or under delegated powers carried out by unbiased, highly qualified Planning officers' (January 2022)

The Parish website – [www.shroton.org](http://www.shroton.org)

Displays regular updates for Covid-19 advice and information, local government consultations, planning matters, countryside information, traffic & weather news together with details of the work and organisation of the Parish Council and what is happening in the village and local area. You can contact a member of the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk on [iwernecourtney@dorset-aptc.gov.uk](mailto:iwernecourtney@dorset-aptc.gov.uk)

### Mooning!

The moon has been spectacular over the past week or so and it got me thinking about this wondrous globe and how we still can be moved by its presence (or absence). As is my wont, having been told about different full moons, I set to and started to research. This is what I discovered, with thanks to the Shroton Astronomical group.

The phases of the moons are: new Moon, waxing crescent Moon, first quarter Moon, waxing gibbous Moon, full Moon, waning gibbous Moon, last quarter Moon, waning crescent Moon.

Each new moon has a name. This differs across cultures, but these are some of the Western names:

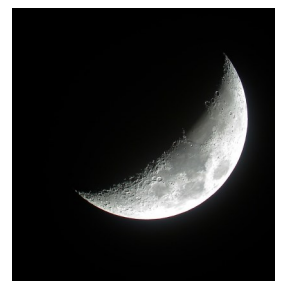
<b>January:</b>	Wolf	<b>April:</b>	Pink	<b>July:</b>	Buck	<b>October:</b>	Hunter's
<b>February:</b>	Snow	<b>May:</b>	Flower	<b>August:</b>	Sturgeon	<b>November:</b>	Beaver
<b>March:</b>	Worm	<b>June:</b>	Strawberry	<b>September</b>	Full corn	<b>December:</b>	Cold

The Moon completes 12 full cycles of its phases in about 354 days – which is 11 days short of a calendar year. Every two and a half years or so the difference adds up to an extra, 13th full moon occurring during the year and this relatively rare occurrence is sometimes referred to as a 'blue moon'.

The next full Moon is on **16 February at 4.56 pm**. Do take time this year to notice the moon's phases. We are so incredibly lucky to live in a village where there is so little light pollution!

*The Moon was but a Chin of Gold  
A Night or two ago—  
And now she turns Her perfect Face  
Upon the World below*

Emily Dickinson





## A lovely idea

Sue Bennett ( Bates) has been drawing or painting each day during January. She will put her paintings in a box at the end of their driveway in Telegraph Street for people to help themselves and give a donation to a local charity. The paintings will vary from practice pieces to finished works. She is half was through at the time of going to press. Here are some examples:



On behalf of Sam, Becky, Matthew, I would like to thank David, Flick, Malcom and all the ringers for dedicating the peal rung earlier this month to the memory of Will, our dearly loved son, brother and godson. The sound of the bells floating across the fields was a poignant and extremely precious experience and one that we will treasure.

Thank you,

Helen



Salisbury Diocesan Guild

On Friday, 7 January 2022 in 2h 48

Iwerne Courtney, Dorset

St Mary

Tenor: 13–0–10 in G

5040 Minor (6m)

720 each of Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Kent TB,  
St Clements, 1440 of Plain Bob

- 1 Malcolm K Trowbridge
- 2 Felicity S Warwick
- 3 Robert D Crighton
- 4 Philip A L Rioch
- 5 David A Warwick (C)
- 6 Michael E C Mears

**Rung on the centenary of the first peal on the bells, and in memory of William Christmas, godson of the Conductor, who died on 19 March 2020 and is buried in Iwerne Courtney churchyard**



The successful ringers enjoying a well-earned glass of bubbly.



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Our esteemed editor asked for limericks  
It's not that difficult to make such tricks  
So why citizens of Shroton  
Are you sooo lazy and wanton  
Get writing or there's no fish & chips  
*Anon.*

The Council finally agreed  
The Fairfield raves could now proceed  
Some dreamt of getting laid  
Though such dreams were mislaid  
As they forgot to bring in all the weed  
*Anon*

DORSET COUNCIL has issued a Notice under Section 14 [2] of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 as amended. All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along DINAHS HOLLOW, MELBURY ABBAS between the junctions of White Pit Lane and the B308 - Higher Blandford Road (in both directions), a distance of approximately 1315 metres. The Notice is needed in order to comply with health and safety regulations which require the provision of safe working areas and to minimise likelihood of danger to highway users.

**It will come into operation on 7th February 2022 from 20:00 to 06:00 and remain in force for five days, however it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 12th February 2022. The closure will be lifted during the day.**

## The Shroton History section

The old Post Office building was built in about 1750s.

It was lease held by the Tapper family (this ancient Shroton family name is listed on records from 1300s!) Thomas Tapper was a Cordwainer. In 1832 a newspaper reported a burglary where thieves took out the bricks under the shop window and stole linen, drapery and other goods worth 100 Guineas.

In 1851 Caroline, the wife of George Vanner, Cordwainer and Shop keeper, opened a basket package, addressed to her husband, which had been brought from Blandford by a postman.... and discovered the body of a newborn baby.

The newspaper reported that George swore on oath that he knew the mother Tabitha Foster but knew nothing of the baby. Tabitha claimed the baby was alive when she put it in the basket. The Inquest was held at the White Hart the next day..and Tabitha was eventually tried for manslaughter.

The shop became a Post Office in 1853 and in the 1918 village Sale it was described as a small shop, telegraph office, sitting room, kitchen, larder, 5 bedrooms and a garden. Mr George Bath was the Postmaster. Sir Randolf Baker purchased the PO and cottages behind for £300.

In 1895 letters arrived from Blandford at 6.45 am and 3 pm and were dispatched at 1045am and 6.45 pm

The Post Office closed its doors, for good, on 13 Apr 1992.

Judith

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### A message about the Food bank from Ursula Goodall

As the temperatures drop and the financial pressures of Christmas approach, please give generously to the food bank.

The collection point for food and other items is in the porch of the church..

Over the last two years, there has been a 57% increase in the numbers of people accessing food banks in Dorset..

The volunteers who work in the centres report seeing a wider spectrum of people experiencing food poverty.

**Please give generously this Christmas**

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