

# 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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January 2022

Dates : January

Main village & Bessells

Mon 3 Rubbish  
Mon 10 Recycling  
Mon 17 Rubbish  
Mon 24 Recycling

The Corner & Courtney Close

Weds 5 Recycling  
Weds 12 Rubbish  
Weds 19 Recycling  
Weds 26 Rubbish

Garden waste (all)

Weds 12  
Weds 26

**Wednesday morning:**  
coffee and chat in the village hall

**STOP PRESS**

**The Bring and Brunch event on 15th January has been postponed due to circumstances beyond our control. We will confirm a new date.**

Please let me know if you have any events or notices that you would like to be included in The Shroton Lines

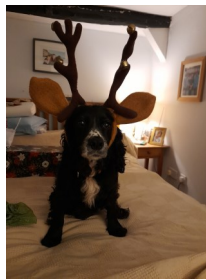
Many thanks,

Helen

## Christmas pets in Shroton

Sadly, I had no entries for the best Christmas-dressed pet competition, so I had to enter my own picture. This is Vespa, who as you can see is very much enjoying getting into the Christmas spirit! She is very embarrassed about this picture, so please don't talk to her about it if you see us in the streets!

Helen

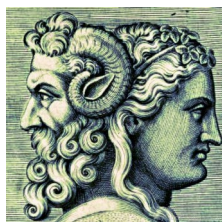


## The month of January

January is the first month of the Gregorian Calendar and is named after Janus who was the god of beginnings and transitions in Roman mythology, and presided over passages, doors, gates and endings, as well as in transitional periods such as from war to peace.

He was usually depicted as having two faces looking at opposite ways, one towards the past and the other towards the future.

As a god of beginnings and transitions both in literal and abstract ways, he was also responsible for motion, changes, and time. He was present in the beginning of the world, guarding the gates of Heaven, and he also presided over the creation of religion, life, and even the gods. He was probably considered the most important Roman god, and his name was the first to be mentioned in prayers, regardless of which god the worshipper wanted to pray to.



(Source: <https://www.greekmythology.com/>)

## A big THANK YOU to all contributors to the Blandford Food Bank Collection Point in the Church Porch.

In 3 days (14th-21st December Tuesdays and Thursdays only) they issued 83 Christmas boxes to families. We were asked to supply everyday food and you answered the call beautifully! My back ached but my heart was warmed by your generosity and the volunteers were thrilled to be able to pack boxes for the dark days of January when the bills roll in.



We live in troubled times but if help is given to one another we will get through it.

Thank you, everyone, and here's to a happy and healthy 2022. from Ursula

Happy New Year	新年快樂
gelukkige Nuwe Jaar	godt nytår
bonne année	Frohes Neues Jahr
ευτυχισμένο το νέο έτος	שנה טובה
Buon anno	bliadhna Mhath Ùr
feliz Año Nuevo	e ku odun, eku iyedun
blwyddyn Newydd Dda	с Новым Годом
szczęśliwego Nowego Roku	

**2022**

After the news of the latest find of letters that we featured in last month's edition, it is exciting that I can reveal that a fragment of a new radio play by Dylan Thomas has been found. This was written when the great Bard visited Shroton as he had run out of inspiration in West Wales. It is published here with permission from his erstwhile landlady, Peggy the Bed who resided in the village.

### Under Hambledon Hill

To begin in the middle.

It is black, cold, freezing cold. It is January .

Listen! Only you can hear the bus whine muddly, madder and moaning up the High Street with steamed up glass, open virus-dispersing windows towards the metropolis.

Listen! Only you can hear the clatter, clink, chink of a walking stick on the clouty tarmac.

Listen! Only you can hear the bursting bonhomie of the bar, the bawl of a baby, the hectoring call for Hector.

Listen! Only you can feel the damp darkness, the quiet shuffle along the paths, the muffled masked people making lives in the gloom. Only you can feel the needle sharp wind at the trig point as the westerly winds turn eastwards like pins.

Listen...blind Cat is clattering her keys. Poor Pugh is plucking his plaintive strings. Nick the horn is blowing wind.

Listen! Think of...

A house open to the winds.

A church.

A hill.

Soon the summer light will shape the hillfort. Soon the warmth will waken. You can hear it waking...

**(With apologies!)**

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

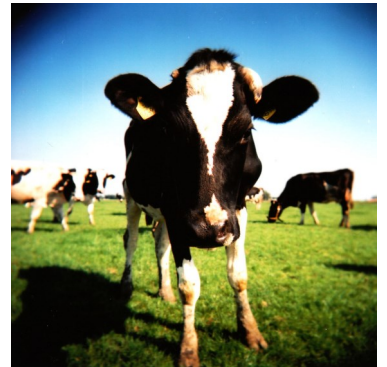
Please let me know if you are new to the village . We'd love to welcome you too!

### What is a New Year's resolution?

Something that goes in one year and out the other.....!!

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### Looking forward to 2022:

The Village Panto

Lots of Wednesday coffee mornings

The Village show

Balmy nights in The Cricketers garden

Lunch and Chat

Petanque re-starting

Dry dog walks

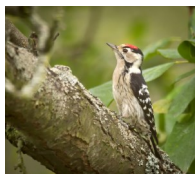
Events in the Hall.

Lots of our houses are detached  
What a shame more are not thatched  
The PC should now convene  
And tell the village to go green  
Or 'Insulate Britain' will be despatched  
*Anon*



## Birds to look out for in January

### Lesser spotted woodpecker



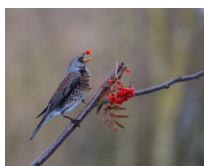
Loves old trees.  
**Dendrocopos Minor**

### Redwing



The UK's smallest thrush  
**Turdus LLIacus**

### Fieldfare



Loves winter berries  
**Tudidae Pularis**

### Red Kite



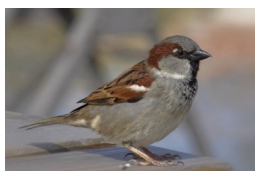
An extraordinary success story for  
twitchers. Often to be seen above the  
village  
**Milvus milvus**

### Robin



One of our favourite visitors  
**Erithicus Rubicala**

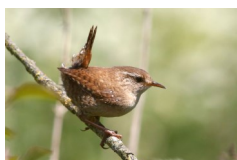
### House sparrow



Sadly not as common as in years  
gone past. Cheeky and noisy

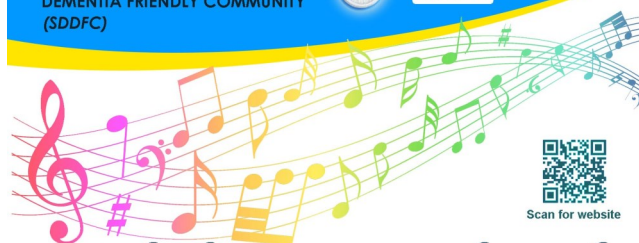
**Passeridae**

### Wren



One of our smallest and shyest visi-  
tors, but often seen in winter  
**Troglodytidae**

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## Melodies Remembered

**Every other Thursday 2-4pm**

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At Shaftesbury Football Club in their function room.  
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*Melodies Remembered is a fun and sociable, fortnightly singing group for people living with dementia and carers.*

*This provides a way for you to express yourselves and socialise in a supportive and enjoyable way. So come and join in - all are welcome!*

For further information or if you are interested in attending please contact us via our email address or by phone:  
dementiafriendlyshaftesbury@gmail.com | 07871 665927  
or website: [www.shaftesbury-ic.gov.uk/sddfc](http://www.shaftesbury-ic.gov.uk/sddfc)



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Melodies Remembered runs on alternate Thursday afternoons at Shaftesbury Football. It is a fun sociable group for people living with dementia and their carers and everyone is welcome. Please see attached flyer for more information. Our next group meetings are on 25th November and 9th December. We then have a break for Christmas and restart on Thursday 6th January 2022.

If you would like any more information, please get in touch and thank you for your support for our charity.

Kind regards,  
Sally Nutbeem  
SDDFC Treasurer  
[snutbeem@gmail.com](mailto:snutbeem@gmail.com)  
07840 424148

## COVID VACCINATIONS



There is now a dedicated phone line at the Surgery for booking in Covid vaccinations. It is **01258 444526**

What did the pirate say when he reached his 80th birthday?

Aye Matey



## Parish Council News January 2022

### NHS Outpatient Assessment Centre

South Walks House, the Dorset Council offices in Dorchester, is set to become an NHS Outpatient Assessment Centre for six months. This initiative will bring a range of outpatient services together under one roof as well as health and wellbeing advice and information services. The South Walks House centre is part of a Dorset wide 'Think Big' initiative to help reduce waiting times and bring diagnostic services closer to the community and is one of the first of its kind in the country.

### Funding to improve insulation

Dorset Council has also been awarded £98,000 of Government funding to insulate the most poorly insulated rented homes in Dorset. In the coming months landlords with properties with low EPCs will be invited to apply for grants for improvements such as insulation, solar panels and more efficient boilers.

### Household Support Fund

Dorset Council has been awarded £2,294,941 from the Government's Household Support Fund which has been set up to help vulnerable households across the country in need of financial support. Some of the money allocated to the council will be used to make sure children who receive free school meals during term time will have food vouchers over the Christmas, February half term and Easter school holidays. Information about access and eligibility for food vouchers will be shared with families direct from their school.

One-off winter energy vouchers of £200 will also be made available to households in receipt of Universal Credit with limited capability for work or, earnings below the free school meals and free prescription threshold.

Apply on-line for a Winter Energy Voucher <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/winter-energy-voucher> or if you cannot complete the application form on line, contact Dorset Council on 01305 221027.

At least 50 percent of the Household Support Fund will be used to support vulnerable families with children in Dorset. In addition to food and winter energy vouchers, other targeted emergency local assistance will be available including support for care leavers, people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and people using food banks.

### For the attention of residents of the Glebe and approach roads

The annual inspection of the Glebe Lombardy Poplar trees is due to take place in January 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 community.

### Domestic Abuse Strategy

Tackling domestic abuse has been a priority for the council and organisations in Dorset for many years and this year the Government passed legislation in the form of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 that places specific responsibilities on Councils, including creating a domestic abuse strategy.

Dorset residents and stakeholders were invited to have their say on the draft strategy that will set out how Dorset Council will work with organisations and communities in Dorset to tackle domestic abuse over the next three years.

The draft consultation can be found on the Dorset Council website [https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/find-a-consultation/-/ddl\\_display/ddl/1730645/279856/maximized](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/find-a-consultation/-/ddl_display/ddl/1730645/279856/maximized)

### Funding agreed for SEND Strategy

Dorset Council has agreed £37.5m over the next five years to help deliver its new strategy for children and young people with special needs and disabilities (SEND). The funding will support the new Centre of Excellence (the former St Mary's school in Shaftesbury), of existing special schools and expansion of facilities in mainstream schools, such as Inclusion Hubs. The aim is to ensure more of Dorset's SEND children can attend a local school, rather than having to travel great distances, sometimes out of county, to receive the support they need. Independent provision costs about £60,000 per year per pupil whereas provision in one of Dorset school's costs around £22,000.

### Dorset Councillor Somper Ward Meetings 2022: [cllrjane.somper@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cllrjane.somper@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

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. Cllr Somper intends to invite the Leader of Dorset Council, **Cllr Spencer Flower** for a ward tour and will be hosting a joint ward meeting with Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services, **Cllr Laura Miller** whose responsibilities include: **Environment & Wellbeing, Regulatory Services & Community Safety, Waste Services and Customer Services & Libraries**

### Gore Clump

Local consultation is currently underway for approval on the improvement works at Gore Clump by Compton Abbas airfield. The work to pull all the different landowners and stakeholder groups together has taken far too long, but now details on previous objections have been addressed the legal process of consultation can take place. Dorset Cllr Somper continues to engage with the four Parish Councils that this significant piece of land sits in; to ensure they have been kept informed of all the planned work and are in regular discussion with Portfolio Holder and Highways Officers. It is anticipated that any works to the area will not require disruption (road closures) to surrounding roads i.e. A350/C13 as the main work is to be completed away from the main road.

### 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)



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## Thank you

Barbara Briggs would like to thank all the villagers who have dropped bags of plastic milk bottle tops on her doorstep.

*Over 10 years, she writes, we have helped the funds of The Priest House Museum in Wimborne, However, I have now found a source which collects for The Dorset Air Ambulance, so please keep collecting and I shall pass them on..*

Barbara Briggs

1 Old Mill Cottages

863643

## A Village mystery

In response to Kathy's request for information about the rock concert in Shroton, one of our ex-residents has been in touch: **Brian Meaker**.

He wrote:

In response to one of your articles I went to Park Farm to see Mud, organised by the local Young Farmers. They played in the large barn. Seating was on straw bales. They were deafeningly loud even for us youngsters.!

They played hits 'Tiger Feet', 'The cat crept in' 'Dynamite' and 'Lonely this Christmas' which incidentally was the UK No. 1 in 1974.

One memory was the lead singer Les Gray mercilessly flirting with all the women in the audience

I live in Cumbria now but lived in Shroton for 35 years until 2009, still love the village and return when I can.

*I have written to the Young Farmer's group to see if I can find out why they came to be playing here in Shroton. Nothing has come back yet, but perhaps readers can add their memories.*



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### The January Stars

Take advantage of our lack of light pollution and look up at the skies.

January 17: Full Wolf Moon

The first Full Moon of 2022 rises on Monday evening, January 17. The Moon will appear full for about three days around this time, from Sunday evening through Wednesday morning. It's known in some cultures as the Wolf Moon. There are alternative names as well.

After the full Moon on the 16th, the brightest planet visible will be Jupiter, appearing 20 degrees above the south-western horizon. Much fainter is Saturn, appearing to the lower right of Jupiter at only 2 degrees above the horizon and setting 15 minutes later.

Source: <https://www.almanac.com/night-sky-january>

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