

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

Rubbish & Recycling

Main Village/Bessels

July

- 3 Rubbish
- 10 Recycling
- 17 Rubbish
- 24 Recycling
- 31 Rubbish

The Corner/Courtney Close

July

- 5 Recycling
- 12 Rubbish
- 19 Recycling
- 26 Rubbish

All village

- July 12 Garden waste
- July 19 Garden waste

Wednesdays: Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall from 10—12 pm

Thursdays: Singing group in the village hall at 5.45 pm

Thursdays: Craft Group at 7—8 pm in the village hall



Shroton Village Hall
SUNDAYS IN JULY
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
2:30pm - 4:30pm
ALL WELCOME



For Sale/Free to a good home....

I have been asked by a Shroton resident whether we could have a For Sale section in The Lines, so here it is...

Let me know what you would like to advertise for sale or for people to collect free of charge and a contact number and I will add it to the next Lines.

Any transactions or agreements will be entirely the responsibility of the seller and customer.

An extract from a poem by our famous Dorset poet , Wiliam Barnes

Zun Zet

Where the western zun, unclouded,
Up above the grey hill-tops,
Did sheen drough ashes, lofty sh'ouDED,
On the turf beside the copse,
In zummer weather,
We together,
Sorrow-slightèn, work-vorgettèn,
Gambol'd wi' the zun a-zettèn.

There, by flow'ry bows o' bramble,
Under hedge, in ash-tree sheädes,
The dun-heäir'd ho'se did slowly ramble
On the grasses' dewy bleädes,
Zet free o' lwoads,
An' stwony rwoads,
Vorgett'vul o' the lashes frettèn,
Grazèn wi' the zun a-zettèn.

William Barnes who visited Shroton Fair

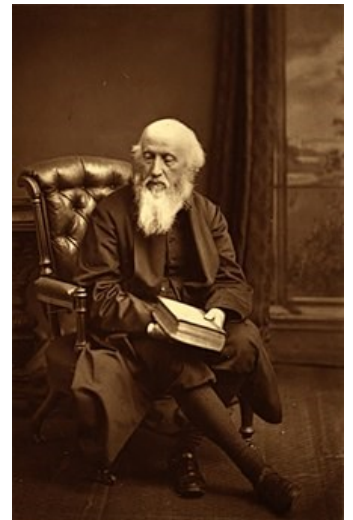


Photo by Mike Scott taken from Robin and Judy Scones' garden. Read more from Mike on page 4



News from the Village Hall

The AGM went smoothly. We said goodbye and thank you to Barbara Briggs (for years of hard work and being totally reliable) and Sheryl Ward (for her enthusiasm and support) and welcome to Chris Bush and Karen Holliday. It's a huge relief not to have resorted to half nelsons and bribery to fill these committee spaces so a huge thank you for volunteering!

The committee will be focusing on fund raising for the hall refurb and having a look at the old constitution which needs updating. If you have any fund-raising ideas or would like to run an event to help with the project please let me know.

July is the month of the cream tea - Sundays 2nd, 9th, 16, 23rd 2.30-4.30. Please come along and get your fill before *it's score*.

The new singing group on Thursdays 5.45.-6.45pm has proved entertaining. Come & join in - everyone welcome. It's about fun and enthusiasm - no skill needed. Just open your mouth.

The samba group on Tuesdays 6pm is also open to anyone. You saw the Coronation Chickens over the Coronation - come and join the flock.

The flowers in front of the hall are looking fantastic so a big thank you to Judith for her hard work. If you happen to take the short cut behind the hall to the cricket pitch please pull out some weeds as you go. It all helps.

Emma House

Wednesday evening boules - friendly but fierce competition- new players always welcome.
6pm on the Glebe.



Shroton Wildflower and fruit tree area

This area, opposite the village hall, comes into fruition and looks its best in June before rain knocks over the tall grasses. This year really is the best so far in the 10 years that I have been tending the area. The yellow rattle has now spread to all areas, which depletes grass growth and allows other wildflowers to grow.



Unfortunately, SSEN parked a lorry on part of the area this week and flattened the flowers and grasses. I have received an apology, but the damage has been done.

I encourage you all to just wander down and have a close look at the flowers and please help yourself to the fruit from the trees in August.

Thank you for your support. Judith

Despite the hot weather, these are still surviving on Hambledon Hill



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Wanted...

Recipes from Shroton Lines readers using produce from the season: tomatoes, beetroot, courgettes, lettuces.

I'd like to have a 'Seasonal' corner with recipes and ideas for using what is grown in our gardens and allotments.

Please send recipes/ideas to
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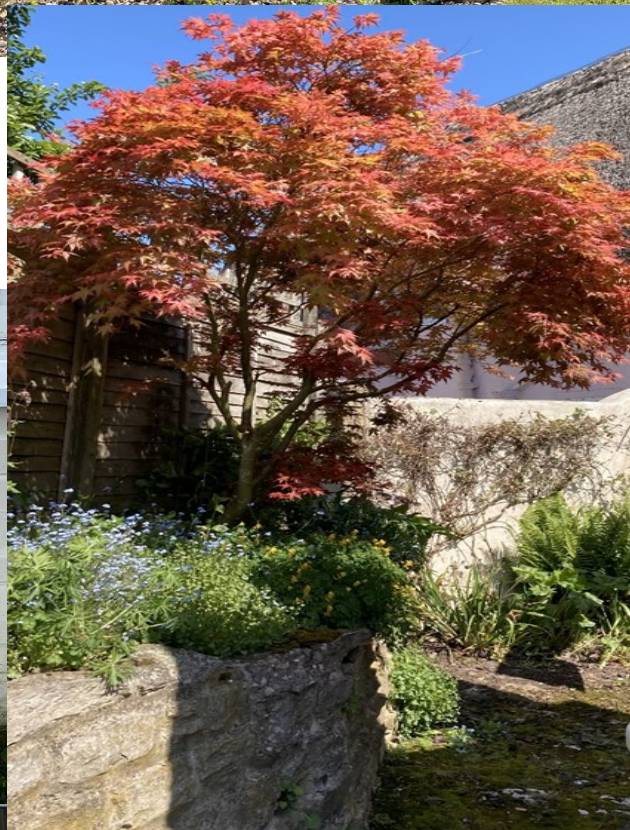
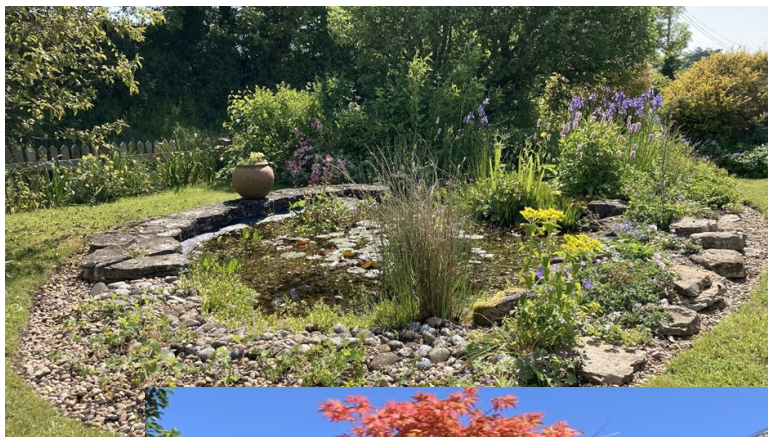
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Gardening genes passed from one generation to another

On Saturday 20th May, sons Tim and Ian Scoones opened Bessells Cottage to Shroton and to friends and family of Judy and Robin, to showcase the garden that had been lovingly tended over by their parents for many years. Robin (self-proclaimed Director of Horticulture), and Tim (Head Gardener) had already planned - and planted - the most incredible flower show for this season - a season that unfortunately Robin would never see but one that both of them would want their dear neighbours to enjoy.

With wall-to-wall sunshine and a seemingly endless supply of tea and cake, the garden provided a quiet place for friends and family to remember Judy and Robin in their wonderful garden which has become a safe place for generations of Scoones and Dorset wildlife alike.



WAGS #2 – The Short Bessels Walk (SBW)

Hello dog walkers.

Following on from WAGS #1, in accordance with Shroton Quality Standard (SQS) #1, let's consider the SBW (Bessels and across the fields to the Courtney Close field, the Corner and the Cross).

Weather

Good walk if it has been raining as there are few muddy places. But there can be one deep and dark puddle in the gateway into the Courtney Close Field)

If there is dew, there are tall nettles that will attempt to soak and sting you, but you're tough, aren't you?

Accessories and clothing

Poo bags essential, but any package doesn't have to be carried far as there is a poo bin on the way.

Tennis ball(s), thrower definitely needed if your dog is so inclined, for the Courtney Close Field. Good place, as well, for implementation of the self-perpetuating dog ball exchange process. Will you earn a net gain in tennis balls today? Or lose another one....

Big hat, small hat, no hat, Big coat, small coat, no coat – your choice – there is shade on the way.

At this time of the year, you can finally dispense with the wellies. Sandals – no, see nettles!

Ground and Environment

No cattle out on this route although there are often horses, but they will ignore you and look at your dog with disinterest.

No sheep, deer unlikely, lots of rabbits but you will certainly not see the egret.

Unpleasant dead things – Nature's cycle of life is sometimes hard on the aforementioned rabbits so you may be unpleasantly surprised at what your dog finds in the hedgerows.

Good walk if you need to detour to Meggie Moos.

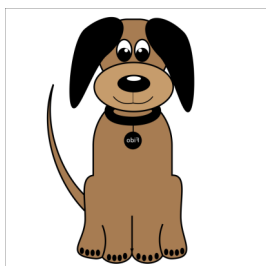
Socials

This is a good walk for encountering others particularly around the cross where many walks converge. And it takes you past the shiny new notice board at the Cross.

However, be ready with a smile if there are village events afoot and organisers are out walking their dogs – a small chat may augment your social life.

Walk on! Take care

John Gredley



The July Recipe

This is a variation on a recipe from the Good Food website. It is simple and delicious!

Ingredients

- 1 cucumber
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped.
- 2 tsp caster sugar
- 1 tbsp light soy sauce
- 2 tsp rice vinegar
- 1-2 tsp chilli oil, plus extra to serve (optional)

Method

Put the cucumber on a chopping board and lightly bash it along the length using a rolling pin, or by using your fist to push down on the flat blade of a cleaver – you want to break the flesh a little but not turn it to a pulp. Cut the cucumber in half and scoop out the seeds, then cut the flesh into bite-sized pieces. Sprinkle over about ½ tsp sea salt (you can do this on the chopping board), leave for 10 mins, then rinse well in cold water and drain.



Mix the garlic, sugar, light soy sauce and rice vinegar with the chilli oil in a serving bowl. Add the cucumber and leave to marinate for 10 mins. Serve with more of the chilli oil on the side.

WE'RE BACK...

Just behind the bar this time

Please join us on Monday 3rd July at
The Cricketers from 6pm for a
complimentary glass of bubbles to
celebrate

We look forward to welcoming you

Cryptic clue (answer in the next edition of The Lines)

It sounds like a jazz saxophonist is near a road in Shroton (8,4)

The History Corner

1548 description of Ywerne (Shroton) Common and its use thereof

'NW of the uttermost borders of the manor, towards Farryndon, called Ywerne Common- 45 acres where all tenants except cottagers can use for pigs and horses from 1 May to 25 Dec; and for sheep from 25 Dec to middle of March.

Every tenant holding 1, 2, or 3 tenements of the Great (More) tenure could keep, for every tenure, 5 pigs, 2 horses and 35 sheep without paying anything to the lord.

Every tenant holding 2 or 3 tenements of the Less tenure could keep, for every tenement, 2 pigs, 1 horse, and 13 sheep without paying anything.

The Prior of St John's of Jerusalem, as his right of free tenement, could keep 2 pigs and 22 sheep without paying anything.

The Parson of Ywerne, as his right of his glebe, is allowed to keep 8 beasts and 1 bull without paying anything.

No one else is allowed to use the common including the people of Farryndon'

The people of Shroton accessed the Common from the cross-road intersection of Bessels Lane, Park Lane and Collingcross Lane, straight across down Hatchmead Lane, past the pond and onto the common (called Brickkiln Common on the Tithe Map). The Child Okeford Road to Iwerne Minster has only existed in recent years—this road crossed Shroton Common. Pigs would have rummaged in Brake Wood, centre of the Common.

The north/west section of Hatchmead Lane still exists, as does the pond but the crossroads have long since disappeared and is now only a sharp bend at Park Farm corner.

The Common was still made use of up to WW1, during Shroton Fair, as the horses, cows and sheep were driven up there to graze during nighttime. This followed ancient local custom but during the 18th, 19th, and 20th century the fields were divided up, enclosed and leased to the two owners of the farms in Shroton. Part of the Common is very sandy and another part clay- ideal for making building bricks in the 18th and 19th century-together with the lime produced at the base of Hambledon Hill.

I still wander down the footpath to Hatchmead Lane, past the deep pond and onto that field - and imagine the hive of activity of many different beasts and their keepers in long past years.

Judith

Shroton Cricket Club

Ranston Evening League Wednesday Games

5th July Shroton v Stinton Raptors

12th July Marnhull v Shroton

19th July Cup Final & Presentations



Men's Friendlies Sunday Games

16th July Shroton v Wessex Pilgrims

TBC Presidents Day

13th Aug Shroton v Wool

20th Aug Shroton v Morning Sham

U15 – Monday Games

3rd July Marnhull v Shroton

10th July Kilmington v Shroton

17th July Shroton v Blandford



U13 – Tuesday Games

4th July Shroton v Stalbridge

U11 - Thursday Games

6th July Blandford v Shroton

13th July Shroton v Marnhull

20th July Sherborne v Shroton

Lost 'heirloom' resurfaces by Mike Scott

Well not really an heirloom, that was just to get your attention and if you're still with me it worked and I'll continue. As is often the case when cakes are brought in to the village hall for example for Cake Fest, they arrive on posh plates which get left at the hall. Some plates get collected, some plates get left This particular plate was forgotten about, for many months if not years and was only noticed after it has undergone a transformation into a clock and mounted on the wall!

During a game of table tennis James and Wendy spotted their plate which had been 'donated' to the Make Do & Mend Team by Emma and converted by Joe.

The plate/clock can be seen on the wall by the main store door, picture below if you can't get to the hall.



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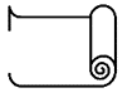
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Please see attached proposal for repair works to roads and lanes in Shroton during the period 1st - 8th September 2003.

Text extracted from the proposal below:

"To enable us to carry out maintenance work, we plan to close Various Roads in Shroton between 1st and 8th September 2003. The roads will be closed daily between the hours of 09:00 and 16:00 but it will be open overnight and at weekends. works as follows:

*1st to 5th September 2003 Fairfield Road, Newfield Lane
6th to 8th September 2003 Telegraph Street, Bessells Lane
and Park House Lane*

During the closure periods there will be no on street parking available. Parking restrictions will be imposed to prevent waiting or parking on the roads stated above. Any vehicle waiting in contravention of any restriction imposed by this Notice may be removed under the provisions of the Removal and Disposal of Vehicles Regulations 1986. If a vehicle has been towed the owner will need to contact our towing contractors Ashleywood Recovery Ltd/ Bride Valley Recovery Ltd on 01305 889421."

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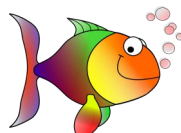
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(tablet and block)**

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