

# 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 : June

## Main village & Bessells

Mon 6	Rubbish
Mon 13	Recycling
Mon 20	Rubbish
Mon 27	Recycling

## The Corner & Courtney Close

Weds 1	Rubbish
Weds 8	Recycling
Weds 15	Rubbish
Weds 22	Recycling
Weds 29	Rubbish

## Garden waste (all)

June

Weds 1
Weds 15
Weds 29

**Wednesday morning:** coffee and chat in the village hall : 10—12. All welcome!

See page 2 for more details about the Jubilee celebrations

**It's officially summer: if you haven't tried the Sundaes at The Cricketers yet...you should. Ask Izzy or Doreen for recommendations!**



## The history of the bus!

The announcement that the Saturday bus service from Blandford to Shaftesbury is being withdrawn (see page 5 and the Council minutes) has got me thinking about buses and their provenance. So some research followed....

It is acknowledged that the first public bus ran in 1662 when Blaise Pascal developed a system of horse-drawn carriages that ran across Paris streets on schedule. Sadly, this initiative failed as it was only affordable by the wealthy who didn't want to travel together, as transport was and has always been for some a symbol of status and wealth.

It took another 150 years before the horse-drawn carriage made its return — again in France. The three horse carriages were designed to carry 34 passengers and took on board both the gentry and those who could pay. Similar systems emerged very quickly in America and in Britain and the emerging middle class meant that more could afford to pay to travel other than by 'shank's pony'! (see page 2)

Because of the discomfort of traveling over cobbled streets, town architects and planners began laying tracks on the popular routes so that the carriage wheels travelled more smoothly.

With the innovations in vehicle manufacture and the increasing demands for a travel network that was fast and efficient trolleybuses — also known as trams, trolleys, or electric streetcars — finally replaced horsecars, closing the era of animal-powered omnibuses.

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They ran on rails and were powered by electric current lines overhead. The switch was easy: trolleybuses used the existing rails and cars while being able to carry more passengers over longer distances for a lower cost.

Streetcars made daily commuting available and convenient, initiating the suburbanization of the major cities. Once small, densely packed city centres finally started to spread outward, shaping the metropolises we know now. Densely packed "streetcar suburbs" formed around each line leading to the work areas.

Karl Benz engineered the first motorised bus in 1895. In 1906, France, once again, became the pioneer by opening the first short motorized bus line. Those first buses were a far cry from the modern ones, offering minimal comfort to passengers.

Since then, the provision of public transport, particularly in rural areas has been at best irregular and at worst, a disgrace. At the point where we are being asked to consider our own actions to preserve our delicately balanced ecology and environment, the opportunity to avoid using a car (if one has one) and share transport with others is just not an option.

And it should be! Helen



**THURSDAY 2 JUNE:** Celebration of Flowers – Church

Shroton v Iwerne Minster Rounders Match. All ages welcome to play. 10am cricket pitch. Refreshments/bar.

Jubilee Beacon Lighting at Trig Point Hambledon Hill. BBQ from 8pm (£2 burger/sausage bun. Card payment).

Pre-booked transport up & down hill from cricket pavilion: 7.30/ 8/ 8.30pm for transport. Please contact Barbara Briggs 863643. Beacon to be lit 9.45pm.

Choir, bagpipes, samba band. Lifts back down from 10pm.

The Cricketers will have bottles of Prosecco to buy to Pop at the Top. Jubilee Pie Night at The Cricketers

**FRIDAY 3 JUNE** Celebration of Flowers - Church

3pm Punch & Judy – village hall

4pm Vintage Tea party & Sing-a-long - £2 entry to include tea & cake

**SATURDAY 4 JUNE:** Celebration of Flowers- Church

Crown Competition – 11am-1pm Village Hall

Live link to Platinum Party at the Palace in the church. Evening (times to be confirmed) Bar – payment by donation.

Live music at The Cricketers – Tom Clements. In the garden 8.30pm Cider Tent at The Cricketers

**SUNDAY 5 JUNE:** Celebration of Flowers - Church

11am Thanksgiving service for HM the Queen - Church

From 12.30 Picnic on The Glebe. Bring picnics & chairs. BBQ, Pimms

Gin Bars. Live music. Entertainment. Tug of War.

Announcement of competition winners.

**WANTED: Budding authors, poets, journalists...**



The more village voices that can be heard/read in the Shroton Lines the better. Don't be shy: we all like to read about peoples' interests or experiences. Put pen to paper or finger to keyboard and send me your pieces!

**Thank you**

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THE Blandford Environmental Trust, which manages Angus Wood in St Leonard's Avenue, is once again organising the town's Hidden Gardens event, which will take place this year on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

It is the 14<sup>th</sup> year that owners have opened their gardens to share their secrets with the public in support of local and national charities, community organisations and events, and it is an opportunity to explore not only the gardens but also the town itself and see areas rarely seen otherwise.

A total of 18 gardens will be open to visit between 11am and 5pm, ranging in size from courtyard to expansive and from all ages from Georgian to contemporary – some with sculptures, ponds, wildlife havens, all with a wide variety of plants and some with refreshments on sale.

Since being launched in 2008 by the Blandford Stour Rotary Club in association with Cleanup Blandford, the event, sponsored again this year by Colten Care, has been staged almost annually and has raised over £23,000 for its beneficiaries.

Tickets will be on sale from the Blandford Information Centre in West Street (01258 454770) and the Blandford Town Museum in Beres Yard, Market Place, from June 12<sup>th</sup>, as well as from participating venues on the day, and cost £5 per person to visit all the gardens.

For further information, email [anguswoodhiddengardens@gmail.com](mailto:anguswoodhiddengardens@gmail.com)

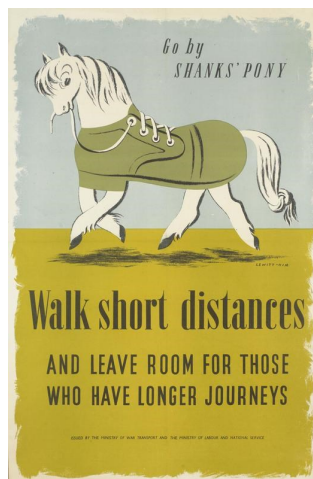
**AGM FOR THE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP FOR THE BLANDFORD GROUP PRACTICE**



To be held in the hall of Blandford St Mary School on Thursday 9 June at 7.00 pm.

**COME AND JOIN THE COMMITTEE AND HELP AND SUPPORT YOUR PRACTICE. WE ARE ACTIVELY LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS – BOTH YOUNG AND OLD**

If you are interested in joining us please email the Practice [whitecliff.secretary@dorsetgp.nhs.uk](mailto:whitecliff.secretary@dorsetgp.nhs.uk) (FAO Emily Hurst) with your details. A short piece about yourself and your particular interests would also be very helpful. If you have any questions about what being on the committee would entail, please email the same address.



A partial solar eclipse will be visible from the United Kingdom on the 10th of June, 2021. The Moon will pass in front of the Sun, partially blocking it – depending on the observer's location, it may cover the Sun's disc by as much as 30%. To observe the eclipse, you will need a pair of eclipse glasses or special solar filters for your telescope.

## The loneliness of the long distance supermarket manager

### The next instalment

#### Christmas 1967

##### Sainsburys, Putney

Before Securicor collected the takings we had to take the cash to the bank ourselves. We had little leather pouches but we were not allowed to put more than £5000 in them. We would put a pouch under each armpit and then under a coat to disguise the money we were transporting to the bank. We had two guys over 6 feet one of whom was a former Olympic boxer and these two men were usually the first pick then the next two biggest if the takings warranted it.

After one particular busy day four of us were taking seven pouches to the bank when a Jaguar car screeched to a halt beside us. A man jumped out of the rear of the car and pointed a shotgun at us and screamed for us to give him the money. Kenny and I were about ten feet behind the two big guys carrying £20000 between them. I expected our boxer to do something spectacular but instead he threw his two pouches at the would be robber. The driver was shouting to his mate, 'Let's go!' but he had a problem. He couldn't bend down and pick the money up and he couldn't put down the shotgun, so he jumped back into the car which accelerated away with him hopping half into the car and half out. Picking up the pouches our assistant manager said wryly 'Bloody amateurs!'

Sainsburys did all their banking with the Lloyds Bank which used to close at three pm every day. One day Lord Sainsbury went into one of their branches about two minutes to three. He sat down and lit a cigar and proceeded to write out a cheque. He then strolled up to the cashier and presented his cheque. The cashier told his lordship that they were now closed as it was gone three. He said that as he was in the branch before three he should be served. An argument continued until the manager arrived by which time it was about ten past. The manager said he didn't like the customer's attitude to which Lord Sainsbury asked, 'Do you know who I am?' The manager said he didn't care so his lordship said, 'You will in the morning!'

Sainsbury left the bank and returned to head office and sent a memo to all branches saying that all the company banking would be switched to the Midland bank and he also advised that all staff who changed their account to the Midland would have their bank charges paid for by the company. Needless to say that lunchtime everyone went to the bank and swapped their accounts. Rumour had it that the Lloyds manager was promoted to a branch in the Outer Hebrides and never seen or heard of again.

As part of my management training I had to attend a butchery course so spent the next four months training as a butcher. I still have the scars to prove this.  
TBC.

#### Shroton House

"At the upper end of the parish is a small seat (house), built by William Jeanes, Gent, an eminent attorney-at-law, and many years a steward to the Frekes and Pitts" (Hutchins)

There was a house on the site prior to the rebuilding. The will of George Jeans, Yeoman and Gentleman (1719) mentions a '*mansion house and lands in Shroton left to son William*'. The farm is on the opposite side of the road (currently Manor Farm).

George Jeans of Shroton married Elizabeth Keynes of Sturminster at Okeford Fitzpaine 30 Apr 1685: '*Widow Keynes held 18 acres £13 value for 2 lives 16s 1 horse 28 sheep 10 beasts*'.

Shroton House has 2 mark stones dated 'William Jeanes 1728' and 'William and Ann Jeanes 1736'

William Jeanes and Ann (Smith of Whitchurch) had son William and 3 daughters. Mary married John Stubbs (see the tablet on wall of Church Belfry), Hannah married John Smith an attorney of Blandford, Elizabeth married John Bowen and Margaret married William Willes, Archdeacon of Wells. On the death of William Jeans Jnr in 1786, his nephew William Smith inherited the estate and with his death the estate went to Edward Willes. An indenture dated 1795 names '*Shroton property and land leased to Edward Willes*' by copyhold from Lord Rivers. (William Jeanes had leased most of the village land from 1761 onwards and then sub-leased them to others in the village)

After the death of Mary Stubbs, Shroton House was advertised as follows:

#### British Evening Post 9 February 1786

*To be let, and entered immediately, or at Lady-Day next, for a term of 7 years, a neat, convenient Dwelling House, ready furnished, late the residence of William Jeanes Esq, containing a Hall, 2 Parlours, a small Breakfast Room, butler's pantry and good store room on the first floor; on the second are six Bed chambers, with three Closets and Garretts for servants over the whole; a Kitchen, Servants Hall, Cellars, Brewhouse, and other convenient offices, two stall stables for six horses, a good garden and Orchard, with a compact and desirable farm adjoining; consisting of 200 acres and upwards Arable, Meadow, and Pasture Land, with Barns, Stables, Granary and other Convenient Buildings. The whole is in good order and repair*

George Frederick Ryves (born at Ranston) moved in with his family until his death in 1826.

Shroton House had years of being leased to various people until the 1918 Village Sale of Pitt Rivers property.

In 1919 Brigadier General Fryer (a direct descendant of Isaac Gulliver, Smuggler) bought the house because '*he liked the stabling*' (he was fond of hunting) In the Shroton Lines, January 2000, Miss Fryer explained that '*My mother pointed out that he had 5 children plus a nursery governess and 4 maids living in plus numerous relations and friends coming to stay and the house wasn't big enough so he had to build on another wing in 1923*'.



## Parish Council News

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

### Chairman of the Parish Council and Parish Council representatives for 2022 - 2023

**Cllr T Sullivan** was elected Chairman of the Parish Council at the Annual Parish Council Meeting 18 May 2022. Cllr Sullivan was nominated by Cllr Hewitt and seconded by Cllr C Barrett and agreed unanimously by the member present. The Parish Council representatives are **Cllr C Barrett** – Parish website development, **Cllr J Gredley** – Dorset Highways matters, **Cllr Hewitt** – Footpaths/bridleways, Play Area and Shroton Village Hall and **Cllr T Sullivan** – The Glebe (inc. trees) and the A350/C13 Community Group.

### Annual Reports from Dorset Councillor (Beacon Ward) and Chairman of the Parish Council May 2022

The Annual Reports from Dorset Councillor Somper and the Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council Councillor Hewitt can be found on the Parish website [www.shroton.org](http://www.shroton.org) – News and Announcements page.

### The Glebe Road surface treatment

Between 30 June and 8 August 2022, the Glebe Road and the entrance road to Rectory Gardens are scheduled for micro asphalt surface treatment works. These sites will form part a rolling programme that is weather dependent and liable to change. The works are likely to affect the carriageway for between 1 and 3 days with a second visit within the month to raise covers where necessary. 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. Working times will be between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday to Sunday, works will not take place at night or on Bank Holidays. Where we know of school transport, we will ensure this is able to pass through the site or alter working hours accordingly.

Access for residents will be maintained where possible, however they may be asked to wait while the site is made safe before travelling through. These works are being carried out by Kiely Bros. on behalf of Dorset Council. site enquires contact (Tele) 0121 7723800 opt 1 or (email) [Customercare@kielybros.co.uk](mailto:Customercare@kielybros.co.uk)

### Dorset residents can help improve digital healthcare services

A consultation survey currently exists for Dorset residents to provide their views on digital healthcare services. People's views on digital health, mental health and well-being services, as well as services for people who care for others are required to inform the NHS of improvements for services. Further information on the survey can be requested by emailing [ourdorsetdigital@DorsetCCG.nhs.uk](mailto:ourdorsetdigital@DorsetCCG.nhs.uk)

### Parish Council Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021 – 2022

The Responsible Financial Officer is setting the commencement date for the exercise of Public Rights from Monday 13 June – Friday 23 July 2022. The Annual Governance & Accountability Return can be viewed on the Parish noticeboard and the Parish website from Monday 13 June 2022.

### Notice of the vacancy for Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer to Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council

The advertisement for the role of Parish Clerk to Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council can be found on the DAPTC website (Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils) [https://www.dorset-aptc.gov.uk/Home\\_26578.aspx](https://www.dorset-aptc.gov.uk/Home_26578.aspx) Current Vacancies for Parish and Town Clerks [https://www.dorset-aptc.gov.uk/Parish\\_Council\\_Vacancies\\_26608.aspx](https://www.dorset-aptc.gov.uk/Parish_Council_Vacancies_26608.aspx)

### Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Shroton Village Hall. These meetings start at 7:00 pm promptly, and provide an opportunity, during the meeting for Parishioners to comment on the business under discussion or bring matters to the council's attention for future discussion. Agendas for these meetings can be found on the Parish website [www.shroton.org](http://www.shroton.org) (Agenda) and the Parish Council noticeboard at the Cricketers bus-stop in advance of the forthcoming meeting.

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

This website 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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Extract from a letter to the council

*South West Coaches (SWC) is cancelling their Saturday journeys on service X3 – Shaftesbury to Blandford.*

*The service is subsidised by Dorset Council from Mondays to Fridays and when it was tendered, bus companies were encouraged to operate on Saturdays as a commercial opportunity. However, this was not a requirement of the contract. SWC registered the Saturday journeys but sadly, they say that a commercial service is not viable and they cannot continue to run it.*

*The last Saturday that the service will run will be **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May.***

*Unfortunately Dorset Travel does not have a budget to replace the Saturday journeys at this time but we will reassess the situation should extra funding become available.*

**Home made mint sauce: much better than ANY shop-bought sauce!**



#### Ingredients

- 1 tsp caster sugar
  - 1 tsp Dijon mustard
  - 3 tbsp red wine vinegar
- a small bunch mint, finely chopped

#### Method

Mix together the sugar, mustard, vinegar, a pinch of salt and black pepper in a bowl.

Pour in 3 tbsp of just-boiled water and stir until well combined. Stir in the chopped mint and mix again, adding more salt or vinegar to taste.

This will keep in a jar in the fridge for a week.

**This month's poem is dedicated to anyone who has a hedge!**

**Sparrow** by Norman MacCaig

He's no artist  
His taste in clothes is more  
dowdy than gaudy.  
And his nest – that blackbird, writing  
pretty scrolls on the air with the gold nib of his  
beak,  
would call it a slum.  
To stalk solitary on lawns,  
to sing solitary in midnight trees,  
to glide solitary over grey Atlantics –  
not for him: he'd rather  
a punch up in a gutter.  
He carries what learning he has  
lightly – it is, in fact, based only  
on the usefulness whose result  
is survival. A proletarian bird.  
No scholar.  
But when winter soft-shoes in  
and these other birds –  
ballet dancers, musicians, architects –  
die in the snow  
and freeze to branches  
watch him happily flying  
on the O-levels and A-levels  
of the air.



Town Guides in Blandford started their series of guided heritage walks last month, with the first: a tour of the Georgian town centre examining the history and architecture of the rebuilding following the fire of 1731 which destroyed the whole town.

It was followed a fortnight later by a tour of the perimeter viewing some more recent buildings and examining more of the town's history.

On Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> there is a geology walk, examining the history of the stones – some ancient – making up the building in the town starting from outside Scrivens in the Market Place at 11am. All walks start at 11am, and there will be further heritage walk starting from the Marsh and Ham car park takes place on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>, and a perimeter walk on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> starting from outside Scrivens.

The walks, organised by Blandford and District Civic Society, continue on most alternate Sundays, costing five pounds per head, through to September when there will be two free heritage walks as part of Dorset Architectural Heritage Week. There is no need to book, but for further details call **01258 459346**.

#### **Plant sale and coffee morning**

The indefatigable Hazel and her merry gang once again organised a lovely fund raising event in the village hall on Saturday.

Plants were sold, coffee drunk and bacon buttees consumed with huge enjoyment. Credit must go to Hazel who as a vegetarian cooks bacon with panache!

Watch out for more events over the summer



If you are attending any of the marvellous events to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, please take photos and send them to me at [shrotonlines@gmail.com](mailto:shrotonlines@gmail.com) so that I can publish them in the July Lines!

Thank you.



PS: July's edition of The Lines will have to be at the publisher by July 20th, so please submit letters, photos and articles early



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