

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 **DOMVS** who are 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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June 2024

Dates

Rubbish & Recycling

Main Village/Bessels

June

3 Rubbish
10 Recycling
17 Rubbish
24 Recycling

July

1 Rubbish

The Corner/Courtney Close

June

5 Recycling
12 Rubbish
19 Recycling
26 Rubbish

July

3 Recycling

Whole village

June 12, 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 Littleport at 7:00 pm

Events:

May 24: ShrOdeon

May 25/26: Shrotonbury

June 7 & 8: DDay events

June 12: Village Hall AGM

June 16 & 23: Cream teas

July 13: Village show



Shroton Village Hall Plant Sale 11th May

WOW, what a morning and what a turnout!

Thank you so much to all those who attended and purchased. I was elated and it made all the weeks of hard work so worthwhile. I'm looking forward to next year's already!

Firstly a huge thank you to Edward, Frances, Jonathan, Judith, Sarah, Jean and Jan for their help setting up and selling. Also to the Village Hall committee for providing the refreshments and to all that donated plants.

The sale raised a staggering £800 profit to go towards the refurbishments of the hall. Well done villagers.

Susan

(And a resounding congratulations must go to Susan for all her hard work Ed.)



Please support your village show!

This year's Shroton Show will be held in the village hall on the slightly later date of Saturday 14th September, so you have a bit longer to prepare your exhibits...

This is your opportunity to display your talents for tomato-growing,, dahlia-arranging, water-colour painting, scone-baking and many other creative activities. As always, there's a huge range of classes on offer for all ages – see the schedule on page

If you could spare a couple of hours to help prepare the village hall on the day before the Show, or to help on the day with stewarding, taking money on the door etc, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact Alex Smith or me via email - mrsacsmith@gmail.com

or carolinebarrett59@gmail.com

The success of the Village Show depends very much on support from us all – so please do put the date in your diaries!

Thank you to....

Louise and DOMVS for printing The Shroton Lines as an ongoing commitment. We are hugely grateful.

The person who returned Tracy C's plants which were inadvertently taken after the Plant sale.

The couple who were sitting on the memorial bench and who told me that Shroton must be the most wonderful place to live, judging from what they had seen and the smiles of the people (their words). It is!

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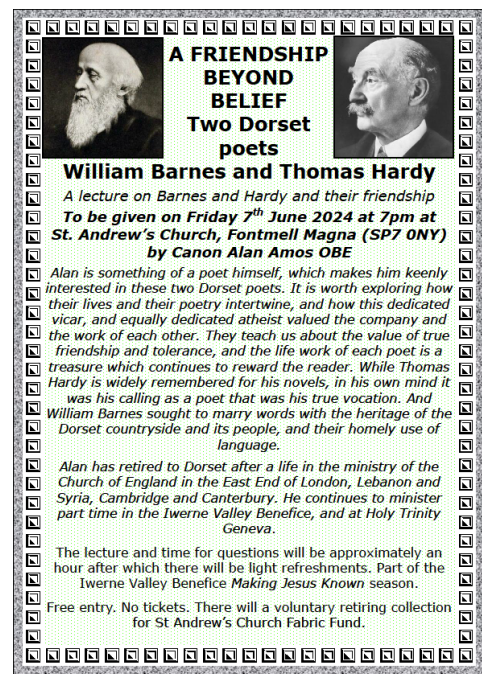
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FOUL PLAY, the Shroton Samba Band, is starting up again. If you are interested in joining please contact Emma House 07983 464202

or emmahouse1@outlook.com

All ages and stages are welcome; children and adults. No experience needed, instruments provided and sessions take place in the Village hall. We don't take ourselves seriously – strangely enough – come and join in the fun.



A FRIENDSHIP BEYOND BELIEF
Two Dorset poets
William Barnes and Thomas Hardy
A lecture on Barnes and Hardy and their friendship
To be given on Friday 7th June 2024 at 7pm at St. Andrew's Church, Fontmell Magna (SP7 0NY)
by Canon Alan Amos OBE

Alan is something of a poet himself, which makes him keenly interested in these two Dorset poets. It is worth exploring how their lives and their poetry intertwine, and how this dedicated vicar, and equally dedicated atheist valued the company and the work of each other. They teach us about the value of true friendship and tolerance, and the life work of each poet is a treasure which continues to reward the reader. While Thomas Hardy is widely remembered for his novels, in his own mind it was his calling as a poet that was his true vocation. And William Barnes sought to marry words with the heritage of the Dorset countryside and its people, and their homely use of language.

Alan has retired to Dorset after a life in the ministry of the Church of England in the East End of London, Lebanon and Syria, Cambridge and Canterbury. He continues to minister part time in the Iwerne Valley Benefice, and at Holy Trinity Geneva.

The lecture and time for questions will be approximately an hour after which there will be light refreshments. Part of the Iwerne Valley Benefice Making Jesus Known season.

Free entry. No tickets. There will a voluntary retiring collection for St Andrew's Church Fabric Fund.

The Shroton History article, by Judith

Romance v Realism!

Bill For A Wife

A Dorsetshire labourer drafted the following Bill for a wife.

Charles Warren, Marnhull, Dorset. My family is as follows -the eldest boy is 13 years old, the younger boy five years old, and a girl eight years old. My house is my own and have no rent to pay. I have an acre of potatoes, half blue and half whites, this year. My wife has been dead 12 months ago, last Shroton Fair. The children lives with themselves in the daytime, but I am always at home with them at night. I do think it would be better if there was a woman to look after them, both for the children and myself. I have got eight shillings a week for my work, and the boy two shillings a week, and have constant employ. I want a good steady woman, between 30 and 40 years old, for a wife. I do not want a second family. I want a woman to look after the pigs while I'm at work.

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She wore a 'terra-cotta' dress,

And we stayed, because of the pelting storm,

Within the hansom's dry recess,

Though the horse had stopped; yea, motionless

We sat on, snug and warm.

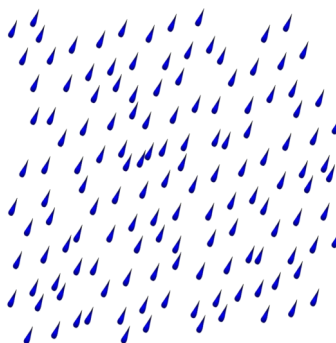
Then the downpour ceased, to my sharp sad pain,

And the glass that had screened our forms before

Flew up, and out she sprang to her door:

I should have kissed her if the rain

Had lasted a minute more.



Thomas Hardy

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PRODUCE

Ceres Cup-best performance in produce classes

Galpin Cup-best single entry

CLASS

- 1 3 courgettes with flowers
- 2 4 potatoes
- 3 4 runner beans with stems
- 4 4 carrots
- 5 3 onions from sets
- 6 3 onions from seeds
- 7 1 cucumber
- 8 4 tomatoes
- 9 6 cherry tomatoes
- 10 4 beetroot
- 11 A basket of any 5 vegetables
- 12 The largest marrow
- 13 The longest runner bean
- 14 12 raspberries with stems
- 15 4 apples
- 16 6 culinary herbs in a jar

COOKERY AND PRESERVES

Miss Hale Shield-best performance in cookery classes

WI Centenary Cup-best single entry in preserves

Baked exhibits must be cool before judging

CLASS

- 17 Onion tart
- 18 2 egg swiss roll, jam-filled, dusted with caster sugar
- 19 6 queen cakes
- 20 4 white rolls
- 21 Dorset Apple Cake (recipe overleaf)
- 22 3 squares of shortbread
- 23 An Afternoon Tea selection plate (4 items)
- 24 1 pot of jam (soft fruit)
- 25 1 pot of jam (stone fruit)
- 26 1 pot of marmalade
- 27 1 pot of lemon curd
- 28 1 pot of jelly - any variety
- 29 1 pot of chutney, relish or pickle
- 30 1 bottle of lemonade
- 31 1 bottle of cordial of any flavour
- 32 1 bottle of homemade liqueur (e.g. Sloe Gin)

FLOWERS

Lady Baker Cup-best performance in flower classes

Elizabethan Cup-best single flower

CLASS

- 33 1 single rose in a vase
- 34 6 sweet peas
- 35 3 dahlias – 1 type and colour
- 36 4 dahlias – all different
- 37 4 asters
- 38 4 cosmos
- 39 A vase of garden flowers
- 40 A cactus or succulent
41. A potted geranium

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Sarah Cavan Cup-best performance in flower arranging

Patricia Humphrey Cup-best single entry

Flowers may be purchased

CLASS

- 42 Dahlia Delight(Max 50cm all round. Accessories allowed)
- 43 A floral arrangement (maximum 40cm wide)
- 44 Miniature floral arrangement (max 10cm overall)
- 45 An arrangement of foliage and berries
- 46 An arrangement of flowers from a Shroton garden
- 47 An arrangement of wild flowers for effect

HANDICRAFTS

Maggie Page Trophy-best single entry in handicrafts

CLASS

- 48 Any article of knitting or crochet
- 49 Any article hand or machine sewn
- 50 Any article of tapestry or embroidery
- 51 An article of patchwork or quilting
- 52 A soft toy, fabric or knitted
- 53 Any painting or drawing
- 54 Any item made of wood, metal or pottery
- 55 Handwriting: copy a poem of your choice
- 56 Handicraft - any other item
- 57 An item of jewellery

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography Frame-best performance in photography

Best Photo-best single entry

Unmounted, no borders, max overall size of photos not to exceed 24 x 30.5cm / 9 ½ x 12"

CLASS

- 58 A landscape or seascape
- 59 A living creature
- 60 A Shroton View
- 61 A photograph celebrating village life
- 62 A portrait celebrating family and/or friends
- 63 A photograph celebrating a season
- 64 A photograph with a humorous caption

12- 18 YEAR OLDS

Hambledon Cup-overall winner

Exhibitors may enter any of the open classes 1 to 64 (max 5) but will be judged separately and awarded marks out of 10 for each entry. The exhibitor with the highest total marks will be the overall winner. There will be a cash prize of £5.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Patricia Goodbody Cup-Children 7 years and under

Bella Howlett Cup-Children 8-11 years

Two sections - 7yrs and under and 8-11 years

CLASS

- 65 A jam jar of flowers
- 66 A picture made of buttons or other materials
- 67 A drawing or painting
- 68 An animal made from fruit or vegetables (cocktail sticks may be visible)
- 69 A garden on a plate
- 70 Any other handicraft item
- 71 A model made from recycled materials
- 72 A decorated paper plate
- 73 Handwriting: copy this poem, with illustration/decoration (optional):
There was an Old Man with a beard,
Who said "It is just how I feared—
Two Owls and a hen,
Four Larks and a wren,
Have all built their nests in my beard!"

Rules

1. All entries to be made in advance.
2. All exhibits must be in place before 12 noon when the hall will be cleared of all non-officials to allow judging to take place. Exhibits should be removed by 4.30 pm.
3. Entries in all classes must be the exhibitor's own work.
4. Exhibits should not have been entered previously at the Shroton show and should have been made in the last 12 months (excluding chutney, liqueurs and pot plants).
5. Date (month and year) must be shown on jar labels.
6. All preserves should be in 1lb/300-400 gram glass jars, no trade names visible.
7. Liquids must be presented in clear bottles.
8. All flowers in the FLOWER CLASS must be from the exhibitor's garden or a Shroton garden. A bud counts as one flower.
9. Foliage may be included where 'Flowers' are specified.
10. Only one entry per person per class is allowed.
11. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st place - 6 points, 2nd place - 4 points, 3rd place - 2 points.
12. The cups for the various sections will be awarded for the highest number of points in that section. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by the number of first and second prizes. The overall winner will be awarded the The Shroton Trophy.
13. Children under 12 will only be allowed to enter children's classes
14. The Show Secretary is Alex Smith and may be contacted, in case of query, on mrsacsmith@gmail.com

CASH PRIZE - Awarded to the overall winner of each children's age group:
1st - £2, 2nd - £1, 3rd - 50p

Dorset Apple Cake recipe for CLASS 21

115g unsalted butter;225g self-raising flour;2 tsp ground cinnamon;115g light brown sugar;1 large egg, beaten;6-8 tbsp milk;225g Bramley or Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and diced;100g sultanas;2 tbsp demerara sugar (optional) *Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Butter and line a deep 20cm cake tin with baking parchment. Mix flour and cinnamon together in a large bowl. Add butter and rub into flour until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the light brown sugar. Beat in egg followed by 6-8 tbsp of milk – add gradually until you have a smooth, thick batter. Add the apples and sultanas and mix to combine. Scrape the batter into the prepared tin and gently level out. Sprinkle over the demerara sugar, if using, and bake for 30-40 mins or until golden.*

SHROTON SUMMER SHOW

in the

SHROTON VILLAGE HALL

on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th 2024

at

2.30 PM

Entry fee - 50p per class
12 -18 years - 25p per class
Children - 20p per class

ENTRIES IN ADVANCE

**All entry forms to Village Hall before 6pm
Wednesday September 11th**

**All exhibits to be brought to the hall between
10 am and 12 noon Saturday September 14th**

Raffle

**Auction at 4pm of any cakes, produce and
flowers donated by the exhibitors**

Refreshments served

**Admission to the Show - 50p
Children - Free**

Early summer events: news from Emma and the Village Hall committee



At last some sun seems to have graced Shroton and with it a sense of disbelief and relief.

The Band, BBQ & Bar night at the hall was a success with Pressgang blasting out some old favourites and burgers flying off the BBQ. The Plant Sale was amazing – professionally organised and raised much needed funds for the hall. Thank you, Team Maguire, for organising this with a superb team. Our gardens salute you.

This Friday (24 May) Shrodeon presents award winning 'The Holdovers', a comedy drama set in 1970. This is the last film of the season, which will kick off again in September. Thank you Tracy Briggs for all your help and Emmy Award talent you bring to the village hall team (door open at 7 pm, film starts at 7.30 pm)

D-Day event Fri 7 June 7.30pm in the hall.

D-Day exhibition & teas Sat 8 June in the hall.

AGM – Wed 12 June 7.15pm. Come and see what we're up to. Let us know what you'd like to see happen in the hall. Give us feedback both positive and negative (gently does it!). A glass of wine awaits....

Cream Teas – 16, 23 June, 7, 21 July

Shroton Fete – Sat 13 July

Ah yes, the fete....

So what's happening?

Live music, BBQ, raffle, family dog show (categories tbc), tombola, book stall, Sophie's pottery, Blandford Line Dancing Team, Meggy Moos ice creams and milk shakes, Shroton Gin, The Cricketers Pimms and scones stall, games, Bonkers Cake Competition, Tug of War and more. Introducing.....the panto dame competition. This is open to all men in the village and beyond. Who will be crowned Miss Shroton 2024? Got nothing in your wardrobe? Not to worry, we cater for all – a rack of outfits will be available PLUS a full make over. It could be YOU.

As always we're looking for help with preparation, setting up, overseeing a stall, clearing away and donations of (thank you in advance)

Raffle prizes to Susan and Jonathan Maguire –

John Hedger (07801 276648) is in charge of book stall for the fete.

Tombola prizes to Wendy Gredley, Littleport, Main St

More info will gently dribble out as the date approaches.

Any ideas, questions, offers of help Emma House emmahouse1@outlook.com

07983 464202.

Shroton Singers Thursdays 5.45-6.55pm is open to all. Shroton Samba Wednesday 22 May, 26 June, 10 July. 5.30-6.30pm. More sessions tbc.

Open to all ages, instruments provided, no experience needed. Contact Emma.



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Saturday 2 March	The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel	Silver Screen	14:00
Thursday 7 March	Titanic The Musical	Musical	19:30
Thursday 21 March	The Motive and the Cue	National Theatre	19:00
Tuesday 26 March	Madama Butterfly	Royal Opera House	19:15
Saturday 30 March	Peter Rabbit	Family film	10:30
Saturday 30 March	The Iron Lady	Silver Screen	14:00
Tuesday 9 April	Macmillan Triple	Royal Ballet	19:15
Sunday 21 April	An American in Paris	Musical	14:00
Tuesday 23 April	Nye	National Theatre	19:00
Wednesday 24 April	Swan Lake	Royal Ballet	19:15
Wednesday 1 May	Carmen	Royal Opera House	18:45
Saturday 4 May	Wonka	Family Film	10:30
Saturday 4 May	One Life	Silver Screen	14:00
Sunday 19 May	42nd Street	Musical	14:00
Wednesday 22 May	The Winter's Tale	Royal Ballet	19:15
Thursday 30 May	Message in a Bottle	Sadler's Wells Dance	19:20
Saturday 1 June	Wish	Family Film	10:30
Saturday 1 June	Oppenheimer	Silver Screen	14:00
Saturday 22 June	Mary Poppins Returns	Family Film	10:30
Saturday 22 June	Miracle Club	Silver Screen	14:00

Programme correct at the time of printing, please keep checking the website for up-to-date information and additional events.

For more information and to book tickets go to
tickets.bryanston.co.uk 01258 484669 (Office hours)

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THE SHROTON VILLAGE HALL CHARITY NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 June at 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall

Everyone living in Shroton is warmly invited to attend **This AGM is different**. The Chair of the Management Committee, Emma House, will report on a very successful year in which the Hall has been awarded Hallmark status by Dorset Community Action in recognition of effective governance and community activity. The financial accounts for 2023 will also be presented and, as usual, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and make known your views about current and future events and activities

The Committee will also be explaining how they hope to improve the interior of the Hall to make better use of the space available. Alongside these plans we shall be seeking your approval to streamline the administration of the Charity through changes to its governing document: in particular by reducing the number of trustees while engaging more people as in the work of the committee and in the running of social events.

The amendments we would like to make to the governing document of the Charity will be published on the Village website, on The Pie'd Piper and in The Shroton Lines. Copies will also be available at the weekly coffee mornings and at other events in May (including the next Shroton Film Night). In this way we hope to ensure that those attending the AGM have a clear idea of what is proposed before voting on the adoption of formal proposals for submission to The Charity Commission.

Please do come to the AGM: together with St Mary's Church, Shroton Cricket Club and The Cricketer's Pub, the Village Hall is for everyone and has a special place in the community.

If you live in Shroton and would like to be considered as a trustee, nomination forms will be available at weekly events and at The Cricketers. You are welcome to ask a member of the committee (their names are listed in the notice-board at the front of the Hall) about trustee responsibilities and their work with other members of the management committee. You will need a proposer and a seconder who also live in the village.

The nomination papers will need to be returned to the Secretary, John Hedger (at 'Hillrise Barn', Fairfield Road, DT11 8QA) no later than 7pm on Wednesday 29th May.

If you would simply like to join the committee as a co-opted member, you can simply make this known at any time to one of the present members.

We look forward to seeing you at this important meeting and encourage you to share your ideas and your voices with the committee.

U15 Monday Fixtures

April 22nd	Shroton v Shaftesbury
May 13th 27th	Shroton v Stalbridge Shroton v Blandford
June 3rd 10th 17th	Stalbridge v Shroton Shaftesbury v Shroton Marnhull v Shroton

U13 Tuesday Fixtures

April 23rd 30th	Shroton v Marnhull Stalbridge v Shroton
May 14th	Shaftesbury v Shroton
June 4th 11th 25th	Shroton v Stalbridge Marnhull v Shroton Shroton v Shaftesbury

Saturday Adult League Division 6

May 4th 11th 18th 25th	Shroton v Charlton Down 2nds Marnhull 3rds v Shroton Shroton v Symene Sports Shroton v Compton House 2nds
June 1st 15th 22nd	Buckhorn Western v Shroton Shroton v Stur & Hinton 2nds Dorchester 3rds v Shroton
July 6th 13th 20th 27th	Symene Sports v Shroton Shroton v Marnhull 3rds Milborne St Andrew v Shroton Compton House 2nds v Shroton
August 3rd 10th 17th 24th 31st	Charlton Down 2nds v Shroton Shroton v Dorchester 3rds Stur & Hinton 2nds v Shroton Shroton v Milborne St Andrew Shroton v Buckhorn Western

Wednesday Ransston Evening League

May 1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th	Stalbridge v Shroton Shroton v Donhead Umar Gulls v Shroton Shroton v Marnhull Umar Gulls v Shroton (cg)
June 5th 12th 19th 26th	Stinton Raptors v Shroton Donhead v Shroton Shroton v Stalbridge cg semi final
July 3rd 10th 17th 24th	Shroton v Stinton Raptors Marnhull v Shroton Shroton v Umar Gulls cg final

cg = cup game

Friendly Adult Games

tbc	President's Game
28th July	Shroton v Westfield
11th or 18th Aug	Shroton v Wool
1st Sept	Shroton v Homingsham
15th Sept	Pitch hired

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Thursday 23rd May 2024 at Child Okeford Village Hall from 6 – 8 pm

**** (There will be the same opportunity for other villages to have an information evening at a later date.) ****

**** There will be presentations by the Practice Managers, Social Prescribing and Health Champions co-ordinator, Website and Anima co-ordinator and a member of the Patient Participation Group. ****

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Upon the groun' I have in view,
To yonder hills that still do rise
Avore the skies, wi' backs o' blue;
'Ithin the ridges that do vall
An' rise roun' Blackmwoe lik' a wall,
'Tis yonder knap do teäke my zight
Vrom dawn till night, the mwoost ov all.

An' there, in Maÿ, 'ithin the lewth
O' boughs in blooth, be sheädy walks,
An' cowlslips up in yollow beds
Do hang their heads on downy stalks;
An' if the weather should be feäir
When I've a holiday to speäre,
I'll teäke the chance o' gettèn drough
An hour or two wi' zome vo'k there.

A Pleace in Zight by William Barnes (extract)

