

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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March 2023

Dates

Rubbish & Recycling

Main Village/Bessels

March

- 6 Recycling
- 13 Rubbish
- 20 Recycling
- 27 Rubbish

April

- 3 Recycling

The Corner/Courtney Close

March

- 1 Recycling
- 8 Rubbish
- 15 Recycling
- 22 Rubbish
- 29 Recycling

April

- 5 Rubbish

All village

- March 8 Garden waste
- March 15 Garden waste

March

17th: Religion & Violence (11 to 1pm in the church)

19th: Mothering Sunday service

24th: The Russian Orthodox church & Ukraine

(11 to 1pm in the church)

28th: Lunch and Chat

April 1: Be on your guard!

Harvey's Stores or as I knew it the 'top shop'

This was described in the 1918 village sale particulars as *'the valuable corner shop, bakehouse and premises with residence and gardens, and five good cottages and gardens. The buildings are brick built with tiled roof. Each cottage has a wood house a stable and a trap house.'*

Mr E Painter bought the properties for £300.

The current buildings were built in 1872. They replaced a grocer shop at the location on the Tithe Map 1836. A Collarmaker's shop was at this location in 1769, owned by Sarah Fisher but ran by Phillip Richardson.

Mr John S Harvey was the proprietor of the Shop by 1880 and it was owned and run by his family until the late 1960s when Bill and Sheila Wright purchased the shop.

The Harvey family developed the shop into a thriving business. The 1903 Kelley directory states *"Harvey and sons - grocers, drapers, clothiers, boot and shoe, hardware dealers, bakers etc"* They even had a delivery service in a Morris Minor van. The bread was baked daily.

The Wrights were also successful at running a village shop...what you couldn't buy in the Post Office you could always buy at the 'top shop'. The large Supermarkets sealed the death of our village shops and sadly Harvey's stores closed in the 1990s

Judith: 861565



Wanted

An enthusiastic, village-minded individual with a **great sense of humour, an understanding of the vagaries of human life, an utter belief in the importance of village traditions and a keen interest in erecting marquees!**



If this is you, or if you know someone who would fit the bill, then please read on....

After two extremely successful years of running the Village Show, Caroline is unable to continue and we are looking for her successor(s). There is plenty of help on hand from a loyal band of workers and Caroline is happy to do a thorough hand over.

It could also work as a 'job share'!

For more information, contact Emma House or talk to Caroline.

Our Whitecliff surgery carpark has become increasingly busy, as a result of this we kindly ask that after your visit to the surgery you remove your car from the carpark

Our parking at Whitecliff is for patients using the surgery only

Our Eagle House carpark is for staff only

We will be monitoring this over the coming weeks



Thank you



Letters to the editor

Dear Editor

We just wanted to say, well done & a BIG thankyou to Mike and his team, also to all those that contributed and baked the delicious cakes. Being 'Newbies' to the village it was our first time of attending the CakeFest and Jonathan & I thought it was a great event. We certainly made the most of it, managing to have a slice of 6 different cakes . . . not all eaten that afternoon! Roll on next year.

Susan & Jonathan Maguire.

The Shroton Fair Gin[®] Refill Scheme is now live!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle...

Glass is one of the most recycled materials in the UK, with roughly 72% of bottles & jars ending up in the correct bin and sent for remoulding & recycling.

As well as reshaping glass into new bottles, other uses for recycled glass include housing insulation or 'glassphalt' – the latter used instead of sand to build new pavements.

It is also much more energy efficient to break down recycled glass than to create it from scratch. The *recycle* element of *reduce, reuse, recycle* is on track to reach the glass industry's target of 9 out of 10 bottles recycled by 2030.

However, what if your glass bottle did not actually need to be recycled in the first place? What if it could be *reused*?

Inspired by Meggy Moos & their amazing milk station - we have now launched our own Shroton Fair Gin[®] refill scheme!

Simply bring us **any** clean 70cl bottle & we will refill it with our luxury local Gin for £5 off.

We're open every Friday & Saturday 09:00-12:00 in Ash Farm Courtyard, Stourpaine, DT11 8PW

Email: hello@shrotonfairgin.co.uk if you'd like to arrange another time to pop in!

Wilfrid Shon – Shroton Fair Gin[®]

Help for Households

Support with energy bills and household costs is available

There are currently over 40 schemes to help with the cost of living which you might be eligible for.

Visit <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/> or call Citizens Advice Central Dorset on 01747 835016 to speak to an advisor.

Alternative Fuel Payment

The Alternative Fuel Payment (AFP) is a HM government scheme which provides domestic users of alternative fuels with a £200 payment. That includes households using oil, coal, LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) and biomass (logs/wood pellets) for their fuel.

The Alternative Fuel Payment will be paid to eligible customers by electricity suppliers in February/March 2023. The payment ensures a typical customer using an alternative fuel does not face higher heating costs compared to customers using mains gas or electricity, who are supported by the Energy Price Guarantee.

If you're eligible, you don't need to apply for the payment. If you have a credit meter, you'll receive the payment as credit in your electricity account. If you Pay As You Go, you'll receive a Post Office voucher through the post. If you have a Smart Pay As You Go meter, your supplier will add the credit to your meter or give you a code to use.

There's more information about the Alternative Fuel Payment, and the rest of the government's Help For Households support schemes at the government's website

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>.

Bags to school fund raising clothes bags —December.

Thank you to everyone who supported the village hall by contributing to the old clothes recycling scheme. Just over £90 was raised. Judith

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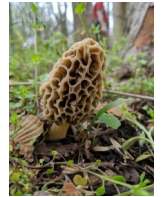
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What to look out for in March

Mad March Hares!



Morels: edible fungus with a cap that looks like honeycomb.



Daffodils: wild and cultivated



Ranunculus: water crowfoots, buttercups and spearworts



Mushroom Soup

Another recipe from Lynette's cookbook, *The Le Vieux Four*.

For 6 people

1Kg mushrooms

1 loaf of stale ciabatta or similar

2 litres of light stock

Butter

Garlic clove

Seasoning

A small cup of cream



Sweat the mushrooms in a heavy pan with a crushed garlic and butter. Meanwhile soak the bread in the some of the stock.

Cook the mushrooms until soft and black with the juices running

Incorporate the ingredients together in a blender, adding a splash of water if needed.

Reheat the soup and season well. Add cream to make rich.

Meggy Moos: just some of the latest awards



Taste of Excellence Award
 Awarded to Sea Salted Butter in 2022.

Winner



Awarded to our Sea Salted Butter in 2022.



Awarded to Peppered Butter in 2022.



Awarded to Dorset Double Cream in 2022

Awarded to Sea Salted Butter & Peppered Butter in 2022.

Many thanks to one of our village historians, Rodney Simmonds for this fascinating article: A brief history of Gin

Gin has recently had a rebirth with all the 'craft gins' which have flooded the market, however the history of the spirit is as usual with these things, mixed with both legend and truth.

Firstly for a distilled alcoholic drink to be called Gin it must contain Juniper berries – they are the one factor that defines the spirit.

Juniper has been used in medicine for thousands of years. One early use with alcohol was in a recipe written around 70 AD by a Greek physician and botanist Pedanius Dioscorides who wrote in his five volume 'On Medical Material' they should be steeped in wine to aid chest ailments.

Benedictine monks in Southern Italy were producing a similar medicine. But it was a Professor of Medicine at Leiden University, Franciscus Sylvius de la Boe, who in the 16th century distilled a liquor containing Juniper berries which he called '*Genever*' after the Dutch word for Juniper. This he recommended for gout, arthritis and other joint pains. Later that century the Dutch began distilling *Genever* in earnest, with at one time several hundred distilleries operating in the country.

The English name came about during the Dutch War of Independence when English militia stationed in the Netherlands sampled its delights, and as the British army will do wherever it goes, corrupted and shortened the name to 'Gin'. They also coined the phrase 'Dutch Courage' as soldiers at the time were given Gin before going into battle. Of course when troops returned to England, they naturally asked for Gin especially as at the time import of French Brandy had been banned, it being used at the time as a political weapon as we were at war with France.

Gin was slow to catch on in England at first, however its popularity was greatly increased when William of Orange came to the English throne in 1689, reputedly bringing with him his liking for '*Genever*', which naturally caught on at court - then quickly elsewhere.

As consumption increase so did the distilling of the spirit, anyone could distil the spirit and many did so. However distillers were unlicensed and unsupervised with many contaminating the spirit with noxious agents such as sulphuric acid, turpentine and methanol, adding sugar to hide the taste. Gin was so cheap that in the early days of the 18th century a pint of beer cost more than a pint of Gin, due to the tax levied on corn and the beer itself.

This explosion of the ease which gin could be had, led to all kinds of social problems – as shown in Hogarth's etchings of 'Gin Lane'. The Government was forced to act, passing five Acts in 22 years in an effort to curb the alcoholism that ravished the country. Finally they introduced a license costing £50 to anyone wishing to distil the spirit – very few were issued. However the illicit distilling of Gin continued although somewhat abated as the government offered a reward for anyone reporting a still. It took almost a century before beer became cheaper than gin.

With the invention of the Continuous Still, Gin was now being distilled on a commercial scale becoming clear and free of contaminants. As such it was to become established as a social drink especially in some of the colonies, notably India where it was mixed with Quinine, which was taken to ward off Malaria as it helped mask the bitter taste of the Quinine.

The first Indian Tonic Water seemed to have been invented in around 1850, and its popularity quickly spread giving us the ubiquitous G and T.

London and Plymouth were two of the original styles of gin produced. The difference between them is Plymouth Gin may only allowed be distilled in that city - it is not as dry as London and contains more botanicals, so has a different taste to London. The spirit was first distilled in Plymouth around 1430 by the 'Black Friars' but the present distillery on the Barbican dates from 1793.

In the Oxford dictionary of Slang there are dozens, possibly hundreds of words used as euphemisms for Gin, many were of course used at the time when Gin was distilled illicitly.

'I exercise strong self-control – I never drink anything stronger than gin before breakfast.'

- WC Fields



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**Iwerne Valley Benefice
Lent lecture series 2023**

**Religion and Violence
Ukraine and the Russian Orthodox Church**

ALL WELCOME

Friday 17th March 11am – 1pm

‘Religion and Violence’

Presented by Dr Clare Amos

Clare’s experience of living in Lebanon during its civil war and her later position as head of the interreligious office at the World Council of Churches, Geneva, means that she has worked extensively in the field of religiously motivated violence, and continues to research and write on this.

Friday 24th March 11am – 1pm

‘Understanding the Russian Orthodox Church and the war in Ukraine’

Presented by Canon Alan Amos OBE

Alan has had long-term experience in working with the Orthodox churches in the Middle East, and in relations with the Russian Orthodox Church, and has been on pilgrimage to the holy sites associated with Saint Seraphim of Sarov. He sees the war in Ukraine not only as a disaster for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia, but also as a tragedy for the Orthodox churches.

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Venue: The Parish Church of Saint Mary, Shroton.

All Welcome:

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The Shroton Defibrillator

Our defibrillator is located at the front of the village hall. You will need a mobile phone to call 999, (ambulance) who will give you the code to access the defibrillator.

This call does 3 things:

It gives you access to the defibrillator, it requests first response assistance to you **AND** it notifies the Community Heart Foundation that the defibrillator has been taken from its location. CHF will then notify the volunteers in Shroton, that regularly check the defibrillator, to check it again to ensure it is in full working order at all times.

If anyone needs to remove the defibrillator, can you please notify the Community Heart Foundation asap or Judith 861565.

Mothering Sunday

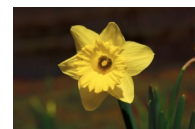
Despite modern advertising and card companies promoting Mothering Sunday or Mother's Day as a day when mums all around the country are celebrated, the origins are rather different.

It is widely accepted that the origins of the day come from the tradition of the fourth Sunday in Lent (exactly 3 weeks before Easter Sunday) on which workers and labourers were released from work commitments so that they could return to and worship in their mother church.

Inevitably, this developed into a time when families united and also in some parts of the county when the strict traditions of Lent were lifted so that meals could be more revels than fasts. Because of this, it became known as Simnel Sunday, or Refreshment Sunday.

Most people point to an American woman, Anna Jarvis, who campaigned for recognition of women who played a significant role in the American Civil war in 1907.

Happy Mothering Sunday/Mother's day!



See page 7 for details of Shroton Church Service



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Mothering Sunday service in Shroton on March 19th

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