

# 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!

**Issue 265**

**September 2022**

**Dates : September**

**Main village & Bessells**

Mon 5 Recycling  
Mon 12 Rubbish  
Mon 19 Recycling  
Mon 26 Rubbish

**The Corner & Courtney Close**

Weds 7 Rubbish  
Weds 14 Recycling  
Weds 21 Rubbish  
Weds 28 Recycling

**Garden waste (all)**

Weds 7  
Weds 21

**October**

Weds 12  
Weds 26

**Wednesday morning:** coffee

and chat in the village hall :

10—12. All welcome!

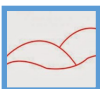
**15th September:** Ukraine

Charity group meeting: village hall 7pm

**26th September:** Lunch and chat in the village hall. 12.30

**30th September: Macmillan**

Coffee morning. Church Farm House 10—12 .



## SHROTON SUMMER SHOW

in the

SHROTON VILLAGE HALL

on

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd 2022**

**At 2.30 PM**

Entry fee - 40p per class  
12 -18 years - 20p per class  
Children - 10p per class  
**ENTRIES IN ADVANCE**

All entry forms to Caroline Barrett, 2 Ivy Porch Cottages before 6pm on Wednesday August 31st

All exhibits to be brought to the hall between 10 am and 12 noon Saturday September 3rd.

### Raffle

Auction at 4pm of any cakes, produce and flowers donated by the exhibitors  
Refreshments served  
Admission to the Show - 50p  
Children - Free

### Report in Shroton Venture village magazine August 1946.

**Village Club**— About 60 members of the Village Club went for an outing on Sat 20 July, a good start being made a few minutes after 8 am. The first stop was Shelton Mallet for coffee, then on to Cheddar Caves. They really are a wonderful sight, and many of the party had not visited them before. Mrs Holly with her usual thoughtfulness for the “ inner man” then produced two huge boxes of sausage rolls and cakes of every description ( luckily for us bread rationing had not come in) also three cases of lemonade. This, and punnets of strawberries and cherries made a very merry meal. Then on to Western Super Mare. Here the Fun Fair on the Old Pier was the chief attraction and a very pleasant time was spent. Our next stop was the Bristol Zoo. Here again a most enjoyable time was spent. Afterwards most of us were fortunate to get into a show. Others enjoyed dancing in the Park and a start was made on our return journey at 10.45pm. As we neared home tree cheers were given to Mrs Holly for the excellent way the arrangements were made and carried out, and everything having gone to plan. We reached Shroton at 1.05 am, tired but very happy.  
Harold. E. Pethen.

**(Anyone interested in resurrecting the Village club outing? Sounds fun! Ed.)**

# MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

at

Church Farm House, Shroton

(on the corner of Main Street and Fairfield Road)



**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10.00-12.00**

**Please come and join us  
to support this brilliant cause!**

**Donations of Cakes, Raffle and Tombola Prizes**

**would be much appreciated**

**Contact Ena Rees on 861039**

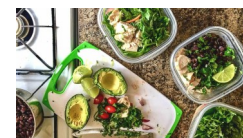
**or Gabriel Cox on 861120**

## Lunch and Chat

**September 2022– April 2023**

This is an event which runs on the fourth Monday of each month from September to April. The aim is to provide a nourishing, enjoyable lunch and social gathering for older residents at the Village Hall. Funding is by donations from our guests. Please consider this an invitation and let me or Barbara Briggs know if you would like to join us.

We need a team of three to work in the kitchen serving and washing up, as well as volunteers able to make a pudding, provide flowers for the tables or transport some of our guests to and from the lunch. I would like to put together a calendar of who might be able to help in some way and on which dates, so would be delighted and very grateful if anyone feels they could.



**Our dates for the year are:**

26<sup>th</sup> Sept 12.30

24<sup>th</sup> Oct 12.30

28<sup>th</sup> Nov 12.30

12th Dec 12.30 Christmas Dinner (*to be confirmed*)

23rd Jan 12.30

27<sup>th</sup> Feb 12.30

27<sup>th</sup> Mar 12.30

24<sup>th</sup> Apr 12.30

Please contact:

**Barbara Briggs Tel: 863643** for booking and cancelling lunches and for lifts

**Ena Rees 861039** or [enabrookcottage@gmail.com](mailto:enabrookcottage@gmail.com) for menus, cooking arrangements, serving team.

### Shroton Defibrillator training



Many, many thanks to Susie Askew who donated her precious time to provide 2 sessions of CPR and defibrillator training to 26 grateful Shroton residents today. It was invaluable and possibly life saving training to all who attended.

There will be a 'first response' brief in next month's Shroton Lines.

Judith

The first Macmillan Coffee Morning happened way back in 1990. It was a rather small affair with a simple idea: guests would gather over coffee and donate the cost of their cuppa to Macmillan in the process. It was so effective, we did it again the next year – only this time nationally. Since then, Coffee Morning has raised over £290 million for Macmillan. ([www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk))



## The next instalment in our ongoing series about being a long distance supermarket manager

In 1969 all Sainsbury's management were given a blue tie with four candles (fork handles?) on to celebrate four generations of the Sainsbury family and their one hundred year anniversary. We also received pallet loads of pre-packed slices of fruit cake to be handed out at the checkouts to every customer for a week or until we ran out. I have never eaten so much cake in my life.

As a young management trainee I was only a year or two older than some of the students so I initially had a few issues with them pushing my patience and trying to see what they could get away with. After my previous run in with the bully (*see August Lines. Ed*) I had a further problem with a skinhead who was constantly picking on smaller lads and being a pain. After he was being difficult one Saturday I reminded him of what had happened to his colleague and rising to the bait he challenged me to try something similar with him. We went out to the loading bay and I told him it wouldn't be fair for him to take me on with judo and said I had seen him punching some of the other lads and asked him if his cropped skinhead hair and Dr. Martin boots made him tough. He told me he was a hardcase and I should be very careful so I offered him a chance to hit me. Naturally he had no idea about boxing and drew his arm right back ready to punch me. He was too slow, missed me completely and I stepped in and clipped him (not too hard) on his jaw. He went down like a sack of our potatoes and didn't move for a few seconds. I helped him up and mentioned that I had actually done quite a bit of boxing before judo and my coach had told me my eight punch combination was one of the best he had ever seen. He was a little dazed and I was a little worried that I had gone over the top but again suggested that he behave himself in future. It didn't take long before word got round and he was very subdued for the rest of the time I worked with him!

I still don't like bullies.

Some of the older branches had very small fridges so if they were full we had to leave the margarine outside. Naturally in the summer this became very soft and during a visit from Lord Sainsbury he became very upset about something and kicked a box outside the chiller and his foot went straight through the box. There was margarine everywhere, all over his shoes, up his trouser leg and his PA dropped to his knees and hurriedly tried cleaning his lordship with his handkerchief. I have never seen so many people trying not to laugh!

At an opening of a new store his lordship's PA couldn't remember where he had parked the Rolls Royce so we were all sent out on a car park hunt.

Much kudos to the finder.

## From the editor...

You may well have gathered from past editions, that I love walking. Having a spaniel that needs a lot of exercise is one reason why I am to be found out and about, but I have always enjoyed walking. I suspect that part of this is genetic. My parents, Bob and Barbara, were very keen walkers and have tackled many of the long distance pathways in this country. One of my pleasures has been to use their (rather out of date) guidebooks and to read the comments that they wrote in the margins of walks, most of which are about the number and condition of stiles!

We are so fortunate in Shroton to be surrounded by wonderful walks, whether this is up to the trig point of Hambledon to gaze out over three counties, or simply up and down the main street .

During the pandemic, when we couldn't travel far, many people who had the capacity to walk rediscovered their local areas and mental health groups and activists continue to advocate the positive influence of walking.

There are sound physical reasons for walking, some of which include:

- It increases our cardiovascular and pulmonary fitness which can reduce the risk of heart conditions and strokes
- It lowers blood pressure (although those of you who have encountered the rather frisky young cows on Hambledon might disagree here!)
- It is less stressful on joints than running
- It can help you lose weight

NHS England recommends a 10 daily walk to begin to gain health benefits.

But there is also a social aspect to walking. You meet people, you talk to people, even if only to compare notes about the weather or the view, or as an excuse to stop and catch your breath!

And, there is the rather under-researched impact of height on us. I know that not everybody can climb hills or mountains and I count myself lucky that I can, But anyone who has climbed a hill and gazed down onto the countryside or city below knows that it somehow gives us perspective. Perhaps it is the sense of scale (we are small, the view is huge, therefore our concerns and worries are put into perspective) or perhaps it is that the view makes us feel confident and vulnerable at the same time. Or perhaps it is just the utter relief that the only way is...down!

But back to earth...do share your walks around Shroton and the local area by sending details to [shrotonlines@gmail.com](mailto:shrotonlines@gmail.com)



# The Shroton Fair entry programme 2022

## 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 3 savoury scones
- 18 3 egg Victoria sponge with jam filling - 7" tin
- 19 6 pieces of rocky road (no nuts)
- 20 1 Loaf of wholemeal bread
- 21 1 tea loaf (recipe overleaf)
- 22 3 squares of shortbread
- 23 An Afternoon Tea selection plate
- 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

## 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 of Shroton's Jubilee celebrations
- 62 A portrait celebrating family and/or friends
- 63 A photograph of water
- 64 A photograph with a humorous caption

## 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

## FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

**Sarah Cavan Cup**-best performance in flower arranging

**Patricia Humphrey Cup**-best single entry

Flowers may be purchased

### CLASS

- 42 Jubilee arrangement (accessories allowed)
- 43 A posy for a Queen
- 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 dahlias for effect

## 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
- 67 A drawing or painting linked to the Jubilee
- 68 A house made from fruit or vegetables (cocktail sticks may be visible)
- 69 A garden on a plate
- 70 A funny photo
- 71 3 decorated Fairy Cakes
- 72 A hanging Jubilee decoration
- 73 Handwriting: copy this poem, with illustration/ decoration (optional):  
*They're changing guard at Buckingham Palace  
Christopher Robin went down with Alice.  
"Do you think the King knows all about me?"  
"Sure to, dear, but it's time for tea,"  
Says Alice.*

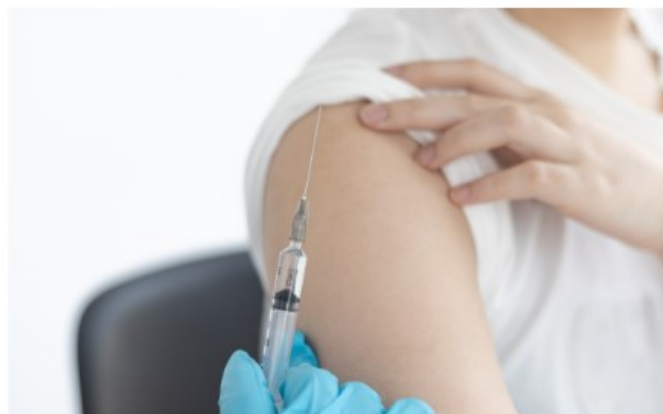
# Welcome to Shroton!

We welcome two new residents of Shroton to this lovely village: **Ted Dunbar** who has moved into General Wolfe Close and a very warm welcome to **Clara Macdonald** (and of course congratulations to Chloe and to Aidan!) who now lives at The Cricketers. Welcome to Shroton!





## FLU SEASON IS NEARLY UPON US



**DON'T WORRY, YOU DON'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING  
JUST YET.**

**WE ARE CURRENTLY PLANNING OUR ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION CLINICS TO  
BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER.  
THESE CLINICS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAYS FOR THOSE PATIENTS ELIGIBLE  
FOR THE VACCINATION.**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SO KEEP AN EYE ON OUR WEBSITE/ SOCIAL MEDIA  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SURGERY REGARDING THESE, PATIENTS  
WILL BE CONTACTED AND INVITED FOR THEIR VACCINES NEARER THE TIME.**

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**We all know just how good the products are at Meggy Moos, but if you need any further proof, read on...**

They won three of our products in the Guild of Fine Food Great Taste Awards.

Their Sea Salted Butter was awarded 2-stars, their Peppered Butter was also awarded 2-stars and their Dorset Double Cream was awarded 1-star.

Out of over 14,000 entries this year, only 8% received a 2-star award so Rachel and her family are rightly very proud to have achieved this.

They have also been named as a finalist in the Great British Food Awards for their Sea Salted Butter. They now have to send a sample to Glynn Purnell and the winner will be announced at

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## The Ukraine Action Group

After five months of trying we seem to have achieved something!



### *A warm welcome to Victoria and Vlad.*

Five months ago a group of more than 30 Shrotonians got together to form the Ukraine Action Group. Our aim was to help bring a Ukraine family to our area, and then support them both financially and socially.

Around two months ago we met a couple in Child Okeford who had a converted barn in the grounds of their house. They were willing to offer this accommodation if we could find a suitable match.

They have been brilliant all along and very generous. The barn is self-contained and recently refurbished to a high standard, spacious enough for two.

There followed some frustrating last-minute hitches when we thought a family was coming, but then didn't in the end. However, a few days ago in late August Victoria (mother) and Vlad (son) moved in to the barn. They are from Kharkiv. She is a lecturer; he won a scholarship to Clayesmore and starts in September. We hope the arrangement will work out well for everyone. When they have settled in we will begin to support them (and the host family) as best we can.

More news after the next Shroton UAG meeting in September.

Anne and Chris Pearson  
Ukraine Action Group

## SHROTON UKELELE BAND

The band can be heard practicing every Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Village Hall.

We play all sort of different songs , some old, some new. Some sad , some jolly.

We have great fun performing gigs, practicing.....and in the pub afterwards.

All the money we raise is donated to charity.

This month we have supported Julia's House, Blandford Food Bank, Pampers, The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and The Hound Trust.

The total donated amounted to £1,100.00.

New members are welcome, we have had a number of new faces recently.

More information, and booking details, can be found on our web site.

The Band seems to be thriving at the moment and is another example of our Village punching way above its weight!



The ukulele first arrived on the shores of Hawaii in 1879 in the guise of the Portuguese *braguinha*, a small four-stringed instrument from the island of Madeira, closely related to the mainland *cavaquinho*. One man, João Fernandes, learnt to play on the four-month sea voyage to Hawaii and legend has it that islanders were so impressed with the speed of his finger work that they named the instrument 'ukulele', or 'jumping flea'. Another (possibly more credible) explanation for its name came from Hawaiian royalty. Princess Likelike was herself a ukulele player and explained that the name meant 'the gift that came to here'.

[www.classical-music.com](http://www.classical-music.com)

**Best joke in Edinburgh Fringe from Masai Graham:** I tried to steal spaghetti from the shop, but the female guard saw me and I couldn't get pasta.



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