

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

Feb

5 Recycling

12 Rubbish

19 Recycling

26 Rubbish

Mar

4 Recycling

The Corner/Courtney Close

Feb

7 Rubbish

14 Recycling

21 Rubbish

28 Recycling

Mar

6 Rubbish

All village

Feb 7 & 14 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

Events:

Feb 4: Samba band

Feb 10: Village hall weeding

Feb 23: ShrOdeon

Feb 24: Cake Fest

Feb 27 : Lunch and Chat (See Ena Rees or Barbara Briggs to book)

The Lines, moving forward

We are all increasingly aware of the rise in costs of everything in our lives at the moment and times are tough. So you will not be surprised to learn that the cost of printing The Lines has risen significantly over the past couple of years. We try to raise revenue from advertising, but several of our loyal advertisers have decided for very good reasons that they wish to stop. So, our income has dropped further, although we are actively searching for new advertisers.

In the light of this, we would be grateful if you could consider having an electronic version if you are not currently doing so and printing your own copy. We will of course continue to provide paper copies for those who have no access to printing, but if we could reduce print numbers, it would help considerably.

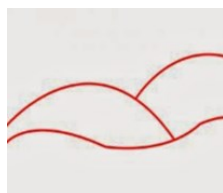
We are also looking at other options: printing every two months being one option, cutting right back on content being another. But in the meantime, please do let me know if you feel that you could change to an electronic copy by emailing me:

shrotonlines@gmail.com

Please include your address if you contact me as I don't always know where you live!

Thank you for your continuing support of this local magazine.

Helen and the Village
Hall team.



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CAKE FEST

Back by popular demand on Saturday 24th February in the Village Hall.

This year's theme – **"This is my favourite, is it yours?"**



11-12pm - Hall open for cake delivery - Please let me know any allergy information

1-2pm - Judging - hall closed, sorry

2pm - Hall open to everyone for cakes, refreshment and fun - **Free entry**

4pm - Last slice served - best offers accepted on remaining cakes

4.15pm - Hall closed

All proceeds to go towards the Village Hall Refurbishment Fund

We need bakers as well as cake eaters for this event to be a success once again.

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This could be of interest to a lot of
people who might not be aware of
this service
and, if more extensive use is made of
it, the company will consider running
the
service on a weekly basis.

Jim Bird

News from the Village Hall

The Village Hall floor has been given a bit of TLC and is now in spar-
kling condition for Burns Night.

Thank you to everyone who helped last weekend – a great team.

ShrOdeon had its second film – 'Swimming with Men' – the perfect
choice for a January evening. An unforeseen interval made the most
of the bar and our thanks to Tracy Briggs for skilfully bringing the
interval to an end!

Dates for the diary:

Samba Workshop Sun 4 Feb 3-5pm. Free, donations welcome. In-
struments provided – no experience needed, all ages welcome. Book
a place emmahouse1@outlook.com

Village Hall Weeding Party – Sat 10 Feb 10am. As many hands to the
deck would be welcome. Coffee/tea/hot choc as a bribe which may
well stretch to cake!

ShrOdeon Fri 23 Feb and Fri 22 March. Films Doors open 6.30pm,
Film starts 7pm. Bar.

Cake Fest – the annual celebration of all things
CAKE: 24th February!

Emma



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Shroton Rectory building

According to Hutchins (the book of Dorset) in ancient times the rectory (Church and land) belonged to Christchurch Priory, which provided the parish with our Rectors. In Edward VI's reign the rectory was granted to the Duke of Somerset and then at his attainment, back to the Crown. It was purchased by the Freke family, together with the Manor in the 16th century.

In the mid-1400s "a cottage and a close of pasture containing 1 rod and 2 acres, once belonging to the Knights Hospitallers then to Sir Thomas Seymour, were granted to the Earl of Bedford". I believe this describes the current site of the Rectory which also measures 2 acres and 1 rod. [**A rod = 16.5 feet or 5.02m**]

According to the custom of the Manor, the parson of Ywerne had the right to keep 8 beasts and 1 bull on the Common free of charge. The Prior of St John of Jerusalem could keep 2 pigs and 22 sheep on the Common free of charge. I am not sure if the parson and the Prior are one and the same... the customs were established in early medieval times.

The present building was built in 1822 by a Shaftesbury builder, Thomas Johnson, and cost £1,370. The beautiful trees in the garden were planted in 1830. The two rear bow windows were added in 1901, as well as three new attic rooms and staircase. Also hot and cold water and a bathroom.

The old Rectory building was a dire state of repair in the late 1700s when the Reverend Martin died insolvent in 1771. It had an old bow window at the front with 3 stones carved:

1. IHS
2. a hare courant and a rebus of Robert Harry's, rector here in 1509
3. A chalice/cup.

The first known Rector was Eustacian de Hinton in 1295. (Robert Harry's has a named Chantry inside Christchurch Priory, dated 1525.)

The Rectory was occupied by the Army and then the American Army during WW2 and it was left in a very poor state.

Rev Taylor and family moved in after the war, and he is remembered as a lovely community active Rector. He was the last resident Shroton rector and died in 1971. The Rectory was sold and currently belongs to a Social Housing Association.

Any questions?

Judith



Following on from the huge success of 'Swimming with Men' The next ShrOdeon film night is Friday 23rd February: **A United Kingdom**. (111 minutes).

A United Kingdom is based on extraordinary true events. In 1947, Seretse Khama, the King of Botswana, met Ruth Williams, a London office worker. They were a perfect match, yet their proposed marriage was challenged not only by their families but by the British and South African governments. The latter had recently introduced the policy of apartheid and found the notion of a biracial couple ruling a neighbouring country intolerable. South Africa threatened the British: either thwart the couple or be denied access to South African uranium and gold and face the risk of South Africa invading Botswana.

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Top tip from one of our resident gardeners

February:

Spread slow release fertiliser around the base of roses and flowering bushes to aid growth and plant health at this time of the year.



Dear Editor

Please can you ask dog owners to make sure that they are picking up dog poo in the lanes and fields. There seems to be more at the moment than we have ever noticed. We are dog owners! Nina S

Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council - Meeting summary 18th January 2023

The Parish Council is waiting for confirmation of the date for felling the Lombardy poplars.

Dorset Council have now published the timetable for the 2024 Local Council elections. Those eligible are asked to begin considering if they wish to be nominated for membership of Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/parish-and-town-councils-within-the-dorset-council-area-elections-on-2-may-2024>

If you have any questions relating to standing as a candidate in this election, please contact the Parish Clerk or Chairman of the Council.

It was agreed to set a precept of £5,000 for the year 2024/2025, which would require a £ 1.65 addition to Council Tax Band D for the year.

Planning application P/LBC/2023/07325 - Stepleton House A350 -Carry out internal works to the main house, east and west wings.

There were no objections to this application.

The Parish Council has concerns regarding the absence of wildlife in the chalk stream and is considering a project to examine local water quality.

This is an abridged summary of the Parish Council meeting; a full version of the minutes is available on the Parish Council website:

<https://www.dorsetparishes.gov.uk/council/iwerne-courtney-and-stepleton-parish-council/minutes-meetings-and-agendas/>

The next scheduled PC meeting will be on 20th March 2024 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

David Green, Parish Clerk

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It won't have escaped anyone's attention that the Village hall committee under the leadership of village 'Treasure', Emma House have been wonderfully active in organising events, encouraging community support and enabling the village to exist as a living entity. The latest event (with photos hot of the press thanks to our resident photographer, David Holliday) was Burns night:



Thank you to all who organised and took part in the event, with special thanks to Linden the Piper, Tracy for doing the address to The Haggis and The Immortal, Matthew who provided an address to the Lassies and Emma for the address to the Laddies (original as ever!). The diners were greeted with whisky and enjoyed a delicious haggis meal, with singing and dancing. 57 people attended: a huge success. Robert Burns would have been impressed!

**Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great Chieftain o' the Puddin-race!**