

# 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](mailto: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

#### Mar

4	Recycling
11	Rubbish
18	Recycling
25	Rubbish

#### Apr

1	Recycling (no joke!)
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### The Corner/Courtney Close

#### Mar

6	Rubbish
13	Recycling
20	Rubbish
27	Recycling

#### Apr

3	Rubbish
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### All village

Mar 6 & 20 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:

**Mar 2: Wonka**

**Mar 22: Anatomy of a Fall**

**Mar 23: Dog poo pick up**

**Mar 23: Easter egg rolling**

**Mar 26:** Lunch and Chat (See Ena Rees or Barbara Briggs to book)

### Incidents reported in the Western Gazette

*Accident, 9 March 1866 Shroton.*

On Friday last, Mr Crew, smith and Mr Painter, carpenter, were driving in a gig to Fontmell Parva. In driving up Newfield Lane, their horse took fright at a steam thrashing machine, which was at work between two ricks, started off, overturned the trap, and threw out both the men.

Mr Painter was dragged some distance with his leg in the wheel, but Mr Crew held fast the reins until the horse stopped. Both were injured, the former rather severely about the legs.

The Rev W Maunsell and Mrs Maunsell, who happened to be passing, carried Mr Painter home in their carriage, and otherwise lent valuable assistance. The horse escaped unhurt, but the gig was smashed.

*23 June 1865: Ingenious Youths.*

A day or two since, five or six boys had the charge of a like number of horses, and were ploughing and dressing a piece of land by Shroton Brake. The youth concocted a plan so that some of them might rest while the others work and so to take it in turns. This was to attach the roller to the harrows and so put the horses together.

This novel plan did not answer long for no sooner did they come to turn than the team of horses became entangled amongst the harrows, and as a natural consequence became exceedingly restless and unmanageable, but fortunately, they were extricated without further damage.

Many of you will have seen Dave Holliday's wonderful photos of local locations and scenes and you will be delighted to read the following: *I'm having some of my photos printed into cards, and will hopefully be selling them through various outlets, all proceeds are going towards the village hall. Prices: £2.00/card or 3 for £5.00*

*I am happy to sell directly, or they will be available at the village hall coffee mornings (Wednesday 10 – 12)*

Please let me know if you would like to order cards. Thank you, Dave

4 The Glebe

Shroton

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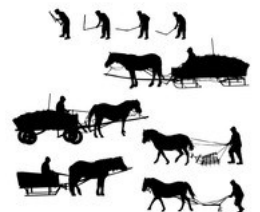
[david.o.holliday@btopenworld.com](mailto:david.o.holliday@btopenworld.com)

Mob: 07425163059 (see page 7 for pictures)

### Incidents (contd.)

Nothing taught by this experiment, it was next proposed to take two of the horses that had behaved as badly in team and put them to the plough under charge of one of the biggest of the party. When this was done, away they started, the plough after them, haphazard, capsizing Tom Seger, and over hedges and ditches, through crops thick and thin, till they came to a precipice, over which they fell headlong into a sandpit below; but, strange to say, nothing, neither of the horses was injured, and the plough pitching over missed both animals.

After a little repose they renewed their fright, but were captured at the mouth of the pit, and so released from the perilous position, the venturesome youths not a little frightened!



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## Did you know....?

We all enjoy the Glebe as a green space for recreation, picnicking, hosting events etc. The word 'Glebe' is from a late Middle English: word which itself derived from the Latin *gleba, glaeba* 'clod, land, soil'. It also has religious associations, coming to be used to designate land which supported the finances of the local priest.

Shroton Village Hall presents...

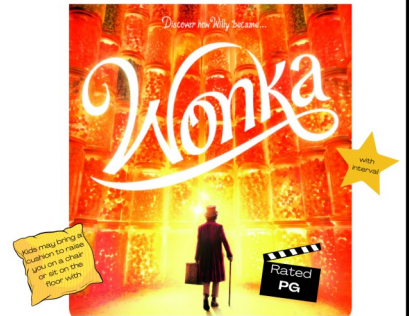
## ShrODEON

Saturday 2nd March

**MATINEE** 2:00pm doors open  
2:30pm film starts



£5 Adults without kids  
£3 Adults with kids  
£3 kids



Bookings advised - contact...  
Tracy 01258 861178 or 07774 140371  
campbellbriggs.t@gmail.com

## Spring watch

Calling all twitchers: a seed bunting has been spotted this month on the hills above Fontmell. Has anyone seen anything unusual? Drop me a line and/or a picture.

## PLANT SALE - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

We will not be organising a pre-order system this year but we can assure you all, we will have plenty of:

- Popular bedding and basket plants, inc. Cosmos
- Perennials
- Vegetable plants.



To make this a successful annual event, I really need help, If anyone is dividing Perennials or herbs, please contact me & I will happily pot up & on.

Also any offers to grow from seed then donate would be most welcome.

All profits go to the Village Hall.

Thank you

Susan Maguire

Tel: 01258 860132



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## The Village hall news from Emma House

The village hall committee decided it would be a good idea to get together a pamphlet of things that went on in the hall. Paper copies have been added to paper copies of Shroton Lines and digital ones attached to the Shroton Lines email, which can be printed off at home. We thought it would be a way of welcoming new residents and letting them know who to get in touch with (or avoid!). If, for some reason, you haven't received one then please let me know [emmahouse1@outlook.com](mailto:emmahouse1@outlook.com). And should you be interested in any of the groups at the village hall just contact the event/group leader.

A BIG thank you to everyone who turned up to help with the weeding and general tidying up of the outside area at the village hall. Once completed it looked fantastic – window boxes planted, paving stones cleaned, weeds gone and a general tidy up all round.

And then another THANK YOU to everyone who provided cake for the event.

ShrODEON goes from strength to strength – Friday's showing of 'United Kingdom' (certificate 12) was a very interesting film and the bar was an added bonus (doors open 6.30pm film starts 7pm). Thank you as ever to Tracy and all who helped with the event.

We have Wonka on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.30pm, suitable for all ages – no alcohol but other goodies will be available. Booking for all films is advisable especially as other villages are getting to hear about our village hall being the centre of all things cultural! Bookings can be made through Tracy Briggs 07774 140371.

Egg decoration in the village hall followed by egg rolling on the hill and Easter egg hunt **Sat 23 March** – more details to follow.

IMPORTANT – there will be a dog poo pick up in the cricket field on **Sat 23 March 9.30am** to ensure a clear run for the egg rolling later that day. If you walk your dog in that field perhaps you might come along armed with poo bags and a nose clip. It would be much appreciated. Thank you.

**Friday 29 March** – Hot cross buns in the village hall 11am-12.30.

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**ShrODEON: 22 March 204: The final show of the season!**

Anatomy of a Fall (please note that this is certificate 15)

## Letters to the editor

As has been well documented in Shroton Lines, Shroton has supported two Ukrainians, Vika and her son Vlad, for well over a year. something we should all be proud of. Numerous families were involved, and to mention them all is not needed, mainly because I would probably miss some out !

However, I think Anne and Chris Pearson do need to be singled out for our thanks.

Their dedication to helping those people was both prolonged and efficient, all done with no complaints and lots of good humour.

Vika and Vlad were frequently invited to their home , taken shopping and for trips out etc as Vika couldn't drive. I am sure they spent time and money without calling for help.

Mike Jones



## Easter Fun in Shroton Saturday 23rd March at 2Pm

Shroton Village Hall

Join us for Easter fun...

We will decorate our eggs ready for rolling  
Egg rolling down the hill!  
Easter egg hunt

Prizes awarded for  
'best decorated egg' and  
'furthest rolling egg'

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Shroton Church events at Easter

**Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**  
Shroton Village Hall

A re-enactment of the 'Last Supper' with explanations about the significance of the Passover.

A main meal and drink will be provided without charge but donations towards the costs welcome.

No tickets but please inform Jan on 01258 861915



**Maundy Thursday**  
Passover Supper 7pm Village Hall

**Good Friday**  
Witness at Shroton Cross 10.30am

Family Service 11am followed by Stations of the Cross walk up Hambleton Hill.

**Easter Day**  
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### PILATES

Monday 11am-12pm Zane Eglite zane.pilates@gmail.com



### SAMBA DRUMMING

Tuesday 6:15-7:15pm Beginners Welcome  
ellendrmsblandford@gmail.com



### LUNCH & CHAT

Tuesdays Monthly  
Ena Rees enabrookcottage@gmail.com



### COFFEE MORNINGS

Wednesday 10am - 12pm



### CRAFT CLUB

Thursdays 7-8pm £2 Nancy Dorey 07712 688722



### SHROTON SINGERS

Thursdays 5:45pm emmahouse1@outlook.com



### SHROTON UKELELE BAND

Monday 4:30-6:00pm



### EMMA AND THE MAGIC BAG

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### LOG SCHEME

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### GET INVOLVED WITH RUNNING VILLAGE HALL

contact: emmahouse1@outlook.com



### HIRE THE VILLAGE HALL

contact: campbellbriggs.t@gmail.com

# WELCOME TO SHROTON



### VILLAGE WEBSITE

[www.dorsetparishes.gov.uk/council/iwerne-courtney-and-stepleton-parish-council](http://www.dorsetparishes.gov.uk/council/iwerne-courtney-and-stepleton-parish-council)



### PIED PIPER (VILLAGE MESSAGES)

[thepiedpiperofshroton@gmail.com](mailto:thepiedpiperofshroton@gmail.com)



### SHROTON LINES (VILLAGE MAGAZINE)

[shrotonlines@gmail.com](mailto:shrotonlines@gmail.com)



### FACEBOOK GROUP

Shroton, Dorset



### NEXTDOOR WEBSITE

Local information. [nextdoor.co.uk](http://nextdoor.co.uk)



## USEFUL INFORMATION



### PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: John Gredley [gredleyfamily@btinternet.com](mailto:gredleyfamily@btinternet.com)



### CHURCH - ST MARY'S

John Simmons [johnatfourways@outlook.com](mailto:johnatfourways@outlook.com)

### VALLEY VIEWS - CHURCH MAGAZINE

[ivbco@btinternet.com](mailto:ivbco@btinternet.com)



### BELL RINGING

Malcolm Trowbridge [mtrowbridge@btinternet.com](mailto:mtrowbridge@btinternet.com)



### DOCTORS

- Child Okeford Surgery, Upper St, DT11 8EF  
01258 860267
- Abbey View Medical Centre, Salisbury Rd,  
Shaftesbury, SP7 8DH - 01747 856700



### DEFIBRILLATOR

Outside Village Hall. Code C123X  
Contact: [jonathan.maguire@live.co.uk](mailto:jonathan.maguire@live.co.uk)



### OIL SCHEME

Mike Scott [shrotonoilsscheme@gmail.com](mailto:shrotonoilsscheme@gmail.com)



### WATER SOFTENER SCHEME

Mike Scott [shrotonoilsscheme@gmail.com](mailto:shrotonoilsscheme@gmail.com)



### REFUSE COLLECTION TIMETABLE

<https://gi.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/mapping/mylocal>



### ALLOTMENTS

John Gredley [gredleyfamily@btinternet.com](mailto:gredleyfamily@btinternet.com)



### BUS TIMETABLES

7 - [morebus.co.uk/services/DAMY/7](http://morebus.co.uk/services/DAMY/7)  
nordcat bus - [info@nordcat.org.uk](mailto:info@nordcat.org.uk) 01258 472164  
plusbus - [www.plusbus.info](http://www.plusbus.info)



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- Iwerne Minster & Post Office
- Co-op, Shillingstone
- Gold Hill Organic Farmshop, Child Okeford,  
DT11 8HB
- Meggy Moos, Bessels, Shroton



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Ailsa Boardman-Hirst 07917 743175



### PETANQUE

Chris & Anne Pearson [billybanjo@btinternet.com](mailto:billybanjo@btinternet.com)



### SHROTON SHOW

Usually September, annually.



# CINEMA BRYANSTON

Madama Butterfly




Saturday 2 March	<b>Wonder</b>	Family film	10:30
Saturday 2 March	<b>The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel</b>	Silver Screen	14:00
Thursday 7 March	<b>Titanic The Musical</b>	Musical	19:30
Thursday 21 March	<b>The Motive and the Cue</b>	National Theatre	19:00
Tuesday 26 March	<b>Madama Butterfly</b>	Royal Opera House	19:15
Saturday 30 March	<b>Peter Rabbit</b>	Family film	10:30
Saturday 30 March	<b>The Iron Lady</b>	Silver Screen	14:00
Tuesday 9 April	<b>Macmillan Triple</b>	Royal Ballet	19:15
Sunday 21 April	<b>An American in Paris</b>	Musical	14:00
Tuesday 23 April	<b>Nye</b>	National Theatre	19:00
Wednesday 24 April	<b>Swan Lake</b>	Royal Ballet	19:15
Wednesday 1 May	<b>Carmen</b>	Royal Opera House	18:45
Saturday 4 May	<b>Wonka</b>	Family Film	10:30
Saturday 4 May	<b>One Life</b>	Silver Screen	14:00
Sunday 19 May	<b>42nd Street</b>	Musical	14:00
Wednesday 22 May	<b>The Winter's Tale</b>	Royal Ballet	19:15
Thursday 30 May	<b>Message in a Bottle</b>	Sadler's Wells Dance	19:20
Saturday 1 June	<b>Wish</b>	Family Film	10:30
Saturday 1 June	<b>Oppenheimer</b>	Silver Screen	14:00
Saturday 22 June	<b>Mary Poppins Returns</b>	Family Film	10:30
Saturday 22 June	<b>Miracle Club</b>	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](https://tickets.bryanston.co.uk) 01258 484669 (Office hours)

Coade Hall, Bryanston School, Blandford, DT11 0PX

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Preston Hill, Shroton  
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Frosty morning in Shroton  
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Bridge over the River Iwerne, Shroton  
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## Prayer Gathering Update

Sunday March 3rd  
**Iwerne Minster** 4:30 - 5:30pm

Sunday April 7th -  
**Ashmore** 4:30-5:30pm

David John

Dear Editor,

*I would like to say how fabulous the village looks with all the snowdrops gradually appearing around the Glebe area and the stream bank opposite the Laurels. I would like to say thank you to our secret snowdrop cultivator, Helen Coleman.*

A snowdrop admirer.



## Farewell to our Ukraine family!

Vika and Vlad, the Ukrainian mother and son the village has been supporting for the past eighteen months, have moved to Weymouth. It's the start of a new adventure for them and we all wish them well.

Whilst they lived in our area, our Shroton support group (consisting of around 25 Shrotonians) donated money to help with their living expenses, entertained them in our houses, kept them supplied with logs, took them out on trips, and ferried Vika up and down from Shaftesbury for her English lessons. It's been great to see their self-confidence grow to the extent that they applied for and got a council house in Weymouth, in a quiet cul-de-sac about a mile and half from the town centre.

They both seemed happy when Anne and I drove down to see them a few Sundays ago. Their two-bedroom house is clean and modern, and they have another Ukraine family for neighbours. We were able to give them what was left of the support group's fighting fund, which amounted to over £250. This will go towards setting up their home and purchasing school uniform.

After a heartening bowl of Borscht – the national dish – we said our goodbyes.

Thanks to everyone who supported them and helped them reach this point on their difficult journey.



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## Spring

Buds unfurling to reveal colour

Leaves unfurling to reveal

Sap

Minds unfurling to reveal

Awareness

Emotions unfurling to reveal

Hope

Faces unfurling to reveal

Smiles

Memories unfurling to reveal

Sadness

....at what has been lost

April is the cruellest month.

Elena Tratore

## Wessex Internet makes significant donation to Shroton playpark improvements

Shroton-based internet service provider, Wessex Internet, has donated over £8,000 towards improvements to the playpark in its home village.

Wessex internet was founded and remains based in Shroton, having provided wireless broadband services to local residents since 2012. The business has grown rapidly over the last 6 years, now serving over 7,000 customers across the Wessex region, with a workforce of over 250.

Wessex Internet agreed to make this donation following the successful upgrade of its wireless service in the village to full fibre broadband last year. The company has now made a donation of £8,400 to the Parish Council to be used exclusively for improving the playpark facilities for local children and families.

Hector Gibson Fleming, Wessex Internet CEO who has grown up in the parish, had this to say: "We're very thankful to the residents of Shroton for the support they have shown to Wessex Internet over the last 12 years. We appreciate the village's patience with the extra traffic our business brings to the area, and it gives me great pleasure to be able to make a sizeable donation that will improve these facilities for families in the Iwerne Valley."

PHOTO (L to R):: Julia Sullivan, daughter of late Tim Sullivan, previous Chair of Shroton Parish Council; John Gredley, Chair of Shroton Parish Council; James Gibson Fleming, Founder of Wessex Internet; and Natasha Monaghan, the driving force of recent playpark improvements.

