

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

Oct

- 2 Recycling
- 9 Rubbish
- 16 Recycling
- 23 Rubbish
- 30 Recycling

The Corner/Courtney Close

Oct

- 4 Rubbish
- 11 Recycling
- 18 Rubbish
- 25 Recycling

Nov

- 1 Rubbish

All village

- Oct 4 Garden waste
- Oct 18 Garden waste
- Nov 1 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

October 24: Lunch and Chat

(Barbara Briggs Tel: 863643 for booking)

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Church Farm House

Tuesday 19th September 2023

Gabriel and Rhydian Cox once again opened their home to host a wonderful occasion for villagers and other guests in support of Macmillan, a charity which works to support cancer sufferers and their families in a variety of ways.

Balloons in the Macmillan colours, purple and green, bunting and various fliers and a notice board all directed folk to the garden gate. The wet and windy weather meant we couldn't make use of the garden, but visitors were welcomed into the country kitchen for coffee and a range of delicious and impossibly tempting cakes and sweet treats made by a number of village bakers.

Maria Sullivan ran a raffle, Sally and Anthony Bolton ran a tombola and Frances Moreland collected guesses for the weight of a cake. Rhydian rounded off the morning with the announcement of prizes and a vote of thanks

As always, those busy in the kitchen shared in the general excitement and fun and enjoyed being part of it all. Thanks to the Village Hall for the loan of the coffee maker and to all the willing helpers, without whom this event could not work!

Thank you to all the guests and helpers who together raised £550. 00 for a very worthwhile charity

Ena Rees



Shrotonbury festival...face painting is not just for kids!



Shroton Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday October 1st

Harvest thanksgiving service

In Church at 11.00

A simple service when we can thank God
for all we enjoy.

Do bring produce suitable for giving to the
Foodbank

Harvest lunch

In the Village Hall at 12.30

A hot two course meal with soft drinks or
a glass of wine.

Free to all villagers but a small donation welcome

To book please phone Jan on 01258 861915
or email jan4simmons@gmail.com

House news

... from Emma, Chair of the Village hall committee

The end of the Summer has been a blast – both weather-wise and with what's been going on in Shroton.

The pub treated us to a weekend of non-stop entertainment over the Bank Holiday. Thank you to Georgie and Neil for your amazing generosity and hard work and for supporting the village hall with the takings from the popular breakfast event. **You rock!**

Then swiftly onto the Village Show and a huge thank you to Caroline and her slick team for all their hard work on the day and with the workshop in the run-up.

Apple Pressing Day is on Sat 30 September 11am-3pm. Bring your apples, knives, cutting boards and juice containers. Shroton singers will sing some apple themed songs, Shroton Ukes will strum away, sausage sizzler BBQ, Dorset apple cake and conker fights (championship rules – conkers will be provided).

The popular village hall Curry Night is back on Friday 27 October choice of curries, poppadoms and puddings £10.

More info from Alex Smith mrsacssmith@gmail.com or [07884 002902](tel:07884002902).

Soup 'n' Pud Lunch on Sat 18 November and Christmas Dinner on Sat 16 December.

More events are to be rolled out between now and Christmas but pop these confirmed dates in the diary!

Pampering and Support Day for Carers



Are you caring for a relative or friend and would like some time to relax, chat to others in a similar position and possibly get some pampering?

Come and join us for a support day with the option of a light buffet lunch (small donation appreciated), free tea and coffee and cake and/or a treatment.

Contact Cathy for general enquiries and to book in for lunch (07553 033045) or Val (07770 380770) to book a treatment.

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Friday 20th October**

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In aid of the Yellow Bus Garden Project

Friday 6 October, 7pm

Shepherds Corner Farm,
 Durweston, DT11 0QF

Tickets £25 to include drink and nibbles from Jules –
07765566312

Cash bar

Shroton Show 2 September 2023

Once again the sun shone, both literally and metaphorically, on the Shroton Show. The lovely weather and the wealth of colourful (landscape and seascape photos; amazing dahlias), creative (children's pictures; knitted/embroidered items), mouth-watering (liquers that glowed in the sunshine; cakes galore), impressively large (onions; marrows) and impressively tiny (woolly dog in the Handicrafts section) entries combined to draw a large crowd of Shrotonians to the village hall.

Much tea was drunk and cake eaten (many thanks to Judith, Cathy and all who contributed either their baked goods or their labour) and many raffle tickets were bought (unsurprisingly, given the amazing prizes on offer – huge thanks to Karen and all who helped her). These, together with the entry fees, raised a useful sum to help keep the village hall afloat.

As always, there was a huge display of talent on offer in all the categories and the worthy winners are listed below. This summer was clearly perfect for flowers – the marquee was aflame with colour – and the rose and dahlia classes were particularly closely fought. The inventive flower arrangements were, as always, a real winner with spectators and the Handicrafts section showcased a real range of talents. I was especially pleased with the great increase in entries for the Children's classes – long may this trend continue!

The village show is a wonderful way for us to celebrate the end of the summer holiday. It is huge fun but it also requires a lot of hard work behind the scenes to make it happen. Too many people to mention individually contributed their time this year, but I would just like to single out Jonathan and Susan Maguire who between them not only acted as Stewards on the day of the show but also helped with the raffle, organized the marquee, ran the auction of donated entries, stayed behind to clear up, and were unfailingly supportive to me in all kinds of ways in the months leading up to the event.

Here's to the Shroton Show 2024!

Caroline Barrett

History corner

A history of the Old Post Office

The building is listed, and dates from about the mid-1700s. In the 1918 Pitt Rivers village sale, it was described as “brick built with thatched roof. It has a small shop, Telegraph, office, living room, sitting room, kitchen, larder, five bedrooms and a



garden” The postmaster was Mr George Bath for many years.

Sir Randolph Baker bought the post office together with the two cottages besides, for £300.

An article in the 1832 Salisbury and Winchester Journal stated “*burglary in the night of Saturday last. Some thieves broke into the shop (by taking out the bricks under the shop window) of Mr Down, shopkeeper of Shroton.. stole and carried away linen, drapery and other goods to the value of £100.*”

The 1836 Tithe Map states that Sarah Tapper, schoolmistress, owned the building. In 1844, Pigotts directory states that “*Thomas Tapper, shopkeeper and dealer in groceries and sundries*” was the next owner (the Tapper family is an ancient village family).

In 1851, Hunts directory gives the owner of the building as “*George Vanner ...grocer, cordwainer and shopkeeper.* (A cordwainer is a shoemaker who was trained to make a shoe from scratch)

The actual Post Office opened in November 1853 and later included a Telegraph Office. In 1895 letters arrived from Blandford at 6.45 am and 3 pm, and were dispatched at 10.45 am and 6.45 pm

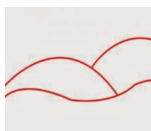
Margaret Coleman remembered delivering telegrams in 1915 to both Raston and Stepleton House during her school lunch hour and getting a penny payment:

“The post office was a great place to exchange gossip, and what was going on amongst the neighbours, so that a daily trip there was almost a requirement. The Post Office functioned not just for stamps, but also radio and TV licenses, pension payments etc.

It was also a general store for groceries and the necessities of life. It was a tiny shop. Four people at once, and it would be crowded so sometimes it was necessary to wait outside until the crush eased. There was an L-shaped counter with general purchases on the left and Post office on the right. The main interest for the children were the large glass sweet jars with black lid. These were set at an angle so the sweets could be weighed into a little white paper bag. A little notebook kept tally of purchases of regular customers, who would settle up at the end of the month.” (From *Memoirs* by John Taylor).

The Post Office closed its door for the last time 13 April in 1992: a sad loss to this village.

Judith Hewitt.



Iwerne Courtney & Stepleton Parish Council - Meeting summary 20th September 2023

Dorset Council has agreed to install three dropped kerbs at the Glebe and along Main Street.

The Parish Council will be thanking Dorset Highways for the excellent re-surfacing of Fairfield Road and New Field Lane and for all the assistance given to villagers by the very helpful work crew. It is hoped that the resurfacing of Bessells Lane and Telegraph Street will now take place in October.

Dorset Councils Tree Team have inspected the Lombardy Poplars and have agreed that they will not object to these being felled and for there to be a re-planting programme. The Parish Council intends that a tree in commemoration of Tim Sullivan will be included in this project.

In relation to rural crime, the Parish Council wishes to remind residents to remain vigilant and to report incidents when they occur:

<https://www.dorset.police.uk/ro/report/rwc/rural/report-rural-crime/>

The new Parish Council website is now officially ‘live’:

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

The Parish Council thanked Wessex Internet for donating £ 8,400 which will be earmarked for the replacement of Play Park equipment.

The Parish Council would draw attention to Dorset Council’s Housing strategy consultation. If you have a view with regard to the type of housing would you like to see in Dorset in the future please complete the survey:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/housing-strategy-consultation>

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 15th November 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

David Green, Parish Clerk

Shroton Show cup winners



Congratulations to everyone who took part, but especially:

Galpin Cup – best single entry in produce: **Sally Bolton**

Miss Hale Shield – best performance in cookery classes:

Susan Maguire

WI Centenary Cup – best single entry in preserves:

Wendy Bush

Lady Baker Cup – best performance in flower classes:

Susan Maguire

Elizabethan Cup – best single flower: **Helen Coleman**

Sarah Cavan Cup – best performance in flower arranging :

Jan Simmons

Patricia Humphrey Cup – best single entry (flower arranging)

Sally Bolton

Maggie Page Trophy – best single entry in handicrafts:

Robert Merry

Overall Handicrafts Cup – best performance in handicrafts

Natasha Monaghan

Photography Frame – best performance in photography

Claire Watson

Best Photo – best single entry: **Claire Watson**

Hambledon Cup – overall winner 12 – 18 years No entries

Patricia Goodbody Cup – Children 7 years and under :

Liam Monaghan

Bella Howlett Cup – Children 8 – 11 years **Tabitha Owen**



Laughter is always the best medicine...

I don't trust pumpkins. They're seedy.

Q: What do you call a spider with 20 eyes?

A: A spiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiider.

Q: Why are zombies so hard to understand?

A: They're very crypt-ic.

'A TIME TO REMEMBER'

THE FESTIVAL OF 'ALL SOULS' 2023

ST MARY CHURCH IWERNE MINSTER

6.00PM THURSDAY 2ND OF NOVEMBER 2022

You are warmly invited to attend the above service in which those who have been lost to us in death will be remembered and re-dedicated into the hands of Almighty God.

During the Holy communion the names of our dearly departed will be read out and a candle will be lit for each person to be remembered celebrating the Christian hope of our eternal life in Jesus Christ.

This is a service for everyone in the Iwerne Valley Benefice. Whether you regularly attend Church or not, you are very welcome.

If you wish someone to be remembered in this service, please email your details and the details of the person to be remembered.

The Rev'd David W John - david.john6@btopenworld.com

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

Revelation Chapter 21 vs 4



AUTUMN COVID-19 AND FLU PROGRAMME - update 31st August

Late yesterday, along with GP Practices across the country, our practice was advised of plans to bring forward this season's Covid-19 and Flu vaccination programme.

Arrangements have been made and if appointment changes are necessary, you will be notified. We will be offering our patients over 65 years of age the Covid-19 booster in conjunction with the flu vaccination.

In the meantime, please don't contact your GP surgery to enquire. Patients will be contacted as soon as we can.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Dates for the diary::

21/22 October: Orionid meteor shower peak

28 October: Small partial lunar eclipse

Missing Kitten



Thank you to all of you who have been keeping an eye out for my missing kitten, Dibley. Unfortunately, as of 17 September, she is still missing. I wondered if you could please keep checking sheds, garages, bushes, trees, etc. or maybe you know of someone who has recently taken in a kitten? Or if you come across a dead kitten, I need to know that also. She is chipped, so any vet will be able to trace her back to me, dead or alive. Her brother and I miss her terribly.

Many thanks, Claire 07708 473568



The Cricketers

Feeling SAD?

The nights are drawing in, the weather is becoming distinctively autumnal... so it's time to think of cheerful things to do. And what better than... a night at The Cricketers?

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Shroton Website

As you will know, the Parish Council has created a new website which has replaced the old Shroton website. The reason for this is because all PCC documents now have to be accessible and it was felt that this was an opportunity to create a new site. This was launched last week and is a work in progress. We have a complete copy of the old website, so nothing has been lost, but are intending to start building an archive of photos/articles about Shroton for the future. A huge thanks must go to Jim Bird who managed the old website with enormous patience. The website link is: <https://www.dorsetparishes.gov.uk/council/iwerne-courtney-and-stepleton-parish-council/>

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