

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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September 2023

Dates

Rubbish & Recycling

Main Village/Bessels

Sept

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

The Corner/Courtney Close

Sept

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

All village

- Sept 6 Garden waste
- Sept 20 Garden waste

Wednesdays:

Coffee and Chat in the Village Hall from 10—12 pm

Thursdays:

Shroton Singers (singing for fun!). Starts 7 Sep 5.45-6.45pm.

Shroton Crafts Adult craft group. Thursdays 7-8pm. Learn new skills, bring along your own craft project, chat & cuppa with fellow enthusiasts, £2 per session.

- Sept 15: Benefice Lecture
- Sept 19: Macmillan coffee morning
- Sept 26: Lunch and Chat
- Sept 30: The Three Peaks

Village hall booking:

campbellbriggs.t@gmail.com

SHROTON SUMMER SHOW

SHROTON VILLAGE HALL



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

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 Wednesday August 30th**

All exhibits to be brought to the hall between **10 am and 12 noon Saturday September 2nd.**

Raffle

Auction at 4pm of any cakes, produce and flowers donated by the exhibitors

Refreshments served

Admission to the Show - 50p

Children - Free



Come along and buy your raffle tickets for a chance to win a wonderful hamper!

And most importantly, come along to chat to your friends and raise vital funds for our village hall!

Remember - without your support, there will be no Shroton Show....

Good times in Shroton this summer (and more to come!)



Natural corners: with thanks to Judith for our wild flower garden



The History corner, by Judith Hewitt

The Shroton Brewery

The Shroton Brewery was located on the site that is now 'Old Mill Cottages' and the track behind is still called 'back of Brewery' by some.

Charles Andrews is listed as a Maltster in 1671. At that time, he was probably employed by or ran the Lord of the Manor's brewing facility, located in the field called Brewers Barton, behind the Church. His son/ grandson John was also a Maltster in 1742 and ran the farm (now referred to as Church Farm) which included that field.

By 1801 John Andrew's will mentions a dwelling house, Malthouse, brew house, garden, and storehouse and this was to become known as Shroton Brewery. The official lease holders of the Brewery were John Andrews (1808), Edwin Andrews (1830), Charles Godwin (1855) and Alfred Packard (1861). In 889 the Brewery was sold to Flower Bros in Fontmell Magna.

An advert in the Salisbury and Winchester Journal August 1860 reads "*wanted immediately, for a permanency, a highly respectable MAN, to take the ENTIRE MANAGEMENT of a BREWERY, also a CELLARMAN, who can write*".

The Brewery was rebuilt in 1869 by Charles Godwin for £500 and an advert in the S and W journal 1871 reads "*Shroton Brewery. Messrs Packard and son having taken the brewery at Shroton beg respectfully to solicit a continuance of the favours hitherto conferred on the Brewery, as well as increased support from the surrounding neighbourhood in consequence of the superiority of their Ales and Porters. Mr Packard, junior, having been placed with some eminent brewing firms, brings a scientific experience whereby he is enabled to produce at Shroton a superior class of beer etc*".

Sadly, the Brewery was redundant by 1891.

Brewery House, renamed the Laurels, was sold in the 1918 village sale to J.C. Mitchel for £925 who then continued a Corn Merchant's business at this location.

The house burnt down in 1974 and was replaced by housing, now known as The Laurels.

Lunch and Chat

September 2023– April 2024

The new season of Lunch and Chat begins this month. It is intended for our senior residents who might enjoy meeting up and sharing a home-cooked meal with neighbours and friends, and hopefully provide a rest from cooking that day!



Lunch is served at 12.30pm, but guests are welcome to arrive any time after midday to take their seats. The meals are funded by donations from guests and we are hoping to keep the costs at £5 each as we do have some savings to help with more expensive menus.

Please make a note in diaries and calendars of the dates listed.

26 th Sept	12.30
24 th Oct	12.30
28 th Nov	12.30
12th Dec	12.30 Christmas Dinner (to be confirmed)
23rd Jan	12.30
27 th Feb	12.30
26 th Mar	12.30
23rd Apr	12.30

Please contact:

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

Ena Rees Tel: 861039 or enabrookcottage@gmail.com for menus, cooking arrangements, serving team.

Calling budding writers, artists, cooks....

How exciting would it be to see your writing, pictures, recipes, poems in print? Well, now's your chance.

Write for the Shroton Lines and see your future change!

Don't be shy: get in touch...

shrotonlines@gmail.com

Exploring the Gospel of John

An eagle's eye view



"John takes us up a high mountain and says, 'Here on a clear day you can see for ever'." (Tom Wright)

Friday 15 September 2023

6.30pm – 8.30pm (with a break in the middle for refreshments!)

St Mary's Church, Shroton

Led by Dr Clare Amos

Since the earliest days of Christian history the Gospel of John has been especially cherished by Christians as 'the spiritual Gospel'. It sets the ministry of Jesus within the framework of 'a new creation' marked out by love and life.

We will draw on art, poetry and music to help us as we explore the treasures this Gospel continues to offer to us.

All are welcome, but it is helpful if you can register in advance at the Benefice Office: ivbco@btinternet.com

Clare is an Anglican biblical scholar and teacher who, until her retirement, worked at the World Council of Churches with responsibility for Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation. She now has the honorary role of Director for Lay Discipleship in the Church of England Diocese in Europe.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 19th September
10.00 am - 12.00 noon
at
Church Farm House, Main Street, Shroton

Please come and join us
to support this brilliant cause!

Donations of Cakes, Raffle and Tombola Prizes
would be much appreciated

Contact: Eira Rees on 861039
or Gabriel Cox 861120

ALL WELCOME

Did you know that what is now our village hall was, until 1978, the Shroton village school?

Did you know that Shroton had one of the first schools in Dorset?

Those of you who have been to one of Judith Hewitt's talks will know about her meticulous research into the history of our village, and about the wealth of material she has unearthed on all aspects of Shroton's past. As a teacher for more than 40 years, and as someone who attended a small village primary school back in the 1960s, I found myself particularly interested in the history of Shroton's school, so I asked Judith if I could take a closer look at all the documents and photographs she's collected over the years, which present a detailed and often unexpected picture of the three centuries of Shroton School's history.

I found the documents – especially the Headmaster's Log, which runs from January 1876 to October 1917 – fascinating, and thought I would share with you, through a series of short articles in The Shroton Lines, some of what I learned about the small village school which was regarded for much of its existence as "one of the best of its kind in this district" by the Education Department.

Childhood Illnesses

One of the many things recorded in the Headmaster's Log is the various illnesses which affected the pupils, and the impact of these on their attendance and learning. With the Covid pandemic still a very fresh memory for us, and with effective vaccination proving the key to our emergence from repeated cycles of lockdown, I thought it would be interesting to use the Log to take a look at the pre-vaccine world of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, when diseases such as measles, scarlet fever, chicken pox, mumps, influenza, whooping cough and diphtheria were rife.

Mr E.D. Harvey (headmaster of Shroton school for 33 years, from 1876 to 1908), notes the many instances of childhood illnesses that bedeviled his pupils. In 1878, the log for April 1st notes that "Many children absent with an illness, 'The Mumps', which appears to be going through the village"; later that month there is a serious Scarletina outbreak. In 1880, measles closes the school for a week; this becomes an almost annual occurrence, with the school closed for six weeks in 1894, 1897 and 1898. In October 1895 the log states "Three children died [of diphtheria], but school not ordered to be closed by the medical officer of the district"; in March 1901 five children were in the Blandford isolation hospital with scarlet fever. Every year the log records long absences due to measles, mumps, diphtheria, scarlet fever and, increasingly, chicken pox. Although it doesn't record many deaths, the effect of these diseases on the health, happiness and education of the children was clearly huge.

One thing I didn't expect from reading Shroton school's historical log was confirmation of my firm belief in the value of vaccination. All of those childhood illnesses which plagued Shroton's school year after year are now virtually banished – we have perhaps become blasé about diseases like measles and mumps because we see so little of them.

Next month – More insights from the Headmaster's Log: Truancy – an issue in the past as well as in the present but for very different reasons!

Caroline Barrett

The Shroton Summer Show 2023

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

- 17 Coronation quiche
- 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 Gingerbread (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

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Sarah Cavan Cup-best performance in flower arranging

Patricia Humphrey Cup-best single entry

Flowers may be purchased

- 42 Coronation arrangement (accessories allowed)
- 43 A floral arrangement (maximum 40cm wide)
- 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 wild flowers for effect

HANDICRAFTS

Maggie Page Trophy-best single entry in handicrafts

- 48 Any article of knitting or crochet
- 49 Any article hand or machine sewn
- 50 Any article of tapestry or embroider
- 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

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"

- 58 A landscape or seascape
- 59 A living creature
- 60 A Shroton View
- 61 A photograph of Shroton's Coronation celebrations
- 62 A portrait celebrating family and/or friends
- 63 A photograph celebrating a season
- 64 A photograph with a humorous caption

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 or other materials
- 67 A drawing or painting
- 68 An animal made from fruit or vegetables (cocktail sticks may be visible)
- 69 A garden on a plate
- 70 A photograph I have taken
- 71 A model made from recycled materials
- 72 A handmade birthday card
- 73 Handwriting: copy this poem, with illustration/decoration (optional):

'I've found a small dragon in the woodshed.
Think it must have come from deep inside a forest
Because it's damp and green and leaves
Are still reflecting in its eyes.' (Brian Patten)

Name:

CUT OUT AND ATTACH TO ENTRIES

Contact No:

Total No. of Entries:

Fee Enclosed:

1. Please refer to the show programme for Section names and Class numbers.
2. Complete both halves of the entry form, cut out and fold where indicated and attach the form above
3. Return your entries with name and fees in an envelope to 2 Ivy Porch Cottages, Main Street BEFORE 6pm ON WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST.
4. If you are entering for the 12-18 year old section, or either of the children's sections, please tick the appropriate box on each entry form (on both halves)
5. Please check and keep a list of all your entries to ensure all the information is correct

PLEASE FILL IN BOTH HALVES



AND FOLD ON THE DOTTED LINE

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GINGERBREAD Recipe for the Village Show

5oz (150g) butter
 4 oz (125g) dark brown sugar
 7oz (200g) golden syrup
 7 oz (200g) black treacle
 2 teaspoons fresh ginger, finely grated
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 9 fluid oz (250ml) milk
 2 large eggs, beaten
 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda dissolved in 2 tablespoons warm water
 10 1/2 oz (300g) plain flour
 325F, 170C, gas Mark 3

Grease and line 8" or 20cm square cake tin with greaseproof paper.
 In a saucepan, melt butter with sugar, syrup, treacle, ginger and cinnamon. Off the heat, add milk, then eggs and bicarb in water.

Measure the flour into a bowl and pour in the liquid ingredients, beating until well mixed and smooth (very liquid batter). Pour in tin and bake for ¾-1hr until risen and firm. Don't overcook as it is better a little stickier. Cool.
 Make icing with lemon juice, sieved icing sugar and warm water and drizzle over cake to decorate.

The inaugural Shroton Dog Show

Forget Crufts, the place to be on Sunday for two- and four-legged friends was Shroton! A letter from Judith (who also deserves a round of applause for her ever-present enthusiasm and backing of the idea:



Thank you to all helpers and competitors. Thank you also to the Cricketers who supported the event by giving a £25 voucher to the Best in the Show and to our Judge Louise. We made £160 for the Village Hall funds. Trevor Knight entered his well trained corgi-courgette! Now, you won't see that at Crufts!

News from the Oasis Plant Centre in Child Okeford

As some of you will already know, John Harbour at the Oasis Plant Centre in Child Okeford is taking a well-earned break from the day to day running of the plant centre. This is now in the care of (Shroton's very own!) Andrew Davies of Hambledon Plants who has taken over the perennials and sales of compost and the like. We wish him every success. Opening times will remain the same as previously ie closed on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and the whole of January. You will be relieved that prices will also remain the same!

John will return in December for the sale of Christmas trees and again in the spring for bedding plants and hanging baskets from April to the end of June as usual.

We would like to thank all of our customers for their continuing and future support.

Val and John Harbour



Garage sale Sunday 3rd September 1400- 1630hrs.

4 The Gardens (off Courtney Close)

Owner moving house.

Shroton Church notices

Weekly services

- Sunday 3rd Sep:** 9.30 Holy Communion taken by Alan Amos.
Sunday 10th Sep: 9.30 Holy Communion taken by Gary Bennett.
Sunday 17th Sep: Breakfast@9 led by John Simmons
Sunday 24th Sep: 8.00 BCP Communion taken by David John

Special events

Prayer gathering - 4.30p.m. - 5.30p.m at St. Bartholomew's Church, Sutton Waldron.

This is the first of a series of gatherings to be held around the five villages of our benefice on the first Sunday of the month.

Opportunities will be given to offer up prayers of thanks, to have a time of individual quiet contemplation and to share thoughts with others.

This is an invitation to folk in all our villages to join together to pray for our communities.

If you would like to know more please do speak to Jan or John Simmons on 861915.

Benefice lecture : 6.30pm – 8.30pm on Friday 15th September

Dr Clare Amos will be delivering a fascinating talk entitled "Exploring the Gospel of John – an eagle's eye view".

Clare has the honorary role of Director for Lay Discipleship in the Church of England Diocese in Europe.

Harvest Thanksgiving – 11.0 am on Sunday 1st October.

This is our informal Harvest Thanksgiving. We have arranged a milk tasting afterwards courtesy of Meggy Moos.

Harvest Lunch will take place in the Village Hall at 12.30.

If you would like to come to the lunch please let Jan Simmons know On 861915.

There is no charge for the lunch but there will be an opportunity to make donations to the Blandford Foodbank.

Home Groups start again weekly from Monday 18th September.

As before there are two groups open to anyone wanting to dig further into the Bible with us. We shall be studying St Paul's letter to the Romans.

10 – 12 at Chaseborough, Fontmell Magna or
7.30pm – 9pm at Fourways.

More details from John or Jan on 861915.

The Shroton Show Rules

1. All entries to be made in advance.
2. All exhibits must be in place before 12 noon when the hall will be cleared of all non-officials to allow judging to take place.

Exhibits should be removed by 4.30 pm.
3. Entries in all classes must be the exhibitor's own work.
4. Exhibits should not have been entered previously at the Shroton show and should have been made in the last 12 months (excluding chutney, liqueurs and pot plants).
5. Date (month and year) must be shown on jar labels.
6. All preserves should be in 1lb/300-400 gram glass jars, no trade names visible.
7. Liquids must be presented in clear bottles.
8. All flowers in the FLOWER CLASS must be from the exhibitor's garden or a Shroton garden. A bud counts as one flower.
9. Foliage may be included where 'Flowers' are specified.
10. Only one entry per person per class is allowed.
11. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st place - 6 points, 2nd place - 4 points, 3rd place - 2 points.
12. The cups for the various sections will be awarded for the highest number of points in that section. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by the number of first and second prizes.

The overall winner will be awarded The Shroton Trophy.
13. Children under 12 will only be allowed to enter children's classes
14. The Show Secretary is Caroline Barrett and may be contacted, in case of query, on carolinebarrett59@gmail.com

Shroton Lines deliveries

Cathy Bird has delivered copies for many years for which we are extremely grateful. Her deliveries involved main roads and awkward manoeuvres so we have decided to ask the Ranston and Steepleton Bends dwellers to please switch to email copies or let us know and we can make your copies available at the church or at the Village Hall on Coffee Mornings.

Please contact Ena Rees on 861039 or by email, giving your name, address and email address or choice of collection point.

Many thanks in anticipation of your assistance in this matter.

SHROTON 3 PEAKS



Come and take on the challenge.

10 mile circuit to include Preston Hill, Hod Hill and Hambledon hill.

It's really not as scary as the picture.

Saturday 30th September

Start anytime between 9am and 11am

£3 to cover costs

Start point at the bus shelter opposite The Cricketers Pub

Finish at the Cricketers Pub

Please wear something colourful as you will be crossing busy roads.

Bring your own drinks and snacks

Please register in advance if possible to save time at registration.

To register or ask for more information, contact wardsheryl2@outlook.com

GINGERBREAD RECIPE for Shroton Show

5oz (150g) butter
4 oz (125g) dark brown sugar
7oz (200g) golden syrup
7 oz (200g) black treacle
2 teaspoons fresh ginger, finely grated
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
9 fluid oz (250ml) milk
2 large eggs, beaten
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10 1/2 oz (300g) plain flour

Method

325F, 170C, gas Mark 3

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1hr until risen and firm. Don't overcook as it is better a little stickier. Cool.

Make icing with lemon juice, sieved icing sugar and warm water and drizzle over cake to decorate.



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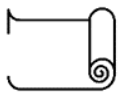


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Summer Show Sat 2nd Sep

Request for Raffle Prizes

Oh dear it's the begging notification again, yet as you know we do make some terrific hampers!

We are looking for donations of items to make up some nice food/Drink hampers as prizes. e.g.

Bottles of wine – Beer - Cordials

Tea, fresh coffee

Nice nibbles

Jars of preserves or chutneys

Chocolates, Biscuits, etc.

Any donations can be left at 4, Courtney Close, or ring us on 860132 and we would be happy to collect.

Many thanks in advance and we look forward to seeing many of you on the day.

Susan & Jonathan Maguire

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