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## Diary Dates This Month

- 6th Apr Recycling (Green)  
Coffee Morning  
Village Hall AGM  
6.00 Petanque
- 7th Apr Pie night
- 8th Apr 10.30-11.15 Mobile Library
- 11th Apr Lunch and Chat
- 13th Apr Rubbish (Black)  
Coffee Morning  
6.00 Petanque
- 14th Apr Pie Night
- 16th Mar Recycling (Green)  
Coffee Morning  
7.00pm Parish Council
- 20th Apr Recycling (Green)  
Coffee Morning  
6.00 Petanque  
7.00pm Parish Council
- 21st Apr Pie Night
- 22nd Apr 10.30-11.15 Mobile Library  
St George's Day Quiz
- 27th Apr Rubbish (Black)  
Coffee Morning  
6.00 Petanque
- 28th Apr Pie Night



## St Patrick's Day Supper

### Sausage and Mash and Irish musical Bash



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Although a less well-supported event than in some years, the fun of this evening was appreciated by our lively diners who enjoyed musical entertainments both before and after a delicious meal was served. There was a plentiful hot meal of sausages browned to a nicety, mash whipped and creamy, and peas to add the green dimension; a variety of cakes for afters rounded off a simple, hearty meal.

Chris Pearson led his musical group on guitar, coming up with a variety of songs with an Irish theme...and a few not so Irish, latterly, too! Claire Watson was most impressive, both singing and playing the washboard, nimbly picking out rhythms and creating a mixture of

sounds and moods, able to adapt and play sympathetically as Alan Morris and Jim Bird sang. Alan occasionally came to the fore to play harmonica and Jim added depth to the sounds with his drum. Later, Mike Jones stepped up to add his dulcet tones to the general entertainment. Other voices were raised in song as the evening went on. Many thanks to 'the "Four Fellas and A Lady" who were brought to you by Wing and a Prayer Productions'. (Chris's words!)

It was good to welcome some village newcomers and to have some of the village children joining in the proceedings, as well as to see some staunch Village Hall supporters.

### St George's Day Quiz



22nd April  
7.30pm  
Teams of 6

Tickets in Advance: £5  
Tel 863892

### Advance Notice



**HAMBLEDON HILL RUN**  
2 and 6km  
Saturday 14th May

## Editorial - Ena Rees

Dear Everyone,

While away getting a chance, at last, to walk in the snow (in the French mountains, wearing snow shoes!) my husband was somewhat over-indulged by kindly neighbours, one of the lovely things about living in Shroton.

Returning to beautiful dry weather and (some) blue sky, has been a busy time to. The Lunch and Chat on Tuesday was special because of the talk and slide show provided by Judith Hewitt. She has an amazing knowledge of our history.

The St Patrick's Day celebration followed, and was appreciated by all, partly just because it meant not having to face the usual cooking challenge on a Friday night - an onerous task for those feeling a bit work-weary and with a family to feed! Also, however, the opportunity to share some fun and socialise with friends is always a pleasure.

Doing the *Life Lines* interview with an ex-colleague from The Blandford School was a most interesting and rewarding experience; I now know a little about the art of folding, and am convinced that decluttering and clearing of too much stuff is a good aspiration.... if I ever have the time!

I also had the pleasure of visiting The Exchange at Sturminster Newton for Kate Parry-Evans's exhibition in conjunction with other Life Drawing artists who meet weekly in the Village Hall. What talent! It was wonderful to see the range of styles of work. Another aspiration for the "to try" list.

I missed the Easter Egg Hunt, but the weather was glorious and those I saw later had obviously enjoyed the day!

With the St George's Day Quiz and the Hambledon Hill Run looming, I hope you have marked your calendars and that many of you will make an appearance at either or both of these events! For more details and an application form for the Run, please see <http://www.shroton.org/events.php>

Many thanks to all who contribute to making so many events take place here in Shroton!

## Village Hall News

Anne Pearson

As I write this, sun is streaming through the windows – for a change. Spring is on the way at last and with it the promise of warmer weather, longer days and the Village Hall AGM! Please do come along and tell us what you think. Are we putting on the kind of events that you enjoy? What else would you like to see? What are we getting right and what are we doing wrong? If you don't come and tell us, we'll never know. Everyone had a great time at the St Patrick's Sausage & Mash Supper. We were a select group – you didn't have to be Irish to attend, you know! There was plenty of good, hearty fare and the added bonus of some live music. Thank you to Chris and his band aka 'Four Fellas and a Lady' who belted out some great Irish ballads for us. Huge fun!

We are all delighted that a few of the parents in the village have joined forces to organise some fun activities for the children. They had a great time at the Children's Disco and are looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday.

Our next event is the St George's Day Quiz on Friday, April 22nd. It's the usual format: teams of six and a selection of quirky, but by no means difficult questions. And, of course, there's the added bonus of the live music round! It would help us enormously if you could phone and book your team's place beforehand. (863892) Hope to see you there!



**Above: Ready to roll eggs down Hambledon Hill**



**Right: Waiting for the egg hunt on the Glebe**

There seemed to be so many children taking part in the activities - not only village children but grandchildren of people who live here.

A beautiful sunny day and the egg rollers lined up with the great expanse of Shroton and a manicured cricket pitch laid out below them, carefully decorated eggs in hand. No one has ever seen such a competitive Shrotonian egg roll (chuck?) before! - Most of them ended up in bits! Following this the contestants then galloped down to the Glebe where an equally enthusiastic egg hunt was held. There was also a tug of war and a football game on the Glebe.

This year's Easter Festivities were a great success. Many thanks to the Church Community for providing delicious soup, rolls and hot cross buns. We raised £128 to go towards the children's activity fund.

## Pétanque! Chris Pearson



Pétanque returns to Shroton on Wednesday March 30th. All enthusiasts, male, female, young and old are invited to gather at the bench on the Glebe at 6pm. As usual it will be a light-hearted competition with merry banter and the odd good shot. No doubt come 7pm a motion to repair to The Cricketers will be unanimously carried. The sound of pétanque nudging pétanque means that spring has sprung and summer can't be so far away. Come and enjoy the fun! We meet every Wednesday at 6pm.

## Road to be Closed for Bridge Replacement in North Dorset

Kerry Hall

### Public Relations Officer

Drivers are being given advance warning of major bridge works which will close the road that links Child Okeford and Shillingstone in north Dorset.

Hayward Main Bridge, which carries Bere Marsh Road/Hayward Lane over the River Stour, will be closed from Monday 4 April until Friday 14 October while it has a new deck built.

Work will be carried out to replace the corroded deck and steel bridge beams, and the existing stone masonry abutments and central pier will be refurbished.

Safer vehicle restraint parapets will be installed on the bridge and on the bridge approach, and the south west retaining wall – which is currently being held up by temporary supports – will be rebuilt.

Dorset County Councillor Deborah Croney, elected member for Hambleton Division, said: "The condition of this bridge has been getting progressively worse and it's time to replace it before any further restrictions have to be put in place.

"It's essential that we keep our communities linked, for business, for leisure and for our day-to-day lives and, although the closure will prove to be an inconvenience for a few months, completing these major works now will prove highly beneficial in the longer term."

The signed diversion will take drivers along Duck Street and onto the A350 to

Blandford. Walkers and cyclists will be able to use other foot bridges in the area – one north and one south of Hayward Main Bridge

Due to the scale of the work, Raymond Brown Ltd will be carrying out the work on behalf of Dorset County Council. This will ensure that essential maintenance to other structures in the county can still be carried out while this £1.5 million major project is underway.

In December 1997, a bridge assessment of the strength of the deck found the maximum load capacity of the bridge to be substandard and the bridge was given a weight restriction of 38 tonnes. A further inspection in August 2013 led to the restriction on the bridge being lowered to 26 tonnes.

For more information visit [www.dorsetforyou.com/hayward-bridge](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/hayward-bridge)

## Dinah's Hollow Will Reopen

Fiona King

### Public Relations Officer

A road between Blandford and Shaftesbury that has been closed for two weeks due to a landslip at Melbury Abbas will reopen in the next few weeks.

Dorset County Council and the landowners will start a clear-up operation next week after being given the go ahead from specialist geo-technical engineers, who assessed the site for evidence of further slips.

An estimated 30-50 tonnes of soil slipped from the slopes in the early hours of Wednesday 9 March. The weight of the material displaced concrete barriers that the council had

placed along the hollow to protect road users following a report in 2014 that suggested that the slopes were unstable.

Cllr Peter Finney, the council's Cabinet member for environment, said: "We are pleased that the concrete barriers did their job and held back the majority of the slippage. And looking at what happened they would have prevented a car being submerged, therefore potentially saving lives. The slip seems to have been caused by water run-off from nearby land. And although we undertook some tree work in the hollow earlier this year, this slip area was not part of this work."

Since 2014 there have been negotiations with local communities to agree a strategy for stabilising the slopes, maintaining the hollow and keeping the road open to all users.

An advisory, voluntary one-way system for HGVs has been implemented to reduce the possibility of two HGVs passing on some of the narrow parts of both the A350 and C13. This scheme will be enhanced with advisory signs in the next few months.

Discussions are continuing with the Department of Transport, and a delegation of councils looking at the opportunity to upgrade transport links between Poole port and the M4

For more details about Dinah's Hollow visit [www.dorsetforyou.com/dinahs-hollow](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/dinahs-hollow)

## Children's Village Disco

Sarah Davy



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Wow! What an event!

When we started all this planning over a breakfast meeting in January (yes I know we are very good at meetings...being mothers) I don't think any of us imagined that these events would be so well supported by our village and surrounding ones.

We actually had a queue outside the Hall on a dreary March evening. We had

an attendance of 48 children, some of whom had brought friends and family along, some who had just come with their parents, but all of whom seemed to have a wonderful time. It was wonderful to see a room full of parents and children all having fun, chatting and laughing.

We had all the usual equipment you find at a disco these days and glitter tattoos, which I'm not sure the Hall or Henry the Hoover will ever recover from, but which were a raging success! We sold sweets and glow sticks and danced and were merry.

We raised £51.39 after expenses, which will be used as a float for upcoming events.

We had brilliant village support, and a special thank you to the Village Hall committee; without being able to use the Hall we wouldn't have a venue! Thanks

also to Mike Scott and his PA system knowledge. He spent time showing me how it worked and then on the day set it up and came back to take it down again!

Special thanks to all the team who helped and donated and spent time on this event. We have an amazing calendar this year of forthcoming events so watch your emails, the Lines, the Mums' facebook page and, I suspect, Mike Scott's Pied Piper email list for further details.

Lastly a huge thank you to everyone who comes and supports the events. They wouldn't go ahead if we didn't have the support and the children enjoy having events planned. All this effort is so worth while, when at the end of it you have a growing friendly community.

Until next time,  
The Shroton Mums

**FRENCH BOY (15) SEEKS KIND FAMILY TO STAY WITH FOR 2 WEEKS IN JUNE TO IMPROVE HIS ENGLISH.**

Arnaud is a bright boy – maths, physics, politics, chess, cycling, table tennis, tennis, swimming. He is the grandson of very kind neighbours we had in France.

He is looking for a family to stay with where he can perhaps help with maths homework and do occasional babysitting if there are young children in the family.

If the family wishes we could take him for outings if you are not able to do so.

Arnaud's family can pay about E200 for the 2 weeks. They plan to bring him over by car and can stay with us for a couple of nights. He will probably fly back from Southampton to Paris. With enough notice we can take him to the airport.

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## SHROTON VILLAGE SHOW

Alex Smith

We are almost finalised with the date for the show and are just waiting for some of the judges to confirm the date, but provisionally it is going to be on the 3rd September. The programme is decided and there are a few new things on it. It will be published in the May edition of the Lines.

Now is the time to be sorting out your seeds and considering what to enter: six culinary herbs is a new category in Produce while in Cookery and Preserves we have added a bottle of cider and a bottle of any homemade liqueur as well as a loaf of brioche for the bread makers among us. Keep

back a jar of homemade jam or one of marmalade before they all get eaten.

We would really like to encourage more children to enter this year and with the Easter holidays looming it's the perfect time for a bit of crafting which can be put aside ready for later. Anything made in the 12 months leading up to the show can be entered so keep

aside those creative masterpieces children may have brought home: a handmade birthday card, a drawing or painting of the Queen, a photo of My Breakfast among other children's categories...

## A Brief History of the Hamlet of Farrington in the Parish of Iwerne Courtney

Judith Hewitt

Anciently, Feredone (Farrington) was the capital of a small 'hundred' so named, until it was transferred to Redlane hundred with Shroton. Perhaps it's importance was due to the famous medicinal spring located here - the water was said to heal scurvy and asthma.

In 1320's John de Farendon held the Manor and farm of Farrington by service of ONE knights fee from Sir Hugh Courtney (Lord of Iwerne Courtney (IC) Manor). In about 1550 King Edward IV gave IC Manor to William, Earl of Pembroke who then allowed Robert Freke to first rent then buy it. Robert's

brother John, lived at and farmed the Farrington manor.

Iwerne Courtney was enclosed by 1548 (the land divided up and leased to certain residents, hedges planted and farms established - so the new Lord of the Manor could benefit financially from new farming methods). Shroton villagers were allowed to graze their animals on Shroton Common - however Farrington residents were denied this right!

There was a working water mill operating until the 1900s, a timber yard and the 3 farms were dairy with orchards for making cider.

The roads, drainage and chapel were maintained by the rate payers of this small community. Farrington Chapel was rebuilt in 1871- cost £324 - but due to bad workmanship had to be underpinned and re tiled in 1899 - cost £112 - and then served the community until 1976. The 14th century bell was sold for £200 although the inventory of 1552 stated there were 2 bells. Marriage ceremonies were held here but all burials were carried out at Shroton Church.

*Any questions? Judith Hewitt 861565*



## Lunch and Chat... with a Side Order of History!

Ursula Goodall

Most of us were brought up in the age of weekly comics thudding onto the doormat (on a Thursday morning in my case and making me late for school) and I was reminded of a phrase from the Beano as I helped out at the 'Lunch and Chat'.

Not only was it a "Slap up Feed" (as they say in Dundee) but it had been organised that our minds were to be fed as well. A fish pie that would make Neptune jealous, peas, carrots and broccoli; a choice of Apple and

blackberry crumble or lemon cheesecake with cream or ice cream; tea or coffee and mint chocolate! A feast for body and mind because there was to be food for the brain.

The danger in these cases, however, can be that with good hot food taken, the head will nod as the illustrated talk takes place. Not in this village, not with the likes of Judith Hewitt on the history of where we live and Jim Bird on technical duty. It was a delightful, informative tour of Shroton through time with questions, laughter and enlightenment enthralling the gathering and not a closed eye in the house, or

rather village hall that was the school that had been.... Oh, don't take my word for it, ask Judith!

On my walk home I had to stop myself pointing at houses, perhaps disconcerting the owners if at home, by outwardly remarking on something that I now knew! It was a jolly way to spend a Spring day, thank you to everyone involved and perhaps you will be at the next Lunch? Try and catch Barbara for the date. You'll find her, like the rest of us, standing to consider our surroundings as she helps round the village.

## Log Season is Over - Jason MacIntosh

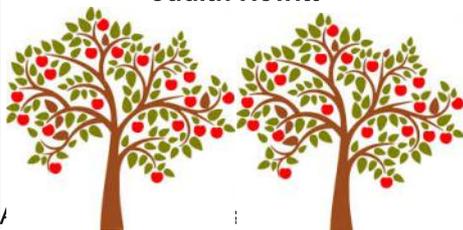
Another successful year supplying logs to the village is over. Even though it's been fairly mild we still delivered over 130 loads and have now run out until later this year.

I am endeavouring to sort out a more organised way of relaying the delivery schedule to you so I would ask if you please provide me with your email address so I can do a group email to everyone who is in the village.

Please don't wait for me to ask you if you would like some logs just drop me an email or text and I will let you know when we intend doing a delivery. We have had a few enquiries from outside of the village, I apologise in advance but we can only offer this to Shroton due to the method of delivery.

Dependant on the weather the next delivery will be late October this year. I know I have mentioned to a number of people that I was looking at giving it up due to work commitments. I will endeavour to continue it next season.

## Apple Trees and Wild Flowers on the Glebe Judith Hewitt



Ken, the old apple tree that has fallen over but still producing fruit, is about one hundred years old! Amazing! Ken has kindly tidied up the said tree and has also helped me to plant two cooking apple trees on the area. These are the last fruit trees to be planted.

The dry weather meant I could cut the grass one last time this spring. Please do not let dogs foul on the area and kindly keep to the path.

Look out for the new primroses and cowslips.

Any wildflower plants gratefully received.



## Letters to the Lines Friends of Blandford Hospital

The Friends of Blandford Hospital will hold their very popular Fashion Show at the Exchange, Sturminster Newton on Friday 15th April. The Spring/Summer Fashion show will feature High quality, "new to you" clothing at bargain prices and all clothing modelled in the show and much more will be on sale at the event. There will be a full range of both Ladies and gents clothing and accessories available for every occasion during the upcoming season, including lots of Prom dresses, wedding garments and some vintage items.

The Hospital Fashion Show is a great low cost way to update your wardrobe whilst enjoying a great evening out. By recycling our clothing we are not only saving money but doing our bit for the environment too, so another reason to come along to the Fashion Show. Tickets are only £5 each if purchased in advance from the Hospital charity shops in Barnack Walk, Blandford and Innes Court, Sturminster Newton, from Main reception at the hospital and also from The Exchange in Sturminster Newton directly. There may be a limited number of tickets available on the door at a cost of £7.50.

Further information is available at [www.friendsblandford.org](http://www.friendsblandford.org) or by telephoning 01258 451456"

Many thanks for your support as always,

Kind regards

**Emma Sisson**  
**Fundraising Co-ordinator**  
**Friends of Blandford Hospital**  
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## Free service for the over 50s in Dorset

Just to remind you about POPP. POPP is A FREE SERVICE available to help the over 50's in Dorset to access information and improve facilities in their local area.

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voluntary car schemes, memory cafés, exercise classes, tea dances and walking groups. Local older people with an idea for a project, service or amenity, or a concern about a service being lost or changed, should get in touch with their local Tarrant Valley POPP Champion is: Christine Stone – 07971 338655

Phyllis Watt is the Tarrant Valley POPP Wayfinders and provides support to individuals or a family member or friend who needs a helping hand to find out about the services and support available in the area. Phyllis will always try and find an answer, whatever the question. The team have a large list of contacts and information on a variety of topics, including: Fire Service home safety checks, health services, support for carers, home aids, home care, food, transport, benefits and social activities such as lunch.

Tarrant Valley POPP Wayfinder is: Phyllis Watt 07971 338610  
For more information about Dorset Partnership for Older People Programme (POPP) go to Help and Care 0300 111 3303 or visit [www.helpandcare.org.uk](http://www.helpandcare.org.uk)

**Christine Stone**

## Neighbourhood Watch

Dorset police are reverting back to Neighbourhood Watch, which incorporates Homewatch, Church watch, Farm watch, Horse watch etc. Anyone who wishes to receive Neighbourhood watch information can do so directly from Dorset Police by completing the form online, on the Dorset Alert website. This line of contact with the Police can be two way. Dorset Police are positive that this new system can actively help to prevent crime in the county.

**Judith Hewitt**

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### Life Lines: Hazel Ward



Hazel is one of the Village Hall Committee and a key organiser of some of the community events held in Shroton over the years. Many will know her as the resident dog - sitter and dog- walker, though she has no pet dog of her own! She is also a keen maker of preserves from produce on her allotment.

Hazel has had a varied and interesting career: born in London, she lived in Dublin till she was five years old, later becoming an "Essex girl". She has four children, and when the youngest was five, she went to the University of Hertfordshire which was nearest her home, as a mature student. While a young mother she had various jobs such as an Avon cosmetics agent and a teacher assistant, but after her degree she did research for the South East Economic Development Strategy. She also worked as Project Manager for youth counselling and at a volunteer bureau. She then took a Post - 16 teaching qualification and worked as a lecturer in various colleges in the South East. This eventually led her to The Blandford School where she taught Health and Social Care as well as some Sociology and Psychology in the sixth form.

#### How many years in Shroton?

Twelve years, since 2004.

#### Favourite film?

*Father Goose* is an easy favourite as it was loved by her children who knew it so well they even listened to a home-made audio recording of it when they went on car journeys in the holidays!

#### Taste in music?

Almost everything! I enjoy all kinds,

including Vaughan Williams, The Beatles, Elvis Presley, and a mixture of pop, jazz, folk and and country music.

#### A recent influential book?

*The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing*, by Marie Kondo.

#### Food heaven?

'I enjoy cooking and as a vegetarian and like to be inventive with whatever is in the cupboard, but when out I often choose Italian food because I love the tomato sauces and all the cheeses.'

(She is about to go on a 3 day *Flavour of Sicily* cookery course near Oxford which she won in a WI draw.)

#### What is an important lesson life has taught you?

'Stop hanging onto things! As a very untidy person with far too much "stuff" for my small house I recently discovered the book about decluttering [mentioned above], and the art of folding clothes..... Whilst I have just started this process I have a long way to go I feel that to 'clear the clutter' is an important lesson at my time of life so as to create more space in my home and head; hopefully this means less tidying and more time for other things!' She has even ventured to sell things on eBay!

#### Dreams for the future?

To explore Italy more and enjoy eating there.

#### A best experience?

Going to university as a mature student: I discovered I loved learning!

#### A most unusual experience?

Walking on the glaciers in Norway and seeing the blue of the melt waters as they streamed down beneath the ice; I kept a bottle of melt water for years afterwards, till it had quite evaporated!

#### What single thing would improve the quality of your life?

Being able to drive again, a possibility on the horizon for me. Failing that, a train station here or in Blandford!

#### Best thing about Shroton?

It is a friendly inclusive community where I feel I can do things and be involved in the life and events of the village. I enjoy country life!

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### "The Shroton Lines Needs You"

This is your magazine, so you are encouraged to submit or suggest any articles you would like to see published in forthcoming issues. Please contact the Editor at shrotonlines@gmail.com

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**Shroton Parish Website:**

**www.shroton.org**

## Parish Council News for Shroton Lines April 2016 Edition

Revised Library Schedules Can now be viewed on the noticeboard at the “Cricketers” bus shelter noticeboard.

Fly Tipping – at the Old Rectory (former mini recycling area) and on New Field Road

The Parish Council has reported the instances of fly tipping at the above locations to the Dorset Waste Partnership, DCC and Spectrum Housing (Old Rectory). Illegally dumping waste can be very harmful to animals and the environment, and can lead to the pollution of land and watercourses. Fly tipping can also harm human health and be detrimental to the quality of life for the people living around such incidents. A large refrigerator was left at the Old Rectory location, which is not only harmful to our environment but also potentially lethal to children playing or exploring. Fly tipping is the illegal dumping of waste on any land and you can report fly tipping online [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com) under Recycling & Rubbish – Street Cleaning & Litter

## Annual Parish Meeting 18 May 2016

The Annual Parish Meeting 18th May 2016 May at 7:00 pm in the Shroton Village Hall – this is your opportunity to find out what the Parish Council have been doing on your behalf during the last year and what they are likely to be getting up to in the next 12 months. Please could all attendees be seated by 6:55 pm for a prompt 7:00 pm start? The April 2016 Parish Council Meeting will take place on completion of the Annual Parish Meeting.

## Parish Council Vacancies

Volunteers are urgently needed to join the Parish Council. The Parish Council urge residents of the Parish to consider supporting the work and involvement of the council in the life of this community. Please feel able to talk to one of the Parish Councillors or the Parish Clerk about the role of the Parish Council and its council members.

## Parish Council Documents and Information

A record of Parish Council meetings, subsequent actions, information and consultations are available for inspection on the Parish website together with details of current planning applications and works to trees applications.

## Nuisance Telephone Calls

Dorset Trading Standards Office sent this information onto me. I think some readers might find the information below really useful in helping people stop nuisance telephone calls. Nuisance calls remain a source of annoyance and frustration for many; and for some they can cause anxiety or involve scams and fraud. OFCOM, the communications regulator, has hard copies of a short guide that you can obtain as a consumer experiencing problems with such calls. The guide is in an ‘Easy Read’ format, which presents information clearly and simply, using pictures to support the meaning of the text. This guide has information on the different types of nuisance call, tips for reducing such calls, and on how to complain about them. You can see a copy of the guide here: <http://consumers.ofcom.org.uk/files/2014/05/easy-read-nuisance-calls-guide.pdf>. You can find further advice for consumers on nuisance calls on OFCOM’s website: <http://consumers.ofcom.org.uk/phone/tackling-nuisance-calls-and-messages/>, including a short educational video guide, which is available in subtitles to help people with hearing impairments.