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Diary Dates This Month

3rd Aug	Rubbish (Black) Coffee Morning 6.00 Petanque 7.30 Village Hall Meeting
4th Aug	Pie night
8th Aug	10.05-10.50am Mobile Library
10th Aug	Recycling (Green) Coffee Morning
11th Aug	Pie Night
17th Aug	Rubbish (Black) Coffee Morning 6.00 Petanque 7.00pm Parish Council
18th Aug	Pie Night
22nd Aug	10.05-10.50am Mobile Library
24th Aug	Recycling (Green) Coffee Morning 6.00 Petanque
25th Aug	Pie Night
30th Aug	10.05-10.50am Mobile Library
31st Aug	Rubbish (Black) Coffee Morning 6.00 Petanque

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Attached: Entry Forms and Programme for the Summer Show in September.

Homemade Cream Teas in the Church - in aid of the Church Bell Fund

Judith Hewitt

A BIG Thank you to EVERYONE who has supported this event so far - by providing the cakes, serving them or by eating them. As I write we have raised over £240 with 2 more Sundays to go. On Sunday afternoon, 31 July, the Church bells will be expertly rung by the local ringers. If anyone is interested in having a go please come along and talk to Malcolm Trowbridge, the Tower Captain. There is also a small display of

Village History to read whilst you eat and drink. (You can have as many 'free' tea or coffee top-ups as you like!)

If the fund target is successful the renovation work is due to start in December 2016/January 2017, and the bells will be out of action for a few weeks. The removal of the bells from the tower will certainly be a memorable occasion.

Any donations towards the Church Bell Fund will be gratefully received.



Villagers and visitors supporting the Bell Fund!

Shroton Summer Show – Saturday 3rd September Hazel Ward

It will be not long now until our wonderful annual summer show. Attached to these Lines you will find another copy of the programme along with the entry forms (paper copy only) you will need to join in the fun this year. We have introduced some new challenges this year for example, a loaf of brioche and some coconut ice! The photographic section includes categories such a food and weather and we seem to have had plenty of that this year and the gardeners amongst us are groaning in despair! Hopefully things will pick up and there will be plenty of produce to display. To keep the children occupied during the long summer holidays they could have a go at making a Lego house, drawing a picture of the Queen or producing a crown made from fruit or vegetables. Of course there are still all the traditional favourites such as homemade jams and pickles, sweet

peas and dahlias, onions, handicrafts and much, much more. We also have the a new Elizabethan Cup this year for the best single flower, and would like to thank Alan Morris for donating the cup.

Entries need to be brought to the hall between 10.30 and 12noon on the day (no entries accepted after 12 noon) and at 2.30pm everyone can come and admire the wonderful display, have tea & cake and applaud the winners (entry 50p). Both sides of the entry forms need to be completed and returned with the covering slip at the latest by 6pm on Tuesday 30 th August to either The Thatched Cottage or Autumn Cottage together with the entry fee(s). You can also obtain additional entry forms from both these addresses, from The Cricketers or at the Wednesday Coffee morning in the village hall. We are sorry but no late entries can be accepted so get yours in early.

We do hope you will feel really inspired to join in with one of the most popular events in the Shroton Summer Calendar.

Editorial - Ena Rees

Dear Everyone,

Complications don't usually happen when convenient, and so it is with this edition of the Lines. Having been to Ireland for a holiday, I tried to be ready with much of this Issue as possible before we left - but the village photocopier is now officially defunct and I am rushing to squeeze in all the articles and find a printing solution. However, it may be that those of you who get a paper copy will receive it late: sorry.

As you will see, there is an extended 'Life Lines' article this time, which I hope you will find as interesting as I did when interviewing; this was definitely a case of having to edit as Malcolm had so much to tell! (Not including stuff which I think must still be top secret, because of the kind of work he was doing.)

It is great that the Bell Fund cream tea initiative has gone so well and this has been another opportunity for villagers to meet informally, either as helpers or indulgers - or both!

Coming home from the Emerald Isle we were missing the quiet roads and the wealth of fuschia, hydrangea, membresia and other wild flowers of the south west Irish countryside, but what a treat to see Jane Morris's wild flower garden as we drove into the village - full of colour and variety.

Congratulations, Jane! You have been and much more successful than me with my dried up pots of wildflowers which had been doing fine till we went away. Our wild flower patch on The Glebe is also beginning to thrive now, thanks to Judith Hewitt's efforts, so hopefully the local bees will start to reap the benefits too.

Getting back into the swing of village life, I managed to get to a very sociable Coffee Morning session. Don't forget this is open to everyone, even parents with children who are normally in school! I have been persuaded to join the petanque players for a game this evening. This is not something for which I have an aptitude, but they say it's good to learn new skills. Again, newcomers welcome! Best regards, Ena

Village Hall News

Anne Pearson

As many of you will know, Malcolm and Sarah Cavan will soon be leaving Shroton and moving back to Teddington to be closer to their family. They will be sadly missed by so many of us. I will always remember Malcolm dressed as a 'Lost Boy' telling us that he hadn't had a bath in years! So, we are organising a 'Farewell Party' for them both at the Village Hall on Saturday, August 6th from 6.30. p.m. Please bring a plate of finger food to share; we will provide the drinks.

Just a reminder that the Village Show is on 1st September and we're hoping to have even more entries this year.

Then on September 17th, we're holding a Table Top Sale – basically a Car Boot Sale without the car!

Looking further ahead to October, we have one of our ever popular Quiz Nights and Apple Pressing Day. More details to follow...

Not long now until the schools break up and the children will be playing out on the Glebe – hopefully, in the sunshine! Happy holidays everyone and hope to see you on August 6th.

Shroton Wildflower and Fruit Tree Area - the Third Summer

Judith Hewitt

Update- Hurray! At last we have some wild flowers and best of all we have Yellow Rattle growing in various places.

The grass is extremely long but this will only deplete once Yellow Rattle is established all over the area.

The whole area will be cut in early August so then it should look tidier. Any physical help will be gratefully received.

I will be sowing more yellow rattle seeds in early Autumn. I also want to remove a small amount of turf nearest Rectory gardens- if anyone has a rotavator please let me know.

Please deter your children from playing in the long grass- precious flowers have been broken so they cannot drop seed - and also the risk from small ticks is high. I pulled 4 off me after picking up the cut grass last year!

Thank you for your patience!

Judith 861565



Child Okeford and Shroton WI

Our next meeting is on:
Monday 12th September
2pm

Child Okeford Community Centre
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Ponder the difference between want and need?

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With rivers to swim and mountains to climb;
Music to hear, and books to read;
Friends to cherish, and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there,
With the sun in your eyes and the wind in your
hair;
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain,
This day will not come round again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go (and go you must)
You yourself will make more dust.

Rose Milligan

The above poem was sent in by Kate Parry- Evans. It is possible she is trying to justify her work as an artist, but actually this poem offers a healthy reminder about 'YOLO' - you only live once. Thank you Kate.

(Any more poems from anyone would be most welcome. ~ Editor)

Life Lines: Malcolm Cavan



Photo of Malcolm taken on the Bolivian expedition.

I knew beforehand I would have my work cut out when I asked Malcolm for an interview: he is a man of action, and always busy with projects and initiatives! It was urgent to get this interview done, however, as he and Sarah will soon be leaving the area to live closer to his family in Middlesex. There they will have the grandchildren, tennis courts down the road and an abundance of bridge clubs! - Quite a demanding mix for someone who will be 80 next January!

Malcolm was born in Twickenham in 1937, the son of a Master Baker, who founded his bakery in 1929. His father died when he was only 12 years old and he credits his mother with realising he was lazy at prep school and sending him off to Halliford School where he discovered a love of team sports and learnt about work, personal organisation and discipline. He chuckled when he admitted he had failed his 11+ and that he left school to join the Marines after his 'O' levels in 1955. (His subsequent career has not been short of achievements!) **(Cont'd p.7)**

Shroton Cricket Club Fixtures

Senior Team Matches

6th August	Wimborne & Colehill	Away
13th August	Ferndown	Away
20th August	Cerne Valley	Home
27th August	Hamworthy Rec	Away

Note from Editor:

Apologies for forgetting to alter the dates in last month's Issue! I do hope any potential spectators were able to find out what was going on!

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Meetings are held at 2pm on 2nd MONDAY of each month at:

The Community Centre, Station Road, CHILD OKEFORD, DT11 8EL

The WI plays a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills, to take part in a wide variety of activities and to campaign on issues that matter to our communities.

We are a lively group with growing membership from within the village and from our neighbouring villages including Shroton and Okeford Fitzpaine .

Our activities are non-party political, non-denominational and include support for local as well as national events. They include informative talks and activities on a wide variety of subjects, national concerns and issues, in addition to craft and cookery demonstrations.

We enjoy taking part in village activities and are becoming known for our fashionable and appropriate headwear for these events.

Visitors to our meetings are most welcome and the fee is £3.50

The annual subscription is £37.50 per annum that includes membership of our local institute, Dorset County Federation, National Federation and the magazine. New members will pay a pro-rata subscription depending on the quarter in which they join.

Forthcoming events are : 2016

13 June 'From Crackerjack to Candleford with Jean Stewart, former BBC Make Up Artist

11 July Summer Outing Country Walk and Cream Tea at Willows Tea Rooms, Shillingstone

August No Meeting

12 Sept Felt making workshop with local artist Rose Hatcher plus Bring and Buy stall

10 Oct A History of Tea
Tea themed talk with Anne White

14 Nov Christmas Crafts
Practical session led by Linda Whatman

12 Dec Christmas Celebration
Seasonal lunch, fun & games at The Saxon Inn, Child Okeford.

2017

9 Jan Travel Talk
led by experienced traveller - Mike Spencer

13 Feb Dorset Button Making with Brenda Skaife,
President Shaftesbury Morning WI
Institute Bring and Buy stall

13 March To be arranged

10 April Annual Meeting

Other events, where we link up with other local WI groups, are also arranged

throughout the year.

Come and join us!

Also if you would like to know more about our past, "The History of Child Okeford WI" by Kate St George was published in 2005. Copies are available at our meetings They can be signed by the author, a long serving member of this WI and our current archivist.

For further details about our WI and our programme

contact Gaynor Cox on 01258 861145 or email us at :

childokefordwi@gmail.com

Letters to the Lines

Affordable Art Exhibition and Sale

From Saturday 13th August until Saturday 20th. The Friends of Blandford Hospital are hosting an Exhibition and Sale of locally painted pictures and in addition to the range of framed art on display, there will also be a selection of specially designed greetings cards featuring Joan's work.

The organiser and main contributor is Joan Capron who, as a volunteer, is responsible for the shop window displays in the Charity's Barnack Walk shop. Joan paints in watercolour, acrylic, pen and pastel. She is always excited to learn new techniques and enjoys experimenting with new products. Texture as well as colour interests her and she paints on silk and wood as well as paper.

Over the past 10 years she has held

5 exhibitions for charity. These have been successful because she and her friends donate their paintings and therefore they can be sold at very reasonable prices. Total donation also means that 100% of all proceeds can go to the local charity of their choice. This year Blandford Hospital will benefit so please try and find time to visit the shop in Barnack Walk to view the work on display.

Further information regarding the art exhibition or any of the Charity's events and fundraising activities can be obtained by calling 01258 451456"

Many thanks for your support

Kind regards,
EMMA SISSON

**Fundraising Co-ordinator
Friends of Blandford Hospital
01258 451456**

Beech Cottage Garage Fire

Penny and I would like to express our huge thanks to all who stepped in and

gave us such valuable support when our belongings were destroyed in a garage fire earlier this month. Even while the remains of our possessions were still smouldering we were overwhelmed by the kindness, consideration and offers of help expressed by the wider Shroton community. Every kind offer made such a difference to us as we battled a range of emotions throughout the day. Whether it was the offer of food or furniture, child sitting or clearing up, it all helped enormously through that day and those that followed. We really hope we have managed to catch up and thank everybody in person. As the dust settles, we count ourselves lucky that nobody was hurt and that we chose to move into the close knit and supportive community that Shroton has already proven to be. A big thank you to one and all.

Chris and Penny Middle, Beech Cottage, Main Street.

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At The Royal Marines Depot in Deal, Kent, Malcolm continued his education and reckons he was offered a Corps Commission on the strength of his rugby playing! He thrived on his Commando training and in 1956 joined 42 Commando. In 1958 he was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Marines and joined the Young Officers of YO16 Batch. These guys still hold a lunch reunion in Dorset every year, and a posh "do" every 10 years. It is their 60th anniversary coming up, and clearly Malcolm relishes the prospect! In 1961 Malcolm saw his first active service in the 1st Iraqi Kuwait Gulf War [no bullets fired!] He was sent to the desert which on reflection he was glad about because it was clean and dry, albeit hot, compared to the jungle. An amphibious force was established in the Persian Gulf, in Bahrain, where Malcolm worked.

Back in Greenwich he captained the Royal Naval College First XV Rugby Team. While there he and 4 chums who loved skiing set their sights on Skeleton Racing at the one and only St Moritz Toboggan Club. He was picked to represent the Royal Navy and won the UK Inter Services Lord Trenchard Trophy in 1969. In 1970, he founded and formed the Royal Navy Bob Sled team,

after a business man from Stockton on Tees, one magnificent George Cinnamond, offered to sponsor the team with two Bob sleds, The Team is still going strong and a Navy Team came 4th in the Two Man Bob in the last Winter Olympics. From what I can gather, Malcolm thought this was a great life, and he had fun going to the pub every night!

He was sent to Poole in 1962 and back to Bahrain in 1964. He then spent some time in Devon training young officers. Graham Dunlop, who gave the Gallipoli Talk last November, was one of his students, and a very good one too. It was during this period that Malcolm told me of a particular escapade. (Check out his 'Most unusual experience' account below.) He thinks his most testing role was as Parade Adjutant in the Royal Marines Depot in Deal, Kent, but his rigger with 'Blackheath' kept him sane. It was there that he met Sarah who was a Sister in The Queen Alexander's RN Nursing Service working in the Sick Bay; they were married in church at the Depot in 1967.

In 1969 he vividly remembers finding out about the birth of his first child via an announcement. He was back in St Moritz with the Navy Team. One day in a training run he'd just arrived at the finish, exhausted, when he heard over the Broadcast from the Tower "Hello Big

Daddy! You've just become a father to Annabel" which rang down the Valley and he remembers this as one of the happiest moments of his life. Benjamin was born in 1971 and Toby in 1974. In 1970 Malcolm became a Company Commander in 41 Commando and was sent to Malta. When the families were sent home in 1972 the Commando went to the British Virgin Islands for training but via Florida and Disney World (Not the sort of treat ordinary employees can expect!)

From 1973 Malcolm returned to Poole and in 1975 there was another posting, this time to Virginia USA and the US Marine Corps Staff College. Back in Poole in 1976 they bought their house in Farrington and Malcolm ended his Royal Marine days in 1980. This was to mark a turning point in his career, but not to one less full of adventures!

In 1981 "new horizons opened up" when Malcolm was invited to join Control Risks Ltd, a company that has grown because of its knowledge and experience of crisis management. By now it was clear to me that this was the perfect job for Malcolm who freely admits to recklessness. He regularly went off to foreign parts for 3 weeks at a time, and then returned to Sarah, who kept the home fires burning, with the occasional game of bridge! This was rewarding
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work because Malcolm loved, from his knowledge, experience and understanding of extremist and major crimes, his role as a problem-solver, and to help other people in crisis.

Retirement in 2000 did not really mean slowing down much! In 2006 he joined the Scientific Exploration Society based in Motcombe and went on an expedition to a remote area of Bolivia to discover evidence of an early civilisation. This opportunity arose because of his canoeing experience - he had done the 120 mile Devises to Westminster Canoe Race in 1963, and for the expedition trained in white water rafting in Bala, North Wales, to test whether he was up to the challenge in his mid 60s!

In short, Malcolm has led an exciting life, driven by his enthusiasms for skiing, which Sarah and the family shared, by rugby, and by his insatiable taste for adventures!

How long in Farrington?
39 years.

Favourite TV programmes?
Antiques Road Show.

Taste in Music.
Broad, all types. Malcolm was a choir boy from the age of 8, so he loves Church Music, but also classics and Pop of the 50s.

Food heaven?
Roast Beef cooked by Sarah at home .

Most Unusual Experience?
For me, this was the clincher! Malcolm told the following story and it seemed a mixture of James Bond, Whisky Galore and a Famous Five Adventure! While working in Devon, a Navy Diving chum invited him to join an expedition to search for the Dutch ship, De Leifde, which sank off the coast of Out Skerrie in The Shetland Islands in 1711. This was to be a treasure hunt, so of course Malcolm agreed at once and illicitly "borrowed" some diving gear from a Naval Training Centre, took some Leave, and set off with his four friends who had commissioned a motor boat in the Norfolk Broads. They had only reached Northumberland when they hit a very bad storm, but clung on in terrible conditions, finally reaching Out Skerrie, the northernmost Shetland Island.

There were two divers on board, but

diving apparatus for only one, so Malcolm did the first dive the day after they arrived. He went down 50ft but could see only kelp, and little patches of sand and rock. Then he noticed what looked like black ringlets in the sand, and on investigation used his knife to prize a black ring loose from the tar in which it was embedded. He had found the treasure trove of coins!

In true pioneer spirit, Malcolm disregarded one of the first rules of diving by detaching his buoyancy marker and tying it to a rock near the treasure, and surfaced with much gesticulation and excitement to tell his incredulous mates what he had seen. Having confirmed they had found a large deposit of silver coins, their mission was accomplished, though they hadn't had permission to go treasure hunting in the first place!

When they returned to Scotland a generous fisherman gave them an enormous lobster which was later returned to the sea when the intrepid, sea-sick sailors hit another storm. They only just managed to get the boat to Wick, where they abandoned the vessel on the shore and sent a message to the owner that the boat was not seaworthy. They booked a room in a hotel where they took it in turn to have baths - complete luxury after their 10 days without washing on this Spartan expedition. They didn't even spend the night there, however, but caught a train to London. The Times and Telegraph both reported their amazing story, so when Malcolm returned from Leave he was called before his Commanding Officer. He explained that he was on Leave and had thought it was like deciding to take the dog for a walk... Somehow, yours truly wriggled out of trouble and got off scot-free!

What single change would improve your life?
"I wish I had tried harder when I was young."

What is an important lesson has life taught you?
"I always like to take a positive attitude; I am perhaps a risk-taker (!) beneath it all, but that makes life exciting."

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