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Diary Dates This Month

- 1st July Junior Cricket 6.00-7.00pm
- 3rd July 2.00-5.00pm Cream teas in church
- 6th July Rubbish (Black)
Coffee Morning
6.00 Petanque
7.30 Village Hall Meeting
- 7th July Pie night
- 8th July Junior Cricket 6.00-7.00pm
- 10th July 2.00-5.00pm Cream teas in church
- 11th July 10.05-10.50am Mobile Library
- 13th July Recycling (Green)
Coffee Morning
7.00pm Parish Council
- 14th July Pie Night
- 15th July Junior Cricket 6.00-7.00pm
- 17th July 2.00-5.00pm Cream teas in church
- 20th July Rubbish (Black)
Coffee Morning
6.00 Petanque
- 21st July Pie Night
- 22nd July Junior Cricket 6.00-7.00pm
- 23rd July Family Hill Walk
- 24th July 2.00-5.00pm Cream teas in church
- 25th July 10.05-10.50am Mobile Library
- 27th July Recycling (Green)
Coffee Morning
6.00 Petanque
- 28th July Pie Night
- 29th July Junior Cricket 6.00-7.00pm
- 31st July 2.00-5.00pm Cream teas in church

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The Queen's BIG Birthday Party

Ena Rees



(Clockwise from left) Referee supervises 'match of the day'; parachute games; the tea party; the band tune up in readiness for guests.



What luck that the rain held off and we could enjoy the Queen's birthday celebrations on The Glebe and in a very festively decorated Village Hall afterwards!

The afternoon got off to a good start when the young footballers were already warming up on the pitch, (carefully demarcated by Alan Morris in preparation for kick-off), half an hour before the match! The two teams lined up to stand quietly for the playing of the National Anthem, then the trophy and its stand were removed, the referee (Alan) blew the whistle, all in a very ceremonious way which set the tone for an impressive game where the subtlety of the footballing skills from many of the players left spectators full of admiration. In a good-humoured and energetically-contested match, both sides acquitted themselves well, the final score was 7 - 5. The trophy was duly presented by Chairperson Anne Pearson and thanks were offered to all those who had worked on the grapevine to arrange the teams, and to Alan for his superb

organisation of the whole event.

Jess Hewitt appeared just as the match ended, complete with the colourful parachute which many youngsters - and several adults(!) - enjoyed using. Jess capably and equably managed the enthusiasm of the group in a range of imaginative games which seemed to involve running under the parachute when it was raised, or playing 'Cat and Mouse' which called for someone under and someone on top of the parachute - clearly a favourite with the agile younger players.

Soon, the rounders match was underway, consisting of a happy mix of adults and children in single gender teams of varying ages and talents. There was a very fast and eager early performance from Dorothy Mower who was keen to score a rounder and set younger team members an example, and some nifty fielding kept the pressure on as more team players were enlisted to boost our total. Then the men's team came in to bat and Mike Jones scored a run at considerable speed,
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Editorial - Ena Rees

Dear Everyone,

Like some others in the village, we had visitors here who came to join the Big Party, and like them, they could not fail to feel impressed by the warmth and hospitality of the occasion, both on The Glebe and in the Hall. It was great fun and seemed to go like clockwork - though of course there was some anxious organisation that went on beforehand!

I was unable to be here for the other big event in June, the History of Shroton exhibition, but am delighted to report that this was a well-attended and much appreciated event; in this case the bad weather almost seemed to make it even more appealing to enjoy afternoon tea with neighbours and plenty to make the occasion interesting for everyone. (Don't forget that there will be further opportunities to see the exhibition at the cream teas served in the Church each Sunday in July.)

Meanwhile, it is lovely to see the play park and Glebe being well-used by families making the most of good weather and safe space to play, and also to realise that while I am working in the garden I can hear others similarly occupied. It is so good to be able to be outside!

I have spoken to several villagers who have opted to invest in or renovate bicycles in an effort to get fit and to enjoy the countryside. We are so lucky to have the Blandford to Sturminster Newton Trailway, which is a safe and pleasant route in which ever direction we choose from here, but beware trying to use the A350: NOT to be recommended! The 'Blandford Parkrun' is another option worth considering, either as a volunteer marshall or as a runner, not that I am an expert - I've done it twice, just to keep our sons company when they have visited us - not that I can keep up with them!! The route starts and ends at the bridge on the Trailway opposite the hospital car park at 9am on Saturdays, and anyone can register on line and join in, with a report on your timing and performance sent to you afterwards. Just a suggestion!

Village Hall News

Anne Pearson

I'd like to say that we woke up to blue skies and sunshine on the day of the Queen's Big Birthday Tea. But in reality, it was a rather damp Dorset morning prompting memories of the Queen's Jubilee lunch four years ago. Fortunately, the rain held off long enough to hold the football and rounders matches on the Glebe. Both events were run by Alan Morris who did a wonderful job, even providing a cup for the winning football team.

The heavens opened just as it was time for tea so we all hurried into the Village Hall. There, we were greeted by the Shroton Ukulele Band whose numbers were boosted by Nick Briggs on trumpet and Malcolm Trowbridge on melodeon. We were treated to a right royal selection of songs - a perfect accompaniment to a fabulous teatime feast.

Thank you to all those who came and brought food to share - the hall was packed! A big 'Thank you' must also go to the musicians and to our loyal band of helpers who set up and cleared away. We had a wonderful afternoon and we couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks also to Judith Hewitt and her team for The History Presentation which raised £139 and the bag collection, £136 - all proceeds to the Village Hall.

We're having a bit of a break now until the Village Show on 1st September. Meanwhile, we're thinking about activities for the Autumn. Jim Bird has already offered to put on a Quiz in October. If you would like to help organise an event, please do get in touch. We would really appreciate some fresh faces and some fresh ideas.

See you at the Village Show. Get growing, baking, sewing.....

Anne Pearson (01258 863892)



The winning team with trophy held high! (Right)

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opportunisticly taking advantage of an inexperienced fielding opposition, before we quite got the measure of the task. Nobody was injured, nobody minded too much if they were caught out, and nobody seemed to worry too much about the final score, but great excitement was generated with every bowl delivered, first by Jim Bird, a very considerate and amenable opponent, and then by Rosie Briggs, who had already distinguished herself as Player of the Match in the junior football game!

The move to the Village Hall for tea was all the more welcoming because the Shroton Ukulele Band, whose musicians and musical repertoire were boosted by guest musicians, struck up in time to create the party atmosphere and get things off to a swinging start. The table was laden with food the length of the Hall, and some guests had to wait their turn to get a seat, but with tea pots aplenty and some help manoeuvring platters of fare

Two star football teams, not in the least worn out after their challenging match! (Left)



from end to end, no-one could say they left the table without the feeling of having indulged in some special treats.

The Band played the traditional 'Happy Birthday' first for Sue Adam, and then for Her Majesty, and the mood of general jollification and good will seemed to infect everyone. Two of the Queen's favourite songs, 'I'm leaning on a lamp post' by George Formby and Fred Astaire's 'Cheek to Cheek' were played, and there would certainly have been dancing if there had been more room!

The fact that the heavens opened, creating a virtual river down Main Street, might have persuaded people to linger longer, but certainly no-one was in a hurry for the party to be over.

Miraculously, even the clearing up seemed fun and high spirits were maintained throughout! Thank you to the Village Hall Committee and volunteers, and to all who came and shared in such a memorable and happy occasion.

Treat For a Wet June Sunday Afternoon
Angela Carpenter

What a wonderful few hours we had in the Village Hall on Sunday. Views of Shroton in days gone by, memories and experiences of inhabitants, information about buildings, the people, the institutions - it would have taken much longer than the time available to peruse all the documents and photographs that Judith had mounted, bound and presented so usefully in chronological order.

One of my favourites was a striking poster from 1795 advertising the Fair and some of its attractions:

- A most stupendous Male Elephant
- A beautiful Zebra
- A fine young lion

Not in quite the same league as ferrets and Morris Dancers!

In 1509, we learned, Robert Harry's (sic) (a Monk), became the Rector of Iwerne Courtney. He later became Rector of Christchurch Priory. The Chantry in the Priory used to pray for the souls of the affluent dead (believed to be a quick route through purgatory.)!

A tin of gold coins was found in the chimney of Hobnail Cottage – Keep looking, Issy, there may be more!

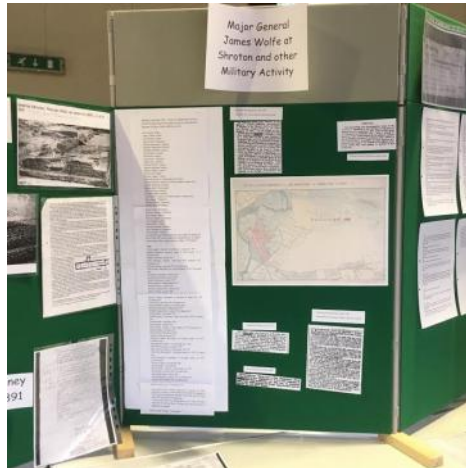
A piece from September 1858 entitled 'School Treat' told of 130 children at the village school who processed around the village carrying a profusion of flags and banners, headed by the brass band of the Shroton Musical Institution. This

was followed by a tea of plum cake, bread and butter and tea.

I wonder whether the Ukulele Band will appear in Shroton's history when the time comes.

There was much, much more, but too much for me to recollect. Thank you Judith for organising such a fascinating, interesting, enjoyable and entertaining afternoon for us all.

P.S. ~ 60 people visited and £139 was raised for Village Hall funds!



Please note that this exhibition will also be displayed in St Mary's Church on Sunday afternoons in July when cream teas will be sold in aid of the Bell Fund.

'The Diamond Connection'

- A novelist in Shroton!
Josephine Goodbody

I have lived in the village since 1985. My mother, Trisha Goodbody, taught my brother and I how to read and the love of reading and books... my first public reading was a lesson in our village church aged around 10 years old.

I have always wanted to write a book and having written my debut one in Mum's memory – it is now up for a prize!! The People's Book Prize – voted for by ... the people!

Please do vote for me – if I win I will donate part of my prize to the Brain Tumour Research Campaign for whom I raise money in Mum's memory... (I raised £1000 with the Hambleton Hill Run!).

The closing date to vote is July 10th

and the event is in London on July 12th and televised on SKY TV... !

And please do let me know if you would like a copy of my novel – I am offering them, signed, at a special price of £6.99 (instead of £8.99) for villagers! Or you can get it as an ebook on Amazon (www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B00TRFEQUY (UK£))

the link to register and vote is: <http://www.peoplesbookprize.com/finalist.php>

About the book:

The most expensive diamond necklace in the world is stolen during a high-profile charity gala in London. Jemima Fox-Pearl, Head of PR at fine jewellery house Vogel, travels between London, South Africa and New York in a bid to solve the crime, while unravelling

a century-old mystery of the Cullinan Diamond's fabled missing part. With love, intrigue, danger and disaster, The Diamond Connection is an enthralling read while Jemima is an exciting new heroine who readers will immediately love.

Thank you!!

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Shroton Cricket Club Fixtures

Senior Team Matches

4th June	<i>Wimborne and Colehill</i>	Home
11th June	<i>Ferndown</i>	Home
12th June	<i>Clayesmore (friendly)</i>	Home
18th June	<i>Cerne Valley</i>	Away
25th June	<i>Hamworthy Rec</i>	Home

Under 13 Fixtures

7th June	<i>Stur & Hinton</i>	Home
14th June	<i>Sherborne</i>	Away
21st June	<i>Kilmington & Stourton</i>	Away
28th June	<i>Shaftesbury Hawks</i>	Home

Under 11 Fixtures

9th June	<i>Stur & Hinton</i>	Home
16th June	<i>Shaftesbury</i>	Away
23rd June	<i>Kilmington Kings</i>	Away
30th June	<i>Blandford</i>	Away



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Parish Council News for Shroton Lines July 2016 Edition

Lizzie Kingsbury
Parish Clerk 16/06/16

Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Elector's Rights Parish Council Accounts for Year Ended 31 March 2016

This notice will be displayed in the Parish Council noticeboard outside the Village Hall from June 2016, and will be on the Parish website. Parish Council documents for complying with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities (Dec 2015) (as described last month) will be displayed on the Parish website and available for inspection by prior arrangement with the Parish Clerk at the times stated on the Notice of Appointment. Parish Councils with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000 are to publish: All items of expenditure above £100, the End of Year Accounts, the Annual Governance Statement, the Internal Audit Report, a list of Councillor or member responsibilities and the location of public land and building assets. The Parish Council Minutes, Agendas and papers of all formal meetings are displayed on the Parish website.

Public Path Stopping-Up Order – Public Footpath No 14

NDDC made this Order on 1 June 2016 Ref 7304/16 because it is satisfied that it is necessary to stop-up part of the footpath to enable the development at the Cricketers Inn to be carried out in accordance with planning permission granted for application 2/2015/1549/FUL. Public footpath No 14 Iwerne Courtney runs through the site of the proposed extension and the effect of this order is to reduce the width of part of the existing footpath to leave a remaining width of not less than two metres. The proposed stopping-up part of the footpath can be seen on the Parish website – Planning and on the noticeboard outside the village hall. Any representation about or objection to this order must be sent in writing to Assistant CEO, NDDC, Salisbury Road, DT11 7LL no later than 18 July 2016 stating the grounds on which it is made. The right of objection to an order is a statutory right, but it should be exercised in a reasonable manner. The costs involved in dealing with objections

to orders are normally awarded against objectors only in cases of unreasonable behaviour.

Public and School Transport

A further consultation for the proposals to reduce public transport now includes the potential reduction of costs for school transport. Please could I urge and encourage readers to have their say about the future of Dorset's transport network by completing a questionnaire at <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k+146435619248> The affected routes are displayed on the Parish website and there is a copy of the table of affected routes on the PC village hall noticeboard.

A new Parish Council Noticeboard

This will be located on the internal back wall of the Cricketers Inn bus stop shelter. Readers may remember the news item detailing the raft of documents requiring to be displayed for the electorate's information under the Transparency Code. The existing community noticeboard will be made into two separate noticeboards (for other village and community information) and replaced on the internal sidewalls of the bus shelter. This work is envisaged to commence toward the end of July 2016 and any inconvenience to regular advertisers during this time is much regretted.

Public and School Transport Cllr Sherry Jespersen:

cllr.s.jespersen@btinternet.com

Cllr Deborah Croney:

dcroney@north-dorset.gov.uk

Cllr Piers Brown:

padbrown@icloud.com

Dorset County Council is currently consulting a wide range of people about the proposals to reduce public transport subsidy a further £1m and will also need to reduce the cost of school transport services by £850k. The results of this consultation will help to decide how to proceed with the review and help to form the future shape of Dorset's transport network. You can have your say on Dorset's future transport network by completing the questionnaire. The consultation runs for eight weeks, ending on 22 July 2016. The outcome of this review will be implemented in summer 2017. DCC propose to prioritise remaining subsidy

on those core routes that are able to serve the most people and contribute the most to the economic wellbeing of the county. Core routes are the regular interurban services that link Dorset's towns and serve around 80% of Dorset's population. They also propose to open many more school services for use by the public, ensuring rural residents can access Dorset's market towns. DCC propose to work closely with community transport operators, community groups and councillors to develop Dorset's community transport network and also to work closely with operators to attempt to secure rural 'in-fill' routes. In-fill routes are rural services that operate between school opening and closing times, making use of empty vehicles travelling to and from schools services. The services due to be most affected will be the more rural routes so please do contact me directly with specific individual concerns you may. Impacts to individual circumstances will need to be highlighted to the County Council. The questionnaire can be found at: <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=146435619248>

Cream Teas

at

St Mary's Church

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July

2.00-5.00pm



Shroton's History Exhibition

on display in Church

In aid of Church Bell Fund



Hambledon Hill Family Walk 23rd July Sarah Davey



There will be a Hambledon Hill walk for families on 23 July 2016, meeting on The Glebe at 9.45am. All children must be accompanied by adults please.

On the walk up the hill we will be met by National Trust Ranger, Clive Whitbourn, who will explain about the archeology and wildlife up on the Hill.

Feel free to bring your lunch and have a picnic.

This is a fun event organized by Shroton Mums in coordination with the National Trust.

Booking is essential, so please RSVP your interest (for numbers) to: shrotonmums@yahoo.com

Please bring appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather and terrain.

A Change of Responsibilities -



for Brent Downes, Village Postman

For more than 38 years Brent has delivered the Royal Mail in this area, most of that time including Shroton.

He remembers Shroton when there were only two houses on The Glebe, when The Cricketers was The White Hart, and when there was a Post Office at the heart of the village!

However, Brent says not a lot has changed, and he asked if he could use the Shroton Lines to say a personal 'thank you' to all his well-wishers for their kindness and friendship. His new job, doing mail collections, will mean less getting in and out of the van, so hopefully will be an easier task as he works towards retirement.

Letters to the Lines

Walk for Wards

I will be taking part in the 'Walk for Wards' for Salisbury hospital Stars Appeal carrying my baby Liam, raising money for the NICU (neo-natal intensive care). Liam was born 10 weeks prematurely in October last year and spent 10 weeks in Salisbury NICU, where they looked after him so well - he was just 2lb 9oz at his tiniest. He suffered 'apnoea of prematurity' very badly and also has chronic lung disease, which meant he stopped breathing all the time in hospital and had a tough road to getting big and strong enough to come home. The doctors and nurses were absolutely amazing and he came home on his due date just before Christmas.

He's doing so well now, and has regular reviews at the hospital. Liam and I, and some of the mums and babies we met in NICU are walking as a team to raise money.

If anyone would like to sponsor us, you can find our page at

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/NICUteamwarrior which features all of our stories and photos.

You can also drop me an email at natasha.monaghan@hotmail.co.uk if anyone would prefer to sponsor just on a form, rather than a webpage.

Thanks very much,

Natasha Monaghan

(at the Ranston end of the village!)

Shroton's Defibrillator

As of the 23rd June, (a little later than expected) Shroton's very own Defibrillator went 'live' if you'll pardon the pun! It's on the front right hand side of the village hall, in a big round yellow box.

In the unfortunate event that you find yourself needing to use it, dial 999, the ambulance service have the code for the security box and will direct you on how to use it.

There will be a seminar on its use and for all your questions in due course, but for now rest assured its usable and all you have to do is listen to it.

Many thanks for your support

Sarah Davy & Sally Grieves

The Hayward Main Bridge

The project web page has been updated with the current progress of the scheme and new photos of work on the bridge are also now available.

I'd be grateful if you could share this information within your community.

Kind regards

Kerry Hall

Communications Officer | Dorset Highways

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Happy 90th Birthday!

Friends of Sheila McNaughtan would like to congratulate her on her 90th birthday. She lived in Littleport, Main Street, until she moved to Millbrook House, Child Okeford, and likes to keep up to date with news from the village via the Shroton Lines.

Ena Rees

Moving House Ena Rees



Best wishes to Steve Edwards and Ali Pickford who have now moved into Woodhaven, where they intend to stay! They have lived in three different houses in Shroton. Luckily, they managed to complete the move before the weather became unpredictable and caused problems - other than hot work!

Welcome to Stuart and Anna Merritt and their two young children who have moved into The Laurels while they renovate their house in Blandford, and best wishes for your building project!

And finally, best wishes to Bryan and Judith Burrows who are moving to Wales for a new adventure, after sixteen years in Shroton. Shroton Cricket Club and Riding for the Disabled will miss you, as will all of us who have known and shared laughter - and lots of memories - with your family over the years.

Life Lines: Eric Ball

I have my own particular reason to think of Eric as a special person: one day, when he was out working on the cricket field he saw our younger son, at a very young age, abandoned by his older friend on the hill and Eric brought him home to us - not something I am ever likely to forget.

It was quite a surprise when Eric began the interview by commenting that he had lived in our house when he was about 5 years old! Born in Poole, he moved several times locally and has lived in 5 different houses in Shroton, 37 years in his current home.

Eric's grandfather was farrier for Ranston Estate for 30 years Eric worked as a thatcher, first for Jack Martin, and then for his son, Rodney. He and his wife, Christine, were at school together from junior school onwards, though he tells me at junior school he thought she was a real bully! However, when he was 17 he managed to tempt her into his car... because he had a car radio and they could listen to Radio Luxembourg!

They were married when he was only 21, 43 years ago, on St Patrick's Day in Fontmell Magna chapel, and had two sons. At first, working Saturdays and a young family meant cricket was not a feature of their lives, but as everyone knows, without Eric and Christine the Shroton Cricket Club might not be the thriving community it has become. Eric took over as groundsman about 27 years ago, from Bob McCrae, and Christine keeps the score book; Eric and his two sons have played and supported the Shroton teams ever since the boys were old enough to join in, in 1982. Eric also puts in lots of time as an umpire for them.

Christine and Eric now have 4 grandchildren, and are currently much involved in the huge junior cricket turnout on a Friday night where there have been

as many as 52 youngsters turning up for training. All these teams are proving remarkably successful, though he tells me more coaches are needed to help with the Friday night turnouts.

How long in Shroton?

48 years.

Favourite TV programmes?

Discovery channel on Sky, anything to do with nature, Alaska, animals and sport are key favourites for Eric.

Taste in music?

Elkie Brooks - he has been a massive fan all his working life, and fortunately Christine shares this enthusiasm too!

Food heaven?

Eric will always choose a gammon steak or a Chinese meal if they are eating out. He tells me Christine is a good cook, but very messy! (He tends to be on washing-up duty.)

What is an important lesson life has taught you?

"Don't moan, get on with life: there is always someone worse off than you are."

A best experience?

When Neil Armstrong walked on the moon Eric witnessed the whole breath-taking achievement on the television at the house where he was working at the time.

Memorable holidays?

Eric loves flying, and despite having to book holidays around the cricket match fixtures he has always managed to fit in some travel. He loves Greece but his brother has a house in Spain so that is a frequent destination nowadays.

Most unusual experience?

Eric had a transient ischaemic attack (TIA) or "mini stroke" 12 years ago and he says he cannot praise the NHS highly enough. (He is saying this with recent reason to appreciate the NHS all over again.)

Best thing about Shroton?

Being here, the cricket and the involvement of the children in the game he loves, on the cricket ground he loves.

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