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Diary Dates This Month

5th Jul	Rubbish (Black) Coffee Morning
6th Jul	Pie Night at The Cricketers
7th Jul	Swing Train 5.30- 6.30pm
10th Jul	WI meeting, 2.00pm, The Association of Country Women of the World (ACWW) Child Okeford Community Centre
12th Jul	Recycling (Green) Coffee Morning
13th Jul	Pie Night at The Cricketers
14th Jul	Swing Train 5.30-6.30pm
19th Jul	Rubbish (Black) Coffee Morning
20th Jul	Pie Night at The Cricketers
21st Jul	Swing Train 5.30-6.30pm
26th Jul	Recycling (Green) Coffee Morning
27th Jul	Pie Night at The Cricketers
28th Jul	Swing Train 5.30-6.30pm

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SHROTON SUMMER FETE

Ena Rees

Despite the sun failing to shine on our main fund-raising event of the year, Shroton welcomed both locals and visitors to some afternoon fun, following the tradition of fetes all around England's villages at this time of year.

However, not all such fetes can boast a juniors' football match to kick off the afternoon: Alan Morris had everything under control and our young villagers played with gusto providing an exciting start to events. No-one could fail to be impressed by the footwork skills and energy of both boys and girls!

Similarly, the other key events: the Dog Show, the Children's Races run by Ros Chapman and Kirsten Vincent and Alan Morris's village Tug o' War, provided great entertainment.

The band, Jamarca, really helped the whole afternoon go with a swing and I heard various people singing along or exclaiming over the apt lyrics and sense of fun. A most enjoyable afternoon!

Dog Show

Mike Scott

Congratulations to Emily Scott and her first Shroton Fun Dog Show. Fresh management brought out the junior handlers in their droves and dogs of every size, breed and colour. We had: 'Awesome Eyes', 'Waggy Tails', 'Fancy Dress' and possibly, the 'Quickest Sausage-Catchers' in Dorset. Well done to all of you who entered.

Finally, a huge round of applause must go to Emma House who stepped in at the very last moment to be our judge for the day. Thank you Emma.



Editorial - Ena Rees

Dear Everyone,

Haven't we been lucky to have some real summer weather? Even for the fete, we managed the afternoon without rain... just!

The background to our village event is, as usual, a story in itself: meetings were held, folks gathered and bamboozled into helping and somehow the whole thing took place as master-minded by Alex Smith whose nerve was steady and focused, making sure everyone knew what was what, fielding problems and logistics, and generally smoothing ruffled feathers with patience and humour throughout!

The number of people who cheerfully turned up on Thursday to erect the marquee was amazing: for the first time since it was purchased the whole thing went up smoothly and efficiently under the guidance of foreman Darren Wheeler whose experience with such things was very much appreciated. None of that would have been so easy, if, beforehand, Barrie Mower hadn't nobly spent time searching for missing poles - no easy task among so many similar looking bits in the Village Hall store!

On Saturday morning, again folk rallied to the cause, and the supportive efforts of so many were appreciated hugely. A special mention has to be made of Lewis Trim(8), who single-handedly and with the enviable confidence of a much older worker, offered his services and solved problems, transported several heavy loads of books - not to mention carrying a long, heavy wooden trestle table from an upstairs room in our house all the way to the far side of The Glebe - and all with an eagerness to help and show initiative just because he knew he could. (Ben, Lewis's brother, was also a great help, opening doors and gates as needed, and keeping an eye on all our efforts.)

As ever, the fun of being in the village is largely down to getting involved and making things happen. Thank you to all those who helped and those who came to support the event!

Village Hall News

Anne Pearson

The Shroton Summer Fete was a real community event. We kicked off – literally! – with a children's football match and ended with a tug of war. Thank you, Alan, for presiding masterfully over both events. For me, the highlights of the afternoon were the Dog Show (dogs in fancy dress?) and the Children's Races. The look of concentration on those little faces as they managed to balance their 'egg' and run at the same time was priceless!

Meanwhile, there were various stalls, cream teas, face painting, games and some wonderful live music. We might have wished for a little sunshine but at least it didn't rain! I'd like to thank everyone who helped to make the afternoon such a success. There are far too many to mention but a big 'Thank You' must go to Alex Smith who organised and ran the whole event so efficiently.

We can relax a little now and enjoy the summer holidays before the next event – The Village Show on Saturday, 2nd September. Plenty of time to tend to the vegetables and nurture the flowers! Hope to see you all there.

Shroton Fete Funds

Before she escaped to Paris with her daughters who have just finished exams, Alex Smith was able to report that she thinks final takings for the fete will be about £1,200 which will be shared between St Mary's Church and our Village Hall. The Tombola, teas and plant stalls were the biggest earners, but all the sideshows and smaller stalls also made good contributions both to funds and to the general ambience of the day.

Well done all!



Lunch and Chat Outing

Barbara Briggs

On a beautiful warm June afternoon 14 of our 'Lunch and Chat' group gathered for an outing to the Barn Cafe at Lytchett Matravers. Clayesmore School kindly had lent us the use of a minibus with a driver, Helen. After manoeuvring some not so mobile people with wheelchair and zimmer into the bus and checking that all were belted in, we were off.

Beset by road-works and my misreading of the map, we nevertheless enjoyed the leafy meandering lanes and ancient bridge over the Stour at Spetisbury.

Eventually arriving at Barn Cafe, Bere Farm, we were given an excellent choice of cream teas, mouth watering cakes made in the adjoining Cookery School, and proper leaf tea with an egg timer to ensure the tea mashed to the optimum degree.

Our journey back in half the time was without incident, with much happy chatter and laughter. Back at Shroton we off-loaded carefully down the steep steps of the bus. (Jane, our oldest nonagenarian, exited nimbly.)

We thanked our driver, Helen, and Hazel, for their assistance.

Lunches will begin again in September.



Letters to the Lines

Tree Swing And Traffic Calming

Rebekah Knott (Terzaghi)

It saddens me to hear today that the swings have been taken down from the Glebe for insurance reasons. One simple question - why don't we draw up a disclaimer that all the parents of children, who want to continue being children and having fun, sign, acknowledging that they, the parents, take full responsibility for their child... if anything should happen. Many establishments do this, so why don't we? We, as parents, all grew up being able to climb trees, swing on swings and so on, so why should our children's generation miss out on such a natural part of growing up. Surely it is less damaging to their health to be outside enjoying themselves, socialising and having fun, than couped up inside on some 'blue-light' emitting gadget?

On another note, being a resident of Marysfield, I can only encourage everyone to put a stop to the fast driving cars up and down our road. If you had any idea as to the speed at which some of these selfish drivers reach perhaps you might be more proactive and less apathetic about ensuring that the village take control of our speed limits and road signage. Many kids now play around this road - they need to be able to play safely without worrying about being run over. As said before, many pets have been killed on this road, we don't want the next to be more catastrophic.

Bring back the swings!

Chris Pearson

How sad to no longer see the swings across the stream! They have been removed, bringing to an end days of innocent enjoyment for the children of our village. This imaginative initiative from young parents deserved supporting; instead, too many Council members saw only potential problems.

The swings were one of the best things to happen in the village in the five years I have lived here. Our grandson loved them and got so much out of playing on them and making friends with other children.

I'd like to urge one of the parents to immediately start up a petition for reinstating the swings. We would happily sign it.

Bring back the swings!

Charity Walk for Salisbury Hospital's Neonatal Unit

Tasha Monaghan

On Sunday 2nd July, my son, Liam and I will be taking part in Salisbury Hospital's 5k Walk for Wards event to raise money for the neonatal unit.

Liam was born 10 weeks early in October 2015 and was in the neonatal unit at SDH for 10 weeks before coming home on oxygen which he remained on for a further 2 months. He is now a strapping toddler and will be walking some of the route, and I will carry him for the rest of the way.

We made some good friends in the unit who were going through similar tough times and upon leaving hospital, I put together a group for NICU mums and dads, which has now over 80 members offering support and advice to each other. We regularly meet and this year, we have 51 in our team of walkers, of which 21 are NICU babies and toddlers.

Last year we had a considerably smaller team and raised £1000 and we are hoping to double that this year.

This year we are walking in memory of baby Harry, who sadly lost his fight after 11 days. His mum, dad and twin sister Grace will be walking with us.

If you would like to sponsor us, all donations go to this amazing unit and the upkeep of the invaluable parents accommodation - which enables you to stay close to your baby as much as possible. It is the hardest thing to have to leave your baby in hospital and this helps keep that to a minimum.

If you would like to sponsor us, we are at

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicuwarriors (more info and photos on there) or stop me on my walks through the village. I am the one with Liam in my backpack, walking our dog, Sergio.

Thank you.



Shroton Summer Fete

Alex Smith

Dear Shrotonites,
Thank you so much for all your efforts

involved in setting up and running the fete last Saturday, as well as attending and making it such a success.

Alan Morris kicked things off with the juniors' football match which was obviously enjoyed by all. It was great to see so many dogs entered into the dog show and to see so many enjoying the games afterwards and the Tug of War: we won't mention the result... There were many painted faces and not all of them were children!

It was a huge team effort and couldn't have been done without everyone working together putting up tables, bunting, marquees and taking it all down again as well as putting out signs, doing Risk Assessments, baking cakes and scones and biscuits like mad and collecting books, bottles, bric a brac, toys and treasures and a veritable jungle of plants plus running a variety of games of chance and skill. Sale of raffle tickets and programmes all helped contribute to our funds too. The band were fantastic and Mike Scott stepped in at short notice to be a great compere on the PA. Everyone was super busy for 2 1/2 hours and afterwards, I imagine if anything like me, felt the need for a large drink and a sit down. I can't thank enough everyone who got involved in large or small capacities: any comments/criticisms/suggestions for improvements please send on to me.

Thanks again for a great day,

Marie Curie Afternoon Tea Fund-Raising Event, 18 June

Judith Hewitt

Thank you everyone who supported this event - cake makers, helpers, tea and cake consumers and anyone who gave a donation.

A total of £330 was raised.

These fantastic nurses helped my family to nurse my dad at home, in his final days. Again, thank you.

Charity Bag Collection

Judith Hewitt

The recycled clothes, shoes, hats etc bags raised a total of £172. Thank you to everyone who supported this effort.

Shroton Lads Help Out!

Dolly Trim

Just a quick note to congratulate Lewis, Jay and Coby for their work in clearing the stream on The Glebe. Such willing, hard workers - great job!

Thank you all.



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Parish Council News

Lizzie Kingsbury

Parish Clerk

Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Elector's Rights - Parish Council Accounts for Year Ended 31/03/17

This notice will be displayed in the Parish Council noticeboard and will be on the Parish website. Parish Council documents for complying with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities (Dec 2015) 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.

Dog Fouling on the Glebe and village footpaths

Reports of dog fouling continue to blight the main recreational area of the village, footpaths within the village envelope and communal meeting spots; not withstanding the Parish Clerk's regular reports reaching the desk of the NDDC contracted Dog Warden service to address this inconsiderate behaviour; the Parish Council is currently considering the viability of installing security cameras to monitor the situation.

Tree Swing on the Glebe

The Parish Clerk received the Play Area Annual Inspection Report 2017 together with an assessment of the 'ad hoc' tree swings, both of which were forwarded to the Parish Council insurers and DCC HSE as requested. The Parish Council insurers are unable to provide Public Liability insurance for these items for play. The insurance company and the office of DCC HSE have strongly recommended the removal of the swings as a matter of urgency. The Play Area Inspection Report (with assessment of the tree swings) is on the Parish website. www.shroton.org

Traffic Calming - Questionnaire

Cllr Morris will compile the responses to the recent village traffic-calming questionnaire and present his findings at the Parish Council meeting 19 July 2017. It is anticipated; that the responses will inform the Parish Council what (if any) traffic calming measures might be implemented in the village. I would like to take this opportunity to apologise to those readers for any misunderstanding caused when reading the recent questionnaire - the implementation of any proposed traffic calming measures within the village is,

and always has been subject to approval from the DCC Highways Authority.

Walkers, Runners, Cyclists, Horse Riders, Dog Walkers

Local landowners have asked those walkers and those with dogs, cyclists, runners and horse riders take particular care when using fields with livestock. You are asked to keep to the designated footpaths and ensure that gates are properly & securely shut when leaving walking paths/routes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code>

Anonymous correspondence to the Parish Council

Parishioners are politely advised that in order to support and safeguard good community relations, the Parish Council will not be able to consider or act upon any matters addressed to it through anonymous correspondence. If a parishioner wishes to raise an issue about which they feel sensitive, they may request their name and address to be recorded as "supplied". Personal defamatory anonymous correspondence addressed to the Parish Clerk whilst regretful and upsetting will be reported to Dorset Police. Parish Council Standing Orders (it's rule book) are to be amended to reflect this decision.

The Charter for Trees Woods and People

The Tree Charter will launch on 6 November 2017. The Parish Clerk is circulating a signature-gathering book detailing the 10 principles of the Tree Charter. This book will be available for residents to sign at events and activities for the community to sign - for every signature a tree will be planted. I will leave copies of the 'LEAF' newspaper on the shelf of the bus-stop newspaper box for interested residents and highly recommend the content to readers of all ages.

Working Party required

Village volunteers are needed to assist at the former mini re-cycling area at the Old Rectory. Please contact any one of the Parish Councillors for further details and a date for this 'work'.

NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

Following on from the huge NHS public consultation on site specific options for the county – hospitals, maternity and pediatrics, community services and the redistribution of community beds – the

headlines of the consultation are available on <https://www.csr.dorsetvision.nhs.uk/headlines> Anyone who does not have internet access can request a copy on 01202 541946. It is important to understand that these findings are not interpreted as decisions – the case will be presented to the NHS in late 2017 to assist in making final decisions, which will then be widely publicised.

CHILD OKEFORD AND SHROTON WI

Gaynor Waring - WI publicity Officer

Our June meeting was a visit to Blandford's best kept secret – the Fashion Museum. Situated behind the Market Place in The Plocks, it is a typical Georgian house built after the town's great fire in 1731.

The Museum has accredited status and is entirely managed and run by volunteers. Following an introductory talk by Jean Longley, the curator, we toured the museum looking at fashion collections dating from the early 18th century through to the 1970s. Themed displays are changed regularly. The new exhibits for 2017 are Ladies of Dorset and Styles that changed Fashion. We particularly enjoyed the "Retro" area as many of us remember wearing these seventies' styles. Our visit finished in the tearoom with homemade cakes and refreshments.

Our next meeting is on Monday 10th July when we will learn more about The Association of Country Women of the World (ACWW) The session will be led by Esme Isaacs who is the Dorset Federation ACWW rep.

ACWW is the international charity supported by the WI movement. It is the largest international organisation for rural women and has a uniquely down-to-earth approach, offering mutual support, friendship and practical help to its members. It funds group projects on literacy, health education, nutrition, home economics, agriculture, income generation, water and sanitation, leadership and entrepreneurship. The meeting starts at 2pm at The Community Centre. Non members welcome

For more details or a chat about joining, contact :
Liz Smith, President 01258 860432 or
Cathy Bird 01258 861526
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National Recognition for the Friends of Blandford Hospital

The Friends of Blandford Hospital are extremely proud to announce that their services have been recognised by the Community Hospitals Association with a National Award for "Innovations and Best Practice in Community Hospitals 2016". The Award was collected by Volunteer members of the Charities Management Board at a ceremony in Manchester on June 3rd.

In making this award, the Innovations Panel of the Community Hospitals Association recognises the range of services offered by the volunteers working with the Friends of Blandford Community hospital. 25 volunteer drivers provide an extensive transport scheme to support clients (referred by their General Practitioner) in getting to medical appointments and in 2016, in excess of 1600 such journeys were arranged.

In addition to this valued transport service, the charity also operates 2 minibuses with electronic tail lift facilities to allow easy access and accommodate wheelchair users. These minibuses are used for regular weekly shopping trips, in conjunction with other local groups such as the Blind Club and Stroke Club and also for extremely popular social outings. In a very rural area, these trips have become a lifeline for isolated or lonely clients with no other means of getting out and about who benefit from the company and support offered.

The Charity also has a few volunteers who offer companionship to isolated and lonely people in their own homes. Again, as with all of the clients supported by the charity, these people have been referred to the "Friends" by local General Practitioners.

These services that the charity offers are a huge benefit across the community and of course are in addition to the projects the "Friends" support within Blandford Hospital and funding approved for other health related projects across the area. The Charity is able to fund these projects by membership subscriptions, general donations, legacies and the regular income of their charity shops and schedule of fundraising events. None of the services provided by the Friends of Blandford Hospital would be possible without a dedicated and committed group of volunteers.

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An ideal opportunity to hear more about the Charity or offer support is at their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 12th July at 6.30pm at the hospital. Refreshments are provided and all are welcome.



Two more pictures of local celebrities at our fete.
Photos by Melisa Collett

Have you updated your contact details with the Doctors Surgery?

Did you know you can get reminders for your appointments at the doctors' surgeries by text message? Reminders are not only personally useful but help to reduce missed appointments which could have been offered to other patients. Registering your email address means you could be receiving a regular newsletter with the latest news and information from your surgery.

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Registering online also means you can book and cancel appointments and order repeat prescriptions.



Life Lines: Anne Pearson



When I explained the problem that my next interviewee was unexpectedly indisposed and I was going to struggle with my deadline for printing, Anne quickly agreed to leave her sunny seat in the garden and join me for an interview at very short notice, despite feeling somewhat shy about being the focus of attention.

Since arriving in Shroton, Anne has established a reputation for putting her energy, enthusiasm and quick sense of humour into ways of bringing the village together. It is no small achievement to have created and directed two pantomimes involving a motley collection of actors, musicians (and anyone else who wanted to help) with her husband, Chris, and she continues to negotiate the tricky role of Village Hall Chairman, a role for which she certainly needs that sense of humour! It is not an easy job to take on and she manages it wonderfully, always giving generously of her time.

As many of you will know, Anne was born and raised in Barry, just like the well-known Mike Jones, our previous chairman! They both enjoyed sailing and may well have crossed paths at Barry Yacht Club.

The eldest of 5 siblings, Anne describes her home as a perfect place to grow up, with fields and woods behind her house and the beach in front.

However, after teacher training in Exmouth, Anne spread her wings, moving to London for a first teaching job in a middle school in Wimbledon. As this was an expensive place to live, at first Anne supplemented her income with a bar job two nights a week, and it was there she met an Australian tennis player who made sure she could have free tickets for Wimbledon after 5pm as often as she wanted! The Welsh charm clearly worked well there!

But Anne was an adventurer! She had gone to Paris on a school trip, loved it and vowed she would go back. So after 2 years' teaching, despite her father threatening to cut her out of his will, she

headed for Paris, where she first worked for Berlitz Language School, and met Nick, her first husband. Again, wages did not quite meet her needs in such an expensive city, so instead she got a job as a bilingual PA, which she giggled about, remembering her typing was dreadful and her shorthand was worse.

Their first daughter, Jeannie, was born in Paris and caused great consternation when registering the birth because 'Jean' in French is the boy's name 'John'. It took a while to convince the authorities that they weren't completely mad!

They returned to the UK and had another daughter, called Tessa. She still complains that she was given a dog's name! They eventually settled in Kingston-upon-Thames and Anne returned to teaching, which pleased her father greatly!

Sadly, her first marriage had ended, but after a while she met Chris, the husband we all know as the ukulele maestro. His son was in Anne's class and he found many reasons to go into school to discuss his progress, before he finally asked her out!

How many years in Shroton?

The cottage was bought 7 years ago, but amazingly they have only lived here full-time for 5 years!

A favourite television programme?

"Strictly Come Dancing! -- it's the only good thing about winter!"

A favourite book?

"Impossible to choose just one! 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' is my favourite children's book though."

Favourite music? With Chris she has a diet of mainly pop music from his vintage LP collection, but she also likes jazz.

Food heaven? "Fish and chips, which conjures memories of Saturday night visits to the 'Chippie' when I was a child."

A memorable experience?

"Going to the opera at Sydney Opera House. Chris – who hates opera – slept through the entire thing!"

What single thing would improve the quality of your life?

"The ability to teleport myself between Shroton, Isleworth and Redhill so that I could see my grandchildren more often!"

What is an important lesson life has taught you?

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Dream or plans for the future?

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