

The Shroton Lines is published by the Shroton Village Hall Committee for the residents of the village. It is written, published and delivered by a team of willing volunteers. Your thoughts and articles are always welcome and should be addressed to the editor, Ena Rees, either by hand to Brook Cottage, by phone to 01258.861039 or by email to shrotonlines@gmail.com. Cut-off date for submission is the 15th of each month.

## Diary Dates This Month

- 2nd Mar Rubbish (Black)  
Coffee Morning
- 3rd Mar Pie Night
- 4th Mar 10.30-11.15 Mobile Library  
6-7.30pm Children's Disco
- 5th Mar 10.00am - 4.00pm  
DVD Sale at The Pavilion
- 7th Mar 5.00pm Ukulele Club
- 9th Mar Recycling (Green)  
Coffee Morning  
6.00pm Short Mat Bowling
- 10th Mar Pie Night
- 14th Mar 5.00pm Ukulele Club
- 15th Mar 12.30pm Lunch and Chat  
then Talk and Slide Show at  
1.30pm
- 16th Mar Rubbish (Black)  
Coffee Morning  
7.00pm Parish Council
- 17th Mar Pie Night
- 18th Mar 10.30-11.15 Mobile Library  
St Patrick's Day Supper
- 21st Mar 5.00pm Ukulele Club
- 23rd Mar Recycling (Green)  
Coffee Morning  
6.00 Short mat Bowls
- 24th Mar Pie Night
- 25th Mar 5.00pm Ukulele Club
- 30th Mar Rubbish (Black)  
Coffee Morning  
6.00pm Short Mat Bowling
- 31st Mar Pie Night

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## Valentine's Day Cake Fest

Mike Scott



*Keith and Victor sharpening their knives*

"*You are the One that I love because...*" was the theme for this year's Valentine's weekend Cake Fest. And undeterred by the weather and the rugby, the hall was once again full of happy cake eaters of all ages. In front of them were 26 wonderful cakes; some multi-layered and multi-coloured, one covered from top-to-toe in rich gooey chocolate and another resembling the Tythe Barn before restoration had begun. To the bakers - thank you. Without a cake, Cake Fest would just be a coffee morning. To the Eaters - we hope you enjoyed the cakes.

### The Winners: -

Under 12, joint first - Tilly Bridgeman and Hester Smith

Just over 12, joint first - Kate Parry-Evans and Jackie Goucher

Congratulations. Well done all of you!

### SALE OF DVDS SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 10AM TO 5PM

The Pavilion at The Cricketers  
(small building footpath side of the pub)

The door will be open at 10am and DVDs will be sorted into Children's, 12, 18 chick flicks etc.

There will be an honesty box and they will be 50p each all proceeds will be split between the village hall and the Defibrillator funds.

Please just come along and have a rummage.

Anyone one else wishing to donate dvds please box them up and bring them to Sally in the pub by Friday 4th March.

## Editorial - Ena Rees

Dear Everyone,

No snow, but definitely a taste of winter weather lately! At least we have had some sparkling sunshine days which seem to promise Spring is coming, despite the cold.

It has been a busy month for the village, though I was absent for the two main events reported here. I am sorry to have missed the Cake Fest and the Pancake Day.

Thanks, as ever, to those who organised and those who supported these events which contribute so much to the sense of community in our village - not to mention their contribution to Village Hall funds, without which none of these things could happen.

We have been enjoying the new Hauser and Worth gallery at Bruton which has become somewhere different to take our visitors and is well worth a visit - excuse the pun! The exhibitions are of modern art and the cafe/restaurant and garden are also to be recommended. (We don't have shares in the place, but it is free to visit!) I wonder whether any of our readers would like to share their favourite places to take visitors locally? Any suggestions?

Meanwhile, at home the garden is beginning to demand attention. I was caught by my husband being guilty of something more usually a sin he commits: out working in the garden without changing into gardening clothes! I had just arrived back from supermarket shopping (yeuch!) and found myself drawn to tackle a job I kept noticing needed doing and it hadn't yet started to rain, so out I went. Then of course I got carried away by starting on another job, and before I knew it - caught, red-handed! I blame this on my neighbour who was mowing the grass when I set off to town and warned me it would rain before I'd have a chance to get any work done outside myself. She inspired me, but now it will be more difficult to make my husband stick to the rule work-clothes rule!

A few requests for email-only copies of the Lines have been gratefully received. Thank you. Best regards,  
Ena

## Village Hall News

Anne Pearson

We've had our fair share of wet, wintry days since Christmas and February 13th was no exception. Thank goodness for Cake Fest! The hall was filled with a dazzling array of gorgeous homemade cakes and it was lovely to see how many children had taken up the baking challenge. The purple and green sponge cake was a masterpiece! Thank you to Mike Scott and his team for putting on another very successful event and to everyone who came along to support it.

Our next event is the St Patrick's Day Supper on Friday, March 18th. We've celebrated Burns Night and St David's Day in the past, so we felt it was only fair! We will be serving the usual hearty fare: sausage, mash and onion gravy and there are rumours of some live music too. Please come along and join in the fun, or should I say the craic?

Just a quick update on the renovation of the village hall: the wooden floor has been thoroughly cleaned and a coat of wood floor oil applied. Thank you to everyone who helped with this. It's a messy job but well worth the effort. The floor looks great! We do have a little mystery to solve though.... Despite 'Wet Floor' notices and locked doors, the next morning there was a trail of footprints from the kitchen to the main entrance. Was it the ghost of Peter Pan searching for his shadow or maybe Cinderella looking for her lost shoe? Answers on a postcard please!

## Pancakes on The Glebe

Sarah Davy

Success! After much anticipation, we started with a flipping and running race. It was much akin to the grand shrove national, with many starting and not many finishing with pancake left in their pan!

There were pancakes everywhere, most were retrieved, the rest were left to take nature's course. (Mr Fox was probably welcomed home a hero that night.) Ellie won the first pancake flipping race.

In the stationary flip contest it was a toss up between Rosie and Maia. It's still unclear who won, but they were very good at catching pancakes without pans. Koby, Jay and Jasper won some kind of pancake race too. Becks Knott bravely put herself forward to referee the races, and even though she had dropped her whistle she went it alone with brilliant ease!

In the haze of pancakes and running children, it's fair to say they were all winners, by joining in on a very cold February afternoon.

They refuelled with tea and squash kindly proffered by Sally Grieves and

Pancakes-a-plenty (85ish), by Paddy the Chef. I have never had to dish out pancakes so fast! Something I have learnt from this experience: don't stand still holding Nutella in a room full of hungry children - one started nibbling my leg! I feared for my life!!

It was a brilliantly successful afternoon, ireal fun, enjoyed by all. The next event will be the

**Children's Disco  
Friday 4th March 6-7.30pm**

**£1 a ticket.**

**Under six to be supervised by  
their own adult**

There will be music, lights, glow sticks, glitter tattoos and tuck shop available. Open to all village children and should they want to bring a friend, even better! *Tickets available from Becks Knott, Dolly Foot and Sarah Davy. a brilliant way to start the weekend!* We will lurk at bus stops with envelopes.

## The long-awaited Peter Pan Panto DVD is now available!

Thanks to Blandford's Sid Falla spending over 100 hours of his time and expertise working on it a professional-looking DVD of our village panto is ready for you to enjoy. Sid has been ably assisted by Shroton's Jim Bird and between them they have done a cracking job.

Priced at £7.50 you get not only the DVD of the panto but also Trev Hewitt's panto photos CD thrown in for good measure. What a bargain!

All enquiries to Anne and Chris at 3, Ivy Porch Cottages. (863892). All profits go to the Village Hall. Believe in fairies!



## Shroton Poor/Workhouse

### Judith Hewitt

In 1601 the Elizabethan Poor Law Act put the responsibility for caring for the poor, the sick and the infirm upon the parish.

Shroton's Poor/Workhouse was located at the Cross- the building now called 23, 24 (and 25) The Cross (originally divided into 3 cottages). It was owned by the lord of the Manor- (Pitt Rivers), let to James Ingram of Manor Farm, who was paid £7 per annum for it's use as a Work/poorhouse.

"At a Vestry meeting held in the Parish of Shroton on 21 Jun 1804 it was unanimously decided to receive an additional number of poor in the Poorhouse and engage with a Master and Mistress to provide and look after them. It was also agreed to reduce the pay of those out of the Poor house to 1s p.wk each person.-Signed William Harris Church Warden, James Potter, Overseer, John Andrew, John Vincent, and John Goddard."

In 1802 – 95 rates were collected from residents of the Parish total £681.4.7, - money and items (e.g 'a shroud', a coffin, medication, rent payment etc) were distributed on request by qualifying individuals at the monthly Church Vestry.

In 1812 there were 12 people of various ages, living in the Workhouse.

The description of 'the hungry forties' appears to be relevant to this parish as in 1850 April 30-there is a list of 78 people that the churchwardens and overseers have recommended to be excused payment of the poor rate due to poverty- this was due to low pay, lack of work due to changing farming practice and the high price of corn.

In the 1850s Shroton's poor were sent to Blandford Union Workhouse but 23 The Cross continued to be used as an overnight 'lock up' by the local Constable.

### Humorous Poem

Found and submitted by  
David Parry-Evans

The computer swallowed Grandma.  
Yes, honestly it's true!  
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'  
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,  
The thought just makes me squirm.  
She must have caught a virus,  
Or been swallowed by a worm.

I've searched through the recycle bin  
And files of every kind.  
In desperation, I asked Mr Google,  
My searches to refine.

The reply from him was negative.  
Not a thing was found 'online'.  
So, if inside your 'inbox'  
My Grandma you should see,  
Please 'Copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' her,  
And send her back to me!



## Your Village Hall Needs You!

We are looking for a cleaner  
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if you are interested.

## ST MARY'S CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

The Church has notified me, as Electoral Roll Officer, that it is necessary to update the roll annually to ensure that the numbers are accurate for organisational purposes both within the church in Shroton and as part of the diocese.

Anyone wishing to be on the Church Electoral Roll, who has not completed the appropriate form since 2012 should do so before the 31st March. There will be application forms in the church and a box clearly marked for completed forms, or if you would like me to deliver or collect please telephone me on 01258 861542.

The AGM of the Parochial Church Council this year will be held in the church on Tuesday evening 19th April.

Angela Carpenter

Saturday March 12th 2.30 p.m.

### BIRDS OF PREY DISPLAY

Watch the Owls flying in  
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## CHURCH EVENTS FOR MARCH

### Mothering Sunday – 6th March

Service in Church for all the family. St Andrews School have been invited to contribute.

10am in Church – refreshments afterwards.

### Maunday Thursday 24th March

Passover supper 7pm. This is an event for all ages, and follows the ancient format observed by the Jews worldwide. It would have been the last meal Jesus ate before his death.

A full family meal is provided.

No charge - but donations for the food bank are requested.

Please contact Jan Simmons 861915 if you would like to book places.

### Good Friday 25th March

#### Gathering at the Cross 10.30am

Followed by

All age family service in Church at 11am

Followed by

Stations of the Cross – a walk up Hambledon Hill carrying a cross.

### Easter Sunday 27th March

All age communion service in Church at 10am.

## Shroton Village Hall Hire Charges

Contact: Terry Hill (860020) or  
Anne Pearson (863892)

**Daily Booking Rates:** Morning: £15 (2/3 hours)  
Afternoon: £15 (2/3 hours)  
Evening: £25 (4/5 hours)

- Commercial rates are £250 per day or pro rata
- New clubs/activities – first month free. Please apply for hourly rate.
- Hire charges include the use of all furniture, crockery etc. and kitchen

### Equipment Hire:

- Marquee and hall (on site hire only) £250 (ready assembled)
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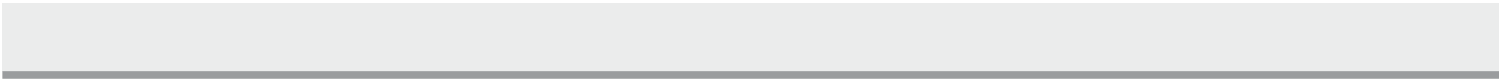
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## Hambledon Hill

Clive Whitborne, Ranger



### NATIONAL TRUST

Spring really feels underway today as I type. The fallen Beech tree within the avenue has now been worked on leaving a fallen totem feature both as a natural climbing frame and in the longer term a useful habitat for invertebrates and fungi. I'm hoping we can go a few months without a break in the fence as we've had two trees fall on the fence line since it was erected back in August 2015.

Minus temperatures are helping to slow the grass growth and allowing the sheep to have more of an impact on the grazing, which is really useful at this time of year. I'm quite excited about the new traditional Dorset rod gates as mentioned last month which are ready for me to collect from the joiners down in Bridport.

All of our hedges have now been mechanically trimmed in readiness for the season ahead. Long term I plan to lay the hedges around Markstone field, which will slowly bring them back into management starting with coppicing and replanting and then laying in around ten years' time. This will reduce the need for heavy flailing back of the branches which long term only provides top heavy growth which ultimately kills the hedge plants.

## Spirit of Place

As part of the National Trust's management of Hambledon Hill we are carrying out research and would love to hear about your connections with it, through every day or past use of Hambledon. All information received will go towards clarifying what the Spirit of Place is for Hambledon Hill: ultimately what makes it so special. If you can help by filling in the Spirit of Place form enclosed with this month's edition of The Shroton Lines I would be very grateful. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to get in touch. Your thoughts will help to guide management of Hambledon Hill in the future.

Best wishes  
Clive

## Letters to the Lines

### Up-date on Liberty's Presentation

As of today I've not heard anything back from my trip to see the buyers at Liberty of London, I had hoped to have heard by now and may yet do so, but I think it's fair to assume that I haven't made it through to the next round of their "best of British open" and if that is the case then so be it!

You might be surprised to learn that I'm not that disappointed about it - far from it! Actually, it's the first time I've done anything like this and as

thousands of makers/designers applied from right across the country, designing and making all manner of things. I managed to get into the final six hundred and the sculpture I took to show, which was a tapered, open-ended, double hollow twist made from ash from Andy's "Watery Meadow", was received very well; in fact, when returning to the waiting room from my short meeting with the buyers, it caused a ripple of "wow" followed by a few seconds of silence as it had been kept packed in a cardboard tube out of sight beforehand - this in itself is something I doubt I shall ever forget.

But really what made the whole experience one to remember was the support from those around me. Quite unbelievable are the only words I have for it and to you all I am very grateful. I can't describe how it feels to receive such warmth from one's community. Thank you all!

Now to concentrate on the next adventure which is Dorset Art Weeks!  
Regards,

**Darren Wheeler**

### Dog Poos

There is a growing number of dog owners who are not picking up their dog's messes. An especially bad area is on the grass area opposite the village hall. These are messes from a larger dog(s).

Please think of others in the village.  
**From a dog owner with small dogs with little poos, (that are picked up!)**



## SHROTON VILLAGE HALL

### St Patrick's Day

### Sausages & Mash Supper



Friday 18th March 2016  
6.30 for 7pm

**Tickets: £5.00: Children under 12: £3.00 from Terry Hill (860020)**  
***Bring own drinks & glasses***

## SHROTON LOG SCHEME

Jason Macintosh



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- email **shrotonlogs@gmail.com**
- or knock on the door Littleport on Main Street.

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## Life Lines: Trevor Knight



Trevor was born and bred in Blandford, working first for J J Hobbs and Sons for 20 years (where he met Pam Percy). He decided he needed a change and worked for Choice Decor for the next 18 years until it was taken over and he set up his own business, Home Decor, which he ran for 7 years until the arrival of Homebase. (I was a bit surprised when he said he didn't like doing DIY himself and preferred to leave that to others!) He managed to sell the lease and worked as a taxi driver in town till he retired.

Nowadays he is kept busy with his dog, Barney, a flat coat retriever, and by his busy social life and family and the various interests and activities he shares with them.

Trevor has two sons, two daughters, and seven grandchildren so far. They all live within 6 miles of Shroton and enjoys having children around. He likes to keep a tidy house and has taught himself to cook - one of several current enthusiasms!

### How many years in Shroton?

Eleven and a half years.

**Favourite book?** I love reading: *Pillars of Earth* by Ken Follet, a series set in Medieval times, and the double trilogy *Sins of the Father* by Jeffrey Archer are particular favourites.

### Favourite Television programmes?

I love any nature programmes and am very interested in the First and second World Wars, but I also enjoy dramas such as the recent fabulous *War and Peace*.

### Taste in music?

I enjoy all kinds of music and am delighted to have been cajoled into joining the Ukulele group which is so much fun and a new challenge, something I never imagined doing before.

### Food Heaven?

Cake! Also, a rare steak with chips, mushrooms and tomatoes - either home cooked or when out for a meal.

### What is the most important lesson life has taught you?

Treat people as I would wish to be treated. I hate arguments and prefer to see the best in everyone.

### Dreams for the future?

The next big outing with friends when we go up to London to enjoy eating out and the adventure of being in the big city.

### A memorable experience?

I love travelling and went all over France with my wife, Jill, using our caravan, but our biggest ever trip was to Australia with Jill; we spent five weeks there over Christmas one year, seeing Ayers Rock and exploring much of the east coast.

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

I love the sun and would enjoy warmer summers and more barbecues!

### Best thing about Shroton?

The people: Mike Scott likes to tease me about my "babes", but I am lucky to have such good friends in IzzieThompson and Jane Moss who looked after me when I lost my wife.

## SHROTON OIL SCHEME

Accepting orders for delivery beginning of March.

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### Order deadline:

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**week commencing 28th March)**

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## Advance Notice: Lunch and Chat Extra

The March meeting has been changed to Tuesday 15th. Following the meal there will be a short slide show on a big screen of old Shroton photographs by Judith Hewitt. Anyone who would like to join us at 1.30pm would be welcome.

Any enquiries to Barbara Briggs - 863643.