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- 4th May Recycling (Green)
Coffee Morning
6.00 Petanque
7.30 Village Hall Meeting
- 5th May Pie night
- 6th May 10.30-11.15 Mobile Library
- 11th May Rubbish (Black)
Coffee Morning
6.00 Petanque
- 12th May Pie Night
- 14th May 2.30 Hambledon Hill Run
- 16th Mar Recycling (Green)
Coffee Morning
7.00pm Parish Council
- 18th May Recycling (Green)
Coffee Morning
6.00 Petanque
7.00pm Parish Council
- 19th May Pie Night
- 20th May 10.30-11.15 Mobile Library
- 24th May 12.30 Ladies who Lunch
- 25th May Rubbish (Black)
Coffee Morning
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- 26th May Pie Night

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STOP PRESS NEWS

Our trusty postman, Brent Downes, is moving to a new job within the Post Office, possibly as early as next week. Many will wish to thank him for his kindnesses over the years. He is a most obliging postman and will be missed!

St George's Day Quiz

Ena Rees



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The quiz evening provided a very friendly and enjoyable night out, with plenty of banter between tables even between strangers and newcomers to the village!

Janet and Mike Jones manned the score board, our dedicated Village Hall Chairman, Anne, distributed the photograph based question sheets and relayed the answer sheets for marking by other teams, and Chris Pearson was both question master and musician, playing some wonderfully evocative tunes (but thank goodness I had team members who were quicker to

remember the requisite place names in the songs than I did!)

One of our village quizzing experts, Jim Bird, led his team to a convincing victory, but as with all well-judged quizzes, there wasn't too much of a gap between the scores! It is certainly a skill to manage to set a quiz that produces such fun and makes everyone feel they have been able to contribute.

Thanks to the Pearsons and the Jones's efforts and the supporter who turned out, £112 was raised for Village Hall funds.

Shroton's BIG Party



You are invited to
Afternoon Tea
at the Village Hall
on **Sunday, 12th June**
to celebrate



Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday



Games on the Glebe
Fun for all.



Please bring a plate of food to share.



Editorial - Ena Rees

Dear Everyone,

For most of you, 1st April will be a distant memory: not so with us! Some 'friends', who shall be nameless but who starred in the village pantomime, played a prank on my poor husband. An absurdly worded letter arrived, purportedly from North Dorset County Council, thoroughly ruffling the equilibrium of the unsuspecting smallholder before the April Fool's trick was rumbled. It has been a tale worth telling on several occasions since!

April also saw the last *Lunch and Chat* for the season and Barbara Briggs would again like to thank all those helpers who made it possible. It is a lot of fun being involved, even if things can get a little flustered in the kitchen on occasion! Barbara is a very calm, sane influence on us all; well done Barbara and thank you for all the organisation this entails.

There are several events looming in the village, so please have your diaries ready to fill in the details as you read this Issue. Firstly, there is the Hambledon Hill Run which is a very enjoyable event: personally speaking, this is best enjoyed as a spectator, but luckily the runners seem to think otherwise.

Volunteers are needed to make cakes, serve teas and manage the plant sale, so if you are able and willing to help, it would be much appreciated, as would your support in sharing the occasion and having an afternoon out.

Other dates include the Queen's birthday games and afternoon tea and a forewarning of the Village Show details. Judith Hewitt is on the look-out for discarded clothes and for helpers to do afternoon teas in July. Please support these efforts if you possibly can.

Meanwhile, further advances are being made in the Hall: a facsimile of the original large Shroton map is planned, while the original is to be kept in optimum conditions by the Dorchester Museum. A fine new cleaner's cupboard has been constructed in the store room, and an internal window now improves the lighting for the Hall toilet facilities. Well done once again to the Hole in the Wall Gang!

Village Hall News

Anne Pearson

'A sweet treat for Hans Christian Anderson? A fruit drink and a garland at the seaside?' The answers were a Danish Pastry and a Punch and Judy show respectively. These were just two of the questions at the St George's Day Quiz and, amazingly, some people managed to come up with the right answers! Thank you to everyone who took part. We had a really fun evening!

Our next event is the Hambledon Hill Race on Saturday, 14th May. There's an Adult Race (about 6k) and a shorter Children's Race, both routes involving steep ascents and descents and some stunning views by way of compensation. We do hope that you'll come along to support this popular event. If you don't feel up to the run – that's most of us, I'm guessing - there's tea and cakes in the hall and a Plant Sale on the patio. If you have any spare plants to donate, we'd be more than willing to take them off your hands!

We are planning to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday with a Village Afternoon Tea on Sunday, 12th June. Come along to the village hall with a plate of food to share and we'll provide the tea and a little musical entertainment. There will be some fun and games on the Glebe for the children, weather permitting. Fingers crossed for some sunshine. Surely it can't rain as hard as it did for the Jubilee!

Hambledon Hill Run Saturday 14th May



The Hambledon Hill Run takes place at on Saturday 14th May and starts at 2.30pm from the Cricket Field in the picturesque village of Shroton, situated between Blandford and Shaftesbury.

After an 11 year absence this popular local hill race was re-started in 2013 by the Village Hall Committee. Many old local runners will remember fondly this annual lung-buster followed by excellent tea and home-made cakes that were served post-race in the Village Hall.

The 6km race takes the runners over an extremely hilly and scenic off-road route over Hambledon Hill. There is also a short 3km short course run for Under 14s.

Runners will experience in excess of 1,200ft of ascent/descent containing some of the most stunning views of Dorset. They will be able to see the whole of the Blackmore Vale and from the Isle of Wight to Glastonbury Tor (on a clear day!)....

Refreshments

To carry on the tradition, teas and home-made cakes will be served in the Village Hall after the race. Runners and non-runners are all welcome!



Plant Sale

Come and choose some plants to add to your summer gardens!



Entry Forms and more information are available via:

<http://www.shroton.org/events.php>

For more information please call James Shepard on 07921 398969 or jamesstepard@tiscali.co.uk

Shroton Defibrillator News

Sarah Davy

Finally I have good news of the Shroton defibrillator's imminent arrival! Thanks to brilliant support by the villagers who have donated and attended village events in aid of and contributing to the Shroton defibrillator fund and to The Cricketers, (Sally & Joe) for being a brilliant support with fundraising, with ideas, venues and prizes. Sally and I have finally managed to place our order with the Community Heartbeat Trust, and Shroton's very own defibrillator is on its way!

Huge thanks also to the Parish Council with a INAZIN Community Grant for £772 which helped in the final push to achieve this worthy cause.

All in all £1,225 was raised for the direct purchase of the Defibrillator, and outside of that through further kind donations we have enough to set up the first year's annual Management Policy. There will need to be a small amount of ongoing fundraising as the Management Policy needs updating each year, which will be tackled in due course.

Once clarified exactly where, the Village Hall Committee will mount our defibrillator in the Hall. Martin Ballard has very kindly agreed to be the man to install and connect this up.

Standby for information on an awareness evening, held in the Village Hall, hosted by myself and the community Heartbeat Trust, for anyone wishing to find out more and to learn how to do CPR and use the defibrillator. It will be an informal and informative evening, aimed at dispelling any myths and increasing awareness of Cardiac arrests and how to help.

Many many thanks for your support and efforts in helping with this project and for your anticipated ongoing support.

Ladies Who Lunch

Tuesday 24th May

12.30ish at The Cricketers.

New lunchers very welcome - just contact me on 861526

OR

jimbirdzz@netscape.net
for the menu

Welcome to Shroton Newcomers

A warm welcome to James and Marion Carpenter and their family, Arthur, Alfred and Edith, who moved into Frog Lane earlier this month. We look forward to meeting you all and hope you will be happy here.



Village Hall Fund-Raising

- Collection of Unwanted Clothes etc

I am again collecting unwanted clothes, shoes, hats, bags and soft toys in aid of village hall funds. Now is the time to go through all your winter clothes and have a clear out- ready for the hot British summer!

I will be leaving an empty bag on your doorstep soon- I can collect any full bags from you or drop them off at the Village Hall.

This is an easy fund raiser that everyone can help with- please support the Village Hall.

Final collection day 23 June.

Church Bell Fund-Raising

- Cream Teas

We need volunteers to help run/bake cream teas in July at the church.

I intend to give a shroton history display day in the Village Hall (Hall funds) in June and then move the display to the church for the cream teas in July.

Any help would be appreciated.

Contact Judith Hewitt: 861565

Shroton Village Show Saturday 3rd September

Hazel Ward



Attached to these lines you will find the programme of events and classes for this year's annual village show. Another copy of the programme together with the entry forms will be sent with The Lines at the beginning of August.

This year (just to keep you on your toes!) we have made a few changes to the classes; you will find new challenges especially in the Cookery section (why not try your hand at a loaf of brioche?) and in the flower classes we have returned to some cottage garden varieties like cosmos and pot marigolds, but never fear many of your old favourites still remain.

We also have some new cups to be presented this year, the Elizabethan Cup for the best single entry in the flower category and the Hambledon Cup for the overall winner in the 12-18 year old age group.

Have a good look through the programme, plan what you may like to enter and get sowing, planting, pickling and crafting so that we can make this yet another magnificent village show. This really is a most enjoyable summer village event so come and join in the fun!



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

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

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

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

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

If you are interested could you please contact Cathy or Jim on 01258 861526.



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Revised Library Schedules

These can now be viewed on the noticeboard at the "Cricketers" bus shelter noticeboard.

Fly Tipping

The Parish Council has reported the instances of fly tipping at the Old Rectory (former mini recycling area) and on New Field Road. The Parish Council has reported the instances of fly tipping at the above locations to the Dorset Waste Partnership, DCC and Spectrum Housing (Old Rectory). Illegally dumping waste can be very harmful to animals and the environment, and can lead to the pollution of land and watercourses. Fly tipping can also harm human health and be detrimental to the quality of life for the people living around such incidents. A large refrigerator was left at the Old Rectory location, which is not only harmful to our environment but also potentially lethal to children playing or exploring. Fly tipping is the illegal dumping of waste on any land and you can report fly tipping

online www.dorsetforyou.com under Recycling & Rubbish – Street Cleaning & Litter.

Annual Parish Meeting 18 May 2016

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

Parish Council Documents and Information

A record of Parish Council meetings, subsequent actions, information and consultations are available for inspection on the Parish website together with details of current planning applications and works to trees applications. There are currently four noticeboard locations that are used by the Parish Council to advertise dates of meetings, local election details and news affecting this community. The Parish Council are legally obliged to

comply with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities (Dec 2015). The result of this compliance now requires the Parish Council to display a whole range of additional information relating to the business of the council. This will require a noticeboard dedicated to the Parish Council business somewhere in the village. Work is in progress with the acquisition of a board and identification of the most suitable location.

Litter on the A350 and Major Routes

Many of us have noticed the excessive littering on the A350. On closer inspection, much of it appears to be industrial litter. County Councillor Deborah Croney has been in direct contact with the management of the Dorset Waste Partnership to highlight the litter on our main routes and to seek agreement on a cleanup plan. They are working with DCC highways traffic management to clear main routes and are due to work in the Blandford area in April. For reasons of highway safety and environmental concerns, Councillor Croney has asked that DWP contact the haulage companies using major routes to ensure that their loads are properly secured during transit.

Dorset Art Week

28th May to 12th June

Sue Bate

It is once again time to celebrate Dorset Art Week and two artists in the village will be exhibiting during these weeks.

Darren Wheeler will be open everyday showing his new sculptures. Darren has been working on intricate pieces that show his skill as a designer, sculptor and wood turner.

Sue Bates is open every day except Wednesdays, and has also been working on new and developmental images. As well as her signature flower paintings Sue will show local landscapes, hares based on those seen near Hambledon Hill, and for the first time sketchbooks and lino prints. Her usual selection of prints and cards will also be on offer. Sue is hosting a tea preview on 27th May from 3pm to 6pm in her garden, gallery and conservatory. Everyone is welcome to come and browse, have a cuppa and some cake and enjoy the afternoon.



Enclosure of Iwerne Courtney 1548

Judith Hewitt

In a survey of the manors belonging to Edward, Earl of Devon, Iwerne Courtney is described as "situated in a country commodious and plentiful of wood, corn, pasture etc. Its circuit not above 3 miles, and it lay open till 1548, when the common fields were inclosed. The customary tenements were so small that the tenants, not being able to pay the lord's rent, half of them surrendered their copies to the lord. The rest requested they might use his land, so as they paid the rent; and the lord consented that 6 tenants, chosen and sworn, should tread out the lands of the manor, and allot how much each tenant should have, in order to inclose.

"There were 2 leet courts at Michealmas and Lady Day. A fair kept in the fields under 'Arnold's Hill' on Holy-rod Day, yearly profits to the lord, 5s. The more tenants were allotted 12 acres, at 8s rent; the lesser tenants 8 acres, at 6s 8d. The borde lands, 17 acres, remained undivided, and were granted several tenants at 10d an acre. Goose silver for keeping geese and ducks in the river and waste was paid at Michealmas, 2d for each more tenement. There was a common not enclosed in the NW part of the manor towards Faringdon, called Ewern Common, of 80 acres, in which the tenants had common of pasture from 1 May to Christmas, for kine (pigs) and horses; and from Christmas to the middle of March for sheep.

"The prior of St John of Jerusalem, in right of his free tenement, was to keep there 2 kine and 22 sheep. The rector for his glebe 8 beasts and 1 bull. None of the inhabitants of Faringdon, parcel of the manor of Ewern, had any right in the common. The prior, the only free tenant, had 1 tenement and 2 acres in the fields, and owed only suit of court. The manor and adjoining pastures occupied

13 acres; a park 20 acres; the arable land 140 acres; pasture on Hambledon Hill, 230 acres. The rent of the customary tenants amounted to 1l.15s.10d.- the farm of the demesnes to 20l."

Any questions? Judith Hewitt 861565

Dinah's Hollow Re-opens

Fiona King, Public Relations Officer

There was an estimated 30-50 tonnes of soil that slipped from the slopes alongside the C13 at Melbury Abbas in the early hours of Wednesday 9 March. The weight of the material displaced concrete barriers that Dorset County Council had placed along the hollow to protect road users after receiving a report in 2014 that suggested the slopes were unstable.

Following an assessment to find the cause of the slip, the slippage has been removed, concrete barriers have been replaced at the same width as before and electrical contractors have ensured the safety of ducting that lies within the hollow.

Cllr Peter Finney, the council's Cabinet member for environment, said: "We're pleased that we have managed to open the road in four weeks. It hasn't been just about moving material, we've had to make sure that the concrete barriers were still able to keep road users safe.

"A big thank you to everyone that were involved in the clean-up operation and nalso to drivers and residents who have had the inconvenience of this closure."

In April 2014 the council have been working with local communities to agree a strategy for stabilising the slopes, maintaining the hollow and keeping the road open to all users.

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

Discussions are continuing with the

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

Letters to the Lines

Road Closure

We will be closing part of the B3091 at Manston next week for road surfacing works. Local residents and businesses have been notified of this.

There is potential for some people to complain about the closure, as it will happen at the same time as Haywards Lane is closed. This will restrict the options for people living in Child Okeford wanting to travel to Sturminster Newton to going via Hammoon or Durweston.

We have given a press release to warn people about this issue.http://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/news/14407959.Major_road_works_to_temporarily_close_North_Dorset_road/

If you have any concerns or would like further information please contact me.

Yours Sincerely,
Jack Wiltshire
Dorset Highways Works Delivery
Manager
Tel: 01963 365921

Blandford Tennis Club

Malcolm Cavan

Blandford Tennis Club: opens for play from early April till mid September. There are some 20 regular members from the surrounding area.

Club nights are Mondays and Thursdays from 6.30pm till dusk.

The Club is at Bryanston School, where it is allocated 5 hard courts. From Shroton it is about 15 minutes drive via Durweston Bridge.

The spirit is to enjoy tennis, at Club standard, nothing frightening.

Interested? Call Malcolm Cavan on 01747 811 467 for more details.

Spare Plants Needed

If you have any surplus plants, please donate them to the Village Hall fund raising efforts for the Hambledon Hill Run on Saturday 14th May.



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Thank you.

Life Lines: Kevin Morris



Newcomer Kevin Morris quickly offered help and advice to the 'Hole in the Wall Gang' when treatment of the new Hall floor was required, so I heard of him even before I met him. His wife Jane has already become a frequenter of the Village Coffee Mornings and between them they managed to be on the winning quiz team, so they are definitely making their presence felt... in a good way!

Born in Essex, Kevin is the son of a builder and from the tender age of 9 was recruited to learn the trade. His father made sure he got the necessary qualifications and experience, but by the time he was 18 Kevin was taking on jobs for other people as well, and had earned enough to buy his first car and start buying a house! Kevin maintains that his Dad always lined up the jobs nobody else wanted, which perhaps accounts for his varied building career.

When he was still only 20, he became seriously ill and had to stop building work so was employed by a builders' merchant, and that's where he met his wife, Jane. Kevin says she found and decided on the house in Saffron Waldron which they bought, renovated and lived in while they raised their two daughters, and repeated the renovation exercise on another house before moving to the one in Shroton. For Kevin, supporting his daughters at school sports days and other events was important, as were family holidays with the caravan which often meant trips to France and Spain.

However, it is not possible to speak to Kevin and not become aware of his enthusiasm for the different kinds of building projects in which he has been involved, including work on the Saatchi Gallery and the complete restoration of Chicheley Hall in Buckinghamshire, a Grade 1 listed building where they found Medieval burial remains; bats and bees, which are protected species; and even a WW1 unexploded hand grenade - no wonder he found it all so interesting.

With one daughter in Salisbury and the other in Wool, it is easy to understand

how they ended up here, and Kevin says this is where they intend to stay, long term.

How long in Shroton?

Four months!

Favourite book?

Kevin likes autobiographies and a special one is by his hero Fred Dibnah, the famous steeplejack and mechanical engineer. He also reads lots of sporting autobiographies, and recently found Arsenal's goalkeeper, Bob Wilson's story particularly moving. (Arsenal is, he proudly explained, his team.)

Taste in music?

Almost everything! He tends to like particular tracks rather than bands, but is definitely someone who likes the lyrics to be meaningful. The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, David Bowie, Kenny Rogers and Meat Loaf were all mentioned.

Food heaven?

Kevin first learnt to cook as a way of switching off while working long hours in London. When eating out he likes good Chinese cooking, but at home he experiments and can cater interestingly for his vegetarian wife. Part of his inspiration comes from a cookery course he attended with Jane and one of his daughters when they visited her in Thailand.

What is an important lesson life has taught you?

After his illness when young, he has always taken the view that you have one life, so live it!

Dreams for the future?

To enjoy living in Shroton.

A best experience?

Visiting an elephant sanctuary in Thailand and he felt he made a connection with Jopkya, an elephant which had been blinded by a human and yet responded in a friendly way to Kevin.

A most unusual experience?

Kevin has twice been buried in building site accidents, the first time as a 16 year old when he was trapped in rubble in quite a deep pit. He describes himself as claustrophobic now, although he doesn't mind heights. (At one time he ran a roofing company, so that must be how he has confidence at heights!)

What single thing would improve the quality of your life?

The purchase of a motorbike, something he has had before. He thinks Jane would be fine about that...

Best thing about Shroton?

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