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Diary Dates This Month

- 1st Nov Recycling (Green)
Coffee Morning
7.30pm Village Hall
Committee Meeting
- 2nd Nov Pie Night at The Cricketers
- 3rd Nov Swing Train 5.30-6.30pm
- 5th Nov 2.30pm Pantomime
rehearsal
- 8th Nov Rubbish (Black)
Coffee Morning
- 9th Nov Pie Night at The Cricketers
- 10th Nov Swing Train 5.30-6.30pm
- 12th Nov 2.30pm Pantomime rehearsal
- 15th Nov Recycling (Green)
Coffee Morning
7.00pm Parish Council
Meeting
- 16th Nov Pie Night at The Cricketers
- 17th Nov Swing Train 5.30-6.30pm
- 19th Nov 2.30pm Pantomime rehearsal
- 22nd Nov Rubbish (Black)
Coffee Morning
- 23rd Nov Pie Night at The Cricketers
- 24th Nov Swing Train 5.30-6.30pm
- 25th Nov 10.00-12.00 am RDA
Christmas Fair, Shroton
Village Hall
9.30-3.30 SERO Christmas
Craft Fair, The
Exchange
- 26th Nov 2.30pm Pantomime
rehearsal
- 27th Nov Lunch and Chat

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Macmillan Coffee Morning Jane Morris

This year's Macmillan Coffee Morning had quite a few faces missing as I think half of Shroton were on holiday! Despite that, those that attended dug deep and we managed to raise £300 which I believe is up on last year so that is brilliant! Add that to the £500 that the Ukulele Band kindly donated and as a village we raised £800 which I think is something to be proud of. We had some lovely raffle prizes; a big thank you to Sally and Joe at the Cricketers who generously donated a £30 meal voucher and a bottle of bubbles. The 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' was manned by Mr Alan Morris who also managed to guess the exact weight! Thank you to everyone that helped on the day and to those that donated cakes and raffle prizes.

Ukulele Donations Chris Pearson

At the recent Macmillan coffee morning organised by Jane Morris, the Shroton Ukulele Club proudly presented their cheque for £500. They'd raised the money from playing at Care Homes in North Dorset. Each year the club nominates a different charity to receive their £500 donation and this year it was Macmillan, a charity very close to the heart of Trevor Knight (centre of the picture below). Macmillan nursed his wife through her final days and were wonderfully kind and professional.

The Coffee morning itself was a great success making £350, which exceeded the amount Jane raised at the event last year. So, well done Shroton! As a result of your efforts £850 is winging its way to Macmillan Cancer Support.



Editorial - Ena Rees

Dear Everyone,
Again I am struck by how lucky we are to live in a village where so much is happening and so many people contribute to our community.

Thank you to Barrie Mower for replacing some local signage for the Parish Council. Thanks also to Kevin Morris for installing low energy heaters in the Village Hall toilets to keep them aired over the winter. Sadly, Kevin has had to resign from the Village Hall Committee as he has found himself with too many other commitments; he is a big loss to our team because he is so knowledgeable about practical matters and is always willing to lend a hand.

Thanks also to Anne Pearson and Janet Jones for writing another pantomime for our enjoyment. Barbara Briggs is still leading the Lunch and Chat team and has established a very successful and much appreciated service; her organisation is key to its success, so thank you Barbara. As you will see, Angela Carpenter has again been busy. Her charity fundraising Christmas Quiz is ready and available from 1st December, and she is offering to organise a "Winter Afternoons" social time too (see page 6). These are all ways in which folk contribute to making Shroton a special village to live in.

When the Village Hall Committee discovered we could not all be around on the same weekend to prepare the Shroton Christmas Dinner this year, Anne found a great alternative with outside caterers and we hope as many of you as possible will join us for some festive food and fun.

I have enjoyed being editor of the Shroton Lines for two and a half years now, but wonder if it may be time to invite someone else to try a stint in this role. I would be more than happy to help hand over the reins and show how the publishing programme works. A new 'voice' at the helm would bring a fresh perspective and ideas. If you would like to chat about what is involved, please contact me. (See contact details on back page.)

Best wishes, Ena

Village Hall News

Anne Pearson

We're on Week Six of Strictly Come Dancing, the clocks have gone back and the heating is most definitely on! Yes, winter is on the way but there's plenty to look forward to in the coming months.

Saturday, the 16th of December is the date for the Village Christmas Dinner. This year, we're trying something a little different and we have asked a local team of caterers to provide the food for us. They have catered for the Cricket Club Dinner for several years and I can assure you that the food is always delicious! With someone else doing the hard work, we're hoping that for once everybody can sit down and enjoy the evening. As the Village Hall has had a record number of bookings this summer, we are able to make a contribution towards the costs and the tickets will be realistically priced.

And, when Christmas is just a distant memory, we have the pantomime to look forward to! This year, we're doing Jack & the Beanstalk, with a little help from Captains Mainwaring and Poldark. Yes, really! Rehearsals are underway and lines are being learned – hopefully! We still need lots of help, to make scenery and props, sing, play in the band and much more. Please contact me (863892) if you are interested. The pantomime will take place on the 12th and 13th January – two evening performances and a matinee as usual.

Hope to see you soon,
Best wishes, Anne Pearson

PANTOMIME TIME -

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

We are looking for anyone over the age of 8 to take part in our village pantomime. You don't need to have any acting, singing or dancing experience, just a sense of fun. Rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons and the performances will be on January 12th and 13th.



If you would like to take part, please come to the Village Hall on **Sunday, November 5th at 2pm**. Hope to see you there!

Macmillan Coffee Morning Photos provided by Jim Bird





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? WINTER AFTERNOONS ?

Angela Carpenter

Would you like to spend an afternoon a week in pleasant easy company, in a warm environment, during the three months after the Christmas period when the days seem long, dark, and can be lonely?

A few of us have been talking, and think it might be a good idea to organise afternoons to entertain and share with other like-minded people.

Some of us will enjoy trading craft skills and ideas; others might choose to see films; maybe sharing and talking about photographs, or photography, would appeal to some; finding and sharing poetry, recitations or drama, 'Desert Island Disks,' flower-arranging or gardening tips might attract others; and I'm sure that many of you would have lots more ideas for non-specialists?

If there are enough people interested to make the venture work, we are thinking of organising something along these lines to be held in St Mary's Church Shroton. We shall have to decide which day of the week suits most people, and I imagine we would be open from perhaps 2 – 4?

Initially, if you would like to be part of this group and/or have any ideas to fill out those mentioned above, please contact Angela Carpenter either by email: angelacarpenter99@gmail.com or by phone: 01258 861542, or by dropping a note through the letter box at Cobblers Corner.

CHILD OKEFORD AND SHROTON WI OCTOBER REPORT

Gaynor Cox

An audience of 28 WI members and 5 visitors enjoyed the illustrated talk on 'Cyber Crime' delivered by Jake Moore: Cyber Crime Prevention Officer for Dorset Police. Jake leads on Cyber Security for Dorset Police and works with a range of community and business groups. He has given over 170 presentations in a year! His talk, which was cleverly illustrated, gave us sensible hints and tips on keeping safe online. These included: remembering to back up our data: having a long and unique password for all our accounts:

having a separate email address for online shopping: the risks of using public wifi: how to spot phishing emails and keeping software up to date. It was a highly informative and enjoyable talk.

Members were also able to ask questions as well as share their own experiences of online issues. We came away more aware of how to stay safe and secure when we are online and the value of the current national 'Take Five' advertising campaign.

Jake did tweet after the meeting : " a superb audience today in Child Okeford" Thanks, we enjoyed it to! Our next meeting is on Monday 13th November 2017.

We are having a CHRISTMAS CRAFT MAKING SESSION. This will be a practical 'hands on' session, creating seasonal decorations and cards, led by our own WI members. Please bring scissors for cutting material and paper. All other materials provided.

Please meet at the Community Centre at 2pm.

For more details or a chat about joining, contact :

Liz Smith, President 01258 860432

Village Contacts

Child Okeford : Gaynor Cox, Secretary 01258 861145

Shroton : Cathy Bird 01258 861526

PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE AT FARRINGTON VILLAGE, NEAR SHROTON

John Alford, Dorset Highways

I have received an application from Wessex Water to close part of the road at Farrington village, near Shroton, between Higher Farm and Gallows Corner, a distance of approximately 375 metres. The closure has been requested to allow Wessex Water to make repairs to a previous reinstatement in the highway. These works are programmed to take place on Tuesday 24 October 2017 between 09.30hrs and 15.30hrs. The road closure is necessary for safety reasons, as the works will take place within the whole width of the carriageway.

Wessex Water will publicise the road closure in a number of ways: they will place information boards on the road in this area to inform the travelling public

of the works; they will carry out a letter drop to local residents directly affected by the works; and they will sign a vehicular diversion route using the local road network.

Letters to the Lines

Bus to Go

Cathy Bird

In the bus shelter you will see the details of the next few outings arranged by Bus to Go (outings for the elderly) which is organised by a contact of mine. Would it be in order for her to pass the info direct to you in future for inclusion in the Lines, together with a short article to start with about how it works. i.e. it is a door-to-door service and there is assistance during the day if necessary. Margo is a terrific person and another contact of mine is a very capable volunteer on the outings. I'm sure it is well run and great fun.

The Friends of Blandford Hospital Charity shops need Volunteers

Emma Sisson

The Friends of Blandford Community Hospital have opportunities to volunteer within your local community available in both of their Charity Shops in Blandford and Sturminster Newton. Volunteering is a great way to make a difference in the lives of others and fill a few hours of your time with something worthwhile. In our shops, Volunteering is a very social activity working as part of a team and meeting lots of new people. We have a variety of shifts available on either a regular or "as and when" basis. Help is always required both serving the customers but also as part of our sorting and pricing team.

If you are interested in joining our team, do give Emma a call in the Friends Shops and Fundraising Office on 01258 451456 for an informal chat about how you can help. Alternatively, pop in to one of the shops, have a chat with our team and pick up an application form.

The Cricketers

There will be no New Year's Disco at The Cricketers this year.

Angela's TENTH Christmas and New Year Quiz



Would you like a copy?



What about sending one to a friend?

Copies are £2 and make good stocking fillers

or can easily fit in with a Christmas card.



There is one prize of £20.



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FOUND

A small child's wristwatch with silver coloured bracelet and still functioning, found near Old Mill Cottages.

Please claim from Barbara Briggs:
1, Old Mill Cottages. Tel:863643

Fund-Raising Lunch in Aid of the Rohingya Refugees 12.30pm on Wed 15th Nov Child Okeford Village Hall

Have you watched the unfolding scenes from the Myanmar/Bangladesh border with horror, and a feeling of uselessness at the plight of the refugees of whom 58% are children and 60% of the adults are women?

If so, please join us for the above lunch from which all donations will be given to the Disasters Emergency Committee. This is composed of 13 of the UK's leading charities amongst whom are Save the Children, British Red Cross and Oxfam.

If you are not able to come, donations will be gratefully received by either of the contacts below.

In order to reserve a place (donations to be given at the event) and for us to know how many to cater for, please also contact as below. We look forward to seeing you.

Diana Bucknall - 860726
bucknalldiana@gmail.com
Jenny Kretz - 861849
jkretz@btinternet.com



Mo presented Bob Briggs and Nick-the-Horse Cooper with the Petanque trophy at The Cricketers after the end of season knockout tournament.

Parish Council News

Lizzie Kingsbury
Parish Clerk 18/10/17

A350 Community Group

Is a community organisation made up of Parish representatives and village residents (A350 stakeholders) who meet regularly to discuss the development and management of road matters affecting communities along the A350 and the options for any C13 improvements. The latest A350 Community Group meeting minutes (25 September 2017) are now on the Parish website and I encourage you to look at the details discussed for the long-term management of the strategic routes in this area.

I attended the A350 stakeholders meeting with DCC to listen to the proposed schedule of road safety and traffic improvement measures being planned for the Parish section of the A350. Of significant interest are the diverse proposals for Stepleton Bends, the remedial work on the road surface at Ranston Estate turning into the village, the proposed speed limit changes along the A350 and C13 together with an opportunity to discuss a possible

traffic calming measure for the village.

As I am obliged to keep PC news to a minimum due to the lack of space in our newsletter – I would be greatly encouraged if interested readers would also access the A350/C13 news page on the Parish website for news regarding these important routes. If any residents would like to represent the village on the A350 Community Group or view plans for proposed options on the A350/C13 improvements please contact me in the first instance.

A350/C13 Speed Limit consultation

The Parish Council supports the proposed speed limit changes along the A350 and C13 at the primary consultation stage, which will be carried out with the Parish Councils along the route, County Councillors, District Council and Dorset Police prior to the formal 21-day notice period. Following the earlier consultation where speed limit changes were well received (A350 Community Group lobbying) DCC have made some changes based on responses received, which will enhance the clear and consistent message to drivers.

Letters to the Lines (cont'd) Dog Walkers

I'd just like to remind everyone when out walking on footpaths dogs should be kept on leads or under close control.

Shroton is a beautiful location with amazing walks over Hambledon and for everyone to enjoy but let's please have some thought for livestock, wildlife and people's livelihoods. Thank you. - A.Rudd

Shroton Baby and Toddler Group

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please come along have a coffee
and catch up with other mums.

Advent Service

St Mary's Iwerne Steepleton Church
4.00pm Sunday 3rd Dec
All welcome.

Life Lines: Leigh Palmer



When Leigh contacted me about her Holistic Well-being venture, I thought it might be helpful for readers to have a proper introduction (and of course the interview provided me with the opportunity to meet someone I barely knew). I was quickly enthused by Leigh's open and interesting accounts of her experiences, and impressed with her enthusiasm for her chosen career move.

Originally from South Africa, Leigh was brought up in a family that favoured outdoor activities, so she went on safaris - both comfortably catered and more earthy camping kinds - and had many opportunities to do water sports such as water skiing and jet skiing. Her family's love and interest for 'Mother' Africa, fishing and the outdoors meant time away from boarding school was time spent learning sports and survival skills! She acknowledged that living in South Africa had its dangers, both because of the wildlife and the political situation, but she said that living with danger was part of life and she had learnt not to live in fear. For her, adventures and risk-taking seemed normal!

Like many South African youngsters, Leigh did not get the chance to travel abroad until she finished school, and so she was encouraged to use her aunts and grandmother in Surrey as starting points for her wider exploration of the world. She first worked as a nanny and au pair, also cleaning houses and doing breakfast shifts and bar work in Surrey. This led to her meeting and befriending an Australian couple with whom she travelled for two years. Through contacts she had made while working in Surrey, she was invited to work in The Anvil at Pimperne, where she met her husband to whom she became engaged after 4 weeks, and was married 2 years later in Pimperne church.

Having become friends with Jason MacIntosh over 10 years ago and best friends with Teresa Goodbody, their move to Shroton introduced Leigh and Neil to the village.

How many years in Shroton?

Three and a half.

A favourite television programme?

Tin Star, Liar and any psychological or suspense thrillers.

A favourite book?

The Secret Healer series by Elizabeth Ashley, who writes about the special properties of foods and oils for natural healing and aromatherapy.

Favourite music?

Music to "make me feel good"; anything from bands like The Cure, Pink Floyd, Jungle, Mumford & Sons.

Favourite film?

A United Kingdom - about a black Botswanan King who marries an English woman and takes her to settle in Africa.

Food heaven?

Anything that is clean & healthy eating - her tastes are influenced by the advice on nutrition she has read. "Roast Lamb has to be one of my favourites and I do enjoy Seafood."

An unusual experience?

As a teenager, she was taken night-fishing by her family, where there were known to be a lot of crocodiles. She wasn't allowed to cast the line herself, but held the rod once her father had set it up. She remembers reeling in having caught a fish and how the line went slack so she tugged and a fish flew out of the water and slapped her face! She was terrified and briefly thought a crocodile had her!

A memorable experience?

Leigh and her husband worked hard to pay for a trip to Mexico where they swam with manta rays, went snorkelling and scuba diving. It was the first time they had independently explored. Leigh also relishes the memory of a spa day on her birthday when her husband played golf and then a romantic meal for two on the beach.

What is an important lesson life has taught you?

We spend a lot of time striving for more; maybe it is better to focus on being content with what we have. Don't be afraid to live life and to appreciate the here and now.

Dream or plans for the future?

Helping people take more control of their well-being in her new business.

Best thing about Shroton?

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