Well and truly rung!

Around 50 people gathered at the Old School on Saturday 27 July at 12.00 noon for the formal opening of the premises and to hear the new bell rung in celebration.

Captain John Matthews spoke of the eight year pathway from the Old School being vacated until today and the wish of the Parish Council throughout to retain the premises for community use. He talked about the formation of the Sherston Old School Community Interest Company (SOSCIC) as the village development vehicle and of persuading Peter Sidebottom to become Chairman of the new company.

Peter Sidebottom, for his part, detailed the very large contributions made by some donors but also highlighted the significant amounts raised from the community by way of individual donations and through a wide variety of fund raising activities and events. He particularly thanked Paul and Gail for their vision and tenacity in pursuing the project throughout an extended and often frustrating period. Finally he unveiled the new donor acknowledgement board which has been placed in the Old School porch.

Captain Matthews then rang the new bell once for each year of the project (and perhaps also one for luck?) and the party retired to the car park for some excellent wine and snacks.

The raffle which had been organised by SOSCIC to support the National Countryside Week (the Princes Countryside Fund) raised over £200. The prize winners were:

Richard Creed (Hamper donated by the PO/Stores);
Graham Hayman (Magnum of Champagne donated by Balcony House Cellars);
Guida B (£25 Voucher donated by Shear Class);
Sheila Harris (A3 Print of your favourite photo donated by Compass Graphic Design);
Dairsie Latimer (1 hour free marketing advice donated by Electric Octopus Ltd).

Boules & Carnival reports inside!
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7th  95   Joan Weeks   £6
8th  138  Sheila James £5


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Village Hall - action stations

The time has come for some major fundraising for the hall. The very successful Old School project brought great benefits to the hall in terms of not only securing the future of Baker Thompsons field for community use but also providing additional land in the school yard – presently used as additional parking space for hall users. All this was in return for granting access to the rear of the school from the High street.

What is now needed is basically finance, and a fair bit of it, to upgrade the hall’s facilities. The committee have identified the following works –

- Refitting of the kitchen including flooring
- Repair and re-varnish main hall floor
- Complete the new lighting to main hall and install new doors to entrance from lobby
- New sanitary ware to main hall toilets plus their redecoration to include the lobby and new flooring throughout.
- New flooring to kitchen lobby, small hall including lobby and toilets.
- New flat roof to main hall lobby and render outside walls.
- Provide new disabled ramp to field from main hall.

Whilst detailed estimates are being sought the likely costs are expected to be in the region of £40,000. All necessary grant possibilities are being investigated but of course the present economic situation has made these less available than in recent years. There is no doubt that a fair amount of local fundraising will be required to make things happen.

Already the Drama group has generously put £1000 on the table on the basis that other major groups who use the hall follow suit. Obviously not all groups have a great amount of funds themselves so are being asked for help in organising fundraising events. Already the Young Craft group and Over 25’s Badminton have stepped forward and volunteered their help.

If you have any ideas for fundraising and/or are willing to get involved in helping organise them please get in touch with Martin Rea on 840348 or email martdrea@aol.com

Village hall 300+ club

Clem’s Club

Clem’s Club will start again on Tuesday 24 September. All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat, 2.30pm to 4.00pm (alternating with the Senior Club), in the British School Room, Cliff Road.
High Street improvements

Work to enhance parts of the High Street and Court Street, primarily for the benefit of pedestrians, is due to start this month. Reproduced below are all the details from a newsletter for residents produced by Wiltshire Council.

What work is being undertaken?
In an effort to improve pedestrian walking routes in the village; Wiltshire Council will shortly be undertaking footway enhancement works in the High Street and Court Street. The Council has worked closely with Sherston Parish Council and Malmesbury Area Board over the last 12 months to develop the proposal which includes:
- Construction of a new footway link on Court Street and crossing point opposite the Post Office.
- Construction of a new two-metre wide footway on the south eastern side of the High Street between the access to the Village Hall and Noble Street.
- Drainage works, together with improved signing and lining.
- Re-surfacing of the carriageway in selected areas.
- Landscaping works.

Please see below for a small scale drawing of the proposals. A larger more detailed plan can be found via the Wiltshire Council website (use the search tool and enter 'Sherston Village').

When are the works programmed and how long will they take?
The works are programmed to commence on Monday 12 August, with an estimated duration of six weeks. However, this may be subject to change if unforeseen difficulties are encountered. Please note that, for operational reasons, it will be necessary to introduce a number of short-term temporary road closures on the High Street and Court Street. Signed diversions will be in place for the duration of the closure for both light traffic and heavy goods vehicles. Access for residential properties will be maintained at all times. The programmed dates and area for the road closures are indicated below:
- 13 to 26 August - Mon-Fri, 9.30am– 3.30pm. (Village Hall access to Rattlebone)
- 4 and 5 September- 9.30am– 3.30pm. (High St/ Court St junction - opposite the post office)
- 18 and 19 September- 6.00pm – 12midnight (High St/Court St junction to Noble St)

Carriageway Surfacing works.

Wiltshire Council would like to take this opportunity to apologise in advance for any disruption and thank you for your patience and cooperation whilst the works are carried out.

Who can I contact for further information?
During normal working hours, contact Martin Rose on 01225 713476 or alternatively Customer Care on 0300 456 0100. Outside normal working hours (emergencies only), refer to site information boards, email: integrated.transport@wiltshire.gov.uk.
Sopworth outlet

The Cliffhanger is now available from the decommissioned telephone box in Sopworth. The old shelf for those long-gone huge old telephone directories is an ideal ‘point of sale’. Should supplies run out in our new ‘shop’, please contact Beryl Clampton on 841201 who will be along in a flash to restock.

Village Hall - Fill a slot

The large hall is currently unused on Wednesday evenings. It is ideal for some sort of physical activity – adult dance, martial arts, circuit training or boccia. The hall has available all the equipment for short mat bowls should someone wish to take this up. Hiring rates are very reasonable and every assistance will be given to help start off a new activity, especially as regards publicity. For all details, please contact Martin Rea on 840348 or email martdrea@aol.com.

Wiltshire Good Neighbours

Just a reminder that I am here to help with information to (hopefully) solve problems and make your life a little easier. Please call me, Ellen Blacker on 07557 922020 or email me at malmesburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk.

Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie’s next walk will be on Sunday 18 August. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am, with a return to the Rattlebone Inn around 12.00noon in time for a complimentary snack. As ever, children and well behaved dogs on leads are very welcome. This is a PHEW! Event: see www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk.

A tidy village?

At July’s parish council meeting, concerns were raised about the number of weeds this season around the village. Particular ‘hotspots’ were mentioned, such as along the ‘Rec’ wall in Court Street and the verges in Tanners Hill, as well as the area by ‘The Island’ steps. To be frank, this isn’t the first time the village has suffered from excessive weed growth – last year was also bad.

The situation has not been helped by the recent change in the main contractor to Wiltshire Highways from Ringway to Balfour Beatty but it is hoped that matters will improve and that an intended revamped parish steward scheme will shortly be fully operational. This will see a team of operators attending the parish at regular intervals to work on all aspects of ‘minor’ highway maintenance, including potholes and those weeds.

Whilst it is expected that the changes to the parish steward system will be of benefit, there must also be an element of self help if the village – and indeed other parts of the parish – are to be kept looking in good overall order. Many residents weed the frontages of their property where it meets the highway and if more could be encouraged to do so much could be achieved. The parish council, for its part, is reviewing the land it owns or controls, i.e. the ‘Rec’, sports field and allotments, to see how its own basic maintenance can be improved.

Litter was once a real problem in the village and the parish council used to organise a ‘Spring Clean Up’ every May when a skip full of rubbish would be collected by councillors, volunteer residents and Scouts. In recent years, a number of residents have very kindly taken to litter picking on a regular basis – Pat Cooper in particular – to the extent that the village and, indeed the parish, is kept pretty well litter-free. Perhaps the successful tackling of the litter issue could encourage some self-help action as regards weeds?

Please be assured that it is not intended to ‘chocolate box’ the village but simply to improve its general appearance. The parish council still studiously declines the annual offer to enter the ‘Best Kept Village’ competition!
Major road closures

The first of many road closures in our area connected with the electrification of the railway line to South Wales began at the end of last month, with work to the Badminton Overbridge between Luckington and Acton Turville on the B 4040 resulting in the road being closed until Monday 5 August. Diversionary routes will be in operation – see map for details and visit www.bristolwater.co.uk/streetworks-news/road-closure-from-july-22-luckington-road-b4040/.

In September, the road will be closed for three months for further works to the bridge. At around the same time, the Fosse Bridge will also be closed again for over three months. It is understood that the Government is giving high priority to these works, hence both bridges being closed at the same time.

Further details of these closures and diversionary routes will be given in the September edition of the Cliffhanger. At the moment, the closures are expected to run from 2 September to 23 December in respect of the Badminton Overbridge and from 26 August to 23 December for the Fosse Bridge.

1016 Book Sale

The autumn date for our popular book sales for the year is set for Saturday 7 September in Sherston Village Hall, from 9.00am to 12.00noon – free entry.

If you have any books, videos, CDs or DVDs to donate, these may be left with Mike Tarrant at Grays Hill Farm, Luckington-road-b4040/. If you have any ideas, would like to get involved or want to know more please contact me on geoff_cars@hotmail.com or phone 840995.

Wild Sherston

Based on quite a number of conversations with various people in the village there seems to be lots of interest in learning more about the environment around the village. People have a variety of interests such as wild flowers, bees, hedgehogs, the weather, the landscape, foraging, wildlife photography, bats etc.

There is lots of expertise in the village on a number of these subjects as well as in local wildlife/conservation groups such as Butterfly Conservation, the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and Wiltshire Ornithological Society.

The suggestion is to run a one-day (or maybe two-day depending on level of interest) in May 2014 where an expert runs a one-hour session on a topic (bats, wild flowers etc.) and then leads a number of walks around the village to identify the local fauna and flora. There could lots of opportunity to get local children involved finding and identify beetles, moths, bugs etc. as well as exploring the local countryside.

Overall it’s intended to use local expertise to get local people involved in better understanding our local environment.

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Great War Centenary

Next year sees the 100th anniversary of the commencement of the Great War of 1914 to 1918 in which many men from Sherston served and 36 made the ultimate sacrifice.

The parish council wishes to commemorate the centenary and hopes that many residents would also like to do so. Accordingly, and as with past national anniversaries and events, the parish council is to set up a working group to coordinate ideas and to ‘make it happen’. Whilst there will naturally be an emphasis on remembrance for those who served and fell, there are numerous opportunities to reflect on many other aspects of life in the parish at the time of the war and how those were dramatically changed by the conflict.

Although the parish council is to set up the group, its success or otherwise very much depends on residents’ willingness to become involved by either becoming a member of the group or proposing their own ideas for commemorative events that they would like to plan and organise under the umbrella of the group but without having to attend all the meetings. As to funding, grants specifically aimed at the commemoration and worth between £3,000 and £10,000 are available for communities from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Please note that there is no need to ‘do everything’ in 2014 and it is perfectly possible to plan events over the whole four years of the war, ie up to the anniversary of the armistice in 2018. The important aspect, at this stage, is simply to get started.

In order to get the ball rolling, there will be an open meeting in the village hall on Tuesday 3 September at 7.30pm to which all are very welcome. Should you be unable to attend but wish to take part in the future or just have an idea for an event, please contact the parish clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk.

Fun in the Sun 2013

Fun in the Sun, the Wiltshire Council free holiday sports coaching for children in rural areas, returns to Sherston this summer on a Wednesday morning. For children aged 5 to 11 years old, it will take place on the ‘Rec’ on 31 July and 7, 14 and 21 August from 10.00am to 11.30am.

Sports change on a week-by-week basis but will include football, dodgeball, tag rugby, tennis, rounders, athletics and team activities.

Children must bring a signed consent form to their first session of attendance. Forms are available from Sherston Post Office Stores (in the rack of leaflets by the coffee machine) or can be downloaded from http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/funinthesun. Children can attend as many or as few sessions as they want.

Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Children should please bring with them a hat and water bottle. If wet, indoor activities will take place in the Scout Hut which will in any event be open for toilets and water.

The parish council is supporting this scheme by providing the Rec and also hiring the Scout Hut.

Please note the scheme is available to all children - from Sherston or any of the surrounding parishes.
Community composting

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Sherston’s Tug of War

Under the Community Games initiative, a grant of £200 was obtained to help cover the costs of this year’s Boules & Carnival Tug of War. One of the conditions of the grant was that there had to be a cultural as well as sporting element. Accordingly, a small display was produced not only on the history of the sport generally, but also specifically relating to Sherston, which must be the only community for miles to have such a long tradition of tug of war. Reproduced below is the display - how many characters can you recognise from the past? Hairstyles have certainly changed (as well as the amount of it in some cases!).

Tug of War in Sherston

The Eagle Team

In the late 1970s a Tug of War team from the Eagle Inn at Pinkney was formed and within a very short period was highly successful in a number of competitions both in Wiltshire and further afield.

The Eagle Inn Tug of War team

Back row- left to right:
Dave Law, Andrew Burgess, Roger Garland,
Tony Hibbard, Danny White, Dave Bye, Ken Berry.
Front row:
Mike Town, Trevor Wright, Robert Punter,
Steve Punter and John Punter.

Sherston Carnival

Perhaps enthused by the Eagle team, Tug of War became a favourite Carnival event which continues to this day. Originally ‘pulls’ were held across the river both at the Cliff and near Stretchline Mill with plenty of competitors ending up well soaked. The pull is now held in the village hall field for ease of access and fresh drinking water between heats! The teams compete for the Sherston Cup.

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Fresh fish and seafood in Tuck’s yard every Wednesday morning

JW Britton is now selling fresh fish and seafood in Sherston every Wednesday from 8.00am to 2.00pm. Stock includes fresh fish caught off St. Ives, including cornish cod, hake, haddock, plaice, halibut, lemon, megrim and Dover sole and sea bass fillets, with salmon and trout from the Shetland Isles. He also has a selection of seafood from St Ives, dressed crab from Whitby, and samphire and smoked fish. James has worked for the family-run business for seven years, but has now branched out on his own whilst his father runs the stall in Tetbury.

With deliveries every two days, the fish is guaranteed to be fresh and full of flavour. James is very happy to fillet any whole fish whilst you wait - or shop in Tuck’s for the rest of the meal.

On Tuesdays, the family duo are in Corsham, Thursdays in Clevedon and Fridays at Chew Valley Lakes. For any special orders, call James on 07572 950206 or email jwbritton08@hotmail.co.uk.

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Old Prison set to enjoy a secure future under new ownership

The future of a significant heritage site and Grade II listed building in Northleach has been secured, thanks to the efforts of local environmental charity, Friends of the Cotswolds, the Cotswolds Conservation Board and the local community.

The Old Prison at Northleach, formally owned by Cotswold District Council, is now under the ownership of the Friends of the Cotswolds following the completion of the purchase of the site yesterday. Plans to fully realise the site as a vibrant visitor centre and historic asset for the local community can now be developed, including the appointment of a new house manager, the reinstatement of the cafe and the submission of an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Chairman of the Friends of the Cotswolds, Simon Randall, is overjoyed at being able to move ahead with plans: ‘During the last eighteen months we have been immensely pleased with the amount of support received from the local community through our fundraising activities and events at the Old Prison. This is a fascinating building and unique piece of local heritage in its own right which many people feel strongly about and want to conserve for the future. Thanks to their support along with that of Northleach with Eastington Town Council, we can now move quickly forward with the Conservation Board to realise these exciting plans for the future of the site. Our fundraising efforts will continue in earnest to improve facilities and we will be seeking more volunteers to help with various activities at the site.’

The 18th century building houses the Escape to the Cotswolds visitor centre and the unique Rural Life Collection. As well as conserving and improving access to, and interpretation of, the Old Prison and the Rural Life Collection, plans for the site will enable the development of a central hub for the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Through volunteer-led, hands-on activities and demonstrations, interactive interpretation and a wide range of events and activities, the project will help to deepen understanding and appreciation of the significance of this special place. The centre will also become a focus for rural skills training, building on the Board’s well established rural skills programme, and will seek to be a showcase for sustainable energy conservation and production within an historic building.

A new programme of events and activities at the Escape to the Cotswolds centre this summer has attracted many more visitors and families through the doors since the start of the season in April. Historic tours, themed talks, guided walks, geology roadshows, fossil-making activities and many other events have proven very popular with local people, schools and visitors from across the country this year so far, with many more events planned for the rest of the year and into the future.

For further information of all events taking place, go to: www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk.
Community speedwatch

As some residents may be aware, there has been great difficulty over the funding of Wiltshire’s speedwatch scheme in recent months to the extent that, for all intents and purposes, it has been effectively suspended in a number of areas, including Sherston. Fortunately, however, Angus McPherson, the Police and Crime Commissioner working with Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council, has approved a business case that it is intended will put the scheme on a firm and improved footing. This includes:

• Appointing two full-time police staff roles to support community speedwatch – a coordinator role and an administrative role. One part of the coordinator role will include focusing on volunteer training. It is hoped these people will be in post in September.
• Funding a new IT system, used by Devon and Cornwall Police, that will more effectively store, analyse and process the speed check data recorded and sent to the police. This will make the process of posting letters to those recorded as exceeding the speed limit quicker and will act as a central database for speed check information across Wiltshire and Swindon, helping to identify repeat offenders across the area.

• Funding for additional speed-detection devices to ensure volunteers have access to the equipment needed.
• Revised protocols between Wiltshire Police and Community speedwatch, clearly setting out the level of support to be given to volunteers, in relation to training and enforcement.

The scheme is due to be re-launched at a meeting of all local speedwatch coordinators set up by Mr. McPherson in Devizes in September, at which Graham Morris will represent Sherston. It is hoped that within a short while thereafter our scheme will be up and running again.

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council next meets on Thursday 12 September in the village hall at 7.30pm – there is no meeting in August. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise, please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read.
Sherston gets set to POP!

The UK’s first POP up village will be held right here in Sherston from 20 to 22 September - and it is looking packed! We currently have over 35 POP ups confirmed, all of which will be created in homes and gardens around the village for anyone to visit and enjoy.

It is a fantastically eclectic mix of POPs for all ages. To name just a few, we have POP up Pony, The Vintage Book Shop, The Dizzy Cow Milkshake Bar, a children’s storyteller, the Horrible Histories experience, The Grove Road Toybox, a Latin Quarter, Tin Box Treasure Trail, the farm park, drama Kings and Queens workshops, a Mangold Hurl (complete with delicious mangold ‘delicacies’), POP up Cinema, Vintage Cupcake Cafe (with gramophone) and a mini cookery school by the wonderful Hobbs House Bakery. We are very excited to welcome Sasha Jenner, the patisserie chef for Hobbs House, who will be treating us to bread and butter pudding made with the Sherston Overnighter! And there’s more: the Sherston Village People will be playing a fantastique free POP up gig at the Rattlebone on the Saturday night - so bring your dancing shoes!

These are just a taster of the POPs on offer, so make sure you have the weekend in your diary. Owing to limited numbers, some of the POP ups will be pre-book only. Any POPs that need to be pre-booked will be released via www.thepopupvillage.com and facebook/thepopupvillage as we get the information. There will also be a POP pre-book list on the Post Office notice board. So keep an eye out to get your place. More details of each POP are also available on the website and Facebook so ‘like’ us at Facebook/thepopupvillage for the most up-to-date news. Full details will also follow in the September Cliffhanger.

If you’re not planning to run a POP but still want to get involved, please let us know as some of the POPs need an extra pair of hands. And finally we have room for just two more POP ups in the 12-3 slot on Sunday. So if you have just had a brilliant idea and are desperate to run a POP let us know. Give Kirsty Strachan a call on 07841 571943 for any thoughts, queries or brilliant ideas related to POP.

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Vicar for Sherston

A huge thank you to all those generous people who have started, or renewed, a gift to Holy Cross church. We have are now just over halfway towards our funding target. If you are planning to give, we’d be grateful if you could return the form soon please. Alternatively, it is possible to set up a standing order using the bank details on the form - if you’ve done this we’d love to receive an email notification so we can thank you. If anyone’s lost the leaflet, we have some spares!

Finally, we’d love to invite you to a special service of thanksgiving for people’s immense generosity. This will be at 9.30am on Sunday 13 October, at which we hope to announce the results of our appeal.

Christopher Bryan, Vicar,
Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com

Area Board

The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council takes place at Malmesbury Secondary School on Wednesday 4 September, 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. This is an opportunity for residents to see their area board in action and to participate in discussions. All welcome.

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The late start to the natural year, due to the delayed end to spring, meant there were very few butterflies around until very recently and then the very warm spell caused them to appear to large numbers. Have a walk along the cliff and you will lot's of very busy butterflies in the hedges, brambles, blackthorn and in the grass. Many are quite easily identified including (this quite a list..) the Small skipper, Peacock, Meadow brown, Comma, Gatekeeper, Red admiral, Small tortoiseshell, Ringlet, Common blue, Small white, Green-veined white, Marbled white. It’s quite possible you could see all of these in a single 1 hour meander around the Cliff.

One of the photo’s below is of a Marbled White with a small red dot in the middle of its body (I appreciate that doesn’t quite work for those watching in black and white such as the readers of Cliffhanger). This is a parasitic mite which can occur in quite large numbers on a single butterfly although, apparently, it doesn’t harm the butterfly too much. This picture was taken on the Cliff last week so keep your eyes peeled.

There is a really good identification guide available at www.bigbutterflycount.org/ and if you do identify any please add your findings to the site - your contributions really do help. It’s a good way of getting children outside and maybe, for example, get them to identify say eight different types.

There is a fantastic site for butterflies about five miles away called West Yatton Down near Castle Coombe. It’s possible to see 26 species on a single walk.

The fine weather has enabled a number of reptiles to be much more active. Much to my amazement one of our cats brought home a Grass snake (see photo). Luckily the snake was OK after the removal of said cat. It was playing dead until it saw a chance to make a break. Grass Snakes, which are completely harmless to humans (but they do like a nice frog or toad), can get up to 2 feet long and are easily identified by the yellow band behind the head.

Finally please read the article on the proposed WildSherston event in May next year and do give feedback and ideas to geoff_carss@hotmail.com.

Geoff Carss

Grass Snake July 2013

Small Skipper July 2013

Marbled White - Sherston Cliff 2013 with mite
Quiz starts it off - Boules & Carnival Week July 2013

And so another year has passed in the Boules & Carnival calendar. Marquees and bunting packed away for another year, footballer’s frocks put to the back of the wardrobe for another night!

The week began in the usual fashion with the Holland’s and Dickenson’s Carnival Quiz. Numbers were slightly down but that didn’t stop everyone having a great evening and the eventual winners were ‘Play Up Andy’, a team from Malmesbury (actually their carnival chairman and wife).

On Wednesday battle commenced in the Rattlebone skittle alley where Chris Gough won the day whilst the children got the chance to let off steam on Thursday at the children’s disco and over at the cricket pitch at Pinkney Park the Rattlebone were narrowly beaten by the village in a well contested game in beautiful sunshine.

6.30am on Saturday 13 July and we’re off. Bleary eyed volunteers beetled about setting up stalls and pitches; this year in shorts and t-shirts rather than the Sou’westers of last year. By 9.00am everything was ready and the church bells rang. The Olympic Torch carried by former mayor of Malmesbury, Steve Cox, proceeded through the village and the tournament commenced.

Over at the village hall cakes and Pimms were being consumed at a rate of knots while the village hall field was transformed into Sherston on Sea including its very own pier and surf boarding experience by Friends of Sherston School and Busy Hands. Punch and Judy created their usual havoc to the amusement of the children. Did you meet the pygmy goats and the fabulous Young’s Dray
Horses? Weren’t they wonderful? The toddlers enjoyed themselves too in their very own play area. It looked great fun.

The British Schoolrooms hosted an Exhibition entitled Anniversaries which was superbly put together by the Seniors and featured a Mount Everest Expedition and Great Western Railways display to name but a few.

Back on the High Street the tournament was well underway. Morris Dancers and bands entertained, whilst the French Café helpers were busy serving baguettes and pastries (perhaps, given the temperature, it should have been strawberries and cream). They were also called upon from time to time to cool down hot dogs (no, not hot-dogs) with a handy hose.
Meanwhile the Junior Boules Tournament was in full swing and certainly seemed to be pulling in hoards of spectators as keen parents cheered on their offspring.

Eventually pitches (or should that be pistes) were cleared and by 9.00pm normal service resumed to the High Street. Thank you to all those residents who kindly moved their cars to allow the event to take place. It is most appreciated.
Sunday, and children were out and about around the village working out the clues to the Treasure Hunt organised by Gwen. At 11.30am the rope was laid out in the village hall field and battle commenced. Sherston’s team of 8 tried to steal victory from the Vine Tree but alas their valiant efforts were in vain and yet again the Vine Tree took the trophy home. There’s always next year lads!

Up at the Village Hall, however, the last event of the week was setting up as The Dodington Parish Band and combined churches held their Thanksgiving Service. It was very well attended and a fitting end to the week.

Well done everyone. Thank you for all your help and support. As you know all proceeds are distributed to local clubs societies, organisations and charities. Without Boules & Carnival Week many of these organisations would struggle to fund their activities, all of which make Sherston the fantastic village it is.

Next year, however, several committee members have decided to take a break and we will therefore need several new recruits with fresh ideas. So if anyone feels they would like to help out with some admin then please let us know. You can leave a message on Facebook (Sherston Boules & Carnival) or email sherstonboules@gmail.co.uk

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Tombola

A couple of weeks before Boules day donations of
tombola prizes began to arrive inside the front door
of 37 High Street. Things were a little slow to start
with and I feared we would not have so many prizes
this year. But after a couple of ‘wanted’ posters all that
changed! I think this year we probably had more than
ever, and so thank you to all who those who donated.

Thanks also to the members of the Parish Council and
some husbands and wives, who helped to make it run
so smoothly on the day. Just over £400 was made.
\textit{by Cilla Liddington}

Duck Race

We sold 867 ducks this year, which easily beats the
previous record of 835 set in 2008. This was I think
mostly due to a big effort on sales, so congratulations to
everybody who took part - Brownies, Brownie parents
and Drama group members. The good weather helped
of course - for comparison the last three years results
were: 706 in 2010, 539 in 2011 and 581 in 2012.

After deducting prize money, the profit for Boules &
Carnival was £812.

For the record, the winners were:
First Duck 147 Katie Lacey
Second Duck 97 Charlie Blows
Third Duck 318 Tilly Egerton
Last Duck 488 Robin Hill Walker

\textit{by Richard Skeffington}
Car Boot

Over 20 ‘Booters’ booked places at the Boules Car Boot. It was a glorious day, with lots of people coming to browse the tables, looking for bargains. It raised just over £200 helped with the sale of Bacon Rolls and a Raffle.

Many thanks go to Jock for manning the kitchen, and to Jill Caine for doing the raffle.

Fancy dress football

The fancy dress game was won by the football team for the first time in a few years and the trophy is at this moment residing at the Rattlebone after being filled with drink by the OAFS who were our opposition and passed around the pub and most of it drunk by Knocker who at some point did the run of shame up the high street with Caroline Scarlet’s knickers on (not a pretty sight). Again it was a good turn out and I would like to thank everyone involved especially Lyn Outlaw and her girls for doing the Barbecue with some help from Jock who thought he was cooking haggis and thanks to Jason from the Rattlebone who, apart from us nicking his gas bottle, was very helpful with the loan of his barby, oh and thank you Caroline for the loan of your knickers and good luck trying to get them back.

Once again thanks to everyone.  by Pete Brock

A Walk in the Park: SHOCC Summer Concert

An audience of around 50 enjoyed the summer concert ‘A Walk in the Park’ presented by Sherston Occasional Community Choir (SHOCC) in the British School Room, Cliff Road, on 26 June.

Opening with a novelty song by Mozart followed by pieces from ‘My Fair Lady’ and ‘Dream a Little Dream of Me’ by the Mamas and Papas, a wide range of vocal harmony was displayed. Sandra Cook’s rendition of ‘Summertime’ from Porgy and Bess was both appropriate and professional for the occasion. A duet of ‘All in the April Evening’ performed by Sue Cook and Nicki Heenan closed the first half.

After a reading and results of the fun quiz, the concert restarted with various choral pieces in a cappella and gospel songs demonstrating the range of music the choir enjoys. The finale rendition of an arrangement of ‘Wherever You Are’, as sung by The Military Wives Choir, was very moving and contrasted with the audience participation in a version of the John Denver classic ‘Country Roads’, reset to include the villages of Sherston and Didmarton in the chorus - many thanks to leader Nicki Heenan.

Some members will be joining the Tetbury choir on a visit to their twin town of Zwingenberg in Germany in October where they will be performing a selection of songs at a concert to be held in the town hall.

Please note that rehearsals are on Wednesdays in the British School Room, 7.00pm to 9.00pm. The new term starts on 25 September, with the theme ‘Swingle Singers Christmas’. All ages welcome. Sing for fun!

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We are doing several new things. The clergy are trying to get more involved in village events – remember the dayglo jackets at SherstonFest? And the Holy Rollers at Boules? Let us know if there are any ways you can get us involved in your group’s activities.

On 28 July there will be coffee and croissants at 8.45am, to give some more social time on a busy Sunday – all welcome. We’re particularly inviting the church Electoral Roll members, especially those who’ve recently signed up, to a tea on Sunday 11 August at 3.00pm. On 25 August there will be an ‘Into God’s Hands’ communion service, at which we’ll be able to lay the joys and sorrows of the past at the foot of the cross and begin to look to the future.

We will put a lot more work into communicating who we are and what we are about. I have succumbed to the inevitable march of technological progress and got myself a Twitter account #chrisbryanrev! There were people who wanted to know what the clergy got up to, and Twitter seemed the ideal way to do this, besides giving the chance to share wisdom (or banalities – you decide!). Also, the church now has a Facebook Group – Sherston Parish Church of the Holy Cross – which we hope will be a way of sharing information. It should be viewable by anyone, and please contact me if you’d like to become a group member and be able to post things. A website is on the way.

All this is part of strengthening our links across the village, as we look to develop our activities. We’d really value your feedback and ideas: please let us know what you think of your church, what you feel the church can offer you, where you’d like to see us involved.

Christopher Bryan, Vicar for Sherston.
**W.I**

**Come and join us!**

You would be very welcome at Sherston W.I. Do you know anything about the charity ‘Hope for Tomorrow’? The speaker at our meeting on 1 August will be telling us about this most local charity which raises funds to enable patients to have treatment near where they live rather than having to travel long distances. Visitors welcome, £3.

On 5 September, Theo Stening will be giving us an insight into Iceland so, should you be considering a visit to that country, come along and find out what it’s like.

Some men may even be interested in joining us for our meeting on 7 November, when Richard Broadhead will be giving a talk entitled ‘Wiltshire Soldiers of the Great War’.

We look forward to you joining us. If you are new to Sherston, it is a good way to get to know people. We are not all jam and Jerusalem!

*Jill Woodward, Secretary, Sherston W.I.*

**Report of July meeting**

At last, Sherston W.I. members had a warm sunny evening for their July meeting. President Sheila welcomed members and our speaker, Susan Marshfield. The title of her talk was ‘You can choose your friends but ...’.

Susan proceeded to give us a very humorous account of relationships in families. She illustrated this with observations within her own family, telling us about her grandparents, parents and grandchildren. Some people were easy to get on with, whilst others left memories of strife and unhappiness. We very much enjoyed her talk, with all her stories causing much laughter.

During the business part of the evening, the president outlined forthcoming events, with the first being an outing to Sharcott Manor at Pewsey on 18 July. Several members were due to be helping at The French Café on Boules Day, as well as with the Senior Exhibition of Anniversaries at the British School Room.

We are planning a visit on 12 September to Bourton-on-the-Water and the Yellow Hat Tribe Gallery and ostrich farm at Chipping Norton, home of a recent speaker.

On 3 October we will be celebrating our birthday with a dinner at the Mayfield Hotel at Crudwell. We will also be helping at Sherston Arts Festival in October. Several workshops are planned, possibly jewellery in the autumn.

A programme of our speakers and activities will be found on the village notice board.

*by Ann Wilcox.*

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**Sherston Senior Club**

I feel I must thank all the people who kept their fingers crossed for fine weather on 11 June for our trip to Weston-super-Mare. We were very lucky, the only serious rain we encountered was on the way down, which didn’t affect us. I think I can say we all enjoyed our day out.

Monday 17 June was another successful day, when we held a coffee morning by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs John Venning at their home. I am very pleased to say that we raised the sum of £160, which went towards funding the expenses for the Boules Day exhibition held in the British School Room.

Our next meeting was in the British School Room on 9 July, when we enjoyed afternoon tea with entertainment.

*From your chairman, Malcolm Hillier, tel. 840737.*

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If you are a carer, please contact Lisa Neal at the surgery who will provide you with the information you need and the services we can offer you.

Retirement
We said goodbye to Pat Moody at the end of June who retired after 10 years’ service at the surgery. She enjoyed a send-off with balloons, silly hats, cake and bubbly on her last day, with many patients joining in to wish her well in her retirement. Before leaving for her sabbatical, Dr Pettit presented her with two pots planted with fuchsias from all of us at The Tolsely Surgery.

Sherston boules & carnival raffle prizes
First Prize £100 457 Pauline Smith
Second Prize £50 445 Tommy Drydon
Third Prize £25 313 Lin Prior
Fourth Prize Toy Post Office 144 David Hibbard
(Kindly donated by Paul & Gail)

Thank you to everyone who bought a square, £700 raised less £175 in prize money.
Whatley Manor Spa Day Voucher for two (kindly donated by Whatley Manor) winner was Dawn Reeves from Cliff Road. Thanks to everyone for your support.

by Sharon Doyle

Carnival Guided Walk
On a brilliantly sunny day seven of us and two dogs set off on a two hour walk on footpaths through fields and lanes, stopping at the river in Pinkney to give the dogs a drink. We then went through Pinkney Park and on to Grove Wood finishing at the Rattlebone for complimentary soup.

by Sue McKechnie

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by Sharon Doyle

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Concert in Sherston Church on 13 September by Music for Awhile

Keep this date in your diary – music lovers are in for a treat. A 2011 concert in Sherston by Music for Awhile was a sell-out.

Music for Awhile was founded in 1996 by Simon Whistler and Margaret Faultless. It brings together musicians of international standing to perform Baroque music on original instruments.

The ensemble has given over one hundred performances, sometimes expanding to form a large orchestra, and has played in venues such as Bath Abbey, Westminster Abbey, and Exeter, Gloucester, Hereford, Wells and Bristol Cathedrals.

Margaret Faultless is the artistic director of Music for Awhile and co-leader of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. She is director of Performance Studies at the Cambridge University music faculty and head of historical performance at the Royal Academy of Music.

The programme on Friday 13 September entitled ‘Bach and Friends’ will include Trio Sonatas by JS and CPE Bach, Bach’s 5th Suite for Harpsichord, and Songs and Cantata by JS Bach.

The concert by Music for Awhile is sponsored by the Cecil King Foundation, which raises funds for the fabric of historic churches, and Sherston is extremely fortunate to be chosen to host this performance.

Tickets are £15 each and are available in person from Sherston post office or by post from Heather Martin, Yew Tree House, Cliff Road. Please enclose a cheque made payable to Sherston PCC and a self-addressed envelope.

Raising money for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance- Madness On Mount Toubkal In Morocco - Please Help

I read an advert that said the Wiltshire Air Ambulance do NOT receive any funding from the Government and solely rely on people like you and me to keep them in the air. I thought this was mad so I signed up to help raise money for them. My challenge along with 18 others is to trek up Mount Toubkal in Morocco, the highest mountain in North Africa standing at 4,167m!! (Ben Nevis, the highest in the UK is 1,344m). It will be for five days between 23 and 27 September. This trek is not going to be a walk in the park! Above 3,206m you go in to Acute Mountain Sickness (AMS), and we have been told that all of us on this trek will have some level of altitude sickness. Some of you already know I have signed up for five days a week at the gym and a minimum of six hours walking at the weekends which will be including some big mountains here to help train. All I can say is that at the end of this I will have one hell of a body!

There will be sponsorship forms in the Post Office, Rattlebone and the Carpenters Arms and during August I will be outside the Post Office on a couple of Saturday mornings.

If you would like to sponsor me on this trek and help the Wiltshire Air Ambulance stay in the air then please can you click on my Just Giving link below.

www.justgiving.com/Sarah-Gurney-Peeke

Sarah Gurney-Peeke
Cricket

A continued run of good form has seen Sherston Magna (SMCC) retain its spot at the top of division 2 of the Cotswold and District Cricket Association (CDCA). But, with fixtures against Avening & Cherington and Poulton at the beginning of the month (3 and 10 August, respectively), August looks to be the month where the title will be decided.

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Results

29 June SMCC beat Andoversford by 9 wickets
Andoversford 82ao (25.5 overs), SMCC 83-1
(22.4 overs)
Hulance 5 for 7, Pegg 4 for 21, Cartwright 28*, Lovell 23*

6 July SMCC beat Ashton Keynes by 71 runs
SMCC 191ao (37.1 overs), Ashton Keynes 120ao
(35.4 overs)
Harmer 63, Kenny 33, Lovell 19, Jarvis 18,
Kutchera 3 for 12, Kenny 3 for 30, Pegg 2 for 22

20 July SMCC beat Coates by 208 runs
SMCC 283 for 2 (40 overs), Coates 75ao
(18.5 overs)
Goodwin 109*, Matthews 88, Jarvis 72,
Kenny 6 for 36, Pegg 4 for 39

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Church Boules and Concert

A busy Boules week for the Church starting with a well attended and hugely enjoyable concert with ‘End of the Track’ supported by ‘Genesis youth choir’ and nine year old Alex Burgess playing the organ.

The bell ringers were busy with a peel of bells to start the Boules day itself, followed by a sold out tower tours, I haven’t heard that we lost anyone over the parapet! Sunday saw the Duck Race teas at Mill Cottage and thank you Caroline for your generosity in handing over your kitchen to the church ladies, a hectic couple of hours.

You may have seen the newest boules team in the village on Boules Day, the ‘Holy Rollers’. Our clergy team were beaten in the first round by the eventual winners. Still, it gave them plenty of time to prepare for the Thanksgiving service which rounded of the week’s events in a fitting manner.

by Roger Whitehouse

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

The prospects of a public Hurl in October are more and more encouraging with ‘Operation Langley’ now being worked on in earnest including detailed negotiations with a mangold grower as to terms of supply – essentially over the quantity of Sherston Special Reserve Cider to clinch the deal.

Should a Hurl indeed occur in 2013 it is intended that the event will have a culinary bent - as it were. To that end Penny Forster is already moistening her muffin tray, Rob Strong honing up on his mangold crisp production techniques and Jock Walker considering improvements to his mangold lasagne recipe. Hopefully any new recipe will not bring with it the same amount of pain which was inflicted upon members of Malmesbury Young Farmers after they somewhat foolishly offered themselves as guinea pigs for Jock’s first ‘offering’ in 2009. Fortunately most are no longer on medication following that infamous evening in the Rattlebone Inn after which the bar floor had to completely relaid.

Other indications that a Hurl is in the air can be both heard and seen locally. Neighbours of Noel Banks in Luckington are being kept awake half the night with the sounds of his demonic whittling of his wurzel sticks. Young ladies of the village proudly show off their attributes to Jason Read and his assistant Graham Hayman, as Keepers of the Maids, whilst they consider who will have the honour of being this year’s Mangold Maid. Lastly and not least Dan Pritchett energetically buffing his Great Horn of Moyne to glistening perfection as he prepares for ‘the Summoning’. Yes a hurl is beckoning......

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Boules Tournament

The winners were last year’s winners, ‘The Piste Artistes’, comprising Rod and Neil Gobbins from Wales and Jerome. They beat ‘Lids Off’ in the final. They were Max Liddington, James Harris and Chris Garrett. Another well placed team of locals were Stacey Dryden, Stuart Dryden, Vicky Ward in the ‘Boulebusters’ team who were beaten in a close fought semi-final.

The winners of the Juniors Tournament were Oliver Spall, Oblivet Howell and Patrick Frost in the team ‘In it to win it’. They beat ‘Boules of Steel’ comprising Harry Irving, William Hulme and Tom Waldron.

by Martin Smith
Auf Wiedersehen

Or should it be au revoir?
At the end of every Boules & Carnival changes in the forthcoming committee for the next year come thick and fast with 2013 proving no exception.

Jonquil Wing has been treasurer for five years now and not surprisingly wants a different role in the event. She has been an amazing treasurer – seemingly completely unflappable on Boules day itself when all around her are often in more than a mild state of panic.

Boules tournament organiser Martin Smith said he’d do it for three years and he’s sticking by that. There’s no doubt he has done a marvellous job - especially as one of his aims was to get as many of the team applications on line as possible – it now stands at a very impressive 95%.

You may have noticed that the Committee was ‘chairman less’ this year and whilst some wondered if anarchy would descend the collective approach worked very well indeed due to the superb administration efforts of Louise Osborne. With her spreadsheet and email reminders everyone knew exactly what they had to do and when. Sadly Louise is reluctantly moving away from Sherston so a new admin guru is a priority.

Sponsorship is never an easy task and Bob Morris has been helping out on this front for some years now in what must be one of the most difficult times ever to raise finance for community events. Nevertheless he has been able to keep the ball rolling and without the sponsorship he has been able to dig out there would be considerably less money available for distribution amongst all the local voluntary groups over the past few years.

So we need some new people to help carry on those who have worked so well to make Boules & Carnival such a continuing success. If you can help or simply want to find out further information as to what’s involved please contact Caroline Moore on 841405 or email caroline@carolinemoore.co.uk

SmallAds

You can now advertise items for sale or wanted in the Cliffhanger including services required such as gardening or cleaning. Cost is £2 for up to 20 words. Copy should be in paper form and put through the letterbox at 37 High Street by the 15th of the month together with £2 in cash. All money raised will be donated to charity.

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In July, the Reverend Christopher Bryan and Becky Fisher came to Sherston Primary School to bless the new labyrinth. The service took place outside in the ‘chill-out zone’ of the environment area, with all pupils gathered around the new structure in the glorious sunshine.

Christopher Bryan started the blessing by getting everyone to quietly listen to their surroundings, to hear the wind through the trees and the birds singing. He suggested pupils should use the space for quiet contemplation, a chance to take a moment out of their busy lives and to refresh their minds.

He went on to quote from a prayer book, ‘In a world full of noise, a place of silence can be hard to find. But we can find quietness, if we seek it, and here we can discover the inner stillness that will help us to be aware of God’.

The labyrinth was built by Crispian Huggill and the Environment Group, and the mosaic was made by the school’s Art Group. It will be used during outdoor lessons and supervised playtimes.
Malmesbury Carnival & Festival

The annual Malmesbury Carnival & Festival takes place during July, August and September, with over 45 exciting events set to provide all the family with a summer to remember. Started around 90 years ago, the Malmesbury Carnival & Festival has grown into an exciting and diverse programme of entertainment and culture which promotes community spirit and raises money for local good causes. The aim is to beat the £18,000 given to local sports clubs, scouts and guides, children’s groups, schools and care and support groups in 2012.

If you have a group which could benefit from funds raised you can apply for an award using the application form on www.malmesburycarnival.co.uk

A new style FREE Carnival & Festival Guide with a Pull-Out Calendar of Events was delivered to homes in Malmesbury and surrounding villages last month. Extra copies are available from the Malmesbury Tourist Information Centre in the Town Hall.

Eagle eyes will notice we’ve added the word ‘Festival’. This reflects the sheer variety and number of events and attractions, including the traditional carnival procession, professionally staged theatre shows of Lewis Carroll’s ‘Alice’ and Romeo & Juliet, wine tasting, one of the UK’s top young bluegrass and folk acts, The Carrick Sisters, a pet and teddy bear show, walks and talks, quiz nights, open gardens, comedy nights and outdoor theatre, to name just a few. One of the main attractions will be Tony Hawks, TV and radio comedian whose credits include ‘Have I Got News For You’. Author of bestseller ‘Round Ireland with a Fridge’ and ‘Playing the Moldovans at Tennis’, Tony will be screening the feature film of ‘Playing the Moldovans at Tennis’ with a Q&A session afterwards.

2013 is set to be the best Malmesbury Carnival & Festival yet!

Holy Cross Sherston band of ringers

On Saturday 27 of July at 9.30 am, to commemorate the birth of HRH Prince George of Cambridge, the following changes were called: Back Rounds, Whittington’s, Queens, Tittums and Twenty All Over. In addition courses of Plain Hunt were rung.

The following ringers participated:
Christopher Pickthall Captain
Geoffrey Martin Deputy Captain
Laura Edgcombe
Graham Morris
Paul Lewis
Barrie Wilkinson
Marci Whiffin
Judy Outlaw

by Chris Pickthall 841072

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Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Holy Cross Church

The Coffee Shop - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits. Open Tues, Wed and Thurs mornings till Autumn 9.30 am – 12 noon

Sunday services 8.00am Holy Communion; 9.30am Sung Eucharist (3rd Sunday 9.30am Family Service); 6pm Evensong (3rd Sunday Evening Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer) See the Parish Life for more details

Mustard Seeds is a Saturday morning club for children aged 4 and over, from 10 am – 12 noon once a month.

Congregational Church - in The British Schoolroom 1st & 2nd Sundays of month: Service at 11 am – 12 noon followed by coffee/chat. 3rd Sunday Service at 3pm. 4th Sunday Service at 4pm. 5th Sunday (occasionally) members visit Castle Combe Congregational Church Service 10.30am For further details see parish Life or phone 07778 934742.

Methodist Church Services every Sunday at 10.30am apart from 3rd Sunday in the month when service is held at Luckington. For further details see the Parish Life

Gauzebrook Church for Children

Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them:

Junior Church is held at Court House, Hulavington now on the first Sunday of each month, except for August. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Ness Whiffin 840185.

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

Drawing Classes in Sherston

There are two classes: 10am to 12 noon and 1.30 to 3.30pm in the British Schoolroom. The classes are suitable for any level of experience. Individual tuition is given in a variety of media and subject matter is provided for observational drawing each week. For further information please contact Heather Martin (840375) or heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

Eudo Tae Kwon Do

Thursdays 7-9pm in Sherston primary school hall. For details contact Simon Penfold 824773.

Footpaths group

The group has published the booklet ‘Sherston Walks – a new guide to local rights of way’, featuring 9 local walks and is now on sale at the post office. If you would like to learn more about the footpath group and perhaps take part in some of its activities please come along to a meeting. For further information contact Maggie McKenna on 841047 or maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com

Forest School Club

Weekly outdoor activities during term time at both Sherston and Luckington School and further fun extended sessions during school holidays. For further information please contact nikiwalden-forestschool@hotmail.co.uk

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

For details see www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Malmesbury Community Choir

The Malmesbury Community Choir meets Old School Room at the Town Hall every Monday evening from 7.30 - 9.30pm – all over 14s welcome whatever experience level. £5 a session, 14-17 year olds free. The choir will launch at a special, free event in the Old School Room at the Town Hall on Mon 17 June Doors open at 7.30pm and the session will go on until 9.30pm. Further information from Emma Harris 825288 or info@malmesburycommunitychoir.org website www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org or https://www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir

Malmesbury Embroiderer’s Guild

The local branch holds monthly meetings at Little Somerford Village Hall. On alternate months there are Saturday workshops on a wide range of topics, and on the intervening dates there is a Tuesday evening talk at 7.30pm. We always welcome newcomers and occasional visitors, although prebooking is essential for the workshops. Just turn up for the talks – non members £5.

For further information please phone Heather Martin 840375 or www.malmesburyembroiderers.blogspot.com

Malmesbury Luncheon Club

Over 60s meet every Wednesday at midday in the Wesleyan Room of Malmesbury Town Hall for a chat and a 2 course lunch followed by tea or coffee. £3.50. Please call Helen Churchill on 840080 if you’d like to attend.

New members most welcome.

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

For details contact Woody Allen 390110 mark.allen@allenclan.co.uk

Malmesbury Rangers

Girls over 14 years meet every 2nd Thursday in the month. Further details from Gill Shaw on 825647 or email sgshaw@orchardshaws.co.uk

Malmesbury Guides - Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, usually at St. Mary’s Hall, Malmesbury at 7.30 p.m. Details from Helen Price, 503187 or retreadcottage17@btinternet.com

Parish Council Meeting

Takes place on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Minutes of meetings can be read online at www.sherston.org.uk. Further details contact Sarah Wood on 840197 or clerk@sherston.org.uk

The Rattlebone Boules League

Consists of 48 teams playing in 3 Leagues. For more information contact Tony Towle on 840574.

Senior Club

Meets at 2.30pm in the British School Room every other Tuesday alternating with Clem’s Club.
Sherston 1016 Fundraising for local good causes and charities. For further details, contact Eric Thacker on 841344 or eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk

Sherston Brownies Meet every Wednesday during term time 5.45 – 7pm in the Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit https://www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Tawny Owl (Nicky) at nicky.gray@btinternet.com

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact Ray Sneddon-Jenkins to obtain an application form – raysneddonj@gmail.com

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of 10 ½ to 13 ½. We meet at the Scout hut on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm to 9.00pm during school term times. To join contact Mark Sparrow on 840983 or e-mail mark@scorranstone.co.uk There is currently a small waiting list to join.

Sherston Whitewall Explorers You don’t need to have previously been a member of scouts or guides to join us, just be aged between 13 ½ and 18 and free between 8.30 and 10pm on a Friday night during term time; for further information please contact Darren Walsh – 841403 or Ewan Blair – 840996 – whitewallexplorers@googlemail.com

Westonbirt Guides Meet in Querns Hall, Rosehill School, Westonbirt 5pm – 7pm every Wednesday. Sherston Brownies tend to come along if they don’t join Scouts. Details from Ann Bye, 01454 218152, ann.byre@virgin.net

Sherston Magna Cricket Club Outdoor cricket training at the ground. Juniors (U9 – U14) Monday evening 6.15pm – 7.30pm. Seniors every Tuesday evening 6.30pm - 8.00pm. Junior (U13 – U18) every Wednesday evening 6.00pm – 7.30pm further details at www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com

Sherston Drama Group The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Richard Skeffington (Chairman) richard.skeffington@virgin.net Tel. 840092 or Graham Instrell (Vice Chairman) ginstrell@hotmail.co.uk Tel. 840978

Sherston FC The club play in the Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Saturday afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. For more details contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or peter.brock666@btinternet.com

Sherston Ladies’ Swimming Club Starts back after the Christmas break on 9 Jan. Any ladies from the area can join, just swim at your own pace (there is a lane for fast swimmers) every Wednesday evening at Westonbirt Leisure Pool from 8 to 9pm. For details phone Heather 840375 or Annabel 840592.

Sherston’s Living Churchyard Please help maintain the living churchyard on the second Wednesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm, weather permitting. Please check with Sue for timings each month. Church of the Holy Cross Further details contact Sue Robinson on 841263

Sherston Martial Arts Club Bujinkan Budo Taijitsu. Traditional Samurai Jujutsu and Ninjutsu. Ages 13 and up, every Thursday night in the Scout Hut 7pm. For further information contact Gary Liddington 07779349115 or Gary@budotaijitsu.co.uk

Sherston Photography Forum A monthly group has formed in Sherston for anyone with an interest in photography 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. For details call Nick Holland on 841019 or nholland63@btinternet.com

Sherston Tennis Club The tennis courts are located on Knockdown Road, next to the football pitch. Membership fees for 2013 family £90, adult £50 Club night is Thursdays from 6.30 pm - contact Gemma, and Men’s Match tennis on Wednesdays - contact Kim kim_stuckey@btinternet.com. Junior tennis lessons on Saturday mornings - course of 10 sessions costs £45, plus membership to Sherston Tennis Club. Your committee this year is: Nic Riley - membership, men’s matches – 840682; Kim Stuckey - men’s matches - 07710 981568; Sophie Cheetham 07786980945; sophiecheetham@gmail.com - children’s coaching - Gemma Bird - club nights 840957

Sherston Theatre Club Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. Listings under www.communigate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatrelub/ or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or Hjquirk@aol.com

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. We meet at 10 -11.30am each Tuesday in the Scout Hut with toys for all stages from wriggles to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, not to mention a much-needed cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. Further details contact Cathy 07779 564 716 or Kirsty on 07841 571 943 or alternative like us on Facebook for regular updates http://www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

Sherston Village Hall Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, parties etc. For details contact the bookings officer Martin Rea on 840348 or martdrea@aol.com

Sherston W.I. Usually meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors most welcome £3. Further details contact Maureen Jolliffe on 840867.

Sherston Young Craft Group Every Monday 6.45 – 8.15pm in the village hall (children 9 years and over). £3 (incl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each half term. To join, please contact Victoria Parish on 840071 or email vparish@btinternet.com

Splash Dance Dance classes for 2 to 12 years old including ballet, modern and tap. Every Wednesday afternoon in the village hall. Prices are £35 per term with the first lesson free. For details contact Charlotte on 01453 886632 or charlotte@splashdance.co.uk

Tetbury Chess Club Meet every Wednesday at the Ormond Hotel from 10am. If anyone is interested please contact Colin Francis on 050835 or email colval08@btinternet.com

Tots of Fun Soft play sessions for children 1-4 years old only 10am-12pm every Friday during term time starting end of Feb in the scout hut. £3.50 per child and £1.50 for each additional sibling, complimentary tea, coffee, squash and biscuits during the session. Parents are expected to stay and supervise their own children Book a place with Emma Liddington on 841525 or 07896 085338 or email emma@totsoffun.co.uk or www.totsoffun.co.uk

Village Hall 300+ Club Monthly draw with eight prizes ranging from £12 down to £5 for a £6 annual stake (or pro rata if joining during the year). If you would like to join, or need more information, contact the coordinator, Lin Prior on 840846.

Wiltshire Walks The walk lasts approximately 45 minutes and often ends with a cup of tea or coffee. Further information contact Sarah Sims on sarah.sims@wiltshire.gov.uk or 07846100233. For a full list of walking groups in Wiltshire please visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/getwiltshirewalking.

Yoga in Sherston New 6 week course starts Mon 10 June. Mon 5.45pm Pregnancy Yoga, 7pm for beginners and at 8.15pm more advanced. £45 for 6 weeks. All classes must be pre-booked due to limited spaces. Scout Hut. For further details call Kathryn 07903 802985 yoga_in_sherston@hotmail.com or www.facebook.com/Yoga.with.Kathryn

If you run a club, society or organisation in Sherston that holds regular events such as the above and wish to be listed, please supply your details and we will add them to the Regular events list. If you have a particular event then please write a short piece about it and we can include it as an article and put the details in the What’s On list for that month.
What’s on in 2013
Dates for your diary

September

7  1016 Booksale
13 Sherston Church Concert
     ‘Music for Awhile’ Classical String Quartet
20-22 2013 Arts Festival

October

11-20 2013 Arts Festival
30-2 Nov Sherston Drama Group Pantomime

November

23 Church Bazaar in Village Hall
If you're planning a community event in the parish why not let the Cliffhanger have the basic details as soon as possible? Email info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk to add the event to this list. Everyone will then know what’s occurring in good time and it will help prevent events clashing.

WHAT’S ON

Sherston

The Carpenter’s Arms
New weekly quiz every Sunday night 7.30 for 8pm start free entry. Prizes Check boards for details. For further details call 840665 or like CarpentersArmsSherton on facebook

The Rattlebone Inn
Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7:30pm Free entry and prizes for the winning team
Curry fest Sat 25 Aug
Check boards for more details of events
Further details contact 840871 or www.therattlebone.co.uk

Wiltshire Council
Free Sports Coaching
Fun in the Sun For 5-11 year olds. Wed 7, 14 and 21 August at 10 - 11:30am on the Recreation ground. Football, athletics, tag rugby, dodgeball, kwik cricket, ultimate frisbee, archery. No booking necessary
The parish council is supporting the scheme by hiring the scout hut to provide toilet and changing facilities as well as indoor space should the weather prove unsuitable.
Also at Grittleton Rec Mon 5, 12, 19 Aug 12-1.30pm
Kington St Michael Mon 5, 12, 19 Aug 2-3.30pm
For further details call Co-ordinator Martin Rea 840348 or visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/funinthesun

Painting classes with Nicki Heenan
Painting Workshops - Beginners and Intermediates
Wednesday 10.30am - 12.45pm Beginners - materials provided for the first few lesson thereafter bring your own preferred paints, brushes and supports Advanced painters meet on Thursdays - private lessons, portfolio preparation or workshops by appointment
The Carpenter’s Arms, Sherston
For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or email nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

Concert in the Church of the Holy Cross
Music for Awhile
Bach and his friends - a baroque music concert Fri 13 Sep 7.30pm £15 includes programme and interval refreshments available from Sherston Post Office or by post from Heather Martin, Yew Tree House, Cliff Road, Sherston, Wiltshire SN16 0LN. Please enclose a cheque made payable to Sherston PCC
For further details call 840611

Sue’s Strolls
A Phew! Event Sun 18 Aug starting from the village hall at 10am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 12 noon
For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk

SHOCC
Sherston Occasional Community Choir
New term: Rehearsals start on Wed 25 Sept with this term’s theme a “Swingle Singers Christmas” Meet every Wed in The British Schoolroom - 7 - 9.15pm 7-9pm each Wed
British School Room For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or nicki-heenan@btinternet.com or Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

1016 Book Sale
Sat 7 Sep 9am - 12 noon village hall - free entry Donations of books, videos, DVDs and CDs gratefully received. Please deliver to Mike Tarrant at Grays of Sherston. All proceeds to the senior citizens Christmas voucher fund.
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Sherston POP weekend
20 - 22 Sep Entry is £10 per POP location to cover the co-ordination and marketing (what’s POPPING when and the POP-UP map). Then you set and charge your own prices to cover costs but donate all profits to help the next generation of Sherstonians at the Primary School
Entry forms should be handed in by 5 July. Download entry forms at www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk, www.sherstonbusyhands.org.uk or www.thepopupvillage.com
POPs already in we have a Farm Park with Fi and Pete at Carriers Farm, Drama Workshops with Lara Farahar, The Photo Cafe with Annie Llewellyn Palmer and Joey Ross, The POP it On fancy dress shop with the Goulds, The Eastern Town Curry Takeaway with Kirsti the Evelyn’s Ye Olde Sweetie Shop, The Fairy Tale House with Ceri Lewis, a cycle trail to Easton Gray with Carron Underwater’s cream teas and a lovely sewing workshop with Shirley Bailey. But it doesn’t have to be big to POP - we also have a salad dressing a mini cookery school by the wonderful Hobbs House Bakery. We are very excited to welcome Sasha Jenner, the patisserie chef for Hobbs House, who will be treating us to bread and butter pudding made with the Sherston Overnighter!
Owing to limited numbers some of the POP ups will be pre-book only. Any POP’s which need to be pre-booked will be released via www.thepopupvillage.com and facebook/thepopupvillage as we get the information. There will also be a POP pre-book list on the Post Office notice board.

For further details call Kirsty Strachan on 07841 571943/email: bgz@thepopupvillage.com or visit www.thepopupvillage.com. Follow us on Twitter @POP_up_village and like us on facebook www.facebook.com/thepopupvillage

Norton
Summer Lunch in aid of Norton Church & The DEANERY Uganda project
Sat 24 Aug 12pm at Bradford Manor, Norton (by kind permission of Neil & Christine Hamilton) Entertainment by CLOGS Musical Theatre. Bring your own drinks valued by Bowl Inn. Children’s rounders match. Pimms on arrival and summer lunch. £25 or double £48 Children £12.50. Tickets and details from Fee Knowles 837967 or feeknowles@btinternet.com

UKIP Garden Party at Bradfield Manor
Neil Hamilton (Chairman of UKIP UK) & Christine invite you to a UKIP garden party with guest of honour Paul Nuttall MEP, UKIP deputy leader, on Mon 26 Aug 12.30 for 1.30pm. Jazz Band ‘Jim & Tonic’, satirical ‘Flanders and Swann’ style entertainment. Spit Roast Tickets £17.50 to include lunch and soft drinks. Cash bar. Admission by ticket only. Further details neil.hamilton94@rocketmail.com

Hullavington
Gauzebrook Holiday Club
Space Academy. Craft, songs, bible stories, galactic games and refreshments suitable for space travellers. It’s open to all children of primary school- book early.  6 - 7 Aug Hullavington Village Hall
For further details call Becky Fisher on 07974 030212 or beckyfisher@deanery.org.uk

Knockdown
The Holford Arms
Live Music every weekend. Free house and restaurant
For further details call 01454 238669

Grittleton
Grittleton Moviola takes a break in August and will be back on Wed 25Sept. Details in next month’s Cliffhanger. Thanks for your support so far in 2013.

SIYAYA
An acapella group direct from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
Exciting and up-lifting, SIYAYA includes male and female singers, dancers and musicians and is a vibrant fusion of the traditional and the modern. Sun 22 Sep Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Bring your own drinks! Tickets in advance from Jan Jeffcoat 01249 782798 or dandjjeffcoat@btinternet.com Adult £7, Conc £6, Child £4.50. Family (2 adults and 2 children under 16) £18.50.

Sevington
Meet the Toy Lady at Sevington Victorian School
Children can play with hoops and tops and other Victorian toys and learn some of the games children played in Victorian times. Adults can take a tour of the schoolroom, untouched since 1913, take tea in the teacher’s parlour and stroll in the Victorian garden Sat 4 & 11 Aug 2-5pm free admission
For further details visit sevingtonvictorianschool.co.uk

Westonbirt
The Arboretum
Kids go Free 20 July - 1 September (inclusive)! Treefest 24-26 Aug - children go free Spring and Summer admission till Sept: Adults £8 / Conc £7 Child £3 Specialist Wood Sales 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA Walks: Free, volunteer led guided walks every Sat, Sun and Bank Holidays at 2pm and Wed at 11am, until 3 Nov Dog Friendly Guided Walk. Walkies with Maisie. Sun 11 Aug 11-12:30 meet Maisie and owner Dave Lucas at the Skilling Gate Free after admission - book with Dave 07774 711094 Guided Walk:

Wildflower guided walk Tues 13 Aug 10.30-12.30 Dogs on leads welcome. Guided Walk: Trees of the Southern Hemisphere Sat 10 Aug 11am - 1pm Sorry no dogs. Both free after admission Meet at the Great Oak Hall Workshops Beginners Digital Photography One Day Course Thurs 22 Aug £55 including entrance to the arboretum Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email consult@abbey-studios.co.uk Advanced Digital Photography Fri 9 Aug 10.30-3.30pm £105 Workshops: Make a Windsor Chair six day course 5-10, 12-17 Aug Cost £300 including all tools and materials. Booking essential contact Paul Hayden 01373 836051 or www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk

Family Event: Waterworld in conjunction with the RSPB Sat 17 Sun 18 Aug 10-4pm free after admission Wooden Wonders 23-26 Aug 10.30-4.30pm for over 3s
For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Westonbirt School
Open House and Gardens The House and Gardens will be open Aug on some Sundays and Mondays - check website for details We are offering guided tours of the House and will be guiding with a maximum of 20 visitors per tour. You can wander at leisure around the stunning gardens, including Italian gardens and Camellia House and enjoy the peaceful pleasure gardens, all run by Garden tours £5 Entrance for both House & Garden is £8 (under 12s free), both include a hot beverage and biscuit. No need to book, we welcome all ages and are happy to host dogs on leads for the garden tours!
For further details call Tania Wærner on 880333 or twerner@westonbirt.org and Arabella for the open house and garden aparr@westonbirt.org or visit www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

Easton Grey
Whatley Manor
Tuesday Garden Tours 6 and 13 Aug, 3 & 17 Sep 11.30 for 12 noon start Garden tour 2.30-4pm Welcome reception and 2 course lunch followed by private tour of the 12 acre acaen by head gardener Barry Holman £42
Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner 11 Aug 'Great Expectations' starring Helena Bonham Carter, Ralph Fiennes and Robbie Coltrane £39 includes film, popcorn and either 2 course lunch or dinner
For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

Malmesbury
Malmesbury Cake Society
‘Bake and Take’ Fundraiser for Cancer Research UK First Monday of each month 7.30-9.30pm bring along your bake, your recipe and £4.50 entry fee. This month’s theme: 3D gingerbread houses 1st anniversary - special guest Andrew Koj Kojima (2012 Finalist of BBC’s Masterchef) The Kings Arms For further details call Jess M. 07823 338000 E: malmesburycakesociety@yahoo.co.uk Facebook: Malmesbury Cake Society or visit www.malmesburycakesociety.weebly.com

Carnival
Malmesbury carnival month August - Highlights Petoisoc Lane in the High Street from 9am Sun 25 Carnival Procession 6pm Sat 31 Aug. Full month of events including quizzes, historical walks, poetry, music events, Caribbean salsa party, bike rides, Various locations in and around Malmesbury Carnival Dance from 8.30pm till late Sat 31 at Malmesbury Victoria FC in a marquee with Riff’s Travelling Dance Band. Free entry with raffle in aid of carnival funds Programme on line at www.malmesbury-carnival.co.uk or call enquiries@malmesburycarnival.co.uk or call 823921 or 824361 or visit www.malmesburycarnival.co.uk

Malmesbury Open Gardens
Malmesbury Open Gardens Sun 11 Aug 2-6pm £5 (children free) All Proceeds to the Malmesbury Carnival Good Causes

Enjoy an Evening of Musical Melodies in the magnificent Malmesbury Abbey
Big Band Special followed by Last Night at the Proms Charity Evening featuring The Wiltshire Police Band and ‘Ten in a Bar’ Sat 28 Sept 7pm for 7.30pm start Tickets: £20.00 Canapés and wine on arrival. Proceeds from the evening will support The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust (Charity No 1073127) to help older, vulnerable and disadvantaged people in Swindon and Wiltshire
For further details call ikc lick available from Jennie Shaw Tel: 01249 821998 Email: jennie@hazelandmill.co.uk

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**Cirencester**
**Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool**
Heated spring water open air pool run by volunteers as a non profit making charity Open 23 May - 9 Sep 7am-6.16pm midweek and 9/10 - 5.45 Sat/Sun. Mon & Wed Adult evening swim 6.45-7.45pm.
Friday Youth Evening 7-8.30pm 10-17 year olds £4.40 / £2.20 /
Family £12 Season tickets available. Cirencester Park, GL7 2EF
For further details call 01285 653947 or visit www.cirenopenair.co.uk

**Wotton-Under-Edge**
**The Electric Picture House**
The Electric Picture House A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: 'Trap for Cinderella (2013); Despicable Me 3 - 3D; Now You See Me;
The internship; Breathe In; NT Live - The Audience; The World's End; The Heat check website for details For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wotonmph.co.uk

**Hawkesbury Upton**
**Hawkesbury Upton Horticultural Show and Fair**
Sat 25 Aug open from 12.30. 2:30pm Hawkswrifford bird of prey display and the Clever Dog Company Rally Group present a dog agility demonstration Archery, Local Beer & Cider Tent , Craft Stalls, Pimms Tent , Refreshments, Hog and Badminton Deer roast, Fairground rides, Face painting and auction. Dogs welcome on a lead Entry (Pay at the gate) - Adults £4, Senior Citizens £3,
Children £2, Family ticket £10 Village Hall and Recreation Field, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton For further details call For further information or to book a stall phone 01453 232910 or email: Vicky@the-hollies.co.uk or visit www.hawkesburyshow.org

**South Cerney**
**Gloucestershire Steam & Vintage Show**
Fri 2 - Sun 4 Aug £10, juniors £5, under 5s free. Family ticket £25. Advance discounted tickets from Tetbury Tourist office. All in aid of local charities
For further details call 01453 762508 or visit www.steamextravaganza.com/

**Hatherop Castle School**
**Cotswold Arcadians Open Air Theatre**
Measure for Measure Mon 29 Jul - Sat 3 Aug Bring a picnic Doors open 6pm Performance at 8pm £16-18 / £14 / £8
For further details call 01453 898019 or visit www.arcadians.org

**Nailsworth**
**Forest Green Rovers F.C.**
Professional football only 20 minutes drive from Sherston. Home matches: Sat 10 Aug 3pm v. Hyde; Sat 24 Aug 3pm v. Luton Town; Sat 31 Aug 3pm v. Alfreton Town Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2 Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2
The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth For further details call 01453 834860 or visit www.forestgreenroversfc.com

**Bath**
**Theatre Royal**
Summer Season till Aug 31 Relative Values; Candida; King Lear; A Little Hotel on the Side
For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk

**Bath, Stroud, Bristol**
**Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet at the cinema**
Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the ROH Covent Garden
Ballet & Opera: Live from the ROH 2013/14 season
Manon Lescat 24 Jun
Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and many other Cinemas For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit www.roh.org.uk/cinema

**Galcombe Park**
**Galcombe Horse Trials**
The Festival of British Eventing 2-4 Aug 8-5pm see website for details or call 0843 2087455 or visit www.gatcombe-horse.co.uk/

**Bishops Cleeve**
**Vintage Sports Car Club’s annual Prescott Speed Hill Climb**
over 260 pre-war vintage cars race 3-4 Aug £5-£15 (Under 16s free) - cheaper if bought in advance online. Prescott Lodge
For further details call 01608 648888 or visit www.vicc.co.uk

**Long Ashton**
**Bristol Balloon Fiesta**
Thurs 8 - Sun 11 Aug Mass launches Thurs - Sun at 6am and 6pm.
Nightglow mass launches on Thurs & Sat at 9.30pm Red Arrows display Sun 5pm Free entry - car parking £6 if bought in advance, £10 on the day
Mass ascents daily at 6am and 6pm / Nightglows 8 & 10 Aug at 9.30pm
Ashton Court Estate, For further details call 0117 953 5884 or visit www.bristolballoonfiesta.co.uk

**Wrington**
**The Soul Destroyers in concert**
Soul Destroyers live in concert Fri 30 Aug Fund raiser for Gromit Unleashed, tickets £12.50 inc hog roast, Tickets from Lye Cross Farm Shop BS40 5RH or call Sarah on 01934 864614
For further details call Dave Shepherd 07860 448438 or email ds@oldbellhouse.com or visit www.soul-destroyers.co.uk

**Useful Numbers**
- BT fault line 0800 800151
- CLARENCE (Highway complaints) 0800 232323
- Cllr John Thomson 01666 840785
- Malmesbury Activity Zone 01666 822533
- Malmesbury Library 01666 823611
- Malmesbury Police 101 (emergency 999)
- Malmesbury Primary Care Centre 01666 825825
- Malmesbury Secondary School 01666 829700
- Malmesbury Youth Centre 0799 0908550
- MP James Gray 01249 652851
- NHS Direct 0845 4647
- Sherston Parish Council 01666 840197
- Sherston Post Office 01666 840456
- Sherston School 01666 840237
- Sherston Village Hall (bookings) 01666 840348
- Tolsey Surgery 01666 840270
- Wiltshire Council 0300 4560100