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Call to Arms – The Vikings ARE coming!



*Tom the Viking
aka Tom Langley*



With thanks to the team organising the millennium celebrations in June, matched grant funding was successfully secured from Wiltshire Council, through the Malmesbury Area Board. The menacing 'presence' of Tom the Viking at the Area Board meeting in early March surely guaranteed success!

There will be a Call to Arms planning meeting on Thursday 14 April, at 7.30pm, in the village hall's small hall. If you have already offered to help at the event (catering and bar) or if you want to help at the events over the weekend 24-26 June, please attend this meeting. The Vikings will arrive at our borders very soon!

There will be several commemorative items produced to mark the millennium including a coin and jigsaw.

Millennium Events:

Friday 24 June:

Boules Competition (Rattlebone)

Saturday 25 June:

Re-enactment on the Rec

Visiting Saxon Museum (Village Hall)

Dr Tim Boulton talk (Holy Cross Church)

Party at the Rattlebone

Fireworks

Sunday 26 June:

Thanksgiving Service with the Dean of Bristol

David Hoyle (Holy Cross Church)

Dr Colin Owen

Colin died at home on 4 March.

It must have been around 35 years ago when Colin and Jo arrived from Lancashire to take over the Sherston GP practice. Perhaps influenced by his GP father, he had been looking for a rural practice like this and seamlessly fitted in to the one-man band we were in those days. Sadly, after too few years, the prospect of long and satisfying service here was denied to both him and his patients by a serious illness he was lucky to survive.

Enforced early retirement gave him more time to pursue his interest in photography and even more so his much-loved caravanning, taking them regularly to France and elsewhere. A strong friendship developed with the Thomson-Glovers; Hugh was then vicar in Sherston, and they were also Francophiles and enthusiastic caravanners so travel in convoy to destinations in France became a regular holiday. This was the source of their

common interest in boules which was continued back at home with suitable 'terrain' behind the vicarage and usually included Richard and Ann Maslen. From these regular sociable sessions developed ideas for the first 'Sherston Great Day' which was a success from the start, giving new life to the former Carnival.

Sherston Boules Day is about to celebrate its 30th year. Its impact on Sherston village life can hardly be overstated, nor should its attribution to this tripartite friendship be overlooked.

Colin became an active member of Malmesbury Probus Club and later was involved in starting a very informal monthly luncheon club for Luckington and Sherston. The 'Old Fogies' still continues but Colin's allegiance to Probus was transferred about seven years ago to help form a new Probus Club in Sherston. Yet another success in which his role was crucial.

Always good company, Colin is missed by his many friends but we will remember his largely unsung contribution to our village life in Sherston.

Queen's 90th birthday picnic - Correction

Congratulations to those who spotted one of the very rare errors in the March Cliffhanger. The village hall and field have been booked for Sunday 12 June for a celebration event. We would be interested to hear from groups that would like to run food and drink stalls and activities for children during the day. The Friends of Sherston School are running their Olympic Family Fun Day also on this day (on the rec), so any event at the village hall will be before or after this popular event. If you have any suggestions or are interested in being involved, please contact Jill Caaney on 841380 (jill.caaney@gmail.com).

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What's On: contact Caroline Moore on 841405 or info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

The size and content of the Cliffhanger depends entirely on the amount of copy we receive from individuals and groups. So, if you feel you have something of interest, please don't hesitate to tell us. Around 400 words would be a maximum but the shorter the better and less editing would be needed.

Top tip: if you're telling us of an event coming up, write a short piece about it rather than just supply basic details or a poster. You will then get a short article published to help boost interest as well as a mention in our What's On section. Don't forget to tell us how your event went, with a photo if possible.

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Neil Forster Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for Neil Forster is to be held at Holy Cross Church at 11.00am on Monday 16 May.

We will remember them

Private 3227
Reginald John Bishop
1st/4th Batt Gloucestershire Regiment

Died aged 18
Sunday 9 April 1916

Son of Frederick Henry Bishop and
Lucy Martha Bishop
Sherston, Wiltshire

Remembered with Honour
Hebuterne Military Cemetery,
Somme, France



The British took over the line from the French in the summer of 1915.

During 1916, ahead of the Battle of the Somme, raiding increased in order to confuse the Germans about where the major offensive would be launched.

The Hebuterne sector is mentioned in many accounts from this period as being packed with numerous types of headquarters in its strong underground cellars. The town was, therefore, regularly shelled.

Reginald was probably a pre-war territorial in the 4th Gloucester Regiment. According to the records, two more soldiers of this battalion were killed on the same day. This may have been the result of shell fire or losses suffered on patrol in no-man's land.

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council will next meet on Wednesday 20 April in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and make comments. If you cannot attend 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 also be read.

Dog Warden Service

Wiltshire Council has a dog warden service and it is the responsibility of dog wardens to collect and care for stray dogs, promote responsible dog ownership and enforce dog-related laws. The service is available 9.00am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

Dog control orders apply to all dog owners, and dog wardens can issue a fixed penalty of £75 to anyone seen not complying with dog control orders – and failure to do so could lead to prosecution and a £1,000 fine. Dog control orders require that the person in charge of a dog must clean up after it in any open-air space that has public access. It also makes it an offence for the person in charge of the dog to allow it enter a children's play area or space for recreation that is enclosed by a wall or a fence.

The current laws require that all dogs are identified with a collar and identification tag, but from 6 April all dogs will be required to be microchipped.

A 'stray' dog is any dog in a public place, with no one obviously in charge of it.

- If a dog is wearing a collar and tag or is microchipped, it will be returned to the owner. If the dog has been found straying before or the owner cannot be contacted, the dog will be taken to one of our designated holding kennels.
- If the dog has no identification, it will be taken to our designated holding kennels where it will be kept for seven days. If the dog is not claimed, it will then be re-homed.

If you find a stray dog, call the dog warden service. If safe, you should retain the dog until the dog warden arrives. Unfortunately, wardens do not normally have the time to look for loose dogs. If found out of hours, please contact our out-of-hours service. You may be asked to keep the dog until the next working day or take it to one of our holding kennels.

If you have lost your dog, please call with a description of the dog and where it was last seen.

To contact the dog warden, please call 0300 456 0107 or email lostdogs@wiltshire.gov.uk. Dangerous dogs (which have attacked a person or may attack a person) are dealt with by the police who should be contacted on 101.

For more information please visit:

[http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/
communityandliving/publicprotection/
animalwelfareanimalwelfareanddogwardens.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/publicprotection/animalwelfareanimalwelfareanddogwardens.htm).

Road Closures around Sherston

All of the road closure notices previously issued in the Cliffhanger (February and March) are now in force and will be in place for 18 months. Please be aware that at some point the B4040 road between Sherston and Luckington (Sandpits Lane, Sherston, to Sopworth Lane, Luckington) will be closed and the B4040 between Sherston and Malmesbury (Tetbury Road, Sherston, to Parklands, Malmesbury) will also be closed. Wiltshire Council should place yellow advance warning notices, with dates, at the side of the affected roads, ahead of the actual closure and road works.

Sherston 1016 - the future?



Sherston 1016 are having to assess the viability of the group. If more help is not forthcoming a decision will be made concerning its future, or even its winding-up.

The main fundraising through the year is for the Christmas Vouchers. As you may be aware this was a continuation of the Christmas food parcels that The British Legion distributed to the senior members of the community. The need and relevance of the vouchers has reduced considerably over the last 25 years although they are still appreciated.

Fundraising events that 1016 put on to cover the vouchers costs include the book sales, pancake eating competition, providing crêpes stall on Boules Day, firework displays for Didmarton and Westonbirt School bonfire nights and the Sherston Bonfire Night. These fundraising events will have to stop if no individuals nor groups come forward to help.

We invite any interested individuals, groups or organisations within the village to a meeting to discuss the possibilities of these events being taken on in their own right or as support for the Christmas vouchers. Current members would offer advice during any handover.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 April, in The Rattlebone.

So if you have ever wanted to contribute to village life, then now is the ideal time.

Please contact us at reply@sherston1016.org to let us know any suggestions or your likely attendance or just come along to the meeting.

Post-fire thanks!

I just wanted to offer a big thank you to the village for the kindness after the fire in my cottage on Court Street. From the night that it happened (18 January) to my first night able to sleep over (7 March), everyone has been so caring. There are too many people to thank and so many thoughtful acts - from the heroes of the Rattlebone to those neighbours and other villagers who took the time to listen and then to offer a warm welcome back. It is just coming up to my first year in the village. It is truly a wonderful place to live and made up of some exceptional individuals. Thank you seem such small words but truly meant, Kath.

Bletchley Park Talk

Sir Francis Richards has kindly agreed to speak about Bletchley, and the work of the World War 2 codebreakers 1939-45, at 6.30pm on Friday 13 May at Sherston Village Hall.

After military service with the Royal Green Jackets, Sir Francis had a distinguished career in the Diplomatic Service. He was Director of Government Communications Headquarters, Cheltenham 1998-2003, and described this as 'the best job I have ever had, or ever expect to have ...'. Subsequently, he was appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief, Gibraltar. He was also Chairman of The Imperial War Museum, 2011-2014.

His time as Chairman of the Trustees of Bletchley Park make him uniquely placed to speak about the activities of the codebreakers in World War 2.

Sir Francis and Lady Richards live at Stanton St Quentin.

Tickets for the lecture (£12.50, to include a glass of wine) will be on sale at the post office from 13 April. All proceeds will go to the Sherston Village Hall Funds.

Enquires to Lavinia Corbally Stourton, The Old Vicarage, Sherston: 841007

Toddler Trouble!

Sherston Baby and Toddler Group runs every Tuesday morning (during term time), from 10.00am until 11.30am at Sherston Scout Hut. Started up 38 years ago by Anthea Young (now, of course, a familiar face in the post office) and Anne Mason when their children (Richard and Thomas) were babies, at the suggestion of Thelma Burgess, the group has been much loved and much utilised by many mums over the years, but now needs a helping hand (or several!) Those currently running the group are looking to pass on the baton as their children are about to head off to pastures new (Busy Hands!). If you'd be interested in getting involved, we'd love to hear from you - you don't have to be a mother of young children, you could just as easily be newly retired or simply have some spare time on your hands! Volunteering at the group is a rewarding and a social way to spend your time! For more information, contact Alex Evelyn on alexevelyn@googlemail.com or 07967 091779.

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Norman Robbins



By the time you read this, performances of Sherston Drama Group's spring play, *At the Sign of the Crippled Harlequin* by Norman Robbins, should be about to start. A collection of colourful characters is trapped by the snow in Peak Lodge, a guest house in the Peak District. But Peak Lodge has a history: the name has been changed from *The Crippled Harlequin* to disguise the fact that the ghost of the original proprietor, who was badly injured in a stage accident, is said to haunt the place. When one of the guests is found dead, it turns out that the other guests are concealing secret histories of their own, and even the proprietors are not above suspicion. In true Norman Robbins fashion, the deepening mystery is rich with shocks and laughs as the play moves to its unexpected close. Sherston Village Hall, 6-9 April, 7.30pm, tickets (£6.50 / £8.00 including refreshments) on sale at Sherston Post Office Stores or from the Box Office via r.a.skeffington@gmail.com or 840092 (evenings).

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Sessions for ladies who have played club-standard tennis – but may not be as speedy about the court as they once were! – take place 10.00am - 11.30ish at Sherston Tennis Club every Wednesday morning (as long as weather conditions allow). We would welcome more players. If you fancy coming along to see if it's your cup of tea, you'll be made very welcome. Play is due to start again on Wednesday 6 April. For more information, contact Helen Price on retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

Children's Tennis Coaching

Children's tennis coaching is back again at Sherston Tennis Club on Saturday mornings, with coach Philip Sims. The coaching is for school-age children. Starting on Saturday 23 April and running for 10 consecutive weeks, coaching costs just £45, plus membership to Sherston Tennis Club (£15 for children until the end of April). For more information or to book a place, contact Sophie Cheetham on sophcheetham@gmail.com or 07786 990045.

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News from Holy Cross Church

Thank you to the members of the uniformed organisations and their parents, who turned out in large numbers for the Sherston Mothering Sunday service. The Luckington service was also very encouraging as it was the first time that we had tried the first Sunday of the month for the family service. We hope that this will enable families who wish to attend All Age Worship to go to both Luckington and Sherston Family Services, which have previously been on the same day.

Sherston holds the Family Service on the third Sunday of the month and Worship Together is on the second Sunday (10 April). Ideally, I would like parents to be confident that whatever Sunday they come to church there will always be something suitable for children, whether an All Age service or a Junior Church. This is already the case at Hullavington and I hope that it will evolve at Sherston/Luckington too, because if you don't come to church every single week it can be hard to remember which Sunday is which!

Sarah and George McGrory are hoping to set up a Worship Band to support the music in the churches. If anyone would like to be involved please let me know and I can pass on your details.

The Alpha course is a very popular way of exploring the Christian faith through a meal, engaging talks and discussions. It will begin on Wednesday 13 April, 7.30pm in Court House. Contact Henny Metters (837778) for more information. This year we are very fortunate to have Kim Swithinbank giving our talks and leading the course. Kim has a wealth of experience, at one time being responsible for heading up the Alpha programme in the United States. Sadly Kim and Penelope are due to move out of Hullavington and will therefore leave our ministry team— we shall greatly miss their work in the church and at Mays Farm, but wish them every blessing for the future.



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After the Easter holidays, Little Lights will be restarting on Thursday 14 April at 10.30am in Hullavington church. This friendly group for 0-5 year olds and accompanying adults is a great way to help young children feel at home in church and enjoy play, songs and stories. Other events coming up soon include the Ascension Day service at 7.30pm on Thursday 5 May at Holy Cross, and Annual Meetings for Easton Grey on 14 April, 7.30pm, and for Sherston on 19 April, 7.30pm.

Finally, a date for your diary is the Gauzebrook Gallivant, a 21-mile circular walk which takes in all the nine churches of the Gauzebrook Group – but don't worry, you can take part in stages as well as the whole thing! Gemini Outdoor are organising it to take place on Saturday 9 July, enjoying the stunning countryside of our area, and the company of fellow walkers. There are refreshment stops along the way and the proceeds from entry fees go to the Gauzebrook Churches Children's Worker Fund. More information coming soon but, in the meantime, keep the date in your diary!

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Sherston Senior Club

At our first February meeting, the Reverend Susan Harvey gave us an insight into the work done by the Community of the Sisters of the Church charity in Bristol. We were surprised to learn they have branches in various countries, including the Solomon Islands. The work they do is invaluable to the homeless and needy.

Our next February meeting was very interesting. Beryl Clampton gave a very informative and professional talk entitled 'Your Family History'. We were entertained by the anecdotes relating to Beryl's own family tree, and lots of pointers were given in order to trace our own ancestors.

On 8 March, Colin Law returned to give us part two of his talk 'My Life as a coach driver'. Colin mentioned various adventures during visits to many countries, north, south, east and west of Europe. He talked about the few bad experiences and many good ones, particularly meeting so many interesting people. Twenty-seven members and three visitors were entertained for almost an hour.

Looking forward, on 5 April, 'Photographic themed Images to music' will be presented by John Parsons and on 19 April, it's our first outing of the year, to Almondsbury Garden centre, leaving the Carpenters at 9.45am and the High Street at 10.00am.

Visitors are welcome to the meetings at £2.00 per visit, which includes tea and biscuits. Visitors are also welcome on the outings, please contact Helen Quirk 840516 for more details.

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Village Hall Fundraising Project: Sherston Jigsaw Feste



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Clean for the Queen

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Fibre widening

The second green fast-fibre cabinet has been installed outside the church and in due course the pavement around the two cabinets will be widened to allow for much easier access to the church and easier use of the pavement.

Boden comes to Sherston!

Busy Hands Pre-School is running a Boden sale on Saturday 7 May. With 20% off all purchases, plus a free gift for the first 20 orders placed, you'd be crazy to miss it! More details next month!

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Sherston Market

The next market is on Saturday 16 April at Sherston Village Hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

The café will be serving up some enticing and delicious food to tempt you – both to eat in or to take away. Not only will we have our very popular vegetarian curry with naan bread but also our sought-after bacon butties, as well as a delicious homemade soup.

At all markets, at least one free stall is offered for a charity or voluntary group to raise funds. Anyone interested in running such a stall should please use the contacts below. All these stalls have done well to date so don't be shy in booking one! April's stall is in aid of Cat Rescue, which is based in Chippenham – see www.cat-rescue1.co.uk

For those on Facebook there is an active Sherston Market page with lots of information about our stallholders and their products. Please also visit our new website www.sherstonmarket.co.uk which lists details of which stallholders are attending the next market.

If you are a local maker, baker, grower or producer and are interested in taking a stall, please get in touch by using the contact form on the website, phoning 07887 814843 / 07769 613627 or emailing info@awkwardsquad.co.uk



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Open from 11.00am until 3.00pm, entrance is £3 per person, with children visiting free. All proceeds and donations will be going to support Action Medical Research.

If you are interested in having a stall, please contact Tracey Edwards on 01225 776691 or tedwards@action.org.uk.



SHERSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Meeting in the British School Room

April Services

3rd April 4.00pm	All Age Service
10th April 11.00am	Communion Service
17th April 6.00pm	At Luckington Chapel
24th April 11.00am	All Age Service Emma Haggart

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Sherston Village Hall 300+ Club

Thank you to everyone who has continued their membership, and to those who have joined this year. There is no change to the number of members, and therefore the prizes remain the same as last year.

Thank you, collectors, for your unfailing help in venturing out in all weathers. Also, thank you to Ann Lyall who is leaving us, and welcome to Jill Woodward who has very kindly offered to join us.

If you would like to help the Village Hall, and join for only £6 a year, simply phone Lin Prior on 840846 for more information.

January Draw

1st	238	Major Peter Verney	£13
2nd	209	Peter Verard	£12
3rd	144	Frances Thompson	£11
4th	196	Anne Hillier	£10
5th	211	Evan Stevens	£9
6th	325	Jonathan Gould	£8
7th	300	Ann Lyall	£7

February Draw

1st	2	Danny Mead	£13
2nd	66	Mrs Lewis	£12
3rd	145	James Harmer	£11
4th	41	Maggie Towle	£10
5th	191	Nigel Freeth	£9
6th	129	Kerry Williams	£8
7th	154	Andy Taylor	£7

March Draw

1st	82	Helen Quirk	£13
2nd	213	Doreen Purnell	£12
3rd	131	Sally Clayton	£11
4th	319	Steve Dunn	£10
5th	204	Pam Forster	£9
6th	158	Chris Pickthall	£8
7th	80	Danni Swaithe	£7

Collectors: Anne Andrews, Mary Goulding, Gwen Mason, Pat Moody, Rachel Moody, Janet Platts, Lin Prior, Margaret Thacker and Jill Woodward.

Wessex Concert Orchestra

Spring Concert

Wessex Concert Orchestra (WCO) is looking forward to returning to Malmesbury Abbey for its Spring Concert on Saturday 9 April at 7.30pm.

This popular programme contains Beethoven's great Symphony No 3 (Eroica). Originally it was dedicated to Napoleon, but Beethoven dropped the name after the threat of losing his Royal patron. The symphony was eventually renamed 'Eroica'. True to its Italian subtitle, Beethoven's 'Eroica' symphony could be said to be heroic in just about every way.

The full programme consists of:

Mendelssohn - Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage Overture

Brahms - Variations on a Theme by Haydn (Opus 56) (St Antonin Chorale)

Beethoven - Symphony No 3 (Eroica)

Tickets at £12 (£10 concessions) are available from The Abbey bookshop, Michael Thomas Butchers at The Triangle, Malmesbury, and the website www.wco.org.uk

WCO is a non-professional orchestra that enjoys performing a mix of repertoire to audiences mainly in North Wiltshire. WCO performs three concerts a year and, apart from the orchestral classics, it includes film and stage music and the lighter music repertoire and anything else that it fancies!

WCO meets on a Monday night in Chippenham. Anyone interested in joining this friendly but committed group of players should contact the Musical Director on md@wco.org.uk to enquire about vacancies.

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Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds



A bit of an update from your local Rotary Club ...

The Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds has continued with its very active programme of events – both internal and public-facing. A few recent and soon-to-come highlights include:

The recent local heats and final of the Rotary Young Musician competition – the local final, held at Wycliffe College in February, was won by violinist Daniel Harding, a Scholar at Wells Cathedral School, who was runner-up in 2015 and third in 2014. This year's runner-up was 12-year old Edwin Ward, from Rendcomb College, playing piano. Daniel will go forward to the regional and, hopefully, the national final.

Back in January, three Rotarians helped out the Crudwell Scout Group by acting as judges for their cooking competition – which included cooking a three-course meal on two gas rings! This is always a favourite assignment amongst the Rotarians and volunteers are always forthcoming as the scouts actually do rather well at this.

In the near future, members of the Rotary Club will be taking two minibus-loads of children from Malmesbury and Tetbury to a Kids-Out day at Bowood – an annual event where Rotary Clubs across the west bring groups of children from their areas together for an action-packed day of events and attractions!

The Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds is delighted to be able to promote a concert in the wonderful setting of Malmesbury Abbey on Saturday 11 June at 7.30pm being given by the Stuart Singers from Minchinhampton. They have a very wide repertoire providing an enjoyable programme of music, which includes medleys of popular songs by Lennon and McCartney and Abba and other modern classics. All their performances are given without music and are under the enthusiastic direction of Helen Sims. The Stuart Singers have previously given concerts in Tetbury for the Rotary Club and are excited to have the chance of singing in Malmesbury Abbey in order to raise funds for local charities. Tickets, which will include a beverage in the interval, will be £10 and will be available from the end of April from the Abbey Bookshop and Flowers Galore on Malmesbury High Street or any Rotarian. An enjoyable musical evening is guaranteed.

A bit later in the year, the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds will be again organising its Horseless Team Event in the grounds of Badminton House – this is an event aimed at fun-runners (and the more serious cross-country runners) and canni-crossers (an apparently rapidly growing sport of running with dogs). This will be on Sunday 2 October this year. See <http://www.rcsc.co.uk/badminton-horseless-team-event-2016/> for more information.

Cricket dates for the diary

Saturday 9 April 10am - Ground Force day

Saturday 9 April 6.30pm to 9.00pm

- Pre-Season drink at Pinkney Park

Monday 11 April 6.00pm - junior training starts

Tuesday 12 April 6.30pm – senior training starts

Friday 13 May – junior BBQ

Sunday 24 July – Sherston Sixes

Saturday 24 September – end of season dinner

Malmesbury Singers' Spring Concert: Handel's 'Samson'

On Saturday 23 April at 7.30pm, Malmesbury Singers will be performing Handel's 'Samson' in their Spring Concert at Malmesbury Abbey. The concert features: Iain Duffin (Conductor), Louise Lloyd (Soprano), Ben Sawyer (Countertenor), Guy Withers (Tenor), Simon Trist (Bass/Baritone) and The Musical & Amicable Society Baroque Orchestra.

Tickets available from the Abbey Bookshop, or via email: tickets@malmesburysingers.co.uk

Adults £15 Concessions £12.50 Students/Children £10

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.

Sherston In Touch

I was sorry to read that Wiltshire Council is withdrawing the Good Neighbour Co-ordination Service because of cuts. May I remind the residents of Sherston that there is a scheme, In Touch, which was started by the churches in 2011. It aims to be a network of road representatives in Sherston who welcome new residents to the area and introduce them to the life of the village. They will also, if people wish, refer pastoral concerns or needs to Eric and Margaret Thacker, who act as co-ordinators. They will then pass on this information to the Vicar (Rev Christopher Bryan), Rev Davies (Chaplain of Royal United Hospital, Bath), or whoever is appropriate. There are Road Reps, hopefully for each street (more for long ones), and everybody moving into the village should receive a pack of information to help them settle in - including a copy of the Cliffhanger! If anybody would like to help or would welcome a chat from their Road Rep, contact Eric and Margaret - eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk or 841344. If you need support when in hospital contact Alastair Davies on chaplaincy@ruh.nhs.uk or 01225 824039. If you have any problems, please let me know: Helen Price (retreatcottage17@btinternet.com or 503187).

Boondocks: The time has come ...

Finally, the time has come for us to start actually releasing information about the Boondocks 16 line-up and we're pretty excited about it, I tell you!

The line up for Boondocks 16 will feature some 25 live bands across three stages throughout the weekend. Some you may know, most you probably won't know. We know there will be: something you love; something you dance to; something you respect; and probably something you don't really get! That's what it's all about - and that's probably why there was so much positive talk about the line-up after last year.

Below are your first five acts, confirmed and ready to give it their all at Boondocks in July. If anyone you know who's coming hasn't bought their tickets yet, you might want to chivvy them along a bit. Here is the website they need to go to: www.theboondocksfestival.co.uk/tickets

Get stuck in - here goes:

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Walk on the wild side

Spring is busting out all over.

The vernal equinox is early this year – and it will be the earliest in 120 years! It's all to do with Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 and each year on earth lasting 365.242 days. If you want to know more, consult the internet (but it's not all true!).

With a very mild winter and early spring, there have been some notable sights around the village, especially seeing 17 little egrets at Stanbridge! What an amazing sight and hopefully a sign they will be breeding somewhere locally. Grove Wood is just about ready to burst out in leaf and flower, and the work done by the coppicing team over the past few years is paying dividends. More recently, the Bristol Avon River Trust has been busy in the river with the latest piece of work, building gravel access for cattle at the confluence of our two streams near Stretchline. This is designed to reduce the amount of silt being kicked up by the cattle when drinking. There will be lots more work along the river over the next year or so to improve the quality of the stream and to encourage more water voles, kingfishers and mayfly, amongst many other plants and animals.

This is, for me, the most exciting time of the year, when the summer migrants are about to arrive. Watch

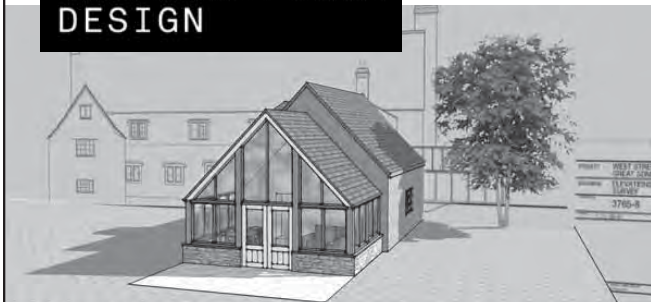
out for house martins and chiffchaffs in the next couple of weeks, as well as the resident birds, such as the song thrush starting to sing. Stock doves, a usual harbinger of spring, are already calling in a couple of locations in the village.

It was sad to hear about the demise of the Easton Square sycamore – old age comes to all of us. While I am sure there will be a new tree planted on the site, which will be magnificent in years to come, many trees in hedgerows don't get replaced when they die. If you look at the hedgerows around and about the village, there are two things to notice: firstly, many of the trees are old; and, secondly, some stretches of hedgerow don't have any trees in at all. The ones that were there died of disease and old age (who can remember the elm?!) and they haven't been replaced. What will happen in the next 20-30 years?

Finally, a number of new nest boxes have been put up courtesy of the scouts, who did a great job making four tawny owl nest boxes. I am sure the owls will be appreciating them for years to come!

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At the March meeting, we were due to have a talk about gardens for wildlife but unfortunately the speaker had double-booked himself. However, we were highly entertained by Finn Spicer of River Barn Garden, Cowbridge (on the outskirts of Malmesbury) who kindly stepped in to help us out of a tricky predicament. Finn brought along slides to show us the amazing development of both house and garden that he and his wife, Nicki, have achieved in just nine years.

The garden will not be open to the general public this year as the owners would like to have a more relaxed season, but once it is open again we would highly recommend a visit. There was also night vision film of the various wildlife that is attracted to the garden during the hours of darkness.

Next meeting

On 7 April, our meeting will be held in the British School Room whilst the drama group uses the Village Hall. Our President Mo Mulrain will be showing us slides of her holiday cruising in the Antarctic.

Visitors are always most welcome to join us for the evening for £3.50.

WI/POP Up

There will be bracelet- and card-making for children in the small village hall on Sunday 15 May from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. There will also be a sale of ladies' scarves and a demo of different ways in which to tie large square scarves. Hope to see you there!

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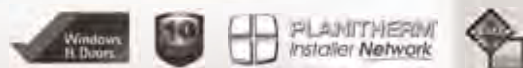
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Tolsey News



Students at The Tolsey

We have once again been privileged to welcome two Year Five medical students from Bristol University. The training of the next generation of doctors is something that the GPs here feel passionately about and if we can encourage these young trainee doctors to move in to General Practice then so much the better! Being involved in education at this level is beneficial to the whole practice, as it keeps us up to date with modern thinking and expands our horizons.

The students spend two weeks covering a range of subjects and we are very grateful to the patients who allow them into the consulting room to learn from them.

Dr Watkins at the University of Bristol GPSoc National Conference

Dr Watkins was invited to address an audience at Bristol University in March where he talked about working as a GP in a rural general practice. He joined a panel of eminent doctors on the full-day programme, which finished with a keynote speech by Sir Denis Pereira Gray, Previous Chairman of the Academy of Royal Colleges, previous RCGP President, Funder of the Exeter University Postgraduate general practice department, Professor, author and GP for 38 years.

Rags2Riches collection for Sherston School

The Friends of Sherston School are holding another Rags2Riches collection! If you have any clothes, shoes, jewellery, bedding, belts, hats, bags or towels in good condition, please bring along to school in a bin bag between 8.45am and 9.00am on Thursday 14 April. Rags2Riches gives the school 40p for each kilo collected so this is a great and easy way to raise money. If you can't make the collection time but would like to donate some items, please contact Sophie Cheetham (sophcheetham@gmail.com or 07786 990045).

Sherston 1016 Stock Clearance Booksale

Sherston 1016 are holding a 'Stock Clearance' booksale at the village hall on Saturday 23 April. We have a large number of books that need to be cleared from our storage. We request that no new books are supplied by the public for this sale - or we will defeat the object of the exercise. Free entry, 9 to 12 noon.

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Future meetings

- 20 April: Margaret Murray, from Bradford on Avon flower club, will call her demonstration Inspirations.
- 18 May: Linda Garratt will demonstrate under the title 'All That Glistens'. The competition this month to be a 'golden arrangement', there are two levels – improvers and experienced – all entrants welcome.
- 15 June. An evening garden visit to Ashley Grange, Ashley near Crudwell.

Flower club meetings take place at Crudwell Village Hall (SN16 9HB) on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. If you enjoy flowers come and join us, visitors and new members are always welcome.

For more information please contact Margaret on 01285 770 639.

Sherston School: Fitness Trail Update

Sherston School and the Friends of Sherston School would like to say a VERY big thank you to the Tuck Family who have given the school a very generous and unexpected donation, making a significant contribution to the fundraising target for the school fitness trail extension. We are now only £1,495 short of our target. This is amazing news and means we can hopefully bring the installation date forward.

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Next time you walk along there don't look at the tarmac, look at the hedges. A few years ago an historian came and gave some lectures on the Sherston area and told us all about this route.

So what with the Fosse Way so close as well, we have a lot of highway history right on our doorstep.

David Walsh

Spring Car Boot Sale

Come along to Sherston Primary School on Saturday 16 April, 10.00am until 2.00pm, for the school's first car boot sale, run by the Friends of Sherston School – and there'll be bacon butties for sale, too. For more information, contact Sophie Cheetham on sophcheetham@gmail.com or 07786 990045.

Carpenters Arms Update

It's finally occurred! We're pleased to announce that the Carps has been taken over and is to re-open again once the refurbishment has been completed. Peter Brock, who is well known in the village, and who also used to run the pub in the 1990s, has taken it over and will finish the works that are needed. We are sure that the entire village will support him in this exciting new venture.

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The music is a mix of blues, bluegrass, country, folk, rock n roll, old-time and ragtime and guaranteed to get your toes tapping. There will be a licensed bar and some Ploughman's Platters available during the interval (first come, first served or can be reserved). Tickets cost £10 and are available from the post office.

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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 biscuits and brownies - Open 3 mornings a week - Tues, Wed and Thurs 9.30 am – 12 noon

Sunday services 8.00am Holy Communion; 9.30am Holy Communion (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 10am – 12noon once a month.

Congregational Church - in The British

Schoolroom Services at 11am apart from 1st Sun 4pm. Brick Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 6.30 / 6.30 – 8pm All services are led or hosted by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling. Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 (or find us on Facebo.

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, Hullavington. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult.

Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

Little Lights Every Thurs, 10.30 am in Hullavington church. Children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers come from across the Group, including Sherston, for songs, crafts, activities, Bible stories and snack time. Any questions, contact Chantal on 837522

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

Sunday Newspapers

On sale 8am – 11am every Sunday in Sherston village hall.

Link provides a voluntary car service for residents living in the Malmesbury area, taking those in need to hospital, the chiroprapist, GPs' surgeries and to visit sick relatives. For further information please call 840861 between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday.

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers

Why not join us and discover the joys of mangold hurling and all its traditions? For further information email ebeplaced@aol.com.

Busy Hands Pre-school Meets 9.10am - 12.10pm everyday in the village hall for 2 3/4 - 5 year olds. Lunch Club Mon to Fri until 1pm and exciting new outdoor free flow area. All childcare vouchers welcomed. For further details call Henry Crawford on 841065 www.sherstonbusyhands.org.uk or email us on chair@sherstonbusyhands.org.uk

Castle Combe Colts Football Club Join a charter standard club with CRB checked FA qualified coaches, fantastic playing & training facilities and a healthy inclusive culture – take a free 4 week taster session. Currently recruiting for the following age groups: Mini-Kickers (Rec/Y1) U10 (Y5) U11 (Y6). Tel 837286 or secretary@cccfc.co.uk www.cccfc.co.uk

Charity Bingo In aid of a different local charity each month on the 3rd Friday at 7.30 for 8pm start in the village hall. 50p entry and 30p a book. Light refreshments available.

Church bell ringing Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 - 9.00pm. Call Geoff Martin 840375 or come along.

Clem's Club Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays Feb to June and Sept to Dec 2.30pm – 4 pm in the British Schoolroom (alternating with the Senior Club). All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat.

Dance classes at The Scout Hut Fun and friendly classes for children to learn ballet and/or jazz on Tuesday afternoons during term time Preschool/infant ballet 3.30 - 4pm, Jazz 4 - 4.30pm. Junior ballet 4.30 - 5pm, Jazz 5 - 5.30pm All abilities welcome. For more information please call Abigail on 07720 396195.

Drawing Classes in Sherston

Classes are held in the British Schoolroom during term times Weds either 10am to 12noon or 1.30 to 3.30pm. Students have individual attention and the classes are friendly and welcoming. We work on observational drawing in a range of media, pencil, watercolour crayon and pastel; subjects include plants and flowers, natural objects and still life groups. For further information please contact Heather Martin heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or phone 840375

Eudo Tae Kwon Do

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

Footpaths group

'Sherston Walks - a guide to local rights of way', featuring 10 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 Harries on 841047 or maggie@harriespartnership.com Now online @ www.sherstonwalks.org.uk

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

Fresh Air Fitness A fun outdoor workout suitable for all levels. Sherston Rec Fridays 9.30-10.30am £6 per class. Book with Stuart 07986 003602 / 01453 836173 or stuart@pulse4life.co.uk

Hogwards The Help a Hedgehog Hospital charity has a satellite hospital in Tetbury. Mary Hinton 07779 299224 www.helpahedgehog.org

Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, usually at St. Mary's School Tetbury at 7.30 p.m. Lifts are available for non-drivers in the Sherston/Malmesbury area. Details from Helen Price, 503187 or retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Concert Band

Rehearsals on Fri evenings in Malmesbury, 7.15 – 9.15pm. The band performs at local Bandstands, public concerts, etc. and is always on the look-out for brass and woodwind players (and percussion and string bass or bass guitar) of reasonable sight-reading ability. For further details and to ascertain current vacancies see our website <http://www.freewebs.com/malmesburyconcertband/> and/or contact Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or tony@jacfleming.plus.com

Malmesbury Community Choir

The Malmesbury Community Choir is a non-audition performing choir that meets for rehearsals in the Old School Room at the Town Hall every Monday evening from 7.30-9.30pm. The waiting list is currently full for ladies, but we would always welcome extra men and young people between 14-21 years old. Membership is £50 per quarter, but membership for U18s is free and U21s is half price. For further information please email info@malmesburycommunitychoir.org, visit the website at www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org or 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. Volunteers also needed to prepare and serve lunch, no washing up.

Malmesbury Film Society

Memorable new, classic and foreign films are shown at 7.30pm every 3rd Sunday of the month at St. Mary's Hall, Malmesbury - no booking or membership necessary. Join us for unique films and an enjoyable evening out. See our website www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk for details on all upcoming films.

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

For details contact the Division Commissioner at malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

(affiliated to National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies - NAFAS) meets at 7.30pm on the third Wed evening of most months of the year at Crudwell Village Hall. Join members come from the surrounding villages to hear speakers and enjoy floristry demonstrations and do workshops and competitions. Call Margaret Stanford on 01285 770 639 to answer any queries or give information about forthcoming events.

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. Contact Tony Towle on 840574.

Red Bull Inn Boules Friendly boules club at the Red Bull Inn (Malmesbury Rd) - meets every Thurs at 7.15pm - any level. For the more competitive members, there is a team playing in the Cotswold Pétanque league. To enter, please contact Sue McKechnie on 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.com

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. Contact sherston1016@gmail.com or Martin Jacques 07717 424619

Sherston Badminton Club We play every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from September to the end of May. - New members welcome. For more information contact David Boyle 841587 or email djboyle@hotmail.com

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 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 Greg Hughes, Baghera, Cub Scout Assistant Leader, greghughes_2000@yahoo.co.uk to obtain an application form

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 Riaan van Rooyen riaan@pulse-software.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 - 841043 or Ewan Blair - 840096 - 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.bye@virgin.net

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) r.a.skeffington@gmail.com Tel. 840092

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

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

Want to get fit? Lose weight? Our Club is a friendly and sociable group open to any ladies of any swimming ability from Sherston and the surrounding area. We swim at Westonbirt Leisure Centre on Wednesday evenings from 8 - 9 pm. Everyone swims at their own pace although there is a lane for faster swimmers. It costs £5 per week, £40 for 10 weeks. For further information please phone Maggie (840969), Annabel on 840592 or Heather (840375).

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 Magna Cricket Club Junior nets have now finished for the season, but u15s are welcome to Senior nets

at 6.30pm on Tues nights at Pinkney Park. If you would like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the website www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk

Sherston Netball Club Training every Monday 7.30pm at Westonbirt Leisure Centre. All ages and abilities welcome. £3 per session. For more info, please contact Ailsa (07971 845206), Lauren (07885 597429), Saara (07739 552336) or Kate (07792 064438).

SH.o.C.C. The choir meets at 7.30pm each Wednesday in the British Schoolroom £3 per session - Summer term will start after the Easter break. Refreshments 50p. Further information from Lucy Lawrance on 840778 (evenings) or lucy@sherston.plus.com

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 Pilates Classes held on Wednesday afternoons and evenings in the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739552336 or sherstonpilates@gmail.com

Sherston Tennis Club The tennis courts are located on Knockdown Road, open to all over the winter. Children's Sat am coaching will start after Easter. If you would like to be emailed with details nearer the time, please contact Sophie Cheetham on 07786 990045 or sophcheetham@gmail.com. If you're interested in joining the club or using the courts, please contact Nic Riley on 840682 or nic50riley@gmail.com.

Sherston Theatre Club Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. Listings under www.communigate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/ or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or helenandjim@thequirks.plus.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 wrigglers 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 Sophie Cheetham, sophcheetham@gmail.com 07786 990045 or alternative like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

Sherston Velo A new cycling club formed of enthusiastic road cyclists from Sherston and the surrounding area - formally accredited by British Cycling at the end of 2014. There are regular rides each Saturday and Sunday morning with a fast paced group leaving first for an hour, followed by a longer club run. For membership and other information about the club, visit the website www.sherstonvelo.cc or email Mark Walsh at secretary@sherstonvelo.cc

Sherston Village Hall Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, parties etc. For details Chris and Tony Weedon 841377 or email dogleg3@gmail.com

Sherston W.I. Meetings on first Thursday of month Mar - Sept in the Village Hall (except Apr due Spring Play) at 7.30pm and Nov/Dec/ Feb/Apr in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. No meetings Oct or Jan. New programme in Mar. Visitors always most welcome £3.50. Further information: Secretary 840578

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 Minnie Hulme on 841118 or email hulmessherston@sky.com

WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses

The WEA (Workers's Education Association) offers courses on the Arts, Literature and History in the British School Room, Cliff Road. For more information or to book a place contact Warwick or Pat Jones on 840764 or warwick.jones@btinternet.com.

Village Hall 300+ Club For an annual subscription of only £6, give yourself the opportunity of winning a cash prize in every monthly draw whilst supporting the Village Hall. 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.

Wild Yoga Mon evenings during term time - 6.45-8pm and 8.15-9.30pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £9 reducing to £7.50 if you take up the course. Contact Theo 07818 401110 or theo@wildyoga.co.uk

If you run a club, society or organisation in Sherston that holds regular events such as the above and wishes 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

Dates for your diary 2016

May

6 Stomp'n' Dave and his Blue Grass Band,
Village Hall

June

12 Sherston School Olympic Day

18-19 Open Gardens Weekend

24-25 Battle of Sherston Events

July

16-17 Boules Weekend

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.

Sherston

The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7:30pm

Free entry and prizes for the winning team

Elmers Brewery Tour Fri 15 Apr - transport and a 2 course meal back at the pub £15 pp Sun 6 Mar

Live Music - 80's cover band OUTTATIME Sun 1 May 9pm

Live music - ARKANSAS JUKEBOX COLLECTIVE Fri 6 May 9pm

Check boards for more details of events

For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter

#GavinHunt@Therattlebone or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk

Sherston Drama Group

Spring Play - At the Sign of the Crippled Harlequin by Norman Robbins Apr 6 - 9 at, 7.30, Doors open 7pm Village Hall Tickets

(£6.50 / £8.00 including refreshments) on sale at Sherston Post

Office Stores For further details call Box Office via

r.a.skeffington@gmail.com or 840092 (evenings)

Sherston WI Talks

Cruising in the Antarctic with Mo Mulrain 7 Apr 7.30pm BSR
If new to the village come and make new friends. Visitors always welcome - £3.50

Running a Garden Centre - Behind the Scenes 5 May 7.30pm VH
WI POP UP Bracelet and card making for children in the small village hall on Sun 15 May 2-4pm. And a sale of ladies' scarves and a demo of different ways in which to tie large square scarves
Scrapstore - hands on crafting 2-Jun For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

1000th anniversary of the Battle of Sherston

Call to Arms planning meeting Thurs 14 Apr at 7.30pm, in the Small Hall If you have already offered to help at the event (catering and bar) or if you want to help at the events over the weekend 24-26 June 2016, please attend this meeting.

Millennium Events: Viking boules competition A round robin involving as many teams as possible Fri 24 Jun at The Rattlebone If you would like to be involved, please contact Sue McKechnie on either 840601 or susannemckchnie@hotmail.co.uk or Tony Towle on either 840574 or atowle@btinternet.com

Sat 25 Jun

Viking Battle Re-enactment on the Rec

Visiting Saxon Museum in the village hall

Talk by Dr Tim Boulton

Party at the Rattlebone

Fireworks - location tba

Sun 26

Thanksgiving Service with the Dean of Bristol David Hoyle
Holy Cross Church

1016 Stock Clearance Book Sale

Sat 23 Apr 10am - 12 noon village hall - free entry - all must go. NO DONATIONS PLEASE THIS TIME. Our books are very reasonably priced with 99% being only 25p each or 5 for £1. We always have a massive selection including a children's section. DVDs and CDs are £1 each. All proceeds to the senior citizens Christmas voucher fund. For further details call 840611

Church events

Memorial Service for Dr. Colin Owen Wed 13 Apr 2pm

Neil Forster Memorial Service Mon 16 May 11am

Date for your diary: Open Gardens Weekend Sat 18 & Sun 19

June All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Church. If you would be willing to open your garden or want more information, please get in touch with Heather Martin heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or phone 840375

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Gauzebrook Gallivant a 21 mile circular walk which takes in all the nine churches of the Gauzebrook Group – but don't worry, you can take part in stages as well as the whole thing Sat 9 Jul with refreshment stops. proceeds from entry fees go to the Gauzebrook Churches Children's Worker Fund Church of the Holy Cross

For further details call Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or susan.harvey44@hotmail.com

Sherston Market

Local crafts and produce which vary each month, cake stalls including Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh local vegetables and cheeses from Brinkworth Dairy. Every month a free stall in the lobby is made available to local charity or voluntary group to raise funds. See www.sherstonmarket.weebly.com for dates and a contact form. 10am-2pm Village hall

Sat 16 Apr Sat 14 May Sat 11 Jun

For further details call 07887 814843 or 07769 613627 or email info@awkwardsquad.co.uk or visit www.sherstonmarket.co.uk or www.facebook.com/pages/Sherston-Market/195319400641324

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

Mar and Apr shows work by Gloria Pugh, who is a member of Bath Textile Artists and lives in Luckington. She has also been co-leader of Sherston Young Craft Group for many years so members, past members and their parents might be interested to see what Gloria does in her 'spare' time Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon. Shear Class, High St

Sue's Strolls

Sun 3 Apr Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return Rattlebone Inn just around 12noon for seasonal refreshments. As ever children and well behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there is no need to book a place – just turn up on the day. This is a PHEW! event see www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk

For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or usannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Ground Force day Sat 9 Apr 10am, Junior training starts Mon 11 Apr 6pm, **Senior training** starts Tues 12 Apr 6.30pm, **Junior BBQ** Fri 13 May **Sherston Sixes** Sun 24 Jul Pinkney Park Ground

For further details call cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit <http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk>

Sherston Primary School

Spring Clean Sat 16 Apr 10 to 2pm We'll be giving the playground a spruce-up, holding a car boot sale in the school car park, and selling burgers at lunchtime to keep everyone going! Bring a broom and a spade, and come and join in! Any profits go towards the Fitness Trail, we've £1,495 left to raise!

For further details FSS Chair Fi Picton via fi.parsons@which.net

FSS Olympic Legacy Day

on Sherston's Rec Sun 12 Jun from 11am - 4pm Our very own Olympic legacy continues, offering children the chance to take part in a mini-decathlon - and win a bronze, silver or gold medal! 'Passports' on sale soon (£2.50 per child). It features a competitive mini decathlon with medals for girls and boys in each year group at primary school, a barbecue and bar for the grown-ups.

Boules & Carnival Sat 16 July

Boules Competition Entry Forms Registration for Entries into the Boules competition open, preferably online through www.sherston.net but paper entry forms will be available Sherston Post Office (by the coffee machine).

Events in aid of the Village Hall

BLETCHLEY PARK

Home of the WW2 Codebreakers

by Sir Francis Richards, KCMG, CVO in aid of the Village Hall Restoration Fri 13 May 6.30pm Village Hall Free seating. No late admissions Tickets £12.50 (to include a glass of wine) from the Post Office from 13 April For further details call Lavinia Corbally Stourton, The Old Vicarage, Sherston 841007



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Queen's 90th Celebrations

Birthday picnic The village hall and field has been booked for Sunday 12 June 2016 for a celebration event before or after the Sherston Olympics. We would be interested to hear from groups that would like to run food and drink stalls and activities for children during the day.

Clean for the Queen weekend of 2-3 Jul ahead of Boules Day on Sat 16 July. More details next month. For further details call please contact Jill Caine on 841380 (jill.caine@gmail.com)

Sherston and surrounding villages Rural Arts Wiltshire

Three Half Pints - Bad Guys Stars of CBeebies Spot Bots present a slapstick misadventure for anybody aged 5+. Follow three hapless brothers as they valiantly try to become feared villains. The only trouble is, the Three Half Pints are much too stupid to be bad guys - they're only good at being good. Come on the adventure as they slip, trip and tumble their way through all manner of dastardly schemes. Sun 3 Apr at 3.30pm Grittleton VH Tickets: 01249 782798 / dandijeffcoate@btinternet.com

Joli Vyann H2H Hand to Hand - is a new, exciting and thought-provoking show. Mixing dance, circus and theatre in an innovative way. It explores the fragility of human relationships, of hands supporting another person. Hullavington Village Hall Fri 29 Apr 8pm Tickets: 837569

Stompin' Dave and his Bluegrass Band Fri 6 May at 7.30pm in Sherston Village Hall. Tickets £10 available nearer to the date. The band, who have performed at lots of Festivals including Glastonbury and Bestival, play classic bluegrass and old-time music. Licenced

Bar. Adults £7, Concs £6, Children (under 16) £4.50, Families (2 adults & 2 children) £18.50 Target Audience: Ages 12+

Sherston Village Hall

For further details call or visit www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk

Knockdown

The Holford Arms

Live Music every weekend

Check boards for more details of events

For further details call 01454 238669 or info@theholfordarms.co.uk

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

STIHL Treetop Walkway opens 27 Apr. The main walkway is step-free, making it accessible to visitors on foot, using mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs and to those with dogs on leads. It is 300 metres long and gradually rises on gentle inclines to a height of 13 metres. Scramble up to the crow's nest viewing platform; Swing across the rope bridge; Peer through the mesh-floored section.

Specialist Wood Sales 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA

The new **TreeQuests** app enables adventurers to create their own quest through the arboretum, with interactive challenges along the way...

Summer concert dates June - Thurs 16 Rudimental SOLD OUT

; Fri 17 Kaiser Chiefs SOLD OUT; Sat 18 UB40 Featuring Ali Campbell, Astro and Mickey Virtue; Sun 19 Tom Jones. Tickets from the Arboretum or <http://boxoffice.forestry.gov.uk/default.aspx>. Check website for details of events, wood and photography courses, guided walks and family fun days.

Till Aug admission prices Adults £9 Concs and those arriving by bike or public transport £6 Children (5-18) £3 under 5s free

'Sherston Brick Club'

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For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

or visit <http://www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk/>

Malmesbury MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP 12pm - 1pm

check website for surgery dates

Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall For further details call www.jamesgray.org or email jamesgraymp@parliament.uk for online surgeries

Malmesbury Singers Spring Concert

Handel's Samson Conductor Iain Duffin, Louise Lloyd (soprano) Ben Sawyer (counter tenor), Guy Williams (tenor) Simon Trist (Bass/Baritone) Sat 23 Apr 7.30pm in Malmesbury Abbey Tickets (£15, £12.50 senior citizens, £10 children) available from Abbey Bookshop and choir members

Malmesbury Abbey

For further details call Abbey book shop

Rotary Club of South Cotswolds present

The Stuart Singers from Minchinhampton in concert at Malmesbury Abbey All their performances are given without music and are under the enthusiastic direction of Helen Sims and feature medleys of popular songs by Lennon and McCartney and Abba and other modern classics Sat 11 Jun 7.30pm Tickets £10, incl beverage in the interval available from the end of April from the Abbey Bookshop and Flowers Galore in High Street Malmesbury or any Rotarian Malmesbury Abbey

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Oriel Singers Sat 25 Jun An evening of madrigals £15 members/£5 student or chd. Season tickets are also available for only £55

For further details call David Barton 824924

d.barton763@btinternet.com or visit www.malmesbury.com/mams

Events at

Malmesbury Children's centre

Workshops for toddlers, infants and new parents Free parenting courses for parents with children under 5 - check website for details free crèche

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Singing for the Brain

Singing sessions are led by a trained Singing for the Brain leader Every other Monday 1.30-3pm a free service (funded by Wiltshire council) is designed to be a fun, stimulating and social activity for people with a diagnosis of dementia and their family/friends or carers. For session dates and to book your place please call Pam Ollis at our Chippenham office on

Malmesbury Activity Zone, Bremilham Road For further details call 01249 443469 or e-mail nwilt@alzheimers.org.uk or visit www.alzheimers.org.uk

Malmesbury & District

University of the Third Age

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people to come and learn together, drawing upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide interest groups in a very wide range of subjects. Now with over 350 members in the Malmesbury group Meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10am for refreshments 10.30-11.30 speaker close by 11.45 Charge 50p Family History - Trip to the 'Who Do You Think You Are? Live' exhibition & Apr The Family History Group are arranging a trip to the Family History show at the NEC, Birmingham. Cost and mode of transport will be entirely dependent on how many would like to go.

'The Roman Baths at Bath' - Bernard Purrier Thurs 28 Apr

Suzann Valadon: Model and Artist - Paul Chapman Thurs 26 Apr

An Elizabethan Blockbuster: 'A Knack to Know a Knave' at the Rose - Dr. Tim Hammond Thurs 23 Jun

Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall For further details call

Membership Secretary Julia Batty on 01249 720327

or visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Wessex Concert Orchestra

Spring Concert at Malmesbury Abbey Beethoven's great Symphony No 3 (Eroica), Mendelssohn - Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage Overture, Brahms - Variations on a Theme by Haydn (Opus 56) (St Antonin Chorale)

Sat 11 Apr at 7.30pm £12/£10 concs from The Abbey bookshop, Michael Thomas Butchers at The Triangle Malmesbury, and the website www.wco.org.uk

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For further details call md@wco.org.uk or visit www.wco.org.uk

Boondocks Festival

First 5 acts announced The line up for Boondocks 16 will feature some 25 live bands across 3 stages throughout the weekend - check website for details Tickets cover all the festivities on Fri 8 and Sat 9 July. You can also buy a camping or campervan ticket which will allow you to camp onsite both nights. No day tickets are available. Full price adult tickets are £55 and under 18s are £15. Everyone needs a ticket, even babes in arms, but don't forget, activities for under 18s are included in the ticket price this year.

There is on-site parking which is included in your ticket price Boondocks takes place just outside of Malmesbury, Wiltshire, in a 15 acre field towards Foxley For further details call or visit <http://theboondocksfestival.co.uk>

Highgrove House Tetbury Art Society

Spring Exhibition Featuring some of the Society's members work Sat 30 Apr - Mon 2 May in The Market Hall, Tetbury 10 am - 5 pm each day. If you would like first choice of the paintings however, please ask Gill Ashley (840993) or Jenny Riley (840682) for an invitation to the preview evening on Fri 29 April at 7.30 pm.

Advance booking only from Gill Ashley
For further details call Gill Ashley 840993 or visit www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk

Easton Grey Whatley Manor

Creating an award-winning RHS Garden with Kate Durr (TV presenter and garden designer) Kate's engaging talk will cover the considerations for designing, building and planting a show garden. Kate will share her techniques for creating the 'wow' factor in your garden. After lunch and accompanied by Kate, Whatley Manor's head gardener Andy Spreadbury will give guests a private tour of the gardens Thurs 19 May 10.30 - 3pm £45 including talk, tour, welcome refreshments and lunch

Thursday evening cinema £23 includes a choice of either a glass of wine, a bottled beer or soft drink. A small tub of delicious ice cream (choice of flavour) and of course popcorn. Must be prebooked 8.30pm start 'The Lady in the Van' starring Maggie Smith, Alex Jennings and Jim Broadbent 14 Apr 'Steve Jobs' starring Michael Fassbender, Kate Winslet and Seth Rogen 15 May

Sunday Cinema £8.50 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn. In addition, on the day, choose one, two or three courses from the a la carte lunch menu in 'Le Mazot' brasserie The Sunday Cinema Screenings must be pre-booked and at least

one course must be booked 'The Lady in the Van' starring Maggie Smith, Alex Jennings and Jim Broadbent 17 Apr

'Steve Jobs' starring Michael Fassbender, Kate Winslet and Seth Rogen 12 May

For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

Didmorton

Flicks in the Sticks

The Lady in the Van Fri 8 Apr Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door Didmorton Village Hall For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

BROOKLYN [12A] Wed 27 Apr Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com or visit <http://www.moviola.org/>

Grittleton Plant and Food Fair

organised by children's charity Action Medical Research Set in the stunning surrounds of Grittleton House, plant lovers and "foodies" are in for a real treat, many stalls selling plants from specialist nurseries, stunning accessories for your "room outside" and delicious local artisan produce. Special guest appearance by the charity's big fluffy mascot, Paddington Bear Sun 29 May 11am - 3pm Entrance - £3 per person, Children free

Grittleton House For further details call If you are interested in having a stall please contact Tracey Edwards T 01225 776691 E_tedwards@action.org.uk or visit http://www.action.org.uk/grittleton_plant_and_food_fair

Crudwell

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Flower club meetings take place on the 3rd Wed each month, 7 for 7.30pm. If you enjoy flowers come and join us, visitors and new members are welcome..

Inspirations Demonstration by Margaret Murray from Bradford on Avon flower club 20 Apr

All That Glistens Demonstration by Linda Garratt 18 May
Evening garden visit to Ashley Grange, Ashley near Crudwell. 15-Jun

The competition this month to be a "golden arrangement", there are two levels improvers and experienced, all entrants welcome.

Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB

For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

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Bank House - The Strand, Calne SN11 0EN For further details call or visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bart-riverfly-conference-2016-tickets-20034345266>

Wotton-Under-Edge The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Marguerite; Anomalisa; Painting: The Moder Garden: Monet to Matisse; Eddie the Eagle; The Pearl Button; The Manxman with Harpist Elizabeth-Jane Baldry; Our Little Sister; The Globe: Measure for Measure (Recorded) check website for details For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com

Nailsworth Forest Green Rovers F.C.

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The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth For further details call 01453 834860 or visit www.forestgreenroversfc.com

Bath, Stroud, Bristol Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ the cinema

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The Audience Thur 9 Jun (encore)

For further details, call or visit www.ntlive.com

Bath Theatre Royal

Rehearsal for Murder 29 Mar- 2 Apr £15-£33.50

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Bath Comedy Festival

Bath Comedy Festival Fri 1 - Sun 10 Apr Various events

throughout Bath city centre Tickets vary from £1-£17

Bath Festivals Box Office, For further details call 01225 463362 or

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