



Sherston School's Gambia Link



Last month I went out to The Gambia for my third visit to stay with a family in the coastal village of Gunjur. I first went out to The Gambia on the self-funded trip in 2008 with the global education charity, The Marlborough Brandt Group. I started up a link with Sherston C of E Primary School and Siffoe Lower Basic School. Over the years, there has been a representative from Sherston going out almost every year and Gambians coming here to the village. Nine years later, we have a very strong bond with our friends in The Gambia.

It is always lovely to go back to Siffoe School and to



see the changes over the years. When I first went out in 2008, the school was in desperate need of resources, and the classrooms had grey walls and very little on them. I remember the school library with a few books, most of which were damaged. While the school still has no electricity or running water, it now has solar panels and an exciting new build which enables infants to join the school. It was lovely to see whitewashed walls with colourful displays, creating a stimulating learning environment.

Whilst the school is still in desperate need of basic resources like pencils and paper, the main aim of the link is a learning partnership and therefore, I spend time talking to the children in both Siffoe and Sherston, sharing projects that help us to learn about and celebrate our differences and similarities.

I am always welcomed with so much enthusiasm and eagerness to find out about life in the UK. Indeed, I have the same response from the children at Sherston School who love looking at the photos and artefacts that I return with.

If you would like to see more photos, please look on the Sherston C of E Primary School website.

www.sherstonprimary.co.uk/news/detail/mrs-farahars-trip-to-the-gambia/

Lara Farahar



Sherston Market is back – 8 April



All stall booking fee profits will be going directly into the village hall renovation fund. There will also be the usual free charity stall - which is still available.

The market will be open from 10am to 4pm, there will be homemade food on sale from a mobile vendor. There will be plenty of stalls, with some new faces and some familiar ones.

Following markets will be on 24 June, 16 September, 18 November 2017. To book a stall for any of the above markets. Ring Alison on 0790973796. See you there.

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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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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



Lance Corporal 24122

Thomas William Dickenson

2nd Batt Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment

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Thomas died on Easter Monday when, in a blinding snowstorm, the Battle of Arras began.

This battle was made famous by the Canadian divisions who captured Vimy Ridge that Monday on a battlefield which is preserved to this day.

To the south, however, the British were less successful. Thomas Dickenson fell near to the village of Henin-le-Cojeul.

Thomas was originally buried in Henin Military Cemetery, just to the north of the village. After the war, bodies from this cemetery were moved to the larger cemetery at Wancourt.

Many graves had been destroyed by later actions and Thomas Dickenson's was one of these. This is why he is remembered on a special memorial within this cemetery inscribed 'known to be buried in this cemetery'.

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Update on the Neighbourhood Plan

The separate professional focus group attached to the village Steering Group has been undertaking further work to address some of the concerns raised at the consultation meeting in January and, in particular, how the Neighbourhood Plan can best meet the needs of the community. A key concern is the potential impact of increased traffic around the proposed site on the safety of pedestrians, school children, and equestrian, agricultural and private users of the village highways and how this may influence alternative solutions to the proposed site. Other considerations are how to deliver ease of access

and mobility from the High Street to a new surgery so that it is inclusive for all members of the community, and how the character of the village can be best enhanced by a new development whilst respecting the principles of the adjacent conservation area and our green belt. Alternative funding options for the scheme have also been progressed to achieve the best possible outcomes for the neighbourhood, with a focus on the new surgery, pre-school and upgrades to the community sports amenities with a different housing development solution. There will be more details in the near future.

Knockdown Road Sports Ground

The Sherston Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) is currently being put together by our Parish Council. This Plan isn't just about future housing requirements. It covers a wide range of issues that affect the whole community. Back in March 2013 two key objectives of the NHP were defined relating to sport and recreation. These were that we should retain and enhance our existing sports facilities and that support would be given for the provision of new-build sports and leisure facilities in and around the village.

If the NHP is accepted we will have the surety of permanent locations for sports and leisure activities in the village. This would open up opportunities for finance from Sport England, local partnership funding and allocations from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – the latter arising from the building of the new houses. Significant funding could allow us to do a major redevelopment of the Knockdown Road Sports Ground and provide facilities such as all-weather multi-use pitches, floodlighting, a running track, and changing rooms with showers.

So far, the easy part has been talking to individuals to gather ideas and identify all the many sports that residents enjoy or currently take part in – either within or outside the village. This has been done over the last year or so but the lists need constant updating to ensure that all sports, age groups and abilities are included. What we need now is for individuals to come forward and promote their own particular sport, activity or group. In addition to people with a direct sporting interest, a project like this would also need expertise in planning, funding, financial control, project and club management, and ongoing maintenance. We would also need to work closely with the Parish Council which owns the site. The Sherston Old School Community Company (SOSCIC) has shown that the village probably has most of these skills on our doorstep – so there is room for some optimism here.

If you are interested in helping to set up and run such a project please contact me at sportsherston@gmail.com or call on 07976 242830

Graham Hayman

The Tanners Hill Leak

Good news for anybody wondering if or when the problem of the Tanners Hill leak will be solved.

We're reliably informed by the water company that new technology is now available which will make the spillage flow uphill without the use of a pump. Extensively tested in Bolivia, this technology – based on a technique known as gravitational hyper-axalotherapomorphy* – has successfully been used to divert water from low-lying reservoirs for residential

use in La Paz, the world's highest capital city. The hyper-axalotherapomorphic process effectively functions as a magnet for water.

Cliffhanger understands that this technology will soon arrive in Sherston, where it will be used to solve the problem of the Tanners Hill leak by driving the water uphill towards the allotments near Green Lane.

For more information about this technology, go to www.wetbehindthearsonApril1.com

Barn Dance Reminder

A reminder – Barn Dance in Sherston Village Hall on 29 April.

Tickets on sale at Sherston Post Office Stores or phone 840375 (£12 for adults or £6 for under-16s, to include a hot fork supper) must be bought in advance. Live Music by Baily's Beads. Come at 7.00pm to start dancing at 7.30pm. Licensed bar.

This is a joint fundraiser between Sherston Church and Village Hall.

Update on the jigsaw puzzle fest

While Marion is occupied with Douglas' convalescence, if you:

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Patient Survey 2016-17

Ninety per cent of all patient ratings in our recent survey were Good, Very Good or Excellent! The results of this survey help us to provide the best possible service to you and we would like to thank everyone that took part. You can see the whole survey either in the surgery or on our website.

Travel Medicine

Please remember if you are planning to go somewhere that requires special medication or vaccinations, you must book your travel appointment with our nurse well in advance, and attend at least 6-8 weeks before departure. We do not give emergency appointments for travel. We have some useful information on our website where there is also a travel questionnaire that you can download to complete and bring with you to your travel appointment.

Friends of the Tolsey Surgery

We are looking for two young people, aged 18+, to join the Friends of Tolsey Surgery group, to help us reach the younger section of our patients and hear their perspective. This could be a chance to influence services provided to this age group and help to advise us on how to include them in our offering. This may suit A-level students wishing to enhance their personal statements.

Judy Sharp Practice Manager



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Boules at The Angel

The Angel is where the whole boules thing started in Sherston. The then landlords, Pat and Mike Bell, installed the pitch in the back garden of the pub and from there Sherston eventually became the boules capital of not just Wiltshire, but perhaps the whole South West and beyond!

The Angel will be running a boules league in 2017 and are looking for teams to take part. Each team will consist of three players, but it is advisable to have at least four to cater for holidays, work commitments, etc.

The league will start in early May and each team will play once a week on a random evening determined by a fixture list that will be provided nearer the time. By the end of the season each team will have played all the others. Ideally we are looking for a maximum of 16 teams.

Skill is definitely not a requirement, but the wish to socialise and join in a highly enjoyable pastime is! A boules league is also a very good way for newcomers

to the village and surrounding area to meet new people.

In late April we will be holding a 'master class' to explain the rules to the uninitiated. However, the most important rule is that it is illegal to play boules without a drink in close attendance!

The whole purpose is to take part in an enjoyable and relaxing pastime, and any of you who have been to Sherston on Boules Day or visited the Rattlebone on sunny summer evenings will know what it is all about.

There will be a charge of £15 per team. This is to pay for prizes at the end of the season, and also to pay for a buffet at the prize giving.

To take part, visit the Angel, find the notice board opposite the bar and follow the links. If you have any questions, or would like some more information contact Tony Towle on either 840574 or atowle@btinternet.com

Sherston Senior Club

On 21 February, Kieron Pocock entertained us with music and songs. Kieron was an engaging young man who was very versatile and played us a wide selection of songs. His rendering of classical music was particularly beautiful.

On 7 March, Stephen Wells gave a talk on the history of magic. This was interspersed with demonstrations of magic made famous by magicians of the past. This was baffling (how is it done?) and very entertaining at the same time.

We will have had our Spring Sale on 21 March by the time you read this and will be looking forward to

4 April when, at 2.30pm, Michael Rumsey will be speaking about Parish churches of North Wiltshire. This will be our last meeting in the British School Room before the building work commences.

Further dates

18 April: Our first outing of the year to Whitminster Garden Centre. Members are £10.00 and visitors are welcome at £12.00. Please contact Helen Quirk on 840516 to book a place.

2 May: At 2.30pm in the small hall of the Village Hall, the speaker will be Lisa Johnson and her subject will be 'Exploring Healing Crystals'.



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No longer just The Village Hall – people of Sherston, meet ‘The Old Rifle Range’!!

As you may have read, as part of its fundraising drive to (amongst other things!) liven up the loos, the village hall has teamed up with those lovely people who bring you The Boondocks Festival, Malmesbury Acoustic Sessions, SherstonFest, bits of WOMAD and indeed all manner of good times to promote a series of extravaganzas in and around the village hall to raise funds.

But this, dear reader, is not all; as part of this initiative, our new Hall Events Manager (Dave Shephard) is now available (for free!) to help all hirers of the village hall make their event every bit as special as the village hall's own events will be ... if you were one of the packed-out audience at the February ‘Brush Up The Bogs’ event and heard the number of ‘wow’s as people walked in, then you’ll get the idea!

So, if you are planning a party, wedding or event of any kind and you want it to be exciting and different but aren't sure what can be done, or how to do it or how much stuff costs then give us a shout and we can cook up a madcap scheme between us!

Wedding crossed with a hippy festival? Kids’ party in a circus big top? Birthday party in a sweaty CBGB’s circa 1975? Enter through a wardrobe into the land of Narnia? If you can imagine it, we can make it happen at the village hall (probably).

So, what’s this Old Rifle Range nonsense? Well, the village hall is a great space, two rooms, a fantastic outdoor area, good access and facilities – but if you are putting on a posh do, inviting all your mates down or trying to impress the in-laws then ‘The Village Hall’ sounds a bit, well, village hall-y - so we are re-branding it to ‘The Old Rifle Range’ so it looks better on your invites and sounds cooler on your Facebook event. It’s as simple as that! Now, we know that most of us locals will still call it the village hall, and that’s fine too but, if you need it to sound a bit posher, now you can!



And remember if you want help planning your posh party at ‘The Old Rifle Range Sherston’, just drop an email to Dave the Events Manager (OldRifleRange@ExcessAllAreasEvents.com) and we can discuss what you’re after.

Also we will be running more great events like the one in February so if you want to be kept up to date with what’s happening just ‘like’ us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/TheOldRifleRange/) and you’ll never be out of the loop!

Oh, and why the Old Rifle Range? Well, it will probably come as no surprise that our lovely old village hall has a fair bit of history. Originally a Tithe Barn for the local clergy, it was later, amongst other things, converted to a rifle range for the local militia to practise taking pot shots in (laser combat anyone? yeah we can do that!). So we are just turning the clock back a hundred years or so - in fact, if you ask some of the older village residents they will probably still call it the rifle range anyway!



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News from Holy Cross

We are fast approaching Holy Week, which begins on Palm Sunday, 9 April, with the usual service pattern for the second Sunday of the month. During the week there will be services of Compline with music on Monday in Hullavington at 9.00pm; Tuesday in Easton Grey 8.00pm and Wednesday in SSQ at 8.00pm.

In a change to the previously published schedule, the Christian Passover meal will now be held in the village hall in Hullavington. When we first held this meal, it was very popular and many people who missed it said they would like to come if it were repeated. Now, after a few years' gap, we are holding this Christian interpretation of the Passover and Last Supper, which is educational, insightful and moving. It will start at 7.00pm on Thursday 13 April. All are welcome, but we would ask that you please buy tickets from your local church so that we have accurate numbers for catering.

Good Friday, 14 April, traditionally includes children's workshops and, this year, all primary-aged children are welcome to Sherston Primary School (please note change of venue) from 10.30am. Contact becky@deanery.org.uk. Following on from the workshop, at 2.00pm, there will be a reflective service called The Last Hour, at Holy Cross, after which we'd encourage everyone to join in journeying to Luckington for a service at 3.15pm in the car park, then drinks and hot cross buns afterwards. Easter service times are 8.00am Communion, 9.30am Family Communion and 6.00pm Evensong.

After Easter, we're very pleased to say that the Alpha course will be returning to Sherston!

Many people remember the popular Alpha course (alpha.org) that was run for the Gauzebrook Group in Sherston in 2009. Since then our churches have run several courses based in Hullavington, but in 2017 a revamped Alpha course with new videos and a new approach is coming back to Sherston.

Alpha aims to give everyone the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their

point of view. It is particularly suitable for people who want to explore the Christian faith perhaps for the first time, for those who may have followed the faith for many years but have questions, and for any adults who are considering confirmation. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say.

The Sherston Alpha will be on Thursday evenings, from 4 May until early July, in the new North Aisle in Holy Cross Church. We'll begin with a meal from 7.30pm, then watch one of the new Alpha videos exploring the key questions of life. After the video, there's then time for open discussion and questions. Again, there's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say.

Everyone is welcome. If you're interested – even if only in a 'taster' session – please let Lorraine know on admin@deanery.org.uk or 825019. Any questions, please do ask the Rector, Christopher Bryan on 837522 or Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com

Finally, our churches receive a great deal of support from local businesses and I'd like to thank all those who advertise in the Parish Life and thereby fund the magazine. Please do support them. This month a special thank you to Gail and Paul in Sherston Post Office Stores, who have given the proceeds from their charity of the month to Holy Cross Church, and to Gemini Outdoors, who are organising the Gallivant on 20 May.

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30th April 10.30am	All Age Service (at Methodist Chapel, Grove Road)

Sherston Village Hall 300+ Club

We have completed our collection of the subscriptions and below are the results of three months' draws.

Thank you to everyone who has continued their membership, and to those who have joined this year. Though the number of members has increased slightly, the monthly prizes will remain the same as last year.

It is never too late to join, so if you would like to support the Village Hall, for only £6 a year, simply phone Lin Prior on 840846 for more information.

January 2017 Draw

1st	174	Phil Cutcher	£13
2nd	177	Glenda Simons	£12
3rd	52	Rachel Moody	£11
4th	13	Paula Bourne	£10
5th	291	David Brown	£9
6th	274	Martin Hatcher	£8
7th	1	Audrey Willby	£7

February 2017 Draw

1st	265	Paul Robinson	£13
2nd	19	Gillian Noble	£12
3rd	201	Elaine Littlejohn	£11
4th	32	Steve Johnson	£10
5th	36	Jill Woodward	£9
6th	160	Marion Gee	£8
7th	85	Stewart Bannister	£7

March 2017 Draw

1st	60	Barbara Wilden	£13
2nd	332	Madelaine Perry	£12
3rd	46	Rob Sharman	£11
4th	150	Anthony Price	£10
5th	192	Graham Hayman	£9
6th	38	Mr N Corbally Stourton	£8
7th	135	Mike Tarrant	£7

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

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Or are you an organiser?

LINK schemes are all about putting people in touch with people. As such, a key LINK scheme role is that of the coordinator. Taking calls from people needing transport and putting them in touch with LINK scheme drivers is the main thing that's involved so if you like talking to people then this might be the ideal role for you. Could you support this role even for just a few hours per week or month?

Volunteers are wonderful and make the world go around. We all volunteer from time to time, so how about trying something new? Call me for a confidential chat to find out what it's all about. If you wish to take it further, I can put you in touch with your nearest LINK Scheme – between us we can make a difference!

Meanwhile (after I have washed my car!), as ever, I am around for general help and support on a wide variety of issues, including transport, mobility and safety around the home and reducing the feeling of loneliness. Give me a call on 07557 922020 and leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible. Or email me on ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Walk on the wild side

Spring has sprung

The last days of March have been bliss! With a number of long sunny days and temperatures around 15 degrees, nature is really get stuck into spring. Leaves are in bud, catkins almost over, lawns getting their first cut of the season and numerous birds are now singing.

Over the winter only the robins sing to hold on to their territories.

Over the past few years, a few individuals of some species of birds are staying over the winter, although most of them migrate to various parts of Africa. The chiffchaff is a small warbler (little brown job) that breeds here and migrates to West Africa for the winter, but a few individuals remain here. The males are already calling around the village with their distinctive chiff... chaff two-tone song usually at the top of trees. The ones calling may be ones that overwintered here, with the bulk of them arriving over the next two/three weeks along with many other species such as the house martin.

A number of species of butterfly overwinter as adults and these are out and about with the warm weather. On the Cliff today there were a number of small tortoiseshells (see picture) feeding, and the males were showing their very territorial behaviour where they spiral up in the air around one another although sometimes there could be three or four.



Nest boxes will have been selected by now and nest building started. It's really important we provide nest boxes for a wide variety of types of birds. Over the past two years, a number of boxes for barn owls, tawny owls, blue and great tits, house sparrows and bats have been put up around the village with a number being put up recently in Grove Wood (thank you to whoever did that!).

Some 85% of barn owls nest in nest boxes we have provided as there are so few 'natural' places left to nest as any old dead trees are cut down. I had the wonderful experience to follow a barn owl hunting alongside a very quiet country lane near the village for about five minutes at dusk. Very special.

Finally, I am planning to run a Dawn Chorus walk on Saturday 29 April starting at 5.00am (that's not a typo!). If you are interested, can you let me know via email (Geoff_carss@hotmail.com) or phone (840995). It will be subject to some half decent weather.

Geoff Carss

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Christian Aid Week 2017

This year Christian Aid Week will be held from 14 to 20 May and the main focus of support for the money raised is refugees. I am sure everyone has seen plenty of news in the media to make them realise just how much this money is needed to help these people in many areas of conflict around the world. You might also like to look at this year's publicity and see that this is not a new problem. A refugee from the Second World War explains how the help he received then has led him to be a life-long supporter of Christian Aid

We plan to call at as many homes as we can in the Gauzebrook Group – Alderton, Easton Grey, Foxley, Hullavington, Luckington, Norton, Sherston and Stanton St Quintin – to carry out our door-to-door collection. Please look kindly on the red Christian Aid envelope when it comes through your door and join us in trying to help our neighbours in the world who need support to deal with lives that are full of problems we can hardly imagine

I am now beginning to organise the teams of people who will help to carry out this big undertaking. Many of them have been faithfully collecting for years and will do so again this year, but I am always looking for

new helpers. Could you be a Christian Aid volunteer this year? People are needed to deliver and collect donation envelopes during Christian Aid Week. You could just visit the five or 10 houses closest to your home; if a good number of people would do that it would make such a difference.

This collection has been going on for many years, more than 25 I think, in the parishes of the old Sherston Group, before being extended to the whole of the Gauzebrook Group when that was formed. Some people have asked me whether it isn't an outdated way of raising money, but Christian Aid Week remains the single largest annual fundraiser for Christian Aid. We have raised around £3,500 each year in Gauzebrook for the past few years and this is a considerable support to the work of Christian Aid. If, however, you don't want to donate on the doorstep, the alternative of online donation is available at www.caweek.org

Thank you in advance for whatever you can do to help.

Sue Robinson 841263

Gauzebrook Christian Aid Week organiser

Chips and Choons: Tickets now on sale!



Friday 12 May will see a night of dancing, chips and 'choons' at the village hall, hosted by the Friends of Sherston School. Tickets are £5 (excluding food) and are available from Sherston Post Office Stores (thanks Paul and Gail!). It's a grown-up village-wide night out for anyone who fancies a drink and a dance! Doors open at 7.30pm. Plus there is a chance for you to DJ ... and if dancing is not your thing there's always the chips! Read on for details on how to become a DJ or to order fish and chips.

If you remember the 'nightclub' at the Court House during POP, then you'll know that there were half-hour DJ slots on offer which meant a very varied selection of cool tunes and a brilliantly eclectic night! If you are interested in DJ glory, email Gemma Brushneen (thebrushneens@hotmail.co.uk) now to be in with a chance of a place. DJ slots are free of charge!

Now, on to the food ... We have That Fish Guy from Masterchef returning after his sell-out run at POP to serve up delicious fish and chips from 5.00pm. – adult gourmet battered cod, chips, mushy peas, lemon and tartar sauce for £8.50 and children's portions (minus the mushies and tartar sauce) for £4.00. An easy tea for all the family before your big night out or you can order them to eat later at the party. All food must be

ordered (and paid for!) in advance. We know this is going to be really popular so, until Friday 14 April, we will only be accepting orders from people who have 'chips and choons' tickets; after that, we will open orders to those of you who can't make the night out. To book food, please email Victoria Méheust (tvmeheust@gmail.com) with your order and your preferred pick-up time (quoting your 'chips and choons' ticket number until 14 April).

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Brush Up The Bogs – June Event Announced!



The first Brush Up The Bogs event at the Village Hall in February was a brilliant success (if you weren't there, why weren't you? – the rest of the village was!!).

So, hot on the heels of The Mighty Arkansaw Jukebox, our chums running the Brush Up The Bogs productions (Excess All Areas Events) have secured the Bath Soul Club to run one of their legendary Northern Soul '(Not Really) All Nighters' on Saturday 3 June.

For those of you who walked into the February event and went 'wow!' when you saw how the hall looked, hold onto your hats for June because for 'one night only' you will be transported to Wigan Casino Circa 1975!

So crack out the tank tops, flares, best Liam Gallagher accents and Fred Perrys' for a night of sweaty vests, peacock dancing and a pie-and-mash supper!

So, what's the line up?? Well, The Bath Soul Club have made quite a name for themselves as leaders of the revival of Northern Soul and their roster of DJs play some achingly hip rare grooves in addition to the guaranteed floor-fillers we all know and love.

But, as ever, there is more! Once again, our chums at the Sherston Chilli Smokehouse will be catering the event and are scouring the frozen north as we speak for a supplier of whippet pies (but failing that we might have to settle for some softy southern gourmet jobs to make up the pie-and-mash supper!)

We might even have a bit of 'Pants Prize Bingo' to get you in the full Northern mood – I just need to

find two fat ladies and a Lilly Savage caller...?!

Tickets are already on sale at the post office and online here: www.brushupjune.eventbrite.co.uk. The Feb event was a sell-out and this will be the same, so don't hang about!

So put it in the diary: Saturday 3 June at The Old Rifle Range, Sherston and 'Keep The Faith'!!

SHERSTON ARTS 20 17 FESTIVAL

Sherston Arts Festival takes place this year from 6 October to 15 October. A lively and varied programme is being planned which should include items for all ages, with lots of opportunities to take part or to come along and be entertained. We are pleased to have booked the Bath Gospel Choir for our main concert on 7 October. We will also have the Art Exhibition in Church for all local artists to show their work.

The Photographic exhibition in the Village Hall will have the themes:

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The scenery collapses, cues are missed, lines forgotten and the sound effects take a strange note at times (if they can be bothered to appear at all). The cast present their ambitious evening of entertainment with a cunning whodunnit 'Murder at Checkmate Manor'. Just in case the audience should get bored there is a film, a fashion show and a murder mystery quiz (complete with prize of course).

The suspense continues to the end and the Chairman is going to keep it going until that curtain falls.

If you managed to see either *Peter Pan That Goes Wrong* over Christmas on television or have been lucky enough to see *The Play That Goes Wrong* in London or recently on tour then this production is something you are going to love.

If you wish to get involved backstage, with set building or technical lights and sounds effects please call Kirstie Blair on 840096 or email kirstieblair@gmail.com

Tickets will go on sale in March from the Post Office and we look forward to your continued support, remember SDG is not just for Panto.



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Our meeting on 2 March turned out to be a different occasion than we had expected. Unfortunately, at short notice, our speaker was unable to attend the meeting so we have yet to understand what Life for a Tudor Housewife might have been like. I am certain it would have been very different! Interestingly, our competition table reflected how things have changed even in our lifetimes, as the items brought as a 'well-loved household item' ranged from butter pats to iPads.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 6 April in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm, when Cilla Liddington will be speaking on A Sherston History – an opportunity for the newer residents of the village to learn more about Sherston, and I am certain there will be something there too for the more established residents. At our May meeting, which is on 4 May, Jan Burns will be talking to us about Julia's House Children's Hospice.

We are always pleased to welcome new members or visitors to our meetings.

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Sign up now for children's tennis coaching!

Kids' Saturday morning tennis coaching starts on Saturday 29 April at Sherston Tennis Club. Philip Sims, who is always very popular with the children, will be coaching the sessions again this year. Lessons will run for eight weeks (excluding half-term weekends), ie finishing on Saturday 1 July.

The cost is just £36, plus membership to Sherston Tennis Club (starting at £15). There are likely to be two groups (based on age/ability), with a maximum of 10 children per group. Sign up before Easter to guarantee a place for your child(ren)!

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Cricket

With the first shoots of spring in the garden brings the start of a new cricket season.

Resulting from the AGM in February, Sherston Magna have a new club captain with James Kutchera taking over from James Harmer and new vice captain Ben Dickenson taking over from James Kutchera. The season starts with a friendly game against Brinks on Sunday 23 April and Chipping Sodbury on Saturday 29 April. Saturday League cricket will start in May.

Senior training will start from 6.30pm on Tuesday nights at the ground in Pinkney Park. The first session will be Tuesday 4 April or as soon as the weather permits.

Sherston Magna is delighted to be involved with the ECB initiative to promote cricket for 5 to 8 year olds called All Star Cricket this season (more details on page XX). The coaching sessions will take place on Saturday morning at the ground. Under 9 cricket will be on Sunday mornings. The under 11 and under 13 coaching will be on Monday nights between 5.30pm and 6.30pm, with under 15s from 6.30pm to 7.30pm on Monday evenings.

This means that Sherston Magna will have five age groups for junior cricket in 2017 so if you want to get involved please contact the Junior cricket secretary Pauline Smith on pauline5454@yahoo.co.uk or email the club at cricket@Sherstonmagnacc.co.uk.

All Stars Cricket

All Stars Cricket is a brand new initiative from the England and Wales Cricket Board aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket. The programme is delivered across England and Wales at over 1,500 fully accredited All Stars Cricket centres. It is a fun and active way to develop your child's skills, and through our eight-week programme they will learn lots – as well as make new friends – in a safe and inclusive environment.

All girls and boys are welcome, and each registered child will receive a pack of cricket goodies to keep so that they can continue their love of cricket when they go home.

What does it cost and what do you receive?

Sherston Magna's very own All Star Cricket course will cost £50 per child for the eight weeks.

Along with the coaching sessions, each lasting approximately one hour, every child will receive a bonus participant pack which includes a cricket bat, ball, personalised shirt, cap, water bottle and backpack.

Book Now before it's too late (<http://sherstonmagnacc.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=459ac5001e027a407932dcea3&id=b2e490b55e&e=497e3584a9>)



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ShoCC News

After Christmas is the time of year when we settle down to learn some new pieces to expand our repertoire. This year, as usual, it's a very mixed bag, ranging from Queen to Karl Jenkins, spirituals to standards (such as King of the Road and Blue Moon), taking in a James Bond theme and folk songs and doubtless a few classics of the choral repertoire.

The emphasis, as always, is on having fun, and everyone is welcome. We have a wide range of musical abilities from those who cannot read music to talented musicians, and we learn the pieces in a way that anyone can follow.

Two teams from the choir took part in the recent Friends of Sherston School Quiz Night; ShoCC Tactics came second and Singing in the Brain sixth, a great result and proof that choral singing is good for the memory!

At present, we meet every Wednesday during term time at 7.30pm in the British School Room, with this term finishing on 5 April. Please note that when we start again after Easter, on 26 April, we will be meeting in the Methodist Church in Grove Road while the British School Room is being restored.

Finally, at our AGM in January, two members of our organising committee stood down. Brian Cook who, as well as being our accompanist, acted as treasurer, and Lucy Lawrence who was chair. On behalf of all choir members, I would like to thank them for their efforts over the last three years. Clive Renton has taken over the treasurer's role and I have taken over as chair. We have also welcomed Lisa Shelton to the committee.

If anyone would like to join us, please do – we'd love to see you, and the first evening is free! If you wish to continue after that, it's only £3 per evening. For further details, you can contact me on 840067.

Hope to see some of you soon.

Sheila Cutcher

Five Loaves and Two Fishes Project

Community of the Sisters of the Church, St Paul's, Bristol

Thank you for your generosity over the Christmas period in supporting the 'Five loaves and two fishes' homeless project in Bristol. The counter box raised £120 which will be used to buy food and necessities for those who are in need.

Thank you to Paul and Gail Mather who each year are willing to allow the collecting box to be left during the month of December. It is very much appreciated.

Also a big thank you to all who provided much-needed socks, hats, gloves and scarves to be given out as Christmas gifts, especially the generosity of Sherston WI.

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Fly Higher from HIA



More details are now emerging about Sir James Dyson's plans for the 517-acre site he has acquired at Hullavington. Perhaps the most surprising of these is that far from being decommissioned, the 1250-metre asphalt runway 05/23 is to be extended and upgraded to accommodate aircraft as large as the Airbus A330.

Cliffhanger can exclusively reveal that this is because the former RAF training facility is to be redeveloped into a commercial airport. When construction is complete, in 2021, Hullavington International Airport (HIA) will have an annual capacity of up to 4.5 million passengers.

A new Chinese-built elevated monorail, crossing the M4 at Junction 17, will transport passengers from the airport to Chippenham station in 10 minutes, connecting with a new non-stop service to Paddington. 'International passengers will be able to reach the centre of London within two hours of touching down at Hullavington,' said a spokesman for the airport's public relations team, which will soon begin a marketing campaign using the slogan, 'Fly Higher from HIA!'

Passengers with early departures will be pleased to hear that Mandarin Oriental is planning to open a new five-star hotel on the site of the Murco garage. Facilities at the state-of-the-art airport, meanwhile, will include a well-stocked duty free shop and a first-class lounge.

Dyson himself, who is a noted Brexiteer, is

understood to have insisted that there will be no direct flights between HIA and the EU. Instead, he is said to have opened negotiations with several airlines outside Europe for the fiercely-contested right to launch new services linking Wiltshire with the world.

Emirates, Cathay Pacific, Royal Air Nepal and Aerolineas Argentinas are all said to have expressed an interest in flying into Hullavington on a daily basis. *Cliffhanger* understands, however, that the only carrier to have drawn up firm plans to launch a new service into HIA is the new low-cost Intercontinental airline, BrexitAir. Its inaugural flight, BX1417, will depart Hullavington daily at 20.05, arriving in Singapore the following day at 17.15, offering convenient connections to several South-East Asian and Australian destinations.

Promotional fares to Singapore for North Wiltshire residents inconvenienced by the noise of commercial aircraft will begin at £199 one-way*, said Dolly Saporifa, BrexitAir's chief representative in North Wiltshire. She added that by 2025, BrexitAir will also operate daily services from Hullavington to Hong Kong, Sydney, New Delhi, Johannesburg, Vancouver and the Falkland Islands. 'While Bristol will focus on European flights, Hullavington will be the West Country's Intercontinental hub by 2025,' she explained.

* For all flights booked before 11.59am on April 1, 2017 on www.onlyonfirstofapril.com. T&Cs apply.

Tetbury Camera Club



In the 15 weeks since we started our 2017 season, Tetbury Camera Club has made several discoveries and set at least one new benchmark we will have to try to sustain next year.

First of all, one of the discoveries; most weeks of our picture-taking seasons we have guest judges to critique pictures from our club competitions. Alternatively, we invite expert speakers to help inspire us with the creativity of their own work or tales of travels which have enabled them to bring back stunning shots ranging from big game in Africa to bears in Alaska and temples in Tibet.

It isn't always necessary to pack up your passport to take great pictures of course, as we discovered at the end of February when we had a first visit by Allen Lloyd, a guest speaker from as far away as Tintern! Allen has received numerous awards in national and international exhibitions and been featured in leading photography magazines, yet he hadn't visited us before. Tetbury Camera Club therefore looked forward with anticipation to his visit, but little did we know how stunning it would be.

He had put together three AV modules: landscapes (mainly around Gwent and Monmouthshire); Yellowstone USA, and Birds. Each was given added

atmosphere by the accompaniment of some inspiring music. His motivating commentary, explaining how he achieved such wonderful compositions, left us all hoping that some of his magic would rub off and several of our longest-serving members commented that they had just seen some of the best images experienced in over 15 years of coming to our club!

Two regular items in our calendar are competitions in which we compete against larger 'rival' clubs from Stroud and Cirencester to see which can produce the best collection of pictures each year. This year, the first of these was against Stroud and a very closely fought challenge it proved to be, with our judge scoring Stroud best for prints but Tetbury taking most marks for digital images. At the end of the evening the result was Tetbury 527 points and Stroud 522.

Can we sustain this standard? We'll shortly find out, as we are soon to match our creativity away to Cirencester!

Tetbury Camera Club (tetburycameraclub.org.uk) meets in the Priory Inn each Tuesday evening at 7.30pm and is always happy to welcome visitors and new members.

This month's picture was a competition entry by member David Jones.

Grittleton Plant & Food Fair: Sunday 28 May

Join us for the Grittleton Plant & Food Fair organised by children's charity Action Medical Research. Taking place on Saturday 28 May and set in the stunning surrounds of Grittleton House, plant lovers and 'foodies' are in for a real treat, with the chance to browse the many stalls selling plants from specialist nurseries, stunning accessories for your 'room outside', and delicious local artisan produce. It is going to be a fantastic day out for friends and family. Refreshments and light lunches will be available.

Doors open at 11.00am until 3.00pm and entrance is £3 per person, with children under 12 years visiting free. All proceeds and donations will be going to support Action Medical Research. Assistance dogs only are allowed

If you are interested in having a stall please contact Tracey Edwards on 01225 776691 or tedwards@action.org.uk. For more information, visit www.action.org.uk/grittleton.

Sherston Congregational Church is getting a makeover

We are excited to announce that the long-planned works for refurbishment to the British School Room in Cliff Road are now due to start on 1 May, running until approximately the beginning of September.

During this period, the church will continue to meet for worship, joining with the fellowship of the Methodist Chapel in Grove Road. Brick Club will also be relocated there, and advice about dates we will meet will be advertised as usual.

Many community groups – from ShoCC to Baby and Toddlers - who use the British School Room currently will be continuing, as usual, in the Methodist Chapel during this time.

When the British School Room reopens, as well as a freshly decorated main hall and worship space with new flooring, the biggest changes will be at the other end of the building. A new kitchen with serving hatch into the main hall will be available to all groups hiring the hall, and it is planned to host a long envisioned 'Christmas Day Meal' later in 2017. There will also be a 'Quiet Room'; a room of calm that can be used by the church or by anyone in the village needing time away from the pressures of life. There will be a bigger space downstairs, with new toilets and storage facilities, and a new upstairs space, which



Rev Andrew Williams Tarling with Methodist Minister Rev David Miller

will be used to host both a new Sunday School and will be available for hire also.

Once we have a definitive reopening date we will publicise a 'reopening party' for everyone in the community.

Ultimately this makeover will have much to offer the village, both for those seeking worship and for those seeking a community space to host a variety of events.

Rev Andrew Williams Tarling, Sherston Congregational Church

'All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.' Acts 4:32 (NIV)


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News from Malmesbury Concert Band

Malmesbury Concert Band (MCB) is now rehearsing weekly for a busy series of engagements this year, after an active programme of performances during 2016.

In addition to bandstand concerts, these included: their annual Musical Extravaganza at the Town Hall; the Remembrance Day service in Malmesbury Abbey; and, just before Christmas, carols in Brinkworth Church and at the Malmesbury Market Cross.

What's on in 2017

- 14 May: Royal Victoria Park Bandstand, Bath, 2.00pm
- 21 May: Hot Air Balloon launch, Crosshayes, Malmesbury, 3.30pm (alternative wet weather date: 4 June)
- 3 June: Market Cross, Malmesbury, 10.30am
- 1 July: Oaksey Village Fête, 2.00pm
- 23 July: Stratford Park Bandstand, Stroud, 2.30pm
- 17 September: John Coles Park Bandstand, Chippenham, 3.00pm
- 30 September: Market Cross, Malmesbury, 10.30am
- 28 October: Musical Extravaganza, Malmesbury Town Hall, 7.30pm
- 12 November: Remembrance Service, Malmesbury Abbey, 2.00pm
- 15 December: Carols at Brinkworth Church, 6.30pm
- 16 December: Carols at Malmesbury Market Cross, 11.00am

MCB is a concert wind band with approximately 35 woodwind- and brass-playing members. Subject to vacancies, it's always happy to welcome new members. The Band is always pleased to receive requests to play at events in the local area.

For more information about the Band, please access its website: www.freewebs.com/malmesbury-concertband



North Wilts Villages Flower Club

February meeting

On 15 February members attended our annual dinner, held at La Flambé in Sutton Benger. The evening gave members the opportunity to socialise whilst enjoying an excellent dinner.

Future meetings

19 April: Work shop – Pot luck.

17 May: 45th Anniversary Celebration – Pam Lewis workshop and demonstration followed by celebration tea.

21 June: Demonstration by Sandra Snell entitled 'Journeys in my mind'. Competition – favourite flower.

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

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Tetbury Goods Shed Opens



After years of planning, fundraising and renovations, The Goods Shed in Tetbury is officially open.

The exciting, vibrant new arts centre features a 184-seated auditorium, which can also be used as an exhibition space and gallery, as well as a café and bar.

Over the coming months, an impressive and varied range of events will be featured at The Goods Shed, including music, theatre, comedy and workshops. There will be specific performances and classes for children, and exhibitions from local artists.

Towards the end of April, The Goods Shed will also feature on the Select Trail, a local festival celebrating textiles and the applied arts in the Stroud Valleys. During this time, we welcome Kerry Phippen, who will exhibit her ink paintings inspired by the connection between humans and animals, and many craft workshops will be put on including candle making, apron making and knitting.

Ultimately, our vision is for The Shed to become a regional centre of excellence for the arts with an ambition to encourage and capitalise on local talent. In the autumn, it's hoped we can expand on our entertainment offering by opening The Goods Shed cinema with a wide programme of films for all ages. We do hope to see as many of you there as possible.

More details can be found on our website – www.shed-arts.co.uk – where tickets can also be purchased.



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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 Thurs 9.30 am – 12 noon till Easter then Tues, Wed & Thur till Autumn

Sunday services 1st and 4th - Holy Communion, 2nd Worship Together - a service for all age groups preceded by breakfast at 9am, 3rd - Family Service preceded by breakfast at 9am See the Parish Life for more details

Mustard Seeds is a club for children aged 4 and over, from 10am – 12noon twice a month. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk.

Congregational Church - in The British Schoolroom

Services at 11am apart from 1st Sun 4pm. Brick Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 7pm All services are led or hosted by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling. Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 (or find us on Facebook).

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 term time, 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

Link provides a voluntary car service for residents living in the Malmesbury area, taking those in need to hospital, the chiropodist, GPs' surgeries and to visit sick relatives. For further information, prospective volunteers can contact Link co-ordinator and volunteer support officer Fee Knowles on 837967 or feeknowles@btinternet.com

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.

Ashtanga Yoga class Fridays 10.30-11.15am in the village hall. Contact Stuart for more information or to book a place on 07986 003602 or stuart@pulse4life.co.uk. Starts 9 September 2016.

Carer Support Wiltshire - Monthly carers café

4th Thursday each month 10.30am – 12pm at the Kings Arms Hotel, Malmesbury - come along to chat with other carers over a hot drink or two. CSW is a charity with a team of support workers who can provide information and support to carers living in Wiltshire, by phone or face to face, along with counselling and advice relating to your role. Free and confidential for anyone aged 18+. CSW offers the chance to have a break through social cafés, days out, activities, craft groups and complementary therapies. More details or to register for some support, visit www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk, email info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk or freephone 0800 181 4118 (01380 871690 from a mobile).

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@ccfc.co.uk www.ccfc.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.

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 bootcamp-style, fun outdoor workout suitable for all levels. Sherston Rec Fridays 9-10am Book with Stuart 07986 003602 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

Luckington Pre-School A well-established Montessori inspired Pre-School, for 2½ to 5 years old. Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, during term time. Government funding available and childcare vouchers welcome. For more information, call 840028, email chair@luckingtonpreschool.org.uk or visit www.luckingtonpreschool.org.uk

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 Bandstand. For further details and to ascertain current vacancies see our website 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@allenclan.co.uk

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

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

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

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club Meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wed evening at Crudwell Village Hall. Members come from the surrounding villages to hear speakers and enjoy floristry demonstrations and do workshops and competitions. Further details call Margaret Stanford on 01285 770 639

Parish Council Meeting Takes place on the 2nd Thurs 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 2pm in the British School Room every other Tues from 10 Jan

Sherston 1016 Fundraising for local good causes and charities. Contact sherston1016@gmail.com or Martin Jacques 07717 424619

Sherston Baby and Toddler Group The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. Meets at 10 -11.30am each Tues in the British School Room with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all and a cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. For further details contact Anna Glassborow, sherstontoddlergroup@gmail.com or alternatively like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

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

Sherston Brownies Meet every Wed 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 Fri nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should email sherstoncubsandscouts@gmail.com 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 Tues nights from 7pm to 9pm 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 Fri 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 Wed. 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 Sat afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. Contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or peter.brock666@btinternet.com

Sherston Swimming Club

Our Club is a friendly and sociable group open to anyone of any swimming ability. We swim at Westonbirt Leisure Centre on Wed evenings from 8 - 9 pm. Everyone swims at their own pace although there is a lane for faster swimmers. £45 for 10 weeks. For further information please phone Maggie (840969), Annabel on 840592 or Heather (840375).

Sherston Magna Cricket Club Junior nets Mondays 6pm and 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 Mon 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 Wed in the British Schoolroom £3 per session - All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cutcher sheilacutcher28@gmail.com or 840067, or have a look at our Facebook page.

Sherston Photography Forum A monthly group has formed in Sherston for anyone with an interest in photography 2nd Tues 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 Tues lunchtimes and Thurs evenings at 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 sophicheetham@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.communicate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/ or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com

Sherston Velo A cycling club formed of enthusiastic road cyclists from Sherston and the surrounding area. There are regular rides each weekend 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 Thurs 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 but celebration meals Oct and Jan. New programme in Mar. Visitors always most welcome £3.50. Further information: Secretary 840578

Sherston Young Craft Group Every Mon 6.45 - 8.15pm in the village hall (children 9+). £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

Street Dance classes in Sherston Bristol's Pumped dance school is running classes in Sherston Village Hall every Thurs. It's a fun, high energy dance class for girls and boys. The 4-6 year old class will run from 4.30pm to 5.15pm, with 7-11 year olds from 5.15pm to 6.15pm. Drop in for £5 per class, £16 pay monthly - or two siblings for £9 per week. Email Claire to register your interest at info@dancepumped.co.uk or just pop in, more details www.dancepumped.co.uk

Tetbury Camera Club Meets every Tues evening from Sept to end of May at 7.30pm in The Priory Inn, Tetbury. For more information and current programme visit <http://tetburycameraclub.org.uk/> or call Liz Cooper 840482. Visitors welcome.

WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses The WEA (Workers' 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 warwickandpatjones@gmail.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 from 31 Oct 7.45-9.15pm 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 2017

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

Sherston Market Returns in aid of Village Hall repairs

Local crafts and produce which vary each market. All stall fees will now be going directly into the Village Hall Renovation Fund. Hot food and drinks available to buy from a mobile vendor. Free charity table in entrance Please note new timings 10am-4pm in the village hall.

Sat 8 Apr Sat 24 Jun Sat 16 Sep Sat 18 Nov

For further details call Alison on 07909 737096 or

pollyatkins59@btinternet.com

The Angel Hotel

Angel Boules League 16 teams of 3 play once a week from May-Sep - see board by bar for fixture list and details £15 entry per team Tony Towle 840574 atowle@btinternet.com
Jewellery Making & Lunch with George Make organza and button flowers and turn them into hair clips, bracelets and corsages; followed by custom beaded wire head bands and haircombs and as much jewellery as your imagination (and time) allows! Suitable for beginners and improvers All materials, tools tea and coffee and a soup and sandwich lunch is included. Sessions are £25 each or £42 for a full day. Limited child places are available at a reduced rate Sat 22 Apr AM session 9.30-12 Lunch 12.15-1.15 PM session 1.30-3.3.45. Contact george1801@btinternet.com for details or call 07779 571644

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Check boards for more details of events or call 840039 or visit www.sherston-angel.co.uk/

The Carpenter's Arms

Check boards for details

For further details call 840665 or visit

www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston

The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7:30pm Free entry and prizes for the winning team

Rattlebone Boules League 3 leagues of 16 teams play Mon-Thurs each week Apr - Sep on 3 pitches. Fixture lists in public bar. £15 entry per team Tony Towle 840574 atowle@btinternet.com

Check boards for more details of events, call 840871, follow on Twitter or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk/

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

Exhibition by Josephine Jenkins in Mar & Apr Anyone can call in to see them - you don't have to be attending the salon.

Church events

Coffee Shop Birthday Party Come and celebrate our birthday with us on Apr 4 and enjoy free coffee and cake. In the last 15 years, we have made over £14,000 for the Church, helping to maintain the building and keep it warm. Serving Fair trade coffee, tea and hot chocolate, as well as home made cake and biscuits and it's a great place to meet and make friends. A mug of coffee, hot chocolate or tea is only £1, cakes and biscuits 50p - £1. Juices are 50p

Palm Sunday Service April 9 During the week there will be services of Compline with music on Mon in Hullavington at 9pm, Tues in Easton Grey 8pm and Wed in SSQ at 8pm.

Alpha Course comes to Sherston on Thursday evenings, provisionally from 4 May until early July, in the revamped North Aisle in Holy Cross church We'll begin with a meal from 7.30pm, then watch one of the new Alpha videos exploring the key questions of life If you're interested, please let Lorraine know on admin@deanery.org.uk or 01666 825019. Any questions, please do ask the Vicar, Christopher Bryan on 837522 or Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com

Gauzebrook Gallivant 2017 Sat 20 May, book your place for the full walk or shorter distances, or to help at one of the churches on the day of the walk contact Steve Ellis on 07752567959 or email steve@geminioutdoor.com

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Date for your diary: Sherston Open Gardens Weekend - 17 & 18 Jun. It is a great fundraiser for the Church and a lovely way to explore hidden corners of our village. If you would be willing to open your garden (or would like to find out a bit more about the event), please get in touch with Heather (840375) or Pat (840640). More details later.

Christian Aid week

14 to 20 May and the main focus of support for the money raised is refugees. Gauzebrook raises typically in excess of £3,500 each year.

For further details call Sue Robinson on 841263 or visit www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/christianaidweek

Sherston WI Talks

Talk: A Sherston History with Cilla Liddington Thur 6 Apr 7.30pm Village Hall

Julia's House Children's Hospice Talk by Jan Burns Thur 4 May 7.30pm Village Hall

For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Friends of Sherston School

Events Boden Shopping Party

FSS Boden Shopping Party on Sat 20 May at Tally House, Grove Road. All welcome! We will have plenty for you to see and try on - with 20% off, plus free P&P and free returns.

Chips and Choons Fri 12 May

That Fish Guy from the last POP weekend and posh fish and chips ... well, he's booked to come back! On top of this, there will be a party in the village hall, where you can book a slot to become the DJ and play your favourite tunes

Sue's Strolls

Sun 14 May Please assemble at the village hall for 10am 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

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

Sherston Senior Club

Musical entertainment by Kieron Pocock 21-Feb
The History of the Magic Circle by Stephen Wells (with a few Tricks). 7-Mar

At most meetings we have a speaker or entertainer and of course refreshments. We also have Coach Trips, a Garden party and a Christmas lunch. Some of which, are subsidised by the Club. Visitors are welcome at £2 including refreshments.

Spring Sale 21 Mar 2pm in the British School-Room
New members are always welcome Annual fee £15 which covers most meetings and discounts on the outings and other events. We meet every two weeks at 2.30pm in summer and 2.00pm in winter in the British School Room.
For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

Sherston Drama Group

Spring Play Apr 19-22 at 7.30pm, Doors open 7pm
Tickets (£6.50 / £8.00 including refreshments) on sale at Sherston Post Office Stores

If you managed to see either Peter Pan That Goes Wrong over Christmas on television or have been lucky enough to see The Play That Goes Wrong in London or recently on tour then this production is something you are going to love. If you wish to get involved backstage, with set building or technical lights and sounds effects please call Kirstie Blair on 01666 840096 or email kirstieblair@gmail.com.
Village Hall

Sherston Drama Group Panto- Dates for your diary - Wed 25-28 Oct 2017

For further details call Sue Lehrer (Chair) email suelehrer@gmail.com Tel.07778 0661830

Village Hall Fundraisers

- Barn Dance by 'Bailey's Beads'

For all the family - adults £12, and £6 for children under 16 - and you don't have to know the dances - the caller tells you what to do and when - Sat 29 Apr 7pm for 7.30pm start. There will be a hot forked supper (a selection of bowl food) served during the break and a bar all evening. Tickets should be bought in advance (for catering) and are available from Sherston Post Office from beginning of April. Enquiries phone 840375.



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Bath Soul Club in concert in aid of the VH loos Sat 3 Jun 8pm till late Tickets are £10 each and you can get them from the Post office or on line here www.BrushUpFeb.eventbrite.co.uk For those of you who walked into the Feb event and went "wow!" when you saw how the hall looked then hold onto your hats for June because for "one night only" you will be transported Wigan Casino Circa 1975! "The Old Rifle Range – Sherston" formerly known as the Village Hall

Baby Boondocks

More like the old SherstonFest than Boondocks 7-8 July It will be the same eclectic mix of fantastic music that we find in all corners of the festival world throughout the year muddled up with great food, fine liquid refreshments and all manner of other good stuff! Tickets on sale now
For further details call Facebook www.facebook.com/TheBoondocksFestival/ or get on our mailing list email info@TheBoondocksFestival.co.uk

Boules Festival

Boules Competition Entry Forms Register your team into July's Boules competition, preferably online through www.sherston.net but paper entry forms will be available Sherston Post Office (by the coffee machine). Entry open from Valentine's Day till Easter Monday (17 Apr) Draw takes place end of April
Last year the Boules festival raised around £8000 for local charities. For those groups that can offer help for 2017 Boules Day and would like to apply for a donation, please email Sam Pyle on sam.pyle@btinternet.com for an application form.

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

All Stars Cricket a brand new initiative from the England and Wales Cricket Board aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket All girls and boys are welcome, £50 for 8 weeks, Sat am. Along with the coaching sessions, each lasting approximately one hour, every child will receive a bonus participant pack; which includes a cricket bat, ball, personalised shirt, cap, water bottle and backpack.

Senior training - every Tues from 6.30pm from Tues 4 April (weather permitting)

Under 9s practice - every Sun am; **Under 11s and Under 13s practice** - Mon 5.30pm to 6.30pm; **Under 15s** Mon 6.30pm to 7.30pm - all from w/o 16 Apr

League fixtures on <http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk/matches> Pinkney Park Ground *For further details call cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit <http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk>*

Sherston Arts Festival

Dates for your diary - 6-15 Oct Ten days of arts events suitable for all ages including art and photography exhibitions, concerts, lectures and the ever popular scarecrow trail Look out for further details in the months to come
Photography Exhibition Themes for 2017 - 1. Weather, 2. Black and White, 3. Architecture, 4. Anything with wheels, 5. The British Holiday.

Bath Gospel Choir for our main concert on the 7 Oct
For further details call Heather Martin 840375 / heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or Pat Jones 840764 / warwick.jones@btinternet.com or visit www.sherston.net

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

Luckington

Luckington Quiz Night

Fundraiser for Luckington Pre-school Sat 13 May 7pm.

Teams of 6. Come as a team or join on the night. This event always sells out, so you should form teams and buy tickets promptly if you are to avoid disappointment Tickets £12.50 include a bowl of chill and a drink - all proceeds to the pre-school. Tickets available at Luckington Shop or on the door at the Village Hall. For further details call chair@luckingtonpreschool.org.uk or visit luckingtonpreschool.org.uk

Luckington Youth Café

New weekly event for ages 11-16 Saturdays 6-6.30pm Big Questions & Discussions, 6.30-7.30pm Food, games and chill Luckington Village Hall

For further details [Joel Faulkner joel.p.faulkner@gmail.com](mailto:Joel.Faulkner.joel.p.faulkner@gmail.com)

Luckington Concert and Hog Roast

Date for your diary 17-Jun

Westonbirt The Arboretum

STIHL Treetop Walkway 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 300m long and gradually rises on gentle inclines to a height of 13m. Scramble up to the crow's nest viewing platform; cross the rope bridge; Peer through the mesh-floored section

Specialist Wood Sales every Sat 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA

Coppice Open Days Join our coppice team on the last Sun each month at the end of the tree top walkway to learn more about woodland coppicing. And pick up some coppice products for the garden 10am-4pm Dogs allowed

Summer concerts Tickets on sale now for: Elbow Thurs 15 Jun; Olly Murs Fri 16 Jun (SOLD OUT); Rick Astley Sat 17 Jun; Craig David Sun 18 Jun

Mar - Nov 2017 admission prices Adults £10, Concs and those arriving by bike or public transport £7, Children (5-18) £4, under 5s free, 1 carer allowed free per paying disabled visitor

For further details call 880220 or visit

www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

Sunday Cinema £42 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn and a 3 course lunch or dinner in Le Mazot brasserie. Lunch first from 12 noon with the film starting promptly at 2.30pm. For the dinner screening enjoy the film first starting promptly at 5pm followed by dinner in Le Mazot brasserie from 7.15pm.

'A Street Cat named Bob' starring Luke Treadaway, Bob the Cat and Ruta Gedmintas 2-Apr

'Allied' starring Brad Pitt, Marion Cotillard and Jared Harris 30-Apr

'Bridget Jones's Baby' starring Renee Zellweger, Patrick Dempsey and Colin Firth 21-May

Manchester by the Sea 25-Jun

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

Cotswolds Cotswold Rural Skills

Dry Stone Walling - Improvers (Retaining Walls) 5-6 April Naunton

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Dry Stone Walling - Beginners 20 - 21 May Tetbury £99
For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or david.molloy@cotswoldsraonb.org.uk

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Free car-free guide to the exploring the Cotswolds The new look Explore the Cotswolds by Public Transport Guide is an invaluable information resource to traveling around the Cotswolds by bus, bike and train. Produced by the Cotswolds Conservation Board, the guide includes taster walks and cycle rides, attractions and places to visit. To download the 2017 guide click below, alternatively you can pick one up at one of the many visitor information centres in the and around the Cotswolds. <http://cotswoldsconservationboard.cmail20.com/t/i-l-uiliudt-uutjhnr-o/>

Cotswold Lion magazine The Spring/Summer issue of the Cotswold Lion magazine is now available to pick up or to view online. www.cotswoldsraonb.org.uk/userfiles/file/publications/cotswold%20lion/cotswold-lion-36.pdf

Malmesbury

Exhibition: Wiltshire At War

Wiltshire Does Its Bit includes many interesting stories of local nurses, dairymaids, small businesses, and local people providing comfort to soldiers of WWI- all doing their bit for the war effort. The museum will also have a display commemorating local soldiers and sailors who lost their life on the Somme and Jutland free entry Open Summer: Mon to Sun 10.30am to 4.30pm Winter (from Oct to Mar) : Mon to Sat 10.30am to 4.30pm, Sundays: 11.30am to 3.30pm.

For further details visit www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Malmesbury Singers Spring Concert

Brahms Requiem 'German Requiem' by Brahms, in which the choir will be joined by soloists Lesley Jane Rogers (soprano) and Christopher Monk (baritone) and accompanists Helen Coombs and Nick Thorne. Sat 1 Apr 7.30pm in Malmesbury Abbey Tickets (£15, £5 students & children) available from Abbey Bookshop and choir members

Malmesbury Abbey

For further details call Abbey book shop or tickets@malmesburysingers.co.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

Wessex Concert Orchestra (WCO) is a non-professional Orchestra that enjoys performing a mix of repertoire to audiences mainly in North Wiltshire. WCO performs 3 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 and 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.

For further details call md@wco.org.uk or visit www.wco.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 and over 30 different interest groups, including book group, arts & crafts, history, gardening, pub lunches, theatre visits, etc. Meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10am for refreshments 10.30-11.30 speaker close by 11.45 Charge 50p

AGM & entertainment Thurs 27 Apr

Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall

For further details call Membership Secretary Ann Roberts-Phare on 823971 or visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Malmesbury Concert Band

Royal Victoria Park Bandstand, Bath 14 May 2pm

Hot Air Balloon launch Crosshayes, Malmesbury 21 May 3.30pm (alternate wet weather date: 4 June)

Market Cross, Malmesbury 3 Jun 10.30am

Malmesbury Town Hall For further details call Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or tony@jacfleming.plus.com or visit

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

Wiltshire Council Sunday Lunch Club

Monthly get together for those who'd like some company and a good Sunday lunch Each month 12.30pm for 1pm start. £10.50 pp Transport can be arranged if needed

For further details call Ellen Backer 07557 922020

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

Malmesbury Children's Centre

For further details call 825566 or email: malmesburycc@spurgeons.org or visit www.malmesburycc.org

Tetbury

Tetbury Art Society

40th Anniversary Competition The anniversary will be celebrated with a special competition of paintings of Tetbury, in various media by members, to be judged by the President of The Royal West of England Academy, Stewart Geddes, at the Preview evening. The exhibition is then open from Sat 29 Apr - Mon 1 May at The Market House, Tetbury, 10am - 5pm. £3 non-members.

For further details call Gill Ashley 840993 or visit www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk

Tetbury Goods Shed

Club Cairo presents a celebration of live music and dance from across the Middle East Sat 6 May, 7.30pm, £15 to include a taste of Middle Eastern food, in association with Artique, Tetbury. Tickets can be bought online or from the Tourist Information Centre in Tetbury

Daniel Bristow Violins, a showcase of his craft, plus an evening concert performed with the Amico Quartet on instruments made by Daniel. Sat 13 May, 7pm, £10
How to reach the Shed - use the sat nav postcode GL8 8EY
For further details call info@shed-arts.co.uk or visit <https://shed-arts.co.uk>

Venue for Corporate Hire



Offering a stunning building and location, the Great Oak Hall at Westonbirt, The National Arboretum is available for weekday conferences and meetings. Hire includes a complimentary visit on the day of hire. Proceeds to the charity support the future of this national tree collection. For information and rates; www.fowa.org.uk/venue_hire, 0300 067 3301, greatoakhall@fowa.org.uk

Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

A UNITED KINGDOM Thur 13 Apr Please note change of day - Thursday not Friday for Apr - Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door
Didmarton Village Hall For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

Hullavington

Gauzebrook Choir in concert

Vivaldi's Gloria Fri 12 May at St Mary Magdalene, Hullavington as part of a social evening hopefully celebrating our new church floor £6

If you would like to be involved, rehearsals begin on Wednesday 19th April at Court House, Hullavington for the four weeks leading up to the concert. Ideally you would be able to make 5 of the 9 rehearsals, reading music is not essential but will make it easier. There will be a one off fee of £15 to cover costs.

For further details call Henny Metters, 837778 henny.mettters@outlook.com

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

A UNITED KINGDOM [12A] Wed 19 Apr Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door

Future dates for your diary

Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com or visit 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. Sun 28 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 www.action.org.uk/grittleton_plant_and_food_fair

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For further details call Harriet Tupper on h_tupper@hotmail.com

Crudwell

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Workshop - Pot Luck 19-Apr
45th Anniversary Celebration - Pam Lewis workshop and demonstration May 17 followed by celebration tea.
Journeys in my mind Demonstration by Sandra Snell
Competition – favourite flower. 21-Jun .
Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB
For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

Corsham

Exhibition by Bath Textile Artists at The Pound Arts Centre

This group, which includes two local members Heather Martin (Sherston) and Gloria Pugh (Luckington), will show 'From Here to There' from 11 Mar to 29 Apr, Mon – Sat 10am-6pm, free entry. A wide range of textile techniques are included and the theme is interpreted in many different ways.

Nailsworth

Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Professional football only 20 minutes drive from Sherston.
Home matches: Sat 1 Apr 3pm v. North Ferriby; Sat 14 Apr 3pm v. Chester; Sat 22 Apr 3pm v. Maidstone Advanced
prices: Adults £19/£17/£15, Concessions £15/£13/£11, under 16s £11/£9/£7 junior £7/£6/£4 under 11s free 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

Ozleworth, Wotton-under-Edge

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Dogs on leads welcome
Apart from this weekend, the house and gardens are shut until Snowdrop Week in February but the estate is still open for miles of woodland walks (free entry). Dogs on a lead welcome

For further details call -1453 842644 or newarkpark@nationaltrust.org.uk or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park/

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: This month: Sing; The Viceroy's House; Moonlight; The Time of their Lives; NT Live : Twelfth Night Thurs 6 Apr ; The Salesman; The Lego Batman Movie; Beauty and the Beast; RSC Live: Julius

Caesar Wed 26 Apr; Molly Monster
check website for details
For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com

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

Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the ROH Covent Garden
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Malmesbury, Chippenham, Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton National Theatre Live

Live and pre recorded screenings
NT Live: Twelfth Night 6-Apr
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NT Live: Obsession 11-May
NT Live: Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?
For further details visit www.ntlive.com

Bath

Theatre Royal

Pygmalion 4 -8 Apr £15-£33.50
Shirley Valentine 10-15 Apr
The Mikado 18-22 Apr
Nell Gwynn 25-29 Apr
Book ahead for: Sweet Charity; Fracked!; Fantastic Mr Fox; Death of a Salesman; Fracked!; Waiting for God; Emma; The Addams Family; Racing Demon; Sand in the Sandwiches; North by Northwest; The Lady in the Van
Theatre Royal For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Bath Comedy Festival

Fri 1 - Sun 17 Apr Hundreds of comic events throughout Bath city centre Tickets vary from £1-£17
Bath Festivals Box Office, For further details call 01225 463362 or www.bathboxoffice.org.uk
or visit www.bathcomedyfestival.co.uk/whats-on

Bath Festival

The Bath Festival 19 - 28 May 10 days with 130+ events with the biggest names in literature, words and music celebrating the world heritage city of Bath - Mary Berry, John Simpson, Simon Callow, Ed Balls, Harriet Harman, Philharmonia Orchestra; Dan Pearson; Salman Rushdie; Lorraine Pascale Tickets vary - on sale from Feb at Bath Box office or <http://bathfestivals.org.uk>
Bath Festivals Box Office, For further details call 01225 463362 or visit www.bathfestivals.org.uk

Cheltenham Jazz Festival

Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of jazz including Madeleine Peyroux, Dionne Warwick, Georgie Fame, Ravi Coltrane and Friday Night is Music Night 26 Apr - 1 May Various locations in Cheltenham
For further details call 01242 505444 or visit www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/jazz/

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Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

Caroline Jarvis

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Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

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Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
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