



THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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Farewell to our Head Teacher after 24 years

In the last week of term the hall at Sherston School was packed with parents, friends, staff and governors for an assembly to celebrate Nick Bowditch's 24 years as head teacher. It was a moving hour of singing, poetry, reflection and prayers, led by the children.

Each class thanked Mr Bowditch. Oak, Ash and Birch classes spelt out his name, giving each letter an appropriate significance.

Give us an 'M' – Marvellous Musician

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Give us an 'H' – Hooray for Mr Bowditch!



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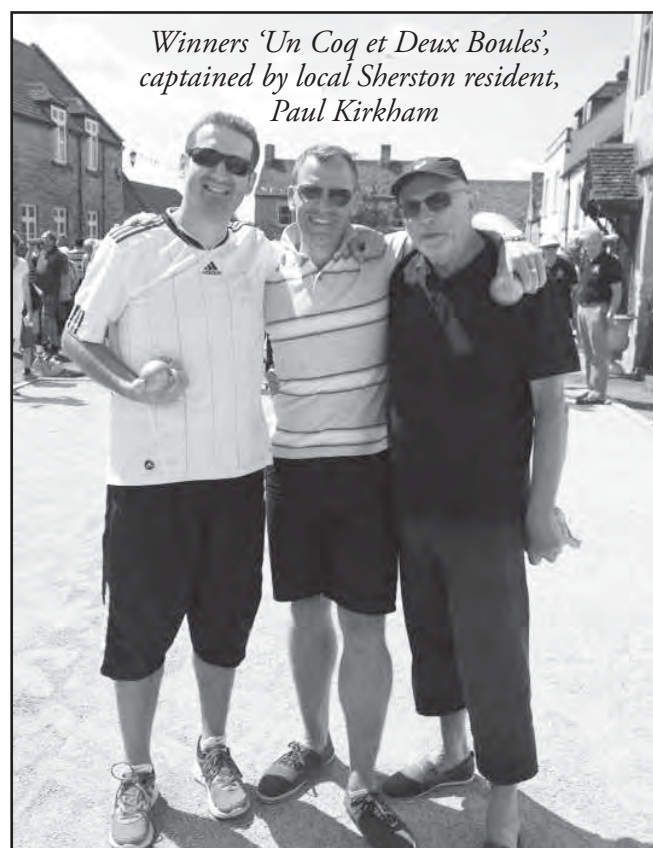
Sherston Boules & Carnival 2015



Well...what a weekend! We loved every minute and hope you did too? The weekend got off to a fabulous start with the traditional Sherstonian 'gathering and reunion' at The Rattlebone on Friday night, with much frivolity and excellent live music from The Sherston Village People supported by the Arkansaw Jukebox Collective.

The following morning, we were blessed with a lovely sunrise at 5.30am when the loyal army of helpers ventured out, bleary eyed, to set up and create our beautiful 'pistes'.

The sunshine and good temperatures held all day and once again the Sherston army of supporters and helpers carried the day off with smiley faces and without a moan or a murmur. There was a superb turn out of stalls and stallholders, live music from the Celebration Jazz Band whilst all 128 teams entered the main event, the visitors flocked to the High Street and brought with them their usual bonhomie giving the event its characteristic atmosphere and ambience.



*Winners 'Un Coq et Deux Boules',
captained by local Sherston resident,
Paul Kirkham*

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Closure of Gaston Lane 11 August

Gaston Lane will be closed to traffic overnight on Tuesday 11 August from 7pm to 6am on Wednesday 12 August to allow for repairs to the surface. There will be no vehicle access to Gaston Lane from the B4040 during this period (and as it is one way access will not be possible from the Tarters and Easton Square).

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Brownie Leaders wanted!

Sherston Brownies is so popular that it is at bursting point! With 28 girls on roll and a further 15 on the list to join, we would love to start a second pack in the village. Can you help? No qualifications other than enthusiasm are required! A second pack would mean that everyone who is of Brownie age (7) could start immediately. At the moment, girls have to wait until they are over 8 to join which only gives them a short time with us before moving on to Guides or Scouts.

If you can spare a few hours a week then please email kirstybridge2004@yahoo.co.uk (Grace and Kitty's mum). We feel very privileged to be doing the job – it is fantastic and rewarding fun. You can also find yourself doing the strangest things from bouldering to sorting 1,000 ducks!

Sherston Toddlers' Sports Day Fun



To celebrate summer, Sherston Toddler and Baby Group held a mini indoor sports day at a recent Tuesday morning session. Cheered on by mums and baby spectators, the toddler competitors enjoyed various races, from egg and spoon to dressing up. The morning finished with a brief medal presentation, medals having been made by the toddlers at a previous session.

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group is now closed for the summer, but starts back on Tuesday 8th September (in the Scout Hut, 10.00am until 11.30am). We would love to see some more mums with babies and toddlers – just turn up and join us or for more info contact sherstontoddlers@gmail.com.

Sherston Senior Club



As promised last month, I can now reveal the destination of the mystery tour. We had an interesting drive around the Cotswold Water Parks ending at Nesley Farm, Westonbirt the home of David and Susan Morris who, had kindly invited us to share their lovely garden for afternoon tea. It was a lovely day and the iced Pimms on our arrival was most welcome. There were roses everywhere, in the garden, in the Marquee, on the tablecloths, china and even the cup cakes. Everyone had a most enjoyable time and we thank Susan and David for their hospitality and generosity.

Talking of generosity on 7 July the Seniors had their Annual Tea afternoon for boules day. Members enjoyed another lovely tea and entertainment by 'End of the track' Lin Prior and Sue Morris were our honoured guests, who had been very generous to the club in the past year. Our annual guests from Athelstan House were unable to come due to a prior engagement. A reasonable sum was raised by the end of the afternoon for boules day. Thanks to members generosity.

Our next meeting on 21 July Optimum Mobility will be demonstrating items to help make life easier more comfortable. On 4 August a trip to Sevington Victorian School has been arranged to include tea. Contact Pearl Dyer on 840619 for a place. On 18 August there will be a quiz and bingo in the British School Room members free and visitors £2.00

Meeting of the parish council

There is no parish council meeting in August. The parish council will next meet on Thursday 10 September in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and make comments. If you cannot attend the meeting but have something to raise, please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can also be read.

Remembering Private George Strong VC

Private George Strong VC was awarded one of the earliest Victoria Crosses which was presented to him by Queen Victoria herself. He is buried somewhere in Sherston churchyard. His burial is commemorated by a modern memorial, although this does not mark the actual site of his grave, which is unknown.

Private Strong served in the Coldstream Guards, and on Sunday 9 August members of the Bristol Branch of the Coldstream Guards Association will be coming to Holy Cross Church to present a commemorative framed autobiography, during the usual service of Holy Communion at 9.30am. This will then be on permanent display in the Church helping to keep his memory alive. Visitors, who may not know that he was buried in Sherston, will be able to find out about this hero of the Crimean War.

This service, like all our regular services at Holy Cross, is open to everyone and you are welcome to attend.

Sue Robinson, Churchwarden

Sherston Millennium Celebration



June 2016 marks the 1000th anniversary of the Battle of Sherston. Plans are already underway to ensure that we celebrate in style on Saturday 26 June 2016. We are looking for people who are interested in being involved in this event and a meeting will be held in September 2015 to discuss the initial plans. The date for the meeting has yet to be confirmed, but look out for more details, of when and where, in the September Cliffhanger.

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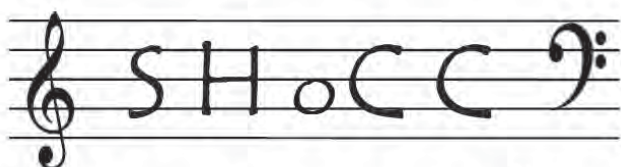
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Sherston Community Choir

Our next term starts on Wednesday 9 September from 7.30pm until 9.30pm in the British Scholl Room in Cliff Road.

We sing a wide variety of music from Gershwin to gospel, Mamas and Papas to Handel's Messiah. You don't need to be able to read music to join in. Just turn up and have fun. Membership is £36 for a 12 week term.

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Sherston W.I.



The speaker at our July meeting was Mary Hinton, the hedgehog warden for the Tetbury area (Tel. 07870 378207). Last winter 29 rescued hedgehogs (erinaceous europaeus) were housed in Mary's converted garage and she brought along one named SWR (so called after the school where it was found) who has now put on a lot of weight and is ready to be released. We were asked to provide a shallow dish of water in our gardens and as hedgehogs move from garden to garden to make sure there is a small hole in a wall or fence. If you have a garden pond always make sure that there is an escape route from the water and please always check bonfires before lighting. It is not normal behaviour for a hedgehog to be out during the day, it may be sick so please call the warden for advice.

After the centenary excitements of June, we have a quiet couple of months. The speaker in August is Alison West of the Sue Ryder Organisation and in September John Sylvester will be telling us about the police in the 19th century.

Edmund Ironside Lecture

About 85 people attended the talk on 27 June in the church. David McDermott, a specialist in Early Medieval History from Winchester University, enlightened us on the background and lineage of Edmund and the background to the Battle of Sherston 1016. Roland, an associate of David, wore replica clothing and armour of the period to set the scene of the battle. We hope that there will be a follow up lecture next year, by another historian, as part of the 1016 celebrations.

All proceeds from the evening were given to the church.

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In September, Waitrose is very kindly including Sherston School as one of its good causes. So if you are shopping in the Malmesbury Waitrose and have a green token please do support us! The school has grown from 80 children to 190 children in 10 years and we are raising money to extend our outdoor fitness trail. We are aiming to raise £10,000 to create a larger all weather play area with exciting new equipment voted for by the children and teachers. We have raised 50 percent and with your help we are hoping to have this in place by Summer 2016. The trail will provide a fun and challenging environment for the children keeping them active at break and lunch times.

Village hall 300+ club

July 2015 Draw

1st	286	Clive Herman	£13
2nd	171	Mary Hibbard	£12
3rd	141	Mike Hibbard	£11
4th	70	Bill Tullberg	£10
5th	73	Lucy Lawrence	£9
6th	13	Paula Bourne	£8
7th	91	R Venning	£7

Collectors: A Andrews, M Goulding, A Lyall, G Mason, P Moody, R Moody, J Platts, L Prior, and M Thacker.

New to the village, or wish to become a member? You can join at any time of the year. For information, please call Lin Prior on 840846.



Fused glass course

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Come and have a go at creating your own piece of beautiful fused glass during Sherston Arts Festival. Caroline Lambert, a glass artist from Wickwar, will be running courses in Sherston in the British School Room. You can have a go at creating jewellery, Christmas decorations, coasters, plates, bowls ... the choice is endless! Caroline is there to guide you and has plenty of ideas and examples to inspire you. Take a look at her website <http://www.carolinelambertglass.com>.

Choose from either Friday 2 October, 9.30am-3.30pm, or Saturday 3 October, 10am-4pm. You will need to bring a pack lunch, but tea, coffee and home-made cakes are included. A day's course costs £32, materials and firing will cost extra. The cost of materials and firing depends on the size of item made but averages £20. Caroline will fuse your creation and it will be returned to you a few weeks after the course.

There has already been plenty of interest for this course so if you would like to reserve a place, please contact Carron Waterhouse with a cheque for £32 (made payable to Sherston Arts Festival), drop them off at The Old School in Easton Grey just next to the B4040 (Birch Hill House, Easton Grey, SN16 0PF). There are 10 places available each day. Any queries e-mail Carron on KCUnderwater@hotmail.com.

Sherston Rocks!

Sherston, as we all know, is a cool place to live and the Sherston Children's Art festival will be rocking it out this year! Two years ago we had the amazing 'Peg Doll Village' Installation and this year we are creating another group art project and are getting inspired with natural materials – rocks (well, OK, pebbles!). Children throughout Sherston will each receive a pebble to decorate in September - with the results on display in the British School Room in October.

But if you are looking for an art challenge over the summer why not get drawing now – we need entries for the children's gallery during the festival. Children can enter paintings, drawings or 3D sculptures under one of the following themes:

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Official entry forms will be available from the Post Office in September but get drawing and painting now to get a head start and have fun over the summer.



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Farewell to our Head Teacher after 24 years *cont.*

Chestnut sang a beautiful rendition of 'See the Birds', Beech Class sang an African song 'Senwa Dedende', and wore bobble hats to read a poem. Bobble hats and red jumpers were a recurring theme as Nick's favourite items of winter clothing! Debby Liddle, who was Deputy Head for 21 years out of Nick's 24, was given a warm welcome and gave Nick a new woolly hat for a future trip to Antarctica! Those who know Debby will remember that she has her own extensive hat collection!

There were some clever limericks and a class poem from Sycamore. Willow did a touching version of 'My Favourite Things'. Staff took to the stage for an entertaining rendition of 'Who put the bird seed in the feeder' to the tune of 'Who put the colours in the rainbow'. The KS2 choir sang beautifully, finishing the assembly with a song from the musical 'Joseph', which was apt as Nick Bowditch performed it when he was at school in 1975!

Miss Willoughby (deputy head) pointed out that Mr Bowditch must have touched the hearts of thousands of pupils and their families and signed 3500 end of year reports! She said he made our



school the warm, friendly, motivating and sought after place it is today.

Many people from the village came to say their personal goodbyes to Nick, write in a book, and admire a cake – a train with many carriages – made by staff and parents.

School governor Steve Harvey said: 'I would like to thank Nick for all of his hard work over so many years to ensure Sherston has been a successful school but also a very happy one. His dedication to the





School is unprecedented and his ability to relate to all the children has been a real strength. The Governing body wish him well in his retirement and any planned future ventures.'

John Pettit, whose four children went to Sherston School, said 'It was always very welcoming and friendly, they were happy here. Even when the school moved to its current site, the culture stayed

the same, it felt the same. Nick had a very relaxed presence, he knew all the kids, I'm not sure many heads could say that.' His daughter Millie said 'I can't imagine the school without him now'.

Nick will spend the early months of his retirement travelling and singing in Jersey. His message to the young pupils he leaves behind: 'Go and live your dreams and travel the world'.

by Sally Clayton and Fi Picton



Ride and stride

This year the Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 12 September.

This is an opportunity to have a fun and healthy day out while raising money for local churches. Why not have a family or parish day together with a picnic or pub lunch on the way round. You can walk, bike ride or even horse ride. This year, as last, there are prizes to be won, £500 for the best all-round parish and £100 for the best parish team of under 18 year olds, plus other cash prizes. All money raised from sponsorship goes towards the maintenance of Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

For details, list of churches and sponsorship forms contact Pam Pickthall on 841072 or visit www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.

Art Display at Shear Class for August and September

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The increase was partly due to the recruitment of more collectors. We are enormously grateful to all those people who gave their time to go knocking on doors and to everyone who donated so generously. We shall be asking for help again early in 2016

Thank you all very much

Sue Robinson and John Knight

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend

We had 11 beautiful gardens open to visitors over the weekend and had about 200 visitors, making it our most successful to date. The weather wasn't bad, only one little shower, and not too hot for those who managed to complete the fairly long walk, or even part of it, to visit all the gardens.

Most of the visitors returned to the reward of tea and delicious cakes in the church. The gardens had been lavished with care and we would like to thank all the owners for their efforts, and for allowing others to share in enjoying them. Thanks also to those who had donated plants and cakes, and given raffle prizes. Lastly a big thanks to those who served teas and washed up afterwards. All proceeds go to the upkeep of the church.

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Holy Cross Church makes room for the future

After a long period of planning, and much-needed patience in the face of frustrations and delays, work finally began on Thursday 23 July to redevelop the north aisle of Holy Cross Church. When it is finished, there will be a much larger open space in the north aisle, floored in oak, and a new servery. These changes have been designed to allow much more flexible use of the church. It will soon be possible to have services in a greater variety of styles and for the children to have their own special area in the north-west part of the church. We hope that work will be completed in time for this year's Harvest Supper, which will in future be able to take place in much greater comfort. Similarly, the increased space will greatly improve the environment for the Arts Festival and offer a much-improved venue for future events. At the same time as these changes are taking place, the central area of the church will remain exactly as it is

While the work is underway, the main part of the church will still be open every day as usual, although obviously the north aisle will be closed off, meaning that the kitchen and toilets will be unavailable. Despite this, we hope that the Coffee Shop will be able to continue in the vestry, as it is such a valued social hub for many people. The building firm that is carrying out the work is experienced in working in churches and will ensure that the church will be fully available at weekends so that all services will go ahead as usual

The clergy, churchwardens and Parochial Church Council sincerely hope and pray that this work will herald a renewal in the life of our village Church and enable it to continue to play a central role in the community in Sherston.

Sue Robinson
Churchwarden



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You can get take part and get in touch with us in a variety of ways. On Ordnance Survey Explorer maps of England and Wales, everywhere is divided into 1 km grid squares. To take part, pick one of these squares and walk every footpath in it. Read our quick guide on which paths to walk. We have an app for smartphones that makes picking and walking your square simple and fun. You can follow yourself on your phone as you walk.

While you walk highlight any path problems you encounter – and the wonderful things you see. You can upload photos and share your experiences on Facebook and Twitter. Which square you pick is up to you. You could scale our highest peaks, wander along the beach, or picnic in the woods. Spend time with friends, plonk yourself into nature, and all the while protect our glorious paths.

If you don't have a smartphone, no problem. Simply use our web version to pick your square and print off a map. After your walk you can come back and upload your findings until 31 December 2015. Go to the Big Pathwatch web version. We've also created some fun activity sheets to get your little ramblers involved in the Big Pathwatch too, please download our activity sheet for children from the website.

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Tolsey News

Judy Sharp Practice Manager



Phew! What a scorcher!

We wait all year for some nice hot weather, and when it finally arrives we are full of warnings about the health risks. There is no doubt that prolonged high temperatures can cause premature deaths. Those most at risk are the very young, the elderly and the seriously ill.

There is plenty of advice on NHS Choices about staying safe in the summer heat at www.nhs.uk. Much of the advice seems obvious, but it is important to be aware of the dangers of dehydration, overheating, heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

During a heatwave, make sure you:

- Listen to alerts on the radio and TV about keeping cool.
- Avoid unnecessary travel.
- Visit or phone people who are less able to look after themselves, such as older neighbours, relatives and friends, and people with health conditions or mobility problems.
- Stay inside and in the coolest room in your home as much as possible, and splash yourself with cool water.
- Keep rooms cool by using shade or reflective material outside the glass; if that's not possible, have light-coloured curtains and keep them closed (metallic blinds and dark curtains can make the room hotter).

- Keep the windows closed while the room is cooler than it is outside, and, if it's safe, open the windows at night when the air is cooler than the room.
- Drink water or fruit juice regularly.
- Avoid tea, coffee and alcohol, and if you do drink alcohol be sure to have water or other non-alcoholic drinks as well.

People with heart problems, breathing difficulties or serious illnesses may find their symptoms become worse in hot weather. Make sure you have enough medicines in stock and take extra care to keep cool.

NHS England - List Maintenance Project 2015

The NHS is carrying out work in Bath, Gloucestershire, Swindon and Wiltshire to make sure the patient details on GP lists are accurate. Registration letters from NHS England are being sent to some patients, but not all. If you do receive a letter, please either confirm your details or submit any changes. For more information about this project please visit <http://www.sbs.nhs.uk/primary-care-services/sw>.

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Friends of Sherston School AGM – come and join us!

The Friends of Sherston School (FSS) AGM will be held on Tuesday 29 September at 8.00pm in school, all parents of children at the school are very welcome. Our first meeting will be straight after the AGM. We always lose some parents when children leave to go to secondary school, so this is a great time to get involved with the FSS, and help shape our fundraising plans. Over the last school year we have had six parents currently in post, chair, vice chair, treasurer, secretary, and two doing publicity. They make decisions informed by the wider group of parents who come to meetings to discuss ideas and spending, this group is open to anyone to join at any time. We aim to make our meetings as accessible as we can by: not holding too many, producing a list of dates in September for the whole year, and starting at 8pm so that partners are home to look after children. Next year we're looking to fill one of the publicity posts, and for someone to take over as secretary. We're also looking for class reps for Oak and Chestnut. So if you're interested please email Fi Picton via fi.parsons@which.net for a 'no obligation' chat about what's involved. We guarantee that you will make friends, have fun, and find it a rewarding experience!

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Sherston Apple Day – it's back!

The FSS will be holding another Apple Day this October, to celebrate the autumn. There will be the opportunity to donate your apples to be made into Sherston School juice, or have them juiced for your own consumption. More details in the next Cliffhanger when we'll have the date, and details of an 'apple drop off' point!

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Sherston Boules & Carnival 2015 *cont.*



Saturday came to a close around 7pm and this year's winners were 'Un Coq et Deux Boules', captained by local Sherston resident, Paul Kirkham, the first Sherston winner in many years. The Runners up were 'The Boules Boys' from Stroud, whilst last year's winners, the Welsh team 'Piste Artists' went out in the 4th Round to 'Les Miseraboules'. Unfortunately, due to late play, we weren't able to have a Bronze medal match which would have been between Max Liddington's 'Lidds Off' and 'Les Miseraboules', so 'Lidds Off' were the highest placed wholly local team, closely followed by confusingly called 'Boule Boys' (captained by Ollie Thompson) who were beaten by the runners up in the quarters.



*Rachel Wagstaff, Paul Mather of the sponsoring Post Office, and Caty Tappin.
(front row) The Arabian Knights Junior Boules
winning team: Cameron Martin, Oscar Power and
Max Owen.*

Photos on these pages: Jo Edgerton (except above)





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*Third place Tug o War team, Hope & Anchor, comprising of six Ormiston and two Langleys, giving their all.
Photo: Suzanne Pedron*

Sunday dawned with unseasonal rain but, despite some heavy downpours, the Tug of War took place on the rec, ably supported by the ever-hard-working Sherston 1016 team and Rob Punter as referee. The Rattlebone and The Vine Tree ended up pulling in the final to see The Vine Tree regain the cup and the title they lost last year.

Over 600 ducks took to the river at 2.30pm and the Lilly Phillips' duck was the first to reach Mill Cottage, closely followed by Fearn Blair's, and in third place, Oscar Moriarty's, whilst the last duck through belonged to Ben Smee!





The Church Ladies put on a superb effort and catered for the masses, with cakes, teas, coffees and scones and our thanks to them and of course to Phil and Caroline Moore for hosting this lovely event at Mill Cottage. The closing ceremony presided by the Reverend Sue Harvey was very well attended, drawing our fabulous weekend to a close at 6pm.

On a personal note, it was my first year as Chairman and also my first as an organiser ... I have come to realise there is huge army of helpers out there and I would like to thank everyone who came to Sherston, set up, participated, played boules, sold their wares, barbecued, lent electricity and their time, served food, drink and bars, took down and swept up. Those who ran cricket matches, Tug of War, Colts and Juniors, donated to and ran tombolas, entertained children, baked cakes and loads more. We thoroughly enjoyed your company! Special mentions must go to our sponsors and to all those committee members and helpers who have made it happen this year – I am genuinely overwhelmed how this event has come together and it wouldn't happen without the people of Sherston. You all know who you are so thank you!

Just one more passing thought ... next year is a milestone: the 30th Sherston Boules Carnival! AND it's 2016 ... 1,000 Years of Sherston history! Let's make it a special one!

James Pyle

Lin's marmalade — update

Another big thank you to everyone who has bought my marmalade this year. Since my announcement in June and, having almost sold out now, I have been able to make a further two donations of £100 each to Sherston Village Hall (Building Fund) and Sherston Magna Cricket Club. This brings the total donations made this year to Sherston charities and 'good causes' to £500.

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Taking action

You may have heard by now about Bristol Avon Rivers Trust's (BART's) SHerston River IMProvement (SHRIMP) Project. It is a community (Sherston) project to improve the river and surrounding wildflower meadow and woods upstream of Stretchline up to Grove Wood. You can find out more information on our website: www.bristolavonriverstrust.org.

We had a stand on Boules Day and were delighted to get such a positive response in terms of offers to help with the work and sponsorship. Speaking to many people on the day it's clear that there is lots of interest in our local environment and lots of local knowledge, which we are always keen to hear about, ranging from local sightings of red kites, owls, otters, etc through to the history of the local environment.

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed towards our project funds by sponsoring a wildflower plug patch. We raised a total of £175 so we are not far from raising enough for the wildflower plug meadow. If you missed us and would like to donate then you can do this easily through the 'donate' page on the BART website – and we would be very grateful!

Thanks are also due to those people who signed up to volunteer and we look forward to seeing you out on our work days. There are still many spaces to volunteer so if you are interested please email harriet@bristolavonriverstrust.org

The confirmed dates so far for project works are:

28th – 30th August: Wildflower planting

29th September – 1st October: In-stream river restoration

We are also going to be hosting an evening of talks and discussions about our work in Sherston and throughout the catchment, where we will give you an opportunity to have your say on what you would like to see in your area. We are also excited to have a speaker who is an expert on otters coming along. This date is yet to be confirmed but will hopefully take place in September so keep an eye out in the Cliffhanger or by following us on Twitter @bristolavonrt and Facebook: Bristol Avon Rivers Trust or WildSherston.

Finally – the bird migration season has already started with many of the swifts already moving south in large numbers and by late August the swallows and house martins will be joining them, as well as many other bird species and butterflies (yes – some butterflies do migrate!). If you want a great day out seeing the migration, try going to the Isle of Portland in Dorset one day in early September.

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Sherston Tennis Club gets me to Wimbledon Ladies' Quarter-Finals

Just when I thought I had no chance of going to the Wimbledon Tennis Championships this year, I received an email saying I'd won a pair of tickets in the Sherston Tennis Club ballot ticket draw! So, on 7 July, my husband, Matt, and I set off to see the ladies' quarter finals.

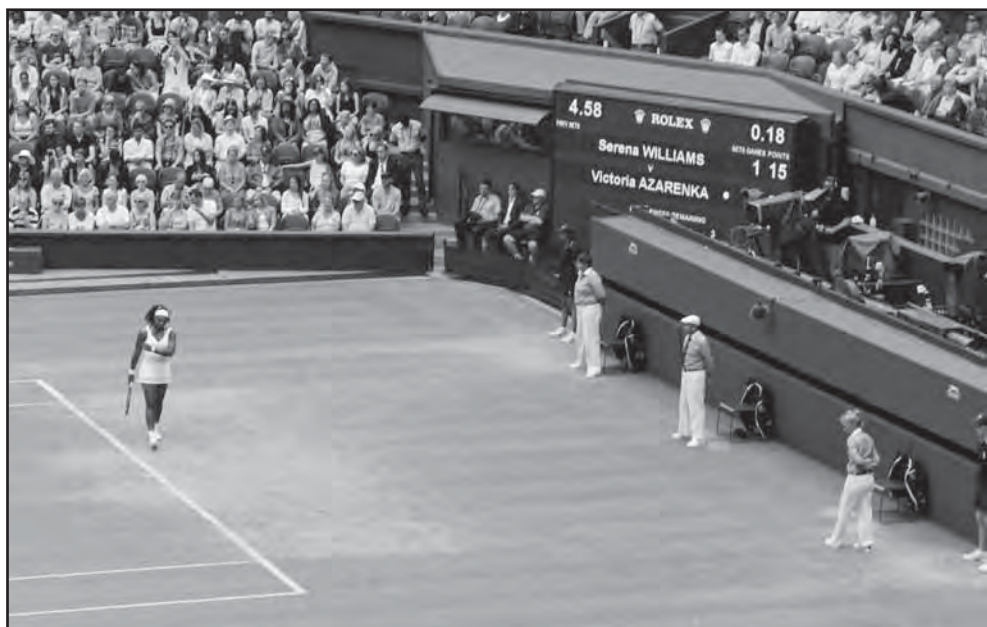
The weather on the way down was shocking for much of the journey so we were relieved we had Centre Court tickets, but as it happened the rain passed and the roof wasn't needed. After a brief seating debacle, involving someone accidentally sitting in one of our seats, we settled down, Pimm's in hand, to watch Coco Vandeweghe versus Maria Sharapova. In true British style, the crowd were very much behind underdog Coco who, after a close battle, lost in three sets.

Next up was Serena Williams versus Victoria Azarenka.

Serena could not have looked more powerful and intimidating, and it was no surprise that she went on to take the match. The only real surprise was that she seemed to take a while to warm up, meaning the match went to three sets. Once Serena was back on top form, no amount of grunting or shrieking from Victoria could help her; Serena completely dominated the match, serving aces and returning shots with ease.

The day's tennis finished with a highly entertaining men's invitational doubles match. The match was full of crowd-pleasing slapstick moments – including play with an imaginary ball and two balls in play at once. Laughs could be heard around the court.

Before heading home – and to round off our already great day – we even managed to catch up with a friend from Australia who also had Centre Court tickets and who we'd not seen for eight years! Thank you Sherston Tennis Club! *By Sophie Cheetham*



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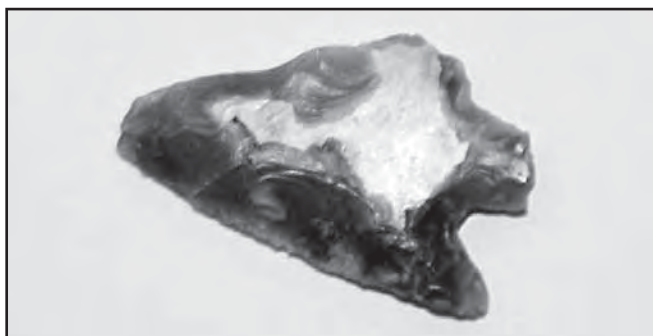
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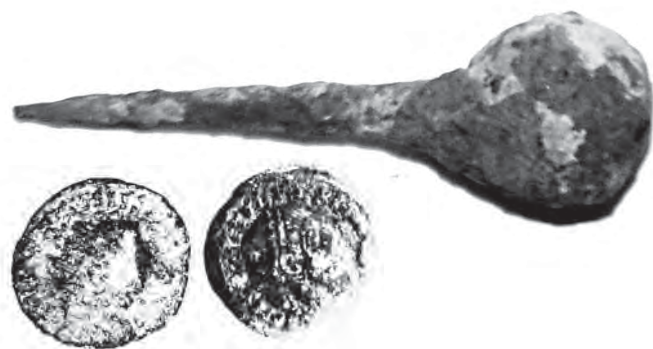
Pipeline Archaeology

At the end of June Border Archaeology hosted a reception for those whose land was affected by the Bristol Water pipeline replacement project and a well-attended public presentation of the archaeology along the route of the pipeline between Tolldown and Shipton Moyne.

The Border Archaeology team responsible for investigating the land in and around the pipeline's route gave villagers an enjoyable and fascinating insight into the activities in our area from prehistoric times to the present day. John Hillier, who remembers the original iron pipe being installed when he was a lad of 5 years old, certainly enjoyed the evening!



The beautiful flint arrowhead was found to the NE of Luckington along the Sherston Road. It is a barbed and tanged arrowhead (the tang is the central shaft used for attaching to the arrow and the barbs are the points on either side) and it is from the Early Bronze Age, approximately 4000 years ago.



At Easton Grey there were a number of exciting finds related to the nearby Roman site at Whitewalls, including a likely brooch pin, coins dating from the rule of Carausius 286–293 AD and from the rule of Gloria Exercitus 330–335 AD.



A more recent find included a 'Poole's patent bonding roof tile' produced at James Tanner's brickworks at Luckington Road, Acton Turville between 1860 and 1900. Tanner's brickworks was in this location from at least 1868 until 1900 when it moved to Hebden Farm, and was known as the Luckington Potteries, which remained in business until 1945.

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The Border Archaeology team were certainly enthusiastic about their work and answered many questions from residents, including 'Did you find any skeletons?' (no!) and the audience wondered why the team couldn't have dug a much larger area and potentially found more, but the investigations were limited to the area immediately around the pipeline.

It was a great evening that allowed residents to gain a better of understanding of the history of our village. What will we find when we next dig the vegies in the allotments or our back gardens?



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Bristol to Bordeaux 2015



Records were broken; words were redefined; and doors were well and truly blown off ... About 30 riders took part in this year's Bristol to Bordeaux challenge, the main fundraiser for PROPS (more about them below). We raised over £50k – more than ever before – and helped PROPS continue their good work with young people with learning disabilities. Most important are our sponsors, many of whom hail from Sherston – a massive thank you to you all.

You did what?

We cycled 500 miles in four days, from Bristol to Bordeaux (via Sherston). This year was particularly challenging because of the unprecedented heat. Day 1, 3, and 4 were all above 30 degrees.

Who did it?

We had a strong showing from Sherston, which always punches above its weight. Kevin Smith was the organiser, ably assisted by other Sherstonites Millie, Bonamie, John Adye, and Julia, as well as various people from Bristol (too many to mention).

This year for the first time, there was an option to do the first day only (Bristol to Portsmouth). Little did they know it would be the hottest July day in England's history. None the less, Phil Outlaw, Pete Clegg, Tony Dannat, John and Pip Pettit, Shelly Walsh and Tess Leatherland pushed hard on the pedals and made it all the way. Graham Simpson, Dan Pritchett, Riaan van Rooyen, Pete Butterfield, Tim Watson, Mark Walsh and Jim Power were signed up for the whole Bordeaux jaunt.



About PROPS

Based at the Vassall Centre in Fishponds Bristol, PROPS is an inclusive organisation which provides a range of services, opportunities and support for young adults with learning difficulties and disabilities.

PROPS is a small charity and we rely on the fundraising efforts of remarkable folk such as the riders on this year's B2B ride to provide the funding we need to support our work with some very special young people.

The whole PROPS family, extends a huge thank you to each and every one of those wonderful people who contributed to the 2015 Bristol to Bordeaux Cycle Challenge! Bristol to Bordeaux is a long way on a bicycle, but thanks to our sponsors in Sherston and further afield, we raised loads of money for PROPS, pushed our own limits, and put Sherston on the map (again).



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A co-ordinator vacancy has now arisen for every other Monday morning. 'But the co-ordinators can be flexible and there tends to be quite a lot of swapping around with the days,' said Link chairman Christopher Blount. At 9.00am the duty co-ordinator diverts the Link line to their home phone then takes calls from clients wishing to make an appointment. The line is open until 1.00pm when it is diverted back to its resting place.

The data relating to clients and drivers is all on Dropbox, which is a cloud technology data base and is therefore always backed up.

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client to find one able to take on the trip. Alternatively, the co-ordinator emails drivers and waits for a response.

'It might well be that it is the next day's co-ordinator who ties the thing together,' said Christopher.

'Obviously the co-ordinator needs to be comfortable with using a computer but no special skill is required and full induction training will be given,' he added.

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Sixteen local solicitors have teamed up with The Forever Friends Appeal to give their support to its first ever RUH Will month scheme this September to encourage people to plan for the future and help get their affairs in order, whilst helping their local hospital.

To help raise as much money as possible throughout September, the participating solicitors will prepare and draw up a single standard Will at a reduced price of £100 or two standard Mirror Wills for £150. This fee will then be waived by the solicitor and donated directly to The Forever Friends Appeal for the benefit of all patients across the Trust. The client will be able to choose an area of the RUH they wish to support with the donation.

Making a Will is one of the most thoughtful and important things you can do to protect those you love. Yet it is surprising that fewer than half of people have made one. Having an up to date Will which reflects their current situation is something a lot of people put off, thinking that there will be time to do it later and simply haven't got around to it. Yet it can take years to sort out someone's estate if they die without a Will, leaving their loved ones in great distress. Whatever your age, if you've assets eg a house, savings, or a business and people or others you'd like to look after, consider making a will.

Jan Witt, Legacy Officer, says, 'Some of the best and worst days of our lives will be spent in the Royal United Hospital, Bath. By taking part in the RUH Will month scheme and putting your own affairs in order, will not only help your loved ones in the future, but also the patients, family and their friends cared for by the RUH.'

Jan Witt continues 'We are enormously grateful and absolutely thrilled with the number of solicitors who are generously giving their time for free and providing the public with affordable Wills in support of The Forever Friends Appeal and donating their fees to help the hospital to help continue its valuable work it does, it is truly appreciated. Being the very first time we have ran this type of scheme, we are hoping that the general public will come onboard with Will month and show their support whilst having peace of mind that their affairs will be put in order.'

To take part in the scheme simply call one of the participating solicitors and make your appointment for September stating that you are taking part in the RUH's Make a Will Month visit www.foreverfriendsappeal.co.uk/make-a-will-month for full details of all the participating solicitors.

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When you look at a piece of artwork you see the creative ability of that person, not whether they have a disability or not. Wiltshire Council, in conjunction with the Wiltshire Autism Partnership Board, has launched an art based competition to help raise awareness of Autism. Art breaks down barriers, promotes equality and healthy self-expression. It is a common language that can be used by all, including those who are on the Autistic Spectrum. Help raise the profile of Autism, by representing what autism means to you, using the art style of your choice. Entries can be submitted in the following categories: 17 years and under, over 18 or as part of a group of any age and artwork can be submitted at any library in Wiltshire before the closing date of Friday 18 September. Artwork should be submitted with the following details:

- Your name, age, and contact details
- Your connection with Wiltshire (resident, studying, working)
- A short paragraph describing how your artwork illustrates the impact autism has on people's lives.
- Whether you want to collect your artwork after the competition.

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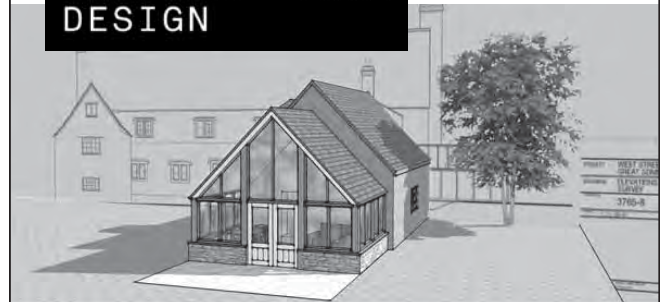
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North Wilt's Villages Flower Club

June meeting review

Jayne Morriss was a new demonstrator to our club and she proved to us that you didn't need to spend lots of money on flowers to create a beautiful display. Her arrangements included a variety of grasses, herbs and beautiful flowers from the garden. They were different and imaginative. Jayne also judged the fourth round of our annual competition which was an arrangement using roses.

The meeting on Wednesday 15 July will be a tutored workshop with Sandra Snell (area demonstrator and Chelsea 2015 gold medal winner).

On Wednesday 19 August at 6.00pm there will be the annual strawberry tea evening. This year we will head for Kington St Michael, where one of our members has kindly offered the use of her garden.

Wednesday 16 September is the date for our AGM, after which David Martin (Area Demonstrator and Florist) will talk on staging the Chelsea 2015 SW Area NAFAS exhibit which was also a Gold medal winner.

Other News

In September the club is planning to run a flower-arranging course for beginners, arrangements are in progress with Sally Taylor (Area Demonstrator) as the tutor. If you are interested, please get in touch on the number below.

On Saturday 19 September the club is running a trip to Salisbury Cathedral for the 'Magnaflora' floral festival celebrating 800th anniversary of The Magna Carta. There are a few spaces left, please contact the number below if you would like to join us.

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 welcome.

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Cricket

27 June - SMCC tie with Barnsley Beeches

So, the week leading up to the game against Barnsley was a struggle for the skipper, many texts, calls and emails sent out and still the day job to be done (busy time of year there too). Holidays, injuries, cycling, all that was missing for excuses not to play was a note from players mum's! Thanks to some people playing slightly injured (or more than slightly) and wasting brownie points we managed to get out 10 (including an excited Jack Goodwin, making his full debut after a non starter last weekend).

A hot and muggy day brought a substantial crowd down to the ground to witness the visit of Barnsley. The skipper won the toss (yes you read that right!) but had no real option with people having to leave early but to bowl first. Some wayward bowling that has led to many questioning the length of the pitch (full toss city!), some spectacular fielding (Jack Goodwin diving on the boundary, Cartwright's sensational run out, Fitch-Peyton's ridiculous dodgy arm catch) and some less spectacular fielding (I won't name and shame) meant that Barnsley set a stiff total at 234-9. An infuriating carrying of bat from the Barnsley opener for 96* (why he didn't retain the strike to get his hundred I can't work out) combined with a controversial 'no-ball' called for height despite hitting the stumps (at the bottom) were some of the other highlights!

So to the chase.... Stevens was promoted to the top of the order due to his time restrictions and gave us a brisk entertaining innings. Cartwright was looking in imperious form, and supported by Kutchera (falling to the risky post 4 ball), Harmer (looking in good touch before being LBW....) and Matt Goodwin (bowled with the score approaching 200) kept Sherston ahead of the rate and when Cartwright was out for a great 109, Sherston required around 30 off the last 7 overs. Some tight bowling, good batting but questionable running (three run outs) took us to the last over needing 5 to win.

- Ball 1... Moore attempted single resulted in a Hulance run out, which brought the debutant Jack Goodwin to the crease. The last man....
- Ball 2... Goodwin flashes, tough chance dropped at slip and a single scampered...
- Ball 3... Moore aggressively hits two into the leg side..
- Ball 4... Moore takes the single on offer to tie the scores...
- Ball 5... Goodwin tries to pierce the field to win the game but is unfortunately caught.

Great effort from Jack who ensured Sherston didn't lose, and tried to valiantly hit the winning runs and managed to tie the game! We all believe the kid will be one hell of a cricketer in the future.

Could it have been a different story if Sherston had 11, possibly, however at the end of the day we should all have been proud. The 10 of Sherston matched the 11 of Barnsley.

4 July - SMCC beat Williamstrip by six wickets

Another busy week for the skipper on the phone came to an end when managing to secure an 11th member of the team outside the Angel while the team was meeting (Paul Shortridge completed the team and went on to keep wicket for the afternoon). We were nearly back down to 10 when one team member, let's call him Salix Fepsey, didn't read the meet time correctly! So the team had to dash to make the early start (the Rattlebone birthday was on in the village).

The skipper won the toss (yes two weeks running) and again inserted the opposition. A great opening spell from Andy Pegg (10-3-20-3) blasted open the Williamstrip top order. Sherston were looking at a very early finish until a middle order recovery from Reeves and Sandhu for Williamstrip looked at pushing the score into substantial chase territory. The skipper rotated his bowlers, including bowling two of this year's wicketkeepers until finally Goodwin (yes Matt Goodwin) got the breakthrough having Sandhu caught. Reeves continued to plunder runs until some fine death bowling by Hulance (2-24) and the Skipper (2-15) bowled Williamstrip out for 159.

A quick turnaround as no tea was taken and Sherston started their reply. Lovell looked rusty, especially when carving a long hop tamely to point for 2. Harmer joined Kutchera at the crease for a blustery partnership with Kutchera, despite crashing some brutal boundaries, departed in the usual fashion for one shot too many on 25. Goodwin and Harmer steadied the ship with some nifty running and punishing the bad ball before one quick single left the skipper short of his ground having made 28. Fitch-Peyton started pleasingly aggressively but was caught for a quick fire 13. Dickenson strolled to the crease and setting his sights on getting at least 10 knuckled down and eked Sherston towards the total. A number of bowling changes were made by Williamstrip in search of the breakthrough but Goodwin brought up his third fifty (52*) of the season with the winning runs with 5 overs to spare. Dickenson remaining unbeaten on 27.

RAIN? WHAT RAIN?

The annual cricket sixes took place on Sunday 5 July. After some pre tournament issues with the number of teams participating, it got under way half an hour behind schedule (which for SMCC was a remarkable effort). The ground was looking spectacular, the bar was in place, the BBQ was ready to be fired, the bouncy castle was hissing away in the background, and most importantly the sun was shining what could possibly go wrong. The answer nothing. The cricket was played with a mixture of



enthusiasm, talent and friendly competition all credit needs to go to the four teams. Biddestone, Netjets, No.....Chance, and Sherstonians for the manner in which the cricket was played and the very British

way of completely ignoring the fact that at one stage the rain was falling particularly hard sending the spectators running for cover.

The cricket was won by a good and youthful Biddestone side who beat No...Chance, who had reached the final having beating Sherstonians in what has become a regular feature of sixes day the bowl off. There is no need to publish the bowl off score -it could be embarrassing! The only comment that should be made is that it was good that the teams were bowling at three stumps not one otherwise we may still be waiting!

Thanks to all those who worked to make the day possible, no need to mention you by name but you know who you are! Thanks also to the busy hands committee who put on some entertainment for the younger spectators allowing the parents to enjoy the bar a little bit more. Special thanks to Mr Kutchera for some supreme organising!

Thanks to all who came down to support and hopefully see you all and more at next year's event!



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and for more information see: http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/ltp/wiltshire_council_public_transport_strategy_review

Rail engineering works from 1 to 31 August 2015

As part of the work to modernise the Great Western main line this summer, major engineering work will significantly affect rail services throughout Wiltshire. So if you are travelling further afield by rail over the summer, the following will be of interest.

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At all markets at least one free stall is offered for a charity or voluntary group to raise funds. Anyone interested in running such a stall should please use the contacts below. All these stalls have done well to date so don't be shy in booking one!

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

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There will be a beer tent, raffle, Pimm's tent, Bath Archers, hog and deer roast, fairground rides, Italian ice cream and many varied trade and craft stalls and activities around the arena.

The Carnival Queen will be crowned at 1.30pm on The Plain, Carnival leaves The Plain at 1.35pm to travel along the High Street to the Showground, led by Nailsworth Silver Band.

The High Street is closed to vehicles from 1.15pm to 2.00pm.

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See the Parish Life for more details

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

Congregational Church - in The British

Schoolroom 1st Sun we visit local Churches together. 2nd Sun 11am. Visiting Speaker. 3rd Sun 4pm Family Friendly Service. 4th Sun 4pm Children's Church. 5th Sun we worship elsewhere. 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

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Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

Sunday Newspapers

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

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

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

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Drawing Classes in Sherston

The summer term will start on Wed 15 Apr and new students of all standards are welcome to join. Classes are 10am to 12 noon or 1.30pm to 3.30pm for ten weeks. When weather permits we try to paint and draw outside, working from the landscape or visiting local gardens. For further information phone Heather Martin 840375 or email heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

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

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

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

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

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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Malmesbury Community Choir

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Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership For details contact Woody Allen 390110 mark.allen@allenclan.co.uk

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Sherston Badminton Club We play every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from September to the end of May. - New members welcome. For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592 or email ray.clifton@wrsl.com

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact Greg Hughes, Baghera, Cub Scout Assistant Leader, greghughes_2000@yahoo.co.uk to obtain an application form

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

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Sherston Whitewall Explorers

You don't need to have previously been a member of scouts or guides to join us, just be aged between 13 ½ and 18 and free between 8.30 and 10pm on a Friday night during term time; for further information please contact Darren Walsh - 841043 or Ewan Blair - 840096 - whitewallexplorers@googlemail.com

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

Sherston Drama Group

The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Richard Skeffington (Chairman) richard.skeffington@virgin.net Tel. 840092

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

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

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

Sherston's Living Churchyard

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

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Junior nets have now finished for the season, but u15s are welcome to Senior nets at 6.30pm on Tues nights at Pinkney Park. If you would like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the website www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk

Sherston Netball Club

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

SH.O.C.C.

The choir meets at 7.30pm each Wednesday in the British Schoolroom £3 per session - New term starts Wed 9 Sep refreshments 50p. Further information from Lucy Lawrance on 840778 (evenings) or lucy@sherston.plus.com

Sherston Photography Forum

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

Sherston Pilates

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

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

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

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. We meet at 10 -11.30am each Tuesday in the Scout Hut with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, not to mention a much-needed cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. Further details contact Sophie Cheetham, sophcheetham@gmail.com 07786 990045 or alternative like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

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

Sherston Village Hall

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

Sherston W.I. Meetings on first Thursday of month - till Sept in Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors always most welcome £3.50. Further information: Secretary 840578

Sherston Young Craft Group Every Monday 6.45 - 8.15pm in the village hall (children 9 years and over). £3 (incl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each half term. To join, please contact Minnie Hulme on 841118 or email hulmessherston@sky.com

Tetbury Chess Club Meet every Wednesday at the Ormond Hotel from 10am. If anyone is interested please contact Colin Francis on 505835 or email colval08@btinternet.com

WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses

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

Village Hall 300+ Club For an annual subscription of only £6, give yourself the opportunity of winning a cash prize in every monthly draw whilst supporting the Village Hall. If you would like to join, or need more information, contact the coordinator, Lin Prior on 840846.

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

What's on in 2015 Dates for your diary

October

9-18 Sherston Arts Festival

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

Sherston

The Rattlebone Inn

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

Live Music : GOING UNDERGROUND Sun 30 Aug

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

The Carpenter's Arms

Check boards for details of events For further details call 840665 or like [CarpentersArmsSherston](https://www.facebook.com/CarpentersArmsSherston) on facebook

Upcoming events at Holy Cross Church

Concert in memory of Harry Lyall by family and friends, conducted by Jonathon Lyall Sat 1 Aug 7.30pm £8 incl a glass of wine

Remembering Private George Strong VC Private Strong served in the Coldstream Guards and on Sun 9 Aug the Bristol Branch of the Coldstream Guards Association will present a commemorative framed autobiography, during the usual service of Holy Communion at 9.30am. This will then be on permanent display in the Church helping to keep his memory alive - a hero of the Crimean War

Check the Parish Life for details of events and services

For further details call 841263

Sherston Market

Local crafts and produce which vary each month, cake stalls including Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh local vegetables and cheeses from Brinkworth Dairy. Vegetarian curry with naan bread, bacon butties and Welsh organic beef burgers. Every month a free stall in the lobby is made available to local charity or voluntary group to raise funds - 10am-2pm in the Village Hall Sat 8 Aug

Sat 5 Sep Sat 3 Oct Sat 14 Nov Sat 12 Dec

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

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

The featured local artist showing a selection of work in the gallery for August and September is Julia Leyden. Anyone can call in to see them - you don't have to be attending the salon.

Shear Class, High St

Art Exhibition At The Angel

Paintings by Sherston artist Gill Ashley and mosaics by Lou Fitch-Peyton local art on display and some for sale more details for Gill at http://www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk/Gallery_ashley.html and for Lou <http://louopnermosaics.com/>

The Angel For further details call 840039 or tara@sherstonangel.co.uk or visit <http://www.sherston-angel.co.uk/>

Sherston Senior Club

Outing to Cardiff Bay or shops on 1 Sept Departs 9.30am from The Carpenters and 9.45am High St. Cost members £15 visitors £17 Contact Pearl Dyer on 840619 to reserve a place

Harvest Auction Tues 15 Sept at 2.30pm in the British School Room For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

Sherston WI Talks

Visitors always welcome - £3.50. If new to the village come and make new friends

The Life and Work of Sue Ryder-Alison West Thurs 6 Aug

The Police in the 19th century with John Sylvester Thurs 3 Sep

WI Centenary Celebration Tea Party Thurs 16 Sep 3pm

75th Birthday Dinner Thurs 8 Oct

18th Century Bath - Judi Wray-Bliss Thurs 5 Nov 2.30pm in the British School Room

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

Friends of Sherston School AGM

Our first meeting will be straight after the AGM. We always lose some parents when children leave to go to secondary school, so this is a great time to get involved with FSS, and help shape our fundraising plans Tues 29 Sept at 8pm in school, all parents of children at the school are very welcome So if you're interested please email Fi Picton via fi.parsons@which.net for a 'no obligation' chat about what's involved. **Collect Green Tokens for Sherston School!** Waitrose has nominated Sherston School for one of its charity collections in September Please save your tokens for the September collection box The school has grown from 80 children to 190 children in 10 years and we are raising money to extend our outdoor fitness trail. We are aiming to raise £10,000 to create a larger all weather play area with exciting new equipment voted for by the children and teachers

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Sherston Arts Festival

9-18 Oct If you would like to join the planning committee or can offer help in any way, please get in touch with Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Jones 840764. Ten days of arts events suitable for all ages including art and photography exhibitions, concerts, lectures and the ever popular scarecrow trail Scarecrow workshop: **Family workshop** to make your scarecrow on the theme of 'Art and Animation' Sat 26 Sep 2.30-5pm in the village hall. Only £10 per family for a really fun creative morning. Scrapstore will be bringing loads of bits and bobs as well as their expertise to help you get started. All materials are included and you can then display your scarecrow during the Arts Festival. This will sell out fast so book your ticket with an Arts Festival form or email kirstybridge2004@yahoo.co.uk **Fused glass course** Caroline Lambert a glass artist from Wickwar will be running courses in Sherston in the British School Rooms. Fri 2 Oct 9:30-3:30pm or Sat 3 Oct 10am-4pm. bring a pack lunch, but tea, coffee and home made cakes are included. A days course costs £32, materials and firing will cost extra. The cost of materials and firing depends on the size of item made but avara Caroline will fuse your creation and it will be returned to you a few weeks after the course. Early booking essential Carron Waterhouse KCUnderwater@hotmail.com
For further details about the festival call Heather Martin 840375 / heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or Pat Jones 840764 / warwick.jones@btinternet.com. 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

Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride and Stride

The annual Sponsored Ride and Stride in aid of Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and your local church Sat 11 Sep 10am-6pm Ride (cycle or horse) or walk to as many churches as you can manage



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during the day and get sponsorship for doing so. There are also cash prizes to be won. The money raised is split between Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and your chosen church. Sponsorship forms, a list of participating churches and notes for riders and striders from the website or from Pam Pickthall on 01666 841072 or from Area Administrator Charles Graham at ctg100@hotmail.com or 01672 514301 For further details call Pam Pickthall on 841072

Badminton Bridge and Afternoon Tea

In aid of Badminton Church restoration fund by kind permission of the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort Wed 19 Aug 1.45pm for a 2pm start at The Old Hall, Badminton House Bookings: £60 table of 4 incl tea
For further details call 01454 218648 or email maigold@lineone.net

Westonbirt The Arboretum

Treefest - a feel good family day out in a world of trees 29-31 Aug - over 100 exhibitors, music, crafts and exhibitions £10 adv £15 on the gate (FOWA 50% off) Kids free Specialist Wood Sales 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA **Check website for details of events, wood and photography courses, guided walks and family fun days**
Mar - Aug admission prices Adults £9 Concs Children go free during school holidays. Half price admission to those arriving by bike or public transport
For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Cotswolds Rural Skills

Beginners Dry Stone Walling 11-12 Aug Naunton
LANTRA Brushcutter / Trimmers Maintenance and Operation 1 day course 21 Aug 2015 Northleach
LANTRA Level 1 (Initial) Dry Stone Walling 5 day course 29 Aug Burford
Flax Making Workshop 5 Sep Northleach
Introduction to Scything 25 Aug Friary Bath
Charcoal Making 24 Jun Coberley
For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or david.molloy@cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk
or visit <http://www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk/>

Easton Grey Whatley Manor

Tuesday Garden Tours 11 Aug £44 10am Welcome tea and coffee followed by private tour of the 12 acre garden by Andy Spreadbury gardens & maintenance manager and a 2 course lunch using ingredients from the kitchen garden
Thursday evening cinema £23 includes a choice of either a glass of wine, a bottled beer or soft drink. A small tub of delicious ice cream (choice of flavour) and of course popcorn. Must be prebooked 8.30pm start The Theory of Everything 20 Aug Second Best Marigold Hotel 17 Sep
Sunday Cinema £8.50 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn. In addition, on the day, choose one, two or three courses from the a la carte lunch menu in 'Le Mazot' brasserie The Sunday Cinema Screenings must be pre-booked and at least one course must 0 Second Best Marigold Hotel 27 Sep
Films coming soon: Oct: Woman in Gold; Nov: A little Chaos; Dec: Focus
For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com



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Malmesbury Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Carducci in concert Featuring Shostakovich String Quartets No. 6 and No. 3, Beethoven Op. 18 No. 4 Sat 19 Sep 7.30pm £15 members/ £5 student or chd. Season tickets are also available for only £55

For further details call David Barton 824924

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

Carnival

Malmesbury Carnival Aug and Sep - Highlights: Open Gardens Sun 9 Aug 1pm-6pm £6 Petticoat Lane in the High Street Sun 30 Aug 10am - 3.30pm and Carnival Procession 6pm Sat 5 Sep. Full month of events including quizzes, historical walks, poetry, music events, race night, bike rides, Various locations in and around Malmesbury

Invitation to join street theatre workshop as part of Malmesbury Carnival Are you aged 11 and 18 and interested in entertaining the crowds on Malmesbury Carnival procession day? join the Last Baguette Theatre Company and help create an original piece of street theatre, creating your own character and costumes with an interna

The series of workshops will take place on Mon 24 - Fri 28 Aug 2-5pm at St Mary's Hall, Malmesbury. Plus on Sat 5 Sep from 1pm; with the procession starting at 6pm free, however you must book a place - 07597 601589 or thelastbaguette@gmail.com

For further details call enquiries@malmesburycarnival.co.uk or call 823921 or 824361 or visit www.malmesburycarnival.co.uk

Malmesbury Film Society

Showing world and classic films every 3rd Sun of the month at 7.30pm. Tickets £5, no booking required. **The Philadelphia Story** Sun 16 Aug 7.30pm

St. Mary's Hall, Malmesbury

For further details visit www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk

Events at Malmesbury History Centre

An Audience with Hilary Mantel discussing Seymour family and letters written by Thomas Cromwell that are held in the Archives Hilary is the two-time winner of the Man Booker Prize for her best-selling novels, Wolf Hall and its sequel, Bring Up the Bodies. Wolf Hall was the seat of the Seymour family in Savernake Forest and several Wiltshire locations were used in the BBC/Masterp 10 Sept 6.30pm £10. For further details call 01249 705500

Record Breakers summer reading challenge

National Summer Reading Challenge for 4 to 11 year olds in Wiltshire Libraries Children aged 4 to 11 can sign up at their local Wiltshire library from 11 July, then read at least six library books of their choice, collecting popular scratch and sniff stickers and other incentives along the way – all for free. The theme for 2015 will be linked to Guinness World Records™. The summer reading challenge website is packed full of fun for children - book recommendations, competitions, quizzes, games, author chat and much more.

Last year 9939 Wiltshire children aged 4 to 11 took part in Mythical Maze with 6295 reading six books to complete the challenge. In total over 42,000 books were read over the summer as part of the challenge.

Malmesbury Library For further details call 823611 or visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/arts/heritageandlibraries/librarieshome

'Sherston Brick Club'

Friday 14th & Friday 28th August

5.30 to 6.30pm - Junior Brick Club:
reception 8 years

8.00pm – Brick Club: 8 years -108!

SHERSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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. Meetings 4th Thurs 10-11.45am 50p **No meeting Aug**

The History of the Greener Guns Company from 1829 By Graham N Greener

Lawn Bowls Interest Group Every Mon 2-4pm at Malmesbury Bowls Club Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall For further details call Membership Secretary Julia Batty on 01249 720327 or visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Malmesbury Open Gardens

Malmesbury Open Gardens Sun 9 Aug 1-6pm £6 (children free) All Proceeds to the Malmesbury Carnival Good Causes

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

No film in Aug Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door

Far from the Madding Crowd Wed 30 Sep

Mr Holmes Wed 28 Oct

No film as Panto week in Grittleton VH

Cinderella Wed 2 Dec

Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com or visit <http://www.moviola.org/>

Rural Arts Wiltshire

INSTANT WIT - The quick-fire comedy improvisation show... an evening of sketches, songs and general silliness, all of it based around audience suggestions. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Fri 18 Sept in Grittleton Village Hall Adults £7, Concs £6, Children (under 16) £4.50, Families (2 adults & 2 children) £18.50 Target Audience: Ages 12+

Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Jan Jeffcoate 01249 782798 or dandjjeffcoate@btinternet.com or visit www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk

Didmorton

Flicks in the Sticks

No film in Aug Next film Fri 18 Sep Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door

Didmorton Village Hall For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@virgin.net

Tetbury

Tetbury Summer & Flower Show

Parade led by the City of Bristol Pipes & Drums from Market Place Entertainment and activity for all the family together with the flower and craft show in the grand marquee Sun 8 Aug. Gates open

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For further details visit www.tetburysummershow.co.uk

Chippenham

Summer Holiday Activities at

Chippenham Museum & Heritage Centre

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705020 For further details visit www.chippenham.gov.uk

Castle Combe

Castle Combe Family Cycling Day

Sun 30 Aug check website for more details

Castle Combe Circuit For further details call 01249 782417 or visit www.castlecombecyclingfestival.co.uk

Kemble

Cotswold Airport - At the movies

Open Air Cinema flanked by 747s: Top Gun Fri 28 Aug 6pm

£16 though group and family tickets available - bring your chairs / blankets but no alcohol. Bars and food stalls.

Cirencester

Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool

Heated spring water open air pool run by volunteers as a non profit making charity Open 22 May - 7 Sep 7am-6.45pm midweek and 9/10 - 5.45 Sat/Sun. Mon & Wed Adult evening swim 6.45-7.45pm. Friday Youth Evening 7-8.30pm 10-17 year olds Only £1 £4.50 / £2.50/ Family £13 Season tickets available. Cirencester Park, GL7 2EF

For further details call 01285 653947 or visit www.cirenopenair.co.uk

Crudwell

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Annual strawberry tea evening Wed 19 Aug from 6pm in a member's garden in Kington St Michael

AGM followed by talk by David Martin (Area Demonstrator and Florist) Staging the Chelsea 2015 SW Area NAFAS exhibit - a Gold medal winner. Sep-16

Flower arranging course for beginners arrangements are in progress with Sally Taylor (Area Demonstrator) as the tutor. If you are interested please contact on the number below

Trip to Salisbury Cathedral for the "Magnaflora" floral festival celebrating 800th anniversary of The Magna Carta. There are a few spaces left, please contact the number below if you would like to join us. 9/19/2015 Crudwell Village Hall

For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House A refurbished The Electric Picture House A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community check website for details

Films: Amy; Love and Mercy; The Globe on Screen: Comedy of Errors; RSC Live Othello Wed 26 Aug; NT Livr: The Beaux Strategem Thurs 3 Sep; NT Live Coriolanus (Encore)

For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com

South Cerney

Gloucestershire Vintage and Country Extravaganza Fri 31 Jul - Sun 2 Aug Steam Arena, with non-stop steam action, the Main Arena with displays and commentary on the vintage and classic cars, tractors, commercial vehicles, vintage bus and coaches, motorcycles, miniature steam, industrial trucks, emergency vehicles.

On the gate 3 Day pass £15 1 day £12, juniors £5, under 5s free.

Family ticket £35 1 Day £25. Advance discounted tickets from Tetbury Tourist office or online. All in aid of local charities

Also on display in the huge showground will be Model aircraft

displays, both in the air and on the ground, the Model tent, two Countryside Arenas, with ferrets to shire horses, Vintage caravan display, The Timber arena, where trees turn to tables, also an extensive trade stand area, a Craft marquee, the Specialist Displays area and a huge working Stationary Engine display, a food court and licensed bars, and a vintage fairground. Weather permitting on Sat 1 Aug there will be an aerobatic display and on Sun 2 Aug the Muscle Biplane Aerobatic Display. On both these days parachute display teams are also due to entertain. Dogs welcome but must be kept on a lead at all times, please clear up after your dog

For further details call 01453 762508 or visit

www.glosvintageextravaganza.co.uk

Hawkesbury Upton

Hawkesbury Upton Horticultural Show and Fair

130th Horticultural Show and Fair Sat 29 Aug open from 12.30.

Falconry Display by Michael Davie - both static and flying displays with interactive audience participation. Carnival Queen crowned at 1.30pm on The Plain Archery, Local Beer & Cider Tent, Craft Stalls, Pimms Tent, Refreshments, Hog and Badminton Deer roast, Fairground rides, Face painting and auction. Dogs welcome on a lead Entry (Pay at the gate) - Adults £5, Senior Citizens £3, Children £2, Family ticket £12

Village Hall and Recreation Field, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton

For further information or to book a stall phone 01454 232910 or

email: Vicky@coombeview.com or visit www.hawkesburyshow.org

Wiltshire

Events in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

The Wiltshire Big Wheel Cycling Challenge first ever challenge event for all cycling enthusiasts to get involved with! you can sign up to do a 100 mile, 45 mile or 12 mile ride across the beautiful Wiltshire countryside- all start and finish in the historic market town of Devizes and you will cycle through the scenic Vale of Pewsey. Registration costs just £5 for children. Adult entry costs £10 for the 12-mile route, £16.50 for the 45-mile route, and £22.50 for the 100-mile route. Join our team, start raising sponsorship and help us raise enough to pay for a day of life saving mission

For further details call hello@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk or give us a call on 01380 739 453 or visit www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk



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

Braydon

Rein and Shine Open days

Tues 11 Thurs 20 Thurs 27 Aug - 9.30-3pm All sessions must be pre-booked £66. Riders must be over 4 years old and be a maximum weight of 15 stones or 95kg. Prebook by emailing info@reinandshine.co.uk Braydon SN5 0AD

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Bath

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Talking Heads till 8 Aug £15-£33.50

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For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk

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Vintage Sports Car Club's annual

Prescott Speed Hill Climb

over 260 pre-war vintage cars race 2-3Aug £5-£15 (Under 16s free) - cheaper if bought in advance from www.vsccl.co.uk

Prescott Lodge

For further details call 01608 644888 or visit www.vsccl.co.uk

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

Live Ballet: Romeo and Juliet 22 Sep 7.15pm

Live Opera: Le nozze de Figaro 5 Oct 6.45pm

Opera: Cavalleria rusticana / Pagliacci 10 Dec 7.15pm

Ballet: The Nutcracker 16 Dec 7.15pm

Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and many other Cinemas

For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit www.roh.org.uk/cinema

Malmesbury, Chippenham, Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton

National Theatre Live

Live and pre recorded screenings

The Beaux' Stratagem Thurs 3 Sep

Encore: Coriolanus Thurs 24 Sep

Live: Hamlet with Benedict Cumberbatch Thurs 15 Oct

Live: Of Mice and Men Thurs 19 Nov

For further details call or visit www.ntlive.com

Gatcombe Park

Gatcombe Park Horse Trials

The Festival of British Eventing 7-9 Aug 8-5pm see website for details

For further details call 0843 2087455 or visit www.gatcombe-horse.co.uk/

Slimbridge

Wildfowl and wetlands centre

Landrover Safaris every weekend and daily in school holidays

Nature Detectives every weekend and daily in school holidays Free after admission

Slimbridge Wetland Centre *For further details call 01453 891223 or email eleanor.wise@wwt.org.uk or visit www.wwt.org.uk*

Iford

Iford Arts Festival

Opera & Music Festival Opera: Un Ballo in Maschera; Orpheus in the Underworld; Agrippina Gates open at 5.30pm for picnics in the Grade 1 listed Harold Peto gardens of Iford Manor, 6 miles from Bath

Proms and Midsummer Jazz check website for details

For further details call Book via the Theatre Royal Bath Box Office 01225 44 88 44 or online or visit www.ifordarts.org.uk

Long Ashton

Bristol Balloon Fiesta

Bristol Balloon Fiesta Thurs 6 - Sun 9 Aug Mass launches Thurs - Sun at 6am and 6pm. Nightglow mass launches on Thurs & Sat at 9.30pm Red Arrows display Sun 5pm Free entry - car parking £12 / £6 if bought in advance

Mass ascents daily at 6am and 6pm / Nightglows 9 & 11 Aug at 9.30pm

Ashton Court Estate, *For further details call 0117 953 5884 or visit www.bristolballoonfiesta.co.uk*

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Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
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