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Successful bonfire and fireworks

Your generous support at our community bonfire and firework party, organised by Sherston 1016, raised circa £750 for our Village Hall and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

The event was blessed with clear skies and good going underfoot, and with a good turnout from you, the audience! Thank you for your support. It is much appreciated.

Many thanks to:

- All the staff at Sherston Post Office Stores for advance ticket sales on our behalf.
- Our 'music' masters 'Dave and Mike' accompanied with smoke and strobes to get the party started.
- The Scouts' Guy Fawkes who burnt a treat despite the cold wind, loss of hair and some very tight attire!
- Our youngest who braved the UV face painting tent, with some adults too, adding colour to the evening.
- Adults and children alike were well fed thanks to the generosity of Sherston Stores and the delicious produce of Tuck's 'sausages and burgers'.
- Tony Lea for re-building the stone wall as good as new after a minor incident with a vehicle earlier in the day.
- The Hillier family for their continuing support in letting us use their field.
- Maggie, Philip and Pat for electricity, water, coffee and biscuits!

To all the volunteers who made the day happen:

- Bonfire builders
- Wood collectors and all those who donated combustible material.



- BBQ & sales teams
- Clearer-uppers! And Nurden Plant Hire for giving us a preferential rate for our skip hire.
- The twisted 'firework starters'!
- Bryony Gibbs, Brian Littlejohns, Rex Smith, Sherston Free-Range Eggs and UBE Cheltenham for the use of equipment.
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'Brush Up The Bogs Promotions' Presents.....!!

Tart up the toilets? Clean up the khazi? Pimp up the ... err ... anyway, whatever people, hold onto your hats Sherston because it's party time!

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, indeed all manner of good times (Excess All Areas Events) to promote a series of extravaganzas in and around the village hall to raise funds, showcase it as a venue and – above all – give us all an excuse for a right royal knees-up!

The first 'Brush Up The Bogs' event will be on Saturday 25 February when the party-time hit of this summer's Boondocks Festival, the mighty Arkansaw Jukebox Collective (www.facebook.com/ArkansawJukebox/), will be taking covers where frankly covers really shouldn't go, in a night of banjo-fuelled foot-stompin' mayhem.

There will be more details on this first event coming soon but for now just put 25 February in the diary, dust off your Stetson and practice your 'yeee-harrrr'!!

But the important thing to remember is that this is just the start in a series of party nights so keep your eyes peeled for more 'Brush Up The Bogs' productions being announced over the coming months ...



Telephone Boxes

BT has proposed to remove the phone boxes at Pinkney and Sherston on the grounds that they are underused. Only 41 calls were made from the Sherston box last year and none from the Pinkney one.

The phones can only be moved following local consultation so if this is something you feel strongly about, please email or write to the parish council.

We do have an option to adopt the boxes on behalf of the village to preserve them – there have been some interesting uses in other villages, such as book swaps, tourist information points and art galleries. Let us know if you think we should adopt them (wheels are already in motion to adopt the Willesley box).

This is your chance to have your say on the future of the phone boxes.

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

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

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

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Sherston Scout and Guide Christmas Post

Special Scout and Guide stamps will be available from the post office, as well as from the Scout group, for 25p each for deliveries in Sherston, Luckington and Easton Grey. Deliveries will be made on Sunday 18 December - just remember to post your cards by 12.00noon on Saturday 17 December!

Dog Fouling in the Churchyard

Considerable upset and distress has recently been caused to people who tend family graves in the churchyard by finding them fouled by dog faeces. This is an ongoing problem around the village, but it seems particularly thoughtless and inconsiderate of people to allow their dogs to foul the churchyard. Individuals have been seen exercising dogs on leads and making no attempt to clean up after them.

Please do not use the churchyard as an exercise area for your dog; no one in Sherston lives far from open areas where dogs can be walked. Keep your dog on a lead in the churchyard and clean up after it if necessary

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) tries hard to keep the churchyard well kept and a fitting place where the people of our village can remember their friends and family members in dignified surroundings. If the problem of fouling continues, the PCC will be forced to consider banning dogs from the churchyard so that it can be kept in a proper state. With your cooperation a ban will not be necessary. Thank you in advance for respecting the churchyard and its users

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Churchwarden

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Sherston Community Choir

It's been a busy and fun 12 months for Sherston Community Choir (SHOCC), so I thought I'd share a few of the highlights with you.

We ended 2015 with a great evening of carol singing around Sherston – and at The Rattlebone, of course. Money raised went to Parkinsons UK; a charity much in our hearts as one of our members does have this condition. We went back to a member's house for mulled wine (lots) and nibbles.

Throughout 2016 we have been building up our repertoire of songs, ranging from favourites, such as The Lion Sleeps Tonight, O Happy Day and Lean on Me, to classics, such as Vivaldi's Gloria and pieces from the Messiah. At the end of March, family and friends came along to an informal concert and sing-a-long in the British School Room to hear how we were getting on. They seemed to enjoy themselves ... hopefully they were not just being polite!

In July, we sang in the High Street during Boules Day, which was great fun AND we gained a few new members. We also had a table at an event in Malmesbury's Activity Zone, on a day showcasing all the clubs and activities available in the area. Our summer term ended with a social evening (again involving plenty of wine and food) at a beautiful house in Acton Turville.

This autumn term, we have been polishing pieces for the Charity Concert, held on 12 November in the church, where we sang with Sherston Primary School Choir raising money for Julia's House (a hospice in Devizes) and the Toti Worboys Fund. I hope those of you that came along enjoyed yourselves. As per the last couple of years, we also sang to support the Remembrance Day Service. We will be finishing the term off with carol singing around Sherston again, so PLEASE listen out for us and don't draw the curtains! The date and charity will be announced in advance, including on social media such as Sherston What's Occurring and our own choir Facebook page (www.facebook.com/SherstonCommunityChoir).

Although we are called 'Sherston Community Choir', our influence spreads much further than just the village. We have members coming in from outlying areas, such as Malmesbury, Hullavington, Didmarton, Acton Turville, Littleton Drew, Luckington, Great Somerford and even two really enthusiastic members from Bradford-on-Avon and Devizes. That shows devotion! Our Musical Director, Trudi, makes every session truly joyful with her enthusiasm, professionalism and bad jokes. Singing is very good for the health I hear, so do come along in January if you are interested in possibly joining. We follow school terms, and our next starts Wednesday 11 January. Reading music is useful but not essential; just stand next to someone who can! We sing in four-part harmony for most songs, so you can always find a 'part' that you can tackle. It's a bargain at £3 per session (paid termly), with a small donation towards refreshments. We do ask members to buy some pieces of music occasionally, or print their own (when we have copyright permissions) – both of which help keep the membership fee down.


So for more information, check out our Facebook page, email lucy@sherston.plus.com or simply turn up at the British School Room on a Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Sherston Scout Group and Brownies: Grand Christmas Draw

The Sherston Scout Group and Brownies Grand Christmas Draw takes place on Friday 16 December. Tickets will be on sale outside the post office each weekend in the run-up to the draw - don't forget to get yours before it's too late!

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Church Yard History

Some of you may already know that Sherston PCC has been working, for several years, to produce an accurate plan of the entire churchyard. To help with this, an old Burial Register, which was first used in 1877, has been retained in the church. In the New Year, this is going to be taken to the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre (WSHC) in Chippenham and will go into their archives for safe storage, along with all the other old parish registers from Sherston.

If you would like a chance to see the Burial Register before it goes to WSHC, it will be on display in Holy Cross Church on Saturday 14 January from 10.00am to 12.00noon. If your family has lived in Sherston since the late 19th century, you may like to see any information about them which is in the Register. If you know that members of your family lie in the churchyard, you may be able to help us fill in some of the blanks in the information that the PCC holds.

Although all the records at WSHC are available to the public, you will often only get to see them on microfilm because repeated handling of old written materials can lead to damage. On this occasion you will have the chance to see the Register itself, but in order to best preserve it visitors will not be able to handle it themselves. A copy of all the information in the Register should be complete by January and you will be able to look through that in search of information. Someone will also be on hand to find particular entries in the Register and show them to you. This will be a unique occasion to look into the history of our village and its people. Do come along and see what you can find out.

Sue Robinson Churchwarden, Holy Cross Church

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Thank you for your anticipated support.

Lin Prior

Coordinator

November 2016 Draw

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2nd	232	Peter Knight	£12
3rd	17	Carol Gray	£11
4th	109	Jane Harden	£10
5th	248	Margot Holland	£9
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Christmas and New Year surgery times

We will be closed on:

Monday 26 December

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Reminder - Sherston 1016 Christmas Vouchers have ceased

As announced in last May's Cliffhanger, there will be no 1016 Christmas vouchers this year, and in future years.

This is not a decision the members of Sherston 1016 have taken lightly, and there have been many discussions over the past couple of years as to the way forward. We know the vouchers have been much appreciated in the past, but there has been an increasing number of them being returned or unspent over the past few years. The increasing powers of data protection legislation have made it very difficult to keep our records up to date.

This does not prevent Sherston 1016 from raising funds in the future from our various events, and, indeed, we would welcome suggestions for worthy causes to support, no matter what size they might be.

If you know of a worthy cause, please email sherston1016@gmail.com or ring 840112 in the first instance.

For the time being, and being aware of the fact that there are many people of all ages who value the chance to meet up at village events, we have agreed to support the work of the Village Hall Committee in their fundraising for the refurbishment of this very important meeting place. We will also support the Wiltshire Air Ambulance, as none of us ever know when we or our loved ones might need its services.

Rattlebone Christmas Party

Come along and join in the fun at the Rattlebone Christmas Party, from 7.30pm on Thursday 22 December. There will be carol singing with the Dodington Band, with mince pies and other seasonal treats.

The legendary Rattlebone Draw will take place with many wonderful prizes, with first prize of an iPad. Entry is just £1 per square on the big board. Choose your lucky number! Call into the pub during opening hours from now until 22 December to take part. Proceeds from the draw will be divided between the Friends of Sherston School and Sherston 1016.



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SHERSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Meeting in the British School Room

December Services

4th December 11.00am All Age Service

11th December 11.00am Communion Service

18th December 11.00am Advent Service
6.00pm Lessons and Carols
(at Holy Cross)

Camelot the Panto

Photos by Marc Lehrer

At the end of October, Richard and Katie Skeffington directed Sherston Drama Group's production of Ben Crocker's *Camelot the Panto*, which transported the audiences from the Village Hall to the mythical England of King Arthur.



Arthur, played with natural authority by Ella Moriarty, was still a young prince courting Princess Guinevere (Naomi Hoogwerf) who contrived to continue looking good as things happened to her, even being drugged and dragged off stage by an invisible knight. Naomi's singing voice was also a great asset to the panto, matched by Sarah Cowell as Guinevere's maid Nell, and together they produced the best duet in a Sherston panto for many years. The audience got their chance to participate, encouraging Laughalot the Jester (a remarkable performance by Ollie Tappin) to 'be bold and brave' and telling the Dame Connie Clatterbottom (Riaan Van Rooyen) to look behind him.



We had a full house of Van Rooyens. Riaan discovered an unexpected talent for opera singing at a volume which could have easily filled La Scala. Tahiti had no trouble projecting a mixture of glamour and menace as Morgan Le Fay, and sons André and Kyle were a solid mercenary knight with ambitions as an ice cream salesman and a steady hand on the sound effects respectively. Newcomer Henry Fisk impressed as Valerin the Vicious, a young villain with a liking for jelly babies, and Sue Ormiston was just a bit naughty as his mum.



Merlin became younger as the panto progressed, when Clive Renton's mastery of chemistry enabled him to transform into Emma Smeed, who survived an encounter with Morgan Le Fay and a flying pig for long enough to bring about the happy ending before transforming in turn into Barnaby Blows as Very Young Merlin. The Blows family also featured strongly, with Charlie Blows putting in a fabulous performance as the mischievous dancing teddy bear, and Nick Blows' right arm adding to the terror in the Haunted Hotel.





Richard Warren blathered beautifully as King Uther, and Dawn Jago as Queen Igraine coped with the impossible task of keeping him under control with queenly dignity. Sherston's hardworking chorus had multiple parts as usual, including Fearn Blair, Libby Howell, Leon Shortridge and Rebecca Straughen as cowardly knights and Alice Evelyn, Polly Gould, Jess Picton, Rosie Shephard, Grace Strachan and Libby Watson as evil sisters (aided by copious green makeup). Sophie Coleman doubled as bishop and ghost. Sarah Cowell once again choreographed some fabulous dances and selected the music. From the huge behind the scenes effort there is only space to mention the wonderful costumes from Kati Moriarty and her team; Kate Smee and her stage crew; makeup by Debbie Luter and the mums; prompters Sally Clayton and Juliet Blows; set painting by Laura Gould, Kirstie Strachan and Sue Ormiston; lighting and sound from Ewan Blair and Paul Ormiston respectively; box office by Vee Skeffington; and Caty Tappin and her crew for Front of House.

Watch for the Spring Play just after Easter – it promises to be hilarious!



Children in Need Rattlebone fundraiser



I like cooking. Cooking for one is very easy. If it all goes wrong I can just tell myself off, throw it in the bin, order an Indian and move on. Cooking for 55 however; well, that's a bit different and requires certain skills that are honed through years of knowledge and experience. Throw in the long hours, extreme heat and the hairy assed management badgering you daily. It's no wonder chefs are so grumpy. But that is precisely what I was going to be, along with mini me. For one night only. How hard could it be?

Why? - To raise money for Children in Need.

Who? - Representing front of house and taking charge of the kitchen; 'Steptoe and Son' (Gavin and Harry) ably assisted by Rosie the runner and Dee on the pots.

Representing the kitchen and taking charge of front of house; 'Mr Dapper, Slim and the Man With No Hair' (Roger, Jamie and Robbie) ably assisted by Bamber relieved of quizmaster duties just for one night.

So, with many different boots on many different feet we took on the challenge. Out front 'Laurel and Hardy' (Dapper and Slim to you) were in total control and loving every minute whilst 'the man with no hair' kept getting lost. In the kitchen, meanwhile, 'Steptoe' could be found perspiring, cursing and finding ingenious new ways of burning himself whilst 'Son' chuntered a lot, regularly throwing his toys in the general direction of anybody who got in his way.

But do you know what? Everybody had a great time. The spontaneous round of applause when we came out of the kitchen was touching. The people paying the money were very generous with their compliments and praise for the participants and 'Slim' found his true vocation keeping everybody royally entertained. Details of my new job to follow shortly...

Thank you sincerely to everybody who participated, both customers and staff. Your support and donations were gratefully received. A grand total of £335 makes it all worthwhile. Meanwhile has anybody seen 'the man with no hair'?

Gavin

A new Preschool for Sherston?

Sherston is a village that attracts many families but, despite its many facilities, is currently lacking a preschool. We are hoping to rectify this by gathering the necessary support and funding to build and operate a new preschool.

First and foremost, we must consider the best interests of the children in terms of their care and education. We intend the new preschool to be based on a self-sustaining business model with extended hours and wrap-around care. It will be a professionally managed facility, with the background support of a committee to allow the preschool to be run in a sustainable way. It will be based in a purpose-built setting that provides a modern, stimulating and fun environment for the children of Sherston and the surrounding areas to embark on their early years education.

We are aiming to offer the following services:

- Daily core hours of 9.00am to 3.00pm
- Breakfast club – available to preschool and primary school age children
- After-school club - available to preschool and primary school age children
- Holiday clubs - available to preschool and primary school age children

Where will it be?

It is commonly understood that preschools tend to thrive when they are closely associated with, and are in proximity to, their feeder primary schools. We believe that a permanent location in close proximity to Sherston CofE Primary School will be most advantageous.

The upcoming Sherston Neighbourhood Plan (see sherston.org.uk for further information) incorporates a site for a preschool within its plans. We are supportive of the village plan and optimistic that if the current Sherston Neighbourhood Plan proceeds, this will facilitate our aims to be situated in close proximity to the school.

What are we doing to move things forward?

We are liaising closely, and building strong relationships with the school and the Parish Council, which are both in support of our proposals. We also have a business case under way. We are having monthly meetings with a core team of people interested in moving this project forward.

Do we have your support?

Whether you have young children, older children, or no children we would be grateful for your support.

We have produced a short survey for the purposes of market research and to ascertain local levels of support. This has already gone out on social media, but if you have not already seen and completed the survey, we would be really grateful for a few minutes of your time to support this venture or provide your views. It can be found at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NLPBFWJ. Alternatively hard copies are available in the post office, along with a box where you can leave your responses.

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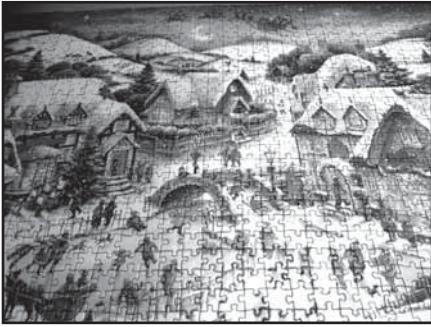


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My number is 841147 or email me manddgee@btinternet.com

I look forward to hearing from you.

Happy Christmas, *Marion Gee*

Saturday 4 February is Quiz Night!

Don't forget that the Friends of Sherston School are picking up where Busy Hands left off ... Put the date in your diary and start picking your teammates, there's a new trophy at stake!



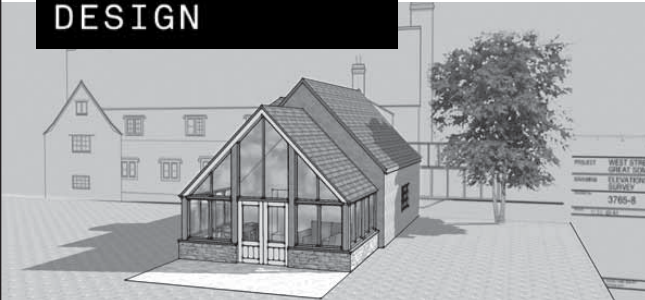
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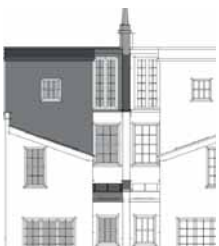
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November Round-Up

The visiting speaker for our November meeting was Paul Jupp. Paul, who now runs his own company called 'Meadow in my Garden', explained that his passion for wildlife had started as a young boy with 'The Readers' Digest Book of British Birds' and that one of his key objectives was to encourage as many people as possible to take part in planting wildflowers to encourage wildlife and maintain/reinstate the natural biodiversity of our landscapes. Paul gave us some staggering figures about the loss of species in the UK over the past 40 years (more than 50%) and that one in ten UK species are currently threatened with extinction. All of us will have noticed that we don't see as many hedgehogs (who, incidentally, were roaming the earth with the dinosaurs) as we used to, but that's not surprising when we learnt that their numbers have declined from the tens of millions in the 1950s to less than one million today.

Paul's talk was accompanied by some beautiful birdsongs and some lovely slides of wildflower planting, not just large-scale meadow planting but also small areas on kerbsides, roundabouts and in gardens. As Wiltshire residents, we were cheered to know that our county is one of the best natural areas in the UK for wildflowers. Paul has been providing surplus seeds to schools to encourage children to experience the pleasures of gardening. Along with other volunteers, he has planted up some roundabouts and kerbsides with wildflowers, which has, no doubt, brightened up many a commute and trip to the shops.

Members who attended the meeting were able to purchase some of the products sold by Paul's company and we'll be watching with interest to see where all these lovely flowers pop up in the next few years.

The next meeting of the WI will be held on Thursday 1 December in the British School Room, commencing at 2.30pm. Nicola Clark will be providing musical entertainment for us and this will be followed by tea and cake. Visitors to our meetings are always welcome.

Penny Hutchings

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My problem is that I can't be everywhere – I do so miss visiting the coffee mornings and lunch clubs! What I need is some eyes and ears in your area to let me know if there are issues and problems affecting your, or your friends' and family's lives. For example, are there enough carers to visit the more remote villages (trick question, I know there aren't!)? Is the bus service available when you need it? Is there enough going on in your village? Would a new social group make your life better? This is the sort of stuff you will know but may not know where to report it. So, could you be the person to help me? I won't be looking for you to attend lots of formal meetings, but rather to expand my current network of lovely people who can be my 'eyes and ears' out there and contact me with what's good and what's not. Give me a call for a chat about it – I promise that you won't be press-ganged into more than you want to do!

Meanwhile, 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.

In the meantime, as we fast approach the festive season, I would like to take this chance to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and every good wish for the New Year – 2017 already!

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The North Wilts Flower Club AGM was held in October, and proved to be a positive meeting reflecting the success of the club over the last year and looking forward to our 45th anniversary year in 2017. This was followed by a very interesting talk on Gardening for Bees by Sue Carter, Head Gardener for the National Trust at Lacock, which opened our eyes to just how many varieties of bee there are. She also gave good tips on what to plant in flower borders to encourage bees into our gardens.

Future meetings

14 December: Christmas workshop. Oaksey, Village Hall. Please note change of date and venue. Members have the chance to make their own arrangements in readiness for Christmas. A 'bring and share' supper will conclude the evening and the very successful year.

18 January: Demonstration by Marie Mundy called 'Let's go to the movies - Take Two'

15 February: Annual Dinner at La Flambé. This event will be extra special this year as the flower club celebrates its 45th anniversary.

Looking back

Another successful enjoyable evening with Jonathan Moseley was held at Country Baskets, Avonmouth, Bristol. Jonathan managed a wonderful array of arrangements in a short time. He used products available at Country Baskets. This inspired us to raid the aisles in the hope of recreating his designs. Thanks to Jenny P for organising the evening, which raised £400 this will be shared between Breast Cancer Care and Prostate Cancer UK.

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

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Midnight Christmas Communion, 11.30pm Christmas Eve. Traditionally the first Eucharist of Christmas.

Family Communion on Christmas Day, 10.00am. A Christmas celebration for all ages.

On New Year's Day there will be the usual pattern of Sunday services, but with a particular theme of welcoming the New Year and praying for the world.

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Sherston Senior Club

On 18 October we had a very interesting talk by Ceri Cryer of Brinkworth Cheeses. Members sampled various cheeses and we were enlightened as to how they were created. Ceri's presentation was very professional and she is a most talented lady. This was a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting was the Autumn Sale when members supported us as always and a few non-members attended. We would like to extend thanks to everyone who came as the event helped to raise £164.40 for Club funds in just over an hour.

On 15 November members remembered interesting items from the Queen's reign and on 29 November, Sherston School Choir entertained us with a magical afternoon.

Looking forward, our Christmas Lunch is at The Old Royal Ship on 13 December.

The Club then closes for the Christmas period and starts again on 10 January at 2.00pm in the British School Room. This will be our AGM and subscription renewal meeting. New members are welcome and membership costs £15.00. We meet every two weeks. 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. We look forward to welcoming you on 10 January.

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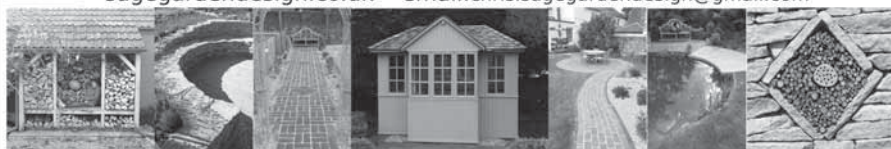
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A Date for Boondocks Festival 2017.....?

.... sadly, not folks! After two truly amazing Boondocks Festivals the team have decided to take 2017 off.

Why? Well running the festival requires a huge amount of work for all the team (many man months) and it's run on a voluntary basis, so it's a really big ask of the people involved to commit to doing it every year.

The crew would love to bring the festival back in 2018 but even with the massive amount of community support and volunteer effort that goes into it only just breaks even. So they are going to spend a fair bit of 2017 trying to figure out how to make the numbers add up in 2018.

Neil Muttock, one of the festival directors, said that 'the problem we have is we have put on a really professional festival for a bargain price, so it's hard to know how we improve from there! Obviously, we could just put the ticket prices up to reflect the quality of the music and production but we'd like to keep it accessible if we can'

He added 'Maybe we could get external funding like Phoenix Festival in Cirencester or CalneFest in Calne where the town council foots the bill, or it could be something like Nibley Festival in Gloucestershire where a large local employer sponsors the festival, so if anyone has any ideas on how we could make that happen get in touch!'

So bad news for festival types in 2017 but hopefully back with a bang in 2018, and as ever there is more information on Facebook etc (www.facebook.com/TheBoondocksFestival).

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Mike explains: 'I fell in love with the hotel from the first moment I took a look at the place. The support from the people of Sherston has been amazing. I hope I will have their continued support in my new business... I have a great team of staff, without whom, I could not take on this challenge and we are all looking forward to making a name for ourselves within the community... I plan to do a lot for the village so I encourage everyone to call in any time to say hello, if they have not already been in. I am very excited about this takeover so stay tuned!'

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We are currently developing our promotions to support the local village, as well as attract a wider audience. Please 'like' our Facebook page and stay tuned for the following:

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Sherston School Forest Club

Sherston School Forest School Club has been helping to spread the message about the link between storm drains and our rivers and pollution by working with the Bristol & Avon River Trust and participating in their 'Yellowfish' project. We were pleased to welcome Harriet Alvis (an ex-Sherston pupil) to a recent session and she explained to the children how any waste entering outdoor drains can go directly to the nearest stream, river or lake, causing pollution and killing aquatic wildlife. To raise awareness in the village, the children enthusiastically marked storm drains in the vicinity of the school with painted yellow fish and we put up explanatory posters.

We then set off to the Sherston Avon for the children to become citizen scientists by assessing phosphate and nitrate levels in the water. The children collected river samples to use in colour dip tests and awaited the results. Many children were very excited to see their samples turn a very bright shade of pink!

Harriet explains: 'Phosphate and nitrate are essential for plant life and healthy rivers. However, too much can cause excessive algae and plant growth, which can smother rivers, reducing oxygen in the water and therefore biodiversity. This is known as eutrophication. Nutrients can come from waste-

water, agriculture, urban run-off, as well as some from natural sources such as weathering of rocks and groundwater. Using the simple colour dip tests, the children found low levels of phosphates but higher than normal (and higher than the nearby Luckington Brook) levels of nitrates. These results will help Bristol Avon Rivers Trust to better understand how nutrients vary across the Sherston area in the future and help to direct future water quality improvement works. Thanks to the Bristol Avon Catchment Partnership and the Halpin Charitable Trust for funding BART's work in the area.'

Thank you to Harriet too, for a really fun and informative afternoon, from which the children went home to pass on the important message that storm drains link directly to rivers. Please remember, only rain down the drain!

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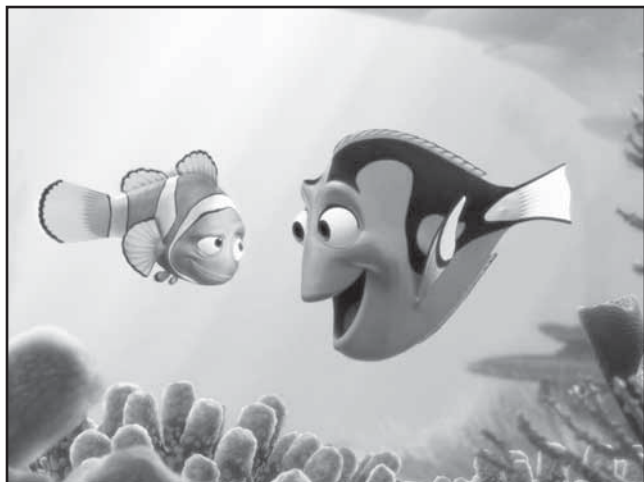
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'Gloria is a word that features more than most in all forms of music celebrating Christmas, from traditional carols, such as Ding dong merrily on high or Angels from the realms of glory, through to modern works by recent or living composers. The famous words from St Luke's Gospel, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and goodwill towards men", convey the uplifting and optimistic message of the Christmas story. Our three Glorias are all youthful, irrepressibly joyous and upbeat,' says musical director Iain Duffin.

The choir is delighted to be joined by Rupert Drury, who will sing the tenor solo in a performance of the Gloria from the Messa di Gloria by Puccini. Following a prestigious musical education, Rupert has given regular solo recitals, in addition to taking leading roles in opera and oratorio, most recently with the Bath Opera.

Also making a guest appearance is the Celebration Jazz Quartet, a group of local musicians drawn from the Celebration Jazz Band, which has given successful performances both at home and abroad. As well as accompanying the choir in a performance of the Gloria from Chilcott's A Little Jazz Mass, the quartet will play jazz settings of O Holy Night and O for a closer walk with thee. So this is definitely a programme with something to appeal to everyone!

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All profits go to covering the costs of the event and to Sherston 1016, raising money for local good causes, this year donating to the Village Hall Fund and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

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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

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

Mustard Seeds is a Saturday morning 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

Sunday Newspapers

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

Link provides a voluntary car service for residents living in the Malmesbury area, taking those in need to hospital, the 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.

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

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

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

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Concert Band

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

Malmesbury Community Choir

The Malmesbury Community Choir is a non-audition performing choir that meets for rehearsals in the Old School Room at the Town Hall every Monday evening from 7.30-9.30pm. The waiting list is currently full for ladies, but we would always welcome extra men and young people between 14-21 years old. Membership is £50 per quarter, but membership for U18s is free and U21s is half price. For further information please email info@malmesburycommunitychoir.org, visit the website at www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org or www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir.

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

The local branch holds monthly meetings at Little Somerford Village Hall. On alternate months there are Saturday workshops on a wide range of topics, and on the intervening dates there is a Tuesday evening talk at 7.30pm. We always welcome newcomers and occasional visitors, although prebooking is essential for the workshops. Just turn up for the talks – non members £5. For further information please phone Heather Martin 840375 or www.malmesburyembroiderers.blogspot.com

Malmesbury Luncheon Club

Over 60s meet every Wednesday at midday in the Wesleyan Room of Malmesbury Town Hall for a chat and a 2 course lunch followed by tea or coffee. £3.50. Please call Helen Churchill on 840080 if you'd like to attend. New members most welcome. Volunteers also needed to prepare and serve lunch, no washing up.

Malmesbury Film Society

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

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

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

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

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

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

The Rattlebone Boules League Consists of 48 teams playing in 3 Leagues. Contact Tony Towle on 840574.

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

Senior Club Meets at 2pm in the British School Room every other Tuesday. Closes mid Dec, starts again on 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. We meet 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, not to mention a much-needed cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. For further details contact Anna Glassborow, sherstontoddlergroup@gmail.com or alternative like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

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

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should 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 Tuesday nights from 7.00pm to 9.00pm during school term times. To join contact Riaan van Rooyen riaan@pulse-software.co.uk There is currently a small waiting list to join.

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

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

Sherston Drama Group

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

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

Sherston Swimming Club

Want to get fit? Lose weight? Our Club is a friendly and sociable group open to anyone of any swimming ability. 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. £45 for 10 weeks. For further information please phone Maggie (840969), Annabel on 840592 or Heather (840375).

Sherston Magna Cricket Club Junior nets 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 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 Starts again 11 Jan. £3 per session - All welcome. Further information from Lucy Lawrance on 840778 (evenings) or lucy@sherston.plus.com 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 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 Velo A new cycling club formed of enthusiastic road cyclists from Sherston and the surrounding area - formally accredited by British Cycling at the end of 2014. There are regular rides each Saturday and Sunday morning with a fast paced group leaving first for an hour, followed by a longer club run. For membership and other information about the club, visit the website www.sherstonvelo.cc or email Mark Walsh at secretary@sherstonvelo.cc

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

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

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

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'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 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

February

4 FSS Quiz

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

Local crafts and produce which vary each month, cake stalls including Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh local vegetables and cheeses from Brinkworth Dairy. Last monthly market – 2017 look out for pop up markets Every month a free stall in the lobby is made available to local charity or voluntary group to raise funds - this month Battle of Sherston souvenirs will be on sale on behalf of local good causes group Sherston 1016. Sat 17 Dec 10am-2pm Village hall For further details call 07887 814843 or 07769 613627 or email info@awkwardsquad.co.uk or visit www.sherstonmarket.co.uk or www.facebook.com/pages/Sherston-Market/195319400641324

The Angel

Under New Management now Check facebook for details
Pop Up Nail Bar Every Wed from 7 Dec from 6pm, BELLISSIMO of Malmesbury offer treatments starting at £20. Free large glass of wine. Pre-booking advised to avoid disappointment via Dawn on 07807 238127

New Years dinner and dance night drinks reception, 3 course meal and live music to follow £50 per head

COMING SOON to the Angel New kids play area and movie room 'Family Friendly Fridays'

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

The Carpenter's Arms

Loads of events planned for Dec - 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

Live Music: Nobody's Business Sat 17 Dec 9pm

Rattlebone Christmas Party with the Dodington Brass Band

Thurs 22 Dec 7.30pm

Live Music: The Killertones Boxing Day

The Legendary New Year's Eve Party - this year's theme Sci-Fi with DJ Longmouse from 9pm

For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter

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

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

Call in and see a selection of paintings by local artists Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon.

Church events

Churches Together in Sherston Carol Service 6pm on 18 Dec. A nine lessons and carols format

Crib Service 6pm on Christmas Eve. Gather round the crib for a child-friendly service with well-known carols and the blessing of the Crib

Midnight Christmas Communion 11.30 pm Christmas Eve. Traditionally the first Eucharist of Christmas

Family Communion on Christmas Day 10am A Christmas celebration for all ages. It's a great way for the whole family to have fun and food together and engage with the Christian story in a more informal way than can sometimes be possible in church.

Burial Register on display in Holy Cross Church on Sat 14 Jan from 10am to 12 noon. If your family has lived in Sherston since the late 19th century you may like to see any information about them which is in the Register, which was first used in 1877. In the new year this is going to be taken to the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre (WSHC) in Chippenham and will go into their archives for safe storage, along with all the other old parish registers from Sherston

Church of the Holy Cross

For further details call Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or

susan.harvey44@hotmail.com

Sherston WI Talks

Christmas Tea with Nicola Clark A Musical Entertainment 1 Dec 2.30pm BSR If new to the village come and make new friends.

Visitors always welcome - £3.50

Members' New Year Lunch 5 Jan No meeting in January

AGM 2 Feb 2.30pm BSR

For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or

jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Sherston Senior Club

Christmas Lunch 13 Dec at The Old Royal Ship

AGM and subscription renewal meeting 10 Jan at 2pm in the

BSR Every two weeks. 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.

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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 Visitors are welcome to the meetings £2 per visit, includes tea and biscuits. Visitors are welcome to any of the outings space permitting. British School Room *For further details call Helen Quirk 840516 Please contact Pearl Dyer 01666 840619 to reserve a place on the outings*

Sue's Strolls

Sun 8 Jan 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 see www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk
For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk

Sherston Theatre Club

AGM Mon 18 Jan at 7.30pm We have a varied programme with a Sherston to venue coach pick-up - new members welcome - subscription £20

British School Room *For further details call Helen Quirk 840516*

Friends of Sherston School

Annual Fundraising Quiz Night Save the date Sat 4 Feb Raffle and auction. Bar opens 7.30pm Quiz starts at 8pm £20 for a team of up to 4 All proceeds to Sherston School Sherston Village Hall *For further details call Tickets on sale at the Post Office or call Emma 841402 or email emmanewby@gmail.com*

Worker's Educational Association (WEA) Art, Literature and Music courses

WEA Courses for 2016-17 New Literature and Art courses from the Workers Educational Association return to Sherston for the Autumn and Winter The courses offer the opportunity to learn more about interesting topics from expert tutors in an informal and convivial setting

Paul Chapman presents the intriguing Down Under: The Art of Australia an introductory look at how art in Australia developed from European painting in the early days of the colony towards the modernist painters of an independent nation in the 20th century This course has 6 meetings from Fri 6 Jan to Fri 10 Feb 2017, 10am - 12.15pm £50

British Schoolroom *For further details call Enquiries and bookings contact Warwick or Pat Jones on 840764 or warwickandpatjones@gmail.com or visit www.wea.org.uk/*

Rural Arts Wiltshire

NINEBARROW - in aid of Sherston Village Hall Chase away those winter blues with an evening of live music brought to us by Rural Arts Touring. Ninebarrow will transport us through mysterious folk tales, wild landscapes and fascinating bits of history, with a dose of humour thrown in. Suitable for all ages. Tickets on sale in January. Licensed bar. Profits to the Village Hall Development Fund.

Village Hall *For further details call www.ninebarrow.co.uk or visit www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk*

Fundraiser for Sherston Village Hall Repairs

Brush up the Bogs present The mighty Arkansaw Jukebox Collective in concert in aid of the VH loos 25 Feb 8pm till late - more details to follow

Watch this space for future fundraising concerts

Village Hall *For further details call www.facebook.com/*

ArkansawJukebox/ or visit www.facebook.com/ArkansawJukebox/

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 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 call Joel Faulkner joel.p.faulkner@gmail.com

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

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

The Enchanted Christmas an illuminated trail route through the Old Arboretum and more exciting festive activities, foods and stalls onsite. The hard paths are accessible for wheelchairs and electric scooters and these can be booked in advance by calling 881218. Every Fri, Sat & Sun 25 Nov - 18 Dec Sorry, dogs (except



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Summer concerts Tickets on sale now for: **Olly Murs** Fri 16 Jun; **Rick Astley** Sat 17 Jun

Westonbirt Arboretum *For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt*

Cotswolds

Cotswold Rural Skills Courses

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Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

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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. 18th Dec- 'Florence Foster Jenkins' starring Meryl Streep, Hugh Grant and Simon Helberg 22 Jan - 'Absolutely Fabulous' starring Jennifer Saunders, Joanna Lumley and Jane Horrocks. Whatley Manor *For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com*

Malmesbury

Events at Malmesbury Library

Wiltshire Christmas - a talk and readings from the Wiltshire Archives with Margaret Moles (archivist) revealing how this seasonal event in our historic county was celebrated in the past. Wed 2 Dec at 2.30pm Tickets £3 (inc refreshment) Malmesbury Library, Cross Hayes *For further details call 823611*

Late Night Christmas Shopping in Malmesbury

Festive street market with Santa's Grotto, carol singers, and late night shopping Fri 2 Dec 6 - 9 pm Free park & ride from Malmesbury Garden Centre

Late Night Shopping some shops will have later night opening till 7pm on Thurs and Fri till Christmas e.g Green & Grey check with individual shops for details

Upper High St, Malmesbury

For further details call To book a stall call 01249 783434

Malmesbury Singers

Christmas Concert

"Gloria" the programme features three joyous and upbeat Glorias by Pergolesi, Puccini and Chilcott, together with a feast of carols old and new. The choir (director Iain Duffin) will be joined by tenor soloist Rupert Drury and the Celebration Jazz Quartet.

Sat 10 Dec 7.30pm Tickets (£12, £5 students / chd) available from Abbey Bookshop or email: tickets@malmesburysingers.co.uk Malmesbury Abbey *For further details call Abbey book shop*

Singing for the Brain

Singing sessions are led by a trained Singing for the Brain leader Every other Monday 1.30-3pm a free service (funded by Wiltshire council) is designed to be a fun, stimulating and social activity for people with a diagnosis of dementia and their family/friends or carers. For session dates and to book your place please call Pam Ollis at our Chippenham office on 01249 443469

Malmesbury Activity Zone, Bremilham Road

For further details call 01249 443469 or

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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 & 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

No meeting in Dec

'Bring & share' lunch on Thurs 26 Jan

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

HEALS Isolation Christmas Lunch Christmas Eve

For the 2nd year running, we are working with Waitrose and other retailers in the town to bring "Christmas cheer" to those that are lonely or vulnerable in our communities. Nominations for places should be sent in the first instance to HEALS of Malmesbury's General Manager, Alison Cross-Jones, who will agree with you how the nominee will be approached. The lunch is open to all ages including families. Our plan is to again serve Christmas lunch in the Malmesbury Community Hub at Malmesbury Town Hall, on Christmas Eve and if possible to provide each attendee with a gift.

Similarly we ask that you please spread the word among those you know who might be willing to help us organise these events. We need cooks, vegetable "preparers", drivers, waiters and waitresses, "setter uppers" and "cleaner uppers!" The more the merrier!

For further details call heals.malmesbury@gmail.com or 238100

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WOMAD - World Music Festival

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Tetbury

Christmas Events in Tetbury

The Christmas Lights Switch-On Mark Cummings from BBC Radio Gloucestershire Thurs 1 Dec 5.15pm starting with a torchlit procession from St Mary's Church Community carols, evening entertainment and stalls under the Market Hall & late night shopping Road Closure 4-8pm Church Street from Old Brewery Lane to Long Street will be closed to traffic. A traffic diversion will apply. Tetbury Market Square For further details call Tetbury Tourist Information 503552 or visit www.christmasintetbury.org.uk/switchon.shtml

Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

Golden Years Fri 9 Dec 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

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Finding Dory [PG] Wed 7 Dec Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door Grittleton Village Hall

For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com or visit www.moviola.org/

Grittleton Baptist Chapel

Monthly service 3rd Sunday each month at 2.30pm

Victorian Carol Service 17 Dec 2.30pm if anyone would like to join the choir for this or any other of our costumed events, please get in touch on the number below

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Chippenham For further details call or visit www.mha.org.uk

Oaksey, Chippenham

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Events, talks and courses

Needle Felted Christmas Decorations 1 day course Make your very own needle felted Christmas decorations with textile artist Helen Shields. 6 Dec 9.30am Free but booking essential. See website www.wiltshirewildlife.org/Event/needle-felted-christmas-decorations This event is bought to you by the Wild Connections Team.

The Secret Life of Bats Bat expert Dr Ian Cardy will give an illustrated talk on how bats have survived on earth for 100 million years and how they are managing in today's world. Wed 21 Dec 7.30pm £2.50 accompanied children free. Contact: Ivan Randall 837783 Chippenham SN14 0LL

The visitor centre, Lower Moor Farm, near Oaksey SN16 9TW
For further details call Tamsin on Tamsin.W@wiltshirewildlife.org or (01380) 725670 x254

Lacock

Special Events at Lacock Abbey & Village

Christmas at Lacock 11am - 4pm throughout Dec

Christmas tree festival 25 magical trees in the abbey's cloister

Lacock Abbey For further details call 01249 730459 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lacock

Crudwell

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Christmas Workshop Wed 14 Dec Oaksey Village Hall A bring and share supper will conclude the evening and the very successful year.

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"Let's go to the movies - Take Two" Demonstration by Marie Mundy 18 Jan

Annual Dinner at La Flambé This event will be extra special this year as the flower club celebrates its 45th anniversary. 15-Feb
Oaksey Village Hall For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

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Forest Green Rovers F.C.

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Wotton-Under-Edge The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them; A United Kingdom; Trolls; Francofonia; NT Live : No Man's Land Thurs 15 Dec; Moana; Rogue One: A Star Wars Story; La Fille Inconnue; RSC LIVE: The Tempest Wed 11 Jan; NT LIVE: Amadeus Thur 2 Feb check website for details
For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com

Wotton Bridge Club

Bridge lessons on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Wotton Civic Centre, from Oct onwards. £6 per lesson. Complete beginners welcome.

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Bitton

Avon Valley Steam Trains

Santa Express - meet Santa on a 1 hour train ride through the Avon valley Every weekend in Dec 6 departures from 10.30 am till 4.30pm Carols and steam Sat 3 Dec 6.45pm Sherry & Mince Pies 26, 27, 30 & 31 Dec For further details call 0117 932 5538 or visit www.avonvalleyrailway.org

Swindon

Great Western Railway Museum

Christmas stalls @ Steam Sat 3 - Sun 4 Dec 10am-5pm Over 50 stalls £3 adult £1 child and entry to whole museum at this price For further details call 01793 466646 or visit www.steam-muse

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 Opera: LIVE Il trovatore 31-Jan Ballet LIVE: Woolf Works 8-Feb

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National Theatre Live

Live and pre recorded screenings NT Live: No Man's Land (live) 15 Dec NT Live: Amadeus 2-Feb-17 NT LIVE: St Joan 16-Feb NT Live: Hedda Gabler 9-Mar NT LIVE: Twelfth Night 6-Apr For further details visit www.ntlive.com

Bath

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Bristol

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Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

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Floods: 0300 456 0105 or drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk

Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes

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www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

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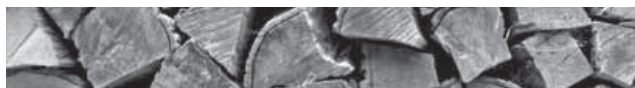
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