



# Sherston Scout and Guide Christmas Fundraising

Last year, our Christmas Draw and the Christmas Post raised just over £1000 towards the insurance, maintenance and running costs of the Headquarters building in Green Lane. Tickets for the annual Christmas Draw for three hampers and many other glorious prizes will be on sale from section Leaders, and outside the Post Office during December.

In addition, Sherston's Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides will be delivering Christmas Cards to addresses in Sherston, Easton Grey, and Luckington. Last posting date is Saturday 16 December and Christmas cards will be delivered on Sunday 17 December. Scout Post Stamps will be on sale (price 25p each) from Section Leaders, and from Sherston Post Office Stores from 1 December. Please post your Christmas Cards in the special post boxes - there will be one in Sherston Post Office Stores.

We are very grateful to local businesses for their donations and support especially to the Sherston Post Office Stores who have donated a hamper containing local produce and are accommodating the special posting box, and to Compass Graphic Design for production of the special postage stamps.



## Help needed to keep Oak and Furrows going

Please could everybody have a look at the [oakandfurrows.co.uk](http://oakandfurrows.co.uk) site and read about their problems. They are a wonderful local wildlife charity who will take any wild animals or birds.

We had 6 hedgehogs from them a few years ago and released them on our land at Sherston. They have recently moved to a lovely new site near Minety and are having problems carrying on.

They have a just giving site [www.justgiving.com/oakandfurrows](http://www.justgiving.com/oakandfurrows) and even £5 would help.

This is a very safe site and easy to use. Please don't let this fantastic 24 year old charity fail.

If anybody has any dog or cat food or bird food, newspaper or donations for them they can let me have this and I can deliver it.

Beryl Clampton 841201, 07850623517, [beryl@clampton.com](mailto:beryl@clampton.com)

## Sherston Community Choir

The choir was delighted to be asked to sing at the preview evening of the recent Art Festival, at the rededication of the British School Room. We also sang 'Be Still My Soul' with music by Sibelius at the service of Remembrance whilst the wreaths were being laid. The Choir has an exciting evening lined up joining with Sherston Primary School at a concert in Holy Cross Church on Saturday 2 December (tickets at the PO.) After that it is carol singing round the village on 13 December when we hope you will come out and join us.

Thank you. Jill

# Arts Festival 2018 Calendar



The 2018 'In and Around Sherston' calendar, which uses images selected from the Photographic Exhibition, is on sale now in Sherston Post Office Stores. The A4 sized, full colour calendar is only £6.50 and is sold in aid of Sherston Arts Festival funding local groups.

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

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## Sherston Christmas Market

This year's Christmas Market will take place on 9 December from 10.00am to 4.00 pm in the Village Hall. All stall fees will go towards the renovation fund.

There will be plenty of stalls selling quality gifts at affordable prices. You will receive a warm Yuletide welcome from all our stallholders. There will also be plenty of hot food available from Emma's Kitchen, to eat in or take away, plus some mulled wine and mince pies! Hortico will also be joining us this month selling some beautiful Christmas trees and wreaths.

See you there folks and a very Merry Christmas from everyone at Sherston Market!

## Christmas Household Recycling

All household recycling centres will be closed from 1.00pm on 24 December and all day on 25 December, 26 December, and 1 January. At all other times normal opening hours will apply, 10.00am-4.00pm, five days per week. We encourage residents to visit at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres) to check which days your local centre is open.

## Cuppa, Cake and a Chat

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We were pleased with the response to our inaugural 'Cuppa, Cake and a Chat' and will be holding our next one in January and fortnightly thereafter. The next few dates are 16 and 30 January, 13 and 27 February and sessions will take place in the British School Room from 2.30pm. No set charge but a donation box will be available for anyone who feels like giving a little towards the homemade cake. We look forward to seeing you there.

For further details contact Jill Woodward 840 578.

## Quiz Night 2018

The 2018 village quiz night will be held on Saturday 3 February. Run again by the Friends of Sherston School, it promises to be a fantastic night out. As always, in addition to the quiz itself, there will be a raffle and auction with some amazing prizes. Put the date in your diary, find yourself a team of four people and be ready to buy your ticket in January!

# Sherston Boules & Carnival



Sherston Boules weekend is no doubt just a distant memory as Christmas is nearly upon us and we are getting ready for the big event. Most of you will be cosying up to an open fire, practising your Christmas carols and preparing the mince pies in readiness for the season of goodwill, however, in our 'local' way, Sherston Boules is a great goodwill event. Not only is it a weekend of fun, frolics and socialising but a huge local fundraiser for our village groups and societies. This year we are pleased to confirm that we are distributing a record £8000 back into the local community with over 20 groups benefiting from the weekend's events and fundraising.

Sherston is a unique village with a strong, fun loving community. We are different to most places and Sherston Boules brings us all together in that unique way. Our thriving village gets an honourable mention every year by The Sunday Times as one of Britain's Best Villages – an accolade also recognised by Channel 4 who filmed this year's event as part of 'Village of the Year' along with the Pub Challenge between the Carpenters Arms and The Rattlebone Inn which appeared on the BBC's One Show too. Where else would you want to live?

Boules Day is a fun day but quietly it is principally a fundraiser. Thirty-two years ago, the original Boules Day raised funds for Sherston Church. Today the countless helpers do their bit and by doing their 'bit', the rewards come directly back to their group, whether it be the Village Hall, Brownies, Cubs, Cricket Clubs, Seniors, Sherston Velo – the benefits are tremendous.

Over the past three years during my tenure as chairman, I have been astounded by the way that Sherston pulls together- the sheer numbers of helpers, contributors and a huge number of residents of which there are too many to mention, drag themselves away from doing something else and make this village 'special' – I thank you all.

Sadly, the current committee, like many committees before them, are now in need of fresh volunteers to make Sherston Boules 2018 happen next year. In particular, we need help with a treasurer's role – ideally someone with bookkeeping knowledge, a secretary to take some brief minutes and prepare an agenda and a chair person to keep the meeting on track. We DO have a lot of fun and it's not as time consuming as you might think! With over 32 years under our belts, the format is similar each year and we therefore meet half a dozen times a year over a pint (or a glass of water!) and meetings are not normally longer than an hour, so if you are part of one of the groups that benefit or just fancy helping and integrating with some great company, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

*James Pyle, Chairman 2015-2017 840886*

## Walk on the wild side



Your chance to help save a rare species (in Sherston AND it's really easy...) You may not know this but within a few miles of Sherston

are the last colonies in

the UK of a very rare species – and I very much doubt you have ever heard of it.

The national 'Back from the Brink' project, funded by the National Lottery, aims to save some of the most endangered plants, insects, birds etc in the UK.

The species in question is the Barberry Carpet Moth and there are only 11 colonies left on the UK with six just south of here around Hullavington and one at Westonbirt so its national stronghold is all around us but not in Sherston - we need to fix that!! The Barberry Carpet moth used to be a far more common species in Britain and was widespread over southern England and found as far North as Yorkshire. It definitely won't eat your carpets as its sole native food-plant is Common Barberry (*Berberis vulgaris*) which is no longer a common plant. Remaining colonies of the moth have become isolated from each other, populations have reduced, and the moth has become far more vulnerable to local extinctions.

The Common Barberry bush is an attractive plant with beautiful orange/red berries and attractive autumn colours. The bushes grow slowly and ideally need some aftercare so that they don't get swamped by competing vegetation. They do have spines like their cultivated cousins (so may not be good in a garden with children) and left to grow large they can reach 7 or 8 foot tall in hedgerows but it is possible to keep them much smaller. Chester Zoo are growing the bushes (so you don't even have to buy them!!) and ideally Butterfly Conservation want to plant Barberry in clumps of at least three plants so that in the future these plants would be capable of supporting a small colony of the moth.

The moth is capable of dispersal but they want to ensure that new plantings are less than a kilometre from each other in order to provide plenty of new areas or 'stepping stones' between the existing colonies. The plan, lead by the Project Officer from Butterfly Conservation - Fiona Haynes, is to start planting out the young bushes over the autumn and winter months. If you enough space for at least three plants please get in touch with myself or Fiona and we can supply the plants and help plant them.

Anyone who would like to assist with planting or who has potential planting locations in mind including their own garden, should contact the Barberry Carpet Project Officer Fiona Haynes on 07483 039323 or at [fhaynes@butterfly-conservation.org](mailto:fhaynes@butterfly-conservation.org)

It really doesn't get any easier to participate in a national project to conserve a very rare insect.

p.s. We can't let these Hullavington types lay claim to having most of the colonies. *Geoff Carrs*

# Tolsey News *Judy Sharp*

## Christmas and New Year

We will be closed on Monday 25 December, Tuesday 26 December and Monday 1 January 2018. If you need medical advice during this period please call NHS 11

We wish all our patients a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

## Antibiotics

There has been a lot in the news recently about use, or over-use of antibiotics. Research has shown that GPs are under enormous pressure from patients to prescribe antibiotics when they think they need them for illnesses such as coughs, colds and sore throats which can get better by themselves, or by using over the counter medicine available from a pharmacy.

Taking antibiotics encourages bacteria to become resistant, meaning the antibiotics may not work when you really need them to and can put you and your family at risk of a more severe or longer illness. Antibiotics are essential to treat serious bacterial infections, such as pneumonia, meningitis and sepsis. The danger is that antibiotics no longer work for some infections and this situation will only get worse with excessive and inappropriate use.

The advice is to take antibiotics as instructed and finish the course if they are prescribed for you, never save them for later use or share them with others. Listen to your doctor and only take antibiotics when you need to, advises Wiltshire CCG.

## NHS Healthchecks

As we get older, we have a higher risk of developing conditions like high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, kidney disease or dementia. Your free NHS Health Check can spot early signs and help prevent these happening to you, which means you'll be more likely to enjoy life for longer. If you are in the 40-74 age group without a pre-existing condition we will invite you for a free NHS Health Check every five years. If you receive an invitation it is worth spending 20 minutes taking advantage of this very worthwhile free service.



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## Our Appointments are Changing

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In response to this, at the Tolsey we are trying a new method on some days to make sure patients that do need to be seen urgently/on the day, can be seen in a safe and timely fashion, and ease the pressure on staff, GPs, nurses and admin.

In November, we introduced a triage clinic run by one of the GPs on Monday and Friday mornings.

If you ring up asking for an emergency or same-day appointment, your details will be taken by a receptionist and the GP will then call you back to deal with your request.

### This may be that:

You will be given a same day MORNING appointment with a GP

You will be given an appointment to see another health care practitioner

You will be triaged and given an Amber appointment to be seen the same week

You will be triaged and offered a Green routine appointment

Your problem will be dealt with over the phone

The colour assigned to these appointments is part of a traffic light system that is being introduced in several other practices nationwide.

Green routine appointment – your problem does not need to be dealt with as an emergency or soon. Our routine appointment wait with any GP is usually 2-3 weeks.

Amber appointment – these appointments are held back and only released two days beforehand to allow problems that need to be dealt with within seven days, but not necessarily as an emergency

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**Non-urgent appointments.** Amber appointments will be offered because the problem needs to be dealt with soon. Reasons do not include 'because it is convenient for you to be seen quickly' or 'because you have forgotten to book a routine appointment'.

**Green appointments.** Unlike many other surgeries who have a wait of more than four weeks, we can offer routine appointments within 2-3 weeks. Please think ahead, book ahead and then actually attend your routine appointment. If you consider that is a long time, just think how far ahead you have to book haircuts, dogs into kennels, and dental appointments – this is no different.

We welcome any feedback once these changes are under way, as we head into the busiest time of year for General Practice.

Dr Pip Pettit, Senior Partner, The Tolsey Surgery

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Rosemary Kerr was the guest speaker at our November meeting when she demonstrated how to make three different types of flower arrangements. Her theme was 'Winter' with the arrangements reflecting winter warmth and frosty days and one linking in with her husband's Australian heritage.

She had prepared the base for each of the arrangements using greenery from her own garden as well as those of her neighbours and friends. As she completed the arrangements she told us the names of the flowers, what she thought was so good about those particular flowers and how they worked well in the arrangements. We learned a few good tips, although it's fair to say that our flower arrangements will, almost certainly, be on a smaller scale than the spectacular ones produced by Rosemary.

At the end of the evening the arrangements were given away as raffle prizes so a few lucky members got to continue to enjoy the arrangements for a bit longer.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 7 December, at 2.30 pm in the British School Room, when members will enjoy afternoon tea accompanied by music from End of the Track. Starting 2018 in the same vein, members will enjoy a New Year Lunch in January. There will be no general meeting in January.

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

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# Winter Fuel Grants

Hello! December again – where has the year gone? With winter clearly on the horizon, our thoughts turn to colder weather and how to keep warm. Many health problems are triggered or worsened by cold weather: dry skin and cold hands and feet are annoying, aching joints, colds and sore throats are almost expected, but serious, life threatening conditions such as asthma, norovirus and heart attacks are also exacerbated by the cold weather. The advice, of course, is to wrap up warmly and keep the heating going at home, which can be expensive. There is much that can be done to help with the costs of heating – switching supplier for electricity and gas or joining an oil purchasing consortium. Prevention is better than cure, so could your home use better insulation? For those who are really struggling with costs, small grants are available. Applications start mid November and the criteria are:

To be eligible for a grant someone must;

- be considered to live in fuel poverty (spend more than 10% of their annual household income on fuel to keep their home warm and in a 'satisfactory' condition)
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- be of working age with a disability or a long-term health condition which affects their ability to keep warm
- be in receipt of Better 2gether childcare funding for their 2 year old

Please get in touch if I can help with any of the above.

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.

*Ellen Blacker, Health and Wellbeing Champion*

## Mrs Scrump's Christmas Market – Tuesday 5 December - in aid of MNDA

All are welcome to come to Dauntsey Park House, SN15 4HT on Tuesday 5 December from 9.30am – 5.00pm, where you will find a selection of stalls selling exciting and original Christmas gifts. Delicious home-made cakes and biscuits will also be available all day in this stunning setting, so a great venue for your morning coffee or afternoon tea!

Mrs Scrump (alias Susannah Dibben/Tricia Lawrence's daughter) organises this event each year to raise funds for the North Wiltshire Branch of The Motor Neurone Disease Association, as her father died from MND three years ago. Free entrance and plenty of parking.



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# Sherston Badminton

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We played a series of games in a really fast-paced way and then had a buffet supper and enjoyable chat.

During the evening, we also used the small hall for table tennis; there were some people who could not fit into the large hall because we had over 20 people playing and supporting each of the teams of six. This went down very well with our visitors who obviously appreciated the attention to detail and the hospitality.

The games themselves were mostly very close in score and Sherston worked hard to tip the balance in each game to try to win. We achieved an excellent result of 14 wins out of 18, with Crudwell admitting that they were somewhat surprised at the level of our play and promising to tip the balance their way next time.

We had some comments the following day from Crudwell who said that the energy and enthusiasm generated by the evening was evident from the excited chatter as they drove home. They thanked us again for the fun.

The support from our group was great with everyone working on the night to provide the food, set up the rooms, make the tea and coffee and generally help with the event.

We are looking forward to the next one!

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Sunday 17th December, 11am - Revd Andrew Williams Tarling  
Saturday 23rd December, 4pm - Children's Carol Service  
Sunday 24th December, 11am - Christmas Service  
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Sunday 31st December, 11am - New Year's Eve Service

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# Sherston Senior Club



On 17 October several members and friends attended a tour of the BBC Bristol. This was very interesting and enlightening. Who knew a bag of corn-flour scrunched up would make the sound of footsteps in the snow! We were made very welcome and saw the studio where guests are interviewed and the news broadcast. We all sat on the Red Sofa and even went on the roof from which, outside weather forecasts are made. Later we were involved in a mock up broadcast, Shirley Freeth brought the house down with her very professional rendition of a weather forecast, not an easy task as it is unscripted. Well done Shirley.

Our next meeting in the British School Room was our fundraising Autumn Sale on 31 October. In an hour and a half members and a few visitors raised £157.60. Thank you to everyone, stall holders, refreshment helpers and all those who brought items for sale.

Louise Swayne is our next Speaker on 14 November whose talk is entitled 'The Royal Gardens of Highgrove.'

Sherston School Choir will be entertaining us on Tuesday 28 November, this is a lovely afternoon and relatives of choir members are welcome free.

Our last meeting for the year is on Tuesday 12 December at The Old Royal Ship Luckington 12.00noon for 12.30pm for Christmas Lunch.

We start 2018 on 9 January at 2.00pm in the British School Room Cliff Road.

This will be our AGM followed by Sue Morris showing Roman artefacts found locally. Membership is £15.00 a year ( less than £1.00 per meeting)

## Sherston Village Hall 300+ Club

We shall be collecting next year's subscriptions in December 2017 and January 2018. Membership remains at £6 per person for the year. If you are not a member and would like to join, application forms are available at the Post Office. And if you would like more information about this fundraising for the Village Hall, please ring me on 840846. Thank you for your anticipated support. *Lin Prior, Coordinator*

## Gwen Mason — Founder Member Of Sherston Village Hall 300+ CLUB

We were very sorry to hear of Gwen's death and wish to send our condolences to her family. Gwen and Bill were great supporters of, and fundraisers for, the Village Hall, and the 100 Club (as it was known then) was one of the many fundraising events they organised. Together with their friends, they have raised inestimable amounts of money for the Village Hall. Although Gwen retired from the admin side of 300+ Club in 2013, she, and many members of her family, continued to contribute as paid-up members. She will be sadly missed. Many thanks from us all.

The Collectors of the 300+ Club

### November 2017 Draw

1st	311	David Gibson	£13
2nd	83	Richard Hulme	£12
3rd	27	Lesley Tarrant	£11
4th	126	Dave Shepherd	£10
5th	144	Frances Thompson	£9
6th	159	Sue Ormiston	£8
7th	303	Kate Hills	£7

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

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## North Wilts Villages Flower Club

### October meeting

We were pleased to welcome national demonstrator Sally Taylor from Yate to our meeting.

She gave us a really good representation of autumn in her demonstration. Sally, who is well known to the club, was as entertaining as ever and some lucky members went home with her arrangements. All in all it was a very enjoyable evening.

### Future meetings

20 December ; Christmas social evening with workshop and bring & share supper.

17 January ; Demonstration by Andrew Baker entitled 'Moments'. (Competition-single flower)

21 February ; Demonstration by Jayne Morriss entitled 'Aspects of Chelsea'. (Competition-single flower)

### Other news

The flower arranging class that has run this year has now finished. Those who attended have made great strides in creating some really lovely arrangements, all under the tuition of our tutor Sally Taylor.

The club looks forward to a full programme filled with demonstrations, workshops and garden visits in 2018.



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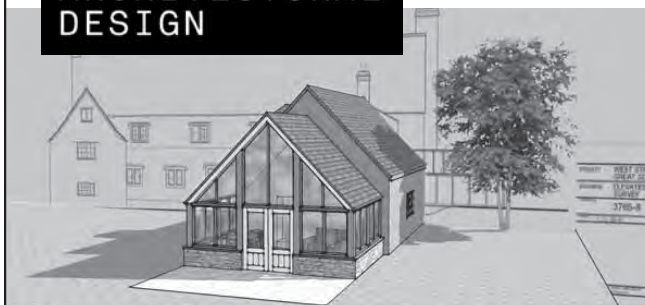
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# A year at 1st Sherston Brownies



It's been an action-packed year again at 1st Sherston Brownies. With the launch of the new Guiding campaign 'Know Your Place', we thought it was the perfect time to show you our amazing Brownie adventures. Guiding today is focused on empowering girls and young women and giving them the confidence to achieve their goals. We like to think we have a 'can do' attitude here and you might be surprised at the range of activities our Brownies get up to! Here are just a few of them!



We started off the year with the 'Boomps-a-Daisy' badge where we did lots of silly activities from gargling water while singing to making armpit fudge (as disgusting as it sounds!). We enjoyed making Japanese gardens for World Thinking Day; an Easter egg hunt and a visit from Guide Dogs for the Blind earning us our Disability badge. In the summer term, we made and flew kites; played hockey; enjoyed a

village scavenger hunt; visited Brinkworth Dairy; ran an outdoor café and earned enough money to sponsor a Guide Dog called Immie. We also held a science night where we achieved our Science badge; welcomed some keen Dad cyclists to teach us bike maintenance and help us with our Cycling badge completed at Castle Combe race track; sold and washed ducks for the Boules Duck race; had a water fight at the end of the teddy bears picnic and went paddle boarding. The autumn and winter terms brought us a lot of rain - every Wednesday for five weeks straight! - but we didn't let that stop us! Especially with two new Owls to share in the fun - we welcomed and swore in Helen Mickish as Eagle Owl and Ceri Gascoyne as Elf Owl! We ventured to Westonbirt to track badgers; enjoyed a campfire with the wonderful forest school leader Niki Walden; welcomed the Bat Society with bat detectors; apple bobbed at the Halloween party; concocted various liquids on potions night; made our own butter and soup (with a little help from The Angel - thank you!); created Christmas decorations and are currently looking forward to our annual Brownie treat of Ice Skating at Whitehall in December. This is kindly funded by money from the Boules Committee after all the hard work the Brownies put into selling and sorting ducks. We will be finishing off the year with our lovely Christmas party... if you haven't played the chocolate game with hats, gloves and a knife and fork - take a look at it on the internet. It's a winner for a Christmas day family game! Merry Christmas from 1st Sherston Brownies and we are looking forward to an adventure-packed 2018!

To put your daughter on the waiting list go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and register. Also we would love to welcome members of the community into our Brownies sessions. If you have a particular skill you would like to share email Kirsty (Little Owl): [kirsty.strachan@icloud.com](mailto:kirsty.strachan@icloud.com)



# Sherston Arts Festival

We are delighted to announce that the Sherston Arts Festival will again be making a donation to Sherston Village Hall, the British School Room and Holy Cross Church. All the events were really well attended and it was a record-breaking year! We hope you enjoyed the festival this year and here are a few more details and thank yous to the wonderful community that we live in!



## The Sherston Young Persons' Art Festival

This year, the Young Persons' Art Festival's focus was on taking art out to as many children as possible. We were keen to create engaging projects that made art accessible to everyone and show what a community can achieve by working together. We created two inspiring installations using recycled materials.

With the bottle top project we wanted to show that art can be more than about paper and pencils (as lovely as they are) and that you can make art out of anything using tools children don't normally get their hands on. Almost 100 children in the village collaborated on this fantastic project; 1st Sherston Brownies made the snail, Cubs created the lizard, 2nd Sherston Brownies drilled the butterfly and 1st Sherston Guides put the owl together. Everyone loved using the drills, designing and putting new life into something so ordinary and the finished articles will be gracing the walls of the Scout Hut in December. Thank you to everyone who collected bottle tops - we bet you'll never look at a lid in the same way again! Thank you also to Paul and Gail for providing a collection point - plus their milkman - who Paul persuaded to save every leftover lid! This is truly an art project that belongs to the whole community.

For those of you who popped into the British School Room in October you will have also run into the huge 'Home' installation. Every child in Sherston School took part in a two-day workshop to build a house, carefully designing the windows and roof. In each class the project seemed to inspire the same feelings we can best describe as - happy, focused creativity. It was a genuinely inspiring project to be a part of, completely down to the sheer energy and ideas every single child

came up with. At the end of the build everyone was asked to write a word or two on what 'home' meant to them: safe, happy, noisy and crazy were just some of the words the children came up with. The whole project was then displayed in a giant 'cube' in the British School Room with each house lit by a candle. Nearly 200 houses suspended and lit made for a very powerful installation and a very beautiful representation of 'Home'.

So many people were involved in bringing both projects to life - you know who you are! But we must pay a particular thank you to the Malmesbury Area Board again for funding both these wonderful community projects. We hope everyone enjoyed the installations. If you have any comments that you would like to share with the artists please email [kirsty.strachan@icloud.com](mailto:kirsty.strachan@icloud.com) as we will be putting together a thank you presentation to the children.



## A magical stroll around Sherston

Over 40 homes took part in Sherston's first ever Window Wanderland on Sunday 8 October. Here are just a few of the photos! The night was mild and for those of you taking a stroll we're sure you'll agree that there was magic around every corner - from witches squashed by flying houses to dream catching BFGs! Thank you to everyone who took part in this project in conjunction with Sherston Arts Festival - every window genuinely brought a smile and the fun and creativity on display was inspiring!

### Just in case you missed it... Cinderella did go to the Ball!

Cinderella took the prize for the best scarecrow in the 2017 Sherston Arts Festival trail which was hotly contested with over 30 scarecrows on show around the village. Paul and Gail from Sherston Post Office Stores kindly took on the difficult task of judging and they particularly loved all the additional details around the scarecrow from the clock to the pumpkin carriage! Well done to the Breakspear family for their lovely Cinderella (and being brave enough to get the ladders out and suspend her in the pouring rain!). Congratulations must also go to the Liddingtons for the wonderful Three Little Pigs and the Kiddells for the beautifully made Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood who came a close second and third! Well done to everyone taking part - it was a great weekend. Now... we just need a theme for the 2019 trail....!



# Sherston Remembrance Service 2017



Undeterred by cold weather and a short shower of rain before the start, 540 people assembled in Church Street for Sherston's fourth outside Remembrance Service. Lead by 90 Squadron Royal Logistic Corps, from Buckley Barracks, followed by Sherston's uniformed organisations, the parade marched along the High Street to take their positions in front of the War Memorial at the lychgate. Before the service, the Sherston Band of Ringers started proceedings by ringing half muffled as the Union Flag flew over the tower. The Rector, Revd Christopher Bryan led the service assisted by Pastor Andrew Williams Tarling of the Congregational Church and the Revd David Miller of the Methodist Church. Roger Whitehouse, the vergier, carried the cross.

After the two minutes' silence, Lieutenant Colonel Nick Grant-Thorold recited The Exhortation, Captain Henry Jodrell and Warrant Officer (ATC) Mike Tarrant read names of servicemen of Easton Grey and Sherston who died in past conflicts. Private Stephanie Papp 9 Regt RLC recited the Kohima Epitaph and Guide Keren Simpkins read the moving poem 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae.

Wreaths were laid in memory of the fallen by:  
 Councillor John Matthews, Sherston Parish Council,  
 Captain Asong AGC (SPS), on behalf of 9 Regiment  
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 Jamie Wallace, The Sherston Scout Group  
 Freya Milne, 1st Sherston Guides  
 Bethany Potter, 1st Sherston Brownies  
 Alice Stevens, 2nd Sherston Brownies

Sherston Occasional Community Choir, conducted by Trudi Baker, sang 'Be Still My Soul' to the Sibelius tune Finlandia during the laying of the wreaths.

At the end of the service 90 Sqn RLC followed by the youth organisations marched past and Councillor John Matthews, Chairman of Sherston Parish Council, took the salute.

Thanks go to all those who helped to prepare for this village ceremony and honoured the memory of those who have gone before us. The excellent sound system was provided by David Shephard and operated by Mike Whatley. We thank the 1st and 2nd Sherston Brownie Units, 1st Sherston Guides, the 1st Sherston Scout Group and Sherston Whitewalls Explorer Scout Unit, 90 Squadron RLC, the Sherston Band of Ringers, the Sherston Community Choir, the stewards, organised by Sqn Ldr Jim Robinson; Nigel Freeth, Lt Cdr Christopher Morgan RN Wg Cdr Dr Pamela Pickthall, Susan Robinson and John Smith. Graham Instrell managed the closure of Church Street and the traffic.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of Sherston Parish Council and the now retired Clerk to the Council, Mrs Sarah Wood.

The collection for the Earl Haig Fund amounted to £700.

Next year we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice and although not all the worldwide fighting had stopped, the European war with Germany was over. We plan to have special occasion next year when the 11 November falls on a Sunday.

*Chris Pickthall and Anthony Price*  
*Photograph: Nick Holland*

# Mrs Vicky Johnson

Hilary, Robin and Lesley Johnson would like to thank everyone very much for all their lovely, kind calls, cards, visits and wishes of condolence on the death of their mother, Mrs Vicky Johnson. We would also like to thank very much Dr Petitt and all the staff at the Tolsey Surgery for their lovely help and support.

Due to our respect for our mother's beliefs and strong wishes against any fuss, there will not be a public funeral or celebration of our mother's life but if anyone wishes to donate in mum's memory, to either of the charities closest to her heart, then any donations would be very gratefully received. These charities are: Cancer Research or Shelter for the Homeless. Any donations can be sent c/o Matthews Independent Funeral Directors, 7 Burnham Road, Malmesbury, Wiltshire SN16 0BQ or sent directly to either charity.

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# Snow White Sell-Out!



October half term bought panto week to Sherston. Oh yes it did!! Adults and children alike were captivated by Sherston Drama Group's production of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, written by Alan P. Frayn and skilfully directed by Sue Lehrer and Tahiti Van Rooyen.

Kind hearted Snow White, played with sensitivity by Emma Smee, fell remarkably quickly in love with the dashing Prince Ferdinand upon his arrival from 'Farawasia'. The thigh-slapping Prince was played authoritatively by André Van Rooyen, who had a sore upper leg by the end of the week. Newcomer to the group, Mandi Turner played Snow White's evil stepmother Queen Avarice with fearsome malice, and was assisted by her evil minions, sisters Destiny and Davina (Libby Howell and Sophie Coleman) who were still 'in training' and working on their evil laughter.

Fortunately, Snow White had the help of her friends, the seven dwarfs, each of whom had their own personality. Charlie Blows was the brains of the group, whilst Ella Bray, Alice Evelyn and Henry Fisk did a lot of sleeping, sneezing and grumbling respectively. Jess Picton played Smiley the happy dwarf, and Fearn Blair was Blushful, a sweet and shy dwarf. The seventh dwarf, Dozy, was played by Barnaby Blows, who relished the opportunity to attack his older brother each night with a large polystyrene hammer.

No panto is complete without a dame, and this year the role was taken on once again by Riaan Van Rooyen, whose character Edina Bouquet (pronounced Ed-in-a-bucket), palace housekeeper and expert plate spinner, was responsible for a lot of laughs during the performances and a fair amount of broken crockery during rehearsals. Edina got into several scrapes with her friend Chuckles the Jester (an energetic first performance on Sherston's stage by Juliet Blows), who got the audience working hard in

true pantomime fashion, asking them to shout 'make us chuckle Chuckles' every time she appeared.

Oliver Tappin played Slurp the Palace Drain Cleaner with a suitable lack of decorum and launched a career in stand up comedy in the second Act. Slurp's costume was emboldened with the logo 'Drains, Not Brains' and he wasn't the only character somewhat lacking in the brains department as Welsh technophobe Scribbles (Kirstie Blair) struggled to understand Blackberries, Apples and other forms of technology. Sue Ormiston played Justice Quill, Scribbles' boss, and the comic duo delivered many well timed and contemporary jokes.

Musical highlights included a beautiful duet to close Act 1 sung by Fairies Fortune (Naomi Hoogwerf) and her assistant Bluebell (Rosie Shephard), and a hilarious mirror image dance performed by Queen Avarice and the Dame following the dramatic escape of Merlin of the Mirror (Richard Warren). The choreographers, Sarah Cowell and Helen Fisk, were very busy rehearsing not only these numbers but also several energetic dances performed by the dwarfs and the hard working chorus (Imogen Bathie, Lara Boldy, Olly Bray, Jess Elms, Izzy Evelyn, Ollie Finch, Edward Pearce-Smith, Mabel Scott, and Ellie Whatley), who juggled multiple parts as palace servants, forest spirits and woodland animals.

It takes many people back stage to produce a production on this scale, but special thanks goes to Ewan Blair on the lighting, Paul Ormiston for the sound effects, stage manager Kate Smee and prompts Sally Clayton and Gemma Waldron. Thanks also to the many parents and helpers, too many to mention by name, who worked so hard on the costumes, make-up, as stage hands and front of house.

Thoughts are now turning to the Spring Production. A reading will take place in December, if you are interested in acting contact Richard Skeffington (r.a.skeffington@gmail.com) to register your interest.



## Bonfire Night goes off with a bang (several, actually!)



There was a very good turnout on at our community bonfire and firework party, organised by Sherston 1016, which raised around £1000 for our Village Hall, Friends of Sherston School and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

We were very fortunate in having the skilled barbecue team from The Friends of Sherston School for the first time this year, who helped to more than double the barbecue takings compared with 2016.

The event was blessed with a dry evening and good going underfoot, and with a good turnout from you, the audience!

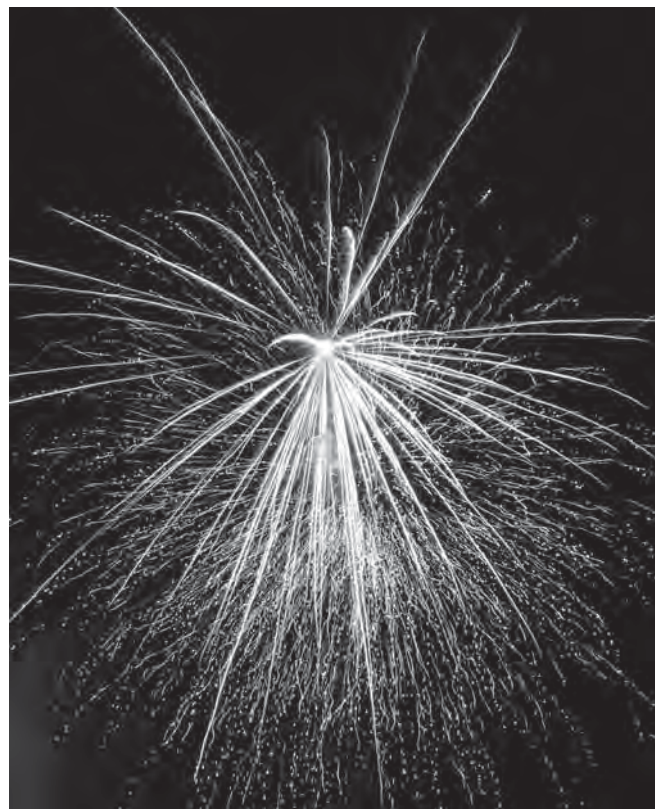
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Thanks also to; Cathy for making all the toffee apples; Dave Shephard and Mike Whatley for smoke and strobes to get the party started and for providing some banging music; The Scouts' Guy Fawkes and his two gang members! Our youngest who braved the UV face painting tent, with some adults too, adding colour to the evening.

To all the volunteers who made the day happen; Bonfire builders, Wood collectors and all those who donated combustible material; Clearer-uppers! And Nurden Plant Hire for giving us a preferential rate for our skip hire; Knockdown Quarry for disposal of ash;

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# Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

## Holy Cross Church

**The Coffee Shop** - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits biscuits and brownies - Open Thurs 9.30 am – 12 noon till Easter then Tues, Wed & Thur till Autumn

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

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

**Congregational Church** - In the British School Room, Services 1st and 4th each week, led or hosted by Reverend Andrew Williams Tarling, Sunday School 10.15 – 11am. Bible study alternate Mondays 8pm at BSR/Church. Brick (Lego) Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 7pm Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 or find us on facebook. Admin - Victoria Meheust sherstoncongregationalchurch@outlook.com Sec. - clementsmary@btinternet.com or 07778 934742

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

## Gauzebrook Church for Children

Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them: **Junior Church** is held at Court House, 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, Fri 10am in Hullavington church. Children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers come from across the Group, including Sherston, for songs, crafts, activities, Bible stories and snack time. Any questions, contact Chantal on 837522

## Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

**Link** provides a voluntary car service for residents living in the Malmesbury area, taking those in need to hospital, the chiropodist, GPs' surgeries and to visit sick relatives. For further information, prospective volunteers can contact the Link co-ordinator and volunteer support officer on 840861 9am-1pm

## 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** Strength, flexibility, realign. Fridays 10.30-11.15 11.45am in the village hall. More info – Stuart 07986 003602 or www.pulse4life.co.uk or stuart@pulse4life.co.uk

## Carer Support Wiltshire - Monthly carers café

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

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

**Church bell ringing** Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 - 9pm. 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@harriesspartnership.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-forestschooll@hotmail.co.uk

**Fresh Air Fitness** Total body outdoor workout on Sherston Rec Fridays 9 -10am. Info: www.pulse4life.co.uk Stuart 07986 003602

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

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

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

## Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

**Malmesbury Concert Band** Rehearsals on Fri evenings in Malmesbury, 7.15 – 9.15pm. The band performs at local Bandstand. For further details and to ascertain current vacancies see our website www.freewebs.com/malmesburyconcertband/ and/or contact Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or tony@jacfleming.plus.com

## Malmesbury Community Choir

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

## Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

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

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

## Malmesbury Film Society

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

## Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

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

## Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

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

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

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

**Parish Council Meeting** Takes place on the 2nd Thurs each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Minutes of meetings can be read online at [www.sherston.org.uk](http://www.sherston.org.uk). Further details contact Sarah Wood on 840197 or [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:susannemckechnie@hotmail.com)

**Rotary Club of The South Cotswolds** Meets at The Horse Guards Inn in Brokenborough each Mon at 7pm, with dinner served at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome to our meetings, as are guests and anyone interested in Rotary and in helping the local Community. Further details at website [www.rcsc.co.uk](http://www.rcsc.co.uk) or from Ian Pegg on 840986.

**Senior Club** Meets at 2.30pm during summertime in the Small Hall of VH, more details call Helen Quirk 840516.

**Sherston 1016** Fundraising for local good causes and charities. Contact [sherston1016@gmail.com](mailto:sherston1016@gmail.com) or Martin Jacques 07717 424619

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

**Sherston Badminton Club** We play every Tues evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from Sept to the end of May. New members welcome - mixed ages (over 18) and abilities. For more information contact David Boyle 841587 or email [djboyle@hotmail.com](mailto:djboyle@hotmail.com)

**Sherston Brownies** Meet every Wed during term time 5.45 - 7pm in the Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://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](mailto:nicky.gray@btinternet.com)  
2nd Sherston Brownies started in Sept 2016, for details contact Spectacled Owl (Lara Farahar) at [sherston2ndbrownies@outlook.com](mailto:sherston2ndbrownies@outlook.com) or call 841085

**1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack** Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Fri nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should email [sherstoncubsandscouts@gmail.com](mailto:sherstoncubsandscouts@gmail.com) to obtain an application form

**1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop** Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of 10 ½ to 13 ½. We meet at the Scout hut on Tues nights from 7pm to 9pm during school term times. To join contact Riaan van Rooyen [riaan@pulse-software.co.uk](mailto:riaan@pulse-software.co.uk) There is currently a small waiting list to join.

**Sherston Whitewall Explorers** You don't need to have previously been a member of scouts or guides to join us, just be aged between 13 ½ and 18 and free between 8.30 and 10pm on a Fri night during term time; for further information please contact Darren Walsh - 841043 or Ewan Blair - 840096 - [whitewallexplorers@googlegmail.com](mailto:whitewallexplorers@googlegmail.com)

**Sherston Drama Group** The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Sue Lehrer (Chairperson) [lehrer.sue@icloud.com](mailto:lehrer.sue@icloud.com) or 07780 661830

**Sherston Town FC** The club play in the Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Sat afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. Contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or [peter.brock666@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.brock666@btinternet.com)

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

**Sherston Magna Cricket Club** Junior nets Mondays 6pm and Senior nets at 6.30pm on Tues nights at Pinkney Park. If you would like to get involved with local cricket please email [cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](mailto:cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk) or visit the website [www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](http://www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk)

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

**SHC.C.** The community choir with conductor Trudi Baker meets at 7.30pm each Wed in term time in the British School Room. £3 per session. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cutcher [sheilacutcher28@gmail.com](mailto:sheilacutcher28@gmail.com) or 840067, or on Facebook.

**Sherston Photography Forum** A monthly group has formed in Sherston for anyone with an interest in photography 2nd Tues of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

For details call Nick Holland on 841019 or [nholland63@btinternet.com](mailto:nholland63@btinternet.com)  
**Sherston Pilates** Classes held on weekday evenings in the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739 552556 or [sherstonpilates@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nic50riley@gmail.com).

**Sherston Theatre Club** Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. Listings under [www.communitate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/](http://www.communitate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/) or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or [helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com](mailto:helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com)

**Sherston Velo** A cycling club formed of enthusiastic road cyclists from Sherston and the surrounding area. There are regular rides each weekend morning with a fast paced group leaving first for an hour, followed by a longer club run. For membership and other information about the club, visit the website [www.sherstonvelo.cc](http://www.sherstonvelo.cc) or email Mark Walsh at [secretary@sherstonvelo.cc](mailto: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](mailto:dogleg3@gmail.com)

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

**Sherston Young Craft Group** Every Mon 6.45 - 8.15pm in the village hall (children 9+). £3 (incl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each half term. To join, please contact Minnie Hulme on 841118 or email [hulmessherston@sky.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@dancepumped.co.uk) or just pop in, more details [www.dancepumped.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:sarah.sims@wiltshire.gov.uk) or 07846100233. For a full list of walking groups in Wiltshire please visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/getwiltshirewalking](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/getwiltshirewalking).

**Yoga for All** Mon evenings 7.45-9.15pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £9 reducing to £7.50 if you take up the course. More details contact Theo 07818 401110 or [theo@wildyoga.co.uk](mailto:theo@wildyoga.co.uk) [www.wildyoga.co.uk](http://www.wildyoga.co.uk)

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

# WHAT'S ON

## Dates for your diary 2017

If you're planning a community event in the parish why not let the Cliffhanger have the basic details as soon as possible? Email [info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk](mailto: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 Angel Hotel

**Angel - The Relaunch** Now run by Sherston's Dave Nelson and returning Head Chef, Phil Clark.

**Festive Fizz' in collaboration with Balcony House Cellars** A Champagne and Prosecco tasting evening, with Antipasti included. 7 Dec 7-9pm £25 per head

**New Year's Eve Gala Dinner** 5 courses including reception drinks, wine/beer with meal, and Champagne at Midnight £85 per head

*Check Facebook/ boards for details of events or call 841627 or contact [sherstonangel.co.uk](mailto:sherstonangel.co.uk) or visit [www.sherston-angel.co.uk/](http://www.sherston-angel.co.uk/)*

### The Carpenter's Arms

**Arkansaw Jukebox Collective in concert** Sat 2 Dec 8.30pm The mighty Arkansaw Jukebox Collective will be playing their now legendary set of covers by everyone from the Sex Pistols to Kanye West - but, of course, just like god intended .... Bluegrass Style - and to top it all off this pseudo religious experience its FREE to get in!

**Check boards for details**

*For further details call 840665 or visit [www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston](http://www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston)*

### The Rattlebone Inn

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

*Check boards for more details of events, call 840871, follow on Twitter or visit [www.therattlebone.co.uk](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)*

### Church events

**Advent Service of Light** The service itself is on Sun 3 Dec at 6pm - all most welcome.

For further details of all Christmas services see The Parish Life or call Rev Christopher Bryan 837522 or Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or twitter @chrisbryanrev //

blog <http://revchristopherbryan.wordpress.com/> Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or [susan.harvey44@hotmail.com](mailto:susan.harvey44@hotmail.com)

## Sherston Market

**Now in aid of Village Hall repairs** Local crafts and produce which vary each market All stall fees will now be going directly into the Village Hall Renovation Fund. You can also enjoy delicious delights from EMMA'S KITCHEN from bacon rolls to pie, mash & peas and homemade cakes.

The food can be eaten in the hall or have as a take away. Free charity table in entrance 10am-4pm

**Sat 9 Dec** Hortico will also be joining us this month selling some beautiful Christmas trees and wreaths.

Village hall For further details call Alison on 07909 737096 or [pollyatkins59@btinternet.com](mailto:pollyatkins59@btinternet.com) Village hall

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## Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds Christmas Sleigh

**Santa comes to Sherston** Tues 5 Dec between 6pm and 8pm

- subject to weather conditions. It will start in The Tarters, travel towards Manor Close and then towards the High Street. This year any monies collected will help local organisations and charities in need.

## Sherston WI Talks

**Christmas Tea, with musical entertainment by End of the Track** Thurs 7 Dec 2.30pm, British School Room

*For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or [jillwoodward222@btinternet.com](mailto:jillwoodward222@btinternet.com)*

## Cuppa, Cake and a Chat

The WI were pleased with the response to the inaugural 'Cuppa, Cake and a Chat' and will be holding our next one in January and fortnightly thereafter. The next few dates are 16 and 30 Jan, 13 and 27 from 2.30pm. No set charge but a donation box will be available for anyone who feels like giving a little towards the homemade cake. British School Room For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or [jillwoodward222@btinternet.com](mailto:jillwoodward222@btinternet.com)

## Sue's Strolls

Sun 7 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 welcome.

## SHCC Concert

**Sherston Community Choir in concert with Sherston Primary Choir** Sat 2 Dec 7pm £5 incl tea and coffee, under

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

WEA Courses for 2017-18 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

**Dr Tim Hammond: The Odyssey** Tim Hammond's Odyssey course explores Homer's epic poem of Odysseus and his calamitous return from the Trojan war. It is the story of a man who - before he can be re-united with family and homeland - must encounter the conflicting wills of gods, some of mythology's most scary monsters and ultimately himself. The course explores the origins of this foundation text of Western Literature and what its significance has been to the subsequent generations who have continued to read and re-interpret the work. 6 meetings. Fri 3 Nov to Fri 8 Dec 2017. 10am - 12.15pm

**Paul Chapman: Introduction to the Art of Spain** The course provides a brief overview of the Spain's artistic history, focusing on the paintings from the Middle Ages to the 20th Century. The six sessions will focus on the themes of landscape, war, religion, identity, love and portraits and explore how the painters reveal themselves through their work. Narratives from these paintings will also inform us of Spain's history through religion, regional landscapes and through the conflicts that have shaped the nation. 6 meetings. Fri 5 Jan to Fri 9 Feb 2018. 10am - 12.15pm

Access the WEA Find A Course service at [www.wea.org.uk/](http://www.wea.org.uk/) south-west using the postcode SN160LN to locate all the Sherston courses. British Schoolroom

For further details call Enquiries and bookings contact Warwick or Pat Jones on 840764 or

[warwickandpatjones@gmail.com](mailto:warwickandpatjones@gmail.com) or visit [www.wea.org.uk/](http://www.wea.org.uk/)

## FSS Annual Fundraising Quiz Night

Sat 3 Feb Bar opens 7.30pm Sherston Village Hall Quiz starts at 8pm, raffle and auction. £20 for a team of up to 4. All proceeds go towards funding iPads for Sherston School. Tickets go on sale in January and will be available from the Post Office Stores or pick them up at school from Sophie Cheetham or Kirsty Strachan.

## Charlton Park

### WOMAD - World Music Festival

early bird tickets on sale till Jan 2018 Thurs 26 - Sun 29 Jul Featuring many world musicians and bands and exciting new artists - check website for the line-up Early bird and SN16 3 or 4 day tickets with/without staying onsite More information at [womad.co.uk/tickets](http://womad.co.uk/tickets).

For further details call Reading Box Office on 0118 960 6060 or visit [www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park](http://www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park)

### 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](mailto:info@theholfordarms.co.uk)

## Easton Grey

### Festive open day at Tracklements

**Tracklements Open day** There will be factory tours, mulled wine and festive nibbles to enjoy, and of course a chance to do some Christmas shopping in the on-site shop. Sat 2 Dec 9.30 - 1pm

**"Save a Bee, Plant a Tree"** In short, we are appealing for locals to donate their unwanted medlar fruit which we will then transform into Aromatic Medlar Jelly. Available nationwide, 50p from the sale of every jar is dedicated to purchasing bee-friendly medlar trees which will then be posted all over the country. If you have any medlars you won't be using and you would like to donate them to help save the bees, all you need to do is drop them off at Tracklements (SN16 0RD) from now - 1st December.

For full details on the project and on how to win a tree, visit [www.tracklements.co.uk](http://www.tracklements.co.uk). Whitewalls, Easton Grey

For further details call 827044 or visit [www.tracklements.co.uk](http://www.tracklements.co.uk)

### Luckington Luckington Youth Café

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

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

### Luckington Christmas Party

**Luckington Village Christmas Party** Everyone welcome. All profits go to the Church Thurs 7 Dec from 6.30 - 9pm at Bridges Court, by kind permission of Fiona Melville. Tickets are £5 in advance from the Shop or the School, or £6 on the night. The ticket price includes a glass of mulled wine, canapés and mince pies. Cash bar, a raffle and carols.

### Westonbirt The Arboretum

**STIHL Treetop Walkway** The main walkway is step-free, making it accessible to visitors on foot, using mobility

## 'Sherston Brick Club'

British School Room

Friday 1st December

Friday 15th December (Christmas Party)

from 5.30 to 7pm

Please note that there will be no Brick Club on 29th December

Free entry. All ages welcome.

**Bible Study Group**

Monday 4th and Monday 18th December from 8pm in the British School Room



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scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs and to those with dogs on leads. It is 300m long and gradually rises on gentle inclines to a height of 13m. Scramble up to the crow's nest viewing platform; cross the rope bridge; Peer through the mesh-floored section

**Specialist Wood Sales** every Sat 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA **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 1-3, 7-10, 14-18 Dec Sorry, dogs (except assistance dogs) are not allowed on the trail because it is in the Old Arboretum, the dog free zone. Admission £14 adult /£12 concs/ £7 chd / under 5s free - Advance bookings only On Fridays, FOWA members on Friday £7 and children / grandchildren £2

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

**Summer concerts on sale: The Script – Thurs 14 Jun**

**Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbot Fri 15 Jun**

For further details call 880220 or visit

[www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt)

## Didmarton Flicks in the Sticks

**My Cousin Rachel** Fri 10 Nov - Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door

This film is based on the Novel by Daphne Du Maurier. A young Englishman plots revenge against his late cousin's mysterious, beautiful wife, believing her responsible for his death. But his feelings become complicated as he finds himself falling under the beguiling spell of her charms. Didmarton Village Hall

For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or [jenny.body@btconnect.com](mailto:jenny.body@btconnect.com)

## Malmesbury

### Events at Malmesbury Library

**Computer club at Malmesbury Library** Help and advice on how to use PCs, use email and how to get online. Call Chris Baker on 860608 to book in. every Wednesday until 20 December, 2017 - 2-4pm

**Health trainer drop in at Malmesbury Library** Visit a health trainer at the library drop-in to pick up information and have an informal chat. Do you want to improve your general wellbeing, build your self-confidence and motivation, eat healthier food and be a healthy weight, reduce or stop smoking, be more active or drink less alcohol? A dedicated health trainer can assist you every step of the way in achieving and maintaining your goals. They can also help you find other services and activities. This

service is for people aged 18+ and is free. Email [health.trainers@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:health.trainers@wiltshire.gov.uk) Wednesday, 20 Dec 2-4pm Malmesbury Library, Cross Hayes For further details call 823611 or visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/librarylocations.htm?act=show&libCode=MALLIB](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/librarylocations.htm?act=show&libCode=MALLIB)

## Late Night Christmas Shopping in Malmesbury

**Festive street market with Santa's Grotto, carol singers, and late night shopping** Fri 1 Dec 6 - 9 pm Free park & ride from Malmesbury Garden Centre

**Late Night Shopping New:** 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

## 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 call or visit [www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk](http://www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk)

## 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.

Malmesbury Activity Zone, Bremilham Road For further details call 01249 443469 or e-mail [nwilt@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:nwilt@alzheimers.org.uk) or visit [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)

## Malmesbury & District University of the Third Age

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people. There are over 400 members and around 40 different interest groups including arts and crafts, book group, history, gardening, dancing, theatre trips, languages, walking etc. U3A meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Malmesbury town hall from 10- 11.45 for tea/coffee, a chat and to listen to our monthly speaker. Charge 50p

**No monthly meeting in Dec**

**Bring and share lunch** Thurs 25 Jan N.B. 12 noon to 2pm Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall For further details call

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Membership Secretary Ann Roberts-Phare on 823971 or visit [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk)

## Malmesbury Singers Concert

Cantata for Christmas & Seasonal Music

Sat 9 Dec 7.30pm Malmesbury Abbey. Tickets available from Abbey Bookshop or email: [tickets@malmesburysingers.co.uk](mailto:tickets@malmesburysingers.co.uk).

## Wiltshire Council Sunday Lunch Club

Monthly get together for those who'd like some company and a good Sunday lunch Each month 12.30pm for 1pm start. £10.50 pp Transport can be arranged if needed  
For further details call Ellen Backer 07557 922020

## Malmesbury Concert Band

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

Carols Brinkworth Church – 15 Dec 6.30pm

Carols Market Cross, Malmesbury – 16 Dec 11am

For further details call Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or [tony@jacfleming.plus.com](mailto:tony@jacfleming.plus.com) or visit [www.freewebs.com/malmesburyconcertband](http://www.freewebs.com/malmesburyconcertband)

## Events at Malmesbury Children's centre

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

Malmesbury Children's Centre For further details call 825566 or email: [malmesburycc@spurgeons.org](mailto:malmesburycc@spurgeons.org) or visit [www.malmesburycc.org](http://www.malmesburycc.org)

## Malmesbury, Chippenham Programmes and Activities at The RISE Trust

**FREE Children's Centre activities** The RISE Trust supports many projects in North Wiltshire with 6 Children's Centres in Chippenham, Cricklade, Royal Wootton Bassett and Calne. We provide Children's Centre services for the Corsham and Malmesbury areas. We also run Youth services, such as mentoring and youth groups, and provide services to the elderly. The RISE Trust started as an initiative from a local church in Chippenham in 2004.

**Seniors' lunches** The Rise Trust Volunteers regularly serve a Community Lunch for Seniors at St Paul's Church Hall, Malmesbury Road, Chippenham at 12pm. This is a great way to make new friends and socialise. For more details please contact Vicky Watt on 01249 445288 or email [vickyw@therisetrust.org](mailto:vickyw@therisetrust.org)

**Youth Club and Youth Café** We run lots of activities for young people in Chippenham including a Youth

Club and Youth Cafe Gemma Matthews 01249 464008 or [gemma@therisetrust.org](mailto:gemma@therisetrust.org)

For further details call 01249 463 040 or visit [www.therisetrust.org/programmeevents/](http://www.therisetrust.org/programmeevents/)

## Malmesbury & Salisbury Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Events, talks and courses

RESTORING WILTSHIRE'S RIVERS AND

HABITATS Wed 6 Dec, 7.30pm. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's water team has been restoring rivers across Wiltshire for more than 15 years. Working with volunteers and river restoration professionals, they act to undo much of the damage that has been done to the county's rivers through historic management practices, returning the rivers to a state that benefits both people and wildlife. Salisbury Museum, 65 The Close, SP1 2EN.

**The Truth about Elephant Tourism** Gemma will share her personal experience of managing an elephant project in the northern hills of Thailand. You'll gain an insight into the good, the bad and the ugly world of elephant tourism that drove her to set up Thailand Elephants, a charity striving to educate and shape the future of Asia's captive elephants. 12 Dec 7.30pm Suggested donation of £3. Refreshments available The Assembly Rooms For further details call [derek@wiltshirewildlife.org](mailto:derek@wiltshirewildlife.org) or (01380) 725670

## Tetbury

### Tetbury Goods Shed

**Tuesday dance classes** till 12 Dec 5pm to 5.30pm Children's Creative Ballet classes. For children aged 5 to 8. £6 per child, pay on the door. 5.30pm to 6.15pm Adult Jazz Dance (aged 16+) £6.50 per class, payable on the door. 7.30pm to 8.30pm Swing Jive Classes £6 on the door. No need to bring a partner. Just soft soled shoes.

**Swing from Paris** Often described as "the finest Gipsy Jazz in the Cotswolds", Swing from Paris bring you the sounds of a chic Parisian Café and the French jazz of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli. 8 Dec 7.30- 10pm £15

**Christmas Craft Market** Sat 9 - Sun 10 Dec 10am-5pm Christmas Crafts Market – beautiful gifts from local artisans – come and find your perfect Christmas gifts.

**Dick Whittington - panto by Wonder Productions** 20 Dec 3pm

**Christmas Carols** 22 Dec 6.30-8pm An event that has become something of a Tetbury Tradition and for many marks the beginning of Christmas here in the Town. Starting at 6.30pm at the Goods Shed, all are invited to come and enjoy festive musical performances by Nicola Clarke and Heather Bristow along with Avening Band – as well as joining in with the Community Carol Singing. Afterwards there will be mulled wine and mince pies on offer. An Evening for all the Family, Young and Old. How to reach the Shed - use the sat nav postcode GL8 8EY

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## Christmas Events in Tetbury

The Christmas Lights Switch-On BBC Casuality's Jason Durr will switch on the lights Thurs 7 Dec 5.25pm starting with a torchlit procession from St Mary's Church Santa with elves (visit Santa's grotto in the Market House from 6.15pm – 7.30pm), a Christmas market and stalls from clubs and organisations that are all part of our little town and help make it special all year round, and many of our shops and cafés opening late, to join in the fun.

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](http://www.christmasintetbury.org.uk/switchon.shtml)

## Didmorton

### Flicks in the Sticks

**Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them** Fri 8 Dec - Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door The year is 1926, and Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne) has just completed a global excursion to find and document an extraordinary array of magical creatures. Arriving in New York for a brief stopover, he might have come and gone without incident, were it not for a No-Maj (American for Muggle) named Jacob, a misplaced magical case, and the escape of some of Newt's fantastic beasts, which could spell trouble for both the wizarding and No-Maj worlds

Didmorton Village Hall For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or [jenny.body@btconnect.com](mailto:jenny.body@btconnect.com)

## Grittleton Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

**Beauty and the Beast** [PG] Wed 6 Dec Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door

Disney's live-action adaptation of the classic fairytale by Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont. Belle (Emma Watson) is a bright, beautiful young woman taken prisoner by a hideous beast (Dan Stevens) in his castle. Belle befriends the castle's enchanted staff: a china teapot (voice of Emma Thompson), a candelabra (voice of Ewan McGregor) and a mantel clock (Ian McKellen), and eventually learns to see beneath the Beast's exterior to discover the heart and soul of a prince. Grittleton Village Hall

For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email [l\\_palmer@btinternet.com](mailto:l_palmer@btinternet.com) or visit [www.moviola.org/](http://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 Grittleton Chapel

For further details call Facebook - Grittleton Baptist Chapel Friends or [grittletonchapel@gmail.com](mailto:grittletonchapel@gmail.com) or Sue on 822730

### Venue for Corporate Hire



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## Dauntsey

### Mrs Scrump's Christmas Market

**Fundraiser for MNDA** A selection of stalls selling exciting and original Christmas Gifts. Delicious home-made cakes and biscuits will also be available all day in this stunning setting, so a great venue for your morning coffee or afternoon tea! Mrs Scrump (alias Susannah Dibben/Tricia Lawrence's daughter) organises this event each year to raise funds for the North Wiltshire Branch of The Motor Neurone Disease Association, as her father died from MND 3 years ago. Free entrance and plenty of parking. Tues 5 Dec 9.30am - 5pm [www.dauntseyparkhouse.co.uk](http://www.dauntseyparkhouse.co.uk)

## Lacock Special Events at Lacock Abbey & Village

**Christmas at Lacock** 11am - 4pm throughout Dec Lacock Abbey For further details call 01249 730459 or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lacock](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lacock)

## Minety Minety Rugby Club

**Mighty Minety Minions** Minety Rugby Club is the exciting local rugby club for children aged 5 to 12. We are actively seeking new children to join the club and no prior experience of rugby is necessary to join in any age group. We start with five year olds with gentle games and activities, getting the children used to listening to the coaches and handling the odd-shaped ball As Mighty Minety Minions, the children move up to non-contact 'tag' rugby which involves running around getting some exercise; the children always enjoy the training sessions and we play occasional games with other clubs too. The Under 9s begin with a slow, measured introduction to Juniors' contact rugby

**The 2017/18 season begins at 10am on Sun 3 Sep at Minety Playing Fields** Sessions last an hour to an hour and a half depending on the age group. You don't need to register in advance, just turn up and if it is something your son or daughter would like to come back to after trying it out you can register anytime that day or thereafter. Clothing: children can wear shorts/tracksuit/t-shirt/trainers/football boots/whatever they're comfortable in to start with and then purchase club kit thereafter should they want to continue to participate. Minety Playing Fields, SN16 9QU

For further details call the club secretary, Peter McAllister, on 860281 or email [PeterJMcAllister@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:PeterJMcAllister@yahoo.co.uk) or visit [www.pitchero.com/clubs/minetyjuniorrugbyclub/](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/minetyjuniorrugbyclub/)

## Crudwell

### North Wilts Villages Flower Club

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 Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

## Wotton-Under-Edge The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community. This month: Breathe; Murder on the Orient Express; NT Live: Young Marx Thurs 7 Dec 7pm; The Death of Stalin; The Man who Invented Christmas; My Little Pony: The Movie; A Bad Moms' Christmas; The Florida Project; Star Wars: The Last Jedi; Berliner Philharmoniker NYE Gala Concert Sun 31 Dec 4pm check website for details For further details call 01453 844601 or visit [www.wottoncinema.com](http://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.

There is also a friendly club for relatively inexperienced players on Monday afternoons in Kingscote.

For further details call Ian Cooke on 890261 or email [tresham.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:tresham.bridge@gmail.com) or visit

## 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 An hour-long (six mile) trip in a heritage carriage behind one of our steam locomotives  
 A visit from Father Christmas as he greets each family at their seat  
 A quality present for each child designed for their age  
 A mince pie or festive biscuit for everyone  
 Sherry & Mince Pies 26, 27, 30 & 31 Dec  
 Avon Vally Railway For further details call 0117 932 5538 or visit [www.avonvalleyrailway.org](http://www.avonvalleyrailway.org)

## Swindon Great Western Railway Museum

Christmas stalls @ Steam Sat 2 - Sun 3 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-museum.org.uk](http://www.steam-museum.org.uk)

## Bath Theatre Royal

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs 7 Dec - 7 Jan Traditional family pantomime starring Harriet Thorpe, Jon Monie, Nick Wilton, Devon-Elise Johnson and seven talented small actors £15-£33.50

Hetty Feather Having enjoyed a sold out run in the West End, where it delighted critics and audiences alike with its beautiful story-telling, original live music, circus skills and huge heart, HETTY FEATHER returns to Bath. A terrific adventure story, the perfect treat for the whole family. 9-13 Jan  
 Book ahead for: Blood Brothers; Showstopper: the Improvised musical; Richard Alston Dance Company Theatre Royal For further details call 01225 448844 or visit [www.theatreroyal.org.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.org.uk)

## Bath Christmas Market

Bath Christmas Market - 200+ wooden stalls between Bath Abbey and York Street Thurs 23 Nov - Sun 10 Dec 10am - 7pm Mon - Wed/ 8.30pm Thurs- Sat/ 10-6pm Sundays. Top Tip: midweek is quieter! Over 200 stalls in the most magical of settings with 80% of makers local to the region with handmade gifts and products

For further details visit [www.bathchristmasmarket.co.uk](http://www.bathchristmasmarket.co.uk)

## Malmesbury, Chippenham, Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton

### National Theatre Live

Live and pre recorded screenings  
 Young Marx 7-Dec Cat on a Hot Tin Roof 22-Feb  
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 For further details visit [www.ntlive.com](http://www.ntlive.com)

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

Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the ROH Covent Garden  
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[www.sherston.org/downloads/sherston-parish-council-emergency-plan/Sherston-Emergency-Plan-REDACTED-20-11-2015.pdf](http://www.sherston.org/downloads/sherston-parish-council-emergency-plan/Sherston-Emergency-Plan-REDACTED-20-11-2015.pdf)

### Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

[emergency@sherston.org.uk](mailto:emergency@sherston.org.uk) (only during an incident)

### Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100

[EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk) (only during an incident)

Floods: 0300 456 0105 or [drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk)

### Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm)

### Utilities

ELECTRICITY – SSEPD Power track

To report a problem or for information call 105

[www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack](http://www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack) for a map of faults

0800 072 7282 or 0345 072 1905 from a mobile phone  
 @SSEPD for updates on twitter

### WATER – Bristol Water

[www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/](http://www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/)

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

### WATER – Wessex water

[www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/](http://www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/)

Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

### BBC Wiltshire can be heard via:

West Wilts area

(Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge): 104.3FM

## Useful Numbers

BT fault line	0800 800151
CLARENCE (Highway complaints)	0800 232323
Cllr John Thomson	01666 840785
Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	01249 652851
Sherston Parish Council	07790 883503
Sherston Post Office	01666 840456
Sherston School	01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings)	01666 841377
Tolsey Surgery	01666 840270
Wiltshire Council	0300 4560100

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