



School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

World War 1 and Remembrance

The Year 6 topic this autumn term has been World War 1 and Remembrance. The class have been learning about why the war happened, who was involved, how and why people joined up to serve and help, and what life was like in the trenches. They helped planting the crosses at the church and held their own Remembrance service to honour Sherston's fallen.

Here are some poems they wrote:

Thinking of Home

Looking back

As we walk down the beaten track

Hardly noticing the burning shell

As it looks to send us straight to Hell

Still thinking of Home

And still on we trudge

Bloodshot legs ploughing through sludge

The cries of the dying ringing in our ears

As we long to be rid of the constant fears

Still thinking of Home

And even now we think of the dead

Laid to rest in their poppy bed

Spared the constant fighting

And the rats that keep on biting

Still thinking of Home

Two Minutes of Silence

*The silence that we all stand and take
to remind us of each death and quake*

*To remind us of each gunshot ringing
all the soldiers fighting, singing*

To mark the blood of each man on the ground

We stand in silence, we make no sound

One thing has stood here all this while

whilst wounds were made in a war so vile

whilst bombs shook trenches, gas killed men

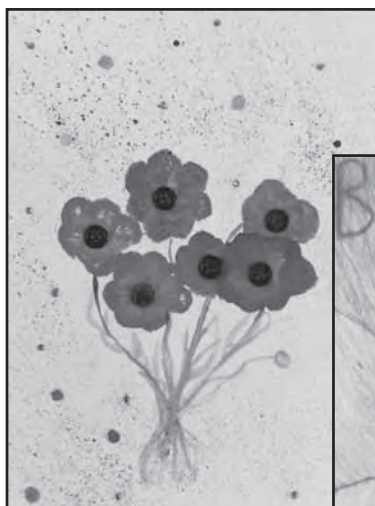
One thing lives on Here and Then

As our brave, scared soldiers started dropping

the one thing growing was a poppy

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The Little Match Girl, a Warming Tale for Winter by The Last Baguette

Sherston Village Hall
on Sunday 9 December
at 2.30pm

The Little Matchgirl, a family show for Christmas inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's traditional tale, will be performed on Sunday 9 December at 2.30pm in Sherston Village Hall. Tickets from Sherston Post Office or 840375 adults £10, concessions £8, child £5, family (two children and two adults) £25.

This is a Rural Arts Touring show from The Pound. Full details were in November Cliffhanger.

www.thelastbaguette.com

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

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

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A Tracklements Record!



With the help of Sherston Brownies and Guides, Tracklements collected more crab apples than ever before this year! With 549kg of the whopping 740kg haul foraged for by the girls - it's going to be a bumper year for crab apple jelly!

The community project, run by Tracklements, raises money for charities by donating money both for the amount of crab apples collected and the jars of jelly they sell. This year the money raised will go to several charities chosen by Sherston Brownies and Guides. Watch this space to find out more in future issues!

Thank you to everyone in our lovely community who supported the collection in October from letting Brownies collect in their gardens to getting out there and collecting too.

Don't forget you can still get involved in fundraising by buying (and eating) a jar or two of Tracklements crab apple jelly (it's a tough job)! With 25p from every jar going to charity, with your help, we can raise more money for some wonderful causes. Bring on the baked ham... Sherston Brownies and Guides

Sherston Senior Club

Our Autumn Sale raised £147.67 for our funds. Estelle Lacey and Iris Hadland were thanked for running the 'Bring and Buy' stall for the last time. Over many years they have raised hundreds of pounds for the club and now deserve a rest.

By the time you are reading this, we will have seen Arthur Kingdon's underwater photographs and later in the month of November will have heard the Sherston School choir performing. Our year ends on 11 December for our Christmas lunch. We would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and healthy New Year.

We start 2019 on Tuesday 15 January at 2.00pm for our Annual General Meeting followed by a quiz and bingo. If you wish to join us, the membership fee is £15.00 payable at the AGM. Or, if you wish to 'try before you buy', visitors pay £2.00. We have several coach outings per year and excellent speakers, and are very informal and friendly. For more information please contact Helen Quirk on 840516.

Advent Service of Light

Advent begins this year on Sunday 2 December and we invite you to join us for Advent-themed anthems and carols at the Service of Light in the Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston at 6.00pm. This lovely service, bringing together light and music, is a beautiful start to the Advent season. This is a joint service with the churches from the Gauzebrook Group.

Christmas and New Year waste and recycling collection changes

There will be no waste or recycling collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or on New Year's Day.

However, there will be catch-up collections on Saturday 29 December, 5 January and 12 January.

Garden waste collections will be suspended from Monday 24 December for two weeks and restart on Tuesday 8 January. Collections will be one day later than normal during this week.

All collections, including garden waste, will return to normal from Monday 14 January 2019.

All household recycling centres will be closed from 1.00pm on 24 December and all day on 25 and 26 December and 1 January. The centres will be open as normal on all other days.

For information about your local recycling centre or how to recycle your Christmas tree, visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling

|  Normal collection day | Revised household waste, black box, plastic and cardboard collection day | Revised garden waste collection day  |
|---|--|---|
| Mon 24 December | No change | No collections |
| Tue 25 December | Thur 27 December | No collections |
| Wed 26 December | Fri 28 December | No collections |
| Thur 27 December | Sat 29 December | No collections |
| Fri 28 December | Mon 31 December | No collections |
| Mon 31 December | Wed 2 January | No collections |
| Tue 1 January | Thur 3 January | No collections |
| Wed 2 January | Fri 4 January | No collections |
| Thur 3 January | Sat 5 January | No collections |
| Fri 4 January | Mon 7 January | No collections |
| Mon 7 January | Tue 8 January | Tue 8 January |
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| Mon 14 January | Back to normal | Back to normal |

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INSPIRING WOMEN

I am certain many of us have travelled through Exeter St David's railway station but I wonder how many of us know that it was at that station that the idea of Penguin Books originated?

Our speaker at our November meeting, Barry Edwards, shared with us his knowledge of the early history of Penguin books and enthused us with his passion for the books. He is an avid collector and, to date, has a collection of 1,440 of the first 1,500 books published by Penguin.

An experienced publisher, Allen Lane, founder of Penguin Books, having tried to buy a book at the station for a journey from Exeter to London, spotted a gap in the market for good quality books at affordable prices. His publishing experience and his belief that literature should be available to all encouraged him to set up the business. In 1935 Penguin published ten titles on the same day at 6d (2.5p) a book - at that time a hardback book cost 7s (35p)- with a print run of 20,000 books for each title. Within a year Penguin had printed 3,000,000 paperbacks across a range of titles. Distribution of the books extended beyond the traditional bookshops to Woolworths, who had committed to a significant regular order from Penguin, and to WH Smith, hence books were then becoming readily available at railway stations.

We are all familiar with the orange and white cover with the Penguin logo but initially book covers were blue and white, then diverging into different colours -green/white, cerise/white, grey/white, yellow/white - to denominate the classification of the books, eg crime, travel, politics, etc. The advent of WW2 brought challenges with regards to the supply of paper for book publishing and during that time Penguin set up overseas publishing operations and also produced books with fewer pages by using smaller font sizes. After the war Penguin continued to expand its range of books and publish new authors. Its success in 1960 in winning the court case regarding the publishing of Lady Chatterly's Lover by DH Lawrence gave an added bonus of sales of over three million copies of the book that year.

On 6 December our thoughts turn to Christmas when Cherry Hubbard will be visiting us to tell us about a Tudor Christmas. Members will be marking the New Year on 17 January with a lunch.

Sherston Church Bazaar

Sherston Church Bazaar is on Saturday 1 December in the Village Hall. Starting at 12.00noon with home-made soups and filled rolls, there will be stalls selling gifts, cakes, produce, jigsaws, and gifts. The tombola is always popular and the raffle has some excellent prizes. Come along and enjoy the atmosphere and support your local church.

Sherston Remembrance Day Service



Councillor John Mathews takes the salute from 90 Squadron (Regiment Royal Logistic Corps) - Sherston Remembers

Blue skies and a temperature eight degrees above last year's boded well for this year's Remembrance Service commemorating the centenary of the WW1 Armistice. Leading up to 11 o'clock, 730 people assembled in Church Street for Sherston's fifth outside Remembrance Service. Led by 90 Squadron Royal Logistic Corps, from Buckley Barracks, commanded by Major Richard Gardner MBE followed by Sherston's uniformed organisations and service veterans, 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.

Following the two-minute silence, Lieutenant Colonel Nick Grant-Thorold recited The Exhortation, Captain Henry Jodrell and Imogen Bathie (a member of the Sherston drama group) read names of servicemen of Easton Grey and Sherston who died in past conflicts. Private Bryant of 9 Regt RLC recited the Kohima Epitaph and Bryn Holding dramatically recited Laurence Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen' in its entirety.

Wreaths were laid in memory of the fallen by:
 Councillor John Mathews, Chairman, Sherston Parish Council,
 Captain James Wilson, 9 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps,
 Lieutenant Colonel Linda Evans RAMC, Holy Cross Church
 Philip Springate, Congregational Church
 Rev Janet Evans, Methodist Church
 James Long, 1st Sherston Scout Group
 Jess Picton, 1st Sherston Guides
 Izzie Brushneen and Izabella Fernandez-Colyer 1st and 2nd Sherston Brownies
 Stephen Hawkins, Coldstream Guards Association

The Sherston Occasional Community Choir, conducted by Trudi Baker and accompanied by Brian Cook, sang 'God shall wipe away all tears' by Karl Jenkins during the laying of the wreaths.

The address was given by Andrew Williams-Tarling. After the prayers, Tamsin Kennard led the singing of 'Keep the Home Fires Burning' accompanied by the Sherston Occasional Community Choir. Tamsin, a professional singer and singing coach is married to Bryn, a professional actor and director: he who recited the poem. They live in Sherston.

At the end of the service 90 Sqn RLC, followed by the youth organisations, marched past and Councillor John Mathews, 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 and operated by Michael Whatley. We thank the 1st and 2nd Sherston Brownie Units, 1st Sherston Guides, the 1st Sherston Scout Group and Sherston Whitewalls Explorer Scout Unit, Sgt Paul Hutchings and WO2 (SSM) Craig Jones of 90 Squadron RLC, the Sherston Band of Ringers, the Sherston Community Choir, the stewards, organised by Sqn Ldr Jim Robinson: Nigel Freeth, Roger Clements, Lt Cdr Christopher Morgan RN, Wg Cdr Dr Pamela Pickthall, and Adrian Midgley. Graham Simpson managed the closure of Church Street and the traffic diversions.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of Sherston Parish Council and the Clerk to the Council, Ms Donna Ford.

We will be sending £1,386 which was collected during the service to the Earl Haig Fund Poppy Appeal 2018.

This year's Remembrance Service draws a line under the WW1 centenary commemorations and next year our thoughts will encompass the 80th anniversary of the start of the Second World War, as well as more contemporary conflicts.

Chris Pickthall and Anthony Price

Sherston Christmas Market

The Sherston Christmas Market will be on Saturday 8 December from 10.00am to 4.00pm in the village hall we have lots of lovely stalls selling great gifts for the festive season. Emma will be doing her usual bacon rolls and hot soup as well as mince pies and delicious homemade cakes. As this looks like it will be the last market it would be really lovely if lots of you could join us from Sherston and surrounding villages and we can go out with a bang!

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Sherston 1016 - 'Raising money for local good causes'

Thank you to all those that braved the 'seasonal' weather on 24 November to support our book sale in the Village Hall. We collected over £130. We will try and give more notice before the next sale in 2019.

The Sherston Firework Spectacular went very well, helped by excellent weather. Thanks to all those that helped make it run so smoothly. As the display took place during half term this year, like many other displays, the attendance was down from 2017 so special thanks to the local companies and organisations that sponsored the event: Grays of Sherston, DPS Ltd, Tolsey Surgery, SwanBarton Ltd, TinPlate Product Company. Other businesses who helped in kind, were Knockdown Quarry, Valley Trading and the CoOp Stores for selling tickets for us.

As our numbers in Sherston 1016 have reduced considerably we may well have to limit our involvement in the 2019 event to just the fireworks. Any one who wants to get involved with the group and its fundraising activities please contact Martin on 07717 424619 or email reply@sherston1016.org

Thanks to all your contributions to book sales, fireworks and other fund raising events, Sherston 1016 was able to donate a sum of £3,900 to both the Village Hall Fund and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Season's greetings from Sherston 1016!

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It's official - Sherston is a 'Caring Community'!

We've always known it, of course, but Sherston is now officially a 'Caring Community' following the village's takeover of the Caring 365 homeless shelter in Bristol!

In fact, Sherston is the first-ever Caring Community, as our takeover was part of a pilot scheme developed by Caring in Bristol (<https://caringinbristol.co.uk/>), which runs the shelter, where a community takes over a homeless shelter in Bristol for a whole week. And 'takeover' means just that - we not only needed to provide all the frontline crew to run the shelter for a week, but we also needed to raise the funds to pay for it!

Running the shelter involved having three Sherston volunteers staying in the shelter every night, meaning we needed to fill a total of 21 'shifts'. Now that's quite an ask for a small village but guess what? We smashed it! More than 40 villagers stepped up to do an overnight stint so, in the end, we had to leave some of the team at home!

We also smashed the fundraising! The cost of running the shelter for a week is £1,500 so that was our target, but money is still coming in and we have already raised over £3,000! A massive thank you to everyone who has helped and contributed.



As part of the project, the Caring In Bristol team came out to Sherston to deliver the training needed. Two days later, the first team of Sherstoners was in deepest Brizzle keeping 15 people safe and warm for the night. Caring 365 is a 'pop-up' shelter in a church hall that hosts a playgroup and yoga during the day, but when it gets dark and cold it's transformed into a welcoming place where people in need can get somewhere warm to bed down and a nice cuppa.

Meanwhile, back in the village, some of the younger members of our caring community were getting involved in fundraising activities too, including a sponsored sleepout on the rec - yes, in November! - (see opposite for more details on junior fundraising).

Of course, no Sherston event would be complete without a slot on the BBC and this one was no



exception, with both BBC TV and Radio featuring the ground-breaking initiative dreamt up by Sherston's Gemma Waldron and Dave Shephard. Both are long-time volunteers at the shelter and 'pitched' the idea to the charity which now intends to roll it out to other communities, companies, clubs or any other group of caring individuals.

So, if you have a company, community or a club or just a bunch of mates who might want to run their own takeover, then grab Dave or Gemma or drop an email to caring@oldbellhouse.com and you too can become a caring community.



The week was a great success from all sides and, as Dave said to the BBC: 'The best bit about the whole week is ordinary folk realising that they aren't powerless in the face of the big problems of society ... The project slogan is "it's time to stop making excuses and start making a difference" and that's exactly what Sherston has done!'

For more information on the project, just visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sherston-shelter-takeover - and you can even make a donation to Caring In Bristol while you're there! Just because the Sherston team has rolled out of town, many of the people we were helping still need support.

Caring in Bristol were blown away by the village's engagement in the project and have asked us to pass on their admiration and thanks So a massive THANK YOU to everyone who got involved, donated and supported the initiative, you are all heroes!

Caring Community: Junior Fundraising



A Bed for Ted

The children of Sherston School made a difference to homelessness by donating their soft toys to a 're-homing sale' in November as part of the 'Caring Community' initiative.

From the smallest bear to the biggest bunny, every toy was welcome and sold at a huge sale outside school. It can be hard to give your favourite toys away but lots of the children did because they wanted to help give other people a home. The children raised an amazing £102 helping give some of Bristol's homeless a bed for the night. It just show that every person really can make a difference and we would like to say a huge thank you to every child who donated - your actions will help lots of people this winter.

The first Big Sherston Sleep Out

An intrepid band of children and adults took to the Rec to 'sleep rough' on Friday 9 November, raising money as part of the 'Caring Community' project.

It was the worst of both weathers - starting off with a LOT of rain and wind, followed by incredible, clear but bitterly cold skies from about 12.30am. From our youngest sleeper, Reuben (6), to the rest of the 13 brave children, everyone was genuinely amazing. As the temperature dropped, they wrapped their blankets a little closer and made it through the night. We all learned how lucky we are to have a safe house to go home to and, in the process, raised over £750 so that



some of Bristol's homeless can have a warm bed this winter.

Polly said, 'It was really fun sleeping out with my friends but it would be horrible and difficult to have to do it every night, and on my own. So it was good to raise some money for the shelter.' While Lucy said, 'It's not something everyone does every day and I now realise how hard it must be to be homeless. It was an extraordinary experience.'

Thank you to the Scouts for their marquee and to the Explorers for making everyone a very welcome hot chocolate! Thank you also to everyone who sponsored the 'rough sleepers' - if you would like to add a few pounds to tell them what a good job they did please pop onto the JustGiving page (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sherston-shelter-takeover) to add to the total.



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PGL adventure!

On 22 October, 24 excited children from Chestnut class and three members of staff went for three days of fun and adventure at the PGL centre in Liddington near Swindon. For many of the Year 4 children, it was their first time away from home and certainly some of the activities had never been tackled before so there was some trepidation and nerves.

Once we arrived at the centre and had a tour of the site and lunch, we were straight into activities: fencing and the zip wire. A great time was had by all and there are definitely some budding musketeers with the fencing foils, not to mention daredevils on the zip wire. Some were a little anxious about the height, jumping off a tower held up by a harness and ropes and speeding over everyone below them but I was so proud of the support that the children gave each other and the willingness to push themselves to give it a go.

The brilliant evening activities called 'wacky races' were organised by our amazing PGL leader, Ali, and the teamwork and creativity was exceptional from all



the children when they were asked to imagine they were laying an egg!

The second day was also action-packed: canoeing, archery, raft building and climbing. Once again a fantastic time was had by all and the teamwork and support for each other was evident once more. Of course the day would not be complete without a dunking for everyone in the lake – even the teachers!

The final day was aeroball (a kind of basketball on trampolines) and problem solving and then it was time to come home.

As teachers, we are often concerned about measuring academic progress, and an experience like this allowed the children to make amazing progress in areas that we cannot measure but are nonetheless equally valuable: teamwork, social skills, table manners, co-operation, resilience, pushing themselves out of their comfort zone, self-organisation, independence and empathy to name a few. It was a pleasure to take them and it is hopefully an experience they will remember for a long time to come.

Helen Berry (Year 4 class teacher).



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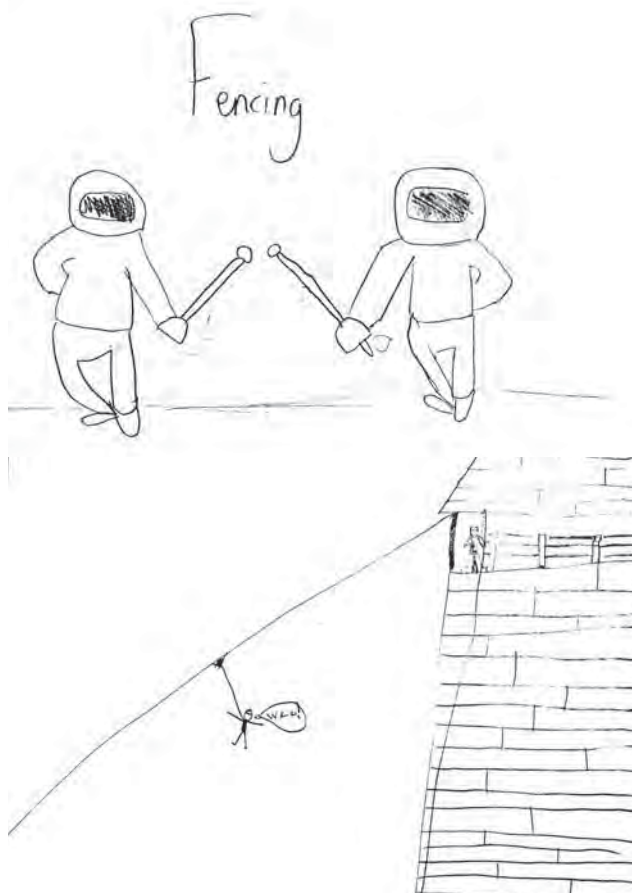
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My trip to PGL



In October, Year 4 spent two nights at PGL near Swindon. Our first activity was fencing and then we went on a giant zip wire - some of us even got two goes! We finished Day 1 with Wacky Races.

Day 2 was very busy. We went canoeing and did archery, climbing and raft-building. At the end of the day, we had a quiz.

On the last day, we did aeroball and problem-solving, which was super-fun and my favourite bit. I was not tired at all when I got home!

The food was brilliant, especially the breakfasts (I had five pieces of toast one day!) The funniest bit was when George woke me up at 4.00am!

Ella



My favourite bit about PGL was raft-building. I fell in the lake and got completely wet!

Hugh

We all did archery. It was the first time that I had done it and I scored a bull's eye! PGL was the best!

Chloe

My favourite part was the climbing because I beat Henrietta on a race to the top (but Henrietta won abseiling down!)

Oli

My favourite activities were fencing, raft-building and Wacky Races!

Holly

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Sherston Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides & Explorers Christmas Fundraising

Last year, our Christmas Draw and the Christmas Post raised just over £1100 towards the insurance, maintenance and running costs of the Headquarters building in Green Lane. Tickets for the annual Christmas Draw for hampers and many other glorious prizes will be on sale from section leaders and outside the Post Office during the first two weekends in 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 15 December and Christmas Cards will be delivered from Sunday 16 December. Scout Post Stamps will be on sale (25p each) from Section Leaders and from Sherston Midcounties Co-operative from 1 December. Please post your Christmas Cards in the special post boxes (there will be one in the Sherston Co-op).



We are very grateful to local businesses for their generous donations and support especially to the Sherston Midcounties Co-operative who have donated a super hamper and are accommodating the special posting box, and to Compass Graphic Design for production of the special postage stamps.

Sherston Brownies: Remembrance Parade

The Sherston Brownies were proud to join the Remembrance parade in the village last month. As it was marking the centenary of the end of the First World War, the Brownies wanted to mark the day in their special way. One hundred poppies stood proud in the churchyard overlooking the parade, each carefully made by a Brownie who marked it with a name of a fallen soldier from Sherston, giving meaning to this generation of Brownies. As the girls read out the names, they became sensitive of how many men individual families lost. They crafted the poppies by upcycling bottles and painting them red before cutting out a leaf to write the soldier's name on, creating a vibrant display. The Brownies marched on the Sunday parade through the village with the Sherston Scouts, Cubs and Guides to the church to join the rest of the village for the Remembrance service. Two Brownies laid the wreath in honour of the soldiers who gave their lives for us. The Owls were very proud of all the Brownies who took part.



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Sherston Guides visit Athelstan House

The week before Remembrance Sunday, 1st Sherston Guides went to visit Athelstan House care home in Malmesbury to make poppy badges out of felt and buttons with the residents. Most of the girls had never been to a care home before. They had an evening full of wonderful conversations; about the world wars, their hobbies, and of course, food (fortunately, the residents said their meals were excellent!)! The Guides were so inspired that they want to go back again - to play bingo. Danya Norris

Clark, activities Manager for Athelstan House, said: 'I can't thank the Sherston Guides, their leaders and parents enough, not only for coming to visit us but for really engaging with the residents and being so genuinely interested in them. I was both surprised and delighted at how the Guides' visit was also a great reminiscing activity. We look forward to their next visit.' The Guides wore their poppy badges at Sherston's Remembrance Sunday parade.



'Sherston Brick Club'

British Schoolroom

Brick Club is open to everyone who is a fan of LEGO, so all children of all ages, with only one rule - use your imagination to the maximum! We meet alternate Fridays (2nd, 16th and 30th November) from 5.30 to 7.00pm. Free entry.

Bible Study Group

Mon 10 December from 8pm in the British Schoolroom

Prayer Group

Mon 3 and 17 December from 8pm in the British Schoolroom



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Rapunzel the Pantomime



As October turned to November, Sherston Drama Group presented a brand new pantomime in the Village Hall. Rapunzel was both written and directed by Katie Skeffington with a bit of directing help from dad Richard.

Princess Rapunzel herself was played with spirit and sensitivity by Ella Bray, who showed she could sing as well as act – her duet with the wicked witch Gothel (Juliet Blows), who had another fine singing voice, was a highlight. Juliet exuded menace as Gothel, her plans thwarted rather than aided by her assistants, the lovesick Plain (Fearn Blair) and the rather dim Simple (Maddie Hardiman). They really got into their characters and sang a fantastic duet revealing they weren't really so evil at heart. Dawn Jago perfectly completed the gang of 'baddies', as the easily blackmailed locksmith, Snivel.



Emma Smee as Tom, the principal boy, put in a compelling and energetic performance which required her to be chased by a bizarre collection of underwater creatures and of course, to climb up Rapunzel's hair into the tower. Helping Tom in his quest to save Rapunzel was Kazam, a teenage wizard played by Charlie Blows with flamboyance and an impressive display of his acting, dancing and singing skills. Joining Tom and Kazam was Tabitha Topknot, the Royal Hairdresser (Mandi Bailey-Turner) who caused hilarity with her outrageous outfits, bad singing and eccentric use of language.

Barnaby Blows, Ollie Finch and Jacob Cheetham all demonstrated brilliant comic timing as a trio of hapless handymen, and Barnaby in particular proved willing to do anything for the show, including being covered in large quantities of shaving foam, and, in his second part as Prince Schmuck of Germany, picking a fight

with the significantly taller Duke of Chester (Rory Suggett)!

Rapunzel's parents were Queen Mabel (Andrea Porter), who produced a unique accent for the role, and the reliably bumbling King Richard (Richard Warren). Rebecca Straughen enjoyed herself as Calypso the dancing horse, Lara Farahar made a sterling attempt to control the antics of the handymen as Doctor Queasy, and Sue Ormiston again demonstrated her versatility by being both the American Senator Doughnut and Miranda the evil mermaid. Richard Skeffington showed his mastery of gobbledegook as the goblin King Lord Tyson, and Rory Suggett also played Kazam's father, Wizard Blix, with a lot of stage presence and a certain amount of mess when his magic spells went awry!



The chorus were kept extremely busy this year with several parts each and special mentions must go to Edward Pearce-Smith for his portrayal of Cruz the Crab with his cheesy chat up lines, Charlotte Daane for playing Koko the monkey with attitude, Imogen Bathie for her excellent dancing and bugle playing, Martha Smee for really making the cameo role Jack (in-the-box) her own, Izzy Evelyn for learning Spanish for Prince Carlos, and Henry Porter for the best juggling





ever seen on Sherston's stage. Congratulations also to the youngest members of the chorus, Alice Allman, Mae Farahar, James Straughen and Camilla Suggett who all took on multiple parts as jesters, rabbits, goblins and sea creatures and did a fantastic job in their first pantomime.

The Malcom Jarrett Chorus Cup was won this year by Edward Pearce-Smith and the famous Andrew Award scooped by Barnaby Blows, congratulations to both!!

The pantomime could not take place without an enormous amount of hard work by many people, too many to thank here, but special thanks to choreographer Helen Fisk, Sarah Scherer for costumes and song rehearsals,



Kirstie Blair for Front of House, Vee Skeffington for Box Office, Sue Ormiston and Robin Turner for scenery, Kate Smee as stage manager, Debbie Luter as backstage manager, Joanna Daane for prompting, Ewan Blair on the lights and Paul Ormiston for all the sound effects, including being his own radio show.

Next production will involve a visit to the races just before Easter!



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Tickets (not available yet but should be during December) from Sherston Post Office or 840375 - £14 or concessions £12.

Rural Arts Touring show.

Clear your diaries for the legendary Sherston Quiz Night!

The Friends of Sherston School will be holding the 2019 Quiz Night at the Village Hall on Saturday 2 February - put the date in your diary and be poised to pounce when tickets go on sale next month! As in previous years, the night is not only about the quiz, there will also be a fabulous auction and fantastic raffle. Prizes are already rolling in and include a particularly exciting auction lot: a unique opportunity for a GCSE student to receive a week's placement at a leading talent agency in London, Independent Talent, representing actors, directors, writers, presenters and many others involved in the media business. More details on this and other prizes next month!

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<https://communitycarols.eventbrite.co.uk>

Sopworth Christmas Concert

Saturday 15 December at 7.30pm, Sopworth Church
Join Laurie Jones and his fantastic choir performing seasonal choral pieces. With music to suit all tastes, this is a Christmas concert not to be missed. Tickets £15 available from Paul Atwell 07966248468

Small Ads

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| 1st | 41 | Maggie Towle | £13 |
| 2nd | 233 | Gwen Knight | £12 |
| 3rd | 1 | Audrey Willby | £11 |
| 4th | 2 | Danny Mead | £10 |
| 5th | 59 | Dawn Smith | £9 |
| 6th | 179 | Mary Johnson | £8 |
| 7th | 160 | Marion Gee | £7 |

November 2018 Draw

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| 1st | 76 | Sue Froggatt | £13 |
| 2nd | 72 | Pete Johnston | £12 |
| 3rd | 319 | Steve Dunn | £11 |
| 4th | 271 | Judith Broom | £10 |
| 5th | 115 | Janet Platts | £9 |
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30th December, 11.00am Revd. Andrew Williams Tarling

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North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

In October we held a 'Pot Luck Workshop', in which participants brought along flowers, foliage and other components of an arrangement, but passed these on to another member to create as they wished. It was an excellent evening with lots of nice surprises, no one left disappointed.

In November, we had our annual fundraising event at the Sundial Theatre, Cirencester, with Christmas themed 'Magic and Sparkle' Demonstration by mother and daughter team, Elizabeth Gordon and Emily Broomhead.

Future meetings

Wednesday 19 December: Christmas Workshop with seasonal arrangement and 'bring and share' supper.

Wednesday 16 January: Demonstration by Rachel Wilson, 'A Luxury Wedding'.

Wednesday 20 February: Demonstration by Sally Taylor, 'You be the Judge'.

Looking forward

We have a full programme of interesting and varied events planned throughout 2019 including demonstrations, workshops and visits.

Flower Club meetings usually take place at Crudwell Village Hall (SN16 9HB) on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. We are a thriving, enthusiastic group, with plenty of fun and friendship thrown in. Our members and visitors come from throughout North Wiltshire and into Gloucestershire. Some are experienced creative flower arrangers, others complete beginners and some just like to watch. Visitors and new members are guaranteed a warm welcome, encouraged by free coffee/ tea / cake and chat at the end of the evening. For more information please contact Liz on 860888.

Moviola @ Grittleton Village Hall

Grittleton Village Hall: Wednesday 5 December

Paddington 2 [PG]

Paddington is happily settled with the Brown family in Windsor Gardens, where he has become a popular member of the community, spreading joy and marmalade wherever he goes. While searching for the perfect present for his beloved Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, Paddington spots a unique pop-up book in Mr Gruber's antique shop, and embarks upon a series of odd jobs to buy it. But when the book is stolen, it's up to Paddington and the Browns to unmask the thief. Studio Canal.

Tickets £6 adults, £4 children (12 and under) from Lesley on 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com (underscore between l and p). Doors open 6.00pm, programme starts at 6.30pm (please note earlier start time).

Merry Christmas to all our Moviola supporters. See you in 2019!

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Jigsaw Race: 20 January 2019

Come along and join us for an afternoon of jigsaw fun at the Horton Jigsaw Race. Taking place from 2.00pm until 5.00pm on Saturday 20 January at Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall (BS37 6QN), teams of four will compete to see which team can complete a 500-piece jigsaw in the shortest time. At just £5 per person, why not make up a team and test your jigsaw skills? Single entries are also welcome, we will put you with others to make up teams of four; it will be a great opportunity to make some puzzle-enthusiast friends.

Your ticket entitles you to a cup of tea or coffee and a delicious piece of cake, as well as an afternoon of puzzling fun. Further refreshments and bar will be available.

We will be raising funds for Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall and for HorseHeard (www.horseheard.com), a charity that encourages emotional and behavioural change in young people and other vulnerable groups in society through experiential intervention with horses.

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Tetbury Camera Club: Every picture tells a story



There is little doubt that most of us will have heard the comment that 'every picture tells a story' but, unlike many idioms or sayings, where it originated, what prompted it or who first conceived it now seems to be lost in time. One thing's for sure though, it's a saying that is as relevant today as it ever was. It sprang to mind a few weeks ago when Tetbury Camera Club had a fine evening of entertainment and inspiration with a visit from Worcestershire-based photographer Darren Leeson.

Darren's forte is street photography, which for anyone who hasn't come across the term before refers to outdoor picture-taking that is often 'gritty' in style and content. To use Darren's words, 'although my interest in photography is wide-ranging, I have a strong passion for the real and surreal stories and theatre of the street.' During the evening he entertained with a varied selection of images, showing shots such as the mobile diner picture (above). It is obviously firmly closed for business, despite its open-all-day signage!

Despite the apparent simplicity or naivety of street pictures, they are not as simple to take as they might look. Although they are out there to be captured at any time of the day or night in rural as well as urban settings, not everyone can see them. For most people, it isn't easy to be bold enough to just snap a shot of someone they don't know, or to walk up to

someone they've never seen before and ask if they can photograph them.

Among the hints and tips Darren offered on the best way to capture street shots, there were a couple that are easy for virtually anyone to follow: always take a camera with you!

Darren almost never leaves home without one of his cameras. Another comment he made was that using a small unobtrusive camera makes you look more like an amateur and tourist, so people are less likely to be watching what you're doing. One of the cameras he uses is about 10 years old, rather bashed, looks well-used and sports a simple-looking small lens acquired from an auction site. Leave the larger long-length lenses for other photographic projects.

Another tip was to watch what's going on around you. If you don't look, you won't see. There are always pictures to be taken, you just have to spot them.

If you are interested in seeing more of Darren's work, Google his name or have a look at his website: street-fotografie.co.uk

Tetbury Camera Club meets upstairs at The Priory Inn at 7.30pm each Tuesday. We are always happy to welcome new members, or anyone who is interested in knowing more about photography. The club's website (tetburycameraclub.org.uk) shows its programme, as well as lots more information.

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On Saturday 15 December, the Band will be playing carols in the Market Cross or Birdcage Walk, from 11.00am until 12.00noon. While the band is playing, the Mayor, Cllr Fran Vandelli, will be collecting money for her charities.

The band's deputy musical director, Art Robb, said: 'The Band always enjoys playing all these Christmas favourites and we hope that many local residents will come and enjoy them at either, or both, of these events.'

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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, 07740 188882 or email diboyle@hotmail.com

Sherston Brick Club

Brick Club is open to everyone who is a fan of LEGO, so all children of all ages, with only one rule - use your imagination to the maximum! We meet on alternate Fridays from 5.30 to 7pm in the Congregational Church, Cliff Rd. Free Entry

Sherston Brownies

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

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Sunday services 8am Holy Communion; 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
Nursery Seeds is a Sat am club for children aged 4 and over, from 10am – 12noon twice a month. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

Sherston Community Choir

The community choir with conductor Trudi Baker meets at 7.30pm each Wed in term time in the British Schoolroom. £3 per session. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cutcher sheilacutcher28@gmail.com or 840067, or on Facebook.

Congregational Church – in The British Schoolroom.

11am Service, Communion every 2nd Sunday of the month led or hosted by Reverend Andrew Williams Tarling. Sunday School 10.15 – 11am use Cliff Road entrance. Alternating Mondays 8pm, Bible Study or Prayer Group Brick (Lego) Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 7pm. Contact Minister - Andrew Williams Tarling -minister4sherstonconchurch@outlook.com /07921 390878 Admin/Bookings - Victoria Meheust - sherstonconchurch@outlook.com Secretary.- Candi Williams Tarling - secretary4sherstonconchurch@outlook.com or find us on Facebook.

Methodist Church

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

Church bell ringing

Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 – 9 pm. Call Geoff Martin 840375 or come along.

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Junior nets Mon 6pm and Senior nets at 6.30pm on Tues nights at Pinkney Park. If you would like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the website www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

Cubs is open to both girls and boys aged between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form

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 or 07780 661830

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

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

Explorers is open to both girls and boys aged between 14 and 18 years old, you don't need to have previously been a member of Scouts or Guides to join us. We meet at the Scout hut on Friday nights between 8.30pm and 10pm during school term times, if you are interested please email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk to obtain an application form

Sherston Town FC

The club plays in the Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Sat afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. For more details contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or peter.brock666@btinternet.com

Footpaths Group

'Sherston Walks - a guide to local Rights of Way', featuring 10 local walks is on sale at the Post Office. If you would like to learn more about the Footpaths Group contact Maggie Harries on 841047 or maggie@harriespartnership.com or visit www.sherstonwalks.org.uk

Forest School

Independent sessions led by local outdoor learning specialist Niki Walden, that include an after school club at Sherston Primary School, weekly curricular sessions at Luckington School & Luckington Pre-School and occasional further fun extended sessions during school holidays. For further information please contact nikiwalden-forestschool@hotmail.co.uk

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Parish Council Meeting

Takes place on the 2nd Thurs each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Minutes of meetings can be read online at www.sherston.org.uk. Further details contact the Clerk at clerk@sherston.org.uk

Sherston Pilates

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1st Sherston Scout Troop

Scouts is open to both girls and boys aged between 10½ to 14 years old. We meet at the Scout hut on Tuesday nights from 7pm to 9pm during school term times. There is a waiting list for Scouts, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form

Senior Club

Meets at 2.30pm during summertime 2pm during winter in the British School Room, more details call Helen Quirk 840516.

Sherston Short Mat Bowls

Meet every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. New members welcome – bring flat shoes, we have the woods. For more information contact Tony Weedon 841377 or Anne Andrews 840941

Sherston Tennis Club

The tennis courts are located on Knockdown Road, next to the football pitch. If you're interested in joining the club or using the courts, please contact Nic Riley on 840682 or nic50riley@gmail.com

Sherston Theatre Club

Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. Listings under www.communicate.co.uk/

wilts/sherstontheatreclub/ or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com

Sherston Velo

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

Sherston Village Hall

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

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 or linmaryprior@gmail.com

WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses

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

Sherston W.I. (Founded 1940)

Meetings on first Thurs of the month. May– Sep in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and Nov – Apr in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. Jan & Oct no meetings but lunch/dinner. Visitors always most welcome £3.50. Further information: Secretary 840578.

Sherston Young Craft Group

Every Monday during term time from 6.45 - 8.15pm in the small Village Hall for children aged 9 and above. To join, please email sherstoncraftclub@outlook.com

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 www.wildyoga.co.uk

Avonvale Utd FC

The youth section trains at The Recreation Ground, Shipton Moyne every Saturday morning (from 1 Sep – 31 May) from 9.30am, with FA qualified coaches. We welcome boys and girls age 6+ of all abilities and confidences to enjoy the beautiful game, whilst developing at their own pace in a friendly and calm environment. For more details email avonvaleutdfc@outlook.com or call Jo Hargreaves on 07518 017363

Boules at the Bull

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.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).

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Easton Grey Parish Church See Parish Life for details of services

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 at 11.00am now on the first Sunday of each month, except for August. 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

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

Link 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

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. Ofsted rated Outstanding For more information, call 840028, email chair@luckingtonpreschool.org.uk or visit www.luckingtonpreschool.org.uk

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Concert Band

Rehearsals on Fri evenings in Malmesbury, 7.15 – 9.15pm for performances at local bandstands. For further details see our website www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk or contact Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or musdir@malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

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 <https://www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir>.

Malmesbury Embroiderers' 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 pre-booking 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 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 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, apart from during school holidays. £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 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

For details contact the Division Commissioner at malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk or visit www.girlguidingwiltshirenorth.org.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 770639

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 speaker meetings, as are guests and anyone interested in Rotary and in helping the local Community. Further details at website www.rcsc.co.uk or from Ian Pegg on 840986.

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.

Wiltshire Walks

The walk lasts approximately 30-60 minutes - 3 levels available - and often ends with a cup of tea or coffee. Further information contact Rosie on rosie.golding@wiltshire.gov.uk or 07917 599964. For a full list of walking groups in Wiltshire please visit www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder/get-wiltshire-walking

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

WHAT'S ON

What's On December 2018

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

Sherston

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

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Dec 1, 15, 29

2019 Jan 12, 26, Feb 9, 23, Mar 9, 23, Apr 6, 20, May 4, 18

Sherston High Street For further details call clerk@sherston.org.uk or mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk

The Angel Hotel

Check Facebook or boards for details of events, call 841627 or contact@sherstonangel.co.uk or visit www.sherston-angel.co.uk/

The Carpenter's Arms

For further details call 840665 or visit www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston

The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7:30pm Free entry and prizes for the winning team. Check boards for more details of events For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk/

Church events

Holy Cross Bazaar Midday Sat 1 Dec in the Village Hall with home-made soups and filled rolls. Stalls include tombola, raffles, produce, cakes, and gifts. Start the Christmas spirit with a lovely social occasion to catch up with friends, contribute towards your local Church and its mission.

If you would like to make a cake, provide tombola or raffle prizes, or donate produce, please get in touch with the Churchwardens or phone Pat 840640 or Heather 840375

Gauzebrook Advent Service of Light Sun 2 Dec 6pm- Advent themed anthems and carols in the Church of the Holy Cross

Churches Today Carol Service Sun 16 Dec 6pm

Christmas Eve & Day 24 Dec Crib Service 6pm Midnight

Communion 11.30pm 25 Dec 10am Family Communion

For further details call Rev Christopher Bryan 837522 or

Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or twitter @chrisbryanrev

// blog <http://revchristopherbryan.wordpress.com/> Rev Susan

Harvey 840696 or Susan Harvey susan.harvey055@gmail.com

Sherston Market

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 beautiful cakes all freshly homemade. The food can be eaten in the hall or have as a take away. Free charity table in entrance 10am-4pm Sat 8 Dec Loads of lovely stalls full of beautiful gifts for Christmas as well as the usual food stalls.

The December market is sadly the last planned. Should anyone like to take over the reins, please contact Alison on 07909 737096. Village hall For further details email pollyatkins59@btinternet.com

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

WEA Courses for 2018-19 British Films of the Sixties by Dr Tim Hammond Tim will bring his expert knowledge and enthusiasm to an exploration of how film developed as an industry and an art form in the United Kingdom in the course of the "long sixties" through the work of six directors native to Britain or resident here during that period. The course reference number is C3529529. This six session course will run weekly between 10am and 12.15pm from Fri 9 Nov to Fri 14 Dec 2018. The fee for the whole course is £50. Please be aware that numbers on the course are limited to 35.

WEA Support Centre on 0300 303 3464 who will be delighted to book your place or alternatively you can book on-line on the WEA South West web site: <https://www.wea.org.uk/south-west> using the post code SN160LN to locate courses in Sherston.

Access the WEA Find A Course service at <https://www.wea.org.uk/south-west> using the postcode SN160LN to locate all the Sherston courses British Schoolroom

For further details call Pat or Warwick Jones at warwickandpatjones@gmail.com or on 840764 or visit www.wea.org.uk/

Sherston WI Talks

Cherry Hubbard: A Tudor Christmas 6 Dec 2.30pm, British School Room. For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Sherston Senior Club

The Christmas Lunch 11-Dec British School Room

For further details call Helen Quirk 840516 Please contact Pearl Dyer 01666 840619 to reserve a place on the outings

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

Exhibition by local artists Drop in and see the local art exhibited in the Salon next to the Post Office. All art is for sale! Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon. There will be details about each artist but all are local and have exhibited in the Sherston Arts Festival. Shear Class, High St

SHCC Concert

Sherston Community Choir in concert with Sherston Primary Choir Sat 1 Dec at 7pm in Holy Cross Church. Tickets will be on sale from the Village Shop during November. Adults £5 – children free. Wine and soft drinks will be available for a donation. Come and support the choirs and join in some Christmas carols. All proceeds to "Teach Us Too" a charity founded by Jonathan Bryan – author of "Eye Can Write" promoting an education system where all children are taught literacy, regardless of their label. info@teachustoo.org.uk www.teachustoo.org.uk

British School Room
For further details call Lucy Lawrance on 840778 (evenings)

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Pop up Lingerie shop

Keturah Brown Lingerie London opens in Sherston till end of Dec Goug (Brenda) Wilcox, designer and owner of Keturah Brown Lingerie London, was born and raised in Sherston and while the shop is being refurbished, has brought her bras, briefs, camisoles, slips and nightwear to Sherston at wonderful prices. The Deno, Sandpits Lane SN16 0NN will be open on Wed & Thurs in Dec from 9.15 am to 5.30pm and at other times by appointment. £1 Donation to the Village Hall Fund for every bra sold before Christmas 2018 For further details call Goug 07788 558035

Rural Arts Wiltshire

The Little Matchgirl by the Last Baguette A family show for Christmas inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's traditional tale. The show uses visual storytelling, live music and puppetry to tell the story of Alice, a match seller in Victorian London. We meet her in the morning and follow her throughout her day, as she encounters funny and zany characters on the vibrant city streets. Sun 9 Dec at 2.30pm in Sherston Village Hall Tickets £10 adult, £8 concession, £5 child, £25 family (2 adults, 2 children) from Sherston Post Office or 840375 or www.poundarts.co.uk
Bookends – Simon and Garfunkel through the Years A unique concert, celebrating the music of Simon and Garfunkel. Bookends' delicate recreation of the unmistakeable sound of the American folk-rock duo is something of a masterpiece. Hear many of the hits such as The Sound of Silence, Mrs Robinson and Bridge over Troubled Water. Tickets (not available yet but should be during December) from Sherston Post Office Stores or 01666 840375 - £14 or concessions £12 Sat 26 Jan 7.30pm Village Hall For further details call or visit www.ruralartswiltshire.org.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 1 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.

Whitewalls, Easton Grey

For further details call 827044 or visit www.tracklements.co.uk

Knockdown

The Holford Arms

Live Music every weekend. Check boards for more details of events For further details call 01454 238669 or info@theholfordarms.co.uk

Sopworth

Sopworth Christmas Concert

Join Laurie Jones and his fantastic choir performing seasonal choral pieces. With music to suit all tastes, this is a Christmas concert not to be missed. Tickets £15 available from Paul Atwell 07966248468 Sat 15 Dec at 7.30pm, Sopworth Church

Sopworth Ladies Club

Monthly meetings Meetings held at 7.30 pm in Sopworth Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each month Membership Fee: £8 plus £2 payable at each meeting. Visitors: £4 All visitors are welcome. For further details call Jayne Dickenson on 840930

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 Luckington Village Hall For further details call Joel Faulkner joel.p.faulkner@gmail.com

Luckington Seniors' Christmas Lunch

A traditional turkey lunch, served at approximately 13:00 on 4 Dec in Luckington village hall to include at least one glass of wine. All senior citizens of Luckington and Alderton are welcome to attend, free of charge Please tell either Lynne Moorhouse or Sue Godwin if you haven't already booked a place and made a menu selection. Sue can also be reached on 07885 221070.

Luckington Village Christmas Party

Everyone welcome. All profits go to the Church Thurs 6 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. Children most welcome

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The Enchanted Christmas Set out on the illuminated trail and discover a magical world of breath-taking light spectacles and interactive displays amongst the trees!

Once you've finished the trail, head to our new Christmas village, and soak up the seasonal cheer by listening to Christmas choirs, getting the whole family involved in arts and crafts, having a go on our fair ground rides, and catching a glimpse of some beloved Christmas characters... 4pm-9pm Sat & Sun 1-2, Fri 7- Sun 9, Fri 14- Sun 16, Fri 21 - Sun 23 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 half price on Fridays only (£7) and children / grandchildren £2. Time slots are every 20 minutes from 5pm - 7.40pm. Please ensure you arrive at the trail entrance promptly for your allocated start time. Advance booking only.

Summer concerts - tickets now on sale Thurs 13 Jun TBC; Paul Weller Fri 14 Jun Jack Savoretti Sat 15 Jun; Sun 16 Jun TBC Till Feb 2019 admission prices Adults £7, those arriving by bike or public transport £5, Children (5-18) £3, under 5s free, 1 carer allowed free per paying disabled visitor

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

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on request



Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

Sunday Cinema £45 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn and a 3 course lunch or dinner in Le Mazot brasserie. Lunch first from 12 noon with the film starting promptly at 2.30pm. For the dinner screening enjoy the film first starting promptly at 5pm followed by dinner in Le Mazot brasserie from 7.15pm. **2 Dec – 'White Christmas'** – A successful song-and-dance team become romantically involved with a sister act and team up to save the failing Vermont inn of their former commanding general **Noctis - award-winning chamber choir** Sun 9 Dec £115pp including champagne reception, a four-course set dinner with wine, coffee and treats

Lobster, fizz & fries Join us on the last Friday before Christmas to celebrate the festive season with a relaxed evening in the Green Room. Our chefs will complete the dishes in the central cooking island while you watch and chat to them as they work, the champagne corks will be popping and there will be up tempo festive tunes playing Fri 21 Dec 7pm £45

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

Events in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Wiltshire Air Ambulance 2019 Diaries on sale Available from Sherston Village Stores and Post Office and Luckington Stores behind The Ship, priced at £4 each.

Swindon Santa Fun Run 2 Dec around Lydiard Park you can run, walk or jog the 5km course, and you can even bring your dog! You can pick up your race numbers between 9.30 and 10.30 from the registration point on the day. There will be a Zumba warm-up from 10.45 to get you ready for the event to start at 11am.

To book a place or for more information call the Charity Team on 01380 739453, email kenresa@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk or visit www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events/wiltshire-100-big-wheel

Malmesbury

Late Night Christmas Shopping in Malmesbury

Festive street market with Santa's Grotto, carol singers, and late night shopping Fri 7 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, check with individual shops for details

Upper High St, Malmesbury For further details call To book a stall call 01249 783434

Movies@Malmesbury

Movies@Malmesbury is run entirely by volunteers. If you would like to help out with the running of Movies@Malmesbury please see a member of the staff at the end of a screening or email us ghcooke@hotmail.com A limited range of drinks and snacks are available for purchase at the bar adjacent to the cinema. A few cushions are available for use during M@M programmes. Please ask for one, remember availability is limited so arrive early if you want one! There is no charge for the cushion. Tickets: 2pm Matinee & 5.30pm screenings: Adults £5. Under 16's £4. 8pm screenings: All tickets £6. Alternative Content (theatre, ballet, opera & art exhibitions) all tickets £10 **This month's films include:**

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| Mon, 3 Dec | 2:00 pm | First Man |
| Mon, 3 Dec | 7:15 pm | Nutcracker - Live Ballet from the Royal Ballet, London * |
| Fri, 7 Dec | 2:00 pm | Johnny English Strikes Again |
| Fri, 7 Dec | 5:30 pm | Goosebumps 2: Haunted Halloween |
| Fri, 7 Dec | 8:00 pm | Peterloo |
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| Mon, 10 Dec | 8:00 pm | First Man |
| Tues, 11 Dec | 7:00 pm | A Christmas Carol – Live theatre starring Simon Callow * |
| Mon, 17 Dec | 8:00 pm | Bohemian Rhapsody |
| Fri, 21 Dec | 2:00 pm | Bohemian Rhapsody |
| Fri, 21 Dec | 5:30 pm | The Grinch |
| Fri, 21 Dec | 8:00 pm | The Girl in the Spider's Web |

Next month - January 2019

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| Wed, 2 | 2pm | The Grinch |
| Thurs, 3 | 2pm | The Girl in the Spider's Web |
| Fri, 4 | 2pm | The Nutcracker and the Four Realms |
| Fri, 4 | 8pm | Widows |
| Mon, 7 | 2pm | Andre Rieu in Concert in Sydney, Australia * |
| Mon, 7 | 5.30pm | The Nutcracker and the Four Realms |
| Mon, 7 | 8pm | Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald |
| Fri, 11 | 2pm | Widows |
| Fri, 11 | 5.30pm | Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald |
| Mon, 14 | 7.30 pm | Andre Rieu in Concert in Sydney, Australia * |
| Mon, 21 | 5.30pm | Ralph breaks the Internet: Wreck it Ralph 2 |
| Mon, 21 | 8pm | The Old Man and the Gun |
| Tues, 22 | 6.45pm | Queen of Spades (Royal Opera House Live) * |
| Fri, 25 | 5.30pm | Ralph breaks the Internet: Wreck it Ralph 2 |
| Wed, 30 | 2pm | The Old Man and the Gun |
| Wed, 30 | 6.45pm | La Traviata (Royal Opera House Live)* |

Malmesbury Town Hall For further details call Tickets are available at the Town Hall, on the door or online (a booking fee is payable) or visit www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html

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 meeting in Dec

Susan Jones – 'The Suffragette movement in the Cotswolds' Thurs 24 Jan

Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall

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

Malmesbury Singers Concert

Hallelujah it's Christmas! a seasonal celebration of all that is Handel, from moving arias to triumphant choruses. Malmesbury Singers invite you to join them for their 2018 Christmas Concert with guest soloists for the evening Hannah Hickman (Soprano),

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16 Rue Montmorency is a charming three-bedroom town house located in the heart of Pezenas, a beautiful medieval market town. The house can accommodate 6 people comfortably and was built in the 18th Century. Constructed from ancient stone (probably from the neighbouring castle ruins!) it comes complete with authentic touches such as decorative wrought iron railings and sky blue wooden shutters which are a decorative theme running through Pezenas.

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Please see the website for more details www.realsouthoffrance.co.uk

Or call Jennie Lamont on 07985443863

Quote Cliffhanger on any enquiry

Andrew King (Tenor) and Iain Stockley (Bass) Sat 8 Dec 7.30pm
Tickets available from Abbey Bookshop or email: tickets@
malmesburysingers.co.uk Malmesbury Abbey

Riverside Community

Saturday Friends 10.30am - 1.30pm and enjoy a cuppa and a friendly chat Drop in dates Sat 20 Oct, 17 Nov, 8 Dec - for possible transport assistance call 07888 383844

Friends in Grief (FIG) FIG is a free community-based drop-in café where anyone bereaved is most welcome - where you can talk with others experiencing similar thoughts and feelings in an informal and supportive setting every Tuesday, 2pm-4pm

Nail Cutting Service available at discounted rates from 18 Dec
Riverside Community Centre For further details call or visit www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk

Wiltshire Council Sunday Lunch Club

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

For further details call Ellen Backer 07557 922020

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

Youth Club and Youth Café We run lots of activities for young people in Chippenham including a Youth Club and Youth Café Gemma Matthews 01249 464008 or gemmam@therisetrust.org

For further details call 01249 463 040 or visit www.therisetrust.org/programmeevents/

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.

Outdoor Concert during Malmesbury Christmas Shopping Night
Fri 7 Dec 7.20pm-8pm at Market Cross

Carols in the Market Cross or Birdcage Walk Sat 15 Dec 11am-12 noon While the band is playing, the Mayor, Cllr Fran Vandelli, will be collecting money for her charities.

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

HEALS Isolation Christmas Lunch We know that for many elderly and isolated people and vulnerable families in our community, this lunch is one of the highlights of the Christmas celebrations. Nominations for places should be sent in the first instance to HEALS of Malmesbury's General Manager, who will agree with you how the nominee will be approached. The lunch is open to all ages including families. Our plan is to again serve Christmas lunch in the Malmesbury Community Hub at Malmesbury Town Hall, on 21 Dec. Similarly we ask that you please spread the word among those you know who might be willing to help us organise these events. We need cooks, vegetable "preparers", drivers, waiters and waitresses, "setter uppers" and "cleaner uppers!" The more the merrier!

For further details call t: 01666 238000 m: 07931 098347
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Charlton Park

WOMAD - World Music Festival

WOMAD - early bird tickets on sale till Jan 2019 Event dates Thurs 25 - Sun 28 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.

For further details call Reading Box Office on 0118 960 6060 or visit www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

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Grittleton Village Hall

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

Tetbury

Christmas Events in Tetbury

The Christmas Lights Switch-On Light Switch On at the Market House with Tristan Gemmill who plays Robert Preston in Coronation Street and the Lowsley-Williams Family from Chavenage House who both have strong connections with the town. Fri 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 Community Christmas Carol Service Sat 8 Dec

Tetbury Market Square

For further details call Georgina and Tara on 01666 504670 or at <http://tetbury.gov.uk/contact-us/> or visit <http://tetbury.gov.uk/the-community/christmas-in-tetbury/>

Tetbury Goods Shed

Vegetables from Aunt Addie's Visit the amazing Ros for all your delicious locally grown vegetables. Adeline Farm is a farming venture with the emphasis on quality, fresh, local and seasonal produce. Although not certified as Organic they are committed to using organic methods - and to working with nature and respecting wildlife. They are also totally committed to producing the finest produce possible. 10am-2pm Adeline Farm Community Project offers facilities to the disabled, people with learning difficulties, and other groups in the Wilts. /Glos. area.

Christmas Craft Fayre 1-2 Dec 1 and 2 10am - 5pm Beautiful locally produced gifts for friends and family. Free entry for all.

The Eusebius Quartet 8 Dec | 7.30 pm - 9.45 pm

Finalists of the 2018 Royal Overseas League Competition, The Eusebius Quartet is fast gaining a reputation for imaginative and communicative performances. Tickets in advance £15

Driftwood Angels workshop 9 Dec | 2pm - 5 pm Paint and draw an angel on driftwood or an outfit to take home for yourself or as a present for someone else. Tickets £30

Writers at the Goods Shed - Claire Dyer 12 Dec | 7 pm - 9 pm Join poet and author Claire Dyer as she discusses and reads from some of her work - then it's your turn. This is your chance to share with like-minded authors and poets some of your work. Tickets £4 on the door

Elles Bailey 15 Dec | 8 pm - 10 pm

Elles Bailey's smoky vocal style perfectly suits her contemporary take on a combination of rootsy blues, country, and soulful rock. Tickets £14

Children's Christmas Workshop 20 Dec | 10 am - 1 pm

Create your very own Starry Christmas Lantern - Children's Workshop with Artsparks Tickets £25

Film Nights Every Thursday at 7. Tickets £7

6 Dec. Juliet Naked (15)

13 Dec. Mission Impossible Fallout (12A)

20 Dec. Some Like it Hot (PG)

27 Dec. Incredibles 2 (PG)

Tickets available on our website www.shed-arts.co.uk

Further details from Kathryn Limoi at office@shed-arts.co.uk How to reach the Shed - use the sat nav postcode GL8 8EY For further details call info@shed-arts.co.uk or visit www.shed-arts.co.uk

Didmarton Flicks in the Sticks

Swimming with Men Fri 14 Dec Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door

His job is a drag, his wife may be cheating on him, and he's not getting any younger. Accountant Eric (Rob Brydon) is simply treading water when he discovers a newfound sense of purpose thanks to an unexpected source: a group of similarly stuck-in-a-rut guys who have found camaraderie and self-worth through synchronized swimming. Sure, they may be a bit paunchy, but they're determined to prove they have what it takes to be a whirling, twirling, scissor-kicking aquatic dream team. And they've set their sights on the ultimate prize: the world championship. Showcasing the sharp wit of The Trip series' Rob Brydon, Swimming With Men is a big-hearted, delightfully offbeat ode to answering your calling, no matter where you are in life. Didmarton Village Hall For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

Horton & Little Sodbury Jigsaw Race

In aid of Horton & Little Sodbury Village Hall and HorseHeard

Come along and join us for an afternoon of Jigsaw fun at the Horton Jigsaw Race. Teams of 4 will compete to see which team can complete a 500 piece jigsaw in the shortest time. Why not make up a team and test your jigsaw skills. Single entries are welcome, we will put you with others to make up teams of 4.

Jan 20 2019 2pm - 5pm Tickets £5 including tea or coffee and a delicious piece of cake. Bar and refreshments available

For further details call Lynn Edwards Tel: 01454 323848 or Alison Barlow Tel: 07973 382795 Email: lynnedwards1258@gmail.com Email: alisonmarybarlow@gmail.com

Crudwell

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Christmas Arrangement Workshop and Bring and Share supper 19-Dec

Rachel Wilson "A Luxury Wedding" Competition - A single flower 16-Jan

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: Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald; Bohemian Rhapsody; Smallfoot; Widows; RSC Live: Troilus and Cressida 9 Dec; The King And I: from the London Palladium 13 Dec; CBeebies Christmas Show: Thumbelina; Berliner Philharmoniker Live: New Year's Eve Concert 2018 Mon 31 Dec 4pm; Andre Rieu New Year's Concert from Sydney 2019 Sat 5 Jan Check website for film details check website for details The Electric Picture House For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com

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Bath

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Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

emergency@sherston.org.uk (only during an incident)

Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100

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

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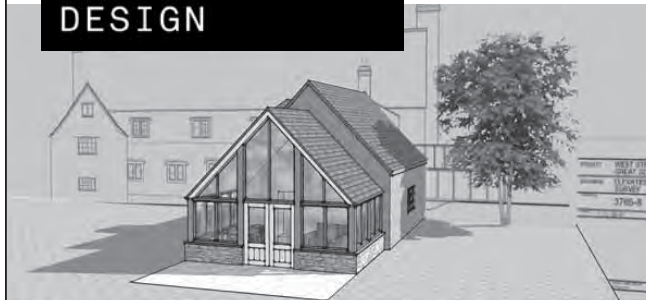
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