



## 20 years with Busy Hands



Busy Hands surprised Liz Snow with a party in January to say thank you for 20 years of wonderful teaching at the pre-school. Liz started work at Busy Hands in 1994 when her son joined and, since then, she has provided an inspiring start to hundreds of children from Sherston and the surrounding villages. A talented artist, Liz has made every child a hand-painted birthday card – around 500 in her time at the pre-school! Just one example of always going above and beyond the call of duty for Busy Hands. We are so lucky to have Liz's enthusiasm, creativity and passion for teaching. So, from all the children, team and parents at Busy Hands – both past and present – a huge thank you to Liz for all her dedication and hard work.



## Bridges – light at the end of the tunnel?

After months of little or no information being forthcoming from Network Rail regarding reopening dates for the Fosse Bridge and Badminton Overbridge it would appear that 18 April has been set to finally resolve this whole sorry saga of delay.

After tremendous pressure by Wiltshire Council via John Thomson the cabinet member responsible for Highways and local parish councils led by John Buckley of Luckington & Alderton Parish Council Network Rail are at last communicating with weekly reports as to progress on completing the new bridges which are now running over three months behind schedule.

The new date of 17 April is still a fair way off and in the meantime local businesses continue to suffer loss of trade whilst residents have lengthy diversions to follow often on very damaged minor roads costing them both time and extra fuel. Time will tell if the bridges are open in accordance with Network Rail's published completion date. Further delay could well

impact on Badminton Horse Trials in May and whilst those will go ahead regardless of the bridges situation there will be even greater traffic disruption and loss of local trade should Network Rail have failed to reopen the bridges by then.



## Meeting of the parish council

The parish council meets on Thursday 13 February in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise please contact the clerk, Mrs Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk). You can also contact the council via the response form on [www.sherston.org.uk](http://www.sherston.org.uk) where minutes of meetings can be read.

## Neighbourhood Plan

The next meeting of the Steering Group takes place on Wednesday 5 February at 7.30pm in the village hall. The meeting is open to the public and you are encouraged to attend.

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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 Senior Club

Our meeting on 26 November was in the British School Room where we were entertained by the Sherston School choir. The singing was enjoyed by all and of a very high standard; very many thanks to all who took part.

The meeting following the choir was our annual Christmas dinner which was held at the Royal Ship at Luckington. As usual this was well attended and very much enjoyed by all.

Sherston Senior Club has now started out on another year; 2014 will be the 51st year of existence of the club. We held our AGM on 7 January in the British School Room. The first item on the agenda was to appoint a treasurer, as we have to say goodbye to our present treasurer Liz Bell and thank her for all the work she has done for the club. We then had to appoint a chairman but this did not get completed as nobody was available, so it was left for this meeting, hoping that someone will step forward as soon as possible. We then moved on to the secretary who has agreed to carry on again, so very many thanks must go to Mrs Helen Quirk for all the work that she has done for the club. The committee were voted back in block for another year. We then set to work on our programme for 2014; it looks as though we have another good and interesting year ahead, with various day trips and speakers.

*From the Chairman, Malcolm Hillier Tel. 840737*

## Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's first walk of 2014 will be on Sunday 2 February. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am, with a return to the Rattlebone Inn around 12.00 noon in time for a complimentary snack. As ever, children and well-behaved dogs on leads are very welcome. It's absolutely free and no need to book – just turn up.

## Jumble sale

Sherston Badminton Club are holding a Jumble Sale to help raise funds for Sherston Village Hall on Saturday 8 March from 10.00am until 11.30am in Sherston Village Hall. Entry 20p, with tea and coffee available and a raffle.

Good quality jumble welcome – please bring to the village hall on the morning of 8 March from 9.00am. For further details contact Maureen Jolliffe on 840867 or Ray Clifton on 840592.

# WEA in Sherston this month

If you enjoyed Paul Chapman's Art History talk for Sherston Arts Festival last October, you may be interested in the WEA Course starting in Sherston on Friday 28 February. Paul will be running a course of six lectures in Sherston on Friday mornings until Friday 4 April under the title 'The Art of Landscape'.

Landscape painting is often considered to be a main aspect of British art. This was not always so. The course will chart the rise of landscape painting into prominence as one of the great British painting genres.

The meetings will run from 10.00am until 12.00 noon each week in the British School Room in Cliff Road and the course costs £40. For further information and to book in advance, please contact either Tony Wood on 840558 or Carolyn Hewitson on 840295.

Founded in 1903, the WEA is the UK's largest voluntary sector supplier of adult education, delivering 9,500 part-time courses for over 74,000 people each year in England and Scotland. Its history in Sherston is rather shorter than this but as a part of the Malmesbury Branch, for over 20 years it has typically provided two eight-week courses each year on a wide range of subjects and occasionally a day school as well. Now courses tend to be shorter at four or six weeks. Leaflets listing local courses are published each summer for the ensuing year and are readily available. Ask to be on the address list if you would like to know of future courses.

*by Tony Wood*

## Pancake competition

Don't forget Sherston 1016's annual Pancake Eating Competition on the evening of Shrove Tuesday 4 March from 7.30pm at the Rattlebone Inn.

Entries are taken on the night, and the competition has senior and junior classes. The competition will take place in heats, with each competitor paying a mere £2 entry fee for the whole evening.

Each entrant will have four delicious freshly cooked pancakes to eat in the first heat. Entrants will have time to add lemon and sugar to their taste, then the clock will start, and the first heat will be under way.

The winner of each heat will be the first to finish eating all the pancakes on their plate. These winners will then go on to the next heat, again with four pancakes each, and so on until the championship round. The winner will have their name engraved on a 1016 commemorative engraved frying pan. There will also be runners-up prizes.

Sherston 1016 strongly advises all entrants not to eat a meal before coming to the competition.



## SHERSTON W.I.

Tickets are now on sale for the evening with Prue Leith CBE. This talented, interesting and amusing lady is coming to Sherston village hall on Thursday 17 April at 7.30pm for an event organised by the W.I.

Tickets at £6.50 (to include light refreshment) are on sale at the post office, from committee members or by ringing 840578 or emailing [jillwoodward222@btinternet.com](mailto:jillwoodward222@btinternet.com).

## Sherston Occasional Community Choir

Sherston Occasional Community Choir (SHOCC) meets Wednesdays at 7.00pm in the British School Room. We keep to our own 'term times' so please enquire before turning up. All welcome – no auditions required, just an enjoyment of all sorts of music. If you don't read music, just sit next to someone with a strong voice!

For further information, please contact Lucy Lawrance on 840778 (evenings) or email [Lucy@sherston.plus.com](mailto:Lucy@sherston.plus.com)

## Precept 2014/5

Following last month's article the parish council has now set the precept for the next financial year in the increased sum of £25,747 from the present £22,400. The precept will be included in individual council tax payers' bills issued by Wiltshire Council towards the end of March. The precept element for a Band D council tax charge will increase from £31.42 to £36.46 pa.



# Tetbury Art Society's Roy Baker Memorial Lecture



On Tuesday 18 March, we have the next annual public lecture to be held at The Orchard Room, Highgrove House by kind permission of TRH The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall. The Prince of Wales is President of the Society.

This year's lecture is based on the art of the silversmith and particularly the work of the Hart family from Chipping Campden, gold and silversmiths. The workshop is the last operating remnant of the Guild of Handicraft\* which C R Ashbee established in 1888. George Hart was a silversmith with the Guild when it moved to Chipping Campden in 1902. From 1912 he took on the running of the workshop, joined in 1930 by his son Henry. This tradition is now carried on by his grandson David, along with Derek Elliott, and William and Julian Hart.

We will hear more on the background history, the design and making of private commissions and presentational ware and the Hart Silversmiths Trust, by David and Trish Hart. We hope to have some examples of their work on display. All will be illustrated with a PowerPoint display.

Tickets only available from Gill Ashley on 840993. The lecture starts at 2.15pm and the cost is £28 each

to include refreshments and cakes. All proceeds will go to The Prince's Charitable Foundation.

\*Frank Hatt, our resident playwright, wrote a play about the Guild and had the following to say when he heard of the lecture.

*'When I learned that this year's Roy Baker Lecture was to feature the Hart family of Chipping Campden, it brought back a bundle of happy memories. In 2002 my play, Against the Grain, toured several venues in Gloucestershire as part of a celebration of the Guild of Handicraft's migration from London's East End to Chipping Campden in the North Cotswolds. It was a community play, involving over 30 actors and a choir numbering almost as many. The director was Jo Bousfield of the (sadly defunct) Dr Fosters Theatre Company. Besides her and myself, there was a fully professional production team, but nearly all of the performers were amateurs. Among them, to my delight, were four members of the Hart family, whose forebear, George Hart, was one of the original band of craftsmen who settled in Chipping Campden in 1902. The family embody a rich and vibrant tradition. It's an inspired choice for the 2014 lecture.'*



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## Ofcom seeks volunteers to help analyse the state of 'Digital Britain'

Ofcom – the UK's communications regulator – is looking at how well Digital Britain is working and is inviting broadband users across the UK to have their internet connections analysed as part of this project. Ofcom has appointed Bath-based company, Actual Experience, to perform this analysis.

Broadband connectivity and speed (or lack of it) in rural areas is an important issue with an emerging 'digital divide' between faster internet speeds in cities and large towns and slow speeds in villages, hamlets and farms. The more people from rural areas who sign up for this project, the greater the insight Ofcom will have into the state of broadband in those areas.

Signing up only takes a few minutes and you'll be asked to install a small program that will take regular measurements of your internet connection while your computer is switched on. It does not monitor anything that you do on your computer, nor anything that you do on the internet. You'll also get access to a dashboard that will show you how well your broadband is performing throughout the day.

More information can be found at:

[www.actual-experience.com/bbfix](http://www.actual-experience.com/bbfix)

And: <http://eepurl.com/L255D>

## Art Display in Shear Class

For the months of February and March there will be a display of paintings and drawings by Heather Martin. Anyone can call in to see them - you don't have to be attending the salon.

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## Sherston Tennis Club

Sherston Tennis Club is holding its AGM at 8.00pm on Tuesday 11 February at the Old Royal Ship, Luckington. Anybody interested in getting involved is welcome to come along.

For further info, contact Sophie Cheetham on 07786 990045 or [sophicheetham@gmail.com](mailto:sophicheetham@gmail.com).

## Making a clean sweep for safety

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service is reminding local householders to make sure that their chimneys are fire-safe.

Winter is now upon us so to keep yourself and your family safe from fire, you should take care to have your chimney swept regularly depending on what fuel you burn. If the worst should happen, a smoke alarm can give you the extra time you need to escape in a house fire – make sure you test yours regularly.

Regular maintenance of your chimney will depend on the fuel you burn:

- Smokeless coals: at least once a year
- Wood: up to four times a year
- Bituminous coal: twice a year
- Oil: once a year
- Gas: once a year

If you have a real fire, you should always:

- use a fireguard to protect against flying sparks from hot embers;
- make sure embers are properly put out before you go to bed; and
- keep chimneys and flues clean and well maintained.

Properties with thatched roofs are particularly vulnerable in the event of a chimney fire. Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service has developed a thatch information pack for householders, which includes a range of advice on making chimneys as safe as possible. Call 0800 389 7849 or visit [www.wiltsfire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltsfire.gov.uk) for more details.

To find a certified chimney sweep, or for more information on chimney fire safety, please visit [www.nacs.org.uk](http://www.nacs.org.uk) or [www.guild-of-master-sweeps.co.uk](http://www.guild-of-master-sweeps.co.uk)

# Moviola @ Grittleton Village Hall

Le Week-End [15]



Wednesday 26 February  
7.30pm

Nick and Meg Burrows (Jim Broadbent and Lindsay Duncan) are a married pair of academics from Birmingham. As their 30th wedding anniversary approaches, they decide to head off to the place they honeymooned three decades ago: Paris. Hoping to rejuvenate their marriage, the couple actually take bickering to new heights as the city spreads her delights before them, and does her best to tempt them back into romance. Eventually, the two bump into Morgan (Jeff Goldblum), a successful former student of Nick's, and accept an invitation to a dinner party that ultimately opens up a new vista of life and love for the ageing couple.

Doors open from 7.00pm.

Tickets £5 in advance, £6 on door available from Lesley 01249 783157 or email [l\\_palmer@btinternet.com](mailto:l_palmer@btinternet.com) [underscore between the l and the p].

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## Flooding

People are advised to continue to drive safely as recent heavy rainfall has caused a build-up of surface water and rivers to burst their banks, flooding roads and properties across the county.

Teams from Wiltshire Council are already out in force, dealing with flooded roads and properties. People who see a blocked road are being asked to report it, although it may take some time for the team to reach minor roads.

If people wish to report a highway issue, they can call Clarence on 0800 232323. The latest road closures and issues are on the Emergency Notice page of the Wiltshire Council website. Updates on road conditions are given through the council's @WiltshireWinter twitter account. People can follow this for up-to-date information during any adverse weather.

Details of flooding issues can be found on the Environment Agency website.

There is also a Public Health England leaflet which contains guidance on flooding.

Advice regarding sandbags is available on the Wiltshire Council website.

## The Pound at Corsham

The Pound Arts Centre hosts a wide range of arts events and is worth discovering if you don't yet know it. There are live music and drama performances, regular films, exhibitions and a coffee shop. From 8 February to 22 March, the exhibition is 'Wiltshire Unravelling' by Bath Textile Artists. The group of 10 from the Bath and West Wiltshire area, which includes Heather Martin from Sherston and Gloria Pugh from Luckington, will show stitched, painted and woven textiles inspired by our county. The exhibition Preview (open to anyone) is on Friday 7 February from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

The Pound is open every day except Sunday, further details from [www.poundarts.org.uk](http://www.poundarts.org.uk).

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# Sherston Arts Festival – Tales with Grandad

If you have children or grandchildren make sure you put Saturday 15 March in your diary, for the Rural Arts Touring puppet show Tales with Grandad. It starts at 3.00pm in the village hall, and is suitable for families with children over four years old. Young children should be accompanied by an adult or older brother or sister. Tickets will be available from end of February from the post office. For information, please phone 840375.

The Arts Festival was pleased to make donations to the church, village hall and British School Room as a result of the success of last year's events, and the sale of calendars.

## You did well!

Kim Findlay of Alive & Well would like to thank everyone who bought Christmas trees. The £1,667 profit will go a long way towards sinking two new wells in the Pujehun region of Sierra Leone where the charity works. The wells significantly improve the health prospects for both infants and mothers, they also allow villagers to concentrate on community building activities rather than fetching and carrying water from contaminated rivers and pools.

Hal Macfie, Alive & Well's UK-based project manager, went out to Sierra Leone on 29 January with a crew of six to check and document completed wells and to agree with the drilling crew the plan for the next drilling season that will start in October.

This year Kim will be running the French Café on Boules Day as usual and – I know it's a long way off but put it in your diaries – selling trees on 13 and 14 December.



[www.aliveandwell.org.uk](http://www.aliveandwell.org.uk)

# Healthwatch Wiltshire seeks volunteers

Healthwatch Wiltshire is an independent organisation set up to champion the views of patients and social care users in Wiltshire, with the goal of making services better and improving health and well-being.

Healthwatch Wiltshire requires volunteers to engage with members of the public around the county, promoting the role of Healthwatch and encouraging all local people to become involved and have their voices heard.

We are seeking motivated individuals, with a passion for improving health and social care, to attend our consultation events on Thursday 6 February in Chippenham.

For more information about volunteering with Healthwatch Wiltshire or if you would like to attend one of the consultation events, contact Lucie Woodruff on 01225 434218 or [lucie.woodruff@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:lucie.woodruff@healthwatchwiltshire.co.uk)

## Marie Curie Appeal

I am appealing for volunteers for the Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great Daffodil Appeal, and help people with terminal illnesses in Wiltshire to get the care they need.

We're looking for people who can donate an hour of their time this March to collect for Marie Curie by simply giving out daffodil pins in return for donations.

Marie Curie Nurses provide free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes. To ensure we can continue to provide this vital care we need people to help make this year's Great Daffodil Appeal a great success.

If you're able to donate an hour of your time to help someone in their final hours, please contact me on 01179 247 275 or visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil). Thank you for your support.

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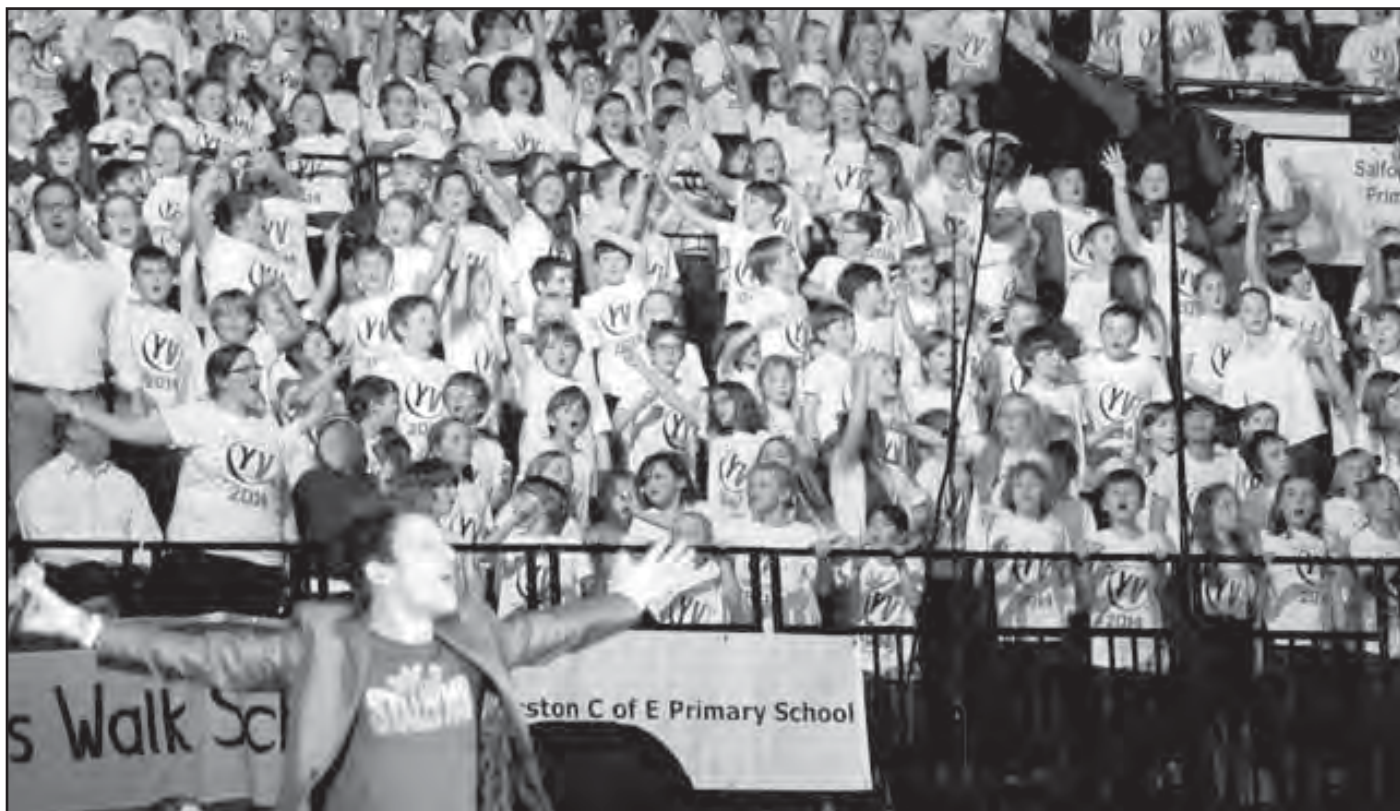
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# Sherston sings out at Young Voices



Since September last year, the Sherston Primary School choir and pupils from Years 4 and 5 have been hard at work learning songs and dances ready for the performance of a lifetime ... and on 17 January 60 pupils travelled by coach to Birmingham to join the spectacular Young Voices event at the LG Arena.

Young Voices is the largest children's choir in the world, established 17 years ago. Every year, over 3,500 schools, 90,000 children and 120,000 families come together to enjoy music and celebrate singing at one of these nationwide events.

This year Stacey Solomon (of X Factor and I'm a Celebrity fame), Wayne Ellington (Songs of Praise and Manchester Sing Out Choir) and street dance specialists Urban Strides were also on stage as special guests.

But for all the parents who went along, it was the children who were the stars of the show! Here are some of their reactions to the big event:

'It was one of the best days of my life!'

'My favourite song was the pop medley because it was a combination of exciting and popular songs.'

'I liked seeing all the professionals performing, it was epic just being there.'

'It was amazing because there were so many people there singing brilliantly.'

'It was amazing – there were loads of children singing at the same time and famous people like Stacey Solomon. It was hard to believe we were in singing in the choir instead of just watching.'

'I loved the whole experience of singing in an arena with all the famous guests.'

Thanks must go to music specialist Helen Berry for organising the event and coordinating all the rehearsals at school, to the parents for their support and to the FSS for subsidising the coach ... it was a truly inspirational and unforgettable event for everyone who took part.

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# SherstonFest 2014

Following the second sell-out festival in a row last summer, it has been announced that SherstonFest 2014 is scheduled for Friday 13 and Saturday 14 June.

The 'Early Bird' (cheap!) tickets have already sold out for this year (in less than 12 hours!) but regular tickets are still available from the website and the post office.

Like last year, SherstonFest will be bringing 'the best in contemporary British music, and traditional English cider' to the village so a great mix to invite friends and family to for one of those 'only in Sherston' weekends.



Last year's music line-up featured artists from as far afield as Moscow and Paris and delivering musical styles from hip-hop through rock to electro swing. As in previous years though, we also plan to give some of the fantastic local artists a chance to play on the sort of stage and using the sort of sound systems they wouldn't normally get a chance to experience.

Over the last couple of years the festival has become well known for including something for everyone and we hope to carry that on this year too. So look out for the kids' programme being announced and also we hope to run the seniors' preview again where local senior citizens all came to the festival for a cuppa and a cake, provided by Malmesbury Cake Society.



Some people seem to have got the impression that Friday night is only for the younger element, but actually last year it was a really good mix of all ages, all having a great time without having to wonder where the kids were and what they were up to. And with tickets for the whole weekend at the incredibly low price of £25, you may as well come to the whole thing and join the Friday night party people too!

It will sell out and it will be an all-ticket event so don't miss out - get your tickets from the post office or the festival's website ([www.SherstonFest.com](http://www.SherstonFest.com)).

And, as ever, if you want to get involved, we'd love to have you on board as the event couldn't happen without the fantastic volunteers that put it on ... only in Sherston!

More info:

[www.sherstonfest.com](http://www.sherstonfest.com)

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# Walk on the wild side

## New developments...

Over the past couple of years a number of people have expressed an interest in knowing more about our local nature – the trees, flowers, bees, birds – and how to learn more. This got me thinking about how to help people learn about our fantastic local nature in a fun and interesting way using local expertise and ensure that children have a great opportunity to really get involved. Wild Sherston is the result and is planned for 16 to 18 May when there will be a weekend of talks, walks, hands-on sessions for children and maybe the odd very small celebrity (maybe).

The programme is still just being finalised but it will be something like:

Friday 16 May: speaker in the evening on a wildlife topic of general interest.

Saturday 17 May: lots of activity in the village hall and church, with six/seven talks on subjects such as identifying local birds, bats, butterflies, flowers and what to do if you find an injured animal or bird. A number of local and national societies will have stands and lots of experts including Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Butterfly Conservation, Avon Valley River Trust, a wildlife refuge, British Trust for Ornithology, Forest School and the RSPB. There will be a programme of activities for children and maybe some wild animals to see.

Sunday 18 May: a number of walks around the village some focused on particular topics, such as wild flowers, butterflies and birds, as well as a nature trail for children.



The arrangements are in hand and if you would like to get involved, please let me know – in particular we will need stewards over the weekend. More information in next month's Cliffhanger.

The request for help building nest boxes will result in an outbreak of new homes in February but, given their size, they won't need planning permission! A number of people, as well as the Scouts, are building a variety of boxes including some for barn owls, little owls and house sparrows. The owl boxes will be put up in local trees and barns (if we can use one) and the house sparrows, who have communal nests, will have new housing in the centre of the village. Next month should see some pictures of people up ladders trying to attach heavy bits of DIY to trees!

Finally, a picture of a local resident which you don't often see this close – if you do see a sparrowhawk it's often just a blur.

If you feel you can help with Wild Sherston, please let me know on 840995 or [geoff\\_carss@hotmail.com](mailto:geoff_carss@hotmail.com).

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# Boules News



## Get your team entered early!

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Registration for the Boules competition will open on Tuesday 11 February – register online through [www.sherston.net](http://www.sherston.net) (preferred) or by picking up a paper copy of the application form from the post office (they will be by the coffee machine). The registration window will open only until Wednesday 9 April, so act early, as we want to make the draw and let applicants know if they've been successful by Good Friday, 18 April.

The cost per team will be £20, payable once you've been notified of a successful entry; unsuccessful entrants will be placed on a reserve list. Some places will be reserved for local teams, whose captain resides within the five Parishes of Sherston, Alderton, Luckington, Foxley and Easton Grey and for sponsors who purchase advertising space on one of the pitch 'toblerones', with the remaining places allocated to visiting teams. (So if you're unsuccessful you can buy a place!)



## Get involved!


Please keep visiting [www.sherston.net](http://www.sherston.net) to see how you or perhaps a group of your friends might be able to help. At the moment we don't have enough people to cover all the necessary roles to make the event happen, let alone many of the activities that have traditionally taken place during 'Boules Week'. We plan to put up a timetable of activities along with the name of the 'organiser' on the website. If there's a gap that you could fill, please send an email to [sherstonboules@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonboules@gmail.com) or call Caroline Moore on 841405.



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# Are you a carer?

by Ellen Blacker Wiltshire Good Neighbour Co-ordinator

This month I am writing again about the role of carers. Did you know that it is estimated that more than 10% of the UK population are carers? That's almost two million people in the 2001 census. It's thought that many more people out there are also carers, but do not see themselves as having that role.

'In sickness and in health' is part of the marriage service and many people feel that their caring role within the marriage is just part of the marriage. This may be the way you feel, but your role is recognised by the authorities, which feel that all carers should be recognised for their important role – no matter what the circumstances.

Defining a carer is difficult as 'caring' can take many forms. Basically, a carer 'is someone who, without payment, provides help and support to a partner, child, relative, friend or neighbour who could not manage without their help. This could be due to age, physical or mental illness, substance misuse, eating disorder or disability' (Carer Support Wiltshire definition). Caring can take many forms, including helping with personal things, such as getting someone dressed, helping them move about or giving medicine or helping around the home with shopping, laundry, cleaning and cooking. A carer may also help and support by filling in forms or managing money.

For people of working age, the Carer's Allowance is the main benefit for carers. If you look after someone who gets a disability benefit, for at least 35 hours each week, you could qualify. Carer's Credit is available to people who provide care for a disabled person for 20 hours or more each week, where they do not currently receive the Carer's Allowance. It is a National Insurance credit that helps carers build

up qualifying years for the basic State Pension and additional State Pension.

Finance and money are often a concern. Take the opportunity to have a benefits check to make sure you are claiming everything that either you or the person you care for are entitled to: Personal Independence Allowance or Attendance Allowance, Carer's Allowance or Carer's Credit for the carer, council tax discounts and discounts on fuel bills if you receive certain benefits.

For carers who are of pensionable age, the Carer's Allowance is not payable, but there are one-off benefits that you may be entitled to. Contact me for more details.

A carer's assessment is a way of identifying your needs as a carer. It looks at your role and how being a carer affects you; how much Caring you can realistically do and what extra help you may need.

The Carer's Emergency Card is an initiative run by Wiltshire Council. It will identify you as a carer and, in the event of an accident or emergency, contact will be made with those you care for to ensure their safety and wellbeing. It is credit card size to fit in a wallet or purse.

Carers are entitled to a Carer's Library Card which entitles you to borrow books from libraries for six weeks instead of the usual three. Carers and those they care for may also apply for the Home Library Service. This service is provided by volunteers who work with you and library staff to deliver books, talking books and DVDs fortnightly or monthly to the carer's home.

If you would like to know more, or just to chat over your own situation, please call me, Ellen Blacker on 07557 922020 or email [malmesburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:malmesburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk).

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Organised by the Friends of Sherston School, Grease Night will be taking place on 8 March. For just £7.50, you get a night out (fancy dress optional), karaoke, Grease-themed cocktails, beer and dancing in our very own Sherston village hall from 8.00pm to midnight.

Not only will you be guaranteed a top night out, but this event will raise money to subsidise school trips for all children at Sherston school.

The FSS contribute over £1,000 every year to offer school trips at a reduced cost to all families so, as ever, your support is appreciated.

Power down to the post office or see one of the friendly FSS team outside the school gates for your tickets.

# Great War centenary

January's meeting of Sherston's Great War Project was very well attended and discussed an array of very exciting possible events over the next four years or so.

An immediate item of note is the idea to hold this year's Act of Remembrance outside the Church lych gate i.e. in the road. This will enable as many people as possible to attend irrespective of their faith or belief. A formal road closure order from Wiltshire Council will be required and already the parish council and the church are working together to make the necessary application.

An excellent suggestion has been made by Sherston's bell ringers who propose to ring the bells on the 100th anniversary of the death of each man from the parish who fell through the conflict – 36 in all. The first man who fell was Private 10376 Algernon Daniel Neal of the 7th Service Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment on Wednesday 2 September 1914 aged 21. He was the son of Daniel Niblett Neal and Anne Neal of Willesley. It is not currently known where or how he died. The 7th Service Battalion was one of the famous Pals battalions which were raised from local catchment areas.

The next project meeting takes place on Tuesday 25 February at 7.30 pm in the village hall. All are most welcome to attend and add their own suggestions for future events. If you can't make the meeting please send them to the clerk to the parish council Sarah Wood via email [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk) or just phone them through on 840197

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Following the recent footpath diversion at Ladyswood it is good to report how improved the footpaths are generally in that area being much easier to follow than before and with much less crossings of paddocks. Thanks are due to the landowners concerned.

Martin Rea has stepped down as chair of the group after five years and a new chair will be appointed shortly by the parish council. Jay and Steve Dunn have decided to retire from the group of which they were founder members. They both have an encyclopaedic knowledge of local rights of way which proved absolutely fundamental in the production of Sherston Walks and in helping to bring up to scratch the condition of our footpaths. The group wishes them all the very best for the future.

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The new helicopter will be built in Canada and fitted out with the most recent Aerolite equipment to meet the highest helicopter emergency medical service (HEMS) specification. The autumn will see a period of testing and training for the crew so that the new air ambulance is set to go live by 1 December.

The charity is confident that it will provide Wiltshire with one of the best emergency service aircraft available anywhere in the world.

Paramedics and other medical support will still be provided by South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (@swasFT), with whom the charity enjoys a close, efficient and effective working relationship.

As Wiltshire Police move to National Police Air Service, the charity will need to fund the full cost of providing the air ambulance alone, about £2.5m annually. To find out more about the new helicopter visit our website:

[www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/who-we-are/new-helicopter](http://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/who-we-are/new-helicopter)

Best Wishes for 2014 – without you, our volunteers, we would not be able to raise this money, so huge thanks to you all.

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*by Claire Kelly, Head of Events and Charity Services,  
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# Village Hall

by Martin Rea

The refurbishment programme begins at the hall in earnest this month with the sanding and revarnishing of the main hall floor. In addition all the other floors in the hall will be professionally cleaned. The work will take a week to complete and starts on 17 February during which time the hall will be closed other than for Sunday Papers. The cost is some £3000 but the main hall floor should not need anything other than rebuffing annually for many years to come. It is also hoped to complete the new lighting in the main hall shortly with the fitting of down lighters to the walls to include dimmer switches.

On a personal note I am standing down as chair of the hall as of the AGM on 22 May. Some 12 years ago or more I took on the role primarily to resolve the issue of future ownership of the field to the rear of the hall. Somewhat naively I thought that could be achieved within two or three years but of course events overtook that time scale when the School

relocated. Today and following the purchase of the Old school by the community the field is secure for the hall and additional car parking in the Old School yard is also under the hall's sole control. My task is therefore done.

As to the future the hall committee is looking at a number of options for improvements in respect of the main foyer, which was built in the 1960's, the old toilets (now used as a storeroom by Busy Hands Pre School) and the kitchen. There is then a readymade project for a new chair to get stuck in to. The committee is very strong and supportive which is a tremendous help to any chair and despite the economic downturn a number of substantial grants are still available to assist towards the costs of major improvements. So if you interested in taking the hall forward on its next stage of development and would like to know more about what's involved in the role of chair on an entirely non committal basis please give me a ring on 840348.

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## Village hall 300+ club

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## This month's crane picture!



*Here is a picture of one stuck in Pig Lane, Sherston courtesy of John Hall.*

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There is considerable consternation this month amongst the Order's membership.

As many readers are aware Mr Jason Read the Keeper of the Maids and Mr Graham Hayman the Keeper of the Back Passage are charged by the Order with the vital task of nominating three young ladies of the parish as prospective mangold maid for each year's Hurl. This task involves a great deal of travel around the highways and byways of the parish in Mr Read's motor vehicle.

A recent series of unfortunate events involving Mr Read and his car in a neighbouring village has, I am sorry to report, put a great deal of wind up the Keeper of the Back Passage. He is quite simply refusing to accompany Mr Read alone in their various sojourns around the parish. Mr Hayman is insisting on at least five other members of the Order being present at any one time on these expeditions together with a private ambulance in close attendance throughout. Furthermore Mr Hayman absolutely insists that at no point does Mr Read offer him a pint of Guinness.

Regrettably insufficient members appear willing to chaperone Mr Hayman thus causing concern that three prospective maids will not be nominated in time for the 'Great Choosing' in April following which one will be crowned mangold maid for the year. Mr Read's recently acquired habit of shouting out the word 'Marvellous!' on anyone ordering a pint of Guinness at the Rattlebone Inn is not proving at

all helpful nor is his threat to immediately bar those for life who ask him to desist from such behaviour.

In an effort to overcome the present impasse the Order is offering immediate free membership of the Ancient Order for the 2014 season including the much sought after gander flanking rights, to any man or woman willing to accompany Mr Hayman and Mr Read on their travels. To his eternal credit Mr Read is prepared to offer all those who respond to this urgent request no less than 9 pints of Guinness a night and a guaranteed lift home.....

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*The Keeper the Quill*



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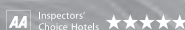
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# Africa Animal Day!



Sherston school was full of children dressed up as African animals on Thursday 7 February! There were zebras with stripy face paint and crimped manes, pupils wearing amazing home-made elephant masks, furry tails, ears, and a proliferation of fluffy onesies covered in spots and stripes!

Year 5 teacher Colin McLeod stole the show wearing an inflatable camel with built in fan! Unfortunately for the school's PR team he was so fast moving that he was never caught on camera.

Year 4's Lara Farahar wore a crocodile outfit, and Year 3's Tess Leatherland was dressed as a zebra.

It was all in aid of our link school, Siffoe, in the Gambia.

Parents were asked to donate at least 50p to raise money for a coloured parachute and games which Lara Farahar and Tess Leatherland can take with them on their visit next week.

They'll be teaching the children there, and swapping projects and experiences contributed by Sherston pupils.

In a special assembly Tess Leatherland told the children about her previous visits, when she stayed with a family that fetched water from the well every day, and ate communal food.

The pupils asked lots of questions about sport.

Mrs Leatherland explained that Siffoe children play football barefoot in the sand, and love running. She asked Sherston pupils to write a list of their questions about sport for her to take to Siffoe, and promised to get some answers.

Lara Farahar, teacher Year 4 said;

*'Sherston children benefit because we are ensuring they understand about different cultures. It is really important that they don't just have the TV view of Africa which can depict that all children there are poor and desperate. Our link with The Gambia isn't primarily about raising money, it's about sharing the similarities and differences of our cultures. However we*

*raised money on this occasion to buy educational games for the children of Siffoe.'*

Sherston School has an International Schools Award, given by the British Council in recognition of the international dimension within its curriculum. Its link schools are Sherston Musul School in Kenya, and Siffoe.

*Fi Picton*

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# News from Holy Cross church

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The publicity was helped by Christmas cards, which were professionally printed more cheaply than our administrator would have been able to do. Thank you to all those who braved the wet and windy weather to deliver them. Another new venture this year was giving out Gazettes at all carol services – these included publicity for the Alpha course.

Ash Wednesday this year is on 5 March and a service of Holy Communion is planned at 7.30pm in Sherston (to include Ashing). Our Lent courses are always popular and we hope to hold groups in our four larger villages, including daytime and

evening options. More details about the Lent course coming soon.

Mothering Sunday falls on 30 March which is a fifth Sunday. Normally we would gather together from across our eight churches for one service, but Mothering Sunday is a day when many people like to go to their local (or 'mother') church. It's a day for all the family, so we hope to offer all-age family-friendly services at several of our churches. More information will be printed as the date approaches.

We'd be interested in people's views on whether or not a midweek service would be appreciated. Quite a few churches hold an act of worship on a weekday, which may attract those who cannot make the usual Sunday time. It can also be a chance to do something different, perhaps a Prayer Book Communion or a more informal open-ended service providing space for reflection, sustained study or discussion. Of course, we do hold a monthly communion with prayers for the sick on the first Wednesday of the month, but we are wondering whether an additional opportunity would be appreciated. Please pass on ideas to members of the ministry team and be ready to say if you'd come!

Best wishes

*by Christopher Bryan*

*Priest-in-charge of the Gauzebrook Group*

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3. It's tempting to bring a list of unrelated problems but consider what's achievable in the time available. Four problems in 10 minutes? That's just 150 seconds each. It is often better to come back again and spend more time on a problem, rather than squeeze as many as you can into one appointment.
4. Before you see the GP, work out in your own mind what you're worried about, and highlight any particular concerns. Consider preparing short notes, including how you would describe your symptoms.
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# Cricket

The good news for Sherston Magna Cricket Club is that after a very successful Smile Out Loud evening last year and a grant from Wiltshire Council the clubs ambitious target of raising funds for new practice facilities at the ground at Pinkney Park are looking a good deal better. The club is still waiting for news on grant applications from other bodies but is now in a position to have preliminary discussions with providers of new practice facilities with a view to starting work this year.

The club will hold its AGM on Tuesday 4 February at 7.30pm in the Rattlebone Inn, all club members and anyone interested in joining are welcome.

Other dates for the diary are Sunday 2 February when the first indoor practice nets will take place at Malmesbury Activity Zone at 9.00am. Nets will continue at the Activity Zone on Sundays in February and March but at 2.00pm.

The first outdoor games start on Saturday 5 April and the first Saturday league game takes place on Saturday 3 May.

The club also has the ambition of having two junior sides playing league cricket this summer after the success of the junior league side last year.

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There will be a range of activities to include walks, talks, trails, crafts, meet and greet with animals and creatures, photographic exhibition, pet service, forest school and what to do if you find an injured animal or bird. There will be something that will appeal to all ages from bugs to bats. A number of local and national societies will have stands and lots of experts will be on hand including Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Butterfly Conservation, Avon Valley River Trust, a wildlife refuge, British Trust for Ornithology, RSPB etc.

A number of people, as well as the local scouts, are building a variety of boxes including those for barn owls, little owls and house sparrows. The owl boxes will be put up in local trees and barn's (if we can use one) and the house sparrows, who have communal nests, will have new housing in the centre of the village.

We have also secured talks from some very exciting speakers-including Kelvin Boot. Watch this space!! For full details please see our Facebook page Wild Sherston.

## Oh oh its magic you know!



It may be more swimmers weather than cricket, but the close season is still an entertaining time for Sherston Magna Cricket Club. If you'd like to be kept informed, in a light-hearted way of the activities of the cricket club then why not read the clubs regular

newsletter 'Magna Magic'. Regular features on cricket and non cricket topics will keep you entertained through the winter and allow you to keep up to date throughout the 2014 season. If you'd like to be added to the mailing list please email your details to [Sherstonmagna@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Sherstonmagna@yahoo.co.uk)



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If you feel there are any areas within the parish which would benefit from a 20mph speed limit can you please give details to the parish clerk Sarah Wood by either email [lerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:lerk@sherston.org.uk) or by phone on 840197 by the end of this month so that the parish council can consider all suggestions at its March meeting.

Please note that there will be a separate policy issued by Wiltshire Council later in the year covering part time 20mph restrictions outside schools. Such part time schemes would operate at the beginning and end of the school day as well as perhaps on other specific occasions when children would be leaving or entering school.

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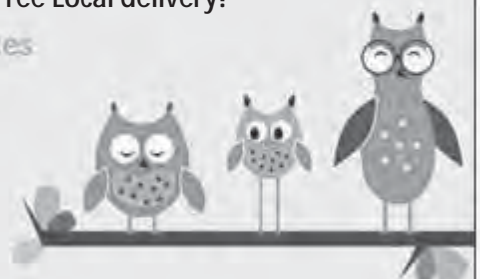
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 See the Parish Life for more details  
**Mustard Seeds** is a Saturday morning club for children aged 4 and over, from 10am – 12noon once a month.

## Congregational Church - in The British

**Schoolroom** 1st & 2nd Sundays of month: Service at 11am – 12 noon followed by coffee/chat. **3rd Sunday Service** at 3pm. **4th Sunday Service** at 4pm. **5th Sunday** (occasionally) members visit Castle Combe Congregational Church Service 10.30am For further details see parish Life or phone 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 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

## Little Lights

The first date of the Autumn term will be Thurs 12 Sept 12, 10.30 am in Hullavington church and weekly thereafter. Children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers come from across the Group, including Sherston, for songs, crafts, activities, Bible stories and snack time. Any questions, contact Chantal on 837522

## Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

**Sunday Newspapers** On sale 8am - 11am every Sunday in Sherston village hall. Eggs, milk and sweets available too.

**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 please call 840861 between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday.

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

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

**Clem's Club** Clem now in hibernation till Spring!

## Drawing Classes in Sherston

There are two classes: 10am to 12 noon and 1.30 to 3.30pm in the British Schoolroom. The classes are suitable for any level of experience. Individual tuition is given in a variety of media and subject matter is provided for observational drawing each week. For further information please contact Heather Martin (840375) or heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

## Eudo Tae Kwon Do

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

## Footpaths group

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

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

## Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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## 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](mailto:info@malmesburycommunitychoir.org), visit the website at [www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org](http://www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org) or [www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir](http://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](http://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 Villages Community Partnership

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For details contact Liz Fleming, the Division Commissioner on 575229 or [liz@jacfleming.plus.com](mailto:liz@jacfleming.plus.com)

## 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](mailto:retreatcottage17@btinternet.com)

**Parish Council Meeting** Takes place on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Minutes of meetings can be read online at [www.sherston.org.uk](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.  
For more information contact Tony Towle on 840574.

**Senior Club** Meets at 2.30pm in the British School Room every other Tuesday alternating with Clem's Club.

## Sherston 1016

Fundraising for local good causes and charities. For further details, contact Eric Thacker on 841344 or eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk

## Sherston Badminton Club

We play every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from September to May. For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592. New season starts on 3rd September 2013 – new members welcome

**Sherston Brownies** Meet every Wednesday during term time 5.45 – 7pm in the Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](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)

## 1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact Ray Sneddon-Jenkins to obtain an application form – [raysneddonj@gmail.com](mailto:raysneddonj@gmail.com)

## 1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of 10 ½ to 13 ½. We meet at the Scout hut on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm to 9.00pm during school term times. To join contact Riaan van Rooyen [riaan@pulse-software.co.uk](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 Friday night during term time; for further information please contact Darren Walsh - 841043 or Ewan Blair – 840096 – [whitewallexplorers@googlemail.com](mailto:whitewallexplorers@googlemail.com)

## Westonbirt Guides

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

**Sherston Drama Group** The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Richard Skeffington (Chairman) [richard.skeffington@virgin.net](mailto:richard.skeffington@virgin.net) Tel. 840092 or Graham Instrell (Vice Chairman) [ginstrell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ginstrell@hotmail.co.uk) Tel. 840978

## Sherston FC

The club play in the Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Saturday afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. For more details contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or [peter.brock666@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.brock666@btinternet.com)

## Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

Starts back after the Christmas break on 9 Jan. Any ladies from the area can join, just swim at your own pace (there is a lane for fast swimmers) every Wednesday evening at Westonbirt Leisure Pool from 8 to 9pm. For details phone Heather 840375 or Maggie (840969).

## Sherston's Living Churchyard

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

## Sherston Netball Club

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

## SH.O.C.C.

Sherston Occasional Community Choir meets each Wednesday in British Schoolroom at 7pm. Further information: Lucy Lawrance 840778 or [Lucy@sherston.plus.com](mailto:Lucy@sherston.plus.com)

## Sherston Photography Forum

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

## Sherston Pilates

Beginners and intermediate classes on Thursday evenings at the village hall, with daytime classes coming soon. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739552336 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.communicate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/](http://www.communicate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/) or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or [helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com](mailto:helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com)

## Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. We meet at 10 -11.30am each Tuesday in the Scout Hut with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, not to mention a much-needed cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. Further details contact Lauren (07885 597429), Saara (07739 552336) or alternative like us on Facebook for regular updates [www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers](http://www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers)

## 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 revert to Village Hall March - October (1st Thurs) at 7.30pm. Visitors always welcome £3. Further information: Jill Woodward 840578

## Sherston Young Craft Group

Every Monday 6.45 – 8.15pm in the village hall (children 9 years and over). £3 (incl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each half term. To join, please contact Victoria Parish on 840071 or email [vparish@btinternet.com](mailto:vparish@btinternet.com)

**Splash Dance** Dance classes for 2 to 12 year olds including ballet, modern and tap. Every Wednesday afternoon in the village hall. Prices are £35 per term with the first lesson free. For details contact Charlotte on 01453 886632 or [charlotte@splashdance.co.uk](mailto:charlotte@splashdance.co.uk)

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

## Village Hall 300+ Club

Monthly draw with eight prizes ranging from £12 down to £5 for a £6 annual stake (or pro rata if joining during the year). 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).

## Wild Yoga

Mon evenings during term time – 6.45-8pm and 8.15-9.30pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £9 reducing to £7.50 if you take up the course. More details contact Theo 07818 401110 or [theo@wildyoga.co.uk](mailto:theo@wildyoga.co.uk)

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

# WHAT'S ON

## What's on in 2014 Dates for your diary

### March

- 4 Pancake Competition
- 22 Sherston Market
- 29 1016 Book Sale

### April

- 9-12 Sherston Drama Group Spring Play
- 17 WI Open Meeting
- 19 Sherston Market

### May

- 7-11 Badminton Horse Trials
- 10 Sherston Market
- 16/17/18 WildSherston

### June

- 7 Sherston Market
- 13/14 SherstonFest

### July

- 5 Sherston Market
- 12 Boules Day

### October

- 5 Mangold Hurl
- 29-1 Nov Pantomime

### November

- 8 1016 Fireworks

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 Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7:30pm  
Free entry and prizes for the winning team  
Screening of Six Nations Rugby Sat 1 Feb  
Live Music Fri 28 Feb

Check boards for more details of events,

For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter

#GavinHunt@Therattlebone or visit [www.therattlebone.co.uk/](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk/)

### Sherston Market

Local crafts and produce, cake stall,

Sherston Rare Breed bacon butties and sausage rolls,

Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh vegetables

Sat 15 Feb 10am - 2pm The proceeds from the market go towards village hall funds.

Sat 22 Mar 10am - 2pm

Village hall For further details call 840348 or visit

<http://sherstonmarket.weebly.com>

### Busy Hands Pre School

Annual Quiz Night Raffle and auction. Sat 1 Feb Bar opens 7.30pm Quiz starts at 8pm £20 for a team of up to 4 All proceeds to Busy Hands Pre-school. Sherston Village Hall For further details call Tickets on sale at the Post Office

### Sue's Strolls

Sun 2 Feb starting from the village hall at 10am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 12 noon This is a PHEW! event see

[www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk](http://www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk) For further details call Sue

McKechnie 840601 or [susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk)

### Events at the Church of the Holy Cross

Alpha Course explore, question and discuss what the Christian faith is really all about and whether or not they believe it Every Wed at 7.30pm in Jan and Feb 2014

Ash Wednesday 5 Mar 7.30pm - service of Holy

Communion

Mothering Sunday Service Sun 30 Mar

For further details call Rev'd Christopher Bryan 837522

[christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com](mailto:christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com) or Henny Metters

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## Art Display at Shear Class

For the months of February and March there will be a display of paintings and drawings by Heather Martin. Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon. Shear Class, High St

## Sherston WI

AGM Feb - first Thurs

Talk by **Prue Leith** CBE restaurateur, caterer, TV presenter, broadcaster, cookery writer, Great British Menu judge and writer of novels Thurs 17 Apr - tickets £6.50 to include light refreshments available from the Post Office, Committee Members or Jill Woodward 840578 or [jillwoodward222@btinternet.com](mailto:jillwoodward222@btinternet.com)  
British School Room

## 1016 Pancake Eating Competition

Shrove Tues 4 Mar from 7.30pm £2 entry  
The Rattlebone Inn

For further details call **Richard Langley** on 840112 or 07879 612776

## Sherston Badminton Club Jumble Sale

Sat 8 Mar 10 - 11.30am 20p entry Raffle, tea and coffee available. All in aid of the village hall. Good quality jumble welcome – please bring to the village hall on the morning of 8 March from 9am

For further details call **Maureen Jolliffe** on 840867 or **Ray Clifton** on 840592

## FSS Grease Night

in aid of Friends of Sherston School Sat 8 Mar 8pm - midnight Tickets £7.50 from the PO or FSS members optional fancy dress, karaoke, Grease-themed cocktails, beer and dancing Village Hall

For further details call Tickets available from the Post Office or the school reception. Contact 07786 990045

## Rural Arts Wiltshire

**Pickled Image: Fireside Tales with Grandad** Exquisite puppets, captivating storytelling, a magical sound scape and beautiful shadow puppetry combine to create an enchanting show guaranteed to spark the imagination Sat 15 Mar 3pm Sherston Village Hall - Rural Arts event promoted by Sherston Arts Festival

**CRUSOE Sea, sand, sex and space!** 'Gavin Robertson performs with a subtle conviction that is compelling to watch.' The Guardian Sat 1 Mar 7.30pm for a 8pm start. BYO drinks. **Grittleton Village Hall** Tickets in advance from Jan Jeffcoate 01249 782798 or [dandjjeffcoate@btinternet.com](mailto:dandjjeffcoate@btinternet.com). Adults £7, concessions £6

For further details call TEL: 01249 701628 or email [info@ruralartstouring.org.uk](mailto:info@ruralartstouring.org.uk) or visit [www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk](http://www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk)

## WildSherston

Weekend of talks and activities Fri 16 May – speaker in the evening on a wildlife topic of general interest

Sat 17 May – lots of activity in the Village Hall and Church with 6 – 7 talks on subjects such as identifying local birds, bats, butterflies, flowers and what to do if you find an injured animal or bird. A There will be a programme of activities for children and maybe some wild animals to see. A number of local and national societies will have stands and lots of experts including Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Butterfly Conservation, Avon Valley River Trust, a wildlife refuge, British Trust for Ornithology, Forest School, RSPB etc.

Sun 18 May – a number of walks around the village some focused on particular topics such as wild flowers, butterflies or birds as well as a nature trail for children

For further details call **Geoff Carss** on 840995 or [geoff\\_carss@hotmail.com](mailto:geoff_carss@hotmail.com)

## SherstonFest2013

“the best of contemporary British music and traditional English ciders in a beautiful Cotswold setting” Fri 13, Sat 14 Jun - but tickets sell out fast. STOPPRESS: early bird tickets now sold out - sign up to the email alert for when next tickets released <http://sherstonfest.com/buy-tickets/> See website for full details of all events

Village Hall Field

For further details call email [info@sherstonfest.com](mailto:info@sherstonfest.com) or visit [www.sherstonfest.com](http://www.sherstonfest.com) or facebook [www.facebook.com/SherstonFest](http://www.facebook.com/SherstonFest)

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## Westonbirt

### The Arboretum

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

**Walkies - dog walk with Maisie** Sun 9 and Sun 23 Feb 11am meet at the Skilling gate, free after admission, no need to book

**Family Event - Conifer Capers** Tues 18 - Thurs 20 Feb 10.30 - 4pm Meet at the Education Centre Free after admission Dec - Feb admission prices Adults £5 Concs £4 Children £2

**Summer concerts announced:** July 2014: Fri 18 **Boyzone**; Sun 20 **Katherine Jenkins** Tickets £39.60 - £43 Box Office 03000 680400 or online For further details call 880220 or visit [www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt)

### Westonbirt School

**Burns Night** Sat 1 Feb 7.30pm Tickets: £30 per adult, £15 young adults (16 - 21)

**Spring Term Lecture Life on Air with Judy Merry** and Post-Lecture Supper Fri 28 Feb 7pm Cash Bar. Lecture: 7.30pm (free admission) Optional post-lecture supper tickets - £15 per person to include a two-course supper, tea/coffee and wine on the table.

**Westonbirt Schools Open Morning** (Prep Boys & Girls 3-11, Senior Girls 11-18) Sat 8 Mar 9.30am - 12.30pm For further information or to pre register, please contact Mrs P Stevenson 01666 881301 or [pstevenson@westonbirt.org](mailto:pstevenson@westonbirt.org)

**Spring Fashion Show and Supper** Fri 21 Mar 7pm Tickets: £20 per adult, £15 (age 21 and under).

For further details and tickets call Tania Warner on 880333 or [twarner@westonbirt.org](mailto:twarner@westonbirt.org) or visit [www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Easton Grey

### Whatley Manor

**Fondue Plausch - Swiss Cheese Fondue Evenings** Tues 4 and 18 Feb £29pp incl fondue main course dessert and a glass of white wine Prebooking essential

**Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner**

**Iron Man 3** Sun 23 Feb £39 includes film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch or dinner

For further details call 834026 or visit [www.whatleymanor.com](http://www.whatleymanor.com)

## Luckington & Tetbury

### Cotswold Rural Skills

**Woodland Coppicing** 25 Feb Coberley Glocs £59

**Hedgelaying for beginners** (Somerset style) 22-24 Feb

Luckington £109 Westonbirt

**Blacksmithing taster** Day 2 Mar Tetbury

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or visit [www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk)

## Highgrove House

### Tetbury Art Society

**Roy Baker Memorial Lecture** The art of the silversmith

- particularly the work of the Hart family from Chipping Campden, gold and silversmiths Tues 18 Mar 2.15pm £28

includes tea & cake. All proceeds to the Prince's Charities Foundation. Advance booking only from Gill Ashley

The Orchard Room, Highgrove House

For further details call Gill Ashley 840993 or visit

[www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk](http://www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk)

## Malmesbury

### MP's Surgery

**Local MP surgery with James Gray MP** Sat 15 Feb 12 noon - 1pm Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall

For further details call [www.jamesgray.org](http://www.jamesgray.org) or

email [jamesgraymp@parliament.uk](mailto:jamesgraymp@parliament.uk) for online surgeries

### Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

**Classic Rhythm** A fine and unique ensemble of flute, piano and percussion playing an eclectic mix of melodic music Sat 8 Feb Tickets from the Abbey Bookshop, from David or via website £12/ £10 members/ £5 student or chd. Season tickets are also available for only £55

**Sergei Podobedov** the world class Russian-born pianist, will perform a programme of Chopin, Schubert, Liszt and Prokofiev. Sat 8 Mar

For further details call David Barton 824924

[d.barton763@btinternet.com](mailto:d.barton763@btinternet.com)

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[munchkinsmucky@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:munchkinsmucky@yahoo.co.uk)  
Or contact Lauren Kiddell  
07885597429

## Malmesbury Abbey Skate 2014

Wed 19 - Fri 21 Feb for more details on times see [www.facebook.com/abbeyskate](http://www.facebook.com/abbeyskate), [www.malmesburyabbey.com/skate](http://www.malmesburyabbey.com/skate) or email us on [skate@malmesburyabbey.com](mailto:skate@malmesburyabbey.com) This year three days of skating with sessions for under 8s/beginners /girls only /more experienced skaters and workshops.  
For further details call or visit [www.malmesburyabbey.com/skate/](http://www.malmesburyabbey.com/skate/)

## Charlton

### Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – Malmesbury Local Supporters Group Winter Talks Programme 2013-14

**Amphibians of the UK** by Gemma Harding Thurs 6 Feb  
**Garden Birds and Adventures of a Wildlife Photographer**  
Peter Basterfield Wildlife Photographer  
7.30pm Admission £2.50, children free. Non-members very welcome. Charlton Village Hall

## Charlton Park

### WOMAD - World Music Festival

Thurs 24 - Sun 27 July 2014 WOMAD Early Bird tickets are on sale now Including • SN16 Weekend £115 (full price £160) More information at [womad.co.uk/tickets](http://womad.co.uk/tickets).  
For further details call or visit Reading Box Office on 0118 960 6060

## Didmarton

### Duke of Beaufort's Hunt Point to Point at Didmarton

First Sat in March – 1 Mar First race starts at 12.30.  
Countrywear tradestands, refreshments. Wrap up warm against the wind as course very exposed. £10 entry to the racecourse. Parking on site (chargeable).

### Easter Holiday Club for Creative Minds

science craft healthy snack provided outdoor investigation drama games sports and much more Easter holidays adventure 7-9 April 9am—1pm £20 9am-3pm £30 Sibling Discount Run by Qualified Teacher First Aid Trained CRB Checked Fully Insured Didmarton Village Hall For further details call Heather MacLeod on 07866 936471 or Lara Farahar on 07782 504128 or email us at [info@creativecarousel.co.uk](mailto:info@creativecarousel.co.uk) or visit [www.creativecarousel.co.uk](http://www.creativecarousel.co.uk)

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Or call Jennie Lamont on 07985443863

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## Grittleton

### Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Wed 26 Feb Le Week-End [15]

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £5 in advance £6 on the door Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email [L\\_palmer@btinternet.com](mailto:L_palmer@btinternet.com)

## Wotton-Under-Edge

### The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: **Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom**; **All is Lost**; **American Hustle**; **Walking with Dinosaurs**; **The Railway Man** check website for details For further details call 01453 844601 or visit [www.wottoneph.co.uk](http://www.wottoneph.co.uk)

## Nailsworth

### Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Professional football only 20 minutes drive from Sherston.  
Home matches: Sat 1 Feb 3pm v. Woking; Sat 8 Feb 3pm v. Barnet; Sat 22 Feb 3pm v. Southport  
Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2  
The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth  
For further details call 01453 834860 or visit [www.forestgreenroversfc.com](http://www.forestgreenroversfc.com)

## Corsham

### The Pound

**Exhibition: 'Wiltshire Unravelling' by Bath Textile Artists**

The group of ten from the Bath and West Wiltshire area, which includes Heather Martin from Sherston and Gloria Pugh from Luckington, will show stitched, painted and woven textiles inspired by our county Feb 8 - Mar 22. The exhibition preview (open to anyone) is on Fri 7 Feb from 6.30pm to 8pm

The Pound Arts Centre hosts a wide range of arts events, live music and drama performances, regular films, exhibitions and a coffee shop. See the website for more details

For further details call Box Office 01249 701628 or visit [www.poundarts.org.uk](http://www.poundarts.org.uk)



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

Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the ROH Covent Garden

Ballet & Opera: Live from the ROH 2013/14 season  
Don Giovanni 12 Feb The Sleeping Beauty 19 Mar The  
Winter's Tale 28 Apr Manon Lescaut 24 Jun

Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and many other Cinemas

For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit

[www.roh.org.uk/cinema](http://www.roh.org.uk/cinema)

## National Theatre Live

Live and pre recorded screenings

Live from the National theatre:

Live screening of War Horse at the National Theatre 27-Feb

Encore screenings 13, 15, 16 and 30 Mar

Live Screening: King Lear 01-May

For further details visit [www.ntlive.com](http://www.ntlive.com)

## Bath

### Bath Literary Festival

The Independent Bath Literary Festival Fri 28 Feb - Sun  
9 Mar Various events throughout Bath city centre by many  
authors and actors Tickets vary from £4-£17

Bath Festivals Box Office, For further details call 01225

463362 or visit [www.bathlitfest.org.uk](http://www.bathlitfest.org.uk)

### City of Bath Choir

The City of Bath Bach choir present Handel's Messiah in  
Bath Abbey Sat 22 Mar at 7.30 pm Tickets £8, £14, £19,  
£22, £25 Children under 16 £8. Tickets available through  
Katie Taylor

For further details call or visit [www.bathbachchoir.org.uk](http://www.bathbachchoir.org.uk) or

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Agatha Christie's Black Coffee

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The Full Monty 3-15 Feb

Fallen Angels 17 Feb - 1 Mar

Arrivals & Departure 3-8 Mar

Book ahead for: Moscow City Ballet present Romeo and Juliet and Swan Lake; The Life of Galileo Pygmalion; Moon on a Rainbow Shawl; The Witches of Eastwick

For further details call 01225 448844 or

visit [www.theatreroyal.org.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.org.uk)

## Stroud

### The Cotswold Playhouse

Second Face Theatre Company present 'Mouthing Off'

7 Feb at 7.30pm £12

The Singular Exploits of Sherlock Holmes

Fri 21 Feb 7.30pm £8

Cotswold Playhouse

For further details call Box Office at Stroud Tourist Information

Centre 01453 760960 or visit [www.cotswoldplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldplayhouse.co.uk)

## Longlevens

### The Soul Destroyers in concert

The Soul Destroyers in concert

Sat 8 Feb Double Gloucester Pub Longlevens, Glos

For further details call Dave Shephard 07860 448438 or email [ds@oldbellhouse.com](mailto:ds@oldbellhouse.com) or visit [www.soul-destroyers.co.uk](http://www.soul-destroyers.co.uk)

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