

Sherston pancakes featured in Wiltshire Life



The fame of Sherston 1016's annual Pancake Eating Competition is spreading, with an article in Wiltshire Life magazine.

This year's event takes place on the evening of Shrove Tuesday, February 9, from 7.30pm at the Rattlebone.

The competition will take place in heats, with each competitor paying a £2 entry fee for the whole evening. Each entrant will have 4 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.

This is a really popular family event, with special heats for younger competitors, with fewer pancakes involved.

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!

Entries are welcomed on the night: there's no need to book.

Where possible, all ingredients are sourced locally, with eggs coming from Sherston Free-Range Eggs, flour from Shipton Mill at Long Newnton, and lemons from Tucks greengrocers and butchers, although of course, the lemons are not grown in Sherston. All three companies very kindly donate their products for the competition.

Sherston 1016 strongly advises all entrants not to eat a meal before coming to the Competition!

The February edition of Wiltshire Life carries a double page spread on the Pancake Eating Competition. It's packed with colour pictures by Paul Ormiston, and is available from Sherston Post Office Stores for only £2.99.

POP competition!



Can you design a new POP picture? Check out the POP picture left and on page 9 for inspiration. In 2013 each picture illustrated a POP-up experience or shop, from a milkshake bar to a storyteller, using interesting objects to spell the word POP. All entries will be etched into Sherston history – appearing on Facebook and possibly even in print! Prize for the best entry! Entries to kirsty.strachan@icloud.com.

A new Parish Steward

Wiltshire Council has changed how it looks after and maintains the appearance of villages like Sherston. Rather than reporting all issues to a centralised Highways section, Sherston now has a Parish Steward who will be coordinated through the parish council. Our steward will help to:

- keep small drains and gullies clear,
- maintain road signs,
- remove weeds,
- remove graffiti, and
- cut weeds at the side of footpaths and roads.

If you notice a problem with any of these areas, please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk.

Copy deadline: 10th of the previous month. Send to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk or hard copy to Sherston Post Office Stores.

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

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

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

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Village Hall Improvements – Update

Last year the Village Hall Committee announced plans for the refurbishment of the village hall. These plans, which proposed a new kitchen and a rebuild of the foyer, were well received by the village. We are now ready to start some serious fundraising and the committee are happy to announce that Adrian Cooper has agreed to head up the fundraising team on behalf of the committee.

We are looking for volunteers to help Adrian in this task and if you are interested in helping him restore the village hall to the standard that Sherston deserves, please contact him at adrian@amcpcooper.co.uk or on 840969

Still puzzling ?

Forget all your problems and get absorbed in this relaxing hobby whilst helping to raise funds for refurbishing the village hall kitchen. A JigsawFest, planned for later in the year, to raise funds is piecing itself together. However, we need your help please: any jigsaws you no longer want would be gratefully received. Any large pieces of sturdy cardboard suitable for doing jigsaws on would also be very useful and people who like to do jigsaws are needed to help us in this project. We are not asking for any money, and we have puzzles if you would like to choose one.

We are hoping for several hundred puzzles to be made up for this Fest and we need your help to make it a fun day when buyers can see that the puzzles are complete and that the depictions are worth the fun of putting the pieces together.

Please give me a ring and I will explain more fully how it works.

Marion Gee 841147. Or email manddgee@btinternet.com

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council will next meet on Thursday 11 February in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and make comments. If you cannot attend the meeting but have something to raise, please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can also be read.

Road Closures

Temporary Closure of Thompsons Hill / Widleys Road and Alderton Road

On 8 March, depending on weather conditions, these roads will be closed for two days between the hours of 7.00am and 6.00pm to allow Wiltshire Council to carry out kerbing, carriageway resurfacing / patching work, road marking and adjustment of ironworks.

The route affected is C94 (Part) Thompsons Hill / Widleys Road and C84 (Part) Alderton Road, Sherston and Luckington and the alternative route is via C94 Thompsons Hill (unaffected length) – C68 Tanners Hill – B4040 Church Street – C27 Easton Town / Ladyswood – C86 Fosse Way and vice versa.

Temporary Closure of: Tetbury Road South East (Pinkney Court), Sherston

On 10 March, depending on weather conditions, this road will be closed between the hours of 7.00pm and 6.00pm for five days to allow Wiltshire Council to carry out kerbing, carriageway resurfacing / patching work, road marking and adjustment of ironworks. The route affected is C27 Tetbury Road South East (Pinkney Court), Sherston Tetbury Road South East (Pinkney Court), Sherston; from its junction with B4040 Bransdown Hill.

The alternative is via C27 Tetbury Road – B4040 and vice versa.

Temporary Closure Sopworth Lane / The Street / Didmarton Road, Luckington and Sopworth

On 3 March until 7 March, depending on weather conditions these roads will be closed to allow Wiltshire council to carry out surface dressing and associated works. The route affected is C87 Sopworth Lane / The Street / Didmarton Road, Luckington and Sopworth; from its junction with B4040 Sherston Road in a northerly direction to the county boundary.

Alternative route is via A433 – C78 Knockdown Road - Sandpits Lane - B4040 Church Street / High Street / Brook Hill / Luckington Road / Sherston Road and vice versa.

Sherston's over-25's Badminton Club: please support!

After shuttling around for 30 plus years, John Hillier, one of the Badminton Club's founder members, has officially 'retired'. He sincerely hopes it will continue under its new leader Chris Boyle of 20 Gastons Lane, Sherston, tel 841587. The 2016 half-year season, commenced on 5 January and will meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the village hall.

Although primarily it is a social club, younger joiners are advised that they will enjoy a fit and happy pastime.

Energy support: Volunteers wanted

Warm and Safe is a programme run by the charity Centre for Sustainability and helps Wiltshire people who are living in cold homes or having difficulty managing their energy costs. We're looking for volunteers who can spare some time to help us with providing home energy advice to people in their local area.

Volunteers should have an interest in energy and climate change and a desire to help others. Basic training will be provided on energy efficiency and giving advice and you'll receive lots of 'on the job' training as you are out and about with our advisers. You'll be joining a sociable team of volunteers with regular team meetings, training opportunities and one-to-one support. All out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed. To find out more email: volunteers@cse.org.uk

Wiltshire Council reviewing buses

Wiltshire Council is reviewing its Local Transport Plan Public Transport Strategy and bus services supported by the Council. Wiltshire Council need to find ways of saving many and there is no longer funding available to support bus services as was hoped in 2011.

The Council is keen to hear the views of bus users, residents and other interested people to help develop a new Public Transport Strategy. The consultation questionnaire available online from: http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal/ltp/wiltshire_local_transport_plan_-_public_transport_strategy_review. The deadline is 4 April 2016

Look out in the March Cliffhanger for a paper version of the survey.

Sherston W.I.

In December members donated many new items of warm clothing and toiletries that were then delivered to The Community of the Sisters of the Church in Bristol for the homeless at Christmas.

A New Year lunch for members was enjoyed at The Old Royal Ship in Luckington at the beginning of January where each member received a surprise small gift.

The AGM will take place at the meeting on Thursday 4 February in the British School Room at 2.30pm, followed by a quiz. The new programme will be available in March.

By Jill Woodward



Sherston Velo Rolling On

Sherston's very own cycling club – The Velo – is now one year old. It's been a great 12 months, with membership now at around 40 riders. The club has gone from strength to strength, with new members joining every week from Sherston and the surrounding villages.

2015 was quite a year: on top of our regular weekend rides, April saw eight of our riders tackle the famous Liège Bastogne Liège spring classic in Belgium, 170 Miles and 4,500 metres of ascent, a challenging yet immensely rewarding day; and, in July, seven riders completed the Bristol to Bordeaux ride in aid of PROPS, raising thousands of pounds in the process. Closer to home, the club has also been well represented at several sportive events and, on the racing front, the club also scored its first team points at the Odd Down circuit in Bath in December

through Greg Hughes of Luckington.

The social rides have proved extremely popular, offering a great introduction for new riders to get to know the club at a steadier pace, often with the chance to stop for cake and coffee along the way and these will now be a firm fixture for 2016.

Group rides leave the village hall car park on both Saturdays and Sundays (9.00am on Saturdays and 8.30am on Sundays), with enough riders now to form pace groups, so no one gets left behind (or gets too far ahead!). There's something for everyone, with a club diary full of events for 2016, including the Tour of Flanders and a trip to the Pyrenees in September. For membership and other information about the club, visit the website www.sherstonvelo.cc, or email Mark Walsh at secretary@sherstonvelo.cc

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Boules News

The 30th Anniversary 2016 Sherston Boules and Carnival will take place on Saturday 16 July.



Registration for entries into the Boules competition will open on Monday 16 February, preferably online through www.sherston.net but paper entry forms will be available from Sherston Post Office (by the coffee machine). The registration window will close on 16 April, as we want to make the draw results for the 128 places known by the end of April. The cost per team will be £25, payable once you've been notified of a successful entry; unsuccessful entrants will be placed on a reserve list.

This year, we're also going to try and organise a 'Plate' competition for teams that are eliminated early on (for a £10 additional fee). Ideally we'd like to make this available to everyone knocked out in the first round but as games are taking much longer than they used to, we're constrained by time and pitch space. I'll ask for your feedback on the entry page/form and make our decision known with the draw results.

As ever, we're looking for help from individuals and local groups (who benefit when we distribute the proceeds) to organise and run activities either on the day or during the preceding week – please contact james@jamespyle.co.uk. Also a reminder that sponsors who purchase advertising space on one of the pitch 'toblerones' are guaranteed a team place – please contact kit.harding@carterjonas.co.uk.

We look forward to a great day! *Paul Froggatt*

Vikings at the Village Hall

The village hall and field has been booked for the entire weekend of 24-26 June and we would welcome suggestions from groups that would like to run an event in this location over the weekend. Perhaps an exhibition, craft and play activities, or a picnic. We are exploring whether we can host a temporary museum display that weekend, but there are still opportunities to use the hall and field. If you have any suggestions or are interested in being involved, please contact Jill Caaney on 841380 (jill.caaney@gmail.com).



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Step forward Sherston's young Olympians!

The date for Olympic Day 2016 is Sunday 12 June! The event, held on the rec, started as a Sherston School fundraiser to mark London 2012, but fast became a firm favourite with families, taking place every summer. It features a competitive mini decathlon, with medals for girls and boys in each year group at primary school, a barbecue and bar for the grown-ups, and the committed input of a truly amazing team of Sherston Dads, who prepare the rec and run the events on the day. This year of course the children will no doubt be avidly following the real athletes competing in Rio!

Spring Clean at Sherston School

This year's event will be held on Saturday 16 April from 10.00am to 2.00pm. We'll be giving the playground a spruce-up, holding a car boot sale in the school car park, and selling burgers at lunchtime to keep everyone going! Bring a broom and a spade, and come and join in! Any profits go towards the extension of the school's fitness trail – we've £3,200 left to raise!. If you're interested in a car boot space for £5, please contact FSS Chair Fi Picton via fi.parsons@which.net.

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Every year, schools across the country are invited to take part in Young Voices. They practise a published set of songs and medleys, with a few actions thrown in, and then meet up with other schools for a massive concert watched by adoring mums, dads and grandparents. This year was no exception, the action took place in Genting Arena, Birmingham NEC on Friday 15 January. A bus full of Key Stage 2 children from Sherston School choir left school at 11.00am for a full afternoon of rehearsals, with parents heading off later, ready for the 7.00pm show start.

With a full live band, backing singers and the internationally acclaimed conductor David Lawrence, it makes for one of the most exciting and memorable musical experiences you can imagine. This year the performing guest artists included Laura Wright – who is the official anthem singer for the England Rugby Team and has sung for the Queen, Tom Billington who, on the night, sang 'Video Killed the Radio Star' by Buggles and 'Life on Mars' as a tribute to David Bowie. Also, The Beatbox Collective, who are well known on the festival circuit, taught everyone to beatbox – ending with a battle between the parents and the children!

Children were all given the chance to wear glow in the dark t-shirts and have torches. 'When the lights were turned off, you could see thousands of torches waving in the air like stars,' commented Rosie, Year 4, adding 'it's such fun to be part of a gigantic night of entertainment'.

The parents had plenty to say about the evening too: 'Nothing can prepare you for the buzz of an arena packed full of thousands of children singing in harmony knowing that your child is one of the stars! As for the screaming when dance troupe Urban Strides or any of the singing artists take to the stage – I'm sure it rivals that of a One Direction gig!'

'The excitement and expression on the children's faces is magical.'

'Young Voices was a really amazing experience. Mrs Berry did a fantastic job with all the children – they looked like they enjoyed it from start to finish.'

The Friends of Sherston School contributed £300 towards the cost of the Young Voices coach and also funded an 8ft-long banner to help excited parents spot their children amongst the 2,000 or so pupils taking part!



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Great prizes to be won at Busy Hands auction and raffle!



We're only days away from the Busy Hands Quiz Night on Saturday 6 February – it promises to be a fantastic night! In addition to the quiz, there are some amazing auction and raffle prizes up for grabs. In good news, even if you can't make the quiz itself, you can still place commission bids on the auction lots and snap up some raffle tickets (£1 per ticket) in advance.

To make a bid on an auction lot, simply post your bid in the Busy Hands Quiz shoebox at the post office, where you will find a full list of prizes. We will then bid for you on the night up to your maximum bid.

Auction lots include:

- Two rugby tickets, Wales vs Italy Saturday 19 March, Millennium Stadium
- One night at Carriers Farm B&B
- A Clifton photographic shoot
- Private Polo lesson for two with Beaufort Polo
- Two weekend Boondocks tickets
- Golf for two with buggy at Castle Combe Manor
- Family membership to Sherston Tennis Club

- Horse trailer service with Tally Ho Trailers
- Dyson V6 Animal Cordless
- Steak night for two at The Rattlebone
- Family of five camping ticket at Thistledown Farm
- B&W Horse Check (dental, vaccinations, bloods and worm count)

Raffle prizes include:

- Cream tea for two at Whatley Manor
- MOT voucher for Grays of Sherston
- Festival of Polo car and people pass for four
- Love Words personalised framed picture
- Six-jar box from Tracklements
- Tickets to Didmarton P2P
- £25 voucher for Tucks
- £20 voucher The Angel
- Sunday lunch for two at The Ship
- Cotswold Wildlife Park entry

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Nicki Heenan - Artist

I have been an artist for as long as I can remember – sometimes it is a solitary way of being and one of quiet observation and contemplation. After living in Pinkney for nearly nine years, I finally took the plunge and built a small studio in my garden overlooking the river. Last year saw the first Malmesbury Arts Trail steered by Kim Langley of Roki Pottery which gave me an opportunity to exhibit with two other local artists and meet so many local people interested in art. Through this event, I donated a large painting for a fundraising event but more on this later. I have taught painting locally since 2009, chaired the Malmesbury Art Society (now on hold) and recently have exhibited in London at the Chelsea Art Society, NEAC, ROI Mall Galleries. How do these things happen from working out of a small studio in Pinkney? If you want to see more of my work I am having a small exhibition at Malmesbury Town Hall from Tuesday 9 February to Friday 26 February. I would love to meet you and talk about artistic endeavours that could be promoted in our lovely area.

By Nicki Heenan

Charming House to rent in historic Southern France

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Sherston School's Fab Family Show

On Friday 26 February, parents at Sherston school will take to the stage to raise money for the Friends of Sherston School (FSS) to extend the school fitness trail. Starting at 6.00pm, the show will include sketches, songs and a short play.

This year, the FSS will be offering pizza slices and ice creams beforehand, and there will be ice creams, snacks and drinks (including a bar for adults!) for sale during the interval. Tickets, priced at just £2.50, will be on sale at the school gate every day after school – note that the hall has limited capacity so get your ticket early to avoid missing out!

Pizza will be served from 5.15pm, with the show starting at 6.00pm. It is expected to finish about 7.30pm. Pizza (£1.50 for half a pizza) and ice creams (50p each) must be pre-ordered.

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Why now? We are raising money for three fantastic causes: Sherston Baby and Toddler Group, Busy Hands Pre School and Sherston Primary School. In particular, Sherston Primary School has a huge project to complete – funding two large pieces of outdoor fitness trail equipment that will serve hundreds of children for many years to come. Plus the feedback from last time from everyone who ran a POP was that it was enormous fun!

Entry forms are available at Sherston Post Office or you can check out the website (www.popupsherston.com) for lots more POP ideas and download a form. There are some fantastic photos from 2013 – you might spot yourself! Get the date in your diary for a lovely community weekend: 13-15 May.



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Find the Sherston Trig Point

Theodolite versus Satellite

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2012 marked the half-century since they played a crucial role in mapping the UK. Trig pillars and points were, since 1936, a state-of-the-art network for a mathematical process that made accurate maps possible.

With the rapid development going on after the Great War, accurate map-making was a huge challenge. A new map-making control network for the whole country was badly needed in 1936. In the early 20th century map-making was based on a piecemeal collection of observations taken between 1783-1853. Modern map-making relies on satellites GNSS. Yet our trig points still act as a beacon for weary ramblers.

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Measuring angles by eye from a trip point meant triangulation required good weather. Modern GNSS surveying works in all weathers and is available 24 hours throughout the day and night.

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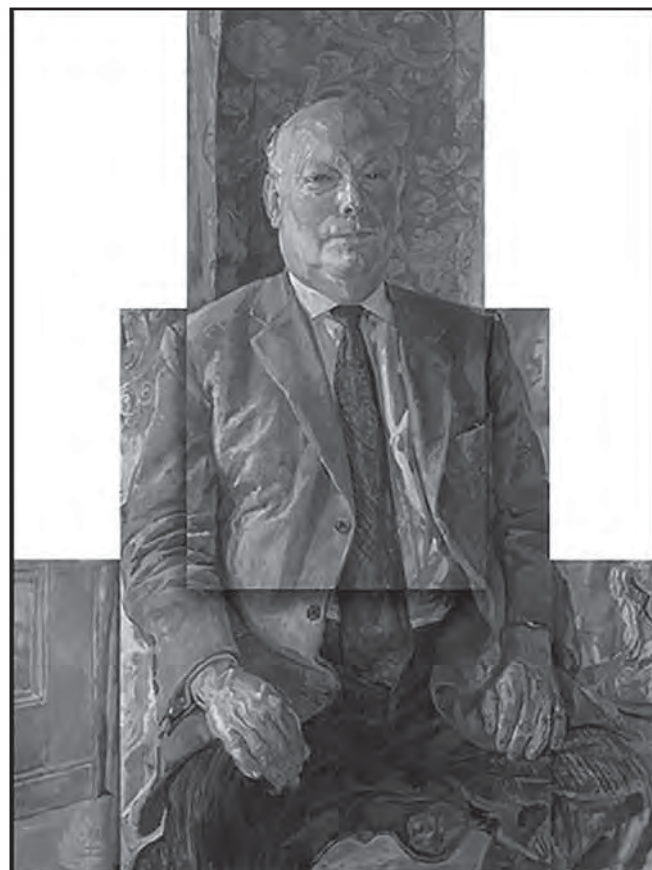


This year will see the last in the series of annual lectures, organised on behalf of Tetbury Art Society, at Highgrove House.

This year's speaker will be Daphne Todd OBE, portrait painter and first female President of the Society of Portrait Painters 1994-2000 and who won the BP Portrait Award 2010 with a painting of her 100-year-old mother's corpse, who had agreed to the depiction.

Although Daphne is best known for her portraits, her work covers a wide range of genres, including still life and landscapes inspired by the beautiful Kent and Sussex borders where she lives.

Always working directly in front of her subject, she misses nothing and the eminent gathering of her past



sitters - including HRH The Prince of Wales, HRH the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, Dame Janet Baker and Spike Milligan - have found it difficult to hide from her analytical gaze! Daphne has stretched her talents still further by participating in the BBC's Big Painting Challenge, when she was one of the judges.

'The Individual as Artist and Sitter'

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- Monday 25 April,
- Wednesday 27 July, and
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Carol Service

We had a delightful Christmas family service at the Holy Cross Church. The children did beautiful readings and we enjoyed singing traditional carols together. We ended with thoughtful kindness quotations that the children read:

Always be a little kinder than necessary
J M Barrie

You are a conductor of light.
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.
Martin Luther King

Inward happiness almost always follows a kind act.
Father Faber

We didn't all come over on the same ship, but we're all in the same boat.
Bernard Baruch

Today fill up your cup of life with sunshine and laughter.
Dodinsky

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy. They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.
Marcel Proust

By perseverance the snail reached the ark.
Anonymous

I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning how to sail my ship.
Louisa May Alcott

Just be who you want to be, not what others want to see.

You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.
Christopher Robin (A.A. Milne)

This was followed by mince pies and mulled wine. Thank you to Becky Fisher for leading the first Family Christmas Carol Service and Pat and Roger Whitehouse for all the behind the scenes help on the evening. It was a lovely way to cheer up a rainy wet December night!



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Good Friday Workshop

All children welcome to come to the Good Friday Workshop on Friday 25 March at Holy Cross Church. The schedule of events is:

- 10.30am to 12.15pm: Activities
- 12.30pm to 1.15pm: Lunch
- 1.15pm to 1.45pm: Practice for the Good Friday Family Service
- 2.00pm: Good Friday Family Service (Everyone welcome)
- 2.30pm: Walk to Luckington where we will have a short open air service in the church car park, followed by hot cross buns, tea and coffee. Dogs welcome.

Children can spend part of the day with us or stay for the whole time. Bring a packed lunch if you are staying. Activities will be suitable for children aged from four to 11 years old who may join us without adult supervision. It is preferable if children under the age of four are accompanied by an adult who is known to them.

In order to avoid disappointment and to ensure that there are enough adults to supervise the children, it would be really helpful if you could book a place for your child(ren) in advance.

Please contact Rev. Susan Harvey on 840696 or email: susan.harvey44@hotmail.com

Thank you bookworms!

The Village Hall was packed wall-to-wall with books when Sherston 1016 held another of their successful book sales on Saturday 23 January.

And the tables weren't just groaning under the weight of the books: there were CDs, DVDs and computer games galore too, for listeners and viewers of all ages.

The books are not classified under any Dewey sort of system! However, they are displayed under children's, fiction, gardening, cooking, travel and biographies. The sales have become a real social event, with regulars coming along not just to browse through the thousands of books on display, but also to have a chat with friends.

Regular book lovers come not just from Sherston, but from the wider local area, and even from Marlborough! There were several car loads of donated books fresh in this time, for which the members of Sherston 1016 are grateful.

The sale was in aid of Sherston 1016's local charities, and raised £224. There was also a raffle, kindly organised by Jill Caaney, which raised £106 towards the costs of June's re-enactment of the Battle of Sherston.

The next sale is planned for the Spring: watch this space for more details.

All the members of Sherston 1016 thank all those who supported the event. Sherston 1016 takes its name from the date of the Battle of Sherston, with the army of the Viking Cnut and the Anglo Saxons, led by Edmund Ironside with help from local chieftain John Rattlebone.

Date for your diary: the re-enactment of the Battle of Sherston will take place on Saturday 25 June, with various events over that weekend.

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A happy New Year to all of our readers and what a busy and exciting year we have to look forward to in the Club in 2016.

December meeting

This meeting took the form of a Christmas workshop, where members worked on their own designs. Many delightful seasonal arrangements were created. The evening ended with a seasonal supper.

Future meetings

Wednesday 17 February: Members will head to the Cricklade House Hotel for our annual members dinner.

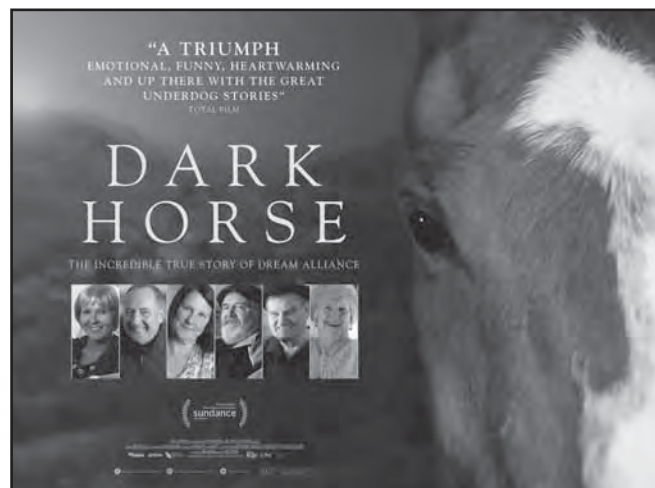
Wednesday 16 March: We will be holding an imposed workshop. Everyone taking part in the workshop will be provided with all the materials they need to create their arrangement. The resulting arrangements will be judged by those attending the evening. The results will be used as part three of our annual competition.

Wednesday 20 April: Margaret Murray from Bradford on Avon flower club will call her demonstration 'Inspirations'.

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

For more information please contact Margaret on 01285 770 639

Happy New Year to all our Moviola supporters



On Wednesday 24 February at Grittleton Village Hall Moviola is showing Dark Horse [PG].

Truth is often stranger than fiction; that has led to many a documentary making its mark on the film world. The latest to do so is Dark Horse, which won the audience award at January's Sundance Film Festival, a feat in keeping with the film's subject. Director Louise Osmond chronicles the career of race horse 'Dream Alliance'. Owned by a syndicate of working-class people in a small town in Wales, the horse defied convention, injury and expectation to win some of the most prestigious races in Britain. The picture is as textbook an underdog story as anything to have come out of Hollywood, and yet it's the sincerity of the principals who tell the story that makes it so uniquely compelling.

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Sessions involve a wide variety of music and include familiar favourites, as well as simple songs that may enable harmonies or rounds. Participants are able to join in as fully as they wish, and lyrics and percussion instruments are made available.

How can the sessions help?

People with dementia who have language and communication difficulties may find that well-known songs can evoke verbal and emotional memories, while new songs can help to challenge and extend skills. Music helps to create environments in which people with dementia can express positive feelings and emotions.

Sessions for this month will take place on 1, 15 and 29 February. To book your place, please call Pam Ollis at our Chippenham office on 01249 443469 or e-mail nwilt@alzheimers.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!


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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 Services at 11am apart from 1st Sun 4pm. Brick Club alternate Fridays 5.30 - 6.30 / 6.30 - 8pm All services are led or hosted by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling. Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 (or find us on Facebo.

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

Gauzebrook Church for Children

Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them: **Junior Church** is held at Court House, Hullavington. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult.

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See Parish Life for details of services

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

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Drawing Classes in Sherston

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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 10 local walks and is now on sale at the post office. If you would like to learn more about the footpath group and perhaps take part in some of its activities please come along to a meeting. For further information contact Maggie Harries on 841047 or maggie@harriespartnership.com

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

Malmesbury Community Choir

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

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

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

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

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides For details contact the Division Commissioner at malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

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

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

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

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

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

Sherston 1016 Fundraising for local good causes and charities. Contact sherston1016@gmail.com or Martin Jacques 07717 424619

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

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

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

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of 10 ½ to 13 ½. We meet at the Scout hut on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm to 9.00pm during school term times. To join contact Riaan van Rooyen riaan@pulse-software.co.uk There is currently a small waiting list to join.

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

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

Sherston Drama Group

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

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

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

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

Sherston's Living Churchyard

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

Sherston Magna Cricket Club Junior nets have now finished for the season, but u15s are welcome to Senior nets

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

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

SH.o.C.C. The choir meets at 7.30pm each Wednesday in the British Schoolroom £3 per session - New term starts 13 Jan for 9 weeks. refreshments 50p. Further information from Lucy Lawrance on 840778 (evenings) or lucy@sherston.plus.com

Sherston Photography Forum

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

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

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

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

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

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

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

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

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

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

WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

Dates for your diary 2016

April

- 6 Sherston Drama Group Spring Play - a Thriller
- At the Sign of the Crippled Harlequin

May

- 6 Stompin Dave and his Blue Grass Band,
Village Hall

June

- 12 Sherston School Olympic Day

- 18-19 Open Gardens Weekend

- 24-25 Battle of Sherston Events

July

- 16-17 Boules Weekend

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

Sherston

The Rattlebone Inn

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

Check boards for more details of events

For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter

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

Sherston WI Talks

AGM 4 Feb at 2.30pm in BSR Visitors always welcome

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

Mar-Sep in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and Nov/Dec/Feb in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. No meeting in Jan

For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or

jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Busy Hands Pre School Annual Fundraising Quiz Night

Raffle and auction. Sat 6 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 or call Emma 841402 or email emmanewby@gmail.com

1016 Pancake Eating Competition

Shrove Tuesday 9 Feb from 7.30pm £2 entry

The Rattlebone Inn For further details call Richard Langley on 840112 or 07879 612776

Sherston Market

Local crafts and produce which vary each month, cake stalls including Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh local vegetables and cheeses from Brinkworth Dairy.

Every month a free stall in the lobby is made available to local charity or voluntary group to raise funds. See www.sherstonmarket.weebly.com for dates and a contact form. 10am-2pm Village hall

Sat 13 Feb Sat 26 Mar

For further details call 07887 814843 or 07769 613627 or email info@awkwardsquad.co.uk or visit

www.sherstonmarket.co.uk or www.facebook.com/pages/Sherston-Market/195319400641324

Church events

Good Friday Workshop 25 Mar 10.30-1.45 including lunch followed by the Family Service at 2pm All children welcome - activities suitable for 4-11 years. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult

Good Friday Walk to Luckington followed by an open air service, and hot cross buns. Dogs welcome

Church of the Holy Cross For further details call Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or susan.harvey44@hotmail.com

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Flemish painters including Bosch, Bruegel, Vermeer, Frans Hals, Rubens and Rembrandt Fri 8 Jan - Fri 12 Feb 2016, 10am-12.15pm. Course Fee: £48

Three Choirs Festival - 1 day course Tim Porter holds comprehensive exploration of the 300 year history and music of the internationally renowned festival being celebrated at Gloucester in 2016. Sat 19 Mar 2016, 11am – 4.40pm £25

British Schoolroom.

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

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

Gill Ashley. Do stop by for a look. Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon.

Boules & Carnival – Sat 16 July

Boules Competition Entry Forms Registration for Entries into the Boules competition will open on 16 Feb, preferably online through www.sherston.net but paper entry forms will be available Sherston Post Office (by the coffee machine).

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

Easton Grey Whatley Manor

Thursday evening cinema £23 includes a choice of either a glass of wine, a bottled beer or soft drink. A small tub of delicious ice cream (choice of flavour) and of course popcorn. Must be prebooked 8.30pm start **Suite Française** 11 Feb

Sunday Cinema £8.50 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn. In addition, on the day, choose one, two or three courses from the a la carte lunch menu in 'Le Mazot' brasserie The Sunday Cinema Screenings must be pre-booked and at least one course must be booked **Suite Française** starring Michelle Williams, Kristin Scott Thomas and Margot Robbie 21 Feb

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

Westonbirt The Arboretum

Stick Man Activity Trail Pick up an activity pack £3 at the Welcome Building and follow the trail Dec 21- Mon 29 Feb Till Feb admission prices Adults £6 Concs and those arriving by bike or public transport £6 Children (5-18) £2 under 5s free **Specialist Wood Sales** 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA

The new TreeQuests app enables adventurers to create their own quest through the arboretum, with interactive challenges along the way...

Summer concert dates - Tickets on sale June - Thurs 16 Rudimental ; Fri 17 Kaiser Chiefs Tickets from the Arboretum or <http://boxoffice.forestry.gov.uk/default.aspx> Check website for details of events, wood and photography courses, guided walks and family fun days

For further details call 880220 or visit

www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Highgrove House Tetbury Art Society

Tetbury Art Society Roy Baker Memorial Lecture - The last one 'The Individual as Artist and Sitter' by Daphne Todd OBE, portrait painter and first female President of the Society of Portrait Painters Wed 2 Mar 2.15pm at The Orchard Room, Highgrove House, Tetbury, Gloucestershire by kind permission of TRH The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall. £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

Malmesbury MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP 12pm - 1pm Sat 20 Feb Sat 19 Mar Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall For further details www.jamesgray.org or email jamesgraymp@parliament.uk for online surgeries

Singing for the Brain

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

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Malmesbury Abbey Skate 2016

Wed 17 - Fri 19 Feb for more details on times see www.facebook.com/abbeyskate www.malmesburyabbey.com/skate or email us on john@malmesburyabbey.com
Skating, Scooter, Demos, Competitions, Music, Cafe and workshops.

Malmesbury Youth Fair

Malmesbury Town Council is very keen to help to promote the many activities available in the town for young people and to encourage young people to get involved in their own community. Sat 19 Mar 10am-3pm - no charge to organisers, tables will also be provided
For further details call email tic@malmesbury.gov.uk to secure your place.

Art Exhibition

Nicki Heenan - Local Artist. Tues 9 - Fri 26 Feb
Exhibition of Nicki's work
Malmesbury Town Hall

Events at Malmesbury Children's centre

Toddler Taming! Free parenting course for parents with children under 5 Tues 12 Jan - 1 Mar from 9.30 to 11.30am with a break for the school holidays - free crèche Malmesbury Children's Centre
For further details call 825566 or email: malmesburycc@spurgeons.org or visit www.malmesburycc.org

'Sherston Brick Club'

British Schoolroom

Friday 12th & 26th February

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

6.30 to 8.00pm - Brick Club:
8 years upwards

Malmesbury & District

University of the Third Age

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people to come and learn together, drawing upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide interest groups in a very wide range of subjects. Now with over 350 members in the Malmesbury group Meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10am for refreshments 10.30-11.30 speaker close by 11.45 Charge 50p

The Dolittle Raid by David Head Thurs 25 Feb

This is Jazz - Alan Cornell Thurs 24 Mar

Bletchley Park Day Trip Book the date - Thur 14 Apr

2016 cost £35 incl entrance and coach travel max 30

places so please contact Judy Paginton at secretary@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall

For further details call Membership Secretary Julia Batty on 01249 720327 or visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Didmorton

Flicks in the Sticks

Suffragette Fri 12 Feb Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door.

Didmorton Village Hall *For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com*

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l_palmer@btinternet.com or visit www.moviola.org

Crudwell

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Flower club meetings take place on the 3rd Wed each month, 7 for 7.30pm. If you enjoy flowers come and join us, visitors and new members are welcome.

Annual Members' Dinner 17-Feb at Cricklade House Hotel

Imposed workshop The resulting arrangements will be judged by those attending the evening and will be used as part three of our annual competition. 16-Mar

Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB

For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

Ozleworth, Wotton-under-Edge

North Wilts Villages Flower Club NT

Newark Park House and Estate

Volunteer Open Day See if you would like to join the team of volunteers - Wed 3 Feb 10am-1pm.

The house and gardens are shut until Spring but the estate is still open for miles of woodland walks (free entry).

Dogs on a lead welcome

For further details call -1453 842644 or

newarkpark@nationaltrust.org.uk or visit

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park/

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: The Danish Girl; Bridge of Spies; In The Heart of The Sea; Room Belle and Sebastian: the Adventure Continues; Taxi Tehran; Jonas Kaufmann: An Evening With Puccini; Labyrinth; Renoir: Revered and Reviled; Rams; NT Live: As You Like It (Live); check website for details

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Live and pre recorded screenings

As You Like It Live Thurs 25 Feb

For further details, call or visit www.ntlive.com

Bath Theatre Royal

Let It Be 1-6 Feb £15-£33.50

The 39 Steps 8-13 Feb

Confusions 15-20 Feb

Hero's Welcome 16& 19 Feb

Book ahead for: Let it Be; Hobson's Choice; Toast; The Gruffalo's Child; Private Lives; West Side Story; Rehearsal for Murder; Single Spies; The Herbal Bed; Goodnight Mr Tom

For further details call 01225 448844 or visit

www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Bath Literary Festival

The Independent Bath Literary Festival Fri 26 Feb - Sun 6

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If you are in immediate danger call 999

The public version of Sherston's Emergency Response Plan can be found on the Sherston website:

www.sherston.org/downloads/sherston-parish-council-emergency-plan/Sherston-Emergency-Plan-REDACTED-20-11-2015.pdf

Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

Jill Cainey

841380

3 Noble Street

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

Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100

EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk (only during an incident)

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

Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm

Utilities

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www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack

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Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

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Useful Numbers

BT fault line	0800 800151
CLARENCE (Highway complaints)	0800 232323
Cllr John Thomson	01666 840785
Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	01249 652851
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Sherston Parish Council	01666 840197
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