



# Brush Up The Bogs Events @ The Village Hall

More great stuff announced for Feb event and June event sneak-peek!



Saturday 25 February in the Village Hall just got better! So, we already knew that the party hit of last year's Boondocks Festival - The Mighty Arkansaw Jukebox Collective - are doing a set, but there's more ... much more!

First up, we have Sherston's very own songstress - Naomi - doing an 'unplugged' set accompanied by a couple of special guests you might also recognise, beautiful re-workings of some classic numbers delivered with Naomi's own special touch.

But, there is more ... Oh yes, dear reader, even more! Those lovely people from the Sherston Chilli Smokehouse have agreed to cater the event and your ticket not only gets you all manner of great entertainment it also gets you a 'Louisiana Pork Pokee' - which I know sounds wrong on \*so\* many levels but is, in fact, '16-hour smoked pulled pork on a brioche bun with plain or chilli coleslaw, pickles, and a side of slow cooked campfire baked beans' (veggie option available) - who knew?

But, heads up folks, food is being served between 7.30pm and 8.30pm, so don't be late!

OK - nearly there - but yep, even more great stuff! Saturday 25 February will also see a rare vinyl DJ set from none other than the legendary DJ Crackle & Pop (why the monica? Well, it's vinyl innit!).

And all this can be yours for a paltry £15 ... yes, just 15 quid, which by the time you read this will be about 5 US dollars! 'But where can I get tickets?', I hear you cry. Well - until they sell out - as ever, you can get them from Sherston Post Office Stores or you can get them online at [www.brushupfeb.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.brushupfeb.eventbrite.co.uk) (booking fee applies).

And here are some more useful links:

[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC5X6PCs-kZKR-C9LIZVoZtohPKN50W\\_T](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC5X6PCs-kZKR-C9LIZVoZtohPKN50W_T)

[www.facebook.com/ArkansawJukebox/](https://www.facebook.com/ArkansawJukebox/)

Oh and the next Brush Up the Bogs Promotion for the village hall funds? Well, for now, just put Saturday 3 June in the diary - Northern Soul 'All Nighter' with Bath Soul Club anyone? I can see it now, pie and mash, high-waist flares, peacock dancing ... And that's just me!

[www.facebook.com/bathsoulclub/](https://www.facebook.com/bathsoulclub/)

# WI Report



The January meeting for WI members was an informal occasion - lunch at The Old Ship in Luckington – and an event enjoyed by everyone and a chance, after the hustle and bustle of Christmas, to catch up more leisurely with friends.

In February, we will be holding our Annual General Meeting when we will be reflecting on all our activities in 2016 and electing our president and committee for the year. However, it won't all be 'business', we will also be having a competition of 'festive canapés' made by members, which will, of course, require tasting, and a quiz. Time for you to act on those resolutions to catch up with old friends and meet new ones and come along? New members are always welcome. Our February meeting will be in the British School Room on Thursday 2 February, starting at 2.30pm.

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

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

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# Boules News



It's that time again! Sherston Boules and Carnival 2017 will take place on Saturday 15 July.

Registration for the Boules competition opens on Valentine's Day until Easter Monday, 17 April, as I would like to make the draw and let applicants know if they've been successful by the end of April.

As usual, please register online through [www.sherston.net](http://www.sherston.net) as this reduces the possibility of errors. Paper application forms will also be available in Sherston Post Office Stores.

The cost per team will be £25, payable if you're successfully drawn; unsuccessful entrants will be placed on a reserve list. Around 66% of the 128 places will be reserved for local teams, (whose captain lives in Sherston, Alderton, Luckington, Foxley or Easton Grey), with the remaining places allocated to visiting teams and sponsors.

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If you are a local organisation who would like to receive a contribution to your funds in exchange for helping organise a specific activity or if you would like to help as an individual or as a group of friends, then please contact James Pyle using [james@jamespyle.co.uk](mailto:james@jamespyle.co.uk) James is again Chairman of the Boules and Carnival Committee this year.

Let's have a great day again in 2017!

*Paul Froggatt*

Boules Competition Organiser

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A guide has been produced for event organisers, along with a registration form. Copies of these can be obtained from Ollie Phipps, the Community Engagement Manager.

Anyone organising an event needs to complete the registration form and return it to Ollie Phipps so he can ensure the rubbish from the pick is collected by Street Scene / Id verde.

A list of FAQs has also been produced, giving further information about registering events, litter collection, equipment, risk assessment, public liability etc.

If you need any further clarification on any of these points, please contact Ollie Phipps: 07795 060797, [Ollie.phipps@Wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Ollie.phipps@Wiltshire.gov.uk).

## Sherston Senior Club

On 10 January we had our AGM and, at our next meeting, on 24 January, Tony Weedon talked to us about his 'Life as a Customs Officer'.

Looking forward, on 7 February, Wiltshire Farm foods will be giving a talk and demonstration and on 21 February Kieron Pocock will be giving us a musical entertainment. On 7 March, Stephen Wells will be telling us about The History of the Magic Circle (with a few Tricks).

We meet in the British School Room, Cliff Road, at 2.00pm. Visitors are welcome at £2.00, including refreshments.

Further information from Helen Quirk 840516.

## Tickets on Sale



Oh yes! Those of you who can cast your mind back to the heady days of 2014 will fondly remember good ol' SherstonFest ... well, it's back for 2017 on 7 and 8 July.

After a couple of years off while the crew ran the very successful Boondocks Festival in Malmesbury, we are bringing it back to its roots for 2017 for two days of village merriment branded as 'Baby Boondocks' (mainly so we don't have to re make all the signs!).

It will obviously be very much smaller than Boondocks (but like the SherstonFests of old will still be perfectly formed!) and tickets go on sale on 1 February so don't mess about as they are limited by the licence – when they are gone, they are gone

It will be the same eclectic mix of fantastic music that we find in all corners of the festival world throughout the year muddled up with great food, fine liquid refreshments and all manner of other good stuff!

More info [www.facebook.com/TheBoondocksFestival/](http://www.facebook.com/TheBoondocksFestival/) or get on our mailing list email [info@TheBoondocksFestival.co.uk](mailto:info@TheBoondocksFestival.co.uk) to keep ahead of the game !

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# Sherston Market is coming back!

All stall fees will now be going directly into the Village Hall Renovation Fund so put the following dates in your diary, 8 April, 24 June, 16 September and 18 November.

The markets will now be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm and there will be hot food and drinks available to buy from a mobile vendor.

To book a stall ring Alison on 07909 737096. See you there.

## 2017/18 Precept

At the January meeting, the Parish Council approved the precept for 2017/8 of £37.19 for Band D, an increase of 2% on last year. The precept is the parish component of the total council tax. The increase was kept to the minimum to allow the council to break even. In view of an expected increase in inflation as a result of the devaluation of sterling, this is a very modest uplift. The net receipt to the council only increased from £26,518 to 26,966 ( 1.7%) because the grant from Wiltshire Council has ended. The precept is used for regular parish expenditure. Reserves for special projects are separate.

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# RaffleBone Success!

The Rattlebone was packed on the Thursday before Christmas for the annual Rattlebone Christmas Party, with loads of good food and drink, and with carol singing accompanied by the Dodington Parish Band with a little help from Tom Dryden!

Winners of the Rattlebone Christmas Raffle, in aid of the Friends of Sherston School and Sherston 1016:

1. iPad: Emily
2. 6 bottles of Campo Viejo wine: H&A
3. 2 ribs of beef from Michael Thomas Butchers:  
Katherine Harris
4. Box of Butcombe beers: Helen and Chris
5. Side of salmon from New Wave: Mae Farahar
6. Case of Elmer bitter bottles: Andy
7. 5 litres of Marshfield ice cream: Clare
8. Dozen champagne glasses: Paul Filmer
9. Fruit basket from A David: Cosi Strong
10. Case of Peroni: Victoria
11. 2 doz Sherston Free Range Eggs: Rob Punter
12. Bottle of Courvoisier from Sherston PO Stores:  
anon
13. Variety of Spanish chorizos: Bella
14. Tucks salami: Phil Burden
15. Selection of Tracklements pickles: Jenny Hulbert
16. Mixed cheeses from Pong Cheese: Rob Strong
17. 6 bottles of perry from Bablake Wines:  
Kristy Andrews
18. Pack of Bradleys Juices: Shane
19. Butcombe hoodie: Gayle
20. 2 jars of pickled eggs: Naomi

If you won any of the prizes but haven't picked it up yet, please see Harry at the pub to arrange collection.

Both the FSS and Sherston 1016 thank Jason and the staff at the pub for all their hard work in organising this magnificent event, which raised around £700 to be split between the two organisations.

Thanks go also to all the businesses who donated the prizes, and to all who contributed their cash to the raffle. And of course, all who came along to make the evening such a success.



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# The Velo hits The Velodrome



On 23 December, 30 members of Sherston Velo made a trip to the Newport Velodrome for a very special event. With exclusive use of the track and coach for the entire morning, we were delighted to have 15 children join us, with many of them experiencing the thrill of track cycling for the first time. With the Olympic exploits of Trott, Kenny & Co fresh in their memories, it soon became clear that we have sparked some inspiration with many of our

riders and we're sure a few will be back soon. The club continues to grow strongly, with over 60 members – and new riders joining us every month.

An exciting calendar of events for 2017 kicks off in March with the Gent Wevelgem sportive in Belgium. For information on the Velo, please email [secretary@sherstonvelo.cc](mailto:secretary@sherstonvelo.cc) or visit the website at [www.bc-clubs.co.uk/sherstonvelo](http://www.bc-clubs.co.uk/sherstonvelo)



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# News from Holy Cross

This is my first opportunity to say a big thank you in print to everyone who was involved in our special services and events over Christmas and the New Year. During the 24 hours of the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, the churches of the Gauzebrook Group welcomed around a thousand worshippers. If you then add in the Carol Services and School Services of the week before, there's almost another thousand visits to our churches. The ministry that so many of you offer, from flower arranging, delivering publicity and welcoming to signing in a choir and leading prayers, enables Christmas to happen for a huge number of local people and visitors. The hard work of our volunteers means that the good news of Christ's birth can be widely heard, and I would like to thank you for all that you do.

Clearly, the village churches have a very important role during the major festivals and at significant times in people's lives. It's also been encouraging to see that some of our churches, including Holy Cross, have also been reporting increases in usual Sunday attendance during 2016. Some of this is related to special one-off events, and it's always helpful for our Ministry Team to be aware in advance of any significant community or national events that might be marked in church.

Ash Wednesday will be on 1 March, and there will be a service of Holy Communion at 7.30pm in Holy

Cross with the option of ashing for those who wish to receive it.

Many of us enjoy a sociable time and good discussions at the Lent Groups, which begin the week after Ash Wednesday. It's really interesting hearing other people's views and experiences, and this year we have an interesting and thought-provoking course planned. The venues and days of the week are likely to be:

Monday evenings in Hullavington.

Wednesday lunchtimes, including a Light Bite Lunch at 55 The Tarters, Sherston.

Thursday mornings 10.00am -11.30am in SSQ

Thursday evenings 7.30pm – 9.00pm, in Bridges Court Luckington

For more information, please contact our Administrator Lorraine on 825019.

Whereas the Lent Groups start from the position of sharing faith, Agnostics Anonymous makes no assumptions about religious affiliation or belief. The next meeting of this informal conversation group will be on Friday 10 March at 8.00pm in The Star Inn, Hullavington, with the suggested topic of 'Four gospels – contradictory or complementary?'

Finally, it's been good to see Joel Faulkner's ministry as Trainee Youth Worker having an impact. He has set up a new Youth Café in the Village Hall in Luckington on late Saturday afternoon – do contact him for more information (joel.p.faulkner@gmail.com).

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*Christopher Bryan*, Rector of the Gauzebrook Group

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# Stephen Gray

Sherston residents who have been here for some time will be sorry to hear of the death of Stephen Gray on Friday 20 January. He was eighty-five years old.

With his wife Shirley, Stephen moved to the village in 1966, and set up Grays Garage in Church Street. The garage had formerly been owned by the Graves family, so it went from Graves Garage to Grays Garage! On top of the workshop, the Grays developed the business with a retail shop, where the shoe shop is now. That part of the premises had been a Morris car show room. Stephen and Shirley became heavily involved in breakdown recovery work for national organisations such as the AA and RAC.

The couple brought up two children in the village: Paul and Sue. Paul now runs the business.

Stephen was touched by tragedy when Shirley died at the age of fifty-six early in 1990, and Sue at the age of forty-two in 2004.

Stephen left Sherston in 1993, when he retired. He moved to Congresbury, and married Jackie, who survives him.

The funeral will be on Thursday 9 February, 2.00pm, at St Andrew's Church, Station Road, Congresbury BS49 5DX, followed by burial.

# Malmesbury Sunday Lunch Club

Whilst on holiday last year, I saw an advert for a 'Sunday lunch get-together'. It was very informal, no fundraising, collections, membership, etc. It's simply a group of people who are alone on Sundays for whatever reason, getting together to have a good meal in good company. In my travels, I know of a lot of folk, young and old, who feel the same, so ... if this is you, get in touch! We are having our first one at the Malmesbury Garden Centre Café on Sunday 12 February. The lovely people there will be cooking a roast dinner and traditional pudding for us so why not come and join us? Transport can be provided if necessary. Give me a call to book a place. Lunch cost is £10.50. Note – this could be for YOU! No age limits, just a desire to have some company on a Sunday.

Meanwhile, as ever, I am around for general help and support on a wide variety of issues including transport, mobility and safety around the home and reducing the feeling of loneliness. Give me a call on 07557 922020 and leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

*Ellen Blacker*

Health and Wellbeing Champion

# Come and enjoy the pancake fun on Shrove Tuesday!

For those who aren't aware, Sherston has its own way of marking Shrove Tuesday and the beginning of Lent. Instead of running down the street with frying pans, we just race to eat a plateful of delicious pancakes prepared by the chefs at the Rattlebone.

This year's event takes place on the evening of Shrove Tuesday, 28 February, 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 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. 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 Sherston 1016 commemorative 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. All money raised goes to local good causes.

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

Thanks go to Jason and his Rattlebone staff for all their help with the event.

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# The Rattlebone Boules League

Last year's event was a great success. Over 150 people in 48 teams battled it out on the three pitches at the Rattlebone Inn throughout last summer. A few take it quite seriously, but the majority are there for the booze, the camaraderie, and just to have fun.

For the first time ever there are no teams resigning from the leagues, but I am sure that there will be one or two vacancies by the time that the season restarts on Monday 24 April. Should you wish to be put on the waiting list, or wish to know more about the Boules League, contact Tony Towle on either 840574 or [atowle@btinternet.com](mailto:atowle@btinternet.com). Skill is not a requirement, rather a wish to meet new people. It is an ideal way to get involved if you are new to the village, or have ever wondered what those strange people are doing at the Rattlebone on lazy hazy summer evenings.

## The Winners:

### League 1

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### League 2

- 1st The Rattlebone Staff and their team 'Rattleboules'
- 2nd Derek King and his team 'Luckington Loafers'
- 3rd Tony Wood and his team 'Les Cinq Espoirs'

### League 3

- 1st Chris Burgess (from Tetbury) and his team 'Boulio Iglesias'
- 2nd Bill Breakspear and his team 'Bill's Boules Hitters'
- 3rd Amanda Donaldson and her team 'No Sharking'

As in previous years the top four teams in League 2 will be promoted and be replaced by the bottom four teams in League 1. Similarly the bottom four teams in League 2 will be demoted, and replaced by the four top teams in League 3.

There will be some rule changes for the coming season. We will abandon the rule that awards a penalty point for un-played games as it unfairly penalised some of the teams. However we do like penalty points, so we will penalise any team that does not turn up to play their fixture, without giving suitable notice. It is very inconsiderate, and leaves the other team exceptionally hacked off. *Tony Towle*



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We would welcome the views and feedback from young people about any of our services and would really encourage any young person to join our patient group, Friends of the Tolsey Surgery (FOTS)

## Winter Pressures

You can hardly fail to have heard about the unprecedented challenges and extreme pressure being experienced in our A&E departments across the country. Things are no different here in Wiltshire and we are being asked to be mindful of ensuring only those situations that are considered to be genuine emergencies are presented in A&E. NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is asking patients to help by taking personal responsibility for their healthcare where they can and accessing the right healthcare service at the right time when required. For medical help and advice on where to go if it is not an emergency then the free NHS 111 number is available 24/7. Pharmacists are experts in many areas of healthcare and can also offer advice on a wide range of conditions and common illnesses such as coughs, colds and stomach upsets. GPs should always be the

first port of call for most medical problems - unless it is a serious or life-threatening emergency and then A&E is the right place to go.

Between 31 December 2016 and 8 January 2017, just over 5,000 people attended A&E departments at Royal United Hospital, Bath, Great Western Hospital in Swindon and Salisbury District Hospital, yet only 33% of those people actually needed urgent or emergency treatment.

Over the last month, people have attended A&E departments with minor ailments that are not serious or life-threatening, including:

- coughs, colds and sore throats,
- toothache,
- sickness and diarrhoea,
- excessive alcohol consumption,
- backache and
- broken finger nails.

With increased pressure across the system people are also asked to:

- cancel unwanted medical appointments, so that others who need them can be seen more quickly;
- offer to drive a family member or friend home from hospital;
- keep a well-stocked medicine cabinet to be able to treat yourself at home for minor illnesses; and
- make sure elderly relatives are warm and have supplies in case of bad weather

Peter Jenkins, Chair of Wiltshire CCG adds: 'We need patients to take responsibility for making the right decision about where to go for healthcare advice. Every year the NHS makes the same plea to the public and every year we continue to see inappropriate A&E attendances rise. We prepare for increases in attendance over the winter, because we expect that to happen, however when patients are turning up to A&E when they don't need to be there it adds significant pressure to an already challenging situation.'

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## Easton Grey Church: Organ fundraiser



Easton Grey Church are launching their fundraising appeal to restore the 18th-century organ in their church, with a meeting in the church, at 6.00pm on Saturday 11 February.

The aim of the meeting is to get people together who are interested in working with us to arrange activities and events that villagers and our local community will enjoy, which will also raise funds for the appeal. We will also explain why at least £6,800 is needed to restore this beautiful organ back to its original condition and our organist, Nicki Heenan, will play for us.

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## Malmesbury Riverside Community Centre Launch Night

Malmesbury Riverside Community Centre will be holding a launch night for young people aged 14-21 years old on Saturday 18 February. Open from 4.30pm onwards, the event offers free entry and free food and includes open mic and creative sessions. There will be live music from 7.00pm from The Dustbowl Children, Free Happy Forever and Socket. Note that no alcohol will be permitted at this event. For more information, visit [www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk](http://www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk).

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## Gonzo Moose at Grittleton Village Hall: Friday 3 March



Gonzo Moose Theatre Company in association with Rural Arts Wiltshire presents 'The thing that came from over there' on Friday 3 March at 6.30pm (doors 6.00pm) at Grittleton Village Hall.

A spoof horror set in Antarctica with comedy and thrills galore, it's a fast-paced, quick-change, multi role playing show, with three actors playing over 15 roles. There are visual gags, giant puppetry and a little live music. It's a show for everyone – not to be missed.

Tickets available from Jan on 01249 782798 or [dandjeffcoate@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:dandjeffcoate@btinternet.co.uk)

Adults £8, Concessions £7, Children (under 16) £5, Families (2 adults & 2 children) £21

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## Malmesbury League of Friends donates £25,000 to Julia's House

Malmesbury League of Friends (MLOF) has made a donation of £25,000 to Julia's House, which is raising funds to complete the first children's hospice in Wiltshire.

With no children's hospice currently based in the county, local families caring for children with life-threatening or life-limiting illnesses currently do not have access to the level of support, either at home or in a hospice, they urgently need.

Julia's House has had a children's hospice in Dorset for more than 13 years and the charity's nurses and carers have also been providing a home-care service to families in Wiltshire for three years.

The new facility in Devizes, which is on schedule to open in this spring, will be a homely, welcoming place for families to visit, but also a central base from which to operate a comprehensive, county-wide service throughout Wiltshire, including the Malmesbury area. With funding required to equip and staff the new Devizes hospice, donations are still badly needed; only 5% of the total annual funding comes from government sources.

Ian Wadley, Wiltshire Fundraising Manager for Julia's House, said: 'This is a wonderfully generous donation for which we are immensely grateful. It will make a huge difference to the care we are able to provide for local children and their families. Everybody at Julia's House is sincerely thankful to MLOF'. Robin Clark, MLOF's chairman, said: 'We are delighted to support this appeal. We know of two local families who are already being helped by Julia's House dedicated staff and there will surely be more in the future.'

Julia's House is currently supporting more than 30 families with expert care in their own homes across Wiltshire. MLOF provides funds to help local people with specific medical or care needs, which are not otherwise available from other sources. Typically, it provides badly needed items of equipment for use at the Malmesbury Primary Care Centre and Athelstan House Care Home.

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# North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

## December meeting

The change of venue for this meeting did not deter members from enjoying our pre-Christmas social get-together. Members created their own arrangements in readiness for Christmas whilst enjoying the company of like-minded people. A seasonal 'bring and share' supper added to the enjoyment of the evening.

## Future meetings

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

15 March: Demonstration by Emily Broomhead, entitled 'In Print'. The competition this month is 'Favourite Flower'.

19 April: Work shop - Pot luck.

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.

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February is typically the time of year when frogs breed and they will deposit a raft of spawn containing around 2,000 eggs. Frogs need to be two/three years old to breed.

National Nest Box Week is from 14 to 21 February and it's the time to clean out or install new nest boxes as many birds take a little while to select a nest box. It's important to feed your local birds over the winter especially when it's been really cold like this one. Interestingly, research has shown that if you keep your birdfeeders going through the breeding season the birds that nest nearby are much less likely to raise a brood than those further away. This is due to predators, such as jackdaws, being attracted to the food and, even if they can't get any, they hang around and raid local nests. If you do have birdfeeders please do give them a good wash in hot soapy water on a regular basis as birdfeeders have been identified as a

way of spreading infections between birds.

If you would like to learn more about our environment, the University of Exeter has some great online courses available on birds, fossils, oceans, mammals, etc - have a look at [exeter.ac.uk/continuingeducation/nature](http://exeter.ac.uk/continuingeducation/nature)

Our winter visitors are here in good numbers. There are some good sized flocks of redwings and fieldfares over from northern Europe and they will be off in March.

If you have any feedback on topics of interest please do let me know ([geoff\\_carss@hotmail.com](mailto:geoff_carss@hotmail.com) or 840995).

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

**Congregational Church** - in The British Schoolroom  
 Services at 11am apart from 1st Sun 4pm. Brick Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 7pm All services are led or hosted by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling. Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 (or find us on 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. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

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## Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

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**Eudo Tae Kwon Do** Thursdays 7-9pm in Sherston primary school hall. For details contact Simon Penfold 824773.

**Footpaths group** 'Sherston Walks' - a guide to local rights of way', featuring 10 local walks and is now on sale at the post office. If you would like to learn more about the footpath group and perhaps take part in some of its activities please come along to a meeting. For further information contact Maggie Harries on 841047 or [maggie@harriespartnership.com](mailto:maggie@harriespartnership.com) Now online @ [www.sherstonwalks.org.uk](http://www.sherstonwalks.org.uk)

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**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)

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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 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](http://www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk) for details on all upcoming films.

## Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

For details contact Woody Allen 390110 [mark.allen@allenclan.co.uk](mailto:mark.allen@allenclan.co.uk)

**Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides** For details contact the Division Commissioner at [malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk](mailto:malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk)

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



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

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

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

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

**Senior Club** Meets at 2pm in the British School Room every other Tues from 10 Jan

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Westonbirt Guides** Meet in Querns Hall, Rosehill School, Westonbirt 5pm - 7pm every Wed. 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) [r.a.skeffington@gmail.com](mailto:r.a.skeffington@gmail.com) Tel. 840092

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

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

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

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

**SH.o.C.C.** The choir meets at 7.30pm each Wed in the British Schoolroom Starts again 11 Jan. £3 per session - All welcome. Further information from Lucy Lawrance on 840778 (evenings) or [lucy@sherston.plus.com](mailto:lucy@sherston.plus.com) or have a look at our Facebook page.

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

For details call Nick Holland on 841019 or [nholland63@btinternet.com](mailto:nholland63@btinternet.com)

**Sherston Pilates** Classes held on Tues lunchtimes and Thurs evenings at 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](mailto:sherstonpilates@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Street Dance classes in Sherston** Bristol's Pumped dance school is running classes in Sherston Village Hall every Thurs. It's a fun, high energy dance class for girls and boys. The 4-6 year old class will run from 4.30pm to 5.15pm, with 7-11 year olds from 5.15pm to 6.15pm. Drop in for £5 per class, £16 pay monthly - or two siblings for £9 per week. Email Claire to register your interest at [info@dancepumped.co.uk](mailto:info@dancepumped.co.uk) or just pop in, more details [www.dancepumped.co.uk](http://www.dancepumped.co.uk)

**Tetbury Camera Club** Meets every Tues evening from Sept to end of May at 7.30pm in The Priory Inn, Tetbury. For more information and current programme visit <http://tetburycameraclub.org.uk/> or call Liz Cooper 840482. Visitors welcome.

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

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

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

**Wild Yoga** from 31 Oct 7.45-9.15pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £9 reducing to £7.50 if you take up the course. Contact Theo 07818 401110 or [theo@wildyoga.co.uk](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

## Dates for your diary 2017

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

### Sherston

#### The Angel

Check facebook for details

Check boards for more details of events or call 840039 or visit [www.sherston-angel.co.uk/](http://www.sherston-angel.co.uk/)

#### The Carpenter's Arms

Check boards for details

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

#### The Rattlebone Inn

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

For further details call 840871 or visit [www.therattlebone.co.uk](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)

#### Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

'Art at the Barn' Jan - Feb will be a mixed show by a group of visiting artists Anyone can call in to see them - you don't have to be attending the salon.

#### Boules & Carnival

Boules Competition Entry Forms

Register your team into July's Boules competition, preferably online through [www.sherston.net](http://www.sherston.net) but paper entry forms will be available Sherston Post Office (by the coffee machine). Entry open from Valentine's Day till Easter Monday (17 Apr) Draw takes place end of April. [www.sherston.net](http://www.sherston.net)

## Church events

**Ash Wednesday Holy Communion** 1 Mar 7.30pm with the option of ashing for those who wish to receive it  
**Lent Discussion Groups** begin the week after Ash Wednesday. It's really interesting hearing other people's views and experiences, and this year we have an interesting and thought-provoking course planned. The venues and days of the week are likely to be: Mon pm in Hullavington; Wed lunchtimes, including a Light Bite Lunch at 55 The Tartars, Sherston; Thurs 10am -11.30am in SSQ or 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm, in Bridges Court Luckington For more information please contact our Administrator Lorraine on 825019

**Agnostics Anonymous** makes no assumptions about religious affiliation or belief. The next meeting of this informal conversation group will be on Fri 10 Mar 8pm in The Star Inn, Hullavington, with the suggested topic of 'Four gospels - contradictory or complementary?' It's a great way for the whole family to have fun and food together and engage with the Christian story in a more informal way than can sometimes be possible in church.

*Church of the Holy Cross* For further details call Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or [susan.harvey44@hotmail.com](mailto:susan.harvey44@hotmail.com)

## Sherston Magna Cricket Club

AGM Thurs 2 Feb 7.30pm Rattlebone

2017 Saturday league fixtures are now on the website

<http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk/matches>

There are currently a couple of Sunday fixtures on there, more will be released soon, and the junior fixtures will be released shortly once we have had them confirmed from the relevant leagues.

Pinkney Park Ground For further details [cricket@](mailto:cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk)

[sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk) or visit <http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk>

## Sherston WI Talks

AGM 2 Feb 2.30pm BSR it won't all be 'business' but we will also be having a competition of 'festive canapés' made by members, which will, of course, require tasting, and a quiz.

**Talk: Life for a Tudor Housewife with Cherry Hubbard**

Thur 2 Mar 7.30pm Village Hall

**Talk: A Decade Living in Gascogne with John Clark** Thur 6 Apr 7.30pm Village Hall

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

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## Sherston Senior Club

Demonstration and talk by Wiltshire Farm foods 7-Feb

Musical entertainment by Kieron Pocock 21-Feb

The History of the Magic Circle by Stephen Wells (with a few Tricks). 7-Mar

At most meetings we have a speaker or entertainer and of course refreshments. We also have Coach Trips, a Garden party and a Christmas lunch. Some of which, are subsidised by the Club. Visitors are welcome at £2 including refreshments.

New members are always welcome Annual fee £15 which covers most meetings and discounts on the outings and other events. We meet every two weeks at 2.30pm in summer and 2.00pm in winter in the British School Room. For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

## Sue's Strolls

Sun 26 Feb Please assemble at the village hall for 10am with a return Rattlebone Inn just around 12noon for seasonal refreshments. As ever children and well behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there is no need to book a place – just turn up on the day. This is a PHEW! event see [www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk](http://www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk)

For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or [susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk) or visit [www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk](http://www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk)

## Sherston Theatre Club

AGM We have a varied programme with a Sherston to venue coach pick-up - new members welcome Wed 15 Feb 7pm for 7.30pm - subscription £20 British School Rooms For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

## 1016 Pancake Eating Competition

Shrove Tuesday 28 Feb from 7.30pm £2 entry The Rattlebone Inn For further details call Richard Langley on 840112 or 07879 612776

## Fundraiser for Sherston Village Hall Repairs

Brush up the Bogs presents The mighty Arkansaw Jukebox Collective in concert in aid of the VH loos 25 Feb 8pm till late Tickets are £10 each and you can get

them from the Post office or on line here [www.BrushUpFeb.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.BrushUpFeb.eventbrite.co.uk) Delicious food - "Louisiana Pork Pokee" from the Sherston Chili Smokehouse, veggie option available Unplugged set from local girl Naomi (and maybe just a few special guests?) Village Hall

For further details [www.facebook.com/ArkansawJukebox/](http://www.facebook.com/ArkansawJukebox/) or visit [www.facebook.com/ArkansawJukebox/](http://www.facebook.com/ArkansawJukebox/)

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

WEA Courses for 2016-17 New Literature and Art courses from the Workers Educational Association return to Sherston for the Autumn and Winter The courses offer the opportunity to learn more about interesting topics from expert tutors in an informal and convivial setting Paul Chapman presents the intriguing Down Under: The Art of Australia an introductory look at how art in Australia developed from European painting in the early days of the colony towards the modernist painters of an independent nation in the 20th century This course has 6 meetings from Fri 6 Jan to Fri 10 Feb 2017, 10am - 12.15pm £50 British Schoolroom

For further details call Enquiries and bookings contact Warwick or Pat Jones on 840764 or [warwickandpatjones@gmail.com](mailto:warwickandpatjones@gmail.com) or visit [www.wea.org.uk/](http://www.wea.org.uk/)

## Baby Boondocks

More like the old SherstonFest than Boondocks 7-8 July It will be the same eclectic mix of fantastic music that we find in all corners of the festival world throughout the year muddled up with great food, fine liquid refreshments and all manner of other good stuff! Tickets go on sale 1st Feb Village Hall Field

For further details

Facebook ([www.facebook.com/TheBoondocksFestival/](http://www.facebook.com/TheBoondocksFestival/)) or get on our mailing list (email [info@TheBoondocksFestival.co.uk](mailto:info@TheBoondocksFestival.co.uk))

## Knockdown

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## Luckington

### Luckington Youth Café

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

For further details Joel Faulkner joel.p.faulkner@gmail.com

## Westonbirt

### The Arboretum

**STIHL Treetop Walkway** The main walkway is step-free, making it accessible to visitors on foot, using mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs and to those with dogs on leads. It is 300m long and gradually rises on gentle inclines to a height of 13m. Scramble up to the crow's nest viewing platform; cross the rope bridge; Peer through the mesh-floored section Dec - Feb admission prices

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

**Family Event: Barking up the right tree** Tues 14-Thurs 16 Feb 11am-3.30pm Free after admission

**Wild Westonbirt - A youth club with a difference** 14-18 year olds will be using hand tools to bring back some of our native woodland into a managed state, identifying and making produce such as bean poles, pea sticks and faggots, clearing brambles and restocking Sat 25 Feb & Sat 25 Mar 10am - 4pm Free but must book via karen.price@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

**Summer concerts** Tickets on sale now for: **Elbow** Thurs 15 Jun; **Olly Murs** Fri 16 Jun; **Rick Astley** Sat 17 Jun; **Craig David** Sun 18 Jun

Adults £7, Concs and those arriving by bike or public transport £5, Children (5-18) £3, under 5s free, 1 carer allowed free per paying disabled visitor

For further details call 880220 or visit

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

## Cotswolds

### Cotswold Rural Skills Courses

**Hedgelaying (Beginners)** - Somerset Style 8-9 Feb Sopworth £98

**Blacksmithing Taster Day** 12 Mar & 23 Apr Tetbury £99

**Woodland Coppicing** 18 Feb Coberley £59

For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or [david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](mailto:david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk) or visit

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

## Easton Grey

### Whatley Manor

**Sunday Cinema** £42 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn and a 3 course lunch or dinner in Le Mazot brasserie. Lunch first from 12 noon with the film starting promptly at 2.30pm. For the dinner screening enjoy the film first starting promptly at 5pm followed by dinner in Le Mazot brasserie from 7.15pm.

**Me Before You** starring Emilia Clarke, Sam Claflin and Janet McTeer 26 Feb

**Inferno** 12-Mar

**'Star Trek Beyond'** starring Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto and Karl Urban 30 Apr

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

### Easton Grey Church

**Fundraiser for Organ** Easton Grey Church are launching their fundraising appeal to restore the 18th century organ in their church, with a meeting in the Church, at 6pm on Sat 11 Feb - all welcome Refreshments provided

Easton Grey For further details call 840606

## Malmesbury

### Exhibition: Wiltshire At War

**Wiltshire Does Its Bit** includes many interesting stories of local nurses, dairymaids, small businesses, and local people providing comfort to soldiers of WWI- all doing their bit for the war effort. The museum will also have a display commemorating local soldiers and sailors who lost their life on the Somme and Jutland free entry Open Summer:

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: Mon to Sat 10.30am to 4.30pm, Sundays: 11.30am to  
3.30pm. For further details visit [www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk](http://www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk)

## Malmesbury & District

### University of the Third Age

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people to come and learn together, drawing upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide interest groups in a very wide range of subjects. Now with over 350 members in the Malmesbury group and over 30 different interest groups, including book group, arts & crafts, history, gardening, pub lunches, theatre visits, etc. Meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10am for refreshments 10.30-11.30 speaker close by 11.45 Charge 50p

Talk: Caroline Sheldrick presents 'A History of Herbal Medicine' Thurs 23 Feb

Polly Williamson - 'An Inspirational Journey' Thurs 23 Mar Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall

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

### Singing for the Brain

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

Malmesbury Activity Zone, Bremilham Road

For further details call 01249 443469 or e-mail [nwiltis@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:nwiltis@alzheimers.org.uk) or visit [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)



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## Riverside Community Launch Night

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Sat 18 Feb from 4.30pm onwards Free food

LIVE MUSIC: The Dustbowl Children Free Happy

Forever Socket from 7pm No alcohol permitted at this event

Riverside Community Centre

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

## Malmesbury Abbey Skate

Wed 15 -Fri 17 Feb About 600 children and young people took to the ramps in Malmesbury Abbey Skate 2016 during the last February half-term - join us this year for the 9th year. Skating, Scooter, Demos, Competitions, Music, Cafe and workshops.

For further details call [www.facebook.com/abbeyskate](http://www.facebook.com/abbeyskate)

[www.malmesburyabbey.com/skate](http://www.malmesburyabbey.com/skate) or email us on [john@malmesburyabbey.com](mailto:john@malmesburyabbey.com)

or visit [www.malmesburyabbey.com/skate/](http://www.malmesburyabbey.com/skate/)

## Didmorton

### Flicks in the Sticks

Sully Fri 10 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](mailto:jenny.body@btconnect.com)

## Grittleton

### Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Bridget Jones's Baby [15] Wed 22 Feb

Future dates for your diary

A Street Cat Named Bob Wed 29 Mar, A United Kingdom

Wed 19 Apr Grittleton Village Hall Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door

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

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## Crudwell

### North Wilts Villages Flower Club

**Annual Dinner at La Flambe** This event will be extra special this year as the flower club celebrates its 45th anniversary. 15-Feb **Demonstration by Emily Broomhead – In Print** 15-Mar The competition title this month is "Favourite Flower". Oaksey Village Hall For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

## Nailsworth

### Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Professional football only 20 minutes drive from Sherston. Home matches: Sat 11 Feb 3pm v. Boreham Wood; Sat 25 Feb 3pm v. Woking Advanced prices: Adults £19/£17/£15, Concessions £15/£13/£11, under 16s £11/£9/£7 junior £7/£6/£4 under 11s free 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)

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## Wotton-Under-Edge

### The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: La La Land; NT LIVE: Amadeus Thur 2 Feb; Silence; Ballerina; RSC LIVE: (ENCORE) The Tempest Sat 4 Feb; Sing; NT LIVE Saint Joan Thur 16 Feb; Exhibition on Screen: I, Claude Monet Tues 1 Feb; Britain on Film: Rural Life Sun 5 Mar; Ziggy Stardust & The Spiders from mars Tues 7 Mar; NT LIVE Hedda Gabler Thurs 9 check website for details For further details call 01453 844601 or visit [www.wottoncinema.com](http://www.wottoncinema.com)

### Wotton Bridge Club

Bridge lessons on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Wotton Civic Centre, from Oct onwards. £6 per lesson. Complete beginners welcome. There is also a friendly club for relatively inexperienced players on Monday afternoons in Kingscote. For further details call Ian Cooke on 890261 or email [tresham.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:tresham.bridge@gmail.com)

## Ozleworth, Wotton-under-Edge

### NT Newark Park House and Estate

**Spectacular Snowdrop Weekend** Come and see the spectacular and celebrated displays of snowdrops in Newark's romantic woodland gardens - and admire breathtaking views over the Cotswold escarpment. 4-5 Feb 11am-4pm Dogs on leads welcome

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**Wild about Wild Garlic** See, smell and taste wild garlic in Newark Park gardens and the estate. Head out into the fresh air and discover the beautiful views over the Cotswold countryside, swathes of wild garlic and the sharp and tasty tang that accompanies a walk. 1 Apr - 7 May 11am - 4pm Dogs on leads welcome

The house and gardens are shut until until Snowdrop Week in February 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](mailto:newarkpark@nationaltrust.org.uk) or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park/](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park/)

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

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

Ballet LIVE: Woolf Works 8-Feb

Ballet LIVE: The Sleeping Beauty 28-Feb

Opera: Madama Butterfly 30-Mar

Ballet: Jewels 11-Apr

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)

## Malmesbury, Chippenham, Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton National Theatre Live

Live and pre recorded screenings

NT Live: Amadeus 2-Feb-17

NT LIVE: St Joan 16-Feb

NT Live: Hedda Gabler 9-Mar

NT LIVE: Twelfth Night 6-Apr


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### Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

Caroline Jarvis

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### Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

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

### Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes

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

### Utilities

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To report a problem or for information call 105

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### WATER – Bristol Water

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

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