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Viking funds get off to a tree-rific start



Picture is Paul Filmer from Sherston 1016 going above and beyond transporting trees!!

The fundraising effort has got off to a fantastic start with Emma Newby and her Christmas tree elves raising £500 towards the cost of the Vikings, with her sales of Christmas trees outside The Angel, as well as raising £500 for Busy Hands Pre-school.

It was a huge effort and supported by many - thanks especially to the Busy Hands Committee who organised a helper rota, the various mums, dads and 1016 members who helped sell the trees, Heather Martin for loaning us her 'A' boards and The Angel for letting us sell outside their premises. Most of all, thanks to everyone who bought a tree from us and supported this fundraiser.

There will be another planning meeting on Tuesday 19 January, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (Small Hall), and the timetable of exciting events to celebrate our millennium is as follows:



Friday 24 June

Evening: Boules Competition (Rattlebone)

Saturday 25 June

10.00am: Skirmish (Rec)

11.00am: Viking Fair (Rec)

3.00pm: Battle (Rec)

7.30pm: Evening lecture, Dr. Tim Bolton,
(Holy Cross Church)

Evening: Party at the Rattlebone

Late: Fireworks

Sunday 26 June 2016:

10.00am: Service led by Dean of Bristol
(Holy Cross Church)

The village hall and field has been booked for the entire weekend 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 also looking for groups to run a bar and BBQ on the Rec, during the Saturday event. If you have any suggestions or are interested in being involved please contact Jill Cainey on 841380 (jill.cainey@gmail.com).

Brilliant Baubles at Sherston School

The EYFS and KS1 (Oak, Ash and Birch class) children at Sherston Primary School put on a wonderful nativity production this year. Ninety children took part in 'Baubles', in which the traditional Christmas story is told through a contemporary primary school setting. The children were all fantastic and looked as if they thoroughly enjoyed taking part. The teachers, staff and children had all worked so hard and I'm sure all the parents were very proud of their children and felt very festive after watching. Well done to everyone involved.



SHOCC (Sherston Community Choir) News

Our carol singing on Tuesday 15 December raised a whopping £110.37 for Parkinson's UK.

Many thanks to all those who gave money (possibly to shut us up?) around the village and for generous donations from choir members too.

Our term restarts on Wednesday 13 January and we would love to see new members. So, if you are making a New Year's resolution to do something different, make friends, exercise the brain a bit, just come along to the British School Room at 7.30pm, or contact lucy@sherston.plus.com (or tel: 840778 evenings).

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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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Christmas Lights

To all the residents of Sherston may I say thank you for all the efforts this year with our Christmas lights.

In February 1944, Tom Jensen a member of the 626th Engineers of the United States Army, arrived in Sherston to prepare for their part in the D-Day invasions. His first impression was that it was a fairy tale picture card with all the candles lighting the windows. Maybe if he was here now he would feel the same.

Thank You

Cilla Liddington

Christmas Cheer at Brick Club

To round off 2015, Brick Club held its very own Christmas Party. Children enjoyed party games, party food (including an amazing brick-themed cake by Hannah Corbett), The Lego Movie and, of course, Lego!

The next Brick Club will be on Friday 1 January, 5.30pm to 6.30pm - Junior Brick Club (reception to 8 years), and 6.30pm to 8.00pm – Brick Club (8 years upwards).

Christmas Waste Collection Changes

Garden waste collections will be suspended from Friday 25 December and restart from Saturday 9 January.

All household recycling centres will be closed from 1.00pm on 24 December, and all day 25 December, 26 December and 1 January. At all other times the centres are open during their revised normal opening hours, 10.00am – 4.00pm, five days per week. Please check when your local household recycling centre is open before travelling. You can check the opening times at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres or on 0300 456 0102.

Recycle your tree with your garden waste

If you have paid to have your garden waste collected at home you can leave your real Christmas tree alongside your garden waste bin for collection between 9 and 31 January only. Alternatively you can take it to any of Wiltshire's 11 household recycling centres.

Wanted - Community Governor at Sherston School

We are currently looking to recruit a (non-parent) Community Governor. As a Community Governor, you will live or work within our local community and understand the value the school has within its neighbourhood. You will help balance the governance of the school from this wider viewpoint.

The school has 190 pupils currently on roll and aims to provide a friendly, caring atmosphere in which a broad, balanced education is provided by committed teachers and support staff.

Governors play a central role in the strategic management of the school, working with the school's Senior Management, the staff, the parents and the children. The work includes:

- setting targets for raising standards of educational achievement;
- monitoring progress towards meeting these targets;
- working together to support and challenge the performance of the school as a whole; and
- deciding policy and future development plans.

The commitment is six full governing body evening meetings a year, with further input on one of the various sub committees, such as Teaching & Learning, Foundation & Ethos, and Finance, Staffing & Premises. In return, you will receive training and support from other governors and Governor Services, and the satisfaction of being a member of a team working to make a difference to the lives of young people within your community.

So, if you are interested and possess enthusiasm and skills that can help, or just want to find out more – please get in touch with Richard Hulme (Chair of Governors) by email to RHulme@savills.com or phone 841118.

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council will next meet on Thursday 14 January 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.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the 2016 Busy Hands Quiz

The annual Busy Hands Pre-school Quiz is fast approaching – to be held on Saturday 6 February! Do not miss out on one of the greatest nights on the Sherston calendar! Tickets for teams of four are just £20 – grab yours from the post office as soon as possible. This is our main fundraiser for Busy Hands and is a fab night out, so please do come along and support us!

And, of course, it's not just a quiz; as in previous years, there will also be a raffle and an auction held on the night, both with fantastic prizes. Raffle tickets are now on sale at £1 each – and are available from any committee member or from outside the post office on weekends in January. The top three raffle prizes are: £25 Tucks voucher; Family ticket Cotswold Wildlife Park; and Sunday dinner for two at The Ship, Luckington.

If you'd like the chance of winning an auction prize, but can't make the night itself, do not panic – you can place a sealed bid on any auction prize in advance of the night. Auction lots include a handheld Dyson, a one-to-one dog behaviour training session and a Nordic walking lesson. A complete list of prizes will be in next month's Cliffhanger and available to view outside the post office on weekends in January. Sealed bids can be dropped off at 19 Court Street up until 12.00noon on Saturday 6 February.

Sherston W.I.



The British School Room was a colourful sight with Christmas cloths and table decorations made by members when we welcomed Jean Collens to speak about 'Looking at Life as I see it' at our December meeting. Jean has worked for the Alzheimer's Association for several years and has met many people. Her talk comprised a quantity of short articles, poems, observations and quotes, some amusing and some sad, which she has collected over the years. All gave a view on life from various perspectives and, as she read them, she added her own little anecdotes and comments.

This was the last meeting in 2015 - we have had a very busy year with outings and meals, and visits to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party and the Annual Meeting at The Royal Albert Hall celebrating 100 years since the Women's Institute was founded. Some members have recently joined other members from the Wiltshire Federation at a carol service with readings and, of course tea and cake, in Westbury.

We have been very pleased to welcome two new members during the year, both of whom had recently arrived in Sherston.

Gritting season is here: 10 facts about winter maintenance in Wiltshire



It may have been relatively mild, but Wiltshire Council is ready to keep the roads clear this winter when the temperatures drop. Here are 10 things you may not know about gritting season.



1. Wiltshire Council has 24 gritters at the ready to treat our primary network – that is 25% of the county's roads including primary A and B roads, and 50% of the network in severe conditions.
2. The gritters will cover 726 miles from our eight strategically located depots, spreading 150 tonnes of salt each time they go out on the primary network.
3. Salt, not grit, is spread, and 14,000 tonnes is held in stock at the start of the winter season.
4. Weather stations are strategically placed around the county these give real time information and assist in producing accurate forecasts so helping to ensure gritters are sent out at the right time
5. A dedicated team of duty engineers monitors the weather 24/7 during the season and is supported by highways staff and a team of 24 drivers who are on standby throughout to be called into action at any time. Farmers and other specialist contractors are also on standby to help their communities with snow ploughing.
6. 1,600 salt bins are being filled for use on local, lightly used roads and pavements. Parish and town councils that have requested them have also been given 1 tonne bags of rock salt for community use.
7. The council has invested in six new tractors that can assist in winter maintenance.
8. Last winter the gritters went out 60 times.
9. 7,326 tonnes of salt was spread on Wiltshire's roads last season (2014/15).
10. Wiltshire Council has a dry run at the start of each winter season, during the run no salt is spread, but residents will see gritters out and about on the designated gritting network during the day as drivers familiarise themselves with the route.

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Free messages from your local police officers about policing and crime matters in your area. You can receive free messages by email, text or voicemail. You can choose which organisations to receive messages from and the type of information you receive.

Currently messages are being sent by Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire and Swindon Neighbourhood Watch and Action Fraud. This will soon be extending to include other watch schemes, including Horse and Farm Watch, and potentially partner agencies in the future.

You can reply to messages from your local officers to help them better police your area, such as by responding to police appeals for information.

You can also join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area or request to start a new one.

Swindon Community Messaging aims to improve the flow of information between communities and the police.

How do I get involved?

Wiltshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, Angus Macpherson, wish to involve communities in the prevention and reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour. Signing up to Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging is free, quick and easy. You can sign up online for free now by clicking the purple 'Join' button on the website www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk. With their permission, you can sign up a family member or friend if they don't have internet access.

You can change your preference or unsubscribe to the system at any time by logging in to your account (click 'Sign In' above) or emailing communitymessaging@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging is NOT monitored 24 hours a day. Always call 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency.

Bashing BT boxes

The green telecommunications cabinet outside the church is suffering a great deal of negative attention. Someone has been trying to force entry, resulting in the doors being damaged. It is illegal to interfere with a utility's equipment or property.

We are still awaiting the second cabinet that will contain the fibre optic connections to be placed next to the current copper cable cabinet. Until this second cabinet arrives, it will not be possible for a number of households in the village to receive fast fibre broadband. Damage to the existing cabinet may delay the installation of the fibre cabinet and delay access to fast fibre broadband.

It is also not possible to connect yourself or 'tap in' to the fibre network, so there is no reason to try to access the cabinets. Once the fibre is installed the householder has to place an order with a provider and the necessary connections will be made by a professional. To see if your house has access, use the following link to check using your postcode and postal address: <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/>

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A Grand Term's Fundraising for the FSS

The Friends of Sherston School (FSS) is a step closer to installing two new pieces of playground equipment on the school field, following a successful term's fundraising. Thanks to the ongoing support from the staff, friends and family of children at the school, this term's grand total raised was £2,092!

This leaves a mere £3,400 left to raise towards the target of £10,000. The major 'chunk' was due to the annual Christmas Fair, which raised £1,250. As ever, local companies generously supported the raffle and we'd like to give them all a mention to show our appreciation: Sherston Post Office & Stores, Calcot Manor, Hobbs Bakery, Beauty by Dawn, Beau Belle Lingerie, Woodcock and Cavendish, Avenue Veterinary Centre Bristol, Tucks of Sherston, Apples & Pairs, Tipputs, Issy Bodies Personal Training, Pulse4Fitness, and The Angel.

The school has grown over the years and the current fitness trail is no longer large enough, so the money will pay to complete it, making it a circuit. Hopefully, decades of children to come will enjoy the new facility. Providing we can meet our target, we hope it will be installed ready for September 2016, perhaps before?

If businesses or individuals would like to make a donation to the Friends of Sherston School to help us reach our target more quickly we would be very grateful. Please email the Chair Fi Picton via fi.parsons@which.net, or cheques can be accepted in the school office during term time. Thank you.



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Shooters take on the tournament world!

September saw the second-year anniversary of Sherston Shooters, an all-inclusive netball club started by four netball-hungry villagers.

The group has grown over the two years and has maintained many of the original faces but are fortunate to regularly gain many new ones, with over 30 flexible and regular attendees. We coach and train ourselves every week, Mondays 7:30pm at Westonbirt Leisure Centre.

Despite enjoying the flexible and casual nature, an important aspect of the all-inclusive ethos of the group, it was decided by the majority that the group should affiliate to All England Netball and look to join a competitive league.

In order to boost confidence and give some of the undecided members an idea of their ability to play as a competitive team, a recent tournament played at the University of the West of England (UWE) was entered. The typical Sherston Shooters enthusiasm shone through and, as a result, two teams were entered. Of the 12 teams playing, some with many more years' experience and – I must hasten to add – professional kit, the Sherston Shooters teams claimed third and fifth place, robbed only of the final play-off due to a draw and a decision based on total tournament goals scored.

Aside from one other charity tournament, where the Shooters made it to the final and grasped a respectable second place, the UWE tournament was the Shooters first taste of competitive play.

Following a well-earned Christmas break, training resumes on Monday 4 January.

Sherston Shooters have just received confirmation of their official All England Netball affiliation and will therefore be working towards securing a place in the Avon League next Season, September 2016. However, we believe it is important to stay true to our all-inclusive intentions and, for that reason, we are always very happy to welcome new members, both casual and league committed.

Sherston Shooters really is a fun and enthusiastic

club, demonstrating all netball abilities.

Please get in contact if you would like to find out more (sherstonsshooters@gmail.com).



Left to right:

Gail Mencner, Helen Seymour, Jess Dickenson, Natalie Bull, Anna Butterfield, Caroline Dickenson, Anna Gabl, Lauren Kiddell, Claire Beard, Emma Newby, Rachel Tuck, Jen Hunt, Anna Glasbarrow, Nicky Gray



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Festive Fun with Sherston toddlers



The Sherston Baby and Toddler group celebrated Christmas at their final meeting of 2015 with a Christmas party. The children made reindeer and santa pictures, there were festive decorations, music and snacks, a few bubbles to catch and even a stocking full of presents. The children had lots of fun whilst parents enjoyed a mince pie and glass of mulled wine!

The group will start up again on Tuesday 5 January at 10.00am in the Scout Hut. We'd love to see you in the New Year, all babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers welcome.

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We are inviting you to be part of a village full of POP-up shops and experiences held in Sherston over 13-15 May weekend. For those of you not around for the amazing 2013 weekend, you will no doubt be asking 'But what's a POP?' ...



Well, it's a here today, gone tomorrow experience. Held anywhere from your house to a camper van – where you can run something you have always wanted to run ... from a coffee shop to a juggling school. Gig it, Teach it, Cook it, Sport it, Show it, Make it, Sell it – you can POP up whatever you want. Why not try your hand at that thing you've always thought might just work.



Being Sherston, we are not ones to limit ourselves to a shop here and there. We want Sherston POPPING up fun experiences all over the village from YOUR own home or garden for one weekend in May. The only limit is your imagination and ANYONE can join in.



ALL the profits raised from each of the POPS will go to Sherston Primary School, Busy Hands Pre-School and our lovely toddler group (you take out your costs from any profits you make so the POP shouldn't cost you a penny just your time).



Each POP lasts just three hours and we are looking for around 40 POPs for it to happen again. So, if you fancy opening a fancy dress shop, a gift shop, burger bar, an epic football or cricket session, curry house, mangold tournament or anything else in between, get in touch. You just need to have an interest in running a POP during a three-hour slot over 13-15 May weekend. If POP is going to happen you need to get in touch now so we can set the wheels in motion. Please email Kirsty.strachan@icloud.com by 1 February to register your interest – and to make sure you get your slot as places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis if we are overwhelmed!

A busy term at Busy Hands

The Busy Hands Committee had a busy time fundraising last term, selling Christmas trees and running Santa's grotto. The Christmas trees raised an amazing £500 – thank you to all who bought one, we hope you are enjoying your tree! Our grotto efforts, which included mince pies and mulled wine for parents and Christmas crafts for the children, brought in over £200. Thanks again to everyone who came along.

In the meantime, children at Busy Hands got into the Christmas spirit with their very own nativity, complete with carrot-munching donkey, and a fabulous end-of-term Christmas party, with a visit from Father Christmas!



Tetbury Art Society Annual Public Lecture 2016

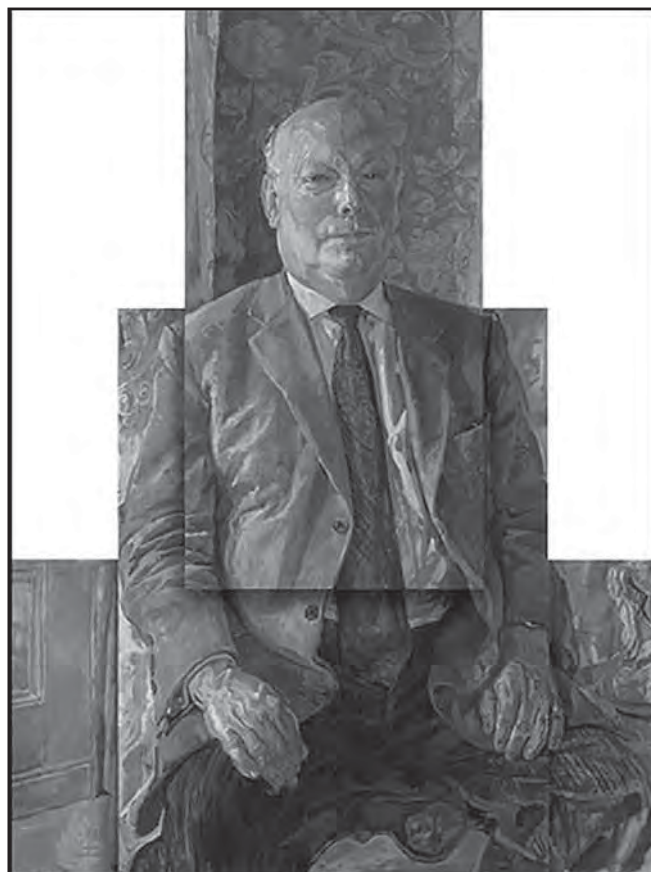


This year will see the last in the series of annual lectures, organised on behalf of Tetbury Art Society, at Highgrove House.

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.

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New Staff

We are delighted to welcome Liliana to our Reception team. Liliana recently moved to the area with her family and we were very lucky to snap her up when she arrived just as we were looking for a new receptionist. She replaces Candi in the morning shift, who has moved across to the Dispensary where she is training to be a Dispenser.

We said goodbye to Kirstie as she moved on to pastures new. We wish her well in her new venture.

All our staff will be working extra hard over the next few months to ensure a smooth transition.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our MacMillan Coffee Morning in October. All the staff and many of our patients contributed a huge variety of homemade cakes and biscuits which we also sold at our Flu Clinic the following day. It was a very successful event and we raised £357.

How much do repeat prescriptions cost?

According to the Medicine Waste campaign, unused prescription medicines cost the NHS in the UK an estimated £300m every year. This could pay for:

- 11,778 MORE community nurses or
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One of the main concerns is that medicines on repeat prescriptions, which are ordered and collected by patients, are not used. It is estimated that £90m worth of unused prescription medicines are retained in individuals' homes across the UK at any one time.

Between 40-50% of patients do not take or use their medicines as prescribed. This can occur for a number of reasons, including: patients not believing the medicine is necessary; possible side effects; fitting taking or using medicines into daily routines; choosing between medicines if patients feel they are taking too many; and cutting down or stopping medicines they have been taking for a long time.

So how can you help to reduce this amount whilst saving money for the surgery and the NHS as a whole?

- Please let your GP or the dispensary know if you've stopped taking any of your medicines
- Check what medicines you still have at home before re-ordering
- Discuss your medication with your GP, this can easily be done in a phone consultation
- Think carefully before ticking all the boxes on your repeat prescription forms and only tick those you really need
- If you don't need the medicine, please don't order it! If you need the medicine in the future you can still request it.
- If you need to go into hospital, please remember to take all your medicines with you in a clearly marked bag.
- Please also remember that your medicines are prescribed only for you; it's not safe to share them with anyone else.
- What to do with unused medication that you no longer need:
- Even if you never open them, once medicines have left the pharmacy, they cannot be recycled or used by anyone else.
- Please bring your unused medicines to the pharmacy for safe disposal.
- NEVER dispose of your unused or unwanted medicines down the toilet
- Unused medication can be a safety risk:
- Return out of date medicines to your pharmacy or dispensary for safe disposal
- If your medicines change - return your old medicines to the pharmacy for safe disposal to avoid mixing them up with your new medicines
- Don't stockpile medication - it is a safety risk for children and others who might take them
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December 2015 Draw

1st	276	Judy Mackison	£13
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3rd	12	Jenny Griffiths	£11
4th	247	Margaret Crawford	£10
5th	266	Clare Robinson	£9
6th	71	Irene Johnston	£8
7th	67	Jo Owen	£7

Christmas Bonuses

174	Helen Harris	£5
298	J Laddle	£5
203	Linda Stevens	£5
238	Peter Verney	£5
323	Sharon Bailey	£5
271	J Broom	£5
88	January Farrington	£5
81	Joyce Wilkins	£5

Collectors: A Andrews, M Goulding, A Lyall, G Mason, P Moody, R Moody, J Platts, L Prior, and M Thacker.

The next draw will be held when all the subs for 2016 have been collected. Collecting started in December and hopefully will be finished by the end of February. If you are out when we call, a form will be left for you to complete. This can be handed in, with the sub, at the Post Office, as in previous years. The sub remains the same at £6 per person for the year.

If you would like to become a member, there are new membership forms for completion at the post office. If you have any queries, ring Lin Prior on 840846.

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November meeting

The Sundial Theatre was the setting for our 'Big Event' and it certainly felt like the Christmas festivities were beginning. It was wonderful to hear all the happy friendly chatter as members and friends browsed the stalls, tried their luck at the tombola or enjoyed their refreshments prior to the show. The evening was a great success, with over 160 members and friends coming together to enjoy fabulous floral art. Nick Grounds exceeded our expectations by providing humorous commentary along with wonderful flower arrangements which captured the colour and sparkle of Christmas.

Future meetings

Our first meeting of 2016 will take place on 20 January. Lucy Ellis will demonstrate under the title 'To the Manor Born'. Lucy is now a NAFAS National Demonstrator; she was also part of the South West Area NAFAS design team which won a gold medal at the 2015 RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Lucy will also judge the second round of our annual competition. The theme is a decorated candlestick. We have two classes, improver's and experienced, the same title for both. All are welcome to enter.

On 17 February we head to the Cricklade House Hotel for our annual members dinner. On 16 March we will be holding an imposed workshop. The resulting arrangements will be judged by those attending the evening. The results will be used as part three of our annual competition.

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.

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And if you didn't make it to Boondocks in 2015, then what can we promise you? Well, firstly Boondocks is a music festival – there'll be rock, folk, R&B, bluegrass and a whole heap of other things besides over the two-day event. Local bands, up-and-coming bands from the South West, even some national names are on the list for this year but the one thing they all have in common is superb quality and entertainment value. Then there's the site – a peaceful field just an easy stroll from the lovely town of Malmesbury, with onsite parking and camping. Big enough to feel like a 'proper' festival, but small enough to let the kids run free, and to be surrounded by friends and neighbours. Talking of kids, families are very important to us and the success of our kids' area last year has meant that we're putting a huge investment into the junior activities for 2016, and including access in the ticket price. And did we mention the food? We pride ourselves on our huge and demanding appetites here on the Boondocks team, and so we only invite the very tastiest and most interesting of food retailers to come along!

But here's the thing. Boondocks 2016 is supported by crowdfunding, which means that more than 800 tickets have ALREADY been sold, before the box office has even opened!

We'd love you to join us, but please don't wait too long because these tickets are the hottest Christmas presents in town.

With seasonal wishes from The Boondocks Team.

Sherston Market

The next market is on Saturday 16 January at Sherston Village Hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

The café will be serving up some enticing and delicious food to tempt you both to eat in or to take away. Not only will we have our very popular vegetarian curry with naan bread but also our sought-after bacon butties, as well as a delicious homemade soup. Just what's needed in January!

At all markets at least one free stall is offered for a charity or voluntary group to raise funds. Anyone interested in running such a stall should please use the contacts below. All these stalls have done well to date so don't be shy in booking one!

For those on Facebook there is an active Sherston Market page with lots of information about our stallholders and their products. Please also visit our new website www.sherstonmarket.co.uk which lists details of which stallholders are attending the next market.

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2015 figures show more Wiltshire primary pupils in great schools and doing well

More Wiltshire primary school children are achieving good grades for reading, writing and maths, with 88% taught in schools that are good or outstanding, according to latest government figures. Performance tables released on 10 December by the Department for Education show eight out of 10 children in Wiltshire achieve the benchmark of level 4 or above in the three core subjects of reading, writing and maths. The 80% figure is an improvement of 2% on last year with a consistent increase in the last few years of at least 2% per year. High proportions of pupils continue to make the expected gains in their knowledge and understanding of core subjects with 92%, 95% and 89% making expected progress in reading, writing and maths respectively. The 2015 performance figures are published just a week after Ofsted's annual report noted that 88% of Wiltshire primary school pupils, 31,000 children, are in good or outstanding primary schools. Laura Mayes, cabinet member for children services, said: 'I'm very pleased to see that a large number of our schools in Wiltshire are good or outstanding and that the commitment and hard work of pupils, teachers and headteachers is having such a positive impact on exam results. Congratulations to pupils and schools who have achieved such great results.'

Carolyn Godfrey, corporate director, said: 'These positive outcomes are a testament to the hard work of pupils, teachers and leaders preparing pupils for the next stage in education. However, we are not at all complacent and we continue to work in partnership with schools to ensure that all pupils do as well as they possibly can so they are prepared for the challenges of a secondary school curriculum.'



SHERSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Meeting in the British School Room

January Services

3th January 4.00pm	All Age Service
10th January 11.00am	Communion Service
17th January 11.00am	All Age Service
24th January 10.30am	Christian Unity Service at Sherston Methodist Chapel
31st January 11.00am	All Age Service

Free insulation offer for Wiltshire residents

With the colder weather here, Wiltshire residents are being given the opportunity to improve heating in their home for free, thanks to grant funding which is available immediately.

Wiltshire Council's Warm and Safe Programme means eligible homeowners or privately-renting tenants in Wiltshire can have cavity wall insulation installed in their home, free of charge – making their home much warmer and cosier, and cutting their fuel bills.

There has been a huge demand for assistance with the cost of insulating properties, so residents are being encouraged to act swiftly in order to benefit from the current offer.

The available funding is for cavity wall and loft insulation which tackles the problem of cold homes and excessive expenditure on fuel bills for residents in Wiltshire. As an example, residents in an average semi-detached house could save £295 a year on their fuel bills.

Maggie Rae, Wiltshire Council corporate director, said 'Cold temperatures can have such harmful effect on our health, particularly for older people, so it's vital that our homes feel warm and safe.'

A well-insulated home makes a huge difference so I hope eligible people take up this offer and it helps them have a happy healthy winter.'

Keith Humphries, Wiltshire Council cabinet member for public health said 'This is a fantastic offer which will not only improve people's homes, making it more comfortable, but will also reduce fuel bills. Having a well-insulated home can save hundreds of pounds but more importantly has lots of health benefits. I'd urge people to speak to the team to arrange a survey and see if they can benefit.'

For further information and to arrange a survey, simply call the Wiltshire Warm and Safe team on 0300 003 4575 or email warmandsafe@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Toddler Taming - Parenting course for parents with children under five

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Malmesbury Children's Centre runs free parenting courses on a regular basis. By attending weekly sessions, we can help you to enjoy your children by becoming more effective and stress-free parents. Also, meet local like-minded parents in similar situations and make new friends at the same time.

Some of the topics that will be covered are:

- managing behaviour positively and consistently
- listening and talking more to your children
- sharing experiences
- creating better relationships with your children
- increasing your confidence as a parent

Our next course starts on Tuesday 12 January and runs until Tuesday 1 March from 9.30am to 11.30am at Malmesbury Children's Centre with a break for the school holidays. We also have a free crèche. If you would like to book a place or for further information, please contact us on 825566 or email malmesburycc@spurgeons.org.

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Wiltshire Business Expo returns for 2016

The Wiltshire Business Expo is back for 2016 and, in April, the popular event will take place for the first time in Salisbury Market Square as part of Salisbury Big Business event. The theme for the 2016 Expo is Marketing and Finance, with talks and workshops throughout the day and evening from experts in these sectors.

Fleur de Rhe-Philipe, Wiltshire Council cabinet member with responsibility for economic development and skills, said: 'This promises to be an extremely useful networking event for businesses – a chance for local business leaders to raise the profile of their business and explore beneficial relationships with other organisations in the county.'

Part of Wiltshire Council's Legacy for Wiltshire programme, the Business Expo was first created to build on the momentum of 2012's Olympic and Paralympic Games and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

The Wiltshire Business Expo was first held in June 2013 at the Civic Centre in Trowbridge and created an opportunity for businesses to network and promote local products and services to other businesses and members of the public. It also offered an opportunity for attendees and exhibitors to listen to inspiring speakers.

It ran again the following year in marquees in Monkton Park, Chippenham.

Stand sales are now open for businesses and stand tickets can be purchased from: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wiltshire-business-expo-2016-tickets-18779177024?ref=ebtnebneg

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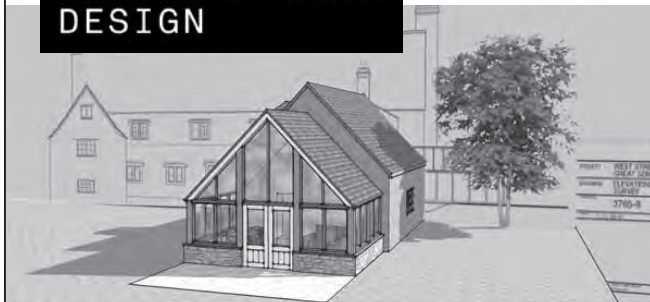
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Supporting Wiltshire's talented elite athletes

Now in its fifth year the Funding Future Olympians and Paralympians Elite Athlete grant is open once again for applications.

Working in partnership with local businesses, Wiltshire Council is able to support rising sports stars through the Funding Future Olympians and Paralympians Foundation. Thanks to the success of the annual Legacy Business and Sports Gala dinner, launched in 2014, more than £48,000 has been raised for the foundation to support elite athletes. Grants of £1,000 have enabled these rising sports stars to access training and competitions, as well as purchasing equipment and covering transport costs to regional, national and international events.

As part of delivering a legacy in Wiltshire, following the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the partnership between Wiltshire Council and local businesses has supported 48 individuals through the Funding Future Olympians and Paralympians programme.

Baroness Scott of Bybrook OBE, Leader of Wiltshire Council said 'We want to support our rising sports stars and we know that these grants make a huge difference providing much needed financial support for competitions, events and training camps. Working with local businesses has proved to be a huge success

and making the connection between our aspiring athletes and local business has helped with funding and sponsorship support. We see this as a mutually beneficial arrangement and one which is helping to grow Wiltshire's future Olympians and Paralympians. Next year's gala dinner is proving to be extremely popular and we have already sold more than 60% of the spaces available. This demonstrates the support from businesses for his great foundation fund.'

Previous recipients of a grant include Paralympian Stephanie Millward, British Rhythmic Gymnastic Champion Laura Halford and Team GB canoeist Hannah Brown.

Hannah said 'Receiving the funding was very important because it allowed me to focus on my training and purchase equipment for one of the most important years in my career and has helped set me on the path to Rio in 2016. I'm grateful for the support I have received and which I hope can benefit more athletes who are seeking to reach their goals.'

People of any age who are competing at a national level or above in any sport recognised by Sport England are invited to apply. The deadline for applications is Monday 18 January at 5.00pm. For more information, the criteria and the application form go to www.fundingfutureolympians.org.uk

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Wiltshire farmers' views sought for research

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Interviews will take between one hour and one and a half hours to complete at a time at your convenience, and will focus on how you make decisions on managing your land for food production, forestry, nature conservation or any other land use. The interviews would be between December 2015 and February 2016.

All interviews will be in strict confidence and any information that we make public from the interviews will be reported anonymously. This means that your personal identity and the name and address of your farm will not be disclosed in any distributed, archived or published material resulting from this research. You will of course have the right to withdraw from this research at any time, and your responses will be used only for academic, non-commercial purposes.

Findings from this research are intended to inform future government policy aimed at assisting farmers

in balancing their competing land management requirements and maximising the benefits they get from their land.

If you are a farmer in this area and are happy to participate, email Jim McGinlay at j.mcginlay@cranfield.ac.uk or call 01234 758 125. For more information on the Wessex BESS project go to www.brc.ac.uk/wessexbess/home

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Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Holy Cross Church

The Coffee Shop - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits biscuits and brownies - Open Thursday mornings only to Easter 9.30 am - 12 noon

Sunday services 8.00am Holy Communion; 9.30am Holy Communion (3rd Sunday 9.30am Family Service); 6pm Evensong (3rd Sunday Evening Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer) See the Parish Life for more details

Mustard Seeds is a Saturday morning club for children aged 4 and over, from 10am - 12noon once a month.

Congregational Church - in The British

Schoolroom 1st Sun we visit local Churches together. 2nd Sun 11am. Visiting Speaker. 3rd Sun 4pm Family Friendly Service. 4th Sun 4pm Children's Church. 5th Sun we worship elsewhere. All services are led or hosted by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 (or find us on Facebook.).

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

Gauzebrook Church for Children

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

Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

Little Lights Every Thurs, 10.30 am in Hullavington church. Children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers come from across the Group, including Sherston, for songs, crafts, activities, Bible stories and snack time. Any questions, contact Chantal on 837522

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

Sunday Newspapers

On sale 8am - 11am every Sunday in Sherston village hall.

Link provides a voluntary car service for residents living in the Malmesbury area, taking those in need to hospital, the chiropodist, GPs' surgeries and to visit sick relatives. For further information please call 840861 between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday.

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers

Why not join us and discover the joys of mangold hurling and all its traditions? For further information email ebeplaced@aol.com.

Busy Hands Pre-school Meets 9.10am - 12.10pm everyday in the village hall for 2 3/4 - 5 year olds. Lunch Club Mon to Fri until 1pm and exciting new outdoor free flow area. All childcare vouchers welcomed. For further details call Henry Crawford on 841065 www.sherstonbusyhands.org.uk or email us on chair@sherstonbusyhands.org.uk

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

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

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

Clem's Club 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.

Dance classes at The Scout Hut Fun and friendly classes for children to learn ballet and/or jazz on Tuesday afternoons during term time Preschool/infant ballet 3.30 - 4pm, Jazz 4 - 4.30pm. Junior ballet 4.30 - 5pm, Jazz 5 - 5.30pm All abilities welcome. For more information please call Abigail on 07720 396195.

Drawing Classes in Sherston

Classes are held in the British Schoolroom during term times Weds either 10am to 12noon or 1.30 to 3.30pm. Students have individual attention and the classes are friendly and welcoming. We work on observational drawing in a range of media, pencil, watercolour crayon and pastel; subjects include plants and flowers, natural objects and still life groups. For further information please contact Heather Martin heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or phone 840375

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

Footpaths group 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

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

Fresh Air Fitness A fun outdoor workout suitable for all levels. Sherston Rec Fridays 9.30-10.30am £6 per class. Book with Stuart 07986 003602 / 01453 836173 or stuart@pulse4life.co.uk

FSS Winter Games Club Board games and cards in the Scout Hut Fridays 3.15-5.15pm from 29 Jan. £1 per child including squash and a biscuit. Coffee and a catch-up corner for adults, all in aid of Friends of Sherston School. For more details contact Sophie Cheetham (sophcheetham@gmail.com) or Alex Evelyn (alexrevelyn@gmail.com)

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

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Concert Band Rehearsals on Fri evenings in Malmesbury, 7.15 - 9.15pm. 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@allenclan.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 Ray Clifton on 840592

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 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 Wed 9 Sep 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.communitate.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

What's on in 2016 Dates for your diary

February

6 Busy Hands Quiz

June

24-25 Battle of Sherston Events

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

Boules Presentation Evening with Buffet Wed 13 Jan - all players in the Rattlebone Boules League are invited for the prizegiving 7pm Please bring your entry forms for the 2016 season. Anyone interested in joining should see Tony Towle

Live music with Going Underground. Fri 22 Jan

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 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 16 Jan 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 <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sherston-Market/195319400641324>

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

Dutch and Flemish Painting Masters Paul Chapman presents a comprehensive review of the astonishing contribution of 15th, 16th and 17th century Dutch and 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

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

Sherston Senior Club

AGM Tues 12 Jan at 2pm in the British School-Room New members welcome - subscription 2016 is £15.00.

British School Room

For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

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

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Sue's Strolls

Sun 10 Jan Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am 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

For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk

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

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 Mr Holmes 14 Jan uite Française with Kristin Scott Thomas 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 Mr Holmes 24 Jan uite Française with Kristin Scott Thomas 21 Feb

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

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Jan - 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...

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

Malmesbury

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

Malmesbury Film Society

Showing world and classic films every 3rd Sun of the month at 7.30pm. Tickets £5, no booking required. St. Mary's Hall, Malmesbury

For further details visit www.malmesburyfilmsociety.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 Meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10am for refreshments 10.30-11.30 speaker close by 11.45 Charge 50p

Social gathering around lunchtime Thurs 28 Jan - more details on website later

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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@malmesbury3a.org.uk
Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall
For further details call Membership Secretary Julia Batty on 01249 720327 or visit www.malmesbury3a.org.uk

Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

Testament of Youth Fri 8 Jan Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door
Ski Film Evening with Glühwein and fondue Sat 9 Jan film starts 7.30pm Doors open at 6.30 for cash bar, Glühwein, cheese fondue and hot dogs We will be hosting a Special evening of Ski Films including Warren Miller Thrills and Spills
Didmarton Village Hall
For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

Grittleton

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the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

SUFFRAGETTE [12A] Wed 27 Jan Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door
Grittleton Village Hall
For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com or visit <http://www.moviola.org/>

'Sherston Brick Club'

British Schoolroom

Friday 1st, 15th & 29th January

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

6.30 to 8.00pm - Brick Club:
8 years upwards

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.

"To the Manor Born" - demonstration by Lucy Ellis 20 Jan
The second round of our competition will be a decorated candle stick. All are welcome to enter

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

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens 2D; Hotel Transylvania 2; Bolshoi Babylon plus Q&A; Pan 2D; Tangerine NT Live: Les Liaisons Dangereuses Thur 28 Jan; Belle and Sebastian: The Adventure Continues; Taxi Tehran check website for details
Films: Amy; Love and Mercy; The Globe on Screen: Comedy of Errors; RSC Live Othello Wed 26 Aug;
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Jill Cainey

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