



Award-winning duo to play in Sherston on 21 January



After their explosion onto the national folk scene over the past two years, Dorset-based folk duo NINEBARROW will be visiting Sherston Village Hall on Saturday 21 January 2017.

After the release of their debut album in 2014, Ninebarrow (Jon Whitley and Jay LaBouchardiere) are rapidly fulfilling Shire Folk Magazine's prediction that they will 'become a major force in English folk music', having received high praise from the likes of Mike Harding and folk legends, Seth Lakeman and Kate Rusby. The latter described the young duo as 'absolutely amazing' while they supported her at Sidmouth Folk Week in 2015.

Their first record went on to win FATEA Magazine's 'Debut Album of the Year' and was also listed the Telegraph's top folk albums of 2014. Such high plaudits certainly raised anticipation in advance of the release of their second album, 'Releasing the Leaves' in March 2016. Recorded in the duo's own studio and mastered by Mark Tucker (whose other credits include Show of Hands and Fairport Convention) Ninebarrow have released the album independently to high critical acclaim – receiving a raft of glowing reviews, including five stars from both Maverick Magazine and EDS Magazine (produced by the English Folk Dance and Song Society), as well as airplay on a host of national radio stations across the country, including the Mark Radcliffe's BBC Radio 2 Folk Show. It was also listed in the Telegraph's 'Top Folk Albums of 2016' and Shire Folk's Top 10 Albums of 2016.

It is the multi-award-winning duo's innovative take on the folk tradition that seems to be captivating audiences across the country. Jon and Jay combine breath-taking vocal harmonies and melodies, delivering songs and that are inspired and rooted in the landscape, history and folklore of the British Isles. Not only exceptional singers and musicians, they are also equally passionate about the stories behind their songs. It is this melding of excellent musicianship and their passion for storytelling that is, in the words of Shire Folk Magazine, taking this duo 'up to the top' of the UK folk scene.

Tickets prices are – adults £9, Concessions £8, under 16 £5.

There will also be a licensed bar.

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Church Bazaar Thanks Local Businesses

At the church bazaar we had an excellent raffle, thanks in no small measure to the donation of raffle prizes from The Angel, The Carpenter's Arms, The Rattlebone Inn, Tracklements and John and Anne Hillier. As always, Paul and Gail at the Post Office were incredibly generous, donating items for the lunches, Father Christmas' sweets etc. and with all this support, we were able to raise £1127, an excellent result. Thanks to everybody who provided cakes, tombola and raffle prizes, who helped on the day and who came and spent their money. We are very grateful to you all.

Helen Price.

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Well done the Boules Committee!

On behalf of the church, I'd like to thank the Boules committee for their donation, which is most welcome. Members of the church contribute in a number of ways to the event, our biggest contribution being the providing and serving of teas at the weekend, so it's nice that our efforts are appreciated. In a year when we were anticipating an overall loss in the church accounts, your help is much appreciated.

Helen Price. (PCC Secretary)

WI Report for December 2016



Nicola Clark, a singer and guitarist, attended the December meeting to entertain the members with songs, which varied from Christmas Carols, old and new, to songs which reflected periods of Nicola's life when she was travelling and/or living elsewhere in the UK or simply reflected her observations on daily life. We all thoroughly enjoyed hearing the songs, some of which had been written by Nicola.

Members were also treated to a traditional afternoon tea, prepared and served to them by members of the Committee, which gave everyone a chance to have a catch up with each other. It suddenly began to feel like Christmas was getting closer.

Following that meeting, and continuing in the Christmasspirit, some members attended the Wiltshire Federation WI Carol Concert at Chippenham for an afternoon of carols and readings. Needless to say, tea and mince pies were also part of the occasion and much enjoyed by those attending.

Our next meeting on January 5th is an outing for lunch, when Members will be going to the Old Ship at Luckington.

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With only 24 tables available (4 people per team) you need to get your skates on to reserve one of the coveted tickets. Just twenty pounds for the table and all proceeds go towards funding new equipment and experiences for the children of Sherston School. Tickets go on sale Friday 6th January and are available from Sherston Post Office Stores (thank you Paul and Gail) or pick them up at school from Sophie Cheetham or Kirsty Strachan. They always go quickly so get your team organised! On the night there will be an auction you cannot miss as well as a raffle. Tickets for the latter will be on sale outside the Post Office from mid January. Let the games begin!

Many Thanks from Sherston Community Choir

We are delighted to have made a grand total of £620 at the concert held November 12th in conjunction with Sherston Primary School. £310 donated to Julia's House (the first hospice specifically for children in Wiltshire) and £310 to The Toti Worboys Fund for childhood leukaemia.

Not only those, but we collected a further £188 carol singing around Sherston on December 14th, going to Julia's House to help them in their final push to complete building. So thank you everyone!

Remember, you can come and sing with the choir yourselves in the new term starting January 11th, 7.30pm at the British School Room. Everyone welcome!

SAVE THE DATE!

baby Boondocks

7-8th July 2017

So much for a year off!

The messages of support we have received since announcing there will be no (big) Boondocks 2017 have been so heartwarming, we thought we HAVE to do something. So, here goes with the first ever "Baby Boondocks!" - we have managed to secure the old SherstonFest site (Sherston Village Hall and grounds) plus a few other essentials for 7th-8th July 2017 so **SAVE THE DATE.**

It's going to be a lot smaller than Boondocks last year - only 500 tickets. These will go on sale on 1st February 2017 so you will want to save that date too!

For those of you who went to SherstonFest, back in the day, you'll remember that it was a small and perfectly formed weekend with everything you need for a weekend mini-fest. Now, with the experience of 2 Boondocks Festivals under our belts, this is surely going to be all that and more.

So much for a year off! Well, we just couldn't turn our backs on this thing and the people who have loved it so much.

For now though, get the diary out, and then have a top notch Christmas.

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Gwen Mason, after many years' service to the Village Hall through organising events (the 300+ Club, Whist Drives), and fundraising generally, has decided to retire. The Village Hall owes Gwen (and Bill) many thanks for their loyalty, support and hard work.

The next draw will be held when all the subs for 2017 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 then be handed in, with the subscription, at the Post Office. The sub remains the same at £6 per person for the year.

The more people who join, the more prizes can be allocated! Do join, and help with the restoration funds urgently needed. If you would like to become a member, there are new membership forms for completion at the Post Office. Or, if you have any queries, ring Lin Prior on 01666 840846.

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Boules Across the World

The annual Sherston Boules Carnival is now well established but I'm not sure that the hard work and dedication of the small committee that put the event together is really understood and appreciated. Abu, Gigi and Mohammed are a long way from Sherston but are definitely very appreciative as they directly benefit from the Boules, the bouncy castles and the beer. These three young men are the drill team for a charity called Alive & Well who is both a beneficiary and a contributor to the event.

As maître d' (if only for one day the year) of the French Cafe in the High Street I would like to say a massive thank you to the many people over preceding years and the team that put together last year's event; they have all ensured it has continued to raise money for good causes locally, nationally and internationally.

The money donated to Alive & Well this year it will go towards our programme bringing clean drinking water to remote communities in Southern Sierra Leone. The charity has been working there for over 5 years and in that time has sunk over 65 wells all of which are still working improving the livelihoods of villagers in the Pujehun region. To ensure our efforts are sustainable we have recently initiated a training and maintenance programme and are appointing "Well Wardens" in each village to carry out regular simple maintenance and raise an alert if more serious repair work needs to be undertaken.

It is about this time of year that Boules Carnival 2017 meetings will start taking place, normally in the Bones or the Carps so it's not all hard work. Some of the regular team will be there but if you would like to get involved and help create another enjoyable and successful event for the local community and the good causes it supports I'm sure James Pyle would be pleased to hear from you -james@jamespyle.co.uk 840886

Kim Findlay – Deputy Chair & Founding Trustee



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18th December 11.00am Advent Service
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(at Holy Cross)

Tolsey News



A Healthy New Start to the New Year!

Now that we have eaten all the turkey and mince pies, is it time to get back into shape?

There is no end of advice given to us in the media about healthy eating, diet and exercise, yet for many of us, we prefer to ignore what we are uncomfortable with. These days there is no excuse for not knowing what is good and what is bad, despite the sometimes conflicting advice we hear.

We know that generally, the things that are bad are smoking, animal fat, sugar, salt and excess alcohol and the things that are good are exercise, plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables in a balanced diet which is low in animal fat.

There is lots of practical help available on the NHS Choices website at www.nhs.uk/livewell

A New Surgery?

We are now in a period of consultation on the Sherston Neighbourhood Plan and there is soon to be a referendum. This will determine the future of the surgery in the village and it is vital that you are acquainted with the facts in order to make an informed decision. We are planning to hold an open day on Saturday, 28th January from 12 noon to 4pm so that you can come and talk to us at The Tolsey Surgery and find out more about what is proposed and why. I hope you will come along, but please feel free to speak to me or any of the doctors or staff if you want to know more about the project.

Extended Hours

We are pleased to be reinstating our extended hours for patients who work, or find it difficult to come to the surgery during normal opening times. These are on Wednesday mornings from 7.30 to 8.00am and Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7.00 to 7.30pm.

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Sherston Remembrance Day Service

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The village's annual Service of Remembrance was held in Church Street under a clear sky. Many from the village and beyond attended the service, and watched 90 Squadron Royal Logistic Corps followed by Sherston's uniformed organisations march along the High Street to take their positions in front of the war memorial at the Lych-gate. Before the service,

The Sherston Band of Ringers started proceedings by ringing half muffled as the Union Flag flew over the tower and the service started with Sherston Occasional Community Choir, conducted by Trudi Baker, singing an anthem: Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring and God Shall Wipe Away All Tears during the laying of the wreaths. Brian Cook accompanied the choir.

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The Revd Christopher Bryan, Rector of the Gauzebrook Group led the service assisted by Pastor Andrew Williams- Tarling of the Congregational Church and the Revd David Miller of the Methodist Church. Roger Whitehouse was the vergers and carried the cross.

After the two minutes' silence Lt Col Nic Grant-Thorold recited The Exhortation, Captain Henry Jodrell and Scout Nadia Whiffin read names of servicemen of Easton Grey and Sherston respectively, Private Kelly Hatton 9 Regt RLC said the Kohima

Epitaph and Explorer Scout Edgar Nicolas read the moving poem "Taking a Stand" by John Bailey

Wreaths were laid in memory of the fallen by:

Captain John Mathews of Sherston Parish Council,
Capt Hildred RLC of 9 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps,
John Waite Royal British Legion
Lt Col Linda Evans RAMC Holy Cross Church
Beverley Newcomb Congregational Church
Cub Scout Alex Moriarty
Brownie Beth Hughes

Our thanks to all those who prepared for this village ceremony and honoured the memory of those who have gone before us. The excellent sound system was provided by David Shephard and Michael Whatley. We thank the 1st and 2nd Sherston Brownie Units, The 1st Sherston Scout Group and Sherston Whitewalls Explorer Scout Unit, 90 Squadron RLC, the Sherston Band of Ringers, the Sherston Community Choir, the stewards, organised by Sqn Ldr Jim Robinson; Nigel Freeth, Lt Cdr Christopher Morgan RN Wg Cdr Dr Pamela Pickthall, Susan Robinson and John Smith. Graham Simpson managed the closure of Church Street.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of Sherston Parish Council and the Clerk to the Council, Mrs Sarah Wood.

Chris Pickthall and Anthony Price.

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Walk on the wild side

This winter has the makings of a cold one!! We had some hard frosts in November which was early and there are larger number of migrant birds around the village than I have seen over the past few years.

A number of bird species from northern Europe and Russia migrate here every year including Redwings and Fieldfares. These Thrush like birds hang around the tops of trees in flocks of up to 50 and are very flighty. The name Fieldfare comes from the Anglo-Saxon word 'feldware' which means 'traveller of the fields and they make a 'chuck-chuck-chuck' sound to keep in contact with one another. You should be able to see them on any walk outside the village- we typically get some 750,000 each winter although I suspect we have more this year.

For small birds, especially those than tend to eat insects such as the Wren, winter can be hard. They need to consume a lot of energy for their size and staying warm can be more difficult. Wrens, amongst other smaller birds, will have a communal roost of up to 20 or so individuals to share body heat and stay warm often in a nest box or hole in a tree.

Many of our 'native' birds such as Robin, Blackbird, Goldcrest and Song Thrush are also migratory with some of our birds moving south and some of the birds in your garden will have moved in

from France, Germany etc as it's warmer here due to us living on an island.

Other local birds have real difficulties when its gets really cold and the streams and rivers freeze solid. Kingfishers and Egrets need fish and invertebrates to feed on and their populations can crash in very bad winters although we do have a good number of both living in our local streams.

Please stock up your bird feeders and remember to wash them with soapy water when you top them up. There are some nasty infections that are spread at feeding stations and the Greenfinch population has really suffered.

Our native birds, animals, insects and plants are here because they can survive our winters so when it's bad outside it's what they are used to and they can deal with it. It's only when it's really bad they have problems. Either way a nice feed of sunflower hearts, fat balls or peanuts is very much appreciated. It may take a week or two for the local birds to find your bird feeders but when they do they bring all their friends!!

Merry Christmas and don't forget your feathered and furry friends outside.

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The Arkansaw Jukebox hits Sherston on 25th Feb...tickets are now on sale!!



Boy has "Brush Up The Bogs" Promotions got a treat for you on Saturday 25th of February!

The party hit of this year's Boondocks Festival - The Mighty Arkansaw Jukebox Collective - are heading for Sherston for a one-off fundraiser in support of the Village Hall's fundraising efforts.

What is the Arkansaw Jukebox? Well they play covers Jim, but not as we know them! Sex Pistols on a banjo? Radiohead as a waltz? Kanye West as a line dance? Has the world gone mad...? Fear not dear reader it's just the legendary Arkansaw Jukebox Collective - playing covers just like god intended... bluegrass style!

The moving feast of humanity that makes up the Collective (might be 5 people, might be 10 - who knows!) deliver a show stopping performance with covers of very well-known songs (cue the big sing-along!) from rock classics to current chart toppers but with a real twist as they unearth the hidden country heart in EVERY genre of music. Rock, pop, hip-hop, dance, rap - they all get the treatment!

Exceptionally clever re-workings, great playing and lush four part harmonies come together to deliver

full on foot-stompers all the way and no one gets out without smiling - come on you've always wanted to know what a bluegrass rap sounded like!!

But that's not all - oh no! There will be all manner of other good stuff going on during the night including a surprise special guest or 2 - so keep your eyes peeled on social media and next months Clanger for more info.

Tickets are £10 each and you can get them from the Post office or on line here www.BrushUpFeb.eventbrite.co.uk

And here are some more useful links.....

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC5X6PCs-kZKR-C9LIZVoZtohPKN50W_T

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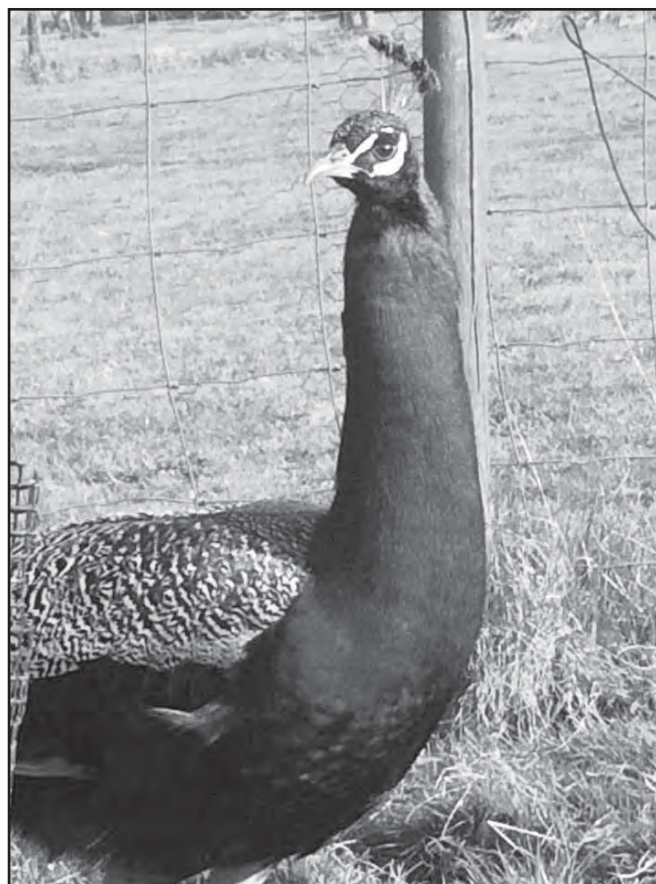
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Captain Peacock missing

We hope that by the time you received this Cliffhanger this note will be obsolete. Captain Peacock, our lovely tame friend went missing on 12th December from our garden in Bustlers Hill. We have asked everybody to look out for him. We hope he was not taken by a fox but that is always a hazard of our pets. He will not make a noise as he does not get his voice until later in the spring. It is also possible that he could wander a long way away once he is lost.

We have had him 12 years and miss him terribly as he did not go far and my husband used to spend hours in the garden talking to him as he followed us everywhere.

Please have a look in all your outbuildings in case he has been shut in. Also if he has been attacked by a dog (he lives with them and is not frightened of them) please let us know and we would understand. Also if you see any feathers around it would give us a clue as to his whereabouts. Contact 01666 841201.



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Sherston Neighbourhood Plan Update

- Neighbourhood Plan essential to help safeguard village from unwanted future development
- Priorities defined by village surveys in 2012 and 2014
- Recent work reveals retention of GP surgery in village at risk
- Steering Group identifies means of securing new build surgery as part of mixed use development on Sopworth Road
- Urgent feedback required from village to help guide Neighbourhood Plan strategy

Since the beginning of 2012, a Steering Group set up by Sherston Parish Council has been developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. When adopted the Neighbourhood Plan will be used by Wiltshire Council as part of the formal planning process for determining development proposals in and around the village. This will apply until at least 2026.

The Steering Group has sought to consult villagers throughout and to keep the village informed of progress, through workshops, meetings, an exhibition and occasional progress reports. Some of the progress reports appeared as articles in The Sherston Cliffhanger, while some took the form of separate publications distributed with the Cliffhanger to all households.

Neighbourhood Plan Objectives

The Neighbourhood Plan will be underpinned by a number of objectives that have been agreed by the Steering Group following earlier survey work. (Details can be found on the www.sherston.org.uk website.) These objectives include the following:

- The protection of a range of existing services, community facilities and business premises within the village, and the protection of those open areas within and around the village that are considered to be worthy of specific protection because of their distinctive character.
- The need to safeguard existing open air sports and recreation facilities, and a desire to secure improvements to the existing changing room facilities at the football ground; also, to try to safeguard some land immediately adjoining the football field so as to allow for the possibility of expanding the available sports facilities at some future date.
- The need to consider the provision of certain new community facilities: a new GP surgery; a possible expansion of Sherston Primary School; a possible new pre-school facility; and additional burial space.

In connection with the objectives relating to sports and recreation facilities, during the early stages of its work the Steering Group was considering the Football Field as a potential housing development site, which could have released significant funds for the creation of new sports facilities on an alternative site. However, it turned out that although owned by the Parish Council it is subject to a restrictive covenant which would have made such a move so difficult and complicated as to rule it out. The Football Field therefore will remain the village's main sporting venue.

Community Priority – the GP Surgery

The need to secure the future of the GP surgery in Sherston was identified by earlier surveys as being of high priority for Sherston residents.

What has become clear to the Steering Group in the last few months however is that there is now a very real possibility that, without a new building, the Tolsey GP practice will close within the next 7 years. The Steering Group believes that it needs to give this matter high priority as it moves towards finalising the Neighbourhood Plan.

In June 2016 the GPs published a newsletter setting out their thoughts on how best to protect the future of a GP surgery in the village. It explained that the existing premises on the High Street was not 'fit for purpose' and that unless steps were taken now to try and secure the delivery of alternative premises in the village there is a real danger that we could lose our GP service altogether with residents having to travel to Malmesbury (or elsewhere) for continuing health care.

The GPs have investigated all of the potential usual funding options, including NHS grants, private equity funding, personal funding by the GPs themselves, and funding by PFI schemes. None of these appears likely to be achievable or affordable. So it seems that if there is to be any realistic chance of keeping a surgery in the village then the question of funding is one that the Neighbourhood Plan must address.

The Steering Group believes that a way must be found to fund a new GP surgery, or Sherston's GP practice is likely to be closed within 7 years.

New Housing in Sherston

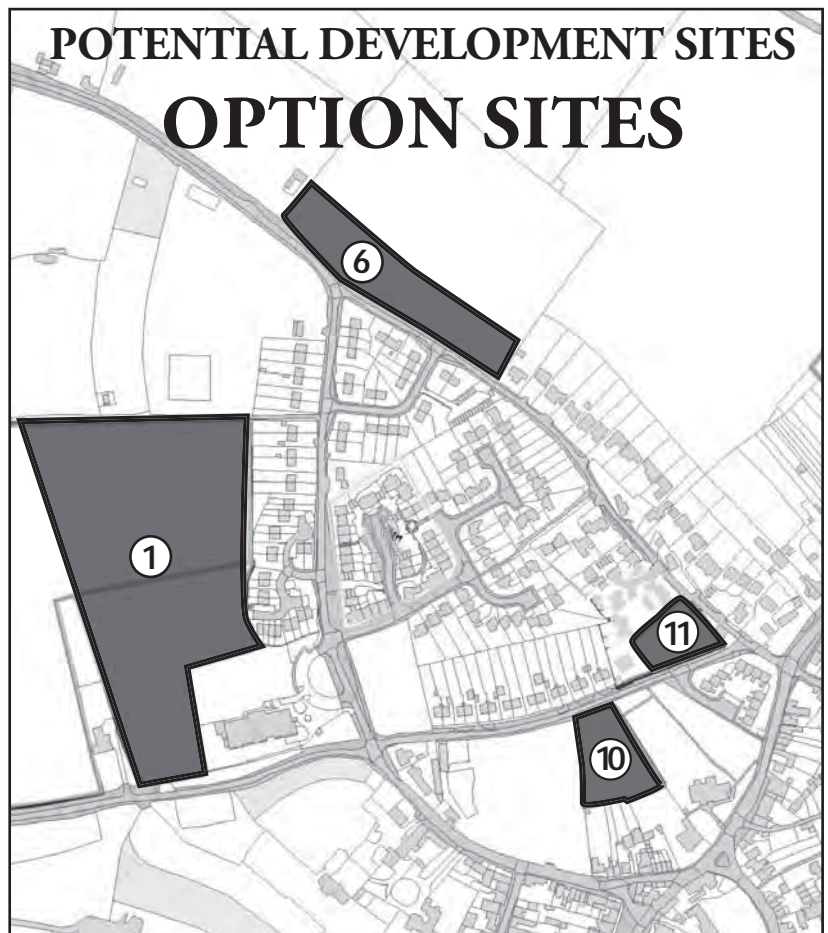
Wiltshire Council Core Strategy requires Sherston to make provision for its share of new dwellings in the future development of the village. The actual number of new dwellings specified by Wiltshire Council has varied since the Steering Group began its work, but it has settled at a minimum of 26. The Steering Group must now determine, in consultation with the village at large, what figure, at or above this minimum of 26, it wants to include in the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Steering Group has identified two small sites that it believes should be allocated for housing in the Neighbourhood Plan: the vicarage site on Green Lane, next to the churchyard (site 10 on the accompanying plan), for about 3 dwellings (this site, incidentally, would also provide the desirable additional burial space); and a site at the corner of Green Lane and Sandpits Lane (site 11), which could take about 4 dwellings. The choice of possible locations for further housing now comes down to two: the Sopworth Road site adjacent to the Primary School (site 1); and the frontage of the site at the top of Sandpits Lane (site 6 - up to 16 dwellings).

The major questions that now have to be answered before the Neighbourhood Plan can be finalised are these:

- Where would a new GP surgery be sited, and how can it be paid for?
- How many new dwellings are to be allocated in the Plan, and where are they to be sited?

In the last 24 months the Steering Group has explored multiple options, considering in detail the pro's and con's of several potential development sites. Whilst most of these have been discarded as unworkable or unsustainable, the Steering Group has identified one solution that it considers answers these remaining questions. This is by locating the surgery on the Sopworth Road site (adjacent to the school) as part of a mixed use development. This would include in addition not only some housing but also the potential for future expansion of the primary school and provision for a pre-school facility. The construction of the surgery would be funded from the income generated by the housing development. But to achieve this the village would need to accept a certain volume of housing on that site.



Sopworth Road option – decision process

What has led the Steering Group to this conclusion? In fact the suggestion first came from John Thomson our Wiltshire Council Councillor. It was the outcome of extensive discussions between Wiltshire Council, the GPs and the owners of the site. Ownership of this piece of land is complicated. When the present owners bought the land from Wiltshire Council, certain conditions were attached to the transaction in the form of a covenant. This means that Wiltshire Council has a “controlling interest” in the whole site as well as an option to buy back about two hectares of the land fronting onto Sopworth Road. This being the case, unless the Council were prepared to enter into a transaction with the landowner that would release the covenant, the landowners would not be able to sell any of the land for development.

Wiltshire Council has now formally confirmed that if it is the village's wish, expressed in the Neighbourhood Plan, that a new surgery should be built on this site, then it would be prepared to release the landowners from the covenant, thus enabling land to become available for development, **but only on the strict condition that a new surgery is built on that site as part of a mixed use development.** The Steering Group has been advised that the landowners in turn have agreed that the construction of the new GP surgery should be entirely funded from the proceeds of the sale of the site for development. In other words, Wiltshire Council and the present landowners have agreed in principle to set aside a

portion of the proceeds deriving from the sale of the land to a developer for the construction on the site of a new GP surgery. The surgery when built would be held by the Council for the community and leased to the GP practice with the NHS paying rent on the building up to an agreed level (which is assessed at current market value by the District Valuer) normally for a period of 25 years.

To make this a viable proposition for Wiltshire Council and the present landowners, the proceeds from the sale of the land must be sufficient to fund the construction of the surgery premises. The value of the site to any developer, and therefore the income accruing from its sale, will depend on the number of dwellings that can be built on it. So the question is, how many houses need to be allocated to the Sopworth Road site in order for the sale of the land to fund the construction of the surgery?

How many houses?

To answer this question, the Steering Group at the suggestion of Wiltshire Council asked a local firm to undertake what is known as a Viability Assessment. This work has just been concluded. Their finding was that a mixed use development on the Sopworth Road site comprising 45 dwellings (of which 40% - some 18 units- would be affordable housing in compliance with the Wiltshire Council Core Strategy) could fund the construction of a new surgery. A smaller number of houses would not be viable. These findings have been discussed with Wiltshire Council and through them the owners of the site. Both have agreed that, in principle, this would be an acceptable proposition. In return for the allocation of the site for mixed use development – including an allowance for the erection of up to 45 dwellings (40% of which should be affordable housing units) – the landowners and Wiltshire Council will secure the delivery of the new surgery. To this end, and for the avoidance of any doubt, Wiltshire Council has now formally resolved at a recent Cabinet Capital Assets Committee meeting chaired by Councillor John Thomson to support this proposition.

After a good deal of deliberation the Steering Group has reached the point where it sees this as the preferred way forward and commends it to the village. This being the only way that the Steering Group considers that a GP service will be retained in the village over the longer term.

It is worth noting that this is a very unusual (almost unique) situation. In normal circumstances all that the Neighbourhood Plan could reasonably do is identify and allocate a site for a proposed replacement surgery. It cannot actually require it to be built. It is only because Wiltshire Council has a controlling interest in the land and because the local landowner is a willing participant that this type of “post allocation” arrangement can be offered. Sherston is extremely fortunate that this arrangement is possible.

Steering Group Recommendation

The figure of 45 new dwelling units on this site is probably one that some villagers may find hard to accept. Nevertheless, this is what the Steering Group now recommends as the best way of ensuring that a GP service is retained in the village.

This proposed solution also meets a number of other Neighbourhood Plan priorities including:

- providing more affordable housing in the village;
- making provision for the future expansion of the primary school;
- providing land for a new pre-school facility;
- helping to preserve existing green spaces elsewhere in the village;
- protecting the village from further unwanted development until at least 2026; and indirectly
 - helping to fund improvements to existing sports facilities in the village (via Community Infrastructure Levy funding); whilst also
 - helping secure the future of many of the existing services and facilities in the village.

But this all depends on the village supporting the Steering Group's proposal. This is: in return for the construction of a new GP surgery and the reservation of land for the possible future expansion of the Primary School and/or for the erection of a new building for the pre-school group, the Neighbourhood Plan will allocate land on the Sopworth Road site for the erection of up to 45 dwellings including affordable housing for local people.

Next Steps

The Sherston Neighbourhood Plan will in due course be the subject of a public referendum. If it is to be adopted by Wiltshire Council and used to determine future planning applications it must first be approved by over 50% of villagers who vote in that referendum. The vote to approve or reject it will be held later this year. So now the Steering Group needs the widest possible feedback to ensure that whatever proposal is made stands the greatest chance of being approved.

What do you think?

We invite you to respond to the short questionnaire attached to this article (see over). Ideally we would like to receive your completed questionnaire by 31st January 2017 at the very latest. This will allow the Steering Group to make the final decision on both housing numbers and land use allocations – which will be published as a draft plan as soon as reasonably possible. Support for this proposal will mean that

a Policy incorporating all of these elements will be included in the draft plan. If there is clear opposition to this proposal then the plan will most probably allocate land for fewer houses, plus a possible site for a new surgery. But in this case there would be little prospect of a surgery actually being built, because of the clear lack of available alternative funding options.

In responding to this questionnaire can you please ensure that all of the requested details are provided (i.e including your name and address). Any questionnaires returned lacking such details cannot unfortunately be taken into account.

A Public Meeting to discuss this proposal will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on 26th January 2017.

DO YOU SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITION:

In return for the construction of a new GP surgery and the reservation of land for the possible future expansion of the Primary School and/or for the erection of a new building for the pre-school group, the Neighbourhood Plan will allocate land on the Sopworth Road site for the erection of up to 45 dwellings including affordable housing for local people.

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Malmesbury Concert Band Rehearsals on Fri evenings in Malmesbury, 7.15 – 9.15pm. The band performs at local Bandstand. For further details and to ascertain current vacancies see our website www.freewebs.com/malmesburyconcertband/ and/or contact Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or tony@jacfleming.plus.com

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

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

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

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

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

For details contact Woody Allen 390110 mark.allen@allencan.co.uk

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

For details contact the Division Commissioner at malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk

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

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. 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 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 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 or alternative like us on Facebook for regular updates 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

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 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 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 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 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

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

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

Sherston Town FC The club play in the Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Sat afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. Contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or 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 or visit the website 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 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

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

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

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

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

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 or just pop in, more details 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

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 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

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

February

4 FSS Quiz

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 Angel

Under New Management now Check facebook for details
Check boards for more details of events or call 840039 or visit
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The Carpenter's Arms

Loads of events planned for Dec - Check boards for details
For further details call 840665 or visit
www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston

The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7:30pm Free entry and prizes for the winning team
For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter
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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.

Church events

Burial Register on display in Holy Cross Church on Sat 14 Jan from 10am to 12 noon. If your family has lived in Sherston since the late 19th century you may like to see any information about them which is in the Register, which was first used in 1877. In the new year this is going to be taken to the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre (WSHC) in Chippenham and will go into their archives for safe storage, along with all the other old parish registers from Sherston Church of the Holy Cross

For further details call Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or susan.harvey44@hotmail.com

Sherston WI Talks

Members' New Year Lunch 5 Jan No meeting in January
AGM 2 Feb 2.30pm BSR

For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Sherston Senior Club

AGM and subscription renewal meeting 10 Jan at 2pm in the BSR Every two weeks. 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.

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 8 Jan 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

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Sherston Theatre Club

AGM - please note correct date here We have a varied programme with a Sherston to venue coach pick-up - new members welcome Correct date is Wed 15 Feb 7pm for 7.30pm - subscription £20 (What's On apologises for wrong date last month)

British School Room

For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

Rural Arts Wiltshire present NINEBARROW

Chase away those winter blues with an evening of live music brought to us by Rural Arts Touring. Ninebarrow will transport us through mysterious folk tales, wild landscapes and fascinating bits of history, with a dose of humour thrown in. Suitable for all ages. Adults £9, Concessions £8, under 16 £5. Licensed bar. Profits to the Village Hall Development Fund. Jan 21

Date for your diary: Traditional Barn Dance with live music and a caller Saturday 29th April in the Village Hall More details later.

For further details

www.ninebarrow.co.uk or visit

www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk

1016 Book Sale

Sat 28 Jan 9am - 12 noon village hall - free entry Donations of books, videos, DVDs and CDs gratefully received. Please deliver to Mike Tarrant at Grays of Sherston. Our books are very reasonably priced with 99% being only 25p each or 5 for £1. We always have a massive selection including a children's section. DVDs and CDs are £1 each. All proceeds to the Village Hall Renovation Fund and Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

For further details call 840611

FSS Annual Fundraising Quiz Night

Sat 4 Feb Bar opens 7.30pm Quiz starts at 8pm, raffle and auction. £20 for a team of up to 4 All proceeds go towards funding new equipment and experiences for the children of Sherston School. Tickets go on sale Fri 6 Jan and are

available from the Post Office Stores or pick them up at school from Sophie Cheetham or Kirsty Strachan. Sherston Village Hall

For further details call Tickets on sale at the Post Office or call Emma 841402 or email emmanewby@gmail.com

1016 Pancake Eating Competition

Shrove Tuesday 28 Feb from 7.30pm at The Rattlebone Inn £2 entry All proceeds to 1016 funds collection for local good causes

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 Village Hall

For further details visit

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

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For further details
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(email 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
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For further details
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www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Cotswolds

Cotswold Rural Skills Courses

Blacksmithing Taster Day 29 Jan Tetbury £99
Sone Carving - Beginners 4 Feb Northleach
Hedgelaying - Beginners (Somerset Style) Sopworth 8-9 Feb £109
Willow Christmas Crafts
For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or
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For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

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: Mon to Sun 10.30am to 4.30pm Winter (from Oct to Mar) : Mon to Sat 10.30am to 4.30pm, Sundays: 11.30am to 3.30pm.

For further details visit 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

'Bring & share' lunch on Thurs 26 Jan

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

Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall

For further details call Membership Secretary Ann Roberts-Phare on 823971 or visit

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 nwilt@alzheimers.org.uk or visit

www.alzheimers.org.uk

Carer Support Wiltshire

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Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

ANTHROPOID [15] Wed 25 Jan

Future dates for your diary

Bridget Jones's Baby Wed 22 Feb

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 or visit www.moviola.org/

Crudwell

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

"Let's go to the movies - Take Two" Demonstration by Marie Mundy 18 Jan

Annual Dinner at La Flambé 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

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www.forestgreenroversfc.com

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them; A United Kingdom; Moana; Rogue One: A Star Wars Story; Sully; La Fille Inconnue; RSC LIVE: The Tempest Wed 11 Jan; NT LIVE Encore - No Man's Land Sat 21 Jan; The Eagle Huntress; NT LIVE: Amadeus Thur 2 Feb check website for details

For further details call 01453 844601 or visit

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For further details call Ian Cooke on 890261 or email tresham.bridge@gmail.com

Somerford Keynes

Cotswold Water Park Events

Blow away the January Blues – guided walk in the Water Park This walk will be led by volunteer Nick Adams, an extremely experienced wildlife watcher who knows this area very well, so Nick will point out what is on and near the water. There is no charge but donations to the CWP Trust will be gratefully received. Meet at Neigh Bridge Country Park 10am on Sat 21 Jan. Parking charge will not apply to those coming on the walk. There is no need to book on the walk – just turn up, wearing suitable footwear as it is usually wet underfoot in the winter months. We will be walking for about 2.5 to 3 hours, at a gentle pace. Suitable for children, but no dogs please.

For further details call Trust office during office hours on 01793 752413.

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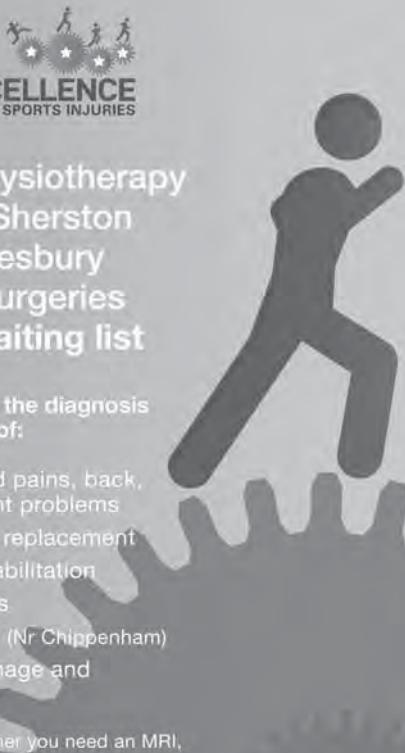
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