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## WI round up



What better way to spend a cold December afternoon than in the company of friends, listening to and singing along to live music and enjoying a splendid afternoon tea. At their December meeting WI members were entertained by music from the End of the Track, who played songs from the sixties, evoking so many memories for us all. The Committee members had organised the tea and everyone enjoyed the chance to catch up with each other. The festive table decorations, made by members, added to the feeling that Christmas was just around the corner.

Members also took the opportunity to bring along items to support the Christmas Appeal by the Community of the Sisters of the Church in Bristol, who do so much to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Members will start their New Year meetings with a lunch in January. Our February meeting, which is on 1 February, is the Annual General Meeting, when, together with the required formalities, we will also get an opportunity to look back at everything we have enjoyed and achieved in 2017.

New members and visitors are always very welcome at our meetings.

Sherston WI has accepted the offer from the Parish Council to plant up and look after the new trough by the Jubilee tree at the top of Noble Street.

The trough was placed there in order to try to stop lorries from cutting across the green and then going on to hit the wall. We shall see if it works!

## Holy Cross Church

Holy Cross church receives such great support from the community, and I hope that we never take that support for granted. Whether it's the two choirs singing on Advent Sunday, the crowds who turn up to the bazaar, or the individuals who labour on their own with a vacuum cleaner, it takes all sorts of gifts and energy to make up this community. It's been particularly noticeable this last month - thank you everyone.

Mindful that Holy Cross is the parish church, and therefore belongs to us all, I'd like to invite you to a special evening on 22 February at 7.30 pm. It would be great to hear your views on the future development of the church community, the use of the building, the links with the wider village and similar matters.

Best wishes, Christopher Bryan



# Boules Day 2018



Our first meeting to start the organizing for Boules Day is on Wednesday 24 January at 7.30pm in the Rattlebone.

If you are interested in joining the committee, making a suggestion about Boules Day, or just coming along to see what its all about then please join us.

We have a Chair, a Treasurer, logistics and sponsorship members already, so you will not be coerced into taking on a task you are unwilling/unqualified to do. However more hands make light work, and even if you don't want to be on the committee, but want to help on the day, we are the people to talk to!

I look forward to seeing some new (and old) faces around the table on the 24 January.

Pip Pettit (Chair Boules 2018)

## Brush Up The Bogs Does a 'Save The Date' ... But For What?



Your intrepid reporters have noted that the people who bring you the great events at The Old Rifle Range in Sherston (ok-ok The Village Hall!) have posted a 'teaser' on FaceBook telling us all to 'Save the Date' on 24 Feb.... but that's all they are telling us for now.

You can see the teaser video here ... [www.facebook.com/TheOldRifleRange/videos/470126263383606](https://www.facebook.com/TheOldRifleRange/videos/470126263383606) ... and it sounds great!

The event is going to feature an act that played at all the major music festivals in 2017 and they are now coming to sunny Sherston.

But of course this being a Brush Up The Bogs event there will be much more than 'just' one of the coolest bands you've ever seen!

Big Tony's Jumpin' Gin Joint will be doing its thing, there will be food from the Sherston Chilli Smoke House massive and there are rumours of a support band that could probably carry the night on their own!

Nip along to [www.facebook.com/TheOldRifleRange/](https://www.facebook.com/TheOldRifleRange/) and 'like' the Old Rifle Range and you'll be first to know when tickets are available.

# Wiltshire Primary School Pupils Achieve Good Grades

Wiltshire primary school children have achieved good grades for reading, writing and maths according to the latest government figures.

Performance tables released on 14 December by the Department for Education show children in Wiltshire have performed well in the three core subjects.

The assessments were introduced by the government in 2016 as part of a wider push to raise standards around a more demanding curriculum. Pupils are no longer assessed against levels, but instead have tests to show they have reached the expected standard in reading and maths, and teachers assess whether they have reached this standard in writing.

This year more than half of Wiltshire's primary pupils reached the expected standard in all the three subjects of reading, writing and maths.

High proportions of pupils continue to make the expected gains in their knowledge and understanding in core subjects, achieving the expected standards in each of reading, writing and maths separately.

Laura Mayes, cabinet member for children, said: 'This is the second year where our year 6 pupils have sat the tests, which have raised the bar in terms of academic standards. I'd like to congratulate our pupils, dedicated school staff, governors and parents for their commitment and hard work to achieve these results. We are never complacent as we look forward to continuing the hard work and partnership working to ensure all pupils can achieve their potential and are prepared for the challenges of secondary school education.' *Ollie Phipps*

## Remembrance Day Service: Addendum

Sherston Methodist Church would like to place on record that a wreath was also laid on their behalf at last month's Remembrance Day service. This was inadvertently omitted from the article in the November issue.

## Quiz Night 2018

The 2018 village quiz night will be held on Saturday 3 February. Run again by the Friends of Sherston School, it promises to be a fantastic night out. As always, in addition to the quiz itself, there will be a raffle and auction with some amazing prizes. Put the date in your diary, find yourself a team of four people and be ready to buy your ticket in January!

# Tolsey News

Judy Sharp



## Happy New Year!

Let's start as we mean to go on!

From time to time I remind patients that when they book appointments, we really would like them to turn up for them. We have a number of ways to help avoid wasted appointments:

Text patient the day before (please ensure we have your mobile number for this)

Dedicated answerphone to leave a message to cancel appointment if not required

Online cancellation (log in details are required for this, ask for details at reception if you do not have online access)

But most importantly, we rely on the patient to remember their appointment or cancel it if it is no longer required.

We had over 70 DNAs (Did Not Attend) in November! This is very frustrating for some patients that sometimes have to wait longer than they would like for an appointment. This represents many hours in wasted clinic time and there is very little we can do about it. Repeat offenders will get a letter and ultimately could be removed from our list.

## Referrals

If the doctor refers you to a consultant, please ensure that you do not book your appointment within 4 days of the referral. It can take at least four working days to dictate the referral letter, have it typed, signed and ready to send to the service. Our staff are all too often having to deal with unhappy patients trying to book appointments before the paperwork is ready.

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Sooo much better than socks. Wishing you lots of love and cheer. Boondocks HQ

## Small Ads

*You can now advertise items for sale or wanted in the Cliffhanger including services required such as gardening or cleaning. Cost is £2 for up to 20 words. Copy should be in paper form and put through the letterbox at 37 High Street by the 15th of the month together with £2 in cash.*

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3rd	198	Mary Clements	£11
4th	66	Daphne Lewis	£10
5th	230	Paul Mather	£9
6th	318	June Godwin	£8
7th	286	Clive Herman	£7

### Christmas Bonuses (for 2017 non-winners)

32	Janette Templeton	£5
124	Cilla Liddington	£5
18	Alexa Wilson	£5
54	Tom Dryden	£5
25	Shirley Freeth	£5
170	Warwick Jones	£5
152	Margaret Thacker	£5
10	John Waite	£5
234	Ann Marie Pritchett	£5
82	Helen Quirk	£5

Collectors: Anne Andrews, Mary Goulding, Pat Moody, Rachel Moody, Janet Platts, Lin Prior, Margaret Thacker and Jill Woodward.

Remember Subscription Renewal to Village Hall Club Supports Your Village Hall!

A reminder that if you would like to renew your membership, please complete the form that your collector will be delivering/has delivered, and return it, together with your payment, in the envelope provided, to the Post Office. If you are unsure as to whether you have paid, or need another form, please ring me.

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## North Wilts Villages Flower Club

The Sundial Theatre in Cirencester was the venue for our Christmas event in November. The evening's demonstrator was Loreena Dyer who created some wonderful arrangements under the title of 'It is Christmas let us sparkle'. At the end of the evening the stage was full of arrangements that certainly did sparkle. The audience definitely left the theatre with the feeling that Christmas was in the air.

### Future meetings

17 January Demonstration by Andrew Baker - 'Moments' (competition-single flower)

21 February Demonstration by Jayne Morriss - 'Aspects of Chelsea' (competition-single flower)

21 March Demonstration by Jane Haas - 'Spring Is In The Air'

Wishing all readers a happy New Year as we look forward to a full programme filled with demonstrations, workshops and garden visits in 2018

Flower club meetings take place at Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm (unless stated otherwise.) 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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## Fireworks thanks

We would like to thank DPS Relocation Limited for their generous donation to the Fireworks Party in November as unfortunately their name was omitted from the original article.

## Road Closure

Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic: C1 (Part) Norton Road / Hullavington Road, Hullavington and Norton; from its junction with The Street to its junction with Sherston Road. This is to enable Eurovia to undertake works for carriageway resurfacing, surface dressing and road markings.

Alternative route: via Sherston Road – C86 Fosse Way / Alderton Road (Grittleton) – C72 The Street – C33 Grittleton Road / The Street (Hullavington) and vice versa. The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.

This Order will come into operation on 14 February and it is anticipated that the closure will be required until 16 February. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works.

## Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 7 January. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return to the Rattlebone Inn just around 12.00noon in time for a complimentary snack. Children and well-behaved dogs on leads are very welcome.

## Carpenter's Christmas Lunch

Some 30 Sherston pensioners who live alone were treated to Christmas lunch at The Carpenter's on 11 December. This is the second year that Pete Brock has treated them to a full turkey meal followed by Christmas pudding and mince pie together with wine and sherry. They would all like to say a huge thanks to Pete for his generosity.

Thanks to Paul at Sherston Post Office Stores and the ladies at Apples and Pairs for providing wine, sherry and port.

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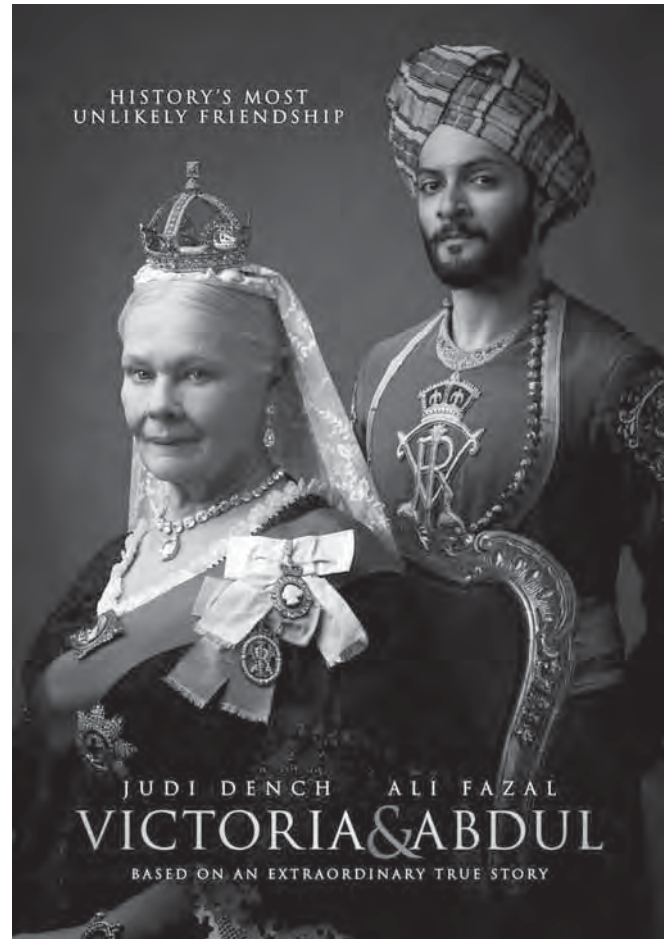
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Future dates for your 2018 diary

Wednesday 28 February: Goodbye Christopher Robin

Wednesday 21 March: Breathe

Wednesday 25 April: Murder on the Orient Express



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# School Christmas Fair

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Thanks to Sherston Post Office stores for ordering supplies in for the FSS and to The Angel and Carpenters for great raffle prizes.

The FSS raised over £1,250 which will go towards buying additional ipads for all the classes to use.





# Sherston Schoolgirls' Big Trim for Charity



Jess Picton and Aimee Stokes, both at Sherston School, have been fundraising for The Little Princess Trust which makes wigs from real hair for children who've experienced hair loss because of cancer treatment or other illnesses. The girls have contributed 30cm of their hair, and friends and family have supported them by sponsoring their challenge. On Friday 15th December, Paul and Gail at Sherston Post Office Stores kindly gave them permission to run a stall outside the shop selling biscuits, second-hand toys and books, homemade cards, and some wonderful knitted Christmas decorations made by Margaret Comport. Between them they made about £60.

Fi, Jess's mum, would like to thank Sally, the owner of Cuttin' Um Palace salon in Malmesbury who cut Jess's hair to support her charity efforts and Aimee's mum, Sue, would like to thank Kerry Frayling from Shear Class who volunteered her time to cut Aimee's hair.

Fundraising is still ongoing as both Jess and Aimee have set themselves a target to reach. If you are able to support the girls with a small donation, Jess's fundraising page is: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jess11](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jess11) and Aimee's is:

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## We need more volunteers!

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# Sherston Jigsaw Puzzle Festival

Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, the Sherston Jigsaw Puzzle Festival is alive and kicking. It will take place over the August Bank holiday 2018.

Planned as a fundraiser for the village hall renovations, it was put on hold due to a health issue. However, behind the scenes a team has been beaver away and we will be having a wonderful spectacle of well over 400 beautiful completed jigsaw puzzles, ready to sell, to provide entertainment for all in the winter months following. The festival will be well publicised in order to attract interest from outside the immediate village. The Benevolent Confraternity of Dissectologists (BCD) are helping us in the organisation, Lin Prior (840846) is our chief coordinator and we now have an active committee planning every move. We will collect and deliver puzzles, cardboard, etc.

There will be a raffle, of course, refreshments of course and a craft stall all extra to the festival to boost takings.

Whilst on the Village Hall Committee I was amazed at the diligence and hard work of the few who run this hall for the benefit of the community who take the smooth running of this facility as a matter of fact. Bookings are taken, repairs done, money banked, accounts prepared, etc, etc. All these jobs are taken

for granted to provide this essential facility for the community. If you have any ideas to swell the coffers please be brave and put your head above the parapet - as I am doing!, I hope the Jigsaw Festival will be a success and, with your help, I am sure it will be.

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To enquire about a Home Security check for your home, call: 01380 861155 or email: bobbyvan@wiltshire.police.uk

For all enquiries regarding the Stay Safe Online Scheme, call: 01380 861191 or email: bvonlinesafety@wiltshire.police.uk or complete the online form by visiting [www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk](http://www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk)

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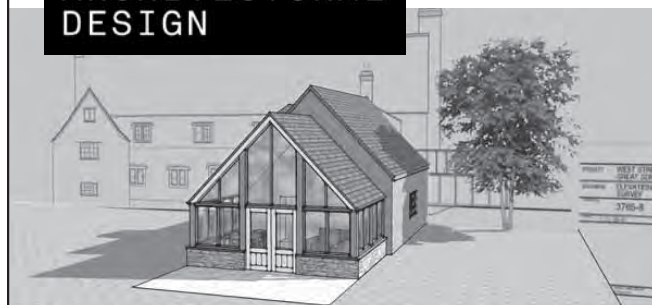
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for the script), the evening flew by with lots of fun and laughter. Thanks to the Rattlebone for a fab raffle prize and to all the parents who took part - both on the stage and behind the scenes (props, sound, lighting and script-writing). The evening was a great success and definitely put everyone in the Christmas spirit!



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**Sunday services** 1st and 4th - Holy Communion, 2nd Worship Together - a service for all age groups preceded by breakfast at 9am, 3rd - Family Service preceded by breakfast at 9am See the Parish Life for more details

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

**Congregational Church** - In the British School Room, Services 1st and 4th each week, led or hosted by Reverend Andrew Williams Tarling, Sunday School 10.15 – 11am. Bible study alternate Mondays 8pm at BSR/Church. Brick (Lego) Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 7pm Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 or find us on facebook. Admin - Victoria Meheust sherstoncongregationalchurch@outlook.com Sec. - clementsmary@btinternet.com or 07778 934742

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

## Gauzebrook Church for Children

Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them: **Junior Church** is held at Court House, Hullavington. 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 term time, Fri 10am 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

**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, prospective volunteers can contact the Link co-ordinator and volunteer support officer on 840861 9am-1pm

## 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.

**Ashtanga Yoga class** Strength, flexibility, realign. Fridays 10.30-11.15 11.45am in the village hall. More info – Stuart 07986 003602 or www.pulse4life.co.uk or stuart@pulse4life.co.uk

## Carer Support Wiltshire - Monthly carers café

4th Thursday each month 10.30am – 12pm at the Kings Arms Hotel, Malmesbury - come along to chat with other carers over a hot drink or two. CSW is a charity with a team of support workers who can provide information and support to carers living in Wiltshire, by phone or face to face, along with counselling and advice relating to your role. Free and confidential for anyone aged 18+. CSW offers the chance to have a break through social cafés, days out, activities, craft groups and complementary therapies. More details or to register for some support, visit www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk, email info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk or freephone 0800 181 4118 (01380 871690 from a mobile).

**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

**Church bell ringing** Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 - 9pm. Call Geoff Martin 840375 or come along.

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

## 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-forestschooll@hotmail.co.uk

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**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

**Luckington Pre-School** A well-established Montessori inspired Pre-School, for 2½ to 5 years old. Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, during term time. Government funding available and childcare vouchers welcome. For more information, call 840028, email chair@luckingtonpreschool.org.uk or visit www.luckingtonpreschool.org.uk

## Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

**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](http://www.sherston.org.uk). Further details contact Sarah Wood on 840197 or [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk)

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

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

**Rotary Club of The South Cotswolds** Meets at The Horse Guards Inn in Brokenborough each Mon at 7pm, with dinner served at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome to our meetings, as are guests and anyone interested in Rotary and in helping the local Community. Further details at website [www.rcsc.co.uk](http://www.rcsc.co.uk) or from Ian Pegg on 840986.

**Senior Club** Meets at 2.30pm during summertime in the Small Hall of VH, more details call Helen Quirk 840516.

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

**Sherston Baby and Toddler Group** The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. Meets at 10 - 11.30am each Tues in the British School Room 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, [sherstontoddlergroup@gmail.com](mailto:sherstontoddlergroup@gmail.com) or like us on Facebook for regular updates [www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers](http://www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers)

**Sherston Badminton Club** We play every Tues evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from Sept to the end of May. New members welcome - mixed ages (over 18) and abilities. For more information contact David Boyle 841587 or email [djboyle@hotmail.com](mailto:djboyle@hotmail.com)

**Sherston Brownies** Meet every Wed during term time 5.45 - 7pm in the Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Tawny Owl (Nicky) at [nicky.gray@btinternet.com](mailto:nicky.gray@btinternet.com)  
2nd Sherston Brownies started in Sept 2016, for details contact Spectacled Owl (Lara Farahar) at [sherston2ndbrownies@outlook.com](mailto:sherston2ndbrownies@outlook.com) or call 841085

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

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

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

**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 Sue Lehrer (Chairperson) [lehrer.sue@icloud.com](mailto:lehrer.sue@icloud.com) or 07780 661830

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

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

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

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

**SHC.C.** The community choir with conductor Trudi Baker meets at 7.30pm each Wed in term time in the British School Room. £3 per session. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cutcher [sheilacutcher28@gmail.com](mailto:sheilacutcher28@gmail.com) or 840067, or on Facebook.

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

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

**Sherston Pilates** Classes held on weekday evenings in the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739 552556 or [sherstonpilates@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonpilates@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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**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 in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. No meetings but celebration meals Oct and Jan. Visitors always most welcome £3.50. Further information: Secretary 840578

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Yoga for All** Mon evenings 7.45-9.15pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £9 reducing to £7.50 if you take up the course. More details contact Theo 07818 401110 or [theo@wildyoga.co.uk](mailto:theo@wildyoga.co.uk) [www.wildyoga.co.uk](http://www.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 2018

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

### Sherston

#### The Angel Hotel

Now run by Sherston's Dave Nelson and returning Head Chef, Phil Clark. Check Facebook, boards for more details of events, call 841627 or contact [info@sherstonangel.co.uk](mailto:info@sherstonangel.co.uk) or visit [www.sherston-angel.co.uk/](http://www.sherston-angel.co.uk/)

#### The Carpenter's Arms

Check boards for details

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

#### The Rattlebone Inn

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

Check boards for more details of events, call 840871, follow on Twitter or visit [www.therattlebone.co.uk](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)

#### Church events

**Special evening** on Feb 22 at 7.30 pm. Share your views on the future development of the church community, the use of the building, the links with the wider village and similar matters

Church of the Holy Cross For further details call Rev Christopher Bryan 837522 or [Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com](mailto:Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com) or twitter @chrisbryanrev // blog <http://revchristopherbryan.wordpress.com/> Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or [susan.harvey44@hotmail.com](mailto:susan.harvey44@hotmail.com)

#### Sherston Market

Now in aid of Village Hall repairs Local crafts and produce which vary each market All stall fees will now be going directly into the Village Hall Renovation Fund. You can also enjoy delicious delights from EMMA'S KITCHEN from bacon rolls to pie, mash & peas and homemade cakes.

The food can be eaten in the hall or have as a take away. Free charity table in entrance 10am-4pm

**Sat 9 Dec** Hortico will also be joining us this month selling some beautiful Christmas trees and wreaths. Village hall For further details call Alison on 07909 737096 or [pollyatkins59@btinternet.com](mailto:pollyatkins59@btinternet.com) Village hall For further details call Alison on 07909 737096 or [pollyatkins59@btinternet.com](mailto:pollyatkins59@btinternet.com)

### Sherston WI Talks

**Members' New Year Lunch** 4-Jan There is no meeting in January

**AGM** 1 Feb, 2.30pm, British School Room.

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

### Cuppa, Cake and a Chat

We are looking forward to seeing you at one of our Cuppa, Cake and a Chat get togethers every fortnight. The next few dates are 16th and 30th January, 13th and 27th February and sessions will take place in the British School Room from 2.30pm.

No set charge but a donation box will be available for anyone who feels like giving a little towards the homemade cake. These sessions are open to everyone across all age groups and we look forward to seeing you there.

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

### Sue's Strolls

Sun 7 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 [www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk](http://www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk)

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

### Sherston Boules & Carnival

**First Planning Meeting 2018** Wed 24 Jan 7.30pm

Rattlebone If you are interested in joining the committee, making a suggestion about Boules day, or just coming along to see what its all about then please join us. We have a Chair, a Treasurer, logistics and sponsorship members already, so you will not be coerced into taking on a task you are

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unwilling/unqualified to do. Even if you don't want to be on the committee, but want to help on the day, we are the people to talk to!

## FSS Annual Fundraising Quiz Night

Sat 3 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 iPads for 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](mailto:emmanewby@gmail.com)

## 1016 Pancake Eating Competition

Shrove Tuesday 13 Feb from 7.30pm £2 entry  
The Rattlebone Inn

For further details call Richard Langley on 840112 or 07879 612776

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

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

## 'Sherston Brick Club'

British School Room

Friday 12th January and Friday 26th January  
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### Bible Study Group

Monday 8th and Monday 22nd January  
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**Paul Chapman: Introduction to the Art of Spain** The course provides a brief overview of the Spain's artistic history, focusing on the paintings from the Middle Ages to the 20th Century. The six sessions will focus on the themes of landscape, war, religion, identity, love and portraits and explore how the painters reveal themselves through their work Narratives from these paintings will also inform us of Spain's history through religion, regional landscapes and through the conflicts that have shaped the nation. 6 meetings. Fri 5 Jan to Fri 9 Feb 2018. 10am - 12.15pm Access the WEA Find A Course service at <https://www.wea.org.uk/south-west> using the postcode SN160LN to locate all the Sherston courses

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

## 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](mailto:info@theholfordarms.co.uk)

## Luckington

### Luckington Youth Café

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

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## Friends of Luckington Community School Burns Night Celebration

27 Jan 7.30pm - midnight £20 incl 2 course meal and a wee dram Tickets on sale at the Shop & Moor - buy them quickly to avoid disappointment as they are limited in number.

For further details call [friendsofluckingtonschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofluckingtonschool@gmail.com)

## Easton Grey Whatley Manor

**Fine Wine and Drinks Society** The club will meet for tastings once a month and will be held in

The Green Room, our brand new dining space. Annual membership £50 per annum. Monthly tastings £15. Mon 29 Jan, Mon 26 Feb, Mon 26 Mar To book contact Daniel Davies on 827076 or email [sommelier@whatleymanor.com](mailto:sommelier@whatleymanor.com)

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

**'Dunkirk'** Sun 7 Jan starring Fionn Whitehead, Barry Keoghan and Mark Rylance

**'Victoria & Abdul'** Sun 18 Feb starring Ali Fazal, Tim Pigott-Smith, Eddie Izzard, Adeel Akhtar and Michael Gambon.

**Chef's Table in the Green Room** Jan 2018: Japanese night - Thurs 18; Fruits de Mer Fri 19; Burns Night Thurs 25 Jan Feb: Taco night Thurs 1; Japanese night Thurs 8; Champagne & Oysters Wed 14 Feb; Italian night Thurs 15; Tapas night Thurs 22

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**Specialist Wood Sales** every Sat 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA  
**Secrets of Silk Wood - guided walk** Sun 7 Jan Sun 4 Feb Sun 4 Mar Departs the Welcome Building at 11am - free after admission - dogs on leads welcome

**Coppice Open Days** Join our coppice team on the last Sun each month at the end of the tree top walkway to learn more about woodland coppicing. And pick up some coppice products for the garden 10am-4pm Dogs allowed

**Summer concerts on sale** Thurs 14 Jun - The Script Fri 15 Jun- Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbot Sat 16 Jun TBC; Sun 17 Jun TBC

Till Feb 2018 admission prices Adults £7, Concs and those arriving by bike or public transport £5, Children (5-18) £3, under 5s free, 1 carer allowed free per paying disabled visitor

For further details call 880220 or visit

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

## 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



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

Malmesbury Activity Zone, Bremilham Road

For further details call 01249 443469 or e-mail

[nwilt@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:nwilt@alzheimers.org.uk) or visit [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.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. There are over 400 members and around 40 different interest groups including arts and crafts, book group, history, gardening, dancing, theatre trips, languages, walking etc. U3A meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Malmesbury town hall from 10- 11.45 for tea/coffee, a chat and to listen to our monthly speaker. Charge 50p

**Bring and share lunch** Thurs 25 Jan N.B. 12 noon to 2pm  
'Patagonia- A Welsh Journey' - Mike Lewis Thurs 22nd Feb

Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall For further details call  
Membership Secretary Ann Roberts-Phare on 823971 or visit  
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## Wiltshire Council Sunday Lunch Club

Monthly get together for those who'd like some company and a good Sunday lunch Each month 12.30pm for 1pm start. £10.50 pp Transport can be arranged if needed

For further details call Ellen Backer 07557 922020

## Malmesbury, Chippenham Programmes and Activities at The RISE Trust

**FREE Children's Centre activities** The RISE Trust supports many projects in North Wiltshire with 6 Children's Centres in Chippenham, Cricklade, Royal Wootton Bassett and Calne. We provide Children's Centre services for the Corsham and Malmesbury areas. We also run Youth services, such as mentoring and youth groups, and provide services to the elderly. The RISE Trust started as an initiative from a local church in Chippenham in 2004.

**Seniors' lunches** The Rise Trust Volunteers regularly serve a Community Lunch for Seniors at St Paul's Church Hall, Malmesbury Road, Chippenham at 12pm. This is a great way to make new friends and socialise. For more details please contact Vicky Watt on 01249 445288 or email [vickyw@therisetrust.org](mailto:vickyw@therisetrust.org)

**Youth Club and Youth Café** We run lots of activities for young people in Chippenham including a Youth Club and Youth Cafe Gemma Matthews 01249 464008 or [gemmam@therisetrust.org](mailto:gemmam@therisetrust.org)

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## Events at Malmesbury Children's centre

**Workshops for toddlers, infants and new parents** Free parenting courses for parents with children under 5 - check website for details free crèche

Malmesbury Children's Centre For further details call 825566 or email: [malmesburycc@spurgeons.org](mailto:malmesburycc@spurgeons.org) or visit [www.malmesburycc.org](http://www.malmesburycc.org)

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**The Wood Demons Lightshow** 27 Jan 7.30pm £15

**Hoot Owl - Master of disguise** 10 Feb 3-4pm £10 Hoot Owl is no ordinary owl – he's a Master of Disguise! And he plans to use his cunning camouflage powers to gobble up the tiny animals of the night. Trouble is, Hoot Owl's prey keep escaping! Is Hoot Owl as masterful as he thinks he is? Will he become a member of the Owl Parliament? Suitable for ALL the family aged 4+ Running time approx: 1hr.

How to reach the Shed - use the sat nav postcode GL8 8EY

For further details call [info@shed-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@shed-arts.co.uk) or visit [www.shed-arts.co.uk](http://www.shed-arts.co.uk)

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For further details call Reading Box Office on 0118 960 6060 or visit [www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park](http://www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park)

## Didmarton

### Flicks in the Sticks

**Dunkirk** Fri 10 Jan - Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door

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Didmarton Village Hall

For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or [jenny.body@btconnect.com](mailto:jenny.body@btconnect.com)

## Didmarton

### Flicks in the Sticks

**Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them** Fri 8 Dec - Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door The year is 1926, and Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne) has just completed a global excursion to find and document an extraordinary array of magical creatures. Arriving in New York for a brief stopover, he might have come and gone without incident, were it not for a No-Maj (American for Muggle) named Jacob, a misplaced magical case, and the escape of some of Newt's fantastic beasts, which could spell trouble for both the wizarding and No-Maj worlds

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## Grittleton

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**Victoria and Abdul** [PG] Wed 31 Jan Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door

Abdul Karim [Ali Fazal] arrives from India to participate in Queen Victoria's [Judi Dench] golden jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favour with the queen herself. As Victoria questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy. As their friendship deepens, the queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity. Also features appearances from Tim Pigott-Smith, Michael Gambon, Olivia Williams, Eddie Izzard and Simon Callow  
Grittleton Village Hall

For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email [L\\_palmer@btinternet.com](mailto:L_palmer@btinternet.com) or visit <http://www.moviola.com>

## Minety

### Minety Rugby Club

**Mighty Minety Minions** Minety Rugby Club is the exciting local rugby club for children aged 5 to 12. We are actively seeking new children to join the club and no prior experience of rugby is necessary to join in any age group. We start with five year olds with gentle games and activities, getting the children used to listening to the coaches and handling the odd-shaped ball As Mighty Minety Minions, the children move up to non-contact 'tag' rugby which involves running around getting some exercise; the children always enjoy

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the training sessions and we play occasional games with other clubs too. The Under 9s begin with a slow, measured introduction to Juniors' contact rugby. Sessions last an hour to an hour and a half depending on the age group. You don't need to register in advance, just turn up and if it is something your son or daughter would like to come back to after trying it out you can register anytime that day or thereafter. Clothing: children can wear shorts/ tracksuit/t-shirt/trainers/football boots/whatever they're comfortable in to start with and then purchase club kit thereafter should they want to continue to participate. Minety Playing Fields, SN16 9QU

For further details call the club secretary, Peter McAllister, on 860281 or email [PeterJMcAllister@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:PeterJMcAllister@yahoo.co.uk) or visit [www.pitchero.com/clubs/minetyjuniorrugbyclub/](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/minetyjuniorrugbyclub/)

## Crudwell

### North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Demonstration by Andrew Baker entitled "Moments" 17-Jan

Demonstration by Jayne Morriss entitled "Aspects of Chelsea" 21 Feb (Competition-single flower)

Demonstration by Jane Haas: "Spring Is In The Air" 21-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: The Death of Stalin; The Greatest Showman;

Opera: Andre Chenier; Suggs: My Life Story; Ferdinand;

Exhibition on Screen: Cezanne - Portraits of Life; RSC

Live: Twelfth Night Wed 14 Feb check website for details

The Electric Picture House

For further details call 01453 844601 or visit

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

## Wotton Bridge Club

Bridge lessons on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Wotton Civic Centre, from Oct

onwards. £6 per lesson. Complete beginners welcome.

There is also a friendly club for relatively inexperienced players on Monday afternoons in Kingscote.

For further details call Ian Cooke on 890261 or email [tresham.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:tresham.bridge@gmail.com) or visit

## Bath

### Theatre Royal

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs 7 Dec - 7 Jan Traditional family pantomime starring Harriet Thorpe, Jon Monie, Nick Wilton, Devon-Elise Johnson and seven talented small actors £15-£33.50

Hetty Feather Having enjoyed a sold out run in the West End, where it delighted critics and audiences alike with its beautiful story-telling, original live music, circus skills and huge heart, HETTY FEATHER returns to Bath. A terrific adventure story, the perfect treat for the whole family. 9-13 Jan

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If you are in immediate danger call 999

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[www.sherston.org/downloads/sherston-parish-council-emergency-plan/Sherston-Emergency-Plan-REDACTED-20-11-2015.pdf](http://www.sherston.org/downloads/sherston-parish-council-emergency-plan/Sherston-Emergency-Plan-REDACTED-20-11-2015.pdf)

### Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

[emergency@sherston.org.uk](mailto:emergency@sherston.org.uk) (only during an incident)

### Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100

[EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk) (only during an incident)

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

### Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes

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

### Utilities

ELECTRICITY – SSEPD Power track

To report a problem or for information call 105

[www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack](http://www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack) for a map of faults

0800 072 7282 or 0345 072 1905 from a mobile phone  
 @SSEPD for updates on twitter

### WATER – Bristol Water

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

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

### WATER – Wessex water

[www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/](http://www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/)

Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

### BBC Wiltshire can be heard via:

West Wilts area

(Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge): 104.3FM

## Useful Numbers

BT fault line	0800 800151
CLARENCE (Highway complaints)	0800 232323
Cllr John Thomson	01666 840785
Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	01249 652851
Sherston Parish Council	07790 883503
Sherston Post Office	01666 840456
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