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Quiz kicks it all off

This year's Boules & Carnival starts on Saturday 6 July with the now annual quiz – your chance to test yourself against some infamous village boffins. With a range of questions to suit all interests it's a 'must do'. Tickets are now on sale in the post office - £15 for a table of up to four. The village hall doors open at 7.30 pm for a 8.00pm start and yes there is a bar.

Shire Horses

Come and meet Baron and Oswald on Boules Day, Saturday 13 July by the Jubilee tree.

Dray rides for children now rather than the barrels of beer they used to deliver from the Young's brewery in Wandsworth.



Sounds of the Sixties

Sherston welcomes local male singing group 'End of the Track' to celebrate Boules week with 60's and 70's music, supported by 'Genesis' from Hullavington. A bit of the Beatles, a bit of the Hollies and maybe a bit of Elvis too! Bar. Wednesday 10 July at 7.30pm at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston. Tickets are £5.00 and are available from the post office or Roger Whitehouse 840640.

It's time to ring the bell

Old School opening celebration 27 July at 12.00 noon



We are delighted to announce that at 12.00 noon on Saturday 27 July the new bell will be rung by Captain John Matthews to formally open the Old School and to celebrate the successful completion of the renovations to the building and its new use for the community.

Immediately following, all members of SOSCIC and everyone who has supported the project in any way since its inception are invited for a little drink and a nibble or two at the village hall.

Should you wish to have a look around the Old School premises themselves, they will be open to the public from 10.00am to 12 noon on the same day as part of the Prince's Countryside Fund National Countryside Week.

Please come along on Saturday 27 July at 12.00 noon and join in the celebration.

Sherston - What's occurring?

For those of you who use facebook, 'Sherston - What's occurring?' is an open group for promoting events in and around Sherston. The aim is to provide local events with as much publicity as possible and to give local people an easy way of discovering what's going on. It can be used by community groups, sports clubs, individuals and businesses - in fact everyone who is running an event. It can also be used to report local news items.

The group has been in existence for just over two months and has over 200 members. If you want to join or just have a look at what it's all about go to www.facebook.com/groups/358133194295312/

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

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

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

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Boules Day Car Parking – 13 July

Boules Day is fast approaching and this is a note to remind everyone of the parking arrangements as per last year.

The recreation ground will be available to residents (with permits) who have been asked to move their cars from the High Street and the diversionary roads. Stall holders with permits and disabled visitors may also park on the recreation ground.

Permits will be issued to residents nearer the time. The ATC will be managing the car parks as usual so please display your permits clearly.

We would kindly ask that residents move their cars from the centre of the village the night before, so that pitches can be set up in the High Street from 6.30am on the Saturday and the road diversion put in place.

We will be arranging for the High Street to be swept by a road sweeper at the end of the day (7 or 8pm), so could we please ask that you refrain from bringing your car back to the High Street until after the roadsweeper has finished, otherwise your area will not be swept. The High Street is officially closed until 9pm.

The sports field at Knockdown Road and Stretchline at Brook Hill will be available for visitors' / teams' car parking.

The Boules & Carnival committee are most grateful to Stretchline for making their car park available again this year. Thank you also to all of you who kindly park your cars away from your houses during Boules Day. We do appreciate your help.

Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 7 July and is part of the programme for this year's Sherston Boules & Carnival. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return to the Rattlebone Inn just around 12.00 noon in time for a complimentary snack. As ever, children and well-behaved dogs on leads are very welcome.

'The Rattlebone snack' has become a great feature of Sue's walks. The snacks are always most welcome and gives a great opportunity for people to relax



and get to know each other. They are very much appreciated and we are very lucky to have such an accommodating landlord in Jason Read plus, very importantly, his unflappable staff who have, at times, had to serve pretty large numbers of 'Sue's Army' as well as paying customers on a busy Sunday lunchtime.

Defibrillators



The first defibrillator has been installed in Sherston by the gates into the village hall and shortly a second will be installed in Pinkney (near the crossroads just a few yards down the road towards the bridge). Willesley are deciding where to mount theirs.

In the event of someone having a suspected heart attack, immediately dial 999 for an ambulance. The ambulance service will then give you the opening code for the defibrillator box. (It is an insurance requirement that access is via the emergency services) You always need to push the 'C' button first to ensure the lock is clear.

The first thing to do is to give the usual first-aid responses - mouth-to-mouth, if needed, and CPR. The defibrillator should then be attached to the patient using the pads connected to it; there is also a protected switch to use if the patient is younger than eight. Then press the 'on' button and follow the instructions.

We have arranged two courses for Saturday 21 September in the village hall; one from 10.00am to 11.30am and one from 11.30am to 1.00pm. Please let the parish clerk (Sarah Wood, tel. 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk) know if you wish to attend (and which one) so we have some idea of numbers.

by Phil Cutcher

STOP PRESS - The Pinkney machine is now in place

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Bustlers Hill

Please note that Wessex Water will be carrying out works on Bustlers Hill on Friday 26 July which will result in the road being closed to all traffic that day. Thompsons Hill will be available as an alternative route.

Take notice

The notice board by the village hall entrance is the property of the Boules & Carnival committee and after this year's event it is going to be cleaned up and repainted.

The board is very heavily used not only for local events by community groups, which was its original purpose, but also by businesses. So many notices are now appearing that some 'rules' are having to be introduced to keep the board both tidy and relevant:

1. All notices will be removed after being in place for a month.
2. All notices damaged by rain etc will be removed as soon as they start looking at all 'tatty'.
3. Space for local event notices will always take precedence over those for businesses.

It is accepted that the board is a useful means of advertising for local businesses but since the other board which was on the front of the Old School is no longer available the remaining board has been swamped by notices. Perhaps another board should be provided elsewhere? There is certainly a need as the board in the lobby to the Post Office is also absolutely crammed. This 'problem' is a good one to have though as it shows what a dynamic village Sherston is for both businesses and community groups.

Finally, if your notice disappears suddenly from the board despite it complying with all the 'rules' then it will no doubt be the work of the 'Phantom Poster Pincher of Old Sherston Town'.

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Sundays - Homemade Pizza Night



Easton Grey – Roll of Honour

One of the most poignant parts of any remembrance service for those who have fallen in defence of this country is the reading of the Rolls of Honour. In Sherston, the names of all those in the parishes of both Sherston and Easton Grey are read out. There is, however, a difference in that, whilst the full names are read for Sherston, sadly only the initials and surnames are read out for the majority of those who fell from Easton Grey.

As we near the Great War Centenary, next year Cilla Liddington, Martin Rea and John Tremayne are determined to right this anomaly and try to discover the full names of the 29 men from Easton Grey who we remember every November. Not all of these would have died in the Great War but certainly the majority are thought to have done so. The number 29 is surprisingly high for a village the size of Easton Grey, especially when compared to Sherston which lost a total of 52 men.

Not only are the full names to be sought but also as much personal detail as possible. At this stage if you have any information that might be useful, please get in touch with Cilla Liddington in the first instance on 840128 or email sherstonscilla@tiscali.co.uk

Easton Grey men who fell in Armed Conflict

C W Wilder
R Beresford
J Beresford
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W Clarke
F Archer
A Rice
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J Clarke
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A Clarke
C Archer
D Archer
Edward Purnell
O Nicholls
A Nicholls
A Page
Louis Curnock
W Heale
A Dixon
E Rockett
Stanley Hunt
Archibald Wilder
We will Remember them.

THE MORNING POST,

MAY 31 1933

‘Those Wide, Open Spaces’

A SAD TALE FROM A WILTSHIRE VILLAGE

From our Special Correspondent

You must keep to the straight and narrow path if you live in Sherston (Wilts). For if you stray from that path you are lost in a No Man's Land of potholes and puddles.

This path of virtue leads down the centre of the High Street. It is a very wide High Street, about a hundred feet wide, far too wide for the Wilts County Council, who have driven a beautiful road through the middle of the wilderness of a street and have washed their hands of the 36-foot margins.

There once was a time when it used to be repaired. That was in 1917, when the Rural District Council mended it, but now the R.D.C. has been absorbed by the Wilts County Council. The motto of the Wilts County Council is ‘a metalled road or nothing’ and since they decline to construct a highway of by-pass dimensions through Sherston, the margins have fallen into a decline, then into decay, thence to a ruin, and, by this declension, into the condition wherein they now stand.

SNARES AND PITFALLS

This is very sad for the cottagers living on each side of the street. At night they fall into snares and pitfalls as they wend their way home at closing time, and in the morning they are cut off from the world by a sea of mud. The children are compelled to wade to school. The Parish Council have approached everyone, from the lord of the Manor to the Ministry of Transport, but the Wilts County Council, whose responsibility it is, decline to take any action. The traffic due to the local fair, which is held twice yearly in the High Street, is reducing the road surface to a worse condition every year.

In the Church is an ancient statue of a Saxon hero who fought in a battle in Sherston in 1016. His name was John Rattlebones. After driving through Sherston yesterday I know why.

(Thankfully, no such problems nowadays with Boules Day!)
Cilla Liddington

Sherston School gets scientific



Sherston School was turned into a series of laboratories for its science-related activities week in May. Designed to bring the 'wow' factor into science, each of the seven classrooms was turned into a workshop covering an array of different science topics, with all pupils having a chance to try everything out.

We covered light, space, magnets, sound, forces, materials and human body. Activities included everything from designing a space craft, to making cup and string telephones. We also watched vinegar volcanoes explode and tested our reaction times against Usain Bolt, the fastest man on earth!

On the Wednesday we had a visit from Mr G and his Bubble show (funded by the Friends of Sherston School). He showed us some fun things to do with bubbles, including how to make giant bubbles. The children looked like mini scientists in their white lab coats and safety glasses! Mr G said 'Bubble making is brilliant because it's something which every child can achieve'. The biggest bubble of the day was apparently 'the size of a car' and the children were amazed as they made bubbles that went all the way up to the trees.

Even the birds in the school bird box got in on the action, with the blue tit clutch hatching during school on Science week Thursday!

High Street

Frustratingly, the much awaited improvements to the High Street are not now due to commence until the middle of August. This is due to a change of main contractor to Wiltshire Council as well as other important works in the area connected with the electrification of the main railway line to South Wales. Furthermore the new contractor has insisted on health and safety grounds that the road itself is closed to through traffic for a 12 day period. Details of the road closure and diversion routes will be published shortly on the parish council's web site www.sherston.org.uk and posted on village notice boards. Please note however that local traffic will still be able to access the village.

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POP up village - last chance to get involved!

The POP up village has really caught Sherston's imagination and you are on fire, with so many great ideas in already. For those of you not in the know, we are holding the world's first POP up village (as far as we know!) from 20 to 22 September right here in Sherston. Essentially, there will be lots of shops and experiences opening in homes and gardens around Sherston.

The great thing is that ANYONE can get involved. If you have a house, garage or garden in Sherston, you can open it up and do something you have always fancied doing at no cost to you - and you get a feel-good factor too, as any profits you make go to the very grateful Sherston Primary School, Busy Hands Pre-School and Toddler group.

To name just a few POPs already in we have a farm park with Fi and Pete Butterfield at Carriers Farm, drama workshops with Lara Farahar, The Photo Cafe with Annie Llewellyn Palmer and Joey Ross, The POP it On fancy dress shop with the Goulds, The Eastern Town Curry Takeaway with Kirstie Blair, Gemma Waldron's Dizzy Cow Milkshake Bar, the



Evelyns' Ye Olde Sweetie Shop, The Fairy Tale House with Ceri Gascoyne, a cycle trail to Easton Grey with Carron Waterhouse's cream teas, and a lovely sewing workshop with Shirley Bailey. But it doesn't have to be big to POP - we also have a salad dressing honesty box, a lemonade stand by Rosie Shephard (age 6) and a fudge stall by Grace and Kitty Strachan (age 5 and 3). And that's just a taster of the POPs already planned!

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We have lots on but we would love more people to get involved. So why not have a go at something you have always wanted to do for a few hours. You decide how to run it, what to charge and we advertise it for you. Or, if you need some ideas, POPs we would love to see are a book shop, vintage clothes, homegrown veg or jam stalls, children's high tea cafe, a bakery, pop up football match, music lesson taster sessions ... for more ideas check out the website (www.thepopupvillage.com). Remember it should cost you nothing but your time and a whole lot of fun.



POP is proving so POPular (sorry!) that we have extended the deadline to Wednesday 17 July. Simply pick up an entry form from the post office or download it from the website and give us a flavour of your idea and get involved. Check out www.thepopupvillage.com.



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Good Neighbour Scheme



The Good Neighbour Scheme is a free and confidential service that provides older people living in Wiltshire with information about the excellent services and organisations available locally, helping them to live more independent and fulfilling lives.

Summer months can sometimes be as bleak as the winter ones as there is often the perception that everyone else is having a great time in the sun with friends and family. So I wanted to draw your attention in this article to some of the groups within the villages which offer a huge variety for older (and not so old) people whatever your interest or ability.

Sometimes it's hard to find out what's on and how to access these groups or a bit scary to turn up on your own for the first time, so that's where I come in. I can provide you or your friends or neighbours with information about these groups and even come along with you for the first time. As ever the LINK schemes are happy to help when they can with transport issues.

Below are just some of the activities / events you can get involved with in the area:

- Gentle exercise groups,
- Friendly coffee mornings / afternoons and lunch clubs,
- Local Arts and Craft groups,
- Gardening, bowls and bridge groups.

Just ask and there may be a group near you!

There are also several great befriending services in the area, where someone can pop in for a cuppa and a chat once a week or fortnight if you don't fancy leaving your home or aren't able to.

So if you think I can help you or someone you know, or if you have any questions, do please ring me (Ellen Blacker) for a chat or to arrange a home visit on: 07557 922020 or email me at: malmesburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk

New Busy Hands website launched

It's all go at Busy Hands Pre-School this summer with the launch of a new website: www.sherstonbusyhands.org.uk. Thanks to Busy Hands parents, James and Kerry Munson, parents can now find out what's going on at pre-school and look at pictures of what their children have been up to. This term, pre-school children will be getting out and about as much as possible, with lots of outdoor play in their new free-flow playground area. The Busy Hands' Veg Beds and a new bark play pit have now been moved in to the free flow area and plans for a mud pie kitchen are also under way! The older children will be visiting Sherston Primary School in readiness for September and outings are planned all around the village and to Tuck's. This year's Summer Parent and Child Trip was to Westonbirt Arboretum, where children and parents enjoyed bark rubbing and a scavenger hunt, as well as looking for bugs. Busy Hands will also be visited by Oaks and Furrows Nature Reserve and will continue to hold forest school style sessions every Thursday. All the children have been practising for sports day during their weekly PE sessions so let's hope the 12 July will be a dry day this year! If you want to know more about Busy Hands, please pop into the village hall or have a look at the new website: www.sherstonbusyhands.org.uk



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Sherston Busy Hands Pre-School requires a confident Joint Pre-School Leader as one of our Pre-School Leaders will be going on maternity leave in September 2013.

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Macmillan partygoers do it again!



The 2013 Macmillan Summer Drinks Party was held in a particularly beautiful garden and setting in Shipton Moyne on the 14 June, courtesy of Richard and Lucy Boggis-Rolfe. It was a heart-warming example of local support, caring and generosity for a wonderful cause. The committee of four receive amazing support from the hosts, the caterers, the raffle prize donors, many kind helpers and especially those who came on the night. The event raised a record £5,000 which in this difficult economic climate exceeded all expectations. The raffle alone raised over £900 in one hour. The amazing prizes donated by local businesses large and small included a Dyson DC40 Animal, a sumptuous Highgrove Hamper and a Badminton Horse Trials Season Ticket; congratulations to the lucky winners. Over 200 partygoers enjoyed live music from the Bellini Girls, quality wines and delicious eats provided free by Tucks of Sherston, The Old Bell, The Vine Tree, The Baraka Catering Company, La Flambe, The Cotswold Pudding Company, Made by Bob,

Dobbies Food Hall, The Tracklements Co. Ltd and Hobbs House Bakery. The atmosphere, the perfume of flowers, the music and the noise of chatter made the evening special. The planning for next year's party begins straight away and the hunt is now on for another lovely garden for the Macmillan Summer Drinks Party 2014. For any information about supporting the event or to be added to the mailing list please email AlyGTUK@aol.com





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Footpaths Group

This month sees the group's fifth birthday and this is a good opportunity to look back at what has been achieved over that time.

The group, which is a subcommittee of the parish council but which consists entirely of residents other than the chair, started as a reaction to the poor state that some of our local footpaths had got into and a determination to improve them, coupled with an intention to encourage as many people as possible to take up walking in the parish. Today, and with the help of Wiltshire Council's Right of Way (RoW) department - in particular our area RoW officer, Stephen Leonard - the paths are in the best condition they have been in for many years. The publication of the Sherston Walks booklet has been a great success, with some 600 copies sold and a new edition being planned with an additional walk to Alderton and Luckington. Sue McKechnie's walks have become a regular feature and introduced many to enjoying the beautiful countryside surrounding us. All this has led to a great increase in the number of people walking in the parish, be they residents or visitors.

The group has always sought to have good relations with local landowners and this has brought great benefits, with a number of issues that could have dragged on for years having been resolved quickly and most amicably by a quick meeting or chat on the telephone. Where there are some long-standing problems (and we have only one or two), matters have improved greatly even if they are not yet completely resolved.

As to the future, we will continue to seek improvements to the footpaths where needed and help maintain them through our small working party. We have a project to increase the number of kissing gates and are presently looking at a number of possible sites where they might be appropriate. Sherston Walks will soon not only be reprinted but also made available on the internet, with its own website. Some of our members are involved in developing the White Walls Way - a 20-mile circular walk taking in Malmesbury, Foxley, Norton, Sherston, Alderton, Luckington and Easton Grey which should be up and running by the autumn.

If you would like to get involved in the group or simply find out more about what it does, please contact the secretary, Maggie McKenna, on 841047 or email maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com

Finally, if you know of a problem with a right of way, you can report it via the parish council's website www.sherston.org.uk or directly to Wiltshire Council via www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/highwaysreportingform.htm Alternatively you can phone the parish clerk on 840197 or contact Wiltshire Council on 0800 232323 or 01225 777234.

Moviola



Grittleton village hall presents **Song for Marion** [PG] on Wednesday 31 July.

Shy, grumpy London pensioner Arthur (Terence Stamp) is reluctantly persuaded by his beloved wife Marion (Vanessa Redgrave) to join a highly unconventional local choir. At odds with his son James (Christopher Eccleston), it is left to charismatic choir director Elizabeth (Gemma Arterton) to try and persuade Arthur that he can learn to embrace life once more. Arthur must unpick a lifetime of restraint and a natural distrust of fun to fulfil a promise, as he embarks on a hilarious, life-affirming journey of musical self discovery.

Doors open at 7.00pm with 7.30pm programme start. Tickets £5 if notified in advance, £6 on door available from Lesley on l_palmer@btinternet.com or 01249 783157.

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Neil Forster picture and Draw

As one of the older members of the village of Sherston, I was delighted to win the wonderful pastel drawing by Neil Forster so kindly donated by him for our Old School Project.

This brought back many memories of my childhood days at the old school as a five year old. In those days even a youngster was expected to, and did, run home to a mid-day meal at 12.00noon. In my case down Gaston Lane and 'the Gastons' to Lower Farm and back again by 1.00pm.

There were just three cars in the village in the early 1930s! One of these belonged to the doctor while the district nurse and midwife travelled by bicycle - very essential as you can imagine.

Our old post office was situated at the top of the High Street in those days. My memories of it as a lad were its illuminations in the winter by paraffin lamps and its possible 45 degree temperature provided by a single, smelly, paraffin stove, electricity not arriving in most of Sherston until 1937 to 1939 with the remainder after the 1939 to 1945 war. Stamps were three for 5p Paul!

Next to our post office was our village tailor Mr H Smith, who would sit cross-

legged in his shop window, skilfully making made-to-measure garments for our village aristocracy. The Duke of Beaufort was one of his customers. His heat was provided by a coke burning stove which also kept his very heavy iron constantly hot.

We should all be grateful for the recent hanging of the bell in its tower and our new post office and stores. Some good and clever people live in Sherston.

by John Hillier





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Bristol to Bordeaux: Matt and Stuart's story

Last year, PROPS youngsters Matt and Stu, learned to ride a bike and joined us for parts of the Bristol to Bordeaux Cycle Challenge. So? Well, for these two youngsters this was a huge achievement, just as going to another country, staying away from carer's, making choices and decisions, looking after yourself, staying healthy and socialising appropriately with new friends is. This year these two youngsters are taking part in the classic ride and are sharing a room along the way, with the responsibility for taking care of themselves with the minimum input from our team. This is inclusion and these are life skills.

Along with their peers, these youngsters have been building up their confidence on a weekly basis, with help from Bikeability Bristol. Matt and Stu have reached a standard where they can now join in with their mainstream peers, and also contribute significantly to their own destiny in adult life by taking full part in the Bristol to Bordeaux Cycle Challenge. We want to help more youngsters.

Bristol to Bordeaux: Jamie and Ross's story

Jamie and Ross are amongst the four Props youngsters in the 60 strong Bristol to Bordeaux Team. Both these lads have worked very hard to acquire the skills necessary to take on the massive task of cycling all the way to Bordeaux. Working with Bristol's Bikeability project these youngsters have been using adapted cycles to overcome their difficulties, and



have made fantastic progress. Props are working hard to secure the resources to purchase these cycles so that we can achieve full inclusion in our biggest fundraiser of the year. Until then (and our fundraising efforts on the B2B will go towards such projects), Ross and Jamie will be exercising their excellent people skills by joining our support team. You can follow their progress on twitter at @propsforward

This year we have over 40 Props riders taking on the huge 500 mile distance in only four days, and if you're not on the ride you can match their efforts by pledging on our justgiving site:

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As you know, we like to keep abreast of fashion developments, and for the 2013 ride we have minted an exclusive California blue heavy weight hoodie with the Pedal for Props and Props logo. Available in S, M, L, XL these after ride or leisure wear items are priced at £24. Contact us at info@propsforward.org All proceeds to support the B2B effort.

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Sherston 08:30 Malmesbury 08:50 Tetbury 09:10
Return 17:00

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SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2013

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Tetbury 07:45 Sherston 08:00 Malmesbury 08:20
Return 17:30

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Adult: £36.00 Senior: £34.00 Child: £32.00

This special exhibition at the Summer Opening at Buckingham Palace, presents a dazzling display of dress and uniforms worn by Members of the Royal Family and their maids of honour on Coronation Day. The centrepiece of the exhibition is Her Majesty's magnificent Coronation Dress and Coronation Robe.

Tetbury 07:40 Sherston 08:00 Malmesbury 08:20
Return 16:30
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Walk on the wild side

It's all happening...

This time of year is very exciting, with many birds, animals and insects breeding and their young starting to appear. Around the village we have lots of jackdaws nesting in chimneys and under eaves, and house martin chicks almost ready to leave their round mud nests which can be seen on some houses on the High Street. It's also possible to see house martins collecting mud to repair their nests in the stream next to Stretchline, as well as swallows diving into the water for a bath. (Swallows are the ones with the red patch - doesn't quite come out in the Cliffhanger black and white pictures.)



If you take time to sit at the top of The Cliff with a pair of binoculars, it's quite amazing what is nesting, flying and crawling around the steep slopes. There are bullfinches, tree sparrows and linnets (see photo) among others, as well a good variety of butterflies, such as the common blue, peacock, brimstone and comma. There are some 15 types of butterfly you may find around Sherston so, with a bit of patience, you may spot quite a few just on walks around the

village. A number of the species only live as adults for a few weeks but, with a bit of background reading (try www.butterfly-conservation.org as a good source), you can plan to see specific species. Lots of moths and other insects are around too, including some beautiful damselflies along the river in Grove Wood.

There are a couple of birds we are unlikely to see this year due to the low water level in the pond on The Cliff. Last year, we had coots nesting and, up to a year ago, there were little grebes (or dabchicks) but there just isn't the depth of water to attract them to breed this year, although there is a little egret around, which is the first time I have seen one here in the summer.

In July, the bird populations will increase as a result of the breeding season, with many fledglings and many birds starting a second round of nests.

If you see or hear of anything interesting about our local wildlife, do let me know either by email (geoff_carss@hotmail.com) or by phone on 840995.



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SherstonFest 2013

The second sell-out SherstonFest went off on the village hall field on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 June and was a roaring success. Many people commenting that friends and family couldn't believe such a small village could put on such a professional and fun event... 'only in Sherston' as they say!

Village seniors, kids, mums, dads, friends and relations danced and sang their way through two nights and one day of music with over a hundred performers taking to the stage including acts from the village, London, Moscow, Paris and everywhere in-between.... even as far a Malmesbury!



There was a well attended seniors preview on Saturday morning where Roger Whitehouse and friends 'End Of The Track' delivered beautiful close harmony to go with the free tea and cakes provided by the Malmesbury Cake Society. That was followed by over 50 kids from the village marching into the field in a Samba drumming troupe having been schooled by Suzie the Sambanista (Suzie Power) in the scout hut that morning.

Kids spent the rest of the day making stuff in the junk modelling area, decorating cakes and making pizzas while the parents sampled Mr Read's finest cider collection - with Sherston Cider in a close run thing with the Bee Sting... but the local brew was the winner of the popular vote in the end!

The Sherston Village People played their now traditional 'wake and shake' set and the rest of the



international and local line up didn't disappoint at any stage, a fantastic mix of styles from Hip-Hop/ Rap through Indie Rock to Folk, Country and Electro-Swing.... something for everyone!

The food was also by popular acclaim a big hit! Mexican, Caribbean, Italian you name it, with hungry revellers taking full advantage!

It was again an extremely well organised and slick event with a small army of volunteers doing their bit on set up, take down and particularly on stewarding - with stewards and security staff making sure that people got in, out and home with the minimum of disruption to the village.

The festival is a not for profit event and looks on schedule to break even again this year (phew!) including significant contributions to the village hall and football club for use of their facilities.

Finally the organisers would like to thank everyone who contributed to this very successful community event and would particular; like to thank the residents living close by the village hall for their understanding and support yet again.

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Who, where and when?

Many thanks to Howard Harding for providing the following information regarding this photo which appeared in the May issue.

The picture is of the Drapery shop in the High Street (now where Mr Stancombe's driveway and gates are) featuring great auntie Love Watts and a visiting dentist called Mr Saw (or Sore don't know spelling but either way great names for a dentist methinks!) Sybil Ward is the child in between the adults who is his second cousin and lives in North End Gardens and used to live in Martin Ward's old house on Silver Street where Rupert Evelyn now lives - with the old garage run by her husband Arthur.

Pat is the child in the middle and now lives in Chippenham and Heather is the child on the left.

We hope to provide further information on the second photograph that appeared in the May issue next month, but if you have any further information on either photo please do so at editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk or in hard copy to Sherston Post Office Stores.



For the last two years Sherston Boules & Carnival have struck up a great partnership with the WOMAD Foundation which has resulted in fantastic performances by superb artists in the village hall during Boules week. This year is no exception and on Tuesday 9 July at 7.30 pm FARAH will entertain us with music from the Middle East including a chance to join in the Levantine line dance Dabka ! Tickets are on sale now in the post office - £5 adults under 16s £3. Be sure not to miss out - the village is always buzzing with praise for the performers the day after the annual WOMAD gig.

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Sherston Arts Festival 11 to 20 October

It's time to start thinking about ways to get involved in this year's Festival. There will be a Scarecrow Trail, and the theme for this is 'Best of British', so get your thinking caps on to find ways to interpret it. Anyone can enter and your scarecrow doesn't have to be a person, it could be a thing, an animal or even a scene. To help you there will be a family workshop, organised by Wiltshire Scrapstore and using their materials, on Saturday 5 October.

If you paint or draw you could spend some time over the summer producing a picture or two. For adults there is the Art Exhibition in the Church and for children and teenagers there is the Young Artists Exhibition in the British Schoolroom.

The ever popular Photographic Exhibition and Competition is open to all ages and continues 'The Best of British' theme with other categories being 'Sherston Carnival & Festival', 'Garden Life' and 'Sherston Farm Life', so for all budding amateur and enthusiastic photographers, please make sure you get snapping over the forthcoming village events and whilst out and about. Don't forget the best 12 entries are selected for the Sherston 2014 Calendar!

Entry forms for these will soon be available to download on the village website www.sherston.net and further information of other events will be available on Boules Day.



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Rob Negus Tennis Academy, in conjunction with Sherston Tennis Club, is offering a new fun and games-based academy camp during the summer. It will run every Friday during the summer holidays, from 26 July until 30 August, with sessions for pre-school children (from two years old) and school-age children (up to Year 6). The sessions will be full of fun drills to develop groundstrokes, volleys and the serve action.

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What's happening with the Vicarage?

After a meeting with the Archdeacon recently, we've decided to answer some questions about the plans for Sherston Vicarage.

Why don't we have a Vicar in Sherston anymore?

When Reverend Malcolm Ross retired, the five parishes around Sherston were combined with three parishes to the south: Norton, Hullavington and Stanton St Quintin. Canon Andrew Evans was Vicar for this new Gauzebrook Group of eight, continuing to live in his Rectory at Stanton, and Reverend Eve Pegler was curate, based in Sherston Vicarage for her allocated four years here. When Reverend Christopher Bryan was appointed, Stanton Rectory was given as his home. However, the whole ministry team are responsible for Sherston, and Reverend Susan Harvey lives here.

Why wasn't the new Vicar put in Sherston?

Bristol Diocese plans to redevelop Sherston Vicarage, which has become dilapidated, and build a new Vicarage on the site. This is official Deanery and Diocesan policy.

If the Vicarage is in a bad way, why is it being let out?

Good question, and I must admit it puzzles me! I think the answer is that if a house is provided as part of someone's job, it needs to be provided at a

certain standard. If that same house is let on the open market, it is up to the prospective tenant if they wish to take it, on an 'as seen' basis. Also, a tenancy allows the flexibility needed for when the house will be developed.

So why is that taking so long?

In order to pay for the rebuild, the Diocese needed to build around three extra houses on the site. Local planners objected to the plans and a stalemate ensued.

Will a new Vicarage ever be built?

Yes! If the Sherston Neighbourhood Plan being discussed by the Parish Council is passed, with the vicarage site being put forward as a development site with the Diocese's requirement that any development must fund the building of a new vicarage on the site, and the Diocese would also look sympathetically in gifting a proportion of the rear of the site for additional burial space.

Is there anything we can do?

The formation of the Gauzebrook Group and the temporary loss of a resident Vicar has been difficult for the parish, but we need to put that behind us and make the most of the situation we are in. The PCC is asking villagers to support the Parish Plan, including the extra houses needed to fund the Vicarage.

Christopher Bryan, Vicar for Sherston.




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Olympic torch at Boules Day

Steve Cox, former Mayor of Malmesbury, will be bringing the Olympic torch he carried as part of London 2012 to Sherston on Boules Day. Steve will set off from outside the Church as the bells ring out at 9.00am on Saturday 13 July carrying the torch to the opening ceremony in the High Street by The Tolsey. Why not join Steve as he carries the torch? There will be plenty of photo opportunities as you too can hold the torch after the ceremony. Sherston Boules Day has been chosen to be one of the country's 'Community Games' this year which are an integral part of the legacy from London 2012 for both sport and culture. A grant of £200 has also resulted from this honour. For further details visit www.communitygames.org.uk/

The grant has been made possible through PHEW!

A Summer of Sport & Activity

Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Partnership (MVCAP) are putting together a showcase of sports and activities in the area. Under the banner of PHEW! (Participation, Health, Exercise, and Well-being) the programme of events will run from July through to September and will include open days, taster sessions and demonstrations. The project is receiving funding from the Malmesbury Area Board as part of Wiltshire Council's A Legacy for Wiltshire project which seeks to build upon the momentum from community participation during the 2012 Olympics.

Current participants include Malmesbury's Activity Zone, Malmesbury Victoria Football Club and the aerial adventure centre Head for Heights. Activities in the programme include sailing, walking, running, bowls, boules, dance, football, tennis and longbow archery. Any sports clubs or groups that promote activity or exercise wishing to take part should get in touch with PHEW! as soon as possible.

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3a	The Ploughmen		The Sherston Sprouts	3	09:30
4a	Bouledozers		Floriat Sherstonia	4	09:30
5a	The Laughaboules		Red Rag	5	09:30
6a	Bouledogs		The Crafty Cockney's	6	09:30
7a	Lobstars		Wortonians	7	09:30
8a	Boulecocks		Sam's Team	8	09:30
9a	Plough Inn Wanborough		The Lockkeepers	9	09:30
10a	Boules and Chain		Nashers	10	09:30
11a	The Trios		Bob's Boules Boys	11	09:30
12a	Sopworth Boules		Bristol Boules Academy	12	09:30
13a	Cheltenham Clackers		Les Poubelles	13	09:30
14a	Cricklade Hopefuls		Trois Fille	14	09:30
15a	Les Chevaliers		Flying Monks	15	09:30
16a	Douboules Entendres		Windows!!!	16	09:30
1b	The Exiles		Marden Madness	1	10:00
2b	Twirls		Les Trois Brummies	2	10:00
3b	The Presidents Men		Family Ties	3	10:00
4b	But Nudgets		Les Ouefs	4	10:00
5b	Lidders		Petanglais	5	10:00
6b	The Shorty's		The Jedi-Knights	6	10:00
7b	Cleaver Boules		Ca Roule Ma Boule	7	10:00
8b	Trouboulemakers		Ménage à trois	8	10:00
9b	The D559'ers		Rotary Rollers	9	10:00
10b	Props Hillbillies		Girls Behaving Badly	10	10:00
11b	Vegetaboules		Keckers Klan	11	10:00
12b	Beaufort Boys		The Lordswood Lot	12	10:00
13b	Bon Courage		Itchy Boules	13	10:00
14b	Bonne Chance		Widleys Trio	14	10:00
15b	Daddy's Boules		Super LUBs	15	10:00
16b	Blaymont Boulers		Boules Frites	16	10:00
1c	Sprout Pickers		Dan Bailey Building Ltd	1	10:30
2c	Pinkney Players		Sherston Hit Squad	2	10:30
3c	The Sherstonites		Tolsey Tigers	3	10:30
4c	The Bungers		Boules of Fire	4	10:30
5c	Granny Flatters		Complete Boules	5	10:30
6c	Deep Boules		Baggie Boules	6	10:30
7c	Boules a la Blows		N3 Design Graphics	7	10:30
8c	Notting Hill Nutters		Les Gros Legumes	8	10:30
9c	The Simpletons		Sponsor Team 9	9	10:30
10c	The Cannon Boules		Hillcrest Harriers	10	10:30
11c	Annie's Rollers		Emphatically Bouled!	11	10:30
12c	Lidds Off		Old Movers	12	10:30
13c	The Saints		Wont Get Bouled Again	13	10:30
14c	Team Infiniti		Back Street Boys	14	10:30
15c	MFS1		Highworthians	15	10:30
16c	Les Untouchaboules Reincarne		The Bad Boys	16	10:30
1d	Piste Artistes		Holy Rollers	1	11:00
2d	On the Boule		Balcony Boulers	2	11:00
3d	The Syngent Smythes		Temperance Two	3	11:00
4d	Bouge ta boule		Fun Boy Three	4	11:00
5d	The Lovaboules		Happy Campers	5	11:00
6d	Rollerboules		Props Barbarians	6	11:00
7d	Three's Trouble		The Hillbillies	7	11:00
8d	Lady Birds		George Veterinary Group	8	11:00
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15d	Total Perfection		Bassett Hounds	15	11:00
16d	The TDTs		Les Moutardiers	16	11:00

Last year's best placed Sherston team, Coches for Honours kicks off the Boules tournament on pitch 1 at 9.30am on Saturday 13 July. With a full draw of 128 teams (from nearly 200 applicants), it promises to be an exciting day of petanque. Last years winners, the Piste Artistes, start their title defence at 11.00am also on pitch 1. With a number of French players and a Paris based team called Bouge Ta Boule, in the draw, there should be an entertaining display of 'pointing' and 'shooting'.

The local rules have been modified slightly this year, so please familiarise yourselves with them before the tournament. You have been sent them with the confirmation that your team is in the draw. Also if you are watching the boules this year please keep well back from the piste and ensure any children or pets, within your control, are also a safe distance away.

Finally this is my third and final tournament as organiser. If there is anybody who would like to make a contribution to the community by taking this role on next year, please let me know or anybody in the Boules & Carnival Committee.

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from village hall ending up at Rattlebone.
10am - 12noon. Turn up on the day, no charge.
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Wednesday 10TH Carnival Skittles

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Thursday 11TH Carnival Children's Disco

6 - 7pm village hall.
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Friday 12TH Carnival Football

4pm, Junior 6-a-side football match
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Free Entry



Saturday 13TH

In the High Street:

Peal of church bells

signals the start of the Boules Day at 9am

with opening speech and Honour Guard from 1st Sherston Cubs.

Main Tournament starts 9.30am

Youngs' Dray Horse Rides

in the afternoon between the Rattlebone and the Carpenters

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Prize giving at Mill Cottage teas.

Carnival Tug of War

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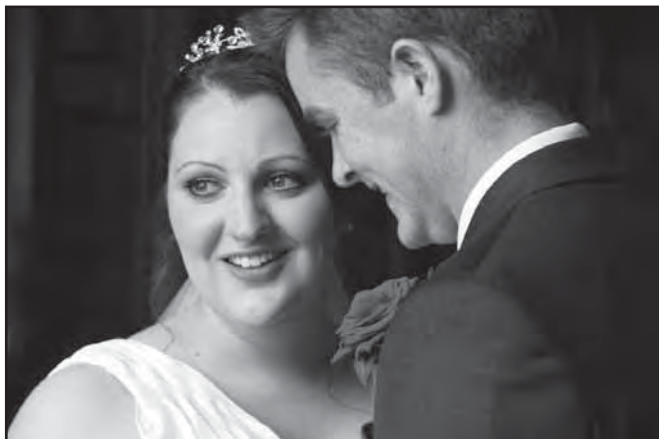
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Sara and David's wedding



Saturday 18 May was a beautiful, warm, sunny day. It was all the more special as my daughter Sara got married to David Hayden at Grittleton House.

So many people helped us to create this lasting memory and I'd like to thank them - hopefully I won't have forgotten anyone. We wanted to keep the wedding personal and informal so looked around our Sherston community for inspiration . . .



The flowers, which were the talking point of the day, were arranged by Jane Clarke. The cakes were baked and decorated by Mel Phillips and Laura Gould.

Sara's make-up was done by Faye Bolton of Shear Class. I'm probably biased but Sara did look stunning.

The service provided by Adrian and his staff at Grittleton House was excellent. Paul Ormiston



captured the day beautifully and even managed to produce a framed picture which he brought over before the evening guests arrived.

The celebrations spilled over into Sunday and thanks are due to Jason from the Rattlebone, who kindly allowed us the use of his spit roast to provide lunch for about 50 guests. Thanks to Hector and John Bolton for overseeing the cooking and serving (more 'Hairy Fairies' than 'Hairy Bikers'!), and a big thank you to Joanna for taking charge in the kitchen and Michelle who made a fantastic cake for the day.

Thanks also to my poor neighbours for putting up with the increased level of noise from my house during the 'wedding weekend'.



Finally, thanks must go to Carey Smith, whose skill and endless patience saved the day with last-minute dress alterations. (Carey, I owe you one x.)

by Liz Walker

A date to remember

In three years' time, midsummer 2016, it will be the 1,000th anniversary of the Battle of Sherston, and many residents have expressed a wish to mark this important date in a suitable way. After discussions with several local groups, it has been agreed that the main celebration will take place on the weekend of 25 and 26 June 2016, close to midsummer. Sherston 1016, the village's charitable group, has booked a Viking reenactment group to bring an air of authenticity to the village for the weekend. Although the Cliffhanger is such an established part of Sherston's life that it seems it might have been published for a thousand years, we have not yet found the back copy from 1016 with definitive details of the actual event, so the re-enactment may not reflect the correct date or location of the battle.

The battle of Sherston is significant in English history. At the time, Wessex is likely to have been a fairly unruly place. The English King, Edmund Ironside, was struggling to maintain order and when Canute, son of Forkbeard, and grandson of Bluetooth, King of Denmark and Norway invaded, King Edmund fought three battles, including one at Sherston. Aided by John Rattlebone, whose story is well known in the village, the battle ended indecisively and Canute and Edmund Ironside went on to a further battle later in

the year. By December, Edmund Ironside was dead and Canute was crowned King of England. Canute brought peace to much of England and this proved to be a defining time in our history. To mark this, the Parish Council is facilitating the development of plans for a celebration and commemoration of this important national event.

2016 will also be the centenary of a number of events from the Great War of 1914 to 1919 and we have consulted to choose a date that will avoid a clash with significant anniversaries from that period. We are planning that the anniversary of the battle of Sherston will be an opportunity for residents of the village to enjoy this weekend with a Viking and Saxon theme, and to reflect on Sherston's role in English history. As well as a re-enactment of the battle, it is hoped that there will be a Saxon / Viking fair, as well as a church service, to record Canute's support for the church in England, so there will be many opportunities for young and old to look and participate in a number of interesting and exciting activities. We are also exploring links with our Danish connections. We will use the Cliffhanger to keep you informed of planned events, both in the period leading up to the midsummer anniversary and for the anniversary weekend and in return we ask that if individuals or groups wish to arrange or suggest activities during this period that they consult with the Parish Council to avoid unnecessary clashes.

by Anthony Price

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John Smith

We have to say a huge thank you to friends - and to Sherston in general - for the amazing amount of help, love and support we received during John's illness at home, while he was in hospital and also since he died. Without you all we could not have coped.

Pat, Chris and Andrew Smith

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Pick of the crop must be the visit of premiership new boys Cardiff City on Wednesday 24 July at 7.45pm. Last year the 'Bluebirds' brought over 900 fans to this same fixture so expect a big crowd. The atmosphere should be great especially as the Cardiff fans are campaigning hard for a return to their traditional blue strip after last season's controversial decision of the club's owners to change it to red.

Swindon Town are first up on Friday 12 July at 7.45pm followed by Bristol City on Saturday 20 July at 3pm and ending with Yeovil Town on Monday 29 July at 7.45 pm.

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Sherston Senior Club

Our meeting planned for May 14 to Burford Garden Centre didn't quite go according to plan, so we ended up at Lechlade instead. This turned out quite pleasant as we had a nice tour around the area after lunch.

Our next meeting was held in the British School Room on 28 May, when we were entertained by Susan Marshfield who gave us a very entertaining talk, the subject was 'Last impressions' which I have no doubt that is exactly what it turned out to be.

Susan has the art of creating lasting impressions the way it was put over, I am pretty sure everyone enjoyed themselves.

We are all keeping our fingers crossed for fine weather on 11 June when we all dig out our buckets and spades for our annual day trip to Weston-super-Mare.

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From PC Tripp

With the summer arriving imminently and the certainty of glorious sunny days and long evenings ahead local police will be aiming to ensure visible patrols in the local area are maintained.

It is understood that a visible presence of the police within the surrounding area is a high priority for locals and that is why we will endeavour to be seen.

With regards to crime in the area, I'm afraid to report, we have had a small number of dwelling and non dwelling burglaries in the Sherston area since my last article in the Cliffhanger and these incidents are still being investigated.

There have also been reports of oil thefts and attempted thefts in the area, a new trend of criminality which the whole county has been experiencing.

It is important that all locals keep a close eye on each others property and any suspicious vehicles or persons are reported to the police. Sherston has a strong community spirit and I believe that by us all working together we can reduce these incidents.

Over the past few months I have been conducting speed checks in the area. As well as the many unprintable words and statements made to me by some drivers stopped for driving offences, I have, I'm pleased to say, had some positive feedback from members of the local community and therefore will continue to carry out the checks in the Sherston and surrounding areas.

Like every year Sherston has another busy summer ahead with the influx of many visitors attending SherstonFest and Sherston boules weekend, so please whilst enjoying the atmosphere at these events stay vigilant and any kind of suspicious incident please report it to the police.

If anyone would like to discuss any policing issues or anything in this article you may contact me by ringing Wiltshire Police on 101 extension 734819, or by email: michael.tripp@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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A Sherston market?

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The total raised was £2,560, £181 more than in 2012. This is a considerable achievement at a time when many people are facing economic hardship, although our parishes still enjoy prosperity compared with many other areas of the country and certainly when seen next to those places in the world where Christian Aid is trying to help people out of poverty.

Once again many thanks for all your help. The call for support will be going out again in 2014 and I hope many of you will be able to answer it.

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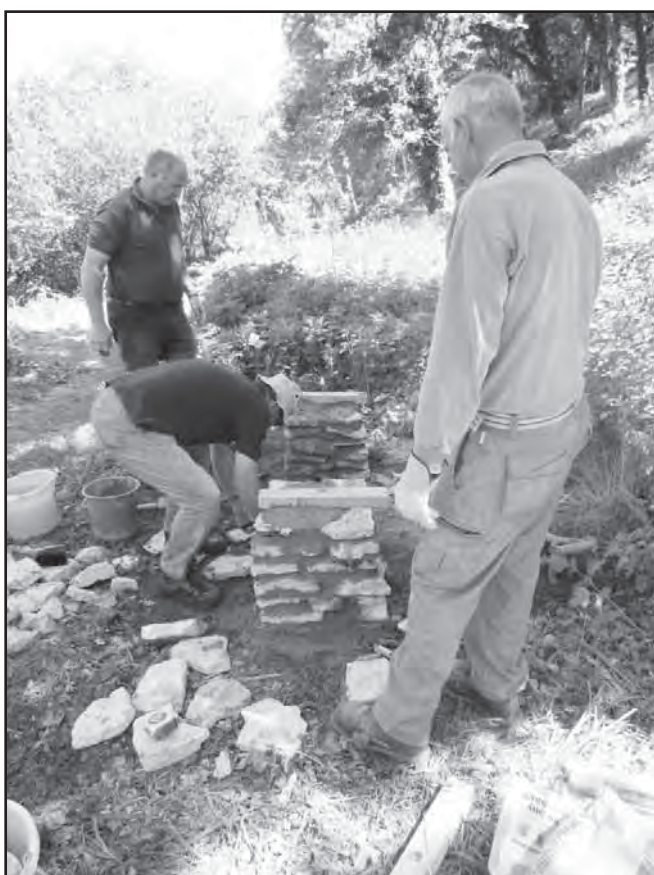


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This MMR vaccination catch-up campaign aims to prevent further measles outbreaks, following the recent outbreaks in Wales.

Speaking at the launch of the national MMR

catch-up programme, Professor David Salisbury, director of immunisation at the Department of Health, said that the outbreaks in Wales had been 'a wake-up call for parents', and warned that 'what is happening in Swansea could happen anywhere in England'.

Professor Salisbury urged parents to get their children vaccinated with MMR if they were unsure whether they had previously had the jab.

If your child has not been fully vaccinated please consider contacting the surgery to arrange to have your child vaccinated.

If you are worried about measles you can read more at: www.patient.co.uk/health/Measles.htm or www.nhs.uk/conditions/Measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx

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The Sherston sessions start on Wednesday 31 July and continue every Wednesday until 21 August. The times are 10.00am to 11.30am. The parish council is supporting the scheme by not only allowing the use of the recreation ground but also by hiring the scout hut to provide toilet and changing facilities as well as indoor space should the weather prove unsuitable. There are also sessions at Grittleton on the Recreation field, SN14 6AR which start on Monday 29 July and continue every Monday until 19 August from 12.00noon to 1.30pm.

For more information on the programme or to ask any questions please contact: Paul Pritchard, Senior Sports Development Officer – North Tel: 01249 706452 or 07900 606860 Email: paul.pritchard@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Sherston W.I.

Much laughter came from the village hall at our June meeting. Humour is very much a feature of the life of our speaker and she kept us amused with the story of her life and passion.


Irene Tyack is a country woman and artist with a passion for painting. She began her talk of her early life in Herefordshire, living a simple life and expected to earn a few shillings working in the fields, picking up potatoes and other fruit. Leaving home at 15 and with children at 17, she managed to survive by taking various jobs.

From an early age, she always wanted to paint and in spite of all her troubles the desire remained. A few scribbles on the back of an envelope of a row of crazy people wearing large hats was the inspiration for her paintings. She was not able to develop this theme until after she met her husband Vince Tyack who had decided to farm ostriches. They have a gallery on the farm where Irene has been able to put her little people 'The Yellow Hat Tribe' in all her work.

Irene Tyack has become a worldwide artist, with successful exhibitions in London. In spite of all her troubles in her early life she has achieved her ambition to paint with her sense of humour evident in each of her works. We very much enjoyed her talk.

Our outing to Sharcott Manor near Pewsey is arranged for July. We will also be helping at Boules Day. At the next meeting on 4 July there will be a talk by Susan Marshfield entitled 'You can choose your friends but ...' in the village hall.

by Ann Wilcox



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Captain's report on the performances of the Sherston Magna league side.

I couldn't have hoped for a better start to my leadership of the SS magna. Firstly playing seven games out of nine to date is something of a miracle compared to the weather of last year! Secondly we have made an excellent start to the league season being top after eight games (six wins with two cancelled). Here is my report on the league games so far.....

4 May - Oaksey (won by 145 runs)

The league season began with a home game against Oaksey, the ground looking splendid for the first week in May saw me lose the first of four tosses and we were asked to bat. A slow but secure start from the openers gave the platform for 16 year old Ewen Kenny to unleash 20 overs of savagery on the Oaksey bowling finally being out in the last few overs for his maiden hundred (113). Sherston finished their 40 overs with full batting points on 229 for 8. Some top quality opening bowling from Ollie Moore and Andy Pegg put the chase out of Oaksey's reach with Ian Gould (6 for 36) and Harry Stevens (2 for 3) ensuring maximum points for Sherston with Oaksey finishing 87 all out.

11 May – Ashton Keynes away (abandoned)

A return to the dark days of last season with wet weather encouraging Ashton Keynes to call the game off late on Saturday morning. A squad of Sherston players left frustrated.

18 May – South Hill (won by 96 runs)

In our second home game of the season, we (yes we) lost the toss and were once again asked to bat. Another secure start was built on by Phil Cavey (59 not out) and a late cameo from Ian Gould (20 in quick time) pushed the total to 177 and four batting points. Again a tight opening spell from Andy Pegg accompanied by Ian Gould put South Hill way behind the required run rate, although plenty of wickets to take. On came Harry Stevens with his left arm tweekers and bowled superbly to finish with six wickets for seven runs and South Hill were all out for 96 giving the magna a 19 point win.

25 May – Coates (won by 28 runs)

There was no change in fortune at the toss in our first away match at Coates, again Sherston being invited to bat first. Another solid start was followed by some impetus from Will Matthews (41) and myself (33) to get Sherston within a whisker of full batting points on 192 all out at the end of our allotted 40 overs. Some early wickets and some superb catching (from me by the way – happy to discuss over a beer or two) restricted Coates at one stage to 55 for five.

Some hard hitting from their skipper made the game closer than it should have been but a silly run out left Coates short and they were eventually out for 164 with Andy Pegg claiming 3 for 25.

1 June - Bibury (won by 99 runs)

Yes, you guessed it. Toss lost, Sherston batting first.... However not the solid start we had been accustomed to with Chris Lovell dismissed for 0. This did though bring Richie Cartwright to the crease who scored a majestic 76 on a very slow pitch (well Matt Goodwin at the other end made it look slow and hard to bat on!) A total of 195 always looked a good score. However Andy Pegg and Ian Gould again opened the bowling in miserly fashion! With Bibury needing well over a run a ball on came the spin twins, James Kutchera (3 for 14) and Harry Stevens (3 for 21), who whirled away to dismiss Bibury for 96 resulting in another 19 points win.

8 June – Avening and Cherington (won by 4 wickets)

Stop press, I won the toss and put Avening and Cherington in to bat. On a tricky wicket, Ian Gould managed to extract some movement to remove two of their top four batsmen both being taken sharply by James Kutchera at slip. Just when they appeared to be looking to set a tricky total, another excellent spell from Harry Stevens (5 for 15) who has now taken 16 wickets at 2.86 runs apiece, supported by some sharp bowling from Ewen Kenny meant they were all out for 119. The run chase could not have started worse... one over down and Sherston were 0 for 2. Some resolute batting from myself and Andrew Jarvis (the older one...) steadied the ship before Andrew took the game to the bowling to finish with 66. Although there were some nerves at the end, the game was won and 18 points brought back to the shire.

15 June – Poulton home (abandoned)

This looked like the game of the season to date with first against second and both teams unbeaten; however a monsoon ended any chance of a game shortly before the start.

22 June – South Cerney (won by 9 wickets)

Another fabulous performance. It was a good toss to win but super bowling from Ollie Moore (Five overs, four maidens, three wickets for one run!), Andy Pegg and Ian Gould at the start saw South Cerney with 12 runs for five wickets and out of the game. Eventually making 72 all out on a poor pitch still did not look enough and solid batting from Matt Goodwin, Chris Lovell and Richie Cartwright saw us to 19 points and a nine wicket win.

The future....

So after eight of the 18 league games we are top of the league, and if the spirit and commitment of the players remains it should be a good year! Thanks to those who have made themselves available, it's been a pleasure to captain!

James Harmer

Sherston Sixes

After the success of the previous two Sherston Sixes competitions, we will be running the tournament again this year on Saturday 7 September. The number of teams participating has yet to be



decided but will be on a first come first serve basis so get your entry in early. There will be food and a bar on the day which I'm sure will be a great day once again!

If you would like to play in the Sherston six-a-side cricket tournament, entry for a team of six costs just £30. The tournament takes place from 11.00am on Saturday 7 September and is intended as a fun event at the end of the season. To enter a team at the Sherston Sixes, contact sherstonmagna@yahoo.co.uk providing your team name and contact details.

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

The more eagle eyed reader has no doubt noticed that no report of this year's AGM has yet to appear in this esteemed organ. The very late and cold spring rather put off members enthusiasm for the event as by tradition an outside venue was required this year. Eventually and with time marching on members gathered on the evening of Saturday June 22nd at the rather cold, wet and forbidding site of the old Smallpox Isolation House just off the Foxley road.

Unlike last year's somewhat disastrous AGM matters progressed surprisingly well no doubt due to the absence of Ian Ashby the main protagonist of the 2012 debacle. Copious quantities of Sherston Cider helped no doubt and although there were serious discussions on the lack of a full public hurl last year much was achieved – officers duly elected and the usual non approval of the accounts in the continued absence of the Treasurer. In fact the treasurer has not been seen for nearly six years now and moves are shortly to be made to have him declared legally deceased in order to access his Lundy Island bank accounts where his last

report stated the Order's assets were safely deposited.

As to this year's Hurl members were disappointed to see the poor state of the seedlings for this year's crop which were exhibited at the AGM. The cold spring has undoubtedly set back the growing season and already members are putting into action the very well rehearsed 'Operation Langley' should our own crop not be successful.

Finally a most momentous decision was taken at the AGM – to enter the 21st Century with the Order's very own web site. I was surprised at the enthusiasm of members for this suggestion particularly those of senior years. Attics, cellars and sheds are apparently being furiously scoured for photos, newspaper cuttings and memorabilia of all description. I hope to reveal the site details next month but until then the Order wishes those upstarts in the Boules & Carnival Committee a very enjoyable and dry Boules Day.

Yarp! *Keeper of the Quill*



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Aerial swing

This piece of equipment is now back fully repaired in the Recreation Ground and like the recently installed zip wire is proving very popular. Apparently our play area is one of the most popular locally with people travelling some distance to visit it. All good for the village economy as this means extra visits to our shops and pubs.



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Sherston School opens its doors!

Would you like to get a feel for Sherston school, look around the facilities, view some of the children's work on display and meet some of the staff and pupils? Then come along to our next open event on Friday 12 July from 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

The school will be inviting prospective parents who are starting to contemplate their children's schooling. It will also be opening its doors to existing parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to see their children in their classrooms. We look forward to welcoming you!

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Wiltshire County Athletics Championships

Those of you who frequent the rec on Monday or Wednesday evenings may well have noticed an odd pair of new-comers these last few months: not odd in that they threw a Nerf Howler back and forth but odd in that they also spent a lot of time taking big strides up and down the field with a measuring wheel thrown in to boot. Early risers may also have come across the same pair circuiting Pinkney and the game-keeper's lodge before spending far too long talking to the horses in the fields behind Gaston Lane. (And yes, I did say 'talking to the horses' so you can't tell me they're not odd now!)

This strange behaviour culminated in a trip to the Wiltshire County Athletics Championship on Saturday 25 May where athletes from all over Wiltshire met at Tidworth Oval to compete. One of the aforementioned pair, Alex Burgess, was entered in the Under 11 QuadKids County Championship with the other, Alex's father, tagging along behind (as was often the case on their morning runs).

Quadkids involves four events; each event is scored and then the scores are totalled to decide the winner. The events are: Long Jump, 75 metre Sprint, Throwing the Howler (a javelin substitute) and then the 600 metre. The weather on the day was perfect; a hot sun with no clouds in the sky. (Some may say that hot and sunny is not the type of weather that athletes would describe as 'perfect' but I wasn't competing and it seemed pretty perfect to me.)

The first event was the Long Jump and Alex did well; his jump of 3.44, whilst not his season's best, put him second, just five points behind the leader. Alex's strongest event, the 75 metres, brought things even closer with Alex finishing 0.4 seconds quicker than the overall leader and reducing the gap to just one point. (It should be noted that Alex's time of 11.4 seconds was the fastest time of any of the four heats



of athletes - way to go Alex) On a roll, Alex overtook the leader with a fantastic throw and was two points in front after three of the four events. With just the 600 metres to go, it felt very reminiscent of Daley Thompson's golden Olympic triumphs in his final event, the 1500 metres; Alex just needed to hang on in there in the long distance race and glory would be his. Like Daley, Alex isn't a huge fan of the longer distances but spurred on by his fantastic performance so far and his dad bellowing encouragements like, 'Get a move on then!' who could doubt that he would shortly be crowned Wiltshire U11 champion?

Unfortunately, Alex's father had omitted to fill him in on all of the details of Daley's heroic exploits and, even worse, had not been able to drag himself out of bed the two weeks prior to the championships so we were left with a fifth place finish overall but still proudly bearing the title of 'Wiltshire's fastest U11 sprinter on the day'. Okay, so it doesn't exactly roll off the tongue but there's always next year and perhaps this will spur other budding athletes to join us on our quest to bring back athletic gold for Sherston!

SmallAds

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. All monies raised will be donated to charity.

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Sherston School gets sporty!

Sherston School was on fine physical form at the end of June as it hosted a double whammy of Olympic Anniversary events.

On Friday 28 June, at Castle Combe race track, eighty-three pupils pedalled their way around the 3km circuit as many times as they could (or that time allowed!). Some of the children completed a whopping 10 laps to gain the maximum sponsorship.



Then on Saturday 29 June, the dads took charge of the recreation ground, setting up tents and marking out the sporting pitches in readiness for the Olympic Legacy Fun Day. By the afternoon their work was rewarded with blazing sunshine. Each participating child grabbed an Olympic Passport and worked their way around a decathlon of Olympic-themed sporting events - sprint, hurdles, shot put, long jump, netball, football, hockey, cycling, archery and shooting.



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In addition, everyone was treated to two outstanding sporting displays, from the school gymnastics and fencing teams.

Once all the scores had been collated the now legendary medal ceremony took place to the sound of various national anthems, and the 'Olympians' were presented with laurel wreaths and medals.

Sponsorship money is yet to come in, but the Friends of Sherston School fundraising team hopes that these events will raise over £1,000 for outdoor equipment for the school. Thanks and congratulations to everyone who took part!



Meeting of the parish council

The parish council meets on Thursday 18 July in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise, please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read.

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Sunday services 8.00am Holy Communion; 9.30am Sung Eucharist (3rd Sunday 9.30am Family Service); 6pm Evensong (3rd Sunday Evening Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer)

See the Parish Life for more details

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

Congregational Church - in The British

Schoolroom 1st & 2nd Sundays of month: Service at 11am – 12 noon followed by coffee/chat. 3rd Sunday Service at 3pm. 4th Sunday Service at 4pm. 5th Sunday (occasionally) members visit Castle Combe Congregational Church Service 10.30am For further details see parish Life or phone 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 now on the first Sunday of each month, except for August. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Ness Whiffin 840185.

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

Sunday Newspapers On sale 8am - 11am every Sunday in Sherston village hall. Eggs, milk and sweets available too.

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

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold

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

Boules at The Bull Meet every Thursday at 7.15pm April till Sept at The Red Bull Inn, Malmesbury Rd. £2 per session, with winners getting half the pot. The annual subscription is £10 for adults and £5 for under 18s but the first 3 visits are free. We can lend boules for absolute beginners and we have a local supplier if you wish to purchase. Transport from Sherston is available. Further details from Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk

Busy Hands Pre-school

Meets 9.10am - 12.10pm everyday in the village hall for 2 1/2 - 5 year olds. Lunch Club Mon to Fri until 1pm and exciting new outdoor free flow area. All childcare vouchers welcomed. For further details call 07766 714544 any morning or 840232 all day. www.sherstonbusyhands.org.uk

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

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

Clem's Club Clem invites 'cheerful chaps for a char and a chat' in the British School Rooms every other Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm, alternating with the Seniors. Donations to BSR expenses collected each week.

Drawing Classes in Sherston There are two classes: 10am to 12 noon and 1.30 to 3.30pm in the British Schoolroom. The classes are suitable for any level of experience. Individual tuition is given in a variety of media and subject matter is provided for observational drawing each week. For further information please contact Heather Martin (840375) or heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

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

Footpaths group The group has published the booklet 'Sherston Walks - a new guide to local rights of way', featuring 9 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 McKenna on 841047 or maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Community Choir

The Malmesbury Community Choir meets Old School Room at the Town Hall every Monday evening from 7.30- 9.30pm – all over 14s welcome whatever experience level. £5 a session, 14-17 year olds free. The choir will launch at a special, free event in the Old School Room at the Town Hall on Mon 17 June Doors open at 7.30pm and the session will go on until 9.30pm. Further information from Emma Harris 825288 or info@malmesburycommunitychoir.org website www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org or <https://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.

Malmesbury Villages Community

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

Malmesbury Rangers

Girls over 14 years meet every 2nd Thursday in the month. Further details from Gill Shaw on 825647 or email sgshaw@orchardshaws.co.uk

Malmesbury Guides - Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, usually at St. Mary's Hall, Malmesbury at 7.30 p.m. Details from Helen Price, 503187 or retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

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

The Rattlebone Boules League Consists of 48 teams playing in 3 Leagues. For more information contact Tony Towle on 840574.

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

Sherston 1016 Fundraising for local good causes and charities. For further details, contact Eric Thacker on 841344 or eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk

Sherston Badminton Club We play every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from September to May. For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592.

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact Ray Sneddon-Jenkins to obtain an application form – raysneddonj@gmail.com

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of 10 ½ to 13 ½. We meet at the Scout hut on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm to 9.00pm during school term times. To join contact Mark Sparrow on 840983 or e-mail mark@scorranstone.co.uk There is currently a small waiting list to join.

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

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

Sherston Magna Cricket Club Outdoor cricket training at the ground. Juniors (U9 – U14) Monday evening 6.15pm – 7.30pm. Seniors every Tuesday evening 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Junior (U13 – U18) every Wednesday evening 6.00pm – 7.30pm further details at www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.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 Richard Skeffington (Chairman) richard.skeffington@virgin.net Tel. 840092 or Graham Instrell (Vice Chairman) ginstrell@hotmail.co.uk Tel. 840978

Sherston FC

The club play in the Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Saturday afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. For more details contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or peter.brock666@btinternet.com

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

Starts back after the Christmas break on 9 Jan. Any ladies from the area can join, just swim at your own pace (there is a lane for fast swimmers) every Wednesday evening at Westonbirt Leisure Pool from 8 to 9pm. For details phone Heather 840375 or Annabel 840592.

Sherston's Living Churchyard

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

Sherston Martial Arts Club

Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu. Traditional Samurai Jujutsu and Ninjutsu. Ages 13 and up, every Thursday night in the Scout Hut 7pm. For further information contact Gary Liddington 07779349115 or Gary@budotaijutsu.co.uk

Sherston Photography Forum

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

Sherston Tennis Club

The tennis courts are located on Knockdown Road, next to the football pitch. Membership fees for 2013 family £90, adult £50 with a 50% discount for those signing up before the end of April. After Easter, Club night is Thursdays from 6:30 pm - contact Gemma, and Men's Match tennis on Wednesdays - contact Kim kim_stuckey@btinternet.com. From April, junior tennis lessons on Saturday mornings - course of 10 sessions costs £45, plus membership to Sherston Tennis Club. Your committee this year is: Nic Riley - membership, men's matches – 840682; Kim Stuckey - men's matches - 07710 981568; Sophie Cheetham 07786 990045, sophcheetham@gmail.com - children's coaching - Gemma Bird - club nights 840557

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Sherston Village Hall

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Sherston W.I.

Usually meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors most welcome £3. Further details contact Maureen Jolliffe on 840867.

Sherston Young Craft Group

Every Monday 6.45 – 8.15pm in the village hall (children 9 years and over). £3 (incl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each half term. To join, please contact Victoria Parish on 840071 or email vparish@btinternet.com

Splash Dance

Dance classes for 2 to 12 year olds including ballet, modern and tap. Every Wednesday afternoon in the village hall. Prices are £35 per term with the first lesson free. For details contact Charlotte on 01453 886632 or charlotte@splashdance.co.uk

Tetbury Chess Club

Meet every Wednesday at the Ormond Hotel from 10am. If anyone is interested please contact Colin Francis on 505835 or email colval08@btinternet.com

Tots of Fun

Soft play sessions for children 1-4 years old only 10am-12pm every Friday during term time starting end of Feb in the scout hut. £3.50 per child and £1.50 for each additional sibling, complimentary tea, coffee, squash and biscuits during the session. Parents are expected to stay and supervise their own children Book a place with Emma Liddington on 841525 or 07896 085338 or email emma@totsoffun.co.uk or www.totsoffun.co.uk

Village Hall 300+ Club

Monthly draw with eight prizes ranging from £12 down to £5 for a £6 annual stake (or pro rata if joining during the year). 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.

Yoga in Sherston

New 6 week course starts Mon 10 June. Mon 5.45pm Pregnancy Yoga, 7pm for beginners and at 8.15pm more advanced. £45 for 6 weeks. All classes must be pre-booked due to limited spaces. Scout Hut. For further details call Kathryn 07903 802985 yoga_in_sherston@hotmail.com or www.facebook.com/Yoga.with.Kathryn

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 in 2013

Dates for your diary

July

6-14 Sherston Boules & Carnival

13 Boules Day

September

13 Sherston Church Concert
'Music for Awhile' Classical String Quartet

20-22 POP weekend

October

11-20 2013 Arts Festival

30-2 Nov Sherston Drama Group Pantomime

November

23 Church Bazaar in Village Hall

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.

WHAT'S ON

Sherston

The Carpenter's Arms

New weekly quiz every Sunday night 7.30 for 8pm start free entry, prizes **Check boards for details** For further details call 840665 or like *CarpentersArmsSherston* on facebook

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

Further details contact 840871 or www.therattlebone.co.uk

Boules & Carnival Week

Sat 6 July Quiz night

8pm in the Village Hall £15 per team of 4, bar

Sun 7 July Car Boot Sale

on the Rec 8am sellers 9am - 12 buyers, refreshments available; **Footpaths group walk** departs from village hall 10am

Tues 9 July Afternoon musical tea

in the British School Rooms 2.30pm £2 entry includes tea & cake **End of the Track in Concert** 7.30pm Church of the Holy Cross £5

Wed 10 July Skittles Tournament at The Rattlebone 8pm £5

FARAH pre WOMAD. Village hall 7.30pm £5

Thurs 11 July Children's Disco in the Village hall Primary

school ages 6pm - 7 pm No charge, refreshments available
Carnival Cricket at Pinkney Park 6pm Bar and byo picnic
Friday 12 July Junior football match 4pm followed by adult match in fancy dress at 7pm, bar and BBQ

Sat 13 July Boules Day & Carnival

Boules matches start at 9.30am in the High St, and Juniors from 11am, French cafe, bar and live music, stalls, raffle, get your duck for the duck race and a fun packed 'Sherston-on-sea' KidsZone in the village hall field. Exhibitions in the British School rooms - 'Anniversaries' . Afternoon tea and Pimms in the Village Hall

Sun 14 July - Treasure Hunt 9.30am / **Tug of War** VH field 11am; **Duck Race** 2.30pm - starts at Stretchline.

Cream Teas at the finish line at Mill Cottage from 3pm, Raffle draw and treasure hunt prize giving; **Thanksgiving service** 6pm Village Hall field

Please note: WC facilities in Village Hall and High St portaloos only. Parking: Please make use of the public car parks: Green Lan Recreation ground for permit holders (displaced residents' cars) and disabled badge holders only General car park: Sports Ground, Knockdown Road (from Didmarton, Malmesbury and Tetbury via Sandpits Lane and Stretchline car park, Brook Hill (from **Luckington**) **Boules Weekend Mobility** Optimum Mobility are offering the free loan of a mobility scooter for the whole Boules weekend to any local person who has need of it and has somewhere safe to keep it. Ring 840060 to reserve Please see programme in centrefold of July issue for more details or articles

For further details call or visit www.sherston.net

Wiltshire Council Free Sports Coaching

Fun in the Sun For 5-11 year olds. Wed 31 Jul, 7, 14 and 21 August at 10 - 11:30am on the Recreation

ground. Football, athletics, tag rugby, dodgeball, kwik cricket, ultimate frisbee, archery . No booking necessary

The parish council is supporting the scheme by hiring the scout hut to provide toilet and changing facilities as well as indoor space should the weather prove unsuitable.

Also at Grittleton Rec Mon 29 Jul, 5, 12, 19 Aug 12-1.30pm

Kington St Michael Mon 29 Jul, 5, 12, 19 Aug 2-3.30pm

For further details call Co-ordinator **Martin Rea** 840348 or visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/funinthesun

Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

Painting Workshops - Beginners and Intermediates

Wednesday 10.30am - 12.45pm Beginners -materials

provided for the first few lessons thereafter bring your own preferred paints, brushes and supports **Advanced painters** meet on Thursdays- private lessons, portfolio preparation or workshops by appointment

The Carpenter's Arms, Sherston

For further details call **Nicki Heenan** 840883 or email nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

Sue's Strolls

Boules week walk Sun 7 Jul starting from the village hall at 10am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 12 noon

For further details call **Sue McKechnie** 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk

Sherston Primary School Open Day

Fri 12 July 2 – 3pm for children, parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles To register for one of these dates, and if you'd like a copy of the new school prospectus, please call 840237.

For further details call For a copy of the new school prospectus call 840237 or visit www.sherstonprimary.co.uk

Gauzebrook Holiday Club

Space Academy³. Craft, songs, bible stories, galactic games and refreshments suitable for space travellers. It's open to all children of primary school- book early.

29 - 30 Jul Luckington Village Hall

6 - 7 Aug Hullavington Village Hall

For further details call Becky Fisher on 07974 030212 or Becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

Sherston POP weekend

20 - 22 Sept We invite you to POP in this September as we bid to become the world's first ever POP UP village Entry is £10 per POP location to cover the co-ordination and marketing (what's POPPING when and the POP-UP map). Then you set and charge your own prices to cover costs but donate all profits to help the next generation of Sherstonians at the Primary School

Entry forms should be handed in by 5 July. Download entry forms at www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk, www.sherstonbusyhands.org.uk or www.thepopupvillage.com POPs already in we have a Farm Park with Fi and Pete at Carriers Farm, Drama Workshops with Lara Farahar, The Photo Cafe with Annie Llewellyn Palmer and Joey Ross, The POP it On fancy dress shop with the Goulds, The Eastern Town Curry Takeaway with Kirsti the Evelyn's Ye Olde Sweetie Shop, The Fairy Tale House with Ceri Lewis, a cycle trail to Easton Gray with Carron Underwater's cream teas and a lovely sewing workshop with Shirley Bailey. But it doesn't have to be big to POP - we also have a salad dressing honesty box, a lemonade stand by Rosie Shepherd (6) and a fudge stall by Grace and Kitty Strachan (3 and 5)

For further details call call Kirsty Strachan on 07841 571943/ email: hq@thepopupvillage.com or visit www.thepopupvillage.com. Follow us on Twitter @POP_up_village and like us on facebook www.facebook.com/thepopupvillage

Knockdown The Holford Arms

Live Music every weekend. Free house and restaurant for further details call 01454 238669

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Wed 31 Jul - SONG FOR MARION [PG] Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £5 in advance £6 on the door Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com

Summer Concert at the church of St Mary the Virgin

Bradford Choral Society in concert Includes works by Mozart, Dvorak, Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Finzi and Rutter. Musical Director : Rupert Bevan, Pianist : Jacquelyn Bevan Sun 7 July 7.30pm In support of the historic Strict and Particular Baptist Meeting House in Grittleton (open from 3.00 – 7.00 on day of Concert) Tickets: £10 from Matthew Butler 01454 218036, or from Sherston Post Office and Stores, The Neeld Arms in Grittleton or from Acton Turville Village Stores St Mary The Virgin, Grittleton For further details call Matthew Butler on 01454 218036 or matthew.butler8@btinternet.com

Westonbirt The Arboretum

Kids go Free 20 July - 1 September (inclusive)! Spring and Summer admission till Sept: Adults £8 / Conc £7 Chd £3 (Half price Wednesdays in Apr & May)

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

Walks: Free, volunteer led guided walks every Sat, Sun and Bank Holidays at 2pm and Wed at 11am, from 29 Mar (Good Friday) until 3 Nov Dog Friendly Guided Walk: Walkies with Maisie.

Wed 10 Sat 13 and Sat 27 July 11-12:30 meet Maisie and owner Dave Lucas at the Skilling Gate Free after admission - book with Dave 07774 711094 Guided Walk : Wildflower guided walk

Tues 9 Jul 10.30-12.30 Dogs on leads welcome. Guided Walk: Where Did We Get That? Sat 20 Jul 11am - 1pm Sorry no dogs. Both free after admission Meet at the Great Oak Hall

Workshops Beginners Digital Photography One Day Course Mon 29 Jul £55 including entrance to the arboretum Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email consult@abbey-studios.co.uk

Workshops: Make a Windsor Chair six day course 1 - 6, 8-13 July; 5-10, 12-17 Aug Cost £300 including all tools and materials. Booking essential contact Paul Hayden 01373 836051 or www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk

Summer Concerts Announced: Jessie J Fri 19 Jul SOLD OUT, Paul Weller Sat 20 Jul - SOLD OUT; Jools Holland Sun 21 Jul tickets from the shop or box office on 03000 680400 or www.forestry.gov.uk/music £39 plus booking fee

For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Westonbirt School

The Festival Players Theatre Company presents Romeo and Juliet spectacular open air performance in the school grounds Wed 3 July 7pm Tickets £14.50, £5 under 18's and under 7s free

Open House and Gardens The House and Gardens will be open July: Sun 21, Sun 28 (NGS) 11-5pm on Garden tours July: Sun 7, Mon 8, Sun 14, Mon 15, Mon 22, Mon 29 2-5pm We are offering guided tours of the House and will be guiding with a maximum of 20 visitors per tour. You can wander at leisure around the stunning gardens, including Italian gardens and Camellia House and enjoy the peaceful pleasure gardens, all run by Garden tours £5 Entrance for both House & Garden is £8 (under 12s free), both include a hot beverage and biscuit. No need to book, we welcome all ages and are happy to host dogs on leads for the garden tours!

Westonbirt School For further details call Tania Warner on 880333 or twarner@westonbirt.org and Arabella for the open house and garden aparr@westonbirt.org or visit www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

Easton Grey Whatley Manor

Tuesday Garden Tours 16 Jul, 6 and 13 Aug 11.30 for 12 noon start Garden tour 2.30-4pm Welcome reception and 2 course lunch followed by private tour of the 12 acre garden by head gradener Barry Holman £42

Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner 28 July 'Taken 2' starring Liam Neeson, Famke Janssen and Maggie Grace £39 includes film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch or dinner For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Cake Society

'Bake and Take' Fundraiser for Cancer Research UK First Monday of each month 7.30-9.30pm bring along your bake, your recipe and £4.50 entry fee. This month's theme: Meringues. Kings Arms For further details call Jess M: 07823 338000 E: malmesburycakesociety@yahoo.co.uk Facebook: Malmesbury Cake Society

MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP Sat 13 Jul 12 noon - 1pm Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall For further details www.jamesgray.org or email jamesgraymp@parliament.uk for online surgeries

Charlton Park

WOMAD - World Music Festival

Thurs 25 - Sun 28 July 2013 Free WOMAD pop up concerts in Bristol in the run up to the major event in Charlton Park - check website for more details More information at womad.co.uk/tickets.
For further details call or visit www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

The Electric Picture House A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Shakespeare's Globe Theatre: Henry V (2012); Where do we go now?; The Forgiveness of Blood check website for details For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoneph.co.uk

Ozleworth, Wotton-under-Edge

NT Newark Park House and Estate

Tudor hunting lodge, exhibition, shop and plant stall, tea room and 725 acres of parkland open Wed - Sun from Mar - Oct Adult £6.40 / Chd £3.30 / Family £16.10 Free parking. Dogs welcome on leads in the grounds.

The open west - modern and conceptual art exhibition 32 dates between 6 Jul 2013 and 18 Aug Free event (normal admission charges apply) Tai Chi 14 July 12 noon

Outdoor theatre - A Midsummer Night's Dream, presented by The Pantaloons 19 Jul 7pm Adult £12.50, Child £8, Family £35

Vintage Austin Sevens and Classic Cars at Newark A gathering in the grounds for those who love old cars, arranged by the 750 motor Club. 21 Jul 11am Free event (normal admission charges apply)

50 things to do before you're 11 & ¾ Children have a booklet with 50 things they can do at different NT places. See www.50things.org.uk/ for further info.

For further details call phone 01793 817666. or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park/

Cirencester

Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool

Heated spring water open air pool run by volunteers as a non profit making charity Open 23May - 9 Sep 7am-6.16pm midweek and 9/10 - 5.45 Sat/Sun. Mon & Wed Adult evening swim 6.45-7.45pm. Friday Youth Evening 7-8.30pm 10-17 year olds £4.40 / £2.20/ Family £12 Season tickets available. Cirencester Park, GL7 2EF
For further details call 01285 653947 or visit www.cirenopenair.co.uk

Fairford

Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF

Fairford

Sat 20 Sun 21 July 07.30 - 8.30pm Standard admission only £45 (Saturday) / £40 (Sunday) including car parking / under 16s free with adult ticket holder Advance ticket sales only

For further details call Purchase tickets online or call FREEPHONE ticket hotline 0800 107 1940 (Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm) or visit www.airtattoo.com/airshow

Gatcombe Park

Gatcombe Park Horse Trials

Festival of British Eventing 2- 4 Aug 8-5pm see website for details
For further details call 0843 2087455 or visit www.gatcombe-horse.co.uk/

Hatherop Castle School

Cotswold Arcadians Open Air Theatre

Measure for Measure Mon 29 Jul - Sat 3 Aug Bring a picnic Doors open 6pm Performance at 8pm £16- 18 / £14 / £8 For further details call 01285 898019 or visit www.arcadians.org

Longborough Festival Opera June - July

Der Ring des Nibelungen; La Bohème 16 Jun - 27 July Download an entry form from website.

Young Artists present Sweeney Todd 28-29 Jul Longborough Festival Opera For further details call 01451 830292 or visit www.lfo.org.uk

Lackham House, Lacock

Shakespeare Live Open Air Theatre

The Comedy of Errors 24 - 29 June £5-20

The Comedy of Errors' set in Ottoman Turkey.Saturday Gala night with additional entertainments that includes belly dancing - full of Eastern Promise! At all performances we will be opening a "Turkish Bazaar" to entice you with trinkets and fabrics and Tur

For further details call 07780 938107 or visit www.shakespearelive.com

Bath

Theatre Royal 7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33.50

Summer Season till Aug 31 Relative Values; Candida; King Lear; A Little Hotel on the Side

For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Music Festival

Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of music 3-14 July Various locations in Cheltenham For further details call 0844 576 7979 or visit www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music

Bristol

Bristol Harbour Festival

26 -28 July Free events and entertainment all weekend Bristol Harbour Festival is one of the UK's largest public festivals and a chance for the city to showcase its rich musical and performance roots. Over 250,000 festival fans head down to the 2 mile stretch along Bristol's waterfront to party, dance and re

For further details call 0117 922 3287 or visit www.bristolharbourfestival.co.uk

Play by Sherston playwright Frank Hatt

Players and Gentlemen 2 - 6 July at the Alma Tavern Bristol

The Soul Destroyers in concert

Soul Destroyers live in concert with The Ten Pound Suit Band + Soul Vaccination Sat 6 Jul

For further details call Dave Shephard 07860 448438 or email ds@oldbellhouse.com or visit www.soul-destroyers.co.uk

Useful Numbers

BT fault line	0800 800151
CLARENCE (Highway complaints)	0800 232323
Cllr John Thomson	01666 840785
Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	01249 652851
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Sherston Parish Council	01666 840197
Sherston Post Office	01666 840456
Sherston School	01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings)	01666 840348
Tolsey Surgery	01666 840270
Wiltshire Council	0300 4560100