



SherstonFest 2014: The sun shone, the bands played and the people danced ...



.... what a weekend....
20 bands on two stages, dance workshops, kids' choir, seniors' tea and cakes, food and drink from all points on the compass and even the sun shone!



Young Voices choir played to a packed audience on the main stage followed by some great bands for everyone else in between.

The third sell-out SherstonFest festival took place on 13 and 14 June and was a fantastic success!

The village hall field was transformed into a sea of flags, bunting and colourful tents by an army of volunteers in a week-long set-up, ready for gates to open on Friday evening and the festivities to commence. Hundreds of people from near and far then poured into our mini Glastonbury and had a whale of a time.

The music was incredibly varied from eastern European folk to rap to rock and jazz, and even 'fip hop' (a mash up of folk and hip-hop - no we'd never heard of it either - but it was brilliant!). Around 150 artists graced our two stages in 20 bands and delivered some stunning performances.

The food and drink was equally varied with pizza, noodles, tex mex, local and national beers and ciders and lots more ... yum! Add in some hula-hoop workshops, a circus skills tent, samba drumming, build your own pizza, crafts and creativity and even belly dancing and it was a pretty full programme!

One of the nicest aspects of the weekend is the involvement of pretty much all generations of the village. There was the seniors' preview with free tea, cakes and entertainment for the village's senior citizens. At the other end of the spectrum, the school's

It is a massive effort for a lot of people and there are way too many to thank individually ... but thanks anyway ... it's been emotional, people!!

More info

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Boules Day 2014 12 and 13 July



Programme on centre spread

A big thank you

A big thank you for all those people who offered to help with deliveries in response to my request last month. I now have enough people to cover the rounds, which were previously done by Martin Rea, and also a couple of additional people to cover if I need them. This has been a great help.

Many thanks to Martin who has been as stalwart with the deliveries since Cliffhanger started, taking over all the deliveries if I have been away. He has had to give up his enormous delivery round due to business commitments and all of us on the Cliffhanger would like to thank him for this support. Without him the Cliffhanger would have been in difficulty.

People like Martin are what Sherston is made of and at the moment we have plenty of them. Let us all make sure this continues into the future.

Beryl Clampton

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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.

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On their bikes! Sherston's pupils take on the Etape du Castle Combe



Hot on the heels of the Giro d'Italia and in preparation for the Tour de France in July, 52 children and various siblings, parents and grandparents turned up at Castle Combe on Monday 2 June for their school sponsored bike ride.

Castle Combe is typically known for petrol power – but last month it was pedal power as the children from Sherston school sped around the 3km circuit as many times as they could. The event has become something of a highlight of the school year for pupils.

Despite the forecast, children came along with their bikes, fleeces, raincoats and bags of energy to raise money for the school playground games fund. Last year the event raised nearly £1,000 and this year it looks set to do the same.

Debbie Luter, Vice-Chair of the Friends of Sherston School, said: 'This event really ticks all the boxes: fresh air, exercise, sport, access for all and, most importantly, lots of FUN. We would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who came along to help and join in, and a big WELL DONE to the children.'



The oldest ringer in town



The 'oldest ringer in town', Barrie Wilkinson (78) was married on Saturday 17 May to Diana Atkinson at the Holy Cross Church. As is tradition within the band, Barrie cut short his stag night to get to the church on time and ring before the wedding. Barrie was helped up the stairs to the ringing chamber by members of his family.

Barrie and Diana first met in Luckington and it was from there that Barrie joined the Sherston Ringers. Their marital home will be in Great Somerford but Barrie will continue to ring with the Sherston band by kind permission of the new Mrs Wilkinson. We all wish them the best of luck.

Best wishes Chris Pickthall 841072

Help for Heroes

A big thank you to everybody who gave cakes, bought cakes, gave donations and bought H4H merchandise at the Help for Heroes cake stall at Sherston market on Saturday 19 April. We were able to send £339.30 with £169.90 from the sale of cakes.

Janet and Mike Grigson and Alexandra Cole (B Angie)

Keeping the Olympic legacy alive!

This year's Sherston School Olympic Day is on Sunday 6 July, to keep the competitive spirit of the Olympics alive amongst primary school children!

Passports are on sale now for just £2.50 at the gate, every day after school. This year the mini-decathlon will run from 11.00am until 4.00pm, with a healthy lunch available, a barbecue and bar, and a medals ceremony at 3.00pm. There will of course be a few new events to keep the children enthused. Profits go to the Friends of Sherston School to subsidise the cost of school trips for all children at the school.

12 hour Boules Marathon



Get your extra practice in before Boules Day! 1016 are challenging teams between 8.00am and 8.00pm at the Rattlebone Inn on Saturday 5 July.

Team entry is a donation (suggested £10) which will be split equally between 1016's local good causes and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

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Sherston wins Gold for its community spirit

The strength of our village community received national recognition in June when the Friends of Sherston School (FSS) received a gold award in a prestigious competition for the 'Pop Up Village' event.

Kirsty Strachan, who came up with the innovative idea as part of a fundraising brainstorm with the FSS, was amazed at how it caught people's imaginations last September. Over 50 people from the community took up the invitation to run a POP, and raised an amazing £4,000, with £2,000 going to the school to pay for a shed full of playtime toys.

And of course it wasn't only a Sherston first, but a world first! This was recognised by PTA-UK, the national charity supporting Parent Teacher Associations, which holds a competition every year to reward PTAs for their work. The POP event was named the South of England winner in the Community Links category, and FSS went through to the UK final.

So on 11 June, Kirsty Strachan and I found ourselves on the train to London with our two daughters, aged 6 and 7. The girls of course were enthused by everything; the 'big' train, the 'small' train, the revolving doors at the conference centre (great fun for getting dizzy!), drinking orange juice out of wine glasses just like their mums!

They showed off their rural roots when an adult gave them coloured helium balloons and warned them not to let them go outside. The girls nodded and said, 'Oooh yes you mustn't do that because



balloons make the cows ill.' We were of course at a conference centre in the middle of Kings Cross with not a bovine in sight, not even a bronze piece of street art with four legs and a tail, so there was a lot of laughter!

The guest speakers were Carrie and David Grant, presenters from BBC TV's CBeebies channel, who have four children, and who spoke passionately about how PTAs 'represent community'. The girls of course recognised them, and enjoyed

their celebrity photo. They had more pictures taken, this time with Jonny Mitchell, headmaster of Thornhill Community Academy which featured in the recent fly-on-the-wall documentary series, 'Educating Yorkshire'. After that they wouldn't allow any more photos as it was time to go and eat cake.

Sherston's FSS was, quite rightly, pipped to the post for the national award by an amazing PTA that set up a holiday club for disabled children. But there was just one point between us, and FSS was one of only two PTAs to be 'highly commended'. We were given an additional £150 in prize money, bringing our total win to £650 – and every penny will benefit the children at Sherston School.

This national achievement was only made possible because we live in a village which came together to support the children growing up here. So this award is a huge 'thank you' to you all.

By Fi Picton, FSS Chair



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Tetbury Flower Festival

Christ Church, The Chipping in Tetbury are holding a Flower Festival from Wednesday 16 July to Saturday 19 July, from 10.00am to 4.00pm daily.

Representatives from the various organisations that regularly use the church will be participating in the festival. Entry is free but donations would be appreciated towards the upkeep and maintenance of the church.

Refreshments will be served throughout the day and we look forward to seeing you there.

Alan Llewellyn

Footpath Group

At this time of year, with all the rain and warmth, vegetation and crops are growing rapidly which causes a problem on our parish footpaths. If you are aware of stiles that are overgrown and paths that have been lost under a crop please report this by going to www.sherston.org/footpath-problem-reporting.php or by emailing the Clerk to the Parish Council at clerk@sherston.org.uk and we will do our best to resolve the problem.

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June started with a happy social occasion. Blue skies and warm sunshine saw us enjoying a barbecue in the garden of a member's home. It was much enjoyed by all.

At our June meeting we were expecting a talk on allotments but unfortunately our speaker cancelled at a late stage. However, we were lucky to get Elizabeth Lamont, a newcomer to the village, to come and tell us about her passion for Amber. She loved dressing up with clothes and jewellery from her aunt's collection. Amber fascinated her from an early age and thus began her own collection which she brought to show us. We soon learnt about the formation of it from resin and the history of its development through time. We had a most interesting evening.

June also saw a visit to Sudeley Castle and a local garden visit. Three members attended a talk about the charity 'Send a Cow' by Peter Read. Adam Henson also spoke about his farm life with rare breeds and TV work.

One team is entered for the Quizzical pursuits competition

The next meeting is on Thursday 3 July in the village hall when Peter Sheppard's subject will be '50 years at the chalkface'.

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'We never see the Police', a comment which unfortunately is heard all too often. I would like to use this small article to reassure you that Wiltshire Police are patrolling your village, along with myself, PcsO Durry Maule and supporting units. We make it a priority to attend the village of Sherston as much as possible and continue to patrol in cars and carry out regular foot patrols.

We have, I'm afraid to mention and as many of you know, been targeted again with shed break-ins and catalytic converter thefts. This appears to be a regional trend with all surrounding counties suffering the same sort of crime. Please continue to lock all items away with regards to the shed breaks and stay vigilant with regards to suspicious vehicles or persons in the area. I would like to use this opportunity to remind everyone that there is a summer drink-drive campaign being conducted by Wiltshire Police and this will involve roadside breath tests being carried out in Sherston and surrounding areas.

Drink-driving in the rural areas is still a problem so if you are concerned with regards to people you know doing this, please drop me a line. I am happy to speak to the drivers concerned (discreetly). Being caught drink-driving is a life-changing experience and I have found and believe that speaking with suspected drivers and warning them they are likely to be targeted results in a much more positive outcome for all parties concerned. I understand that people drink and drive for all sorts of reasons, eg they live too far from their pub, they are having working lunches, they are stressed at home or their football team has just lost on penalties again, the list is endless. There is however no valid excuse and I would rather intervene with the people concerned early to prevent a life-changing situation.

On a brighter note, I would like to remind you that Sherston is still a very safe place to live and on my visits it is clear that community spirit is very vibrant.

I believe with this close community and regular police patrols we can maintain the low crime rate in Sherston keep it a very safe place to live. If you would like to contact me please call 101 extension 734819 or email michael.tripp@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

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Sherston Senior Club

At our meeting on 27 May, the first part was taken up playing bingo, followed by the playing of our Wartime Memories CD and we then enjoyed our tea and biscuits whilst making arrangements for our next day trip on 10 June to Weston-Super-Mare.

Most people in the village will no doubt be aware that we suffered the sad loss of our club president, Mrs Joan Butler, which left us with the problem of replacing her. We have been lucky enough to achieve this with the help of our retiring chairman Mr John Venning who has agreed to fill this position for us. On behalf of all the club members, I would like to thank you very much, John, for your help to keep the club afloat.

From your Chairman Malcolm Hillier, 840737.

Bring the children

Do come and join us at the boules united thanksgiving service with the Dodington band at 6.00pm on Sunday 13 July in the village hall marquee.

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FSS Movie Night and Camp Out!

There will be a 'U' certificate film - The Lego Movie - for our final movie night this year, and just for fun, we're following it with a camp out on the school field! No doubt there'll be a game of rounders or two and some refreshments. There will be a fixed number of tickets for the Camp Out sold to families on a first come, first served basis. The events are on the same night but you can come to either or both, as you wish. More information coming soon in the school newsletter and via bookbags.

Moviola

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Highlighting a messy problem



One of the few things that provokes a consistent and strong response from the village is the issue of dog fouling. There are a number of areas in Sherston that are particularly badly affected, including the footpaths running between the Tartars and Easton Town Farm and between Sandpits Lane and Manor Close. However, all the pavements and roads in the village, including the High Street, can be affected.

During the months of May and June a few members of the parish council regularly patrolled the village and 'highlighted' any dog mess with fluorescent yellow spray paint. During this two-month period some areas noticeably improved, while it was clear that bad weather resulted in an increase in dog owners failing to pick up after their pets. It was also obvious from studying the individual piles (we took our patrols very seriously) that on the two footpaths particularly badly affected it was the result of one or two dog owners who persistently never pick up after their pet. One daily walk produces one unpleasant pile, which soon becomes a major problem when that owner uses the same narrow footpath day after day.

We did meet many dog owners on our patrols who were picking up after pets, which was great, and it is disappointing that the majority of responsible dog owners in the village are implicated in the bad behaviour of one or two individuals. The parish council will write to dog owners who are failing to pick up after their pet, but the difficulty is identifying the culprits. We need villagers to let us know who these individuals are so that we can contact them in the first instance, or ask the Dog Warden to follow up.

Wiltshire Council have introduced an 'Any council litter bin will do' campaign, which means that any public litter bin, even if it is not specifically for dog mess, can be used to dispose of bagged dog mess, so there is no excuse not to pick up after a dog and dispose of the bag in an appropriate bin.

If you wish to report a problem related to dog fouling or if you can help us identify owners who are creating the problem then please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or at clerk@sherston.org.uk.

Wiltshire council also has an anonymous online dog mess reporting service, which is available at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshirereport.htm

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Judy Sharp Practice Manager



Carers

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If you consider yourself to be a carer – if you give practical, physical or emotional help to someone who could not manage without you – and you are not on our register, please ask for a Carers Pack at reception.

Water water everywhere!

We would like to apologise to our patients for the number of occasions we have recently experienced significant disruption to our water supply and associated problems with the replacement of the water mains in the village. Not only was the water supply shut off without notice for a whole day on one occasion, but when the water returned, it caused leaks within the surgery and had to be turned off again. We subsequently suffered further leaks due to the increase in pressure and had to have the leaky pipe excavated in the surgery while patients were being tended to. We apologise for any inconvenience to our patients. But we must also pay tribute to our staff who valiantly carried on through the drilling, with the associated noise and dust, to keep the surgery working throughout.

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Sherston to Malmesbury

B4040 - Advance notice

Monday 4 August for three weeks (anticipated):
B4040 closed between Bristol Street (Part), Malmesbury; from its junction with Bremilham Road in an easterly direction (heading towards Malmesbury from Sherston) to its junction with C68 Dark Lane (eastern point) to allow Wessex Water carry out sewer re-lining and associated work. The alternative route suggested is via Parklands and the Triangle: Eastbound towards Malmesbury town centre, B4040 Sherston Road – UC Parklands – UC Old Alexander Road – C89 Park Road – C68 Gloucester Road – B4040 Triangle – B4040 Bristol Road (unaffected length) and for westbound traffic heading towards Sherston, B4040 Bristol Street – B4040 Triangle – C68 Gloucester Road – C89 Park Road – UC Old Alexander Road – UC Alexander Road – UC Corn Gastons – B4040 Sherston Road. The closure will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.



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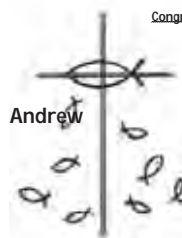
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The recreation ground will be available to residents (with permits) who have been asked to move their cars from the High Street and the diversionary roads. Stall holders with permits and disabled visitors may also park on the recreation ground.

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 (7.30pm or 8.00pm), so could we please ask that you refrain from bringing your car back to the High Street until after the road sweeper has finished – otherwise your area will not be swept. The High Street is officially closed until 9.00pm.

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.

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Many of you have been purchasing virtual 'bricks' and rows as gifts for friends, colleagues and families, or just for yourself. If you haven't got involved with the 'Be a Brick' scheme yet, the list of ideas on our website will give you plenty of inspiration! And for those who don't have the time to fundraise or take part in an event, you can still 'Buy a Brick', 'Raise a Row' or 'Build a Wall'.

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Walk on the wild side - Our river of life

We are so very fortunate in Sherston to have not just one but one and half rivers (if you count the two streams that have a confluence near Stretchline as half...) and they provide so many important elements to our local wildlife. Not only does the river have habitats for animals and plants that depend on water such as crayfish and willows and herons and kingfishers, but the fact that we have a water table which is just below the surface means we have verdant plant growth around us.

Like many ecosystems the river, with the right management, can recover from all kinds of problems such as the major pollution the Sherston Avon suffered from in 1998.

Rivers can be an enormous resource and it's something we should really look after – while we may enjoy the benefit of a vibrant and healthy river system, the people downstream also appreciate it. Wouldn't it be great if we had otters around the village!

And to illustrate how wildlife can re-generate the picture shows a dead trout I found about 20 yards away from the river - and the round thing beneath the fish is a pound coin! I suspect a heron had caught it and it was so big it couldn't swallow it (I should have taken it home for tea!)

This year, so far, has been fantastic for nature. The warm late spring and summer has allowed birds to raise large broods and insects to breed at a fantastic rate. While we don't always appreciate the insects, the birds do. If you happen to go down to Grove Wood you may see large mixed flock of blue tits, long-tailed tits, great tits and even march tits - what a fantastic sight.

Finally a date for the diary - WildSherston in 2015 will be on the 16 May. The village hall booked - just a few logistics to sort out now! If you have any ideas or suggestions, or want to help please let me know.

by Geoff Carss, geoff_carss@hotmail.com or call me on 840995



Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge from 12 July in Wiltshire libraries

This year the national Summer Reading Challenge for four to 11 year olds will run in Wiltshire libraries from 12 July to 6 September, and the theme will be 'Mythical Maze'. The challenge is simple, for children to read six books over the summer, tell us about the books and collect 'rewards' to mark their progress. Incentives this year include a neon green wristband, scratch and sniff stickers, and a medal plus certificate on completion.

Mythical Maze is not a competition, but a fun personal challenge to encourage children to read more and use libraries more. Last year 9,330 Wiltshire children joined the challenge, with 5,803 reading all six books and 38,441 books being read in total. Families love the challenge and last year 96% of the participants said that by taking part in the challenge their reading had improved a little or a lot.

Children's reading can 'dip' during the long summer holidays, and The Reading Agency's annual Summer Reading Challenge helps get 750,000 children into libraries to maintain their reading skills and confidence. It's free, it's fun and it really can make a difference to a child's love of reading - because everything changes when we read.

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News from Holy Cross Church

The talk on the Lost Gospels was well attended with people coming from across the deanery to Holy Cross to hear a presentation on the various alternative 'Gospels' which were circulating from the 2nd century AD. Several people who were unable to attend requested an audio recording, and I can forward to this to anyone who is interested. Just get in touch at Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com.

A thoughtful way of reflecting on questions of faith has been provided by Agnostics Anonymous, which has been meeting in The Star Inn, Hullavington. Lots of interesting topics have been covered and I'd be interested to hear anyone's view about how this might be developed. The next one is at 8.00pm on 8 July. Also up for consultation is the future of the midweek service at Sherston which has been running every Thursday at 10.00am for a trial period of three months.

I hope to run a Foundations course on Thursday evenings from 11 September. This is a great way to explore some of the central beliefs and questions of the Christian faith, and is designed to be accessible for those of faith and those of none. I'd be happy to respond to queries in person or via the email above.

The annual confirmation service will be at 7.30pm in Malmesbury Abbey on 7 October. Anyone

(adult or Year 6 and above) who is considering the possibility of being confirmed is encouraged to get in touch with us as soon as possible so we can organise preparation. Rather dramatically, the Archbishop of Canterbury will be conducting adult baptisms in the River Avon on 13 September, so if anyone would like to take this up please do be in contact.

Our children's work will continue over the summer months, with Little Lights meeting weekly during August at 10.30am on Thursdays in Hullavington church. While the content is designed for children who are not yet in school, older siblings are welcome. For this year we've decided to run one extended holiday club in a single location rather than several identical shorter ones. The Group Holiday Club will be at Stanton School from 28 to 31 July inclusive – more details from Becky Fisher.

Events over the next few months include: Luckington fête and BBQ party 5 July 2.00pm to 10.00pm; TOAST charity sleepover 12 July; Boules service at Sherston 6.00pm 13 July; and Group Service 31 August 10.30am Luckington.

Every blessing and hoping for a gorgeous summer.
Christopher Bryan, Priest-in-charge of the Gauzebrook Group


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Busy Hands Pre-School Achieves 'Good' Rating under revised Ofsted system



We have just received our Ofsted report and are delighted to announce that Busy Hands Pre-School has been awarded a 'Good' – a considerable achievement given Ofsted's new, tougher criteria announced last November. In summary the report said:

This is a friendly and welcoming pre-school where children settle at a pace that suits them and their families.

The quality of teaching is good so children make good progress in their learning and development.

Children are confident in the pre-school environment because they know what is expected of them. As a result, they are independent and behave well.

The staff work well together as a team. They strive to develop their knowledge and skills through a good range of training events as they make regular enhancements to their setting to raise the quality of care and learning for children.

As you may be aware under the previous system we achieved an 'Outstanding' rating, and the inspectors have left us with this overall guidance to help us work towards achieving that goal again under the new tougher criteria: '...to engage all parents in their children's learning in order to enhance the planning for future learning so that it is based on a complete picture of children's development.'

We've taken this fully on board and our challenge for the coming year is to continue to build and strengthen our relationship with all parents and carers. One element of this is if you have any special skills or activities you would like to share with the children,

from playing an instrument to reading a story in another language, we would love to hear from you. Busy Hands is at the heart of our community and the active participation of all our parents is something we really welcome.

We are also continuing to work closely with Sherston Primary School and together with our experienced team Busy Hands will continue to provide a strong educational program that follows the framework used in reception year at school. Ensuring that our children have the very best start.

On behalf of the whole committee I would like to say a huge congratulations to all the team at Busy Hands. Our children enjoy an amazing start in a wonderful, safe and caring environment thanks to their ongoing commitment, passion and creative energy. Ensuring our children have such fun whilst learning – so thank you.

There's lots happening at Busy Hands with a host of new activities and developments in place from wake and shake to our outdoor classroom. With the continued close support of our parents, carers and community your village pre-school will continue to thrive and flourish. If you're thinking about pre-school for your children, we warmly welcome you to come and see us. Call us on 07841 571943 to arrange a visit.

By Kirsty Strachan, Busy Hands Chair

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The grants are especially focused on young musicians who struggle with the cost of musical education. This can include lessons; buying an instrument; travel and specialist courses; weekend music schools; and orchestra fees. For example, the award has helped Norman (17) who plays the saxophone and lives on an island (Shetland) to go to the mainland for the National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Scotland. It also allowed Isabella (17) who plays the violin to continue her musical education at Wells Cathedral School. Applicants will need to show evidence of financial need; have ideally achieved a distinction in their last music exam or, if they haven't taken exams, show evidence of this level of ability; and be recommended by their music teacher.

The next deadline for applications is the 20 March 2015. More details are available at www.a-y-m.org.uk/awardsfp

Guided walk to the Easton Grey Roman settlement

On Sunday 13 July, Wiltshire Council's Archaeology Team has organised a guided walk to the Easton Grey Roman settlement with Melanie Pomeroy-Kellinger and Clare King. The walk at Easton Grey will focus on the Roman remains in North Wiltshire and the Cotswolds and will include a walk along the Fosse Way Roman Road.

Please do come and join us in one or all of the walks which all start at 2.00pm and will last between one and two hours. There will be a limit on numbers, so booking is necessary in order to reserve a place.

For more information, joining instructions and to book a place, please email archaeology@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council meets on Thursday 17 July in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and make comments. If you cannot attend the meeting but have something to raise, please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or at clerk@sherston.org.uk.

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1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder

Place water, raisins, cinnamon, cloves, brown sugar, lard (shortening), nutmeg and salt in a saucepan and mix. Place on heat and bring to a boil. Cook 3 minutes.

Allow to cool, then sift together the flour, baking soda and baking powder. Stir into cooked mixture.

Place in a greased loaf pan and bake at 350 degrees F. for one hour.



First World War Commemoration Event

You are invited to attend a county-wide First World War Commemoration Event on Wednesday 30 July at 10.00am at Tidworth Military Cemetery.

This event will be for communities across the county to come together to mark and commemorate the sacrifice made by 10,000 soldiers from Wiltshire during the First World War. Each fallen soldier will be represented on a named cross – the names researched, and the crosses produced by Wiltshire schoolchildren. Each cross will be placed on a wall of remembrance which will provide the focus for this special event.

This event is open to anyone who wishes to attend the service of remembrance and reflect on the huge sacrifice made by so many from Wiltshire. Please extend this invitation in your local community as there is the capacity to host up to 10,000 attendees at the cemetery and we recognise that many people will want to participate and show their personal respect for those who lost their lives.

Tidworth Military Cemetery, which contains burials of both wars, was directly connected with training grounds on, or near, Salisbury Plain. There are 417 First World War graves many of them Australian or New Zealand servicemen, 106 Second World War graves and 40 war graves of other nationalities.

Parking will be adjacent to the cemetery and refreshments will be served.

We look forward to seeing you on 30 July, and to welcoming you to the commemoration event.

Kind regards,

Jane Scott OBE, Leader Wiltshire Council and
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If interested please contact either Mike Johnson (840917) or Geoff Martin (840375) as soon as possible

Sherston Boules and Carnival 2014



Tombola at Boules – Donations needed!

The parish council will be running a 'Giant Tombola' stall during Boules Carnival (12 July) and we need donated prizes. This year, the process of donating prizes has changed: if you have good quality, unused or new items to donate, they can be left at Sunday papers in the small hall. The small hall will also be open on Friday 11 July from 7.00pm until 9.00pm for last-minute donations. We rely on your generosity to make the tombola a success. For further details please contact Jill on 841380 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk.

Duck Race and Duck Race Cream Teas

The legendary duck race will start at 2.30pm on Sunday 13 July as usual in the River Avon in Stretchline field. Make sure you have already picked your duck and cheer it on to victory. Then walk the course along the river to the finish line in the garden at Mill Cottage, where cream teas and homemade cakes are available and the raffle will be drawn. Dogs and children welcome (as long as you clean up after them). Please excuse the disruption caused by building works at Mill Cottage, meaning some areas may have to be cordoned off for safety. No toilet facilities available.

Boules Day Kids Zone

England may be out of the World Cup, but that won't stop the Rio-inspired carnival fun on the village hall field on Boules Day (from 11.30am until 4.30pm). The bunting will be out again– and parrots too! A separate toddler area will keep younger ones occupied, while older kids will be kept busy making headdresses, skirts and shakers, and playing games, including beach volleyball, festival football, rainforest flyers and World Cup shoot-out – all for a token admission charge (under 1s go free, 1-3 £1 and 4+ £3). Let's just hope they find time for the hula-hooping and the grand finale samba procession (leaving the field at 4.30pm and heading down the High Street)!

Stalls

Each year our array of stalls offer diverse and unique buying opportunities for all our visitors, and this year is no exception. The stalls enhance the vibrancy of the day and you will receive a warm welcome from each and every one of our stallholders. So remember to bring some spending money with you on the day, you won't be disappointed.

Boules Night Party

The Awkward Squad invites everyone to the village hall and field on the evening of Saturday 12 July from 7.00pm till late to enjoy some great music, food and drink. Entry is free and the event is open to all ages. Many people in recent years have missed an evening event on Boules Day and the party will provide a chance for everyone to relax after the rigours of the day.

Music will be from contemporary DJ's Stuart Lowndes and Stacey Coleman. Stuart has worked in the US, Japan and New Zealand whilst Stacey has worked in London and Brighton. Also appearing will be the largest disco ball ever to grace the village hall!

The bar will be providing not only local beers and a range of ciders but also some exciting cocktails.

Food produced by Jane Henderson and Sue Shortridge will be available and served in a marquee set up in the field. The menu includes Beef daube, Chorizo and lentil pot, Potato, chick pea, pineapple and coriander Curry (v) at £7.95 adult £4.95 child all served with salad, rustic bread or nan – for the curry. A cheese or meat platter for two is available at £10.95 again with rustic bread and salad. Lime key pie or Summer fruit pavlova for dessert at £3.95. Food is served from 7.30pm to 10.00pm and should please be pre ordered by buying tickets for your chosen courses at Sherston Post Office Stores.

Please note that no other food or drink is allowed at the event.

For further details please contact 07887 814843 or 07769 613627.

Tug of War

Could this be the year that the Sherston Cup returns to Sherston? Teams of eight are invited to take part with an entrance fee of £8 per team. There are men's and ladies' competitions as well as a kids fun 'Tug'. All held on the village hall field from 11.00am on Sunday 13 July. The barbecue and bar will be run with the help from the 1016 crew. To enter a team contact Paul Ormiston on 840694 email pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk

Boules Weekend 2014

Programme of Events

Saturday 12 July

From 9am	Peal of Church Bells to signal start 	Church of the Holy Cross
9.30am	Boules Tournament starts 	High Street
10am	Colts and Juniors Tournament start 	High Street
8.30am - 4.30pm	Café Français 	High Street
All Day	Bar, barbecue, crêpes, variety of stalls, tombola, raffle, duck sales 	High Street
12.30 - 1.30pm	'Ragged and Old' Morris Dancers 	High Street
11am- 5pm	Cream teas, homemade cakes and Pimms	Village Hall
2.30 until 4pm	Doddington Parish Band 	High Street
11.30am till 4pm	Kids Zone – Brazilian Style 	Village Hall Field
4.30pm	Samba Band 	Village Hall Field and High Street
6pm or when finished	Boules Tournament prize giving 	High Street
7pm until Late	The Awkward Squad's 'Boules Night Party' Free entry for all ages 	Village Hall and Field



Sunday 13 July

11am	Tug of War - Sherston Cup		Village Hall Field
2.30pm	Legendary Duck Race		Start line at Stretchline, Brook Hill
From 2.30pm	Finish line of the Duck Race and Cream Teas Raffle Draw		Mill Cottage Garden
6pm	Thanksgiving Service with the Dodington Brass Band		Village Hall Field



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Match No.	Team Name	Against	Team Name	Pitch	Time
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2a	Natty Nuts 2	V	Sponsor 5	2	09:30
3a	Wells Bleu	V	Bouledogs	3	09:30
4a	The Lumberjacks	V	Sponsor 16	4	09:30
5a	3fromtheShip	V	Sponsor 15	5	09:30
6a	Cheltenham Clackers	V	Sopworth Boules	6	09:30
7a	Boules a la Blows	V	The Plough Men	7	09:30
8a	Sprout Pickers	V	Les Poubelles	8	09:30
9a	The Boule Busters	V	Sponsor 10	9	09:30
10a	The Team With No Name	V	Lobstars	10	09:30
11a	Les Optimistes Incurable	V	Noredown Trio	11	09:30
12a	Boulecocks	V	George Vets	12	09:30
13a	S.C.A.B.S.	V	Peigner la girafe	13	09:30
14a	TDT's	V	Dryasabone	14	09:30
15a	The Chicken Coop Three	V	Cricklade No Hoppers	15	09:30
16a	Bowley Boys	V	The D559ers	16	09:30
1b	Wanborough Petanque Club	V	Line and Dando	1	10:00
2b	Desperate measures	V	Natty Nuts	2	10:00
3b	Cooking with Gas	V	Les Nouveaux Chevaliers	3	10:00
4b	Holy Rollers	V	Sherston Antiques	4	10:00
5b	Beaufort Boys	V	Sponsor 14	5	10:00
6b	PYO S.C.A.B.S.	V	The Naked Dwarfs	6	10:00
7b	Team Miffy	V	Temperance Two	7	10:00
8b	Molly Moo's Barmy Army	V	Trois filles	8	10:00
9b	iBoules	V	Les Ouefs	9	10:00
10b	Bassett Elders	V	The Shortys	10	10:00
11b	The Good, the Bad and the Ugly	V	Total Perfection	11	10:00
12b	Floriat Sherstonia	V	Viellies bouledogs	12	10:00
13b	Cricklade Drips	V	Great Boules of Fire	13	10:00
14b	Pinkney Punters	V	Completely Bouled	14	10:00
15b	Douboules Entendres	V	Brian's Babes	15	10:00
16b	Petanglais	V	Happy Campers	16	10:00
1c	The Simpletons	V	Baggie Boules	1	10:30
2c	Old Royal Ship	V	Emphatically Bouled	2	10:30
3c	The Holford Arms	V	Les Trois Brummies	3	10:30
4c	Luckington Lords	V	L'Equipe De Sopworth	4	10:30
5c	Blaymont Boulers	V	Sponsor 8	5	10:30
6c	Boules Radleys	V	Accountaboules	6	10:30
7c	Zee Boulesbags	V	Sponsor 11	7	10:30
8c	Boule Busters	V	Pinkney Players	8	10:30
9c	What a Load of Crepe	V	Itchy Boules	9	10:30
10c	Boules Frites	V	Piste Artistes	10	10:00
11c	Iluvmackemsme	V	Sponsor 9	11	10:30
12c	Girls Behaving Badly	V	Les Banonnes	12	10:30
13c	Bon Courage	V	The Infringers	13	10:30
14c	Highworthians	V	Sponsor 7	14	10:30
15c	Lids Off	V	Dan's Lads	15	10:30
16c	Widleys Trio	V	Norfolk n Hope	16	10:30
1d	The Untouchaboules	V	Vegetaboules	1	11:00
2d	At The Bah	V	Balcony Boulers	2	11:00
3d	Black Country Folk	V	The Hardings	3	11:00
4d	Red Rag	V	The Flying Monks	4	11:00
5d	Les Bungers	V	Silver Streakers	5	11:00
6d	The Presidents Men	V	The Ladybirds	6	11:00
7d	Cleaver Boules	V	Family Ties	7	11:00
8d	Hillcrest Harriers	V	Ouestén Boulers	8	11:00
9d	Maggy's Team	V	Sponsor 12	9	11:00
10d	Rotary Rollers	V	The Nashers	10	11:00
11d	Back Street Boys	V	Sponsor 3	11	11:00
12d	Bonne Chance	V	Cricklade Ladies	12	11:00
13d	The Pink Panthers	V	Sponsor 6	13	11:00
14d	Boules Mariniere	V	Kitbags	14	11:00
15d	Les Chevaliers	V	PROPS Barbarians	15	11:00
16d	Boules Boys	V	The Musketeers	16	11:00

All the way to Africa & baguette (via the Sherston Boules French Café)



Gbongay is a small village in the south of Sierra Leone where Alive & Well bases its well sinking operation for the Pujehun district. Gbongay inhabitants would be both amazed and, there again, possibly quite at home with the Sherston Boules Festival. Though the community struggles in an environment still devastated by the civil war there is an incredible community spirit bringing together villagers when people come to visit.

When I first visited the village in 2010, in a team of five 'Poomway' (people from overseas) as we were called, the whole village came out greet us children running, women dancing and singing and the menfolk sagely standing on the side-lines working out who we were and what we were up to!

Now four years on Alive & Well works closely with the community & we have sunk over 30 Wells in and around the Pujehun region. In that time proceeds from the Sherston Boules Festival have played an important part in supporting us and local communities delivering clean safe drinking water to thousands of people. This vital work helps to overcome the threat of infant and maternal mortality giving communities an opportunity to thrive.

Again this year the French Café will be staffed by me and my trusty band of baguette butterers so please come along and take a break from the frenetic boules activity and have a drink and bite to eat and help support fellow villagers halfway round the other side of the world.

Kim Findlay Trustee and MD Alive & Well.

Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 20 July. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return to the Rattlebone Inn just around 12.00noon in time for a complimentary snack. As ever children and well behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there is no need to book – just turn up on the day.

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Sherston Open Gardens Weekend

What a fantastic weekend! The wonderful weather brought lots of visitors from near and far and, though figures are not available yet, it looks like the event was a great success. About half of the gardens opened this year were 'new' ones so there was an element of discovery as well as seeing old favourites. Gardeners had worked extremely hard to get ready for visitors and the gardens looked fantastic. Thanks to them for their generosity.

Teas in Church were a welcome reward after a hot walk round the village with, as usual, a tempting array of home made cakes.

A huge thank you to all who helped serve teas, made cakes, donated prizes for the raffle and plants for the plant stall.

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The children's Saturday coaching is now coming to an end, just as Wimbledon gets going! It's been another great season, with only one lesson having to be postponed due to bad weather. We hope to run further sessions in September/October – if you would like to be on the mailing list for these sessions, please email Sophie Cheetham at sophcheetham@gmail.com.

In the meantime, if there are any ladies out there who have played up to club standard in the past and are free on Wednesday mornings (10.00am until 11.45am), come along to the courts and join the Ladies from Tetbury! For further info, contact Helen Price at retreatcottage17@btinternet.com.

And as for the Men's Super A, after a mid-season crisis and a couple of heavy losses (including to bitter local rivals, Malmesbury), the team are back in winning ways, having despatched Devizes (ok, it was their D team!) last month. Septegenarian Jeremy Nabarro won the club's longest match, finishing at 9.45pm and nearly missing the club supper of sausage and chips in the Ship!

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As to mangolds a good crop is on the way and all seems set for a most excellent Hurl this coming

October. The usual inspection of the mangold fields will take place on 6 July in accordance with tradition and a full report, hopefully to include photos, will appear next month.

I understand that there is some minor event on 12 July in the village involving the game of petanque. The Order wishes the event all success and perhaps one day it will grow as popular as the Hurl.

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Sherston & Badminton Markets

The next market is on Saturday 5 July at Sherston Village Hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm. There is an increasing range of local food for sale plus some other great products not forgetting the market cafe.

For those on face book there is an active Sherston Market page with lots of information about our stallholders and their products. All dates for the 2014 markets can be found at www.sherstonmarket.weebly.com

The markets are operated by The Awkward Squad and if you are a local maker, baker, grower or producer and are interested in taking a stall please either use the contact form on the web site or phone 07887 814843 or 07769613627.

On Saturday 19 July again from 10.00am to 2.00pm the second Badminton Market will take place at the village hall and will also include a cafe. Contact details are the same as for Sherston and there is now a Badminton Market face book page.

At both markets a free stall is offered for a charity or voluntary group to raise funds. Anyone interested in running such a stall should please use the contact number above.



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Cricket:

The Saturday league side has had a promising start to the 2014 season with only one defeat and that in the last over.

League Results

31 May SMCC won by 9 wickets
Williamstrip 88ao (39.4 overs), SMCC 89-1 (19 overs)
Gould 3-25, Moore 2-21, Kutchera 3-23, Pegg 1-9
Jarvis 35*, Reed 28*, Harmer 19

7 June SMCC lost by 3 wickets
SMCC 157-8 (40 overs), Chedworth 158-7 (39.1 overs)
Harmer 66*, Kenny 30, Jarvis 21
Pegg 2-19, Kenny 2-41, Gould 2-41

14 June SMCC won by 88 runs
SMCC 207 – 8 (40 overs), Barnsley Beeches 119-9 (40 overs)
Harmer 57, Littlejohns 43, Jarvis 30, Kenny 26
Kenny 3-29, Gould, 2-19, Lovell 1-1, Hulance, 1-9,
Pegg 1-28

21 June SMCC won by 5 wickets
NATS 162ao, SMCC 163-5 (39.4 overs)
Stevens 4-36, Kenny 3-47, Kutchera 2-25, Pegg 1-21
Jarvis 64, B Dickenson 23, Harmer 18, Littlejohns
17, Kenny 17*

	p	w	l	c	BatP	BowlP	Ave*	Pts*
Stow on the Wold CC	8	4	0	4	19	18	19.25	77
Chedworth CC	8	5	1	2	24	23	16.17	97
Sherston Magna CC	8	4	1	3	18	22	16	80
Adlestrop CC	8	3	1	4	10	18	14.5	58
Cricklade CC	8	3	3	2	19	25	12.33	74
Barnsley Beeches CC	8	2	2	4	9	18	11.75	47
N.A.T.'s CC	8	1	4	3	16	13	7.8	39
Oakridge CC	8	1	4	3	6	10	5.2	26
Williamstrip CC	8	1	4	3	8	7	5	25
Poulton CC	8	1	5	2	5	8	3.83	23

Ian Gould's introduction as Sunday captain has also started well with a good number of junior cricketers getting an opportunity to experience senior cricket in a fun way.

Cricket at Pinkney Park in July

Tuesday 1 July
SMCC v Langford (U15s) starts 6.15pm

Saturday 5 July
SMCC v Poulton starts at 2.15pm

Sunday 6 July
Sherston Sixes starts at 10.30am

Thursday 10 July
SMCC v Cirencester (U13s) starts 6.15pm

Tuesday 15 July
SMCC v Poulton (U15s) starts 6.15pm

Thursday 17 July
SMCC v Cricklade (U13s) starts 6.15pm

Saturday 19 July
SMCC v Stow-on-the-Wold starts at 2.15pm

Tuesday 22 July
SMCC v Lechlade (U15s) starts 6.15pm

Saturday 26 July
SMCC v Williamstrip starts 2.15pm

Sherston Sixes - 6 July

The cricket club's annual fun event, the Sherston Sixes, takes place on Sunday 6 July from 10.30am. There will be a six aside tournament, bar and food in an event designed to be fun for all the family. If you would like to enter a team or just play on the day please contact sherstonmagna@yahoo.co.uk.

If you would like to just come and watch, the event will start at 10.30am and you are very welcome to the ground at Pinkney Park.



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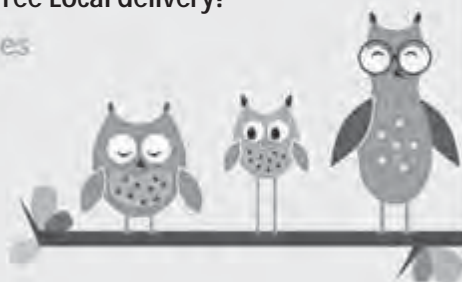
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 See the Parish Life for more details
Mustard Seeds is a Saturday morning club for children aged 4 and over, from 10am – 12noon once a month.

Congregational Church - in The British

Schoolroom 2nd Sunday 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 Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

Little Lights

The first date of the Autumn term will be Thurs 12 Sept 12, 10.30 am in Hullavington church and weekly thereafter. Children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers come from across the Group, including Sherston, for songs, crafts, activities, Bible stories and snack time. Any questions, contact Chantal on 837522

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

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

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

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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 Will start again 6 and 20 May (as he would have wished) All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat Every other Wed 2.30 - 4 pm (Alternating with the Senior Club.) in the British Schoolroom

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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

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Malmesbury Community Choir

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

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

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

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

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Sherston Badminton Club

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

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

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

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Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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Westonbirt Guides

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Sherston Magna Cricket Club

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Two junior league sides (under 13s and under 15s). Junior coaching with ECB level 4 coach takes place every Monday from 6.15pm at the cricket ground at Pinkney Park – more details are available from Paul Jarvis on paul@jarvis2.co.uk or check out the junior facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/SMCCJuniors/

Sherston Netball Club

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

SH.O.C.C. Sherston Occasional Community Choir meets each Wednesday in British Schoolroom at 7.30pm till Wed 2 July £3. A variety of music - all very welcome. Further information: Lucy Lawrance 840778 or Lucy@sherston.plus.com

Sherston Photography Forum

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

Sherston Pilates

Classes held on Tuesday lunchtimes and Thursday evenings at the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739552336 or sherstonpilates@gmail.com

Sherston Tennis Club

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

Sherston Theatre Club

Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. Listings under www.communitate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/ or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. We meet at 10 -11.30am each Tuesday in the Scout Hut with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, not to mention a much-needed cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. Further details contact Sophie Cheetham, sophcheetham@gmail.com 07786 990045 or alternative like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

Sherston Village Hall

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

Sherston W.I.

Meetings in the Village Hall March - October (1st Thurs) at 7.30pm. Visitors always welcome £3. Further information: Jill Woodward 840578

Sherston Young Craft Group

Every Monday 6.45 – 8.15pm in the village hall (children 9 years and over). £3 (incl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each half term. To join, please contact 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

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.

Wild Yoga

Mon evenings during term time – 6.45-8pm and 8.15-9.30pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £9 reducing to £7.50 if you take up the course. More details contact Theo 07818 401110 or theo@wildyoga.co.uk

If you run a club, society or organisation in Sherston that holds regular events such as the above and wishes to be listed, please supply your details and we will add them to the Regular events list. If you have a particular event then please write a short piece about it and we can include it as an article and put the details in the What's On list for that month.

WHAT'S ON

What's on in 2014

Dates for your diary

October

3/4/5 Sherston Beer & Cider Festival

5 Mangold Hurl

29-1 Nov Pantomime

November

8 1016 Fireworks

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

Sherston

Boules & Carnival 2014

Sat 12 – Sun 13 Jul Please see programme in centrefold of July issue for more details and articles

Skittles Tournament at The Rattlebone Wed 9 July 8pm £5;

Boules Day – Sat 12 Jul 128 teams play in the tournament in the High St starting at 9am

Kidszone on Village Hall Field - Brazilian theme party
French Café, bar and BBQ on High St with many interesting stalls

Cream teas and Pimms in the Village Hall 11-5

Sun 13 Jul

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

Thanksgiving service 6pm Village Hall field with the Dodington Band

Please note: WC facilities in Village Hall and High St portaloos only.

Parking: Please make use of the public car parks: Green Lane 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 visit www.sherston.net

The Rattlebone Inn

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

Sunday Nights Bingo & Pizza every Sunday evening from 6pm

Boules & Carnival Skittles Competition Wed 9 Jul 8pm

Pre-Boules Party; BBQ and Live Music from the legendary Killertones Fri 11 Jul

Check boards for more details of events

For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter

#GavinHunt@Therattlebone or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk/

Sherston Market

Local crafts and produce, cake stalls, Sherston Rare Breed pork, Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh local vegetables, Flying Monk Foods and cheeses from Brinkworth Dairy

Every month a free stall in the lobby is made available to local charity or voluntary group to raise funds. See www.sherstonmarket.weebly.com for dates and a contact form should any prospective stallholder wish to get in touch or call 840348 / 07887 814843

Sat 5 Jul 10am-2pm – Ducks on sale for the Boules Weekend
Legendary Duck Race and Raffleboard

Sat 9 Aug

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

A display of paintings and drawings by local artists – July:
Jenny Riley Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon.

FSS Olympic Legacy Day

on Sherston's Rec Sun 6 Jul from 11am - 4pm Our very own Olympic legacy continues, offering children the chance to take part in a mini-decathlon - and win a bronze, silver or gold medal! Plus BBQ and refreshments. 11.00am-4.00pm on the Rec. 'Passports' on sale soon (£2.50 per child). For further details call For more info contact Nicky Gray, FSS chair, via nicky.gray@btinternet.com

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Sherston Drama Group

Auditions for the Pantomime Tues 1 Jul 7.30pm Village Hall - looking for 9 to 18 year olds who are this age on 1 Sep 2014

There are parts for all levels of skill in acting / singing / dancing Rehearsals Tues and Thurs in Sep & Oct Please get in touch too should you want to help out back stage or front of house, choreography or costumes Panto dates 29 Oct - 1 Nov 2014

For further details call Richard Skeffington 840092
richard.skeffington@virgin.net or Sue Ormiston 840694

Sherston WI Talks

50 Years at the Chalk face (in education) with Peter Sheppard Thurs 3 July

The Sue Ryder Organisation with Duncan Willoughby Thurs 7 Aug

Thorns, thistles and roses with Mary Teed Thurs 4 Sep

Table Top Sale Sat 8 Nov 10am - 12 noon To reserve your table at £10 call Alison 07909 737096

Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors £3 (pay on the evening) to include refreshment For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Sue's Strolls

Sun 20 Jul Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return Rattlebone Inn just around 12noon but it's doubtful that the pub will be open by then following the recent fire although hopefully it will be by the Easter weekend. As ever children and well be This is a PHEW! event see www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk

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

Knockdown

The Holford Arms Live Music every weekend. Check boards for more details of events

For further details call 01454 238669 or info@theholfordarms.co.uk

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Guided walks every Wed at 11 and Sat, Sun and BH at 2pm Mar- 29 Oct Free after admission. Meet at the Great Oak Hall, Sorry no dogs

Walkies - dog walk with Maisie Sun 6 and Sat 12 July 11am meet at the Skilling gate, free after admission, no need to book

Butterfly guided walk with the RSPB Wed 2 Sat 19 Sun 20 Jul and Wed 6 Aug 11-1 meet at the Great Oak All - Free after admission Sorry no dogs (!)

Gruffalo 15th birthday trails weekly from 11 Apr till Sep Trail leaflets available in the restaurant and café - Old Arboretum and Silk Wood (where dogs are allowed)

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

Summer concerts announced: July Fri 18 Boyzone; Sat 19 Deacon Blue Sun 20 Katherine Jenkins Tickets £39.60 - £43 Box Office 03000 680400 or online

Mar - Aug admission prices Adults £8 Concs £7 Children £3 For further details call 880220 or visit

www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Westonbirt School

Present Bugsy Malone Wed 2 - Fri 4 July 7.30pm The Orangery £8

Open Gardens Come and visit Gloucestershire's best kept secret - 28 acres of pleasure grounds and formal gardens. Enjoy at your leisure the Saxon Church, ornate Camellia House, the Italian Gardens, pergola and much more. open every Wed April and Sept from 2-5pm and every Mon in July and Aug 11am-4pm £5

House and Gardens open with tour guides departing on the hour: 11am - 5pm. Entry: £8, Children under 12 free Sun 20 Jul (NGS) and Sun 3, 10, 21 Aug, Sun 21 Sep, Sun 26 Oct

Both tours 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!

For further details call Tania Warner on 880333 or twarner@westonbirt.org or visit www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

Luckington

Luckington Summer Fete

Sat 5 Jul 2pm till late The annual village -stalls, pony rides, dog show and entertainment for all of the family. BBQ and musical entertainment into the evening.

For further details call Any offers of help or questions to Candy Neal on 840645.

Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

Flower Arranging with Rachel Wilson, Whatley Manor's in house florist Master class demo followed by 2 course lunch in Le Mazot then make your own flower arrangement to take home Wed 16 Jul £75 incl refreshments, lunch, equipment and materials

Thursday evening cinema Thurs 10 Jul: 'Philomena' starring Judi Dench, Steve Coogan and Sophie Kennedy Clark Thurs 24 Jul: 'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty' starring Ben Stiller, Kristen Wiig and Jon Daly £23 includes a choice of either a glass of wine, a bottled beer or soft drink. A small tub of delicious ice cream (choice of flavour) and of course popcorn.

Sunday Cinema New format: £8.50 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn. In addition, on the day, choose one, two or three courses from the a la carte lunch menu in 'Le Mazot' brasserie The Sunday Cinema Screenings must be pre-booked Sun 6 Jul 'Philomena' and Sun 20 Jul 'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty'

Book ahead for: Wolf of Wall Street; American Hustle; Saving Mr Banks; Mandela; Captain Phillips; The Butler; 12 years a slave;

Tuesday Garden Tours 22 Jul Full - place available 5 and 19 Aug 11.30 for 12 noon start, Garden tour 2-4pm £42 Welcome reception and 2 course lunch using ingredients from the kitchen garden, followed by private tour of the 12 acre garden by Andy Spreadbury gardens & maintenance manager For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

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Local MP surgery with James Gray MP Sat 19 Jul 12 noon - 1pm
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For further details call www.jamesgray.org or email
jamesgraymp@parliament.uk for online surgeries

Mythical Maze Summer Reading Challenge

National Summer Reading Challenge for 4 to 11 year olds
in Wiltshire Libraries The challenge is simple, for children
to read six books over the summer, tell us about the books
and collect 'rewards' to mark their progress, including a neon
green wristband, scratch and sniff stickers, and a medal plus
certificate on completion

Malmesbury Library For further details call 823611 or
visit <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/artsheritageandlibraries/librarieshome>

Malmesbury Kite Festival

2-3 Aug 10am - 5pm free entry Car Park £2 a spectacular
array of kites, including beautiful artistic and appliquéd kites,
sport stunt kites, synchronised to music and inflatables. Bring
your own kites, either bought or home made and experts on
hand to help advise on flying them or on their design

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For further details call jules.caton@googlemail.com or call
07794 608280 or visit www.malmesbury.com

Tetbury

Tetbury Summer Show

Entertainment and activity for all the family together with
the flower and craft show in the grand marquee Sun 10 Aug.
Gates open at noon, entry prices are Adult £2.50, children
12 - 16 years £1 children under 12 - free Entry forms and
instructions for the Flower Show are available on line
Tetbury Memorial Recreation Ground, enter via Hampton St
For further details visit www.tetburysummershow.co.uk

Flower Festival

Christchurch Flower Festival displays by groups who
regularly use the church Wed 16 - Sat 19
Jul 10am - 4pm. Free entry but donations
welcome. Refreshments available.
Christchurch, The Chipping

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Summer break - back in September. August's
Cliffhanger will have details of the next
presentation.

For further details call Lesley 01249 783157
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Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

Captain Philips Fri 11 Jul (No film in August) Doors open
6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on
the door Didmarton Village Hall

For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or
jenny.body@virgin.net

Chippenham

Chippenham River Festival

Raft racing, river trips, the Big Swim, angling Sat 19 Jul
10am - 5pm

Monkton Park For further details call Liz Bowden 07876
763670 or elizbowden@gmail.com or visit
www.chippenhamriverfestival.co.uk

Around the World in 80 minutes - Concert in aid of Dorothy House Hospice Care

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Church, Chippenham Tickets £8/£10, available on the door
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Cotswolds

Cotswold Rural Skills

Dry Stone Walling - Beginners 19-20 Jul Lansdown £99

9-10 Aug Naunton £99 23-24 Aug Leckhampton Hill

Lime Mortar - beginners 5-6 Aug £109 Ebworth Centre

Cotswold Tile Roofing - Beginners 9-10 Aug Naunton £99

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For further details visit

www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events.htm

Horton

Horton Flower Festival

'The Glory of the Garden' by Chipping Sodbury Floral Society Tea, coffee and cakes will be served in a marquee next to the Church. Please come along and enjoy some wonderful flowers in a unique setting next to Horton Court. Entry Free, donations appreciated. Parking available. Preview on Thurs 3 Jul 7pm 'til 9pm admittance by ticket only, Fri 4 and Sat 5 July 10am - 8pm and Sun 6 from 10am - 5pm followed by Evensong at 6.30pm.

St James the Elder Church Horton

For further details call Tel 01454-319356.

Hawkesbury Upton

Hawkesbury Upton Horticultural Show and Fair

Sat 30 Aug open from 12.30. 2:30pm: Falconry Display by Michael Davie and the Clever Dog Company Rally Group present a dog agility demonstration Archery, Local Beer & Cider Tent, Craft Stalls, Pimms Tent, Refreshments, Hog and Badminton Deer roast, Fairground rides, Face painting and auction. Dogs welcome on a lead Entry (Pay at the gate) - Adults £5, Senior Citizens £3, Children £2, Family ticket £12 Village Hall and Recreation Field, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton *For further information or to book a stall phone 01454 232910 or email: vicky@coombeview.com or visit www.hawkesburyshow.org*

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Cirencester Park, GL7 2EF *For further details call 01285 653947 or visit www.cirencopenair.co.uk*

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Iford Arts Festival

Opera & Music Festival Opera: La Fille du Regiment (Donzetti) July and Aug Return of Ulysses (Monteverdi)

Gates open at 5.30pm for picnics in the Grade 1 listed Harold Peto gardens of Iford Manor, 6 miles from Bath

First night party festival prom Fri 27 Jun £34

Iford Manor

For further details call Book via the Theatre Royal Bath Box Office 01225 44 88 44 or online or visit www.ifordarts.org.uk

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Kafka's Dick by Alan Bennett 9- 26 Jul

Therese Raquin starring Alison Steadman 30 Jul - 16 Aug

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5 - 18 July Free events and entertainment - bike related see website for details

For further details call or visit www.bristolcyclefestival.com

Bristol Harbour Festival

18-20 July Free events and entertainment all weekend see website for details 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 relax

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

Fairford Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford

11-13 July 07.30 - 8.30pm see website for ticket prices. Advance ticket sales only

Further details call 0800 107 1940 (Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm) or visit www.airtattoo.com/airshow

Longborough Festival Opera June - July

Der Ring des Nibelungen; La Boheme till - 27 July

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Longborough Festival Opera

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