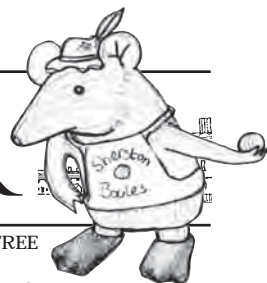




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Sherston School – a Sporting Success story!

It has been a summer of sporting success at the village primary school.

The cricket team, some of whom also play for the U11s at Sherston Magna Cricket Club, has won the Malmesbury Primary Schools Kwik Cricket tournament for the third year in a row, beating 12 other schools. Coached by Nick Bowditch, the school's headteacher, they now go on to the county finals in Trowbridge, where a win would be a fitting farewell to Nick who retires in July after an impressive 24 years of leadership.



Meanwhile, there have been individual success stories this month from James Hulme, Willa Gibb, Alex Laddle and Maisie Laddle.

James represented Great Britain in the World Series Biathlon competition in Pisa, where he ran in the lunchtime heat. He came 4th out of 108 athletes in the U15 event, no small achievement.

Willa Gibb won the county U13 High Jump competition at Tidworth, competing against girls two years her senior. She also won the silver medal in the U13 70 metre hurdles.

Alex and Maisie Laddle were chosen to represent Avon County and won their regional athletics competition.

The school does its utmost to encourage emerging sporting talent, with its own gymnastics team, hockey, rugby and running clubs. The successful football and netball teams were both victorious in the Small Schools Tournament held in Seagry in May.

Tennis, fencing and Kwik cricket are on offer as after-school clubs with private providers at a reasonable cost. The tennis players, coached by Dawn Riley in the school hall and on the village courts, won the Mid-Wiltshire area tournament, also in May, and go through to the county final in Marlborough in July.

Sherston school sports day, held in June, is far more about working together to win, than



individual success, as each child who wins gains points for their team colour. This year the Yellow team came first. The Friends of Sherston School ran a successful raffle as part of its efforts to raise £10,000 to extend the fitness trail equipment on the school field, and make it a complete circuit, just like the equipment on the rec which is much used and loved by village children. Our aim is to keep them as active as possible at break time! Thank you to all the local businesses who donated prizes; Sherston Post Office and Stores, Tucks, Apples and Pairs, Whatley Manor, The Carpenters Arms, The Angel, and the science centre, @Bristol. We made nearly £300!



FSS Olympic Day took place on Sunday 14 June, transforming the rec into a sea of mini sports events. It aims to give as many primary school children as possible a taste of real competition, as the three highest scorers in each age group win a gold, silver or bronze medal. This year around 120 children had the chance to try a mini version of 'real' sports, including the sprint, hurdles and long jump. Many thanks to the huge number of parents who gave up their time to cut the grass, mark out the events, and run the day, and to Jason at the Rattlebone for his support with the refreshments. The small organising team of dads and mums is really proud that Olympic Day, which was started to celebrate London 2012, has successfully completed its fourth year. So here's to Rio 2016, and keeping the legacy of the Olympics alive at Sherston School!



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Sherston Drama Group Pantomime Auditions



Cinderella

Auditions for young people who would like to be in the chorus will be held on Tuesday 7 July 6.45pm at the British School Room, Cliff Road (minimum age nine years old on 1 September 2015).

Please note that the performance dates are 28 to 31 October. For any enquires, please contact info@sherstondramagroup.org

Sherston Senior Club

On 26 May we were entertained by Jill Woodward relating her experiences in Sierra Leone in helping to set up a hotel and all that entailed. Jill returned to the UK and many years later decided, together with another couple, to move to France. After looking for their ideal homes, they ended up in an ideal house all together. This arrangement worked very well and lots of fun and happiness ensued. This was a most interesting and entertaining talk.

On 9 June we had our annual trip to Weston-Super-Mare, where members and visitors enjoyed a windy but dry day at the sea.

On Tuesday 7 July, we have our Boules Tea afternoon in the British School Rooms at 2.30pm. We will be entertained by the popular singing group 'End of the Track'. Members £3.00, visitors £4.00 inclusive.

On Tuesday 21 July, Optimum Mobility will be demonstrating equipment and offering advice 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

Contact for any information Helen Quirk on 840516.

Free Wheels for Disabled Boules Day Revellers



Optimum Mobility of Sherston is offering anyone who has difficulty walking the free loan of a powered mobility scooter for the day, or for the weekend for locals.

Please ring 840060 to book one or visit their display stand in the High Street on the day.

Boules Day 2015 Car Parking on 11 July



Boules Day is fast approaching and so here is a reminder 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. Stallholders with permits and disabled visitors may also park on the recreation ground. Permits will be issued to residents nearer the time. As usual, the ATC will be managing the car parks 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 at the end of the day (7.30pm or 8.00pm), so could we ask that you please refrain from bringing your car back to the High Street until after the stalls and pitches have been cleared and 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 on 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 and cooperation.

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council will next meet on Thursday 23rd 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 email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can also be read.

Mr Bowditch's Farewell

On 20 July Sherston school pupils and staff will be wishing Mr Bowditch farewell, after 24 years, with an assembly and whole school picnic. As many people have expressed an interest in extending their own best wishes, we would like to provide this opportunity by inviting all to tea and biscuits from 3.00pm.

Good Neighbours



Imagine the scenario: you are out shopping and your keys and purse have been misplaced; you are visiting a friend in one of our lovely villages and you have missed the last bus or the car has broken down. PANIC! Where do you go for help? There is a national scheme called Safe Places which is gradually spreading and is now being set up in Wiltshire. You may have noticed the logo in shops, restaurants or other business windows?



Wherever you see this sign, you can be assured of sensible, practical assistance in time of need. Establishments displaying this sign have volunteered to take part in this scheme and have agreed to be true 'good neighbours'. They will offer a safe place for you to wait, and support you to sort out the problem.

If you have any questions about this, or if I can help in any other way through the Good Neighbour role, give me a call on 07557 922020.

Ellen Blacker

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Walk on the wild side Project SHRIMP

One of the key goals of the WildSherston event held last May was to create a project to improve our local natural environment. One of the organisations that attended WildSherston was the Bristol and Avon River Trust (BART). BART is a community-led organisation that aims to deliver education, land- and river-based management advice and practical river restoration work across the Bristol Avon Catchment. You can find out more about them on their website – www.bristolavonrivertrust.org. BART is only a small charity but it has already successfully completed several habitat enhancement and river restoration projects and is really keen to encourage people to develop a sense of ownership of our waterways by working with communities on stretches of their local rivers.

Over the past few months we have been in discussion with BART, together with some local landowners, about project(s) to improve our part of the Avon. Harriet Alvis, who you may remember used to live in the village, is now the Project Officer for BART. Harriet is a biologist, first inspired to work on rivers by seeing the Environment Agency sampling down at Forlorn, and is excited to be part of a project to improve the river in the village!

The SHRIMP project (SHerston River IMProvement) will work with local volunteers with the aim of improving a popular section of river close to the village, running at the foot of Grove Wood, and

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will also be creating a wildflower meadow. We are able to do this thanks to grants from Wessex Water, the People's Postcode Lottery, and money raised from the WildSherston event last year and the local farmers.

The river already supports small populations of fish such as brown trout and bullhead. However, low flows, particularly during the summer, are insufficient to deal with sediment deposited after the higher flows following heavy rainfall. This sediment has resulted in gravels being smothered, conditions detrimental to spawning trout and to habitats for invertebrates.

The project will succeed if local people want to help restore the river banks and help make improvements to the river for the benefit of both people and wildlife. We have already seen evidence of otters, kingfishers and water voles in the area and the work will help secure their future. (It was Harriet who first spotted the otter spraint that prompted us to put cameras in the river.)

We will be at the Boules Festival talking about our project as well as trying to raise some funds and hoping to find people who wish to sponsor their own wildflower plug patch which will help create a community wildflower meadow. You can donate on the day or through our website (www.bristolavonrivertrust.org) if this is easier.

SHRIMP will need a number of volunteers to complete both the in-stream river improvements and the wildflower meadow. If you are interested in volunteering with this project, please email harriet@bristolavonrivertrust.org or Geoff Carss at geoff_carss@hotmail.com – no experience needed, just enthusiasm and a basic level of fitness! Similarly, if you have any questions about this project, feel free to drop us a line.

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Footpaths

By the time you read this, hopefully the updated Sherston Walks booklet will be available. The walks have been updated and a new walk added.

We are now hoping, where the landowners agree, to upgrade or replace some of the gates and stiles on the walks. There are some funds available for this, but we also need to raise some money ourselves. We are therefore looking at the option of discrete 'sponsorship plaques' on the new gates and stiles. This has apparently been quite successful elsewhere in Wiltshire. These are sometimes in memory of people who have loved a particular walk, but also sometimes of dogs that have been regular users of a gate or stile.

We're looking at what sort of costs would be appropriate, but I would be interested to know what people's views are on this. Please send any comments via Sarah Wood on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk.

Phil Cutcher, Parish Councillor and Chair of the Footpath Group.

Village hall 300+ club

June 2015 Draw

1st	303	Kate Hills	£13
2nd	89	Adrienne Jackson	£12
3rd	166	Jennifer Tullberg	£11
4th	143	Carey Smith	£10
5th	234	Anne-Marie Pritchett	£9
6th	6	Phil Jobson	£8
7th	48	Luke Williams	£7

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

New to the village, or wish to become a member? You can join at any time of the year. For information, please call Lin Prior on 840846.



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Neighbourhood Watch and Sherston Thefts

As many of you will know there have been a spate of thefts in Sherston, mainly from sheds and gardens, although there was also a burglary from a house.

This is just a reminder to be extra careful when looking after your possessions. A few tips.

Make sure you have plenty of outside lights. These are very cheap now and with the economy bulbs they do not use a lot of electricity- only a few pence if left on for hours. Although they can sometimes be destroyed by the thieves they are a deterrent.

Put a curtain up at the windows of outside sheds. Ikea have some very cheap ones that let daylight through and then thieves cannot look in and see tools.

Put padlocks on gates to back entrances. These are easy to cut but again they are a deterrent. If you do not want to carry an extra key a number combination can be used, usually a very simple number which you can remember.

It is a shame that in a village like Sherston we can no longer leave doors and cars open, but it is now a fact that we have to be extra careful. If you are old or fairly immobile and need to let neighbours have access to your house in case you need them there are little security boxes that can be put on the outside of the house with a key inside. These can only be accessed by anybody who knows the code. Also leave a key with a neighbour in case it is necessary for somebody who does not know the code to get to you. A lot of people gave me their details for my Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. At present there are quite a few new people in the village who may not have been here when this was done. If you are not on this scheme please let me have your details so that I can include you.

Email me at beryl@clampton.com, call on 01666841201 or 07850 623517 or leave a note of your details with Paul or Gail at the Post Office.

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Quote Cliffhanger on any enquiry

Sherston looking very weedy

As any keen gardener knows, now is the time that all plants, good and bad, grow with an enthusiasm that would daunt all but the most orderly gardener. This is true of the verges around the village and unfortunately with the latest budget restrictions, our verges are not receiving much attention from Wiltshire Council. It would be really great if householders could maintain the verges and walls of their own front gardens and perhaps if you are feeling really carried away by a therapeutic spot of weeding, your efforts could stretch to verges close by that are not associated with a garden, such as this lush forest of stinging nettles near Grove Road (see picture below).

With Boules Weekend approaching it would be lovely to tidy the village in anticipation of all the visitors, so that Sherston is looking its very best.



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Thomas Worboys' Children's Charity Fun Run

On Sunday 19 July, children from Sherston and the surrounding areas will be running, walking, hopping, skipping and some may even be jumping around either a 1km or a 3km route, to raise money for Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG).

This fun run is in memory of Thomas (Toti) Worboys who tragically passed away from acute myeloid leukaemia in 2014. Money raised from this event will go to the family's chosen charity, CCLG, to fund much-needed research into this specific cancer.

The run will start at 11.00am from the Scout Hut at Sherston recreation ground; children will have the option of taking part in a 1km run around the rec or a longer 3km run which extends along the Sopworth Road and back.

Entry costs £5 per runner plus any additional sponsorship which is entirely optional.

To take part in this event, register in advance at www.thomasworboysfunrun.eventzilla.net

You really do need to register prior to the day of the run on 19 July. Please, don't be disappointed and turn up on the morning without a runner number!

For more information and to get involved visit the facebook page www.facebook.com/twccfunrun

To raise money through sponsorship visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/thomasfunrun>

Consideration for the Cliff


Soon it will be summer and many people will want to spend time on the Cliff, however access to the Cliff is a privilege but not a right. It is not public land, and we are grateful that the current landowner allows this access, but we must treat the Cliff with care and consideration and ensure that the surrounding fields are treated with respect because continued misuse may result in the loss of the Cliff as an area we all have the chance to enjoy.

A limited number of people using the Cliff are not being considerate and leaving rubbish, such as cans and glass bottles, lighting fires and not clearing up their dogs' poo.

Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is and it can cause infections, so always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly – 'bag it and bin it'. Make sure your dog is wormed regularly to protect it, other animals and people. More than this, though, is that many of the fields that are regularly used by the community are actually not public access and used to grow hay and silage, so rubbish and dog poo badly affect the quality of this feed.

NOT TO BE USED BY THE PUBLIC

PERMITTED PUBLIC USE

You are encouraged to only use the area highlighted in light grey in the map : the field running from the gate on Sopworth Lane to the Gate at the bottom of Brook Hill, opposite Stretchline, and the banks of the Avon at the bottom. The areas in dark

When on a footpath it is not acceptable to wander off the path, particularly into the wider field. Please remember to keep to the path, leave no rubbish and pick up after your dog. There are bins at each of the gates to the Cliff, so please use them for rubbish and bagged dog poo.

Please read and follow the Countryside Code: reproduced overleaf. New signs will be placed on the usual entrances to the Cliff encouraging users to use the land appropriately.

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The Countryside Code

Respect other people

Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors

- Respect the needs of local people and visitors alike – for example, don't block gateways, driveways or other paths with your vehicle.
- When riding a bike or driving a vehicle, slow down or stop for horses, walkers and farm animals and give them plenty of room. By law, cyclists must give way to walkers and horse-riders on bridleways.
- Co-operate with people at work in the countryside. For example, keep out of the way when farm animals are being gathered or moved and follow directions from the farmer.
- Busy traffic on small country roads can be unpleasant and dangerous to local people, visitors and wildlife – so slow down and where possible, leave your vehicle at home, consider sharing lifts and use alternatives such as public transport or cycling. For public transport information, phone Traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or visit Traveline.

Leave gates and property as you find them and follow paths unless wider access is available

- A farmer will normally close gates to keep farm animals in, but may sometimes leave them open so the animals can reach food and water. Leave gates as you find them or follow instructions on signs. When in a group, make sure the last person knows how to leave the gates.
- Follow paths unless wider access is available, such as on open country or registered common land (known as "Open Access" land).
- If you think a sign is illegal or misleading such as a 'Private – No Entry' sign on a public path, contact the local authority.
- Leave machinery and farm animals alone – don't interfere with animals even if you think they're in distress. Try to alert the farmer instead.
- Use gates, stiles or gaps in field boundaries if you can – climbing over walls, hedges and fences can damage them and increase the risk of farm animals escaping.
- Our heritage matters to all of us – be careful not to disturb ruins and historic sites.

Protect the natural environment

Leave no trace of your visit and take your litter home

- Protecting the natural environment means taking special care not to damage, destroy or remove features such as rocks, plants and trees. They provide homes and food for wildlife, and add to everybody's enjoyment of the countryside.
- Litter and leftover food doesn't just spoil the beauty of the countryside, it can be dangerous to wildlife and farm animals – so take your litter home with you.

Dropping litter and dumping rubbish are criminal offences.

- Fires can be as devastating to wildlife and habitats as they are to people and property – so be careful with naked flames and cigarettes at any time of the year. Sometimes, controlled fires are used to manage vegetation, particularly on heaths and moors between 1st October and 15th April, but if a fire appears to be unattended then report it by calling 999.

Keep dogs under effective control

- When you take your dog into the outdoors, always ensure it does not disturb wildlife, farm animals, horses or other people by keeping it under effective control. This means that you:

Keep your dog on a lead, or

keep it in sight at all times, be aware of what it's doing and be confident it will return to you promptly on command.

Ensure it does not stray off the path or area where you have a right of access.

- Special dog rules may apply in particular situations, so always look out for local signs. For example:

Dogs may be banned from certain areas that people use, or there may be restrictions, byelaws or control orders limiting where they can go.

The access rights that normally apply to open country and registered common land (known as 'Open Access' land) require dogs to be kept on a short lead between 1 March and 31 July, to help protect ground nesting birds, and all year round near farm animals.

At the coast, there may also be some local restrictions to require dogs to be kept on a short lead during the bird breeding season, and to prevent disturbance to flocks of resting and feeding birds during other times of year.

- It's always good practice (and a legal requirement on 'Open Access' land) to keep your dog on a lead around farm animals and horses, for your own safety and for the welfare of the animals. A farmer may shoot a dog which is attacking or chasing farm animals without being liable to compensate the dog's owner. Further information.

- However, if cattle or horses chase you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead – don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it. Your dog will be much safer if you let it run away from a farm animal in these circumstances and so will you.

- Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is and it can cause infections, so always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly – 'bag it and bin it'. Make sure your dog is wormed regularly to protect it, other animals and people.

- See more at: www.ramblers.org.uk/advice/paths-and-access/england/countryside-code-for-the-public.aspx#sthash.P2ViHfb7.dpuf

News from Holy Cross Church

Summertime is now upon us and with it a huge variety of church and community events which have already been running through May and June. I don't think I have ever known such an action-packed summer, with most of our churches running at least one event and some offering a wonderful variety so that every conceivable taste is catered for. These occasions are a great chance to meet people, strengthen friendships and have fun. Also the funds raised are a useful supplement to regular giving.

I hope I haven't forgotten anything:

- Saturday 4 July:
Luckington fête, 2.00pm to 5.00pm
- Sunday 12 July:
Boules Service, Sherston village hall
- Saturday 1 August:
7.30pm Concert Sherston church
- Sunday 30 August: 10.30am Group Service in Alderton followed by picnic.

Over the summer our children's worker Becky Fisher will be running a holiday club at Stanton School for the whole group from 27 to 30 July from 10.00am to 12.00noon. Also there will be a special Little Lights on Thursday 13 August in Hullavington church from 10.30am to about midday with a picnic – it will still be aimed at the 0-5 year olds but older siblings will be welcome.

The TOAST youth group will meet for two socials: 19 July and 9 August, both at 7.00pm at 1 Rectory Close, SN14 6DT. This would be an excellent opportunity for any young people who are going up to secondary school in the autumn to try out our friendly group. If you'd like to come, please let me know on Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or 837522.

While on the subject of youth ministry we are hoping to lead a confirmation group starting this autumn for young people of secondary school age. It's open-ended so you're welcome to come if you're interested but not sure whether or not confirmation is for you. If you did decide to be confirmed there

is a service at Malmesbury Abbey on 4 November at 7.30pm. Adults who are wishing to be confirmed should contact the vicar please.

Children's and youth work is a real strength in this group and our children's worker Becky Fisher is a key person in building it up and supporting it. Having been supported by a Growth Fund grant from the diocese for the past four years we are now having to find all the costs of her employment ourselves. Happily, two local trusts have pledged a total of £18,000 per annum for the next three years, which leaves us about £11,000 p/a to find. A funding team is writing off to other charities to seek grants, but we are also hoping to raise support locally. We have produced an attractive leaflet which is being distributed through schools and churches. Please read it and consider prayerfully if you might be able to donate towards this excellent work.

The fact that we are a group of churches and personnel who are recognised as providing good training should stand us in good stead for receiving another curate in the future. This is not guaranteed however, and even if we do receive a successor to Phil, he or she will not be arriving until at least July 2016. So the ministry team is having to adapt to losing a valued colleague. We know you'll be aware that we'll be feeling a bit busier than usual, so please do let us know if anything or anyone looks to be in danger of slipping through the net.

Best wishes for the summer

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DNAs on the rise again

We are again seeing an increase in wasted appointments. The figures for this April are nearly 40% up on last year. This amounts to 53 missed appointments and a waste of 815 minutes during the month of April this year. Amazingly, some of the appointments missed were emergency appointments booked earlier the same day. This is extremely frustrating, particularly for those patients who sometimes have to wait up to two weeks for routine appointments.

There are a number of things you can do to help avoid missing appointments:

- Give us your mobile phone number and we will send a text reminder the day before.

- If you can't use the appointment, ring the surgery to let us know, there is an option to leave a message on an answer phone.
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At our May meeting, Beryl Griffiths amused the hall with her chat whilst demonstrating several bold and colourful arrangements. Beryl's skill and experience was evident in her unique creations.

Our next meeting, on Wednesday 17 June, saw Jayne Morriss (area demonstrator and Chelsea 2015 silver medal winner) demonstrate under the title of 'strolling through gardens'.

The meeting on Wednesday 15 July will take the form of a tutored workshop with Sandra Snell (area demonstrator and Chelsea 2015 gold medal winner) and our annual strawberry tea evening will be held on Wednesday 19 August at 6.00pm. This year we will head for Kington St. Michael, where one of our members has kindly offered the use of her garden.

We send our congratulations to NAFAS South West Area team who won a gold medal at Chelsea with their display entitled 'Revitalisation & Regeneration'.

Crudwell Flower Festival and Strawberry Fayre will take place on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 July. The flower club will be involved in staging the flower festival.

In September the club is planning to run a flower-arranging course for beginners, arrangements are in progress.

Flower club meetings take place at Crudwell village hall (SN16 9HB) on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. If you enjoy flowers, come and join us – visitors and new members are welcome.

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In June we will be cycling across northern England from Coast to Coast (C2C), west to east. This route is 148 miles over four days and crosses some of the highest points in the country. Three of our dads are joining us, plus a grandfather! It is a massive challenge for all of us and, whilst daunted, we are very excited to be raising money for such a great charity.

The charity that we are raising money for is Lunchbowl. It was set up in 2006 to help orphaned and vulnerable children living in Kibera, a slum in Nairobi, and is run purely by volunteers. They feed and care for the orphans who live there in abject poverty, without access to medication, sanitation or care. Currently, they are feeding 460 children daily, though this number is ever increasing.

One healthy and nutritious lunch costs just 33p which is raised from donations from schoolchildren here in the UK. With our target of £10,000, Lunchbowl would be able to set up a new kindergarten which will not only feed and care for but also educate a further 150 children. Please visit the Lunchbowl website (www.lunchbowl.org) for more information.

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All are welcome to come to this very special concert – Harry had many friends in the village and beyond and we were all amazed by his wonderful talents for music. His special interest was the music of the period of Tallis and Palestrina, which he performed with his group of singers the Amberley Chamber Choir. Members of the choir, his other musical associates and his very musical family will perform together in the church in tribute to him.

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Police launch rural crime prevention booklet



Wiltshire Police has launched its rural crime prevention booklet. Ninety-four per cent of Wiltshire is classed as rural areas so there is some great information inside that could be relevant to you. The booklet gives advice on the following topics:

- Farmhouse and outbuilding security
- Vehicles, machinery and boundaries
- Fuel tank and heating oil security
- Livestock and horse identification and protection
- Protection of wild animals, poaching and hare coursing

The majority of the photos from the booklet were supplied by members of the public through a photo competition Wiltshire Police held earlier in the year. Please have a read and remember if you see any suspicious activity to ring it in on 101.

The booklet can be downloaded at www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/Attachment/482607/114666/16602/16602_Rural_watch_booklet_cs6.pdf

Sherston W.I.



It is proving to be a very busy year for members of the W.I. We are celebrating 100 years since we were formed. Throughout 2015 we are enjoying taking part in various activities that reflect our wide range of interests.

One of our members was lucky to have been able to attend the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace that was held solely to celebrate our 100th birthday. She reported on a splendid and memorable afternoon.

In the same week, two members were at the Royal Albert Hall for the AGM. Sheila and Jill told us about the influence of the Queen's presence, her address to members and attempt at cutting the anniversary cake. It was a very emotional moment when it came to singing the National Anthem and Jerusalem.

Several Sherston members visited Minety W.I. who are celebrating their 95th birthday. Another visit was made to Seend W.I. where Virginia Ironside, agony aunt and author was the speaker. We also made a farm visit to the Cotswold Farm of Adam Henson in May which proved informative and enjoyable. A sunny warm Sunday afternoon saw us sitting in the garden of Greenacres at Startley where Ann and Howard had invited us to a BBQ. A long lunch was a treat.

Ros Liddington spoke at our June meeting on 'Hats don't suit me'. She was an entertaining and dynamic speaker. She brought a large number of hats with her and proceeded to show us how to look at body posture, sloping shoulders and different angles and positioning of trimmings. She gave us a fresh outlook on hats and what to look for when buying one.

We next meet on 2 July at the village hall. Our speaker will be Mary Hinton on Hedgehog Rescue.

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Sherston Boules and Carnival 2015

By the time this goes to print, this year's Sherston Boules & Carnival will be nearly upon us. Last year a very small and competent band of helpers put on an excellent weekend and with threats of closure, this year we have rallied support and a slightly larger group of headless chickens are hoping to entertain you – so rally the families and friends and join us for a weekend of fun and frolics!



Family Evening at Pinkney Park

Wednesday 8 July, 6.00pm onwards

We kick off this year with a family-orientated social evening at Pinkney Park, with beer and a barbecue. A Sherston cricket XI will entertain us by taking on the mighty OAFs (Sherston's Occasionally Athletic Fathers) so bring a rug, some friends and enjoy the evening sunshine (hopefully!).

Skittles Challenge

Thursday 9 July at the Rattlebone Skittle alley

A regular on the Boules calendar – challenge your mates and show off your skittle skills, 8.30pm ish at The Bone, with thanks to Chris Gough for his tireless efforts each year. Prizes for the three highest scorers!

Friday Night Out

Jason Read and his crew will be entertaining you, along with a special – and possibly final – appearance from Sherston's very own 'Village People' at The Bone. A regular knees-up and annual meet and greet for friends and family all arriving for our famous Boules Weekend! Hangovers and bleary eyes guaranteed for the traditional 6.30am set-up and shovel session the following morning (all welcome by the way – bring a shovel and some coffee!).

Saturday 11 July - The Main Event

Start your day with a choice of hearty breakfasts from the Carpenters, Bone or The Angel.

Our array of stalls always 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.

Enjoy the bustling atmosphere, cheer on your team, marvel at the skilful and laugh with the not so skilful. Eat baguettes at the French café, have a burger at the barbecue. Enjoy a Pimm's or traditional French pastis to settle your boules nerves, take your little ones to immerse themselves at the Kids Zone, ride the roundabout, try your luck on the tombola and buy your winning duck for the next day's race. Morris dancers and brass bands will keep you entertained while the samba band will bring some roving Latin entertainment. Relax and enjoy and stay around for an entertaining final – last year's winners the Welsh 'Piste Artistes' will no doubt be up for a new challenger from the village we hope!

Boules Day Kid Zone

This year, the Kid Zone, held on the village hall field (from 11.30am until 4.30pm), will take on a space theme! Expect rockets, aliens and astronauts – and even a planetarium! Organised by Sherston School, Busy Hands and Sherston Toddler Group, the fun will include an alien shoot-out, a space hopper moon race circuit and inter-galactic crafts! There will also be a separate toddler area, with moon sand and a 'planet' ball pool.

Tombola at Boules – Donations needed!

The committee will be running a 'Giant Tombola' stall during Boules Carnival (11 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 the Sunday papers in the small hall or you can drop them off at James Pyle & Co's Office (in the Old School Car park). We rely on your generosity to make the tombola a success. For further details please contact James Pyle on 840886 or email james@jamespyle.co.uk

Boules Night Party at The Bone

Enjoy some great live music from Billy in the Lowground, a chicken rotisserie and a wide-ranging bar, and relax after the rigours of the day at The Rattlebone. A fun evening with friends and family will be guaranteed!

Sunday 12 July

Tug of War

The Sherston Cup returned to Sherston last year! 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 THE REC from 11.00am on Sunday 12 July. The barbecue and soft drinks will be run by the 1016 crew. To enter a team contact Paul Ormiston on 840694.

Duck Race and Duck Race Cream Teas

The legendary duck race will start at 2.30pm on Sunday 12 July as usual in the River Avon in the 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). No toilet facilities available.

Closing Ceremony – Village Hall Field 6.00pm with Reverend Sue Harvey

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Boules Weekend 2015



Programme of Events

Saturday 11 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 - Teas & Coffee, Baguettes, Cakes and Refreshments 	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 onwards	'Pastis & Pimms' – Traditional French drinks to ease the nerves and assist play!	Village Hall
2.30 until 4pm	Doddington Parish Band 	High Street
11.30am till 4.30pm	Kid Zone – Space 	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	Live Music from Billy and the Low Ground	The Rattlebone Inn



Sunday 12 July

11am	Tug of War - Sherston Cup		THE REC
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		Village Hall Field



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Macmillan Party spirits raised not dampened



Kind hosts Peter and Denise Gibson threw open the gates at Willesley House near Tetbury on the evening of Friday 12 June to share their wonderful garden with 300 Macmillan summer drinks party guests. Despite the threat of thunderstorms a record number of loyal supporters attended the party armed with umbrellas and pashminas, and the rain held off until the very end. The ever popular formula of fun, fine wines, delicious food, and live music treated guests to a sensory feast. Local businesses supported every aspect of the evening. The generous caterers who give their time and their delicious food included The Angel, The Vine Tree, The Baraka Catering Company, Lovett Pies, Waitrose and Hobbs

House Bakery with contributions from Tucks Farm Shop, The Tracklement Company and Brinkworth Dairy. Castle Sundborn Insurance Brokers based in Malmesbury sponsored the Bar for the second year and more corks were popped than ever before. The wonderful sounds of Fat Boy Swing from Nailsworth entertained throughout the evening, supported by vocalist Fiona Spencer. The Photographer Douglas Fry of Piranha Photography kindly covered the evening with great flair resulting in some superb images. The Raffle raised £1,200 and included wonderful prizes given by Highgrove, The Dyson Foundation, Badminton Horse Trials, Waitrose, The Old Bell and The Potting Shed plus many more. The Committee of Richard Waters, Angela Sykes, Nigel



Lindrea, Aly Grant Thorold and Carolyn Brothwood (with the invaluable assistance of family and friends) would like to thank everyone on a very long list of helpers. Much goes on before and after the Party and unfailing help comes from those who kindly lend their marquees and then help put them up and take them down again. The fun filled evening raised a record £7,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support, the result of an amazing team effort and that team includes every single person who was involved before, after and during the evening and especially those who bought a ticket. Planning for the 2016 Party is already underway. Anyone who would like to support in any way at all can contact Alyson Grant Thorold on AlyGTUK@aol.com.

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Open Garden Success

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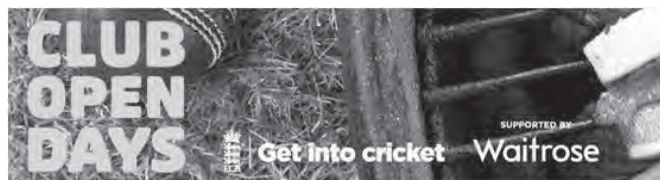
Sherston Sixes and Open Day Sunday 5 July



Sherston Magna Cricket Club (SMCC) will be holding its annual six a' side competition and open day on Sunday 5 July. The Sherston Sixes have been successfully held for the last four years and are intended as a fun day out for the whole family. This year the Sixes will also be the club's open day where new players, members, volunteers or community members can find out more about the club.

The Sixes will start at 10.30am and should finish at around 6.00pm. There will be food and drink available during the day. There will also be plenty to keep the children occupied, including a bouncy castle and ball pool.

The competition will involve a number of short six a' side matches in a league format with the top sides competing in a final match to decide the overall winners. The focus is very much on fun. For further information about entering a team, coming along to watch or even if you fancy a game please contact SMCC on cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk.



The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) with support from Waitrose is supporting club open days this year. For further information please see www.ecb.co.uk/development/club-cricket/club-open-days/club-open-days-faq,2899,BP.html

SMCC launched their new two-bay practice area in May and the open day will be a perfect opportunity for visitors to see the new facility.

Results

Saturday 6 June

SMCC 185-6 (40 overs) Oaksey 183-8 (40 overs)

Goodwin 56*, Kutchera 45, Stevens 4-54, Pegg 2-37

SMCC won off the last ball for the second time this season. After being put into bat on a lovely sunny day where, as ever the ground looked outstanding, James Kutchera (45) anchored the first half of the innings ending up falling just short of his 50, a late flurry by Matt Goodwin (56) in took the score to a competitive 185.

Oaksey started their innings well and were probably the favourites for 35 of the 40 overs, the runs were coming too easily, but SMCC kept taking wickets (despite some dropped catches) with Harry Stevens the pick of the bowlers taking 4 for 54.

Some good death bowling by Andy Pegg and Ollie Moore meant Oaksey fell 2 runs short having only required 35 runs from the final 10 overs.

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It is with great regret that this months article has been withdrawn at the last minute for legal reasons. We understand that the Keeper of the Quill is helping police with their enquires and denies all responsibility for the hacked article that was supplied to the editorial team at the Cliffhanger.

We hope to resume the informative column next month and hope all the Order members' mangolds are growing well.



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Celebrations marking Sherston C of E Primary School's 10th Anniversary on its present site took place on Friday 5 June to the accompaniment of a samba band, sunshine and a cake big enough to feed the whole school – and still have plenty to spare!

Guest of honour was Right Rev'd Dr Lee Rayfield who cut the cake and dedicated three new panels made by the children which depict the Christian values at the heart of the school.

The children chose to illustrate Psalm 100 and use the words 'Serve the Lord in all your ways and come before his presence singing, enter now his courts with praise'. The words were painted on silk then added to the panels with illustrations depicting Service, Creation and Reverence. The whole project was guided by artist Heather Martin and sponsored by The Anne Brayne Trust.



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Sherston Market

The next market is on Saturday 4 July at Sherston Village Hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm. We have a full market lined up for you and the café will be serving up some enticing and delicious food to tempt you – either to eat whilst seated in the small hall or to take away. Not only will we have our sought-after bacon butties but also Welsh organic beefburgers. Of course, 4 July is Independence Day so there just may be a USA theme to both the café and the market ...

At all markets at least one free stall is offered for a charity or voluntary group to raise funds. Anyone interested in running such a stall should please use the contacts below. All these stalls have done well to date so don't be shy in booking one! In July there will be a stall fundraising for the charity Clic Sargent which helps children and young people suffering from cancer (see www.clicsargent.org.uk for details).

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

If you are a local maker, baker, grower or producer and are interested in taking a stall please get in touch by using the contact form on the website, or by phone (07887 814843 / 07769 613627) or by email (info@awkwardsquad.co.uk).

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

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

Gauzebrook Church for Children

Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them: **Junior Church** is held at Court House, Hullavington. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

Little Lights

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

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

Sunday Newspapers

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

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

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers

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

Busy Hands Pre-school

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

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

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

Clem's Club Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays Feb to June and Sept to Dec 2.30pm - 4 pm in the British Schoolroom (alternating with the Senior Club). All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat.

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

Drawing Classes in Sherston

The summer term will start on Wed 15 Apr and new students of all standards are welcome to join. Classes are 10am to 12 noon or 1.30pm to 3.30pm for ten weeks. When weather permits we try to paint and draw outside, working from the landscape or visiting local gardens. For further information phone Heather Martin 840375 or email 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@harrispartnership.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

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

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

Infant and Junior Jazz Dance and Ballet Classes in Sherston Starting Sept - every Tues 3.30pm £3.50 per session. For more info or to reserve a place please call 07894 991545 or email minetydance@aol.com or www.minetydance.com

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Concert Band Rehearsals on Fri evenings in Malmesbury, 7.15 - 9.15pm. The band performs at local Bandstands, public concerts, etc. and is always on the look-out for brass and woodwind players (and percussion and string bass or bass guitar) of reasonable sight-reading ability. For further details and to ascertain current vacancies see our website <http://www.freewebs.com/malmesburyconcertband/> and/or contact Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or tony@jacfleming.plus.com

Malmesbury Community Choir

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

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

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

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

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

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

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

(affiliated to National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies - NAFAS) meets at 7.30pm on the third Wed evening of most months of the year at Crudwell Village Hall. Join members come from the surrounding villages to hear speakers and enjoy floristry demonstrations and do workshops and competitions. Call Margaret Stanford on 01285 770 639 to answer any queries or give information about forthcoming events.

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

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

Red Bull Inn Boules Friendly boules club at the Red Bull Inn (Malmesbury Rd) - meets every Thurs at 7.15pm - any level. For the more competitive members, there is a team playing in the Cotswold Pétanque league. Doubles tournament on Sun 28 Jun. To enter, please contact Sue McKechnie on 840601 or susanmckechnie@hotmail.com

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

Sherston 1016 Fundraising for local good causes and charities. Contact sherston1016@gmail.com or Martin Jacques 07717 424619

Sherston Badminton Club We play every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from September to the end of May. - New members welcome. For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592 or email ray.clifton@wrscl.com

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact Greg Hughes, Baghera, Cub Scout Assistant Leader, greg.hughes_2000@yahoo.co.uk to obtain an application form

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of 10 ½ to 13 ½. We meet at the Scout hut on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm to 9.00pm during school term times. To join contact Riaan van Rooyen riaan@pulse-software.co.uk There is currently a small waiting list to join.

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

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

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

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

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club Want to get fit? Lose weight? Our Club is a friendly and sociable group open to any ladies of any swimming ability from Sherston and the surrounding area. We swim at Westonbirt Leisure Centre on Wednesday evenings from 8 - 9 pm. Everyone swims at their own pace although there is a lane for faster swimmers. It costs £5 per week, £40 for 10 weeks. For further information please phone Maggie (840969), Annabel on 840592 or Heather (840375).

Sherston's Living Churchyard

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

Sherston Magna Cricket Club have started outdoor practice. Juniors at 6.00pm on Monday nights with the Jarvis brothers and Seniors at 6.30pm on Tuesday nights at Pinkney Park. If you are interested in having a try of the amazing new nets or even facing the new bowling machine why don't you come along. If you have a son or daughter who would like to get involved with local cricket please contact the club on the new email address cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the new website www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk

We are looking to run three junior league sides (under 11s, under 13s and under 15s) this season. For updates on when junior coaching and

matches the latest info will be on the club website or on 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. The choir meets this term at 7.30pm each Wednesday in the British Schoolroom £3 per session, refreshments 50p. Further information from Lucy Lawrance on 840778 (evenings) or lucy@sherston.plus.com

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

Sherston Pilates Classes held on Wednesday afternoons and evenings in the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739552336 or sherstonpilates@gmail.com

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

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

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

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

Sherston Velo A new cycling club formed of enthusiastic road cyclists from Sherston and the surrounding area - formally accredited by British Cycling at the end of 2014. There are regular rides each Saturday and Sunday morning with a fast paced group leaving first for an hour, followed by a longer club run. For membership and other information about the club, visit the website www.sherstonvelo.cc or email Mark Walsh at secretary@sherstonvelo.cc

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Sherston W.I. Meetings on first Thursday of month - June to Sept in Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors always most welcome £3.50. Further information: Secretary 840578

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

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

WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses

The WEA (Workers's Education Association) offers courses on the Arts, Literature and History in the British School Room, Cliff Road. For more information or to book a place contact Warwick or Pat Jones on 840764 or warwick.jones@btinternet.com.

Village Hall 300+ Club For an annual subscription of only £8, give yourself the opportunity of winning a cash prize in every monthly draw whilst supporting the Village Hall. If you would like to join, or need more information, contact the coordinator, Lin Prior on 840846.

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

What's on in 2015 Dates for your diary

October

9-18 Sherston Arts Festival

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

Sherston

The Rattlebone Inn

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

Boules week events Skittles Challenge Thurs 9 Jul

Boules Eve Knees Up Fri 10 Jul - Live music from the Village People

Boules day evening - Live Music from Billy and the Low Ground

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Check boards for more details of events or call 840871 or follow on Twitter #GavinHunt@TheRattlebone or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk/

Sherston Boules & Carnival 2015

Boules Tournament Sat 11 Jul Please see programme in centrefold of July issue for more details and articles Family Social Evening and Barbecue and Sherston XI Cricket match v OAFS (Occasionally Athletic Fathers) - Wed 8 Jul at Pinkney Park Cricket Ground
Thurs 9 July Skittles Challenge - Individual Skittles at The Rattlebone 8pm £5;

Boules Day - 128 teams play in the tournament in the High St starting at 9am Kids Space Zone - we have lift off on Village Hall Field and Morris Dancers 12.30-1.30pm and Dodington Parish Band 2.30-4pm and Samba Band 4.30pm all in the high Street French Café, bar and BBQ on High St with many interesting stalls
Colts and Juniors Tournament starts at 10am

Sun 12 Jul Tug of War THE REC 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

For further details visit www.sherston.net

Sherston Market

Local crafts and produce which vary each month, cake stalls including Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh local vegetables and cheeses from Brinkworth Dairy. Vegetarian curry with naan bread, bacon butties and Welsh organic beef burgers

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 10am-2pm

See www.healsmalmesbury.com for details of this local charity.

10am-2pm Sat 4 Jul Sat 8 Aug Village hall

For further details call 07887 814843 or 07769 613627 or email info@awkwardsquad.co.uk or visit www.sherstonmarket.co.uk or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sherston-Market/19531940064132>

Sherston Sixes Open Day

Sherston Magna Cricket Club (SMCC) will be holding its annual six a' side competition and open day on Sunday 5th July. Start at 10.30am and should finish at around 6pm. There will be food and drink available during the day.

The competition will involve a number of short six a' side matches in a league format with the top sides competing in a final match to decide the overall winners. The focus is very much on fun.

For further information about entering a team, coming along to watch or even if you fancy a game please contact SMCC on cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk.

Thomas Worboys' Children's Charity Fun Run

fundraiser for Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG). in memory of Thomas (Toti) Worboys who tragically passed away from acute myeloid leukaemia in 2014. Sat 19 Jul 11am from the Scout Hut Entry costs £5 per runner plus any additional sponsorship which is entirely optional.

To take part in this event register in advance! at www.thomasworboysfunrun.eventzilla.net For more information and to get involved visit the facebook page www.facebook.com/twccfunrun To raise money through sponsorship visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/thomasfunrun>

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Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

The work on show in July will be stitched textile pieces by Heather Martin, all on the theme of the Wiltshire White Horses. Heather teaches drawing classes for adults in Sherston and elsewhere but is also a textile artist and member of Bath Textile Artists. Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon. Shear Class, High St.

Art Exhibition At The Angel

Paintings by Sherston artist Gill Ashley and mosaics by Lou Fitch-Peyton local art on display and some for sale more details for Gill at http://www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk/Gallery_ashley.html and for Lou <http://louropnermosaics.com/>

The Angel For further details call 840039 or tara@sherstonangel.co.uk or visit <http://www.sherston-angel.co.uk/>

Sherston Drama Group

Auditions for young people who would like to be in the chorus will be held on Tuesday 7 July 6.45pm at the British School Room, Cliff Road (minimum age nine years old on 1 September 2015). Please note that the performance dates are 28 to 31 October. For any enquires, please contact info@sherstondramagroup.org.

Sherston Senior Club

Boules Tea Afternoon with entertainment "End of the Track" Tues 7 July 2.30pm in British School Room
For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

Sherston WI Talks

Talk: Hedgehog Rescue with Mary Hinton 02-Jul
Talk: The Life and Work of Sue Ryder 06-Aug
The Police in the 19th century with John Sylvester Thurs 03/09/2015

WI Centenary Celebration Tea Party Thurs 16 Sep
Visitors always welcome - £3.50. If new to the village come and make new friends Village Hall
For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Sherston Arts Festival

9 -18 Oct If you would like to join the planning committee or can offer help in any way, please get in touch with Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Jones 840764. Ten days of arts events suitable for all ages including art and photography exhibitions, concerts, lectures

For further details call Heather Martin 840375 / heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or Pat Jones 840764 / warwick.jones@btinternet.com or visit www.sherston.net

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

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.

Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel Fri 10 Jul 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

Grittleton 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
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Summer concerts: Forest Live Fri 10 Jul: Robert Plant and The Sensational Space Shifters Sat 11 Jul Spandau Ballet, Sun 12 Jul McBusted Tickets: £34.50 - £38.50 (plus £3.85 booking fee) on sale from the Forestry Commission box office tel: 03000 680400, or buy online at www.forestry.gov.uk/music

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

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Film Society

Showing world and classic films every 3rd Sun of the month at 7.30pm. Tickets £5, no booking required.

St. Mary's Hall, Malmesbury

For further details www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk

Bath Bach Choir

Tchaikovsky and Fauré in Malmesbury Abbey Sat 4 Jul 7.30pm With the inspirational Nigel Perrin (one of the original King's Singers) conducting the choir, Marcus Sealy on organ and Malmesbury Singers conductor Iain Duffin performing as baritone soloist Tickets £15 (£8 for students and under 18) available from Malmesbury Abbey Bookshop, cbbcticketsecretary@outlook.com, or from Katie Taylor on 840 087

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For further details call 01285 653947 or visit www.cirenopenair.co.uk

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Tutored workshop with Sandra Snell (area demonstrator and Chelsea 2015 gold medal winner). Wed 15 Jul

Annual strawberry tea evening Wed 19 Aug from 6pm in a member's garden in Kington St Michael

In Sept the club is planning to run a flower arranging course for beginners - more details to follow

Crudwell Village Hall

For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

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.

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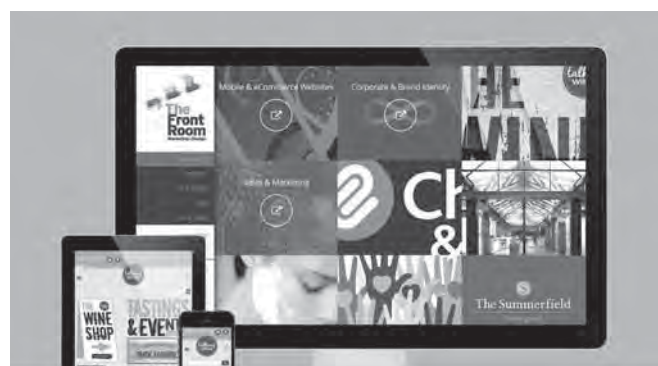
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