

John Rattlebone fights on (pic Geoff Carrs)

On Saturday 25 June the celebrations of the 1000th anniversary of the Battle of Sherston culminated in an exciting re-enactment of the original battle, watched by assembled villagers.

Celebrations commenced with the annual mid-summer Sherston Velo ride on 18 June around Wiltshirereturning to Sherston at 8.16pm (ie 2016) to great celebration (see page 17).

A lone Viking bravely visited Years 3 and 4 at Sherston Primary School on Tuesday 21 June as part of their topic on Saxons and Vikings and on the Friday Years 1 and 2 stencilled their t-shirts with the 1016 Battle of Sherston logo in readiness for the battles on the morrow. Stencilling continued apace in the village hall on Friday afternoon and evening, even as the Vikings arrived in the village.



Rattlebone lives for another 1,000 years!



Canute's men try it on again (pic Paul Ormiston)

Meanwhile the John Rattlebone Millennium Boules Competition was underway at the pub after much effort to deal with the flooded pistes and in the end 'The Beaufort Bunch' consisting of David Mancktelow, Michael Sillars-Warner and Fred Willis, beat 'Boule Ox' consisting of Bob Rumble, James Pyle, Alyson Brown and Charlie Brown. The prizes were handed out by our own tame Saxon, Tom Langley and he must have been scary as the winning team left immediately for duties at Rio, Brazil!

The village hall provided good shelter from the sometimes showery weather and hosted Bunny's vintage teas and the Athelstan Museum, with support from the Jorvik Centre in York, who had genuine artefacts from 1016 for visitors to handle.

The recreation ground was resplendent in colourful flags around the 'battle arena' and the Living History teams were ready and set up to demonstrate how the

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The two day battle rages (pic Paul Ormiston)

Announcing 'ACT II': Please support Sherston Village Hall

Sherston's very own charity shop, Act II, opens next month! This is a limited production and will be running for just one month, with the curtain going up on 1 August. All profits will go towards raising funds for the village hall renovations. We will be selling great quality items at good prices, including:

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Second place for Sherston Cubs

Last month, 1st Sherston Cubs entered two teams in the District Football Tournament. Under the leadership of Kati Moriarty and with coaching from Neil Witchard and Chris Gascoyne, the boys played really well with great team spirit. Sherston's 'gold' team even reached the final. Unfortunately, it was a 2-0 defeat so no trophy but the boys still got a second-place medal each – and the leaders and parents don't have the onerous task of hosting next year's tournament!



Friends of Sherston School reaches £10,000 fundraising target!

The fantastic news is that following POP and Olympic Day, we have now reached our £10,000 target for the new play equipment! It has taken two years of fundraising events, supported not only by school families but by the wider village community, to whom we are really grateful. Two new pieces of equipment and astro-turf will be put in to complete the school fitness trail and make it a circuit like the one on the Rec, to exercise and challenge children at break time! The school has grown in the 11 years since it moved to its present site, and the current trail now has to be used on a rota basis, so this upgrade will make a huge difference to all the children. Thank you to each and every person - those who have organised and helped at events and everyone who has come to them, including the businesses in the village which regularly support the FSS by donating prizes and helping with publicity. With some funds remaining from POP, we are now in a strong position to support the school next year, and plans to benefit the children will be in the Cliffhanger very soon.

Sherston Olympic Day 1 British Weather 0



For the week running up to Sunday 12 June, dark clouds hovered over the village, and the dads on the Olympic Day organising group were glued to their gadgets anxiously studying the forecast. It looked as if for the first time in four years, Sherston's Olympic Day might be a washout. With over 40 parents involved and over 130 children taking part, it would be impossible to reorganise, and had taken months to plan. At 7.00am on the Sunday, Debbie Luter, vice chair of the Friends of Sherston School (FSS), started to dance in her kitchen to stop the rain, and at 9.00am, Fi Picton, FSS chair, went up to the Rec in the drizzle, downcast, ready to discuss a 'Plan B'. Then, miraculously, within the hour, the rain stopped, the 'great British weather' held off, and the 2016 games were declared open.

Without doubt, everyone had a great day enjoying some truly competitive sport, with children from Sherston and Luckington villages taking part in a mini decathlon. For the first time, 'real' archery was included, the bean bags and target of previous years replaced with real bows and arrows (with suckers), thanks to the guidance of a school parent.

There are very many people to thank as a small army of parents run the event on the day, and FSS is very grateful to you all. In

particular we should mention the following, without whom there would have been no Olympic Day: Rob Farahar and Graeme Strachan (Catering division), Riaan Van Royan and James Munson (IT division), Nicky Gray and Fi Picton (FSS 'keep an eye on the dads' division), Nick Blows (Chief Sports Co-ordinator), Juliet Blows (Financial division), Richard and Tom Langley (Specialist Barbecue division), Pip Pettit (Dr on call), Suzie Power (Event photographer), Rupert Evelyn (Parent Announcement division), Samantha Knight and Victoria Meheust (Specialist Raffle section) and Debbie Luter (FSS anti-rain dance expert). Thanks also to all the cake bakers and to those who helped on the day.

The aim of the day is to inspire children to enjoy sport, and we hope that's what it achieved. In addition, an amazing £930 was raised for Sherston School. Plans for the spend are already underway.



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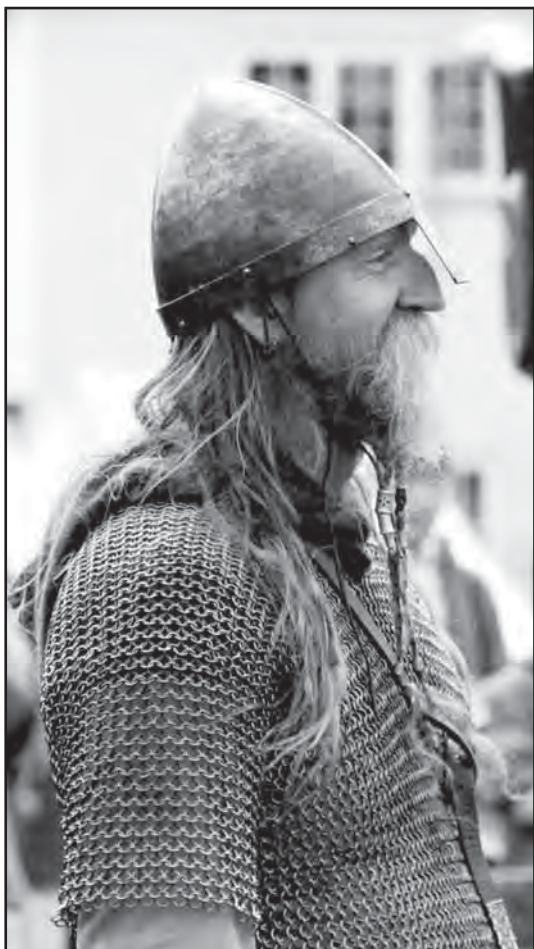
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Sherston's Saxon army make good progress

Vikings and Saxons lived in 1016. The smoke from cooking over fires mingled with the Busy Hands and FSS BBQ and it was possible to grind your own flours and make weapons, indeed the trading in weapons was fierce ahead of Kiddy Vik at 1.00pm.

The under 10s from Sherston, resplendent in their stencilled t-shirts and tunics, did the village proud by enthusiastically massing to attack the Vikings in wave after wave of shield banging keenness. The Vikings seemed unable to counter these numerous short, but brave warriors and the children of Sherston saw off the mighty army of Canute!



Two of many helpers

Then the bellringers fired the Holy Cross bells at 2.30pm, heralding the battle and a heavy burst of rain, but by the time of the rally cries from Rattlebone and Sherston, the sun was back out and the re-enactment began in earnest. There was no holding back with shields and weapons clashing, the archers

seeing action and much swinging of axes to shields. The story of the Battle of Sherston was retold with much colour and noise. Even Rattlebone, a fine tall warrior with long blonde braids and a beard, in red tunic and chainmail, rallied the Saxons while clutching a piece of local stone to his stomach. It was fantastically moving to see how well the re-enactors recalled our local hero. The battle ended with yet another heavy shower, a clap of thunder (from the mighty Thor?) and numerous battle charges at the assembled villagers.

And while the party started at the Rattlebone Inn, some delayed their partying to hear Tim Bolton give a fascinating talk on the Battle of Sherston on the very day, 1,000 years later, that the battle occurred. Dr Boulton had even found a candidate for John Rattlebone, although not perhaps the local lad we'd like to believe. Even as people listened enthralled to Dr Bolton, fireworks were being prepared on the Church tower. The party at the Rattlebone was suspended for a while and partygoers spilled out onto Church Street to watch the fireworks light up the night sky at 10.16pm, before returning for more mead and spit roast.

There was some tidying up on Sunday and a service of thanksgiving led by the Dean of Bristol, David Hoyle, a noted Saxon scholar, at Holy Cross Church (see page 6).

A great weekend had been had by all, reliving and retelling the events of 1,000 years ago.



Many casualties (pics Paul Ormiston)

**Boules
competition
presentation**

A Shertson Saxon

We would like to thank Sherston 1016, Sherston Parish Council, Malmesbury Area Board, The Vikings re-enactment group, Friends of Sherston School, Busy Hands Pre-School, Sherston Velo, Athelstan Museum, Jorvik Viking Centre, Compass Graphic Design, Event Flag Hire, N3 Display Graphics, James Ormiston, Sherston Scouts, 992 (Malmesbury) Royal Air Force Cadets, 9th Rgt RLC Stanton St Quintin, Richard Stancomb, Tim Bolton, John Matthews, The Church Wardens, Sherston School, Sherston Football Club, Piers Gibb, Paul & Gail at Sherston Post Office Stores, Muzzell Healthcare, Tucks Farm Shop, Bunny Hargreaves, The Rattlebone Inn, Flying Monk Brewery, Sherston Village Hall, Sherston Free Range Eggs and Smart Productions and many more for making the events to celebrate the millennium of the Battle of Sherston such a success.

Battle of Sherston souvenirs available from the Post Office

In case you missed them on the day, the set of unique souvenirs produced to mark the Battle of Sherston Millennium is available at the Post Office Stores. All profits go to helping fund the event and to Sherston 1016, raising money for local good causes.



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To commemorate the millennium of the Battle of Sherston fought between King Canute and King Edmund Ironside in 1016

"Tight wall, Rattlebone
Thou shalt have Sherston
West shall I with Sherston do,
Without I have all that belongs thereto?
Thou shalt have Wyck and Wilbury,
Easton Towne and Pilsnery"



Battle of Sherston

Address by the Dean of Bristol

Months ago, your Vicar wrote to the Bishop and asked if a member of the Bishop's Staff might come and preach this morning at this extraordinary anniversary. One of us, on the Bishop's Staff, read history at university, in fact one of us read Anglo-Saxon history, so here I am. And I am glad to be here, privileged to be part of this anniversary, I have to tell you though, I am feeling decidedly shifty. I had no idea you were telling such a complicated story, or indeed such a downright nasty story. Swein and then Cnut, the fickle Aethelred, all those betrayals, all that bloodshed. I used to think the Wars of the Roses were complicated until I looked up the summer of 1016. It is a complicated story you tell. The various chronicles have it slightly differently. The business of choosing sides was contested, the idea of who you fought for was not always clear. The Battle of Sherston was fought for people who had a lot to lose and much to fear. It was fought out of an emerging sense of belonging to a nation and out of an argument about identity. One of the things at stake was what it might mean to be English and what kind of king and government you might want.

Those were the things at stake at the Battle of Sherston; the identity of the English and the story we tell about ourselves. And as we remember that story here in Holy Cross we hear, just because it happens to be the reading for this Sunday, another story of long dead kings and another war, more claims and counter claims.

The story of the battle of Sherston is recorded a little differently in the various strands of the Anglo Saxon Chronicle, you will tell the story differently if you are Danish, or if you live in Mercia, or in the Kingdom of Lindsey, north of the Wash. The story of Israel and Moab is told differently and there is another story too about the Lord and his prophets.

The story that gets our attention is the noisy, exciting one, the one with swords and battles and betrayals. It is a good story and this weekend it is right we should pay attention. But I want to suggest that while we celebrate something here and take delight in that there is a serious piece of work that faces us. In fairly short order we have stood horrified at accounts of bombings in Brussels and shootings in a nightclub in Orlando. We have reeled at news of the murder of Jo Cox. In the last few days we have fought a referendum with bitterly contested accounts of what kind of a kingdom we live in. We're writing our history now and the story we are telling is becoming a story dominated by terror and fuelled by fear and suspicion. It is a story of claim and counter claim and we are asked, over and again, to take sides. We are being asked now what kind of historians will we be.

We have a choice. We can accept that the noisy story the one with weapons is the story that matters. We can tell the story about violence, the one where there have



to be winners and losers and we can then take our place in that story, for if that is the story you tell you must take sides. Or, we can do what the Book of Kings does and remind ourselves that there is the option of another way. The story we have been telling here in Holy Cross from the days of the Normans is a story in which love is the beginning and the end. It is a story in which trust, not fear, is the key to understanding and a story in which we do not take charge, do not take sides, do not have to take prisoners.

What the Battle of Sherston does is to confront us with all the fascinating complexity of the past, the sheer difference of it. You have to ask how will you tell this story? I think we are very particularly put to the same test at the moment in what we have to say about our lives and our politics. The prophets of doom, the terrorists, the cynical politicians want us to notice the flashes and bangs, they want us afraid, they want us taking sides. But the gospel is not about fear. We are created in love and for love. Elijah and Elisha speak of the promises of God, the constancy of god, the redemption of God.

Today they invite us to share their confidence and challenge us to consider what kind of historians we will be.

(Full transcript will be available at sherston.net.org)

Thank You



On behalf of our family we would like to thank all the members of 1016 for organising such a wonderful event here in the village, during the anniversary of the Battle of Sherston.

We should all feel very thankful that we are privileged to be part of such a great community. JR would be proud!

Cilla Liddington

Sherston pupils get pedalling at Castle Combe



Over 50 children from Sherston Primary School had a fabulous time cycling and scooting around the track at Castle Combe on 22 June. The choice of wheels ranged from small scooters to children on stabilisers, right up to older children on racing bikes! A few grown-ups even ran! The children were

delighted to be joined by a teacher on wheels, Mr Stewart, from Year 6. Some managed in excess of 10 laps, with the highest being 15 we believe this year. That's 2.98km a lap! Well done everyone! The event was raising funds for additional equipment and experiences for the 2016-17 school year.



Making music in Malmesbury

Music Connect is for all children and young people involved in music making and for everyone who supports them and is a celebration of music and young people in Wiltshire.

Musical careers

If you are aged 14-25 and interested in working as a professional musician, or in a band, in radio, or studio, or music videos, then come along to our Music Industry Careers event on 13 July in Salisbury to find out more.

A panel of top musicians and music industry professionals will give insider tips and advice about working in the music industry – how they got started, what the biggest challenges are, etc – and answering questions about getting into, and staying in the music business. Bring your questions to the panel and

hear their stories! Book a free place by phoning the Salisbury Arts Centre Box Office on 01722 321744.

Everyone can make music

Our SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and Music Making Day on 16 July will explore how to fully involve SEND children and young people in music making, sharing a range of approaches through presentations, practice sharing, discussions and performance.

The day is suitable for teachers, musicians, SEND professionals, parents and carers and anyone interested in music activity for SEND children and young people. The event will take place at the Wiltshire Music Centre in Bradford-on-Avon. Book a free place by phoning the Wiltshire Music Centre Box Office on 01225 860100.

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Boondocks 2016: Your festival needs you!



You probably already have your tickets already (if not go to (<http://theboondocksfestival.co.uk/tickets/>) but if you can think of anyone who might like to join the team then we still have a few slots left for people who just like to get involved – if you know any such heroes, get them to email us at volunteers@theboondocksfestival.co.uk (volunteers@theboondocksfestival.co.uk).

We need both 'Event Crew' for the festival weekend itself (8/9/10 July) and 'Production Crew' to help for some (or all!) of the week before and the few days after.

What is 'Event Crew' and why would you do it?

You are a member of the team and – to be honest – you could end up doing just about anything!! Stage hands, stewarding, bar work, recycling, traffic, box office ... the list is pretty much endless!

As 'Crew' you get free weekend tickets and camping and some food and drink while you are working.

But ... you also get a crew wristband with crew and artist bar access and even an invite to the now legendary crew party – but the real kicker is you get a fetching hi-viz jacket and maybe ... just maybe ... a walkie talkie!!

In return, you would be asked to work up to eight hours in total over the weekend (not in one go!) – which means the rest of it is for you to party/watch the music/chill with your mates ... whatever!

Also, unlike many of the bigger festivals, we don't charge a 'bond' – we just trust you so no need to find any money to secure your place, just get in touch.

What about 'Production Crew', what do they do?

We also need 'Production Crew' to help with set-up and take-down of the festival during the week before and after. Imagine starting with an empty field – building a festival with stages, power, water, toilets, marquees, fences, flags – and then ending up with

an empty field again ... well, that is what 'Production Crew' do!

It's hard work but great fun and would also be great experience for anyone considering a career in the event industry. The big plus of being Production Crew is that you get your free tickets etc ... but get to just chill for the actual festival weekend!! However, note you do need to be available (again for a minimum of eight hours) during the daytime either the week before the festival (Monday 1 July onwards) or the Sun/Mon/Tues following the event.

How do you get involved?

Crew places are limited so if you want to get involved do it sharpish! Either message us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/TheBoondocksFestival/>) or drop an email to volunteers@theboondocksfestival.co.uk (volunteers@theboondocksfestival.co.uk) and we will sort it from there ... Why not get a group of mates together and then your crew can err ... join our crew!!

The Boondocks Team.

The Boondocks Festival is proud to have supporters of the Bhopal Medical Appeal working with us as Event Volunteers at this year's festival. For more info on the great work they do check out their website here (<http://bhupal.org/>)



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Open Day and Lunch at Barton House



Helen Freeth winning the beautiful Clematis donated by Hortico

The bunting may have got damp but spirits did not as a good crowd enjoyed a lovely ploughman's lunch in Phyl Thorburn's very pretty garden at Barton House, Sherston. Morning coffee and afternoon tea and cakes were also on offer and some stayed for both. The early rain stopped in time for everyone to take in the garden and luckily lunch was under cover. Local businesses, including Dyson, Hortico Plant Centre and Sherston Post Office Stores supported the event, giving some of the wonderful raffle prizes, and many others made cakes and gave donations. Shirley Freeth ran the raffle with great efficiency and was busy selling tickets all day. The Dyson V6 Absolute was won by Gill Ashley. A special thank you goes to Sherston Bingo Club for their generous donation of £60, and a huge thank you to everyone who bought tickets and came to enjoy the day, not forgetting the huge team of tireless helpers. The event raised £900 for the Macmillan Nurses at the Breast Cancer Unit at the RUH Bath where Phyl was treated.



Gill Bowyer, Mary Hibbard, Phyl Thorburn & Valerie Williams



Phyl getting a helping hand from daughters Alyson & Sally

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Tolsey News



A new surgery in Sherston?

There has been much debate about the delivery of a new surgery in Sherston and how this could be achieved.

Information about this is being distributed to all households in the area. It is vitally important that all interested parties engage with this consultation and respond appropriately. It is our hope that the village, and surrounding areas, supports the proposition to build a community-owned facility to protect the future of the GP surgery in Sherston. This is an essential public service that is provided to care for the community, closer to home, in line with government-stated aims for healthcare. However, this facility will be lost if we cannot move into more suitable accommodation. The opportunity to do this, if there is sufficient support, is now – and may not come again. Our patients will find themselves commuting to Malmesbury or further if we close. There are many people who do not understand the need to move, or the limitations of the current building, and others who feel sentimental about the 'feel' of The Tolsey Surgery as it is, but the difficulties with access, the size of the surgery and the expansion of services offered make this unrealistic. If you want to read the article, and you have not received a copy, please go to our website (www.tolseysurgery.co.uk) and follow the links.

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Clean for the Queen

Sherston's 'Clean for the Queen' will take place on Sunday 10 July, ahead of Boules Day (Saturday 16 July) to ensure the village is tidy for this major event. Litter-picking equipment will be available for free and we are looking for groups to volunteer to help with the clean. It may be that your group could help one evening during the previous week, when you usually meet. Please contact Jill Caine (841380 or jill.caine@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved.



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Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 10 July. Please assemble at the village hall at 10.00am, with a return to the Rattlebone around 12.00noon. As ever, children and well-behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there's no need to book a place – just turn up on the day!

Sherston Senior Club

We had a lovely day for the visit to Almondsbury Garden Centre on 19 April. Some of the members were photographed outside the Carpenters, prior to departure and made the front page of The Standard.

On 3 May, member Mary Lindrea was remembered in a minute's silence. Members then told us of their experiences in World War Two. They covered various parts of the country from Derbyshire Lincolnshire, Hull, Plymouth, Bath, Bristol and, of course, Sherston. It was fascinating to hear the members' stories. A street party tea was served afterwards.

We will have been to Marlborough, and visited the Silk Merchant's House on the 17 May by the time you read this.

On 5 May Lin Prior sent us a cheque for £150. (from her sale of marmalade) We, thank Lin, very much for her continuing generosity to the Senior Club.

Looking forward

12 July: Boules Tea Afternoon. Open to everyone. Entrance £4 (members £3) includes tea and cakes and entertainment by very popular singing group 'End of the Track'.

New members are always welcome. Annual fee £15 which covers most meetings and discounts on the outings and other events. We meet every two weeks at 2.30pm in summer and 2.00pm in winter in the British School Room, Cliff Road.

Visitors are welcome to the meetings, £2.00 per visit, includes tea and biscuits. Visitors are welcome to any of the outings, space permitting. Please contact Helen Quirk 840516 for further information.



Coffee Morning/Open House & Garden

You are invited to a coffee morning/open house and garden on Wednesday 27 July from 10.00am until 12.30pm at Well Cottage, 6 Cliff Road in aid of Send a Cow.

Tricia Lawrence recently moved to Sherston from Rutland and invites neighbours and friends to visit Well Cottage now that renovations are finally completed.

Tricia has been a volunteer Ambassador for development charity, Send a Cow, based in Bath, for 12 years and has visited projects in Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Kenya on self-funded Study Tours and Expo Trips with potential donors. She gives illustrated talks to schools, churches and clubs of all types about Send a Cow's life-changing work in seven African countries and will be representing the charity in the Cotswold/Wiltshire area in the future.

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News from Holy Cross church

Summer is a time when it can be useful to have some extra activities to hand. In the first week of the summer holidays, Becky Fisher will be leading our Gauzebrook Holiday Club, in the school in Sherston. From Monday 25 to Friday 29 July inclusive, 10.00am to midday, we'll meet up for games, craft, songs, a story and lots of fun. Pre-booking is essential: please contact Becky on becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

The following week, Little Lights will have their annual summer celebration and picnic on Thursday 4 August from 10.30am in Hullavington church. Please contact Chantal on 837522 for more information about this group for 0-5 year olds and their parents/carers. We also have some plans for our TOAST youth group involving an end-of-term social on Sunday 17 July in the afternoon, please let me know if any Year 6s or above would like to come.

I'm very pleased to announce that we have a Youth Worker Trainee coming to join us from September. Joel Faulkner will be studying for a youth work qualification with South West Youth Ministries and part of his course involves practical work and training. For about 32 hours a week he will be working alongside Becky in schools and churches with young people and children. He is interested in sport, enjoying cricket and football, and plays the guitar. We hope that he will be able to get alongside our young people and extend the church's outreach amongst teenagers in particular.

Do you know anyone who might be interested in exploring confirmation? We are offering a confirmation group starting this autumn for young people at secondary school, hopefully meeting with other people within the deanery. It will probably meet in the Deanery Office in Malmesbury, times and dates to be announced. 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, the service will be at Malmesbury Abbey on Wednesday 2 November at 7.30pm. Adults who

are wishing to be confirmed should contact me please. It may seem early to be thinking about this, but it's amazing how virtually every year someone contacts us when the opportunity has already passed by!

Announcing the Gauzebrook Gallivant! On Saturday 9 July, a band of intrepid walkers will set out early, at around 7.30am, from Stanton St Quintin, visiting all nine of the Gauzebrook churches. We'll travel through some beautiful countryside, enjoying the nature around us and the pretty villages. Breakfast will be in Hullavington and there will be refreshments along the way. You can join in for all 21 miles, or for as many/few sections as you'd like. We're very grateful to Steve Ellis of Gemini Outdoors who has kindly offered that all fees, donations and sponsorship will go to funding Becky Fisher's church and schools work. We have had some difficulties in setting up a Justgiving site to handle donations, but by the time you read this we hope that a search for 'Hullavington PCC' or 'Gauzebrook' will yield results! In the meantime you can find more information and contact details from steve@geminioutdoor.com

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July Services

3rd July 4.00pm	All Age Service
10th July 11.00am	Communion Service Mike Ogbourne
17th July 11.00am	All Age Service
24th July 11.00am	All Age Service Pam Dix
31st July 11.00am	All Age Service

The end of a 'Brave Rabbit'

As told by John Hillier. Lower Farm Sherston

With the oncoming of the centenary of the death of my late cousin William Breakspear as a young soldier in WW1, I thought I would recall some of my family history as told to me by my mother, William's aunt, Mabel Hillier.

William was one of three sons born to my mother's sister in the isolated Keepers Cottage on the Pinkney Park estate. A public footpath ran outside its front gate in the days when Pinkney Park was a deer park, with a herd of some hundred deer. My late uncle, Alfred Breakspear, was its gamekeeper. His three young boys, being likened to shy rabbits, would run back into the safety of Keepers Cottage when the very occasional stranger on the footpath should approach them whilst they played in the garden.

William, the eldest, was enrolled in the army and was killed on 23 July 1916. Known as Billie by my late mother, she described him as a most lovely young lad.

Private 17598 William Breakspear was enrolled in the 1st Batt Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, and was killed in the Battle of the Somme. He has no known grave but is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial to the Missing, Somme France, alongside 72,000 men who also went missing at the Somme.

Mr David Curties who has lived at Keepers Cottage since the 1980s has very generously commissioned a stone plaque to be positioned in the wall in the garden of Keepers Cottage as a lasting memorial to William Breakspear, the 'Brave Rabbit' who enjoyed such a happy life at the cottage.

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Riverside Arts Project in Malmesbury

Wiltshire Council and the Friends of Riverside are developing a community hub at the Riverside Centre in Malmesbury. The partnership wants to deliver an imaginative and creative programme that brings local communities together by creating five objects that are then transformed by visual art. Once completed, the five objects will tour the local area to be showcased at community events.

The project will be free to participants, and already local artists, parish councils and communities are expressing their interest in being involved.

The Friends of Riverside Centre are applying for funding from Arts Council England to fund this project and would welcome letters of support or expressions of interest.

Please send your letters of support or interest to Ollie Phipps: ollie.phipps@wiltshire.gov.uk.

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Open Gardens Weekend

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the weekend a success: the owners of the gardens who worked hard to get everything prepared and welcomed visitors so cheerfully; those who served teas, made cakes, gave plants, donated raffle prizes; and all the visitors (many from far afield) who came to appreciate Sherston and its gardens. Even the weather was fair, almost until the end.

A breakdown of the amount made will be posted in the Church porch.

Christian Aid Week door-to-door collection 2016

The total collected in the eight parishes of the Gauzebrook Group this year is £3,425.86. Thank you very much to everyone who helped to achieve this substantial sum – by organising teams of people in our parishes, by knocking on doors to collect contributions and by giving generously when asked.

Sue Robinson

Sherston W.I. theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

The WI meeting in June was not just an opportunity for the members and visitors to hear about the work of Scrapstore, but also an opportunity for us to all have a try at making something for ourselves. Margaret Hiscocks of the Scrapstore in Lacock explained that it is an environmental charity that collects resources that would otherwise go to landfill and redistributes them for creative projects of all kinds. She entertained us with tales of some unusual donations – shop mannequins being one of the current ones! Margaret explained that schools, community groups and individuals can go along to Scrapstore and purchase items from current stock or buy kits/goods made up in the Scrapstore by volunteers. Another key part of the enterprise is the provision of PlayPods to schools to enable children to have periods of imaginative play – contents of these vary for each PlayPod and, as you would expect, the games created by the children are just as varied. After this, there was much concentration (and laughter) as we all made cards using the 'iris folding' technique. Watch out for your next birthday card!

Our next meeting is on 7 July in the village hall when Dominic Hamilton will be coming to tell us about the Rococo Garden in Painswick. Visitors always welcome.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who supported our Pop Up by buying scarves, painting masks/cards and making bracelets/necklaces. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and it was good to do so in such a good cause.

A date for your diary

6 October: We are lucky to have Jess McKillop of Aardman Animations coming to talk all about Wallace and Gromit, Shaun the Sheep, etc. Jess is head of 20 creative and technical artists as well as production staff in the CGI (Computer Generated Imagery) department. It should be a fascinating evening. This meeting will be open to all and tickets will go on sale in August.

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Church Gift Day at Holy Cross Church

A date for your diary, Saturday 10 September 9.30am-1.00pm, Church Gift Day, when members of the Parochial Church Council will be at the lychgate waiting with buckets and sacks to receive your cash and cheques!

I think we are all a little out of our comfort zone asking for money; there are so many worthy causes and we cannot give to all of them. So, how can I persuade you to give something towards the maintenance and running costs of your village church? I suppose your decision to do so will largely be based on how much and why you value the church. I am sure most of us in the parish would wish Holy Cross to remain standing and cared for if only as a beautiful and ancient building in our midst, or even just for the clock, chiming or not; or perhaps most importantly, as the spiritual home in our village for generations to come. For many, it is a place of regular worship or a place for quiet contemplation or prayer when we need it. Some of you will only visit to attend special services during the year, such as Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Remembrance and Memorial Services but would like to continue to do so. I am sure many would hope to have the church there for a family wedding, to have children baptised and the inevitable service when we reach the end of our lives. Many show they value the church by helping to keep it clean, support services, arrange flowers, help with a children's group or a school visit, attend or run the coffee shop and

various events. I suppose the bottom line is: would Sherston be the same without its church if it could no longer be sustained?

Perhaps your next question is: why do we need to ask for more money? Some people believe that churches are maintained by the Church of England, or even the state. In fact, although we receive money from statutory fees for weddings, funerals, etc, the rest we have to raise ourselves to cover all maintenance, regular bills and other expenses. Major projects are mainly paid for by grants and large donations and separate fundraising. In addition, we are required to contribute to cover the cost of clergy training, salaries, housing and pensions. Adding in regular bills such as heating, electricity, insurance and routine maintenance mean that the total cost per year amounts to over £50,000. So yes, we need the money.

Your gift will be much appreciated on our Gift Day and can also be Gift Aided if you are a UK tax payer. This means the church can claim a further 25% of your gift and if you are higher rate tax payer you can claim the rest back. Please speak to John, myself or Sue Robinson for more information.

I hope I have convinced you of our need. If you would like to discuss any issues arising from the above, please speak to one of us or the Ministry Team. Otherwise, see you in September!

Pam Pickthall.
Churchwarden.

A few hours make a big difference

A few hours every couple of weeks are all that is needed to maintain a vital service for the Malmesbury area's frail and elderly.

Malmesbury and District Link is looking for two volunteers to give one morning each every other week to fill co-ordinator vacancies. They will work from home at no cost to themselves.

Link, a team of 41 volunteer drivers, provides more than 130 lifts monthly to GP surgeries, chiropodists, dentists and hospital outpatient departments. The service is aimed at the most vulnerable and is available to all regardless of means.

Link drivers are backed up by these volunteer co-ordinators who take clients' phone requests and then contact the drivers to arrange the journeys.

'The co-ordinators can be flexible and swap their days around,' said Link chairman Christopher Blount.

At 9.00am the duty co-ordinator diverts the Link line to their home phone then takes calls from clients wishing to book a lift. The line is open until 1.00pm when it is diverted back to its resting place.

The data relating to clients and drivers is all on Dropbox, which is a cloud technology database and is therefore always backed up.

'Obviously the co-ordinator needs to be comfortable

with using a computer but no special skill is required and full induction training will be given,' added Christopher.

Volunteers should live within the area bounded by Malmesbury, Sherston, Crudwell, the Somerfords and the M4.

For further information, prospective volunteers can contact Link co-ordinator and volunteer support officer Fee Knowles on 837967 or feeknowles@btinternet.com.



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POP 2016 Record Breaking Total!

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There are so many people to thank – all the families and friends running the POPs of course – we couldn't have done it without you! The range and breadth of the POPs on offer was extraordinary and it is a testament to the creativity and talent in Sherston. We could have had 45 tea shops but instead we had everything from a golf course to a smokehouse! We would love to thank each one of you personally as we know you put a lot of time and effort into your POPs ... but then this piece would be very long! So you know who you are. You should be enjoying a warm fuzzy feeling about now as you were part of something great and the money you raised will benefit the children in the village for years to come.

We couldn't have done it without an audience too though, so thank you to everyone who supported a POP – it was great wandering round the village seeing most of you out! Thank you also to our local businesses who supported the event too – we love that you got stuck in and made very generous donations. To the ever-helpful and patient Paul and Gail and their team at Sherston Post Office Stores who let us use their window, stocked maps, and helped many of the POPs with various bits. To lovely Tucks for the first ever POP sausage (please make some more!). To the wonderful Angel who were absolutely swamped with pizza orders and to the fantastic Rattlebone for ensuring that POP went out with a bang at the very funny curry and comedy night (there is a lot of love for making it a regular thing!). A major thank you must also go to Paul Ormiston at Compass who put up with several speedy printing requests and the

whole of the Cliffhanger team for their generous coverage of the event. Not forgetting the lovely N3 Display Graphics who printed our POP banners (and a couple of others) for free. You are all amazing!

So, where does the money go now? In 2013 the chairs of the Friends of Sherston School, Sherston Toddler Group, Busy Hands Pre School and the POP committee got together and discussed the split of the money based on an assessment of the immediate needs of each group. POP money funded everything from a play shed crammed with new play equipment to a water tunnel and much more besides in 2013 - all still being used by the children today. Due to its sad closure, Busy Hands Pre School have informed the POP committee that they have no equipment needs and they have sufficient funds to manage the closure. Therefore the money will be split between the two remaining operating charities. This will ensure that the money raised buys equipment/experiences and benefits the children of our community immediately. The Friends of Sherston School will receive just over £5,000 from the POP fund and Sherston Toddlers will receive the full amount they requested of £500.

The POP fund has already secured the completion of the two new pieces of outdoor play equipment that the Friends of Sherston School have been fundraising for for over a year and half. Meanwhile Sherston Toddlers are hoping to extend their offering, particularly to older pre-school children, with new equipment and experiences including music time and more art activities.

We will keep you updated on the specific spending projects. So look out for lots of pictures of smiley children enjoying new equipment and special treats in the coming year! Thank you again to everyone who took part in POP – it was an inspiring community event. Until next time...?

If you have any comments on POP we would love to hear them. Just drop Kirsty Strachan a line at kirsty.strachan@icloud.com.

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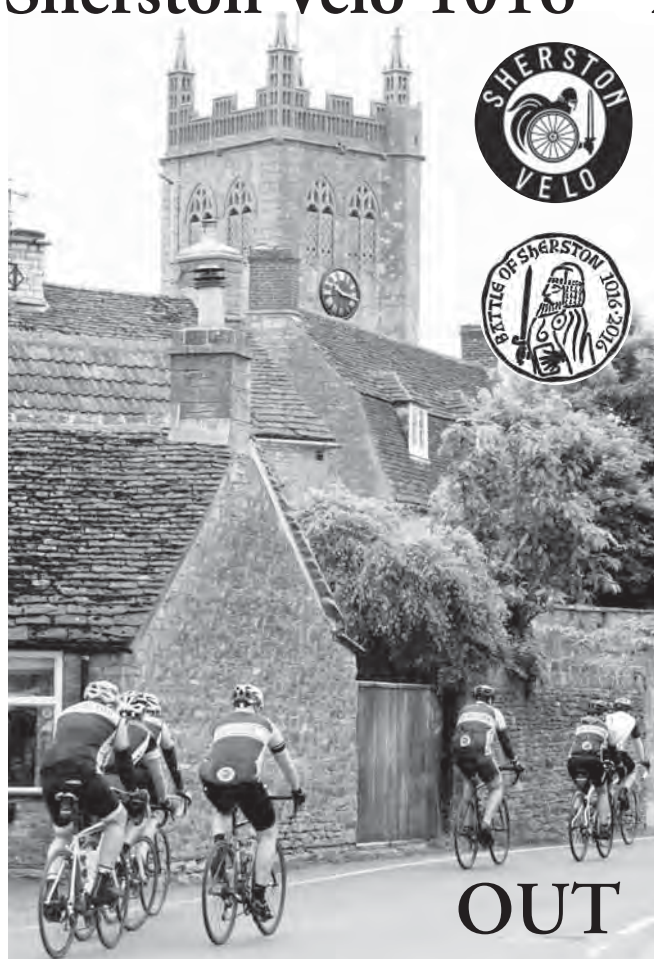


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Sherston Velo 1016 – 2016 Solstice Challenge



On Saturday 19 June at precisely 10.16am Sherston saw around 25 of its riders setting off from The Angel to complete 60, 100, 120 and 140 mile routes around Wiltshire to mark the 1,000th anniversary of the Battle of Sherston. We were lucky enough to be started off by local Sherstonite Malcolm Hillier – a founder member of the Sherston and District Cycling Club (the precursor to the Sherston Velo) back in the 1950s. Following a re-grouping at the



Vine Tree where the riders were joined by friends and family, the riders crossed the line for a mass finish at 20.16 (8.16pm) and then finished the night with a barbeque at The Rattlebone. We were delighted to be able to mark a very special year for Sherston with this fantastic ride around the border of Wiltshire.

The club is going from strength to strength, from a small handful of riders to over 50 members in under 18 months. For more information on how to join the Velo, Sherston's thriving and friendly cycling club, please contact secretary@sherstonvelo.cc



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Sherston Boules and Carnival 2016



Once again, Sherston Boules Day and Carnival is fast approaching. The small committee has been working throughout the year to put on this year's festival for the whole village and their friends and family to enjoy. As ever, we are appealing for more physical help on the day, which this year will be Saturday 16 July, and also for help to run the events in the week preceding Boules Day. Please contact james@jamespyle.co.uk if you are able to help.

The week of celebrations will take the following format:

Annual Teas provided by Sherston Senior Club

Tuesday 12 July, 2.30pm at the British School Room, Cliff Road.

Entertainment will be by 'End of the Track' and tickets are £4 (£3 for members).

Boules Skittles

Wednesday 13 July, 8.30pm at the Rattlebone Skittle Alley.

A regular on the Boules calendar – challenge your mates and show off your skittle skills at The Bone, with thanks to Chris Gough for his tireless efforts once again. Prizes for the three highest scores.

Family Evening at Pinkney Park

Thursday 14 July, 6.00pm onwards

This was a superb evening last year at the cricket ground at Pinkney Park. This is a family-orientated evening with beer and a barbecue. A Sherston Cricket XI will entertain us by taking on the mighty Rattlebone XI so bring a rug, some friends and enjoy the evening. Thanks to Caroline Scarlett for her patience and organisation!

Friday Night at the Rattlebone

Friday 15 July, 8.00pm onwards.

Head down to the Rattlebone where Jason Read and his crew will entertain you! This is 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 at that hour and bring a shovel and coffee!)

Saturday 16 July – The Big Day

Start your day with a choice of hearty breakfasts at The Rattlebone, Carpenters Arms or The Angel.

Our array of stalls always offer diverse and unique buying opportunities for all our visitors. The stalls enhance the vibrancy of the day and you will receive a warm welcome from all of our stallholders.

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 the children to the village hall field, ride the roundabout, try your luck at the tombola and buy your duck for the next day's race. Morris dancers, a band, Sherston Choir and an accordionist will add to the atmosphere throughout the day. Relax and enjoy and stay around for an entertaining final – maybe a village team will be crowned champions this year?!

Children's Field

The children's field outside the village hall will be run a little differently this year but it will still provide an area for families to relax and enjoy themselves. There will be no entry fee to the field itself and it will have: a picnic area with shade; sand and water play; ride-on toys; and football goals for children to use with parent supervision. There will also be free mini workshops (some will have limits on numbers but no need to book, just turn up on the day):

11.00am-11.30am Jolly Babies music with Amy Snowden (for children up to 12 months old)

11.00am-12.00noon Archery (run by the Friends of Sherston School)

12.00pm-12.30pm Children's jazz dance with Abigail Evans

12.00noon-1.00pm Face Painting (run by the Friends of Sherston School)

1.00pm-1.30pm Music with Mummy, with Amy Snowden (for children up to 3 years old)

2.00pm-3.00pm Archery (run by the Friends of Sherston School)

The fun doesn't stop there though! There will also be a huge inflatable slide for adults and kids (£1 for 3 mins, £4 for unlimited goes), and the popular planetarium dome will be back (£3.50 - various showings throughout the day).

In addition, there will be a café in the village hall offering children's lunch bags, pizza slices, tea, coffee and cakes.

We hope to see you there!

Boules Day Tombola – Donations needed!

Many thanks to Pauline Smith who will once again be running a 'Giant Tombola' stall during the Boules Carnival – but we need donated prizes! 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 Day Raffle

Raffle 'squares' will be on sale in the Rattlebone and outside the post office during the run-up to Boules Day. Buy your squares to be in with a chance to win one of the fantastic cash prizes – £100 to the winner, £50 to 2nd and £25 to 3rd – to be drawn at the duck race. Teas.

Colts/Youths/Secondary School Boules Competition – now even bigger

This competition goes from strength to strength each year. Helped by new players who have outgrown the Junior Boules Competition, this event allows secondary school-age children (Y7-11) to further hone their skills before they advance to the main competition and surely by then we will have enough home-grown talent to be beating all-comers every year!! Given the increased popularity, would-be entrants are advised to reserve their place early as entries are limited to 16 teams of three. Please register your interest asap and in any case by 14 July by emailing huw@bowles.net with your team name and team members names.

Junior Boules

A big thank you to Rachel Wagstaff and Caty Tappin who have run this event for so many years I have lost count ... They have now passed the baton on into the capable hands of the 1st Sherston John Rattlebone Scout Group.

The format remains the same, but we are restricting it to 20 teams with no entries on the day.

Forms are available from the Boules Facebook page or there are good old-fashioned hard copies at the post office.

The main change is that ALL entries, including the registration fee, must be received on or before Saturday 9 July through the door of 3 Carpenters Close, Sherston. We will operate on a first-through-the-door policy until we reach the maximum of 20 teams. We will sort any relevant refunds after the event.

Saturday Night Party

Come and join in the fun and dance the night away to live music in The Rattlebone with Matt Belmont.



Sunday 17 July

Tug of War, the Rec, 11.00am

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 children's 'fun tug'. Drag out your friends and family on Sunday morning to field a team – prize for the winning team! The barbecue and bar will be run by the 1016 crew. To enter a team, contact Paul Ormiston on 840694.

Sunday Games Event

At the Rec, immediately following the Tug of War, 12.00noon

An hour's fun for all the family. Games organised by Malmesbury Young Farmers Club, to include the traditional welly wanging and egg throwing!

Duck Race and Cream Teas

The legendary duck race will start at 2.30pm on Sunday 17 July as usual in the River Avon in the Stretchline field. Make sure you have already picked your duck and then cheer it on to victory whilst walking the course along the river to the finish line in the garden at Mill Cottage. Grateful thanks to Phil and Caroline Moore for hosting once again. Here will be delicious homemade cakes and cream teas and the raffle will be drawn. Dogs and children are welcome (as long as you clean up after them!). No toilet facilities available.

Children's Fancy Dress Competition

The popular fancy dress competition will be resurrected this year. To be judged at the Cream Teas at Mill Cottage. This year's theme is 'Europe'. Entry fee is £2 per child and payable to Kristy Andrews on the day.

Closing Ceremony

And finally, to round off a busy week, come and join the Closing Ceremony at 6.00pm in the village hall.

Boules Weekend 2016

Programme of Events

Saturday 16 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
9.30am - 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
11am 1.30 & 2.30pm	Sherston Choir 'Ragged and Old' Morris Dancers 	High Street
11am onwards	Pastis & Pimm's – Traditional French drinks to ease the nerves and assist play!	High Street
9.30 - 11.00am 11.30 - 12.30	Celebration Jazz Band 	High Street
10.30am till 4pm	Children's Field - inflatable slide and planetarium, free workshops and café 	Village Hall Field
6pm or when finished	Boules Tournament prize-giving 	Village Hall
7.30pm onwards	Boules Party with live music from Matt Belmont	The Rattlebone Inn



Sunday 17 July

11am	Tug of War - Sherston Cup 	Village Hall Field
12 noon	Fun & games - welly wanging, egg throwing, refreshments 	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 - children's fancy dress - 'Europe'	Mill Cottage Garden
6pm	Thanksgiving Service	Village Hall Field



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Order of Play

Match No.	Team Name	Against	Team Name	Pitch	Time
1a	Floriat Sherstonia	V	Emphatically Bouled	1	9.30
2a	Burgage Boulers	V	Luckington Loafers	2	9.30
3a	SCABS	V	Bowleys Boys	3	9.30
4a	Ladybirds	V	Les Ouefs	4	9.30
5a	Bristol Boules Academy	V	The Presidents Men	5	9.30
6a	Vegetaboules	V	Baggie Boules	7	9.30
7a	Crème Boulée	V	Boulesblood	7	9.30
8a	Tetbury Novices	V	The Sherston 4	8	9.30
9a	Bubbly Boules	V	Boules a la Blows	9	9.30
10a	Itzagigall	V	What a load of crepe	10	9.30
11a	Norfolk N Hope	V	Les Poubelles	11	9.30
12a	Happy campers	V	Taking the Piste	12	9.30
13a	Itchy boules	V	Girls Behaving Badly	13	9.30
14a	Rotary Rollers	V	It's never too late!	14	9.30
15a	Allmanashers	V	The good, the bad and the ugly	15	9.30
16a	Gerrintathem	V	Irritable Boules	16	9.30
1b	Red Rag	V	N3 Display Graphics	1	10.00
2b	The Laughaboules	V	James Pyle & Co	2	10.00
3b	Gien 2	V	Silver Streakers	3	10.00
4b	Coup de Boule	V	Piste Artistes	4	10.00
5b	Luckington Lords	V	It's a Dog's Life	5	10.00
6b	Bon Courage	V	Rattleboules	6	10.00
7b	A Load of Old Boules	V	The Archers	7	10.00
8b	Widleys trio	V	Book Worms	8	10.00
9b	Temperance Two	V	The Angels	9	10.00
10b	Beaufort Boys	V	Balcony Boulers	10	10.00
11b	Total Perfection	V	Imperial Officers Club	11	10.00
12b	The Shiny Ones	V	Les Chevaliers	12	10.00
13b	The Ploughmen	V	Nous Sommes Westonbirt	13	10.00
14b	Douboules Entendres	V	Team Tolsey	14	10.00
15b	Black Country Folk	V	Family Ties	15	10.00
16b	Al's Pals	V	TDTs	16	10.00
1c	Ménage a trois (2015 winner, name change)	V	Rusty Boules	1	10.30
2c	Dogs' Boules	V	Gien 1	2	10.30
3c	Old Movers	V	Dan Bailey Building	3	10.30
4c	Les 3 Moustiquaires	V	Completely Bouled	4	10.30
5c	The Musketeers	V	Les Boulettes	5	10.30
6c	The Simpletons	V	Spacemen	6	10.30
7c	Lids Off	V	Pulses of Tware	7	10.30
8c	Vintage Boulers	V	Ringway Roadsters	8	10.30
9c	The Flying Monks	V	Desperate Measures	9	10.30
10c	Boule Boys	V	Judes Jewels	10	10.30
11c	Expected Toulouse	V	Barefoot & The Bomber	11	10.30
12c	Dubious Vintage	V	George Vets	12	10.30
13c	The Campers	V	Luckington Chucker's	13	10.30
14c	Les Bungers	V	The Lordswood Lot	14	10.30
15c	Les Trois Brummies	V	Je Suis Charlie	15	10.30
16c	Family Ties 2	V	Annie's Rollers	16	10.30
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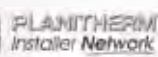
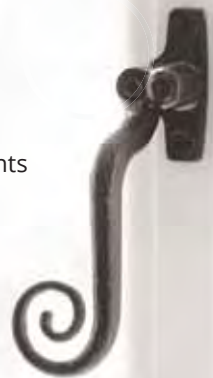
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Sherston Scout Camp May 2016



What's the first rule of scout camp? IT NEVER RAINS ON GROUP CAMP! This was a mantra we chanted many times over the weekend of 20-22 May.

Friday night set-up was dry but windy, lots of fun to put tents up in! The cubs, scouts and explorers had all just about sorted their tents when those of us in the mess tent sorting the food for the weekend noticed it was moving and we weren't ... A quick scramble from parents and leaders soon had it anchored back down again and safe to cook hot dogs and brew hot chocolate for supper.

In traditional camp fashion, lights out may have been 10.30pm, but voices out was at least four hours later, especially from the cub 'party tent'!!

Saturday started nice and early, as apparently a cub can survive on just two/three hours' sleep, especially in that amount of wind and rain. The leaders wake-up call was at 4.45am on the basis that one of the cubs tents was down (we think high jinks rather than the wind). By 5.00am, Simon, our cub leader, was out collecting wood for the fire and by 6.30am our hands-down winner of muddiest cub had been won. Breakfast was cooked by the kids on a big open fire whilst the mess tent was turned over to a lunchbox production line, all ready for the day's adventures.

The cubs went for a good long hike organised by one of our leaders, Marcus, maps and compasses issued, lunchboxes and water packed, wet weather gear on, see you in a few hours.

In the few weeks leading up to camp, the scouts and explorers had spent their sessions building go-karts to be raced. Once delivered to their starting point on the vineyard road to Luckington we were ready to start our own Wacky Races ... or so we thought. It turns out it takes a long time to find the right gradient to give enough 'legs' to a go-kart. After many slow failed attempts, we finally found the right spot and went for some trial runs. It was a bit hairy in places as any form of breaking had not been seen as a priority. Eventually, after a few close runs, 'Papa Smurf' (the one with no steering as well as no



brakes!!) was awarded the winner.

Back to camp and all change, the cubs went off to race go-karts (minus the really dodgy fast ones) and the scouts went off hiking in different directions with a mutual rendezvous point, while the explorers stayed behind at camp to help dig fire pits for evening cooking. The cubs spent a few happy hours racing the go-karts and the scouts out hiking but the rain had now set in for the day. Back to camp for hot chocolate and cake before cooking the evening meal.

It was fajitas for supper so lots of chopping as well as getting the fires going in wind and rain. Much effort was made to keep the fires going and every tent succeeded. Unfortunately the cold and wet got the better of a few of our younger members and off to warm beds they went.

The early start and a busy day had taken its toll though as all cubs and scouts were tucked up by 10.00pm, the explorers took advantage of the peace and quiet and spent a chilled few hours around their own personal camp fire. And at last time for the leaders and helpers to sit down and enjoy a warm meal around the camp fire ...

Sunday was a more sedate start –we had to wake the explorers (and a few leaders!) to actually help with breakfast. By the time leaders and helpers had



cooked breakfast for the kids it was time for a new game 'identify the muddy item' (as you read this we are still trying to reunite items with their owners!).

Luckily, the rain held off long enough for us to get all the muddy kids packed up and back to their parents though the field had turned into some kind of skid pan. A quick check of the weather forecast and a visit to the very accommodating Mr Hillier (thank you again for the field!) meant the tents could stay up for a few days to dry out.

So, just in case you had forgotten – what is the first rule of Group Camp? IT NEVER RAINS ON GROUP CAMP, and this is the message we will take with us when we start to plan 2017 as it takes a lot to stop us going out there and doing what we enjoy.

Small Ads

You can now advertise items for sale or wanted in the Cliffhanger including services required such as gardening or cleaning. Cost is £2 for up to 20 words. Copy should be in paper form and put through the letterbox at 37 High Street by the 15th of the month together with £2 in cash. All monies raised will be donated to charity.. Private advertisers only please – no businesses.

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Walk on the wild side

Small worlds ... again



In last month's Cliffhanger, I started to explore the part of life around us that we don't really see as it's so small.

A very short walk along The Cliff with macro lens for my camera produced the images above. The black fly is a conopid fly of some sort (from someone who knows about these things) and is about 5mm long. For those looking at this in black and white the minute detail is quite remarkable and both insects have small counterweights sticking out from their sides to help in flight.

Following last month's article suggesting that drawing something natural, such as a flower, to help appreciate the complexity of what seems simple, a couple of people contacted me who had tried it – and had a very good experience of really looking at something and drawing it. Even if your drawing skills aren't great, pop out into the garden, pick a flower and have a go!!

By the time this edition of the Cliffhanger has been published, the latest WildSherston event will have taken place on 23 June so hopefully we will have had a good turnout. If anyone has a particular interest in any element of our local wildlife such as bats, wild flowers, beetles or even slugs (!), I am sure I can arrange a speaker for a future meeting. If you have an interest and knowledge you would like to share please do let me know.

Finally, I had a thought-provoking email a couple of weeks ago regarding cats and the nature of cats. On one hand, the millions of cats in the UK provide enormous pleasure and company to millions of

people and, on the other, they kill millions of small rodents, birds, etc. They illustrate a microcosm of the balance and tensions in the way we live in this country. In Tasmania, for example, they have regular cat culls to try and protect the local marsupial and bird populations which won't survive unless the introduced predators are removed.

Cats have a deep hunting instinct in spite of being domesticated for many generations and do bring all manner of dead and partially living residents home with them which is sad, especially at this time of year when young birds are easy pickings. There is a simple answer which may help some prey items escape and that is for cats to have a small bell. We have a cat ourselves who will soon be wearing one ...

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Summer break in August, back in September Thanks for your continuing support.

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An exhibition by Bath Textile Artists is at the gallery from Saturday 2 July to Thursday 14 July, free entry, 10.00am – 4.00pm every day. 'To Gather threads' includes work shown last autumn at the Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institute, Queen's Square in Bath, and members of the group used items from the collections as inspiration. Every strand of textile processes has been used, from hand and machine embroidery, to printing, silk painting and weaving. Work from two new members is also included. The group has members from across Wiltshire, Bath and Bristol, and includes Gloria Pugh who lives in Luckington and Heather Martin from Sherston.

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We are hosting the Malmesbury Bake Off competition with entries of cakes to be brought for judging by Mary from the Malmesbury Garden Centre Café. The prize has been kindly donated by the café and the winner will be treated to afternoon tea for two at the Café.

The event starts at 5.00pm and will go on until 7.00pm, or later if we are having too much fun! If you would like to book a table, there are a few spaces so give me a call on 07557 922020.

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Future meetings

On 20 July, Cath Brown, who is a member of Bradford-on-Avon flower club and was part of the Gold Medal winning team at Chelsea last year, will call her demonstration 'The Power of Flowers'.

On 17 August, we will hold our annual Strawberry Tea at the home of one of our members.

On 21 September, Mildred Stafford will demonstrate under the title 'Throw Caution to the Wind'.

Club news

The club held a very successful workshop at the beginning of June tutored by Michael Bowyer MBE, demonstrator from Salisbury. Those who took part were enthused by Michael's ideas, encouragement and relaxed way of teaching. Most people took home three different creations plus lots of ideas.

Looking forward

On 8 September, we have a trip to Sir Roy Strong's garden 'The Lasket', Herefordshire. Seats are still available, contact Caroline on 823456 (members £20, non-members £25).

On 17 and 18 September, it is Oaksey flower festival, produce show and scarecrow trail.

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 always welcome. For more information please contact Margaret on 01285 770639.



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News From Luckington Pre-school



Luckington Pre school has had a very busy but successful spring! Madame Trish, Mrs Lindsay and Mrs Debbie have given our children some lovely experiences. Our older children have grown up fast and will soon be using their pre-school skills to move on to school! We have also been pleased to welcome some new children, who are settling in well.

Last half-term, our children were learning about the senses. The children especially loved a visit from Nutmeg the guide dog. This term, the topic is people who help us. A trip to see Judith and John at the post office and to post a postcard home was great fun!

The grown-ups also had lots of fun organising and attending the pre-school quiz. It was a huge success, raising almost £3,000 towards supporting our children's learning. The quiz questions, written

by one of our talented dads, were great at stretching that grey matter and the curry, cooked by one of our lovely mums, was absolutely delicious. Thanks to all of the local companies who generously donated prizes for our raffle and auction and to all those who attended and supported the event

Last Monday, we had our annual May Dance. The children dressed in their special May Day outfits and performed a May Dance. Proud parents and grandparents came to watch the children taking it in turns to skip their partner past their friends and under the flower-covered arch. The boys looked very smart in their waistcoats, long socks and shorts and the girls made us all hope for warm summer days wearing flowers in their hair and pretty summer dresses. The Luckington school pupils also came out to watch and support the younger members of the village enjoying the spectacle. Some remembered fondly their pre-school days with Madame Trish.

One of the things that we feel makes Luckington Pre-School special is that the children have the opportunity to learn through Montessori-based activities. The children also learn French every day through songs and activities lead by our native French speaker Madame Trish.

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Fun in the Sun is a fun, free activity programme for children, delivered by Wiltshire Council's Sports Development team, aimed at providing regular sports sessions for young people in rural locations across the county. Sports provided change on a week-by-week basis but will include high-quality coaching from Bath rugby and Wiltshire cricket. Fun in the Sun is suitable for children aged between five and 11 years; a completed and signed consent form must be brought to the first session. Consent forms are available to collect from the post office or can be downloaded from the website (<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/sportphysicalactivity/sportsdevholidayactivities.htm#sports-dev-fun-sun-anchor>). Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and we suggest that children bring with them a hat and water bottle if it's sunny. In the event of wet weather, we will endeavour to provide an indoor venue but this is not always possible so if rain is a possibility please encourage children to bring along a waterproof coat.

The Sherston sessions start on Wednesday 27 July and continue every Wednesday until 17 August. The times are 10.00am to 11.30am. The parish council supports the scheme by providing access to the recreation ground and covering the cost of access to the Scout Hut.

For more information on the programme or to ask any questions, please contact the Sports Development team: Tel: 01722 434437 or email: sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk

For more information on further sports development programmes and initiatives please follow @Sport4Wiltshire #SummerSport on twitter or visit the website www.wiltshire.gov.uk/sportsdevelopment

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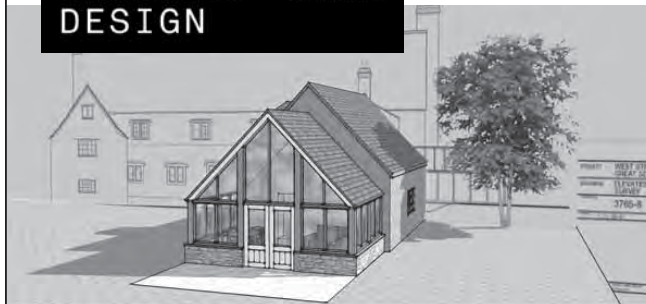
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Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Holy Cross Church

The Coffee Shop - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits biscuits and brownies - Open 3 mornings a week - Tues, Wed and Thurs 9.30 am – 12 noon

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

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

Congregational Church - in The British

Schoolroom Services at 11am apart from 1st Sun 4pm. Brick Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 6.30 / 6.30 – 8pm 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, prospective volunteers can contact Link co-ordinator and volunteer support officer Fee Knowles on 837967 or feeknowles@btinternet.com

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

Castle Combe Colts Football Club Join a charter standard club with CRB checked FA qualified coaches, fantastic playing & training facilities and a healthy inclusive culture – take a free 4 week taster session. Currently recruiting for the following age groups: Mini-Kickers (Rec/Y1) U10 (Y5) U11 (Y6). Tel 837286 or secretary@cccfc.co.uk www.cccfc.co.uk

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

Classes are held in the British Schoolroom during term times Weds either 10am to 12noon or 1.30 to 3.30pm. Students have individual attention and the classes are friendly and welcoming. We work on observational drawing in a range of media, pencil, watercolour crayon and pastel; subjects include plants and flowers, natural objects and still life groups. For further information please contact Heather Martin heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or phone 840375

Eudo Tae Kwon Do

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

Footpaths group

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

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

Fresh Air Fitness A fun outdoor workout suitable for all levels. Sherston Rec Fridays 9.30-10.30am £6 per class. Book with Stuart 07986 003602 / 01453 836173 or stuart@pulse4life.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

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.

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. To enter, please contact Sue McKechnie on 840601 or susannemckechnie@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 David Boyle 841587 or email djboyle@hotmail.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 email sherstoncubsandscouts@gmail.com to obtain an application form

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of 10 ½ to 13 ½. We meet at the Scout hut on 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) r.a.skeffington@gmail.com Tel. 840092

Sherston Town 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 Magna Cricket Club Junior nets and Senior nets at 6.30pm on Tues nights at Pinkney Park. If you would like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the website www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk

Sherston Netball Club Training every 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 at 7.30pm each Wednesday in the British Schoolroom £3 per session - All welcome. Further information from Lucy Lawrence on 840778 (evenings) or lucy@sherston.plus.com or have a look at our Facebook page.

Sherston Photography Forum

A monthly group has formed in Sherston for anyone with an interest in photography 2nd 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 10-11.30am each Tues in the British School Room with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, 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

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

Sherston W.I. Meetings on first Thursday of month Mar - Sept in the Village Hall (except Apr due Spring Play) at 7.30pm and Nov/Dec/ Feb/Apr in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. No meetings Oct or Jan. New programme in Mar. Visitors always most welcome £3.50. Further information: Secretary 840578

Sherston Young Craft Group Every 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

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

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

Wild Yoga 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

Dates for your diary 2016

July

16-17 Boules Weekend

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

Live music with the Killertones for the Boules Kick Off Fri 15 Jul

Boules Party with live music from Matt Belmont Sat 16 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 which vary each month, cake stalls including Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh local vegetables 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. Village hall 10am-2pm

Sat 9 Jul Sat 13 Aug Sat 10 Sep Sat 8 Oct

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/195319400641324>

Boules & Carnival

Boules Tournament Sat 16 Jul Please see programme in centrefold of July issue for more details and articles

Senior Club Musical Teas - Tues 12 July, 2.30pm at the BSR.

Entertainment will be by "End of the Track" and tickets are £4 (£3 for members Boules Skittles Wed 13 Jul 8.30pm at the Rattlebone Skittle Alley £5

Family Social Evening and Barbecue and Sherston Cricket XI will entertain us by taking on the mighty Rattlebone XI - Thurs 14 Jul from 6pm at Sherston Magna Cricket Ground

Fri 15 Jul - Traditional 'Boules' Friday night knees up with Live Music at The Rattlebone

Boules Day Sat 16 Jul- 128 teams play in the tournament in the High St starting at 9am

Children's Field on VH field from 10.30am and will include a return visit from the popular Planetarium along with an inflatable slide, free play area and children's workshops. Morris dancers, a band, Sherston Choir and an Accordionist - all in the high Street **French Café, bar and BBQ** on High St with many interesting stalls inc Giant Tombola and Raffle with £100 to the winner, £50 to 2nd and £25 to 3rd - to be drawn at the duck race. Colts and Juniors Tournament

Boules party - live music in the Rattlebone with Matt Belmont Sat 16 Jul

Sun 17 Jul **Tug of War**, The Rec. 11am followed by **Games** - An hour's fun for all the family. Games organised by Malmesbury Young Farmers Club, to include the traditional welly wanging and egg throwing!;

Duck Race 2.30pm - starts at Stretchline. Cream Teas at the finish line at Mill Cottage from 3pm, Raffle draw Children's Fancy Dress Competition - theme 'Europe' Entry fee is £2 per child and payable to Kristy Andrews on the day at Duck Race teas Thanksgiving service 6pm Village Hall 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

For further details visit www.sherston.net

Sherston WI Talks

The Rococo Gardens with Dominic Hamilton 7-Jul

Walking the Zambezi with David Lemon 4-Aug

The Relationship between feet and shoes with Ellie Dickens 1 Sept at 7.30pm

A date for your diary: 6 OCT Jess McKillop of Aardman

Animations will talk all about Wallace and Gromit, Shaun the Sheep etc. Jess is head of 20 creative and technical artists as well as production staff in the CGI (Computer Generated Imagery) department. This meeting will be open to all and tickets will go on sale in Aug

For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or

jillwoodward222@btinternet.com If new to the village come and make new friends. Visitors always welcome - £3.50

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Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

Sherston artist Heather Martin displays a small range of original hand decorated clothing and accessories in Jul Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon.
Shear Class, High St

Sue's Strolls

Sun 10 Jul **Boules & Carnival Walk** Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return Rattlebone Inn just around 12noon for seasonal refreshments. As ever children and well behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there is no need to book a place – just turn up on the day. This is a PHEW! event see www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk

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

Fundraiser for Send A Cow

Coffee morning/open house & garden Wednesday, July 27 from 10am-12.30pm at Well Cottage Tricia Lawrence recently moved to Sherston from Rutland and invites neighbours and friends to visit Well Cottage now that renovations are finally completed.

Tricia has been a volunteer Ambassador for development charity, Send a Cow, based in Bath, for 12 years and has visited projects in Uganda, Rwanda, Ethiopia & Kenya on self-funded Study Tours and Expo Trips with potential donors.

For further details call Tricia on 840934 or email tricia.sendacow@sky.com or visit www.sendacow.org

Sherston Senior Club

Boules & Carnival Afternoon Tea open to everyone entrance £4.00 includes Tea and cakes and entertainment by "End of the Track" very popular singing group. Members £3.00. 12-Jul New members are always welcome Annual fee £15 which covers most meetings and discounts on the outings and other events. We meet every two weeks at 2.30pm in summer and 2.00pm in winter in the British School Room Visitors are welcome to the meetings £2 per visit, includes tea and biscuits. Visitors are welcome to any of the outings space permitting.

British School Room For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

Church events

Gauzebrook Gallivant a 21 mile circular walk which takes in all the nine churches of the Gauzebrook Group – but don't worry, you can take part in stages as well as the whole thing Sat 9 Jul with refreshment stops. proceeds from entry fees go to the Gauzebrook Churches Children's Worker Fund

Gauzebrook Holiday Club Mornings of the 25 to 29 July in Sherston, with a Medieval theme. More details and booking

forms are available from Becky Fisher, becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk, and early booking is recommended.

Little Lights annual summer celebration and picnic Thurs 4 Aug from 10.30 am in Hullavington church

Confirmation group starting this Autumn for young people at secondary school times and dates to be announced. If you did decide to be confirmed, the service is at Malmesbury Abbey on Wed 2 Nov at 7.30 pm. Adults who are wishing to be confirmed should contact Christopher Bryan

Church Gift Day Sat 10 Sep 9.30am-1pm,, when members of the Parochial Church Council will be at the Lych-gate waiting with buckets and sacks to receive your cash and cheques to help with the cost of the upkeep of the church

Church of the Holy Cross For further details call Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or susan.harvey44@hotmail.com

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Check website for match fixture list **Junior training** Mondays 6pm

Senior training Tuesdays 6.30pm **Sherston Sixes** Sun 24 Jul

Pinkney Park Ground For further details contact

cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit <http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk>

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Scout Hut & Rec For further details call Sports Development team: Tel: 01722 434437 or email: sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk or visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisureandrecreation/sportphysicalactivity/sportsdevholidayactivities.htm#sports-dev-fun-sun-anchor

Charity Shop in Sherston - in aid of Village Hall

Act II The new shop will be open throughout the month of August in the Small Hall. Marion is hoping that Sherston residents will rise to the challenge of donating good quality items which are easily re-sellable. If anything like last time, the shop will offer a fast-changing selection of jewellery and accessories, household items including furniture, toys, books and clothes for all ages, sizes, shapes and seasons; (electrical goods are however a no-no for safety reasons).

Small Hall For further details call about 'Act II' and when and where to store donated items, Marion can be contacted on manddgee@btinternet.com or 841147 and

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Westonbirt

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STIHL Treetop Walkway The main walkway is step-free, making it accessible to visitors on foot, using mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs and to those with dogs on leads. It is 300m long and gradually rises on gentle inclines to a height of 13m. Scramble up to the crow's nest viewing platform; Swing across the rope bridge; Peer through the mesh-floored section

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

Summer Family Trail till 31 Aug - free after entry

Check website for details of events, wood and photography courses, guided walks and family fun days

Till Aug admission prices Adults £9 Concs and those arriving by bike or public transport £6 Children (5-18) £3 under 5s free For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Easton Grey Whatley Manor

Thursday evening cinema £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. Must be prebooked 8.30pm start 'The Martian' starring Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain and Kristen Wiig 14 Jul 'Star Wars: The Force Awakens' starring

Daisy Ridley, John Boyega and Oscar Isaac - Thurs 18 Aug
Sunday Cinema £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 and at least one course must be booked 'The Martian' starring Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain and Kristen Wiig - 17 Jul Sun 28 Jul

For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

Cotswolds

Cotswold Rural Skills

Dry Stone Walling Beginners Landsdown 9-10 Jul £99

Stone Carving - beginners 2-3 Aug Northleach £89

Lime Mortar - beginners 17-18 Aug £109 Ebworth Centre

For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or david.molloy@cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk

or visit <http://www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk/>

Malmesbury Singing for the Brain

Singing sessions are led by a trained Singing for the Brain leader Every other Monday 1.30-3pm a free service (funded by Wiltshire council) is designed to be a fun, stimulating and social activity for people with a diagnosis of dementia and their family/friends or carers. For session dates and to book your place please call Pam Ollis at our Chippenham office on 01249 443469

Malmesbury Activity Zone, Bremilham Road

For further details call 01249 443469 or

e-mail nwilt@alzheimers.org.uk or visit www.alzheimers.org.uk

Boondocks Festival

Full line up announced The line up for Boondocks 16 will feature some 25 live bands across 3 stages throughout the weekend - check website for details Tickets cover all the festivities on Fri 8 and Sat 9 July. You can also buy a camping or campervan ticket which will allow you to camp onsite both nights. No day tickets are available. Full price adult tickets are £55 and under 18s are £15. Everyone needs a ticket, even babes in arms, but don't forget, activities for under 18s are included in the ticket price this year.

There is on-site parking which is included in your ticket price Boondocks takes place just outside of Malmesbury, Wiltshire, in a 15 acre field towards Foxley

For further details call or visit <http://theboondocksfestival.co.uk>

Events at Malmesbury Children's centre

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

For further details call 825566 or email:

malmesburycc@spurgeons.org or visit www.malmesburycc.org

Malmesbury & District University of the Third Age

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people to come and learn together, drawing upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide interest groups in a very wide range of subjects. Now with over 350 members in the Malmesbury group Meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10am for refreshments 10.30-11.30 speaker close by 11.45 Charge 50p

The History of Art: Post war to today Paul Deacon Thurs 28 Jul

National U3A Summer Schools August 8 - 11 and 15 - 18

Royal Ag College, Cirencester

No meeting Aug

'The Making of Casablanca' - Edward Barham Thurs 22 Sep

'My Life in Russia Before and After Perestroika' - Marsha Lees

Thurs 27 Oct

Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall

For further details call Membership Secretary Julia Batty on 01249 720327 or visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk



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Exhibition by Bath Textile Artists

To Gather Threads An exhibition by Bath Textile Artists, a selected group of 10 local artists specialising in fibre and fabric, texture and colour. 2 - 14 Jul Mon - Sat 9-5 and Sun 10.30-4.30
Free entry

The John Bowen Gallery, Town Hall Malmesbury

MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP 12pm - 1pm
check website for surgery dates

Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall

For further details call www.jamesgray.org or email jamesgraymp@parliament.uk for online surgeries

The Big Friendly Read, Summer Reading Challenge 2016

National Summer Reading Challenge for 4 to 11 year olds in Wiltshire Libraries Children aged 4 to 11 can sign up at their local Wiltshire library Sat 16 July to Sat 10 Sept. This year it will be delivered in collaboration with The Roald Dahl literary Estate as part of Roald Dahl 100 celebrations and will feature some of Roald Dahl's best-loved characters plus the amazing artwork of his principal illustrator, Sir Quentin Blake. Children will be challenged to read 6 books over the summer and receive prizes along the way including a collector's folder, Quentin Blake illustrated postcards for each book read, special rainbow glasses when they read 4 books and a medal and certificate on completion of the challenge.
Last year 9939 Wiltshire children aged 4 to 11 took part in Mythical Maze with 6295 reading six books to complete the challenge. In total over 42,000 books were read over the summer as part of the challenge.

Malmesbury Library

For further details call 823611 or visit

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/artsheritageandlibraries/librarieshome

Malmesbury Open Gardens

Sun 7 Aug 1-6pm £6 (children free) All Proceeds to the Malmesbury Carnival Good Causes

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Oriel Singers - 'A Madrigal Odyssey' one of Gloucestershire's leading amateur chamber choirs to the Abbey in June. Winners of the BBC Radio 3 Choir of the Year competition in 2005, they have broadcast recitals on Radio 3, given concert tours in Ireland, France and Italy and sung in many of the great English Cathedrals. Sat 25 Jun £15 members/ £5 student or chd. Season tickets are also available for only £55

For further details call David Barton 824924

d.barton763@btinternet.com or visit www.malmesbury.com/mams

Charlton Park

WOMAD - World Music Festival

Thurs 28 - Sun 31 Jul Featuring many world musicians and bands and exciting new artists from the BBC, Cerys Matthews will be back broadcasting live on 6Music on Sunday morning and Radio 3's Charlie Gillett Stage with an eclectic line-up tickets are on sale now Including SN16 Weekend £120 (full price £160) More information at womad.co.uk/tickets.

For further details call Reading Box Office on 0118 960 6060 or visit www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park

Didmorton

Flicks in the Sticks

EDDIE THE EAGLE Fri 8 Jul Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door No film in August

Didmorton Village Hall

For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

Tetbury

Tetbury Summer & Flower Show

Grand Parade, Fun dog show, arts & crafts, classic cars Entertainment and activity for all the family together with the flower and craft show in the grand marquee Sun 14 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 call enquiries@tetburyflowershow.co.uk or visit www.tetburysummershow.co.uk

Tetbury & Nailsworth

Yellow Lighted Book Festival

literary events including some well known authors - see website for programme 2-11 July Free to £12.50. All events include refreshments and book discounts Book early to avoid disappointment as venues are small 21 Church St

For further details call 500221 or visit www.yellow-lightedbookfestival.co.uk

Grittleton

Moviola -

the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Dad's Army [PG] Wed 27 Jul Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door

Summer break in August, back in September

Grittleton Village Hall

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North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Flower club meetings take place on the 3rd Wed each month, 7 for 7.30pm. If you enjoy flowers come and join us, visitors and new members are welcome.

"The Power of Flowers" Cath Brown from Batheaston, member of the Gold Medal winning team at Chelsea last year - 20 Jul
Annual Strawberry Tea at the home of one of our members. 17-Aug
"Throw Caution to the Wind" by Mildred Stafford 21-Sep
Trip to Sir Roy Strong's garden "The Laskett", Herefordshire. 8 Sep
Seats are still available, contact Caroline on 823 456 members £20 non-members £25.

Oaksey flower festival, produce show and scarecrow trail 17-18 Sep
Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB

For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

Cirencester

Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool

Heated spring water open air pool run by volunteers as a non profit making charity Open Thurs 21 May to Sun 6 Sept. 7am-6.45pm midweek and 9/10 - 5.45 Sat/Sun. Mon & Wed Adult evening swim 6.45-7.45pm. Friday Youth Evening 7-8.30pm 10-17 year olds Only £1 £4.50 / £2.50/ Family £13 Season tickets available. Cirencester Park, GL7 2EF

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

Fairford

Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford

The World's Greatest Airshow 8-10 July 07.30am - 8.30pm see website for ticket prices. Advance ticket sales only. free entry for under 16s

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

Lackham House, Lacock

Shakespeare Live Open Air Theatre

The Tempest Mon 4 - Sat 9 July 8pm An English country garden, open air Shakespeare - the quintessential English summer event - gourmet picnic baskets and cream teas available to pre order - or bring your own

For further details call box office - 07780 938107 or visit www.shakespearelive.co.uk

Longborough Festival Opera July

Tannhäuser; Le Nozze di Figaro; Jenůfa; Alcina; Performances through June and July Download an entry form from website
Young Artists present Sweeney Todd 28-29 Jul
Longborough Festival Opera

For further details call 01451 830292 or visit <https://lfo.org.uk>

Wotton-Under-Edge The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Films: Amy; Love and Mercy; The Globe on Screen: Comedy of Errors; RSC Live Othello
Wed 26 Aug; NT Live: The Beaux Strategem Thurs 3 Sep; NT Live Coriolanus (Encore) Learning to Drive; Top Cat Begins; Me before You; Branagh Theatre Live: Romeo and Juliet; The Globe (Recorded): The Merchant of Venice; When Marnie was there; Almeida Live: Richard III; The BFG; Andre Rieu's 2016 Maastricht Concert check website for details

For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com

South Cerney Gloucestershire Steam & Vintage Extravaganza

Fri 5- Sun 7 Aug Steam Arena, with non-stop steam action, the Main Arena with displays and commentary on the vintage and classic cars, tractors, commercial vehicles, vintage bus and coaches, motorcycles, miniature steam, industrial trucks, emergency vehicles. Advance discounted tickets from Tetbury Tourist office or online. All in aid of local charities

Also on display in the huge showground will be Model aircraft displays, both in the air and on the ground, the Model tent, two Countryside Arenas, with ferrets to shire horses, Vintage caravan display, The Timber arena, where trees turn to tables, also an extensive trade stand area, a Craft marquee, the Specialist Displays area and a huge working Stationary Engine display, a food court and licensed bars, and a vintage fairground. Dogs welcome but must be kept on a lead at all times, please clear up after your dog

For further details call 01453 762508 or visit www.glosvintageextravaganza.co.uk

Bath Theatre Royal

Present Laughter 22 Jun - 9 Jul £15-£33.50

While the Sun Shines 13-30 Jul

A Midsummer Night's Dream 3-20 Aug

The Libertine 31 Aug-17 Sep

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For further details call 01453 891223 or email eleanor.wise@wwt.org.uk or visit www.wwt.org.uk

Cheltenham

Cheltenham Music Festival

1-17 Jul Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of music
Various locations in Cheltenham
For further details call 0844 576 7979 or visit www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music

Long Ashton

Bristol Balloon Fiesta

Thurs 11 - Sun 14 Aug Mass launches Thurs - Sun at 6am and 6pm.
Nightglow mass launches on Thurs & Sat at 9.30pm Red Arrows display Sun 5pm Free entry - car parking £12 / £6 if bought in advance
Mass ascents daily at 6am and 6pm / Nightglows 9 & 11 Aug at 9.30pm
Ashton Court Estate,
For further details call 0117 953 5884 or visit www.bristolballoonfiesta.co.uk

Bishops Cleeve

Mid-Summer Speed Fest 5-7 Aug
Vintage Sports Club Long course hill climb 5-Aug
Prescott Hill Climb 6-7 Aug
Cars, cavalcades & strawberries on the lawn
Prescott Lodge
For further details call 01242 677 777 or visit www.prescott-hillclimb.com

Bristol

Pedal for Props Bristol to Bordeaux Cycle Challenge

6 - 9 Jul 4 day ride in aid of Props (Providing Opportunities and Support) which champions the inclusion of disabled young people within the wider community - 60 riders taking part this year
Sponsor the Sherston riders
For further details call or visit www.bristol2bordeaux.org

Bristol Harbour Festival

15-17 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

Bristol Cycle Festival

Dundry Drubber Sun 10 Jul
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www.sherston.org/downloads/sherston-parish-council-emergency-plan/Sherston-Emergency-Plan-REDACTED-20-11-2015.pdf

Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

Jill Cainey

841380

3 Noble Street

emergency@sherston.org.uk (only during an incident)

Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100

EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk (only during an incident)

Floods: 0300 456 0105 or drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk

Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm

Utilities

ELECTRICITY – SSEPD Power track

www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack

0800 072 7282 or 0345 072 1905 from a mobile phone

WATER – Bristol Water

www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

WATER – Wessex water

www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

BBC Wiltshire can be heard via:

West Wilts area

(Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge): 104.3FM

Useful Numbers

BT fault line	0800 800151
CLARENCE (Highway complaints)	0800 232323
Cllr John Thomson	01666 840785
Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	01249 652851
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Sherston Parish Council	01666 840197
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