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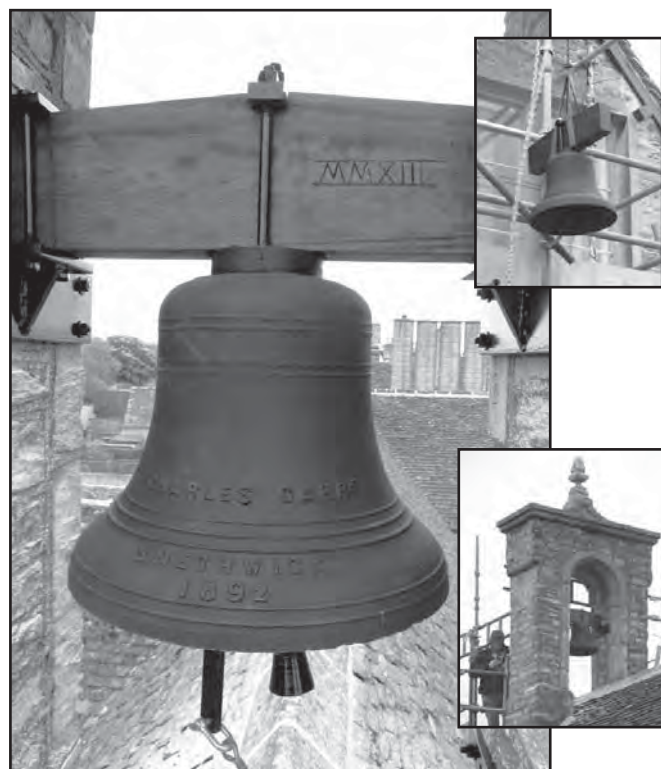
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Meet Baron and Oswald



Until Young's ceased brewing their beer in Wandsworth, Baron and Oswald used to pull the drays stacked with barrels of beer, delivering them to all the Young's pubs within a three mile radius of the brewery. Due to the heavy traffic in Wandsworth, the horse drawn delivery took no longer than if it were by motorised vehicles. In their heyday, the Young's shire horses appeared at all the county shows and have previously pulled the Lord Mayor's coach. Relieved of their work duties, they now have time to attend charitable events and thanks to Jason Read, landlord at the Rattlebone, they will be coming along to Sherston on Saturday 13 July. The dray they will be pulling in Sherston is the box bottle van they used to deliver crates of bottled beer from the brewery. Built in 1926, it weighs 950kgs before being stacked high with crates of beer but Baron comes in heavier at an impressive 1060kgs. Baron stands 18.1 hands tall and Oswald 18.2 and both are 11 years old. They have been working for Young's since they were five and two respectively. It was usual for the commercial breweries to take the geldings after they had been broken in as the farmers kept hold of the mares for breeding and work on the farm. Baron and Oswald will be offering rides in the dray on Boules Day afternoon from the Rattlebone to the Carpenters Arms and back again, look out for them and take your place in the queue at the Jubilee tree. Check timings in July's Cliffhanger. Donations welcomed – all proceeds to the Boules and Carnival fundraising total. With huge thanks to Young's Brewery and Jason for making the visit possible.

Have you noticed anything different about the Old School?



If not – go and have a look. There is a bell in the bell tower!

The purchase and installation has been kindly funded by the Matthews family from Pinkney Park – for which we are extremely grateful as this effectively completes the Old School project.

The bell itself was supplied by a local charitable trust (the Keltek Trust) which is active in finding new homes for surplus and redundant bells. It is about 18 inches wide and was manufactured in 1892 by Charles Carr of Smethwick. Unfortunately the Trust is unable to tell us where the bell was originally hung (i.e. on a school or a church) but we are obviously pleased that its age is contemporaneous with the Old School.

The company that supplied the fittings and hung the bell for us is based in Radstock – Matthew Higby and Co – and has done a great job, carrying out all of the work without any fuss (despite being watched by an audience of under 5's - Busy Hands).

We hope you are really pleased with the outcome and look forward to hearing the bell being rung for the first time in the not too distant future.

by Mike Johnston

High Street

The planned improvements to the High Street have regrettably been further delayed due to problems in sourcing materials and a change in Wiltshire Council's main highways contractor. In addition and so as to ensure that the works do not disrupt Boules Day the parish council has requested that they do not commence until 15 July at the earliest.

Area Board

The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council takes place at Crudwell Village Hall on Wednesday 3 July 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. This is an opportunity for residents to see their area board in action and to participate in discussions. All welcome.

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Proposals for double yellow lines in Sherston – have your say



Wiltshire Council proposes to introduce some waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) in Sherston under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 to introduce No Waiting at any time on the following lengths of road:

Green Lane – both sides – from its junction with Knockdown Road to a point 15 metres east of that junction.

Knockdown Road – east side – from its junction with Green Lane to a point 12 metres north of that junction.

Court Street – east side – from its junction with Green Lane to a point 10 metres south of that junction.

Details of the proposed scheme may be seen at Malmesbury Library, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury during the hours of 2.00pm to 7.00pm Monday, 9.30am to 5pm Tuesday and Wednesday, 9.30am to 7.00pm Friday and 9.30am to 1.00pm Saturday until 10 June. Documents can also be viewed online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations/troconsultations/troparkingandwaitingsherston.htm Comments on the proposal together with the reasons for which they are made should be sent in writing or via the website to reach the Sustainable Transport Group by 10 June quoting reference LJB/TRO/SHER. Sustainable Transport Group, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN

The parish council understands that this proposal has been made after consultations between Sherston School and Wiltshire Council as a response to continued dangerous parking around the School. A response by the parish council will be made in due course.

Fun time

The summer sees 'Fun in the Sun', the very popular free sports coaching sessions run by Wiltshire Council for all children aged 5 to 11 years, back in Sherston. The sessions start on Wednesday 31 July and continue every Wednesday until 21 August. The times are 10.00am to 11.30am. Full details will be available next month. The parish council is supporting the scheme by not only allowing the use of the recreation ground but also by hiring the scout hut to provide toilet and changing facilities as well as indoor space should the weather prove unsuitable.

81 take part in orienteering competition



There was a record turnout from Sherston Primary School for the primary schools cluster orienteering event held at Malmesbury Secondary School on 1 May. Seven teams in Key Stage 1 and six teams in Key Stage 2 took part in the event, where the children had to pick up and solve clues as quickly as possible. Everybody enjoyed the challenge and, for a lot of younger children, it was their first taste of orienteering. Ms Wild described the event as a great way to introduce pupils to competitive sport.

One of the Sherston teams won the Key Stage 2 part of the competition. This team was made up of three pairs which included Alex L, Freya M and Maisie L from Year 3 and Ben P, Max M and Lucy P from Year 4. Congratulations to each of them and well done to everyone else who took part to make the event a great success.

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council meets on Thursday 13 June in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise please contact the clerk Mrs. Sarah Wood on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read.

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We have a small number of stalls still available if you would like to secure one please contact me on 841233 or by email Sharon.doyle@sjpp.co.uk

Wiltshire Council Elections

John Thomson was returned as the member for the Sherston ward for the next four years following voting on 2 May. Congratulations to him on his success and commiserations to the other candidates.

Following the election Councillor Thomson has been reappointed Wiltshire Council's Deputy Leader and is now cabinet member for highways, streetscene and broadband.

Candidate	Votes
Baldrey, Peter Neil	
The Labour Party Candidate	158 (11.37%)
Brown, Marc Edward Laurence	
Liberal Democrats	195 (14.03%)
Thomson, John (Elected)	
The Conservative Party Candidate	1,037 (74.60%)

Turnout and statistics

Turnout	35.64%
Spoiled votes	18

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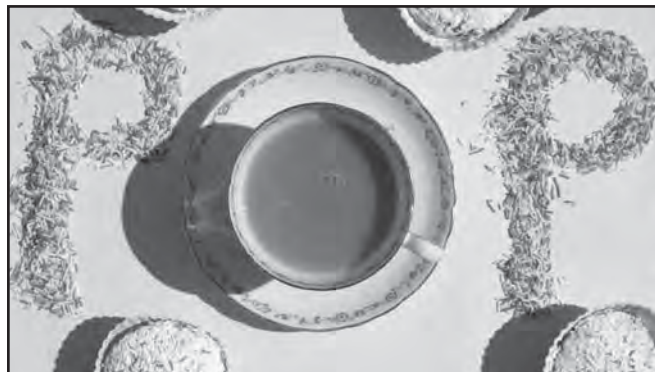
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Pop-up shops and restaurants have been around our cities for years now. Often a clothing business taking over an empty shop for a few days or amazing street food available for just a weekend. Everyone from Prada to Disney have had a go. But being Sherston we are not one to limit ourselves to a shop here and there. We want Sherston POPping up fun experiences all over the village from Your own home or garden for one weekend in September. Entry forms must be received by 5 July.

Sherston goes POP for the first time from 20 to 22 September and you can POP anything at anytime during the weekend. Entry is £10 per POP location to cover the co-ordination and marketing (what's POPPING when and the POP-UP map). Then you set and charge your own prices to cover costs but donate all profits to help the next generation of Sherstonians at the Primary School, Busy Hands and Toddler Group.

Download entry forms at www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk, www.sherstonbusyhands.org.uk or www.thepopupvillage.com or pick up a form from the post office. Follow us on Twitter @POP_up_village and like us on facebook www.facebook.com/thepopupvillage. Or if you would like more information before putting your form in call Kirsty Strachan on 07841 571943/ email: hq@thepopupvillage.com. Remember entry forms must be received by 5 July so get in quick to get your preferred slot!

Sherston playwright making trouble

Sherston author Frank Hatt has won a playwriting competition organised by a professional Bath theatre company called Butterfly Psyche. The theme of the competition was 'Making Trouble'. Some Cliffhanger readers have already seen an earlier version of Frank's play, titled 'Players and Gentlemen', in a script-in-hand performance at The Pound arts centre last September.

The exciting news is that there will now be an opportunity to see a full-scale professional theatre production. This will take place at The Rondo Theatre in Bath from 26 June to 29 June, and then at The Alma Tavern Theatre in Bristol from 2 July to 6 July. Details are to be found on The Rondo's website.

This lively and entertaining new play is set in the early 1920s. Lives change and romance blossoms for the travelling players of the Arts League of Service as they tour the Cotswolds, out to heal the scars of the Great War with Chekhov and cheerfulness. Meanwhile, the gentlemen of the Invalids Cricket Club are also on the road, playing country house cricket and quaffing champagne and ale.

This promises to be a piece of top-class professional theatre with the added ingredient of local interest. Don't miss it.

Marmalade sales

Many thanks to everyone who bought my marmalade, and made donations, on Saturday 18 May, helping to raise £150.00, which has been given to Sherston Senior Club.

Thanks too to Gail and Paul for allowing me to set up shop outside the post office.

by Lin Prior

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Fundraising for Raleigh Borneo – Thank You!

Well it's just under six weeks to go now before I trek off into the jungle of Borneo to start an eight week stint with Raleigh International as an expedition medic. My first task will be to complete an off road driving test in an old Land Rover, go through all the medical bags to sort out supplies and plan and execute a 'training' medical evacuation with us as the pretend patients! I am really looking forward to the challenge with more than a little bit of trepidation.



None of this would have been possible without the generosity of my family, friends, colleagues and patients who have between them raised over £1,000 to donate to the charity. Thank you all so much for your support.

I have promised on my return to do a short (and hopefully interesting) talk about my trip, date to be arranged!

Have a good summer, enjoy the weather I will be missing and above all keep well.

by Pip Pettit

Tombola

The Parish Council will again be organising a 'Giant Tombola' on Boules Day. If you have any unwanted prizes, we would appreciate your generosity again. Please make sure that all prizes are new or in an unused condition. Prizes can again be left at 37 High Street, or for further details please contact Cilla on 840128 or email sherstoncilla@tiscali.co.uk

French Café

The French Café is in the middle of the High Street opposite Angel House and at the heart of the boules carnival. People come and go all-day enjoying the freshly prepared baguettes, cakes, patisseries, soft drinks and tea and coffee. Helpers start baguetteing (technical culinary term) at 6.30am so that our food is fresh and ready to serve at around 8.00am when breakfast, or just a reviving tea or coffee, is served for early starters and the teams setting up the marquees and boules pitches. We are open the whole day closing between 4.30pm and 5.00 pm. This year, to reduce the crush, we have a take away area and a self-service counter so that you can sit and relax watching the passing crowds or take your snack back to the pitches so that you don't miss a second of the boules action. Please come along and enjoy a bite to eat and help us raise funds for all the good causes supported by the event. As maître d', for the day at least, I look forward to welcoming you to the French Café. Bon appétit. Kim Findlay



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Sherston Senior Club

Since my last report on club activities, we have enjoyed our day trip following the Evesham Blossom Trail on 16 April even though the blossom was in hiding. As you all know the weather has been very much against the flowering season, so we didn't see much in the way of blossom, but we had a nice tour around the villages surrounding Evesham which was really enjoyed by all. On behalf of the passengers I would like to thank Colin our driver for the day and all he did to make it a success.

Our next meeting was on 30 April when we all enjoyed a very interesting talk and slide show on the formation and the day to day running of Dr Barnardo's homes. It really does make one think how lucky we are to have had a nice home and upbringing and such a wonderful village to enjoy it all in.

Our next meeting will be on 14 May when we shall have another outing by coach this time to the Burford garden centre. The coach is due to leave the village at 10.30 am and return from Burford at 2.30pm. The cost for this trip is £9.

This day trip will followed by our next meeting to be held in the British School Room on 28 May at 2.30pm. The subject for this meeting will be a talk entitled 'Lasting Impressions', which will be given by Susan Marshfield. The title of this talk makes one think it could well be another interesting afternoon, so let's hope we have another good attendance and enjoy ourselves once again.

With all best wishes from your chairman, Malcolm Hillier Tel. 840737.



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It was a lovely sunny evening when we met for our May meeting in the village hall.

The main subject for the meeting was to discuss the Resolution which has been put forward for discussion at the National A.G.M. in June at Cardiff. The Resolution states 'Decline of our High Streets and Town Centres.' There is much concern over the continuing decline of our high streets and the damaging effect it has on local communities and all members are asked to support local shops and local services.

We had a lively debate on this topic and were thankful that Sherston is lucky in the shops and services available in the village. The motion was carried by a majority.

After refreshments we had some business to deal with. The President thanked members for their support for the recent Open Evening held in the village hall. Penny Junor had been our speaker and she kept members interested in stories of her life as a journalist and royal biographer. We were told of the difficulties of getting the right information and how to approach the person you wanted to write about. Her latest book was about Prince William and we were able to purchase signed copies.

A recent visit to Bath Aqua Glass had been

enjoyable. The proposed visit to Kelmscott Manor has been postponed until 2014 instead we hope to go to Sharcott Manor at Pewsey in July. We hope to be able to assist at the Boules Day in early July.

At our next meeting on 6 June there will be a talk by Irene Tyack entitled 'Yellow Hat Tribe' at 7.30pm in the village hall.

by Ann Wilcox

Henry's bench

Many Sherston folk will have fond memories of Henry Wheeler who after moving to Malmesbury was known by all for his red bobble hat, wheelbarrow and shouts of 'Come on the Reds.'

A fund has been set up in Malmesbury to help fund a special bench in Henry's memory which will be placed in the Abbey grounds which he cared for over many years

If you would like to make a donation please send it to 'Henry's bench', The Parish Office, Old Squash Court, Holloway, Malmesbury, Wilts SN16 9BA. Cheques should please be made payable to 'Malmesbury Abbey PCC'. Come on folks let's make this happen.



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Sherston Living Churchyard

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Before long the meadow areas should be alive with beneficial insects including bees, whose decline is being reported in the media as a potential threat to the human food supply. Even the small steps that are being taken in the churchyard can help to lessen the decline in the insect population and to preserve the world entrusted to our care by God.

Next month's session in the churchyard will take place on a different day - Wednesday 12 June - but still from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. This should be a more convenient time for those currently involved and newcomers are still warmly welcomed.

Sue Robinson 841263

Air Ambulance

Those intrepid lads from Sherston 1016 were out and about at the local hostelrys over Badminton Weekend collecting for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal. An amazing £802 was raised. Well done 1016 and thanks to all those who donated.

Summer Holiday Club

With summer nearly here the Gauzebrook churches are organising their seasonal holiday club the 'Space Academy'. The usual mix of craft, songs, bible stories, galactic games and refreshments suitable for space travellers. It's open to all children of primary school age but it's bound to be popular so please book early.

The Summer Holiday Club takes place in Sherston scout hall on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 July from

10.00am to 12.00noon and costs £2.50 per session. Please book with Becky Fisher, Rural Schools and Churches Worker on 07974 030212 or Becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

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Gardens are open 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Saturday and 2.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday. Tickets can be used over two days if you don't manage to see all the gardens in a day but only include tea and cake on one day. Accompanied children are free to visit gardens but refreshments are to be paid for. There will also be a garden-themed raffle and plant stall.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the church (this event replaces the church fête which has traditionally been the summer fundraiser). If you are able to donate cakes, or seedlings, cuttings or divided perennials for our plant stall, please contact Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Whitehouse 840640.

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Council changes

Residents will have noticed that there were no elections for the parish council on 2 May. This was due to the fact that as there were only 13 nominations for the 13 seats available an election was not required. There has however been a change in that following Cilla Liddington deciding not to stand again Jill Caaney has become a councillor.

At the April meeting of the parish council Cilla was thanked for all her hard work over recent years. She took a major role in the provision of the new war memorial in the lych-gate and of course wrote 'Heroes All' which told the history of all those remembered. Cilla also coordinated the Christmas lights in the High Street and often took a major role in many of the recent public celebrations in the village. Whilst no longer a councillor Cilla will continue assisting with the publication of the Cliffhanger and has also kindly agreed to organise the parish council's tombola stall on Boules Day which she has done with great success for many years. A keen interest in local history will also keep her busy!

Jill Caaney has already shown herself keen to be an active councillor in taking on responsibility for emergency planning in the parish.



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Boules Day Saturday 13 July – Volunteers to help set up and clear up

As boules week fast approaches, we would like to put the annual call out for volunteers to help set up on Friday 12 July afternoon/evening and Saturday 13 July morning and, more importantly, clearing up on Saturday evening.

If you are interested in offering your support again this year, could you please email Louise at louise.osborne@networkrail.co.uk or phone 841 238/07970 256758 and let her know which slot you can do; Friday 2.00pm, Friday 6.00pm, Saturday 6.30am (I know its early) or Saturday evening early shift 5.00pm to 7.00pm or late shift 7.00 to 9.00pm.

For anyone wishing to help out on the French Café please contact Kim Findlay on kim@findlay.me or on 840089 /07973 828217 and for the Bar please contact Gwen Knight at mommaknight@hotmail.com or 07968315535

For those new to the village, this is a good way to get to meet people. We're always looking for newcomers to help out with roles on the committee, so if lugging marquees or pitches around is not your thing but you wouldn't mind helping out in some other way – distributing programmes, assisting on the committee etc. then we'd love to hear from you too. Just drop Louise a note.

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The Malmesbury Community Choir will welcome anyone over the age of 14, whatever their experience, and will meet in the Old School Room at Malmesbury's Town Hall every Monday evening from 7.30 to 9.30. 'There will be no auditions and you won't ever be expected to sing on your own (unless you really want to!)' says co-founder, Emma Harris. 'There'll be a small fee of £5 for each session to cover the costs - which isn't bad for two hours of entertainment these days - and 14-17 year olds get to come along for free.'

The choir will launch at a special, free event in the Old School Room at Malmesbury Town Hall on Monday 17 June where you'll get to experience life in a choir with a bit of a sing-a-long, a lot of fun and a couple of drinks to boot. Doors open at 7.30pm and the session will go on until 9.30pm.

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Who can forget last year's Wild West Kidszone on Boules Day, we had a Rodeo bull and all kinds of Cowboy fun. Well, this year we're off to the seaside! Yes, it's Sherston-on-Sea at the village hall field (11.00am to 4.00pm) on Boules Day organised by The Friends of Sherston School, Busy Hands Pre-School and Toddler Group mums. It's only £3 (3 to 14 year olds) for a day pass, with a Children's Seaside Fancy Dress Competition at 3.00pm. Surf's Up! - come and ride the waves on our Newquay surfboard simulator, or have a go at digging for Pirate Treasure (50p). There will be fun and games along the Pier (will there be donkeys?) and a great Toddlers Beach play area. So come and be beside the seaside, if not beside the actual sea.

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

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Return 17:30

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Walk on the wild side

Not bad for an octogenarian.....

The national treasure that is Sir David Attenborough has been very busy of late. Not only has he been 'tweeting' every day on Radio 4 (tweet of the day) with one bird being discussed every day for 2 minutes with some 265 episodes, he has just launched a major review of the state of our environment entitled State of Nature covering the UK and our overseas territories.

As you may expect, the report makes quite mixed reading with some birds, animals and plants doing well with others almost disappearing from our countryside. On the downside

- Turtle doves have declined by 93% since 1970
- Hedgehogs have declined by around a third since the millennium
- The small tortoiseshell butterfly has declined in abundance by 77% in the last ten years

And we have seen this in the village with, for example, hedgehogs being really quite scarce. One species of plant, the corn cleaver, used to occur in arable fields but efficient farming methods, including herbicides, mean this plant is only found in three locations in the UK.

It's not all bad news and there are two great examples in the village. Around the village there seem to be increasing numbers of house sparrows. They have declined by some 70% but around the High Street and nearby they do seem to be in greater numbers. This year, for the first time as far as I am aware, there is a colony of starlings nesting in the blackthorn on the Cliff. The noise from these gregarious birds is quite something when they fly in to feed their chicks.

We are also fortunate that some of the more cryptic species (I mean that they are hidden) seem to be holding their own. Slow worms, for example, seem to be around the village in reasonable numbers. These legless lizards often occur in gardens and burrow into



the soil in search of slugs and worms. They have a number of quite amazing characteristics – they give birth to live young, they can discard their tail if attacked and then grow a new one and can live up to 30 years in the wild. Their main predator are cats against which they have no defence. They can be seen in gardens and in grassy areas but can be very hard to spot. The photo was taken on the Cliff in May this year and I have seen them on the steep parts of the Cliff.

Overall the State of Nature report makes quite difficult reading and it makes a very valid point that different parts of nature need different types of help. If, for example, we want to help barn owls we can put up more nesting boxes as the lack of suitable nesting sites can limit their ability to increase in numbers. Helping migrating birds or insects is much more complex as it may be really important to protect sites in west or north Africa where they stop over while migrating.

So what can you or I do to help? The first place to start is to get out and understand what we have around us. Join The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust or Butterfly Conservation or Buglife or the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers – they all offer ways of helping make a difference either through physical activities or more sedate one such as helping raise funds or working in their visitor centres.

We do have fantastic local wildlife which can be really quite surprising – just look for slugs mating at this time of year – quite amazing (if somewhat gross....)

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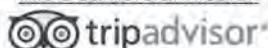
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The programme includes works by JS Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, William Byrd and other well-known Composers. It includes a performance of Edward Elgar's Vesper Voluntaries.

During the Recital a plaque will be unveiled on the side of the organ in memory of William Pinnell, who died in 2011 and was organist at Acton Turville Church for more than sixty years.

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Boules and Carnival

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This year's quiz will be at the village hall on Saturday 6 July. Doors open at 7.30pm for a 8.00pm start. Bar. Tickets £15, for a table of up to four, from the post office.



Walk

Once again the popular walk will take place on Sunday 7 July marking the start of carnival week



at 10.00am from the gates of the village hall. This is suitable for all ages (and conditions) as the pace is pitched at that of the slowest walkers. There may be mud so please wear sensible footwear and there may be rain so come prepared. Dogs are welcome provided they are under control and behave themselves. The aim is to arrive at the Rattlebone Inn at midday where Jason kindly provides complimentary soup for all walkers.

Further details from Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk

Car Boot

On Sunday 7 July there will be a Car Boot Sale on the Pennymead (the Recreation Ground), a great opportunity to get rid of all those boxes of 'stuff' we all collect! The Pennymead will be open for sellers at 8am and buyers from 9am. The cost is £10 on the day or £5 if booked in advance. Bacon Butties, teas and coffee will be available. All proceeds to go to the Boules and Carnival week. For further details or to book a pitch please contact Cilla on 840128 or email: sherstoncilla@tiscali.co.uk

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Sherston School's Olympics Legacy Events are coming in June!

The legacy of the Olympics lives on at Sherston primary school! We're speeding towards our two big Olympic anniversary events, a sponsored bike ride at Castle Combe on Friday 28 June, and a mini decathlon on the rec on Saturday 29 June.

The bike ride is a one-off opportunity to cycle around the Castle Combe race track, between 5.00pm and 8.00pm. Little ones are welcome too on bikes with stabilisers, or even on scooters! It's an evening out for the whole family, and it goes ahead come rain or shine, usually we can't get the children off the track!

Meanwhile, the organising committee of sporting dads are putting the final touches to an afternoon of mini Olympic sports on the rec.

It kicks off at 1.00pm on Saturday 29 June with a kids decathlon. The dads will keep the scores and there will be medals for the winners at the end of the day on the rec's very own podium.

This year we have two clubs doing demonstrations at 3.00pm. They are Buccaneer Blades, a local children's fencing club, and Sherston school's award winning gymnastics team. From 3.30pm children will be able to have a go at fencing themselves, with all the equipment provided free of charge.

Of course there'll be a barbecue and bar, home made cakes, and a tombola!

Entry 'Passports' go on sale at the school gate, at the end of the school day, from Monday 3 June, at a cost of £2.50 per child. This includes all the sports on offer, so you only pay once.

This is a great opportunity for children to try a new sport, and for parents to support their local school!

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We will also have the Young Musicians Concert – always a sell-out – and the Scarecrow Trail. This year we will have a session for making scarecrows run by Wiltshire Scrapstore on 5 October. The theme is Best of British, so start thinking about how to interpret this!

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News from Holy Cross Church

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Ness Whiffin, who will be leading the Pet Service at Sherston on the 16 June at 9.30am has mentioned it to the photographer and cameraman who were at the Rogation Service. They hope to come along and record what we get up to, so I hope we shall have lots of interesting creatures!

The Rev. Phil Daniels will be priested on Sunday 30 June at Bristol Cathedral. The service starts at 10.30am, so the congregation should be seated by 10.00 am. It is hoped that a good number of parishioners from the Gauzebrook Group will be there to support Phil. Transport will be arranged by coach to and from Bristol for the service. The coach will leave from Sherston post office at 9.00am, there will also be a pick-up at Hullavington from Queen's Head bus stop at 8.45 am and Luckington post office

at 9.10 am. Please complete the list in your church indicating numbers and preferred pick-up point. Members of our youth group TOAST please inform Becky Fisher. A contribution towards the cost of the coach will be collected on the day at a minimum £5 per head.

For those who are unable to make the service in the Cathedral, there will be a Group Service at 10.30 am in Easton Grey church. This delightful country church is tucked away between the B4040 and the road to Easton Grey village. It has a beautifully preserved early Victorian interior, and now it has been redecorated is well worth a visit.

Christopher Bryan, Priest-in-charge of the Gauzebrook Group

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Report on Neighbourhood Plan Community Workshop held on 23 March

Workshop format

The workshop was an open public event held on Saturday 23 March between the hours of 10.30am and 1.30pm at Sherston village hall. Registration sign in sheets were provided to record attendees. A display was produced giving an overview of neighbourhood planning, setting out the draft objectives and the key issues identified to date, a brief history of the village, and a series of plans showing the known planning constraints, existing settlement limits, and walking distances from the village centre – all for the purpose of informing the later workshop discussions (copies of most of these documents were published in the April Cliffhanger). The same display was left out for villagers to view on the following morning in the village hall – when visitors were invited to make written comments on any matters raised and put them in a comments box.

Workshop Overview

An introduction was provided by John Matthews (Chair, Steering Group) who provided an overview of the purpose of the workshop and introduced two speakers – Geoff Wright (an independent Planning Consultant and Urban Design Expert – representing CABE) and Ben Hamilton-Baillie (an independent traffic, transport and urban design consultant – also representing CABE).

Geoff and Ben spoke for about 45 minutes – setting the scene, explaining the benefits of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan, setting out some of the key urban design, planning, highway and transport issues that need to be addressed, identifying (from an outsiders' point of view) what they perceived to be the character and evolution of the village, and finally providing an overview of the workshop exercises to be undertaken in groups.

Five separate working groups were established – each with a facilitator. One resident member of each group was nominated from the outset to provide feedback to the Workshop.

First Workshop

- To consider what should happen and where;
- To consider how it could be delivered.

Each group was provided with a large scale aerial photograph of the village, a map showing the various sites that had been put forward by landowners in and around the village (following canvassing by the Steering Group) as having some form of development potential, and a note pad. Each group was asked to review the range of key issues that had previously been identified (or indeed any others that the group considered relevant) and then go on to identify where any of the specific ideas that emerged during those discussions could potentially be located. In addition



each group was specifically asked to consider the scale of housing development considered appropriate for the village over the plan period.

Second Workshop

- To sketch physical proposals;
- To add notes and policy suggestions to support your plan.

Groups then considered and diagrammed the potential development options that had come out of those earlier discussions. Notes were prepared to help explain the options being suggested. Each table then provided feedback on the scale, nature and location of future development anticipated in the village over the plan period arising from their discussions.

Workshop outputs.

The following represents a summary of the workshop findings.

Display boards

At the start of the meeting attendees were invited to indicate their support or opposition to the range of key issues that had been identified through earlier work on the Neighbourhood Plan. In addition attendees were invited to make any written comments that they might wish to make on aspects of the emerging plan that they did not consider had as yet been fully addressed or indeed that they did not support. (N.B. As noted above this exhibition was left out on display in the Village Hall for a further 24 hours – to allow those unable to attend the Workshop to view the material and to make comments. Some of the comments left in the ballot box therefore, as reported below, will be from individuals who did not attend the workshop or listen to the discussions).

A full summary of the responses received are shown below:



KEY ISSUES	AGREE	DISAGREE
• The provision of a new enhanced GP surgery	35	6
• Protecting existing community facilities	39	1
• Additional and improved accommodation for the elderly	27	4
• Relocation of the pre-school facility onto its own site	26	5
• Additional burial space	13	8
• Additional allotments	15	1
• Affordable housing – to meet a locally identified need (c.20 units)	23	5
• Improved sports and recreation facilities	19	2
• High Speed Broadband	42	0
• New (replacement) vicarage	17	14
• Opportunities for new businesses to set up in and around the village	24	5
• Resisting the loss of existing business opportunities	21	2
• Limited amount of new build general housing (c.20 units)	21	6
• Community orchard	13	13
• Safeguarding specific parts of the settlement from future development	28	3
• Encouraging greater use of appropriate alternative energy sources	24	2
• Encouraging greater use of public transport, cycling and walking	32	1

Workshop Feedback

A summary of the individual group feedback is given below:

GROUP ONE:

- Support level of development of between 60 and 80 housing units over plan period;
- Vicarage site to be used for new vicarage plus sheltered housing – to replace existing units at Anthony's Close – which could then be used for GP surgery/pharmacy with further sheltered housing above;
- Existing surgery to be used for offices when vacated;
- Relocate sports facilities from existing football field closer to the new school – and redevelop football field for housing;
- Require developer of football field to link that site into mains gas supply (located short distance to north) – and open up supply to rest of village;

- Funds from redevelopment of football field could be used to construct new sports facilities etc. (including sports centre; changing rooms; and parking);
- Consider whether North End Gardens could be redeveloped at some future date to provide additional housing.

GROUP 2:

- Support level of development of about 80 housing units over plan period – with mix of housing to meet needs of elderly, young and general housing market;
- Three locations considered as having development potential:
A – land between Tetbury Lane and Sandpits Lane (north-east)
B – land at north end of Tetbury Lane (north)
C – land to rear of new school (north-west)
- Support new GP surgery proposal – which could go on vicarage site with additional parking on recreation ground (to serve both the surgery and wider need);
- Provide land to allow for future expansion of school with Busy Hands next door;
- Expand and enhance existing sports field;
- Support construction of new vicarage;
- Support Superfast Broadband provision;
- Support balanced local employment on one of development sites.

GROUP 3:

- Support level of development of about 80 housing units over plan period – particularly for elderly and affordable markets;
- Any new build houses must be in character with AONB/Conservation quality of area and have sufficient off street parking, be sustainable (utilising for example solar tiles);
- Three locations considered as having development potential:
A – Easton Town – preferred (but N.B. Not available)
B – rear new School – second preference
C – Tetbury Road – third preference
- Consider recreation ground could be better used (a proper 'village green'). Suggest possibility of allowing some development alongside boundary with vicarage overlooking the green);
- Support provision of additional space to allow school to expand and improve facilities;
- Sports field to be retained and enhanced;
- More allotments – suggest either on land adjoining football field or north of Sandpits Lane.

Group 4:

- Support level of development of between 60 and 80 housing units over plan period;

- Preferred location for additional development to rear of new school – allowing room for school to expand and pre-school facility to be introduced next door. Separate access via Butlers Close giving access to new GP Surgery and housing site.
- Retain existing areas of open space – including recreation ground, football pitch, allotments, and village hall field.
- Support expansion of football field onto adjoining land to allow for improved facilities;
- Consider redevelopment of Anthony's Close – to provide upgraded accommodation;
- Additional housing need for older people;
- Stretchline site should be kept in employment use.

Group 5:

- Support level of development between 40 and 60 housing units over plan period- including mix of affordable housing, general housing and for the elderly (including sheltered housing);
- Preferred location for additional development to rear of new school – with space for expansion of existing school, new pre-school facility and GP surgery and associated parking;
- All new build development must be of high quality design and sustainability;
- Alternative housing location on north side of Sandpits Lane (opposite North End Gardens);
- Vicarage site – possible alternative location for GP surgery.
- Encourage new employment opportunities and retain existing where possible;
- Upgrade sports field – increase size of playing area and provide new changing rooms and sports building (to meet needs of local teenagers etc.);
- Support provision of High Speed Broadband;
- Make better use of Village Hall field;
- Protect Recreation Ground from development (green lung);
- Support provision of more allotments – Sandpits Lane?
- Encourage improved public transport.



Next Steps

The workshop outputs documented in this report will be discussed by the Sttering Group and will be used to help inform the policies and proposals to be produced for the Sherston Neighbourhood Plan. Further consultation will of course take place with the community as the neighbourhood plan develops.

WfCAP Community Fayre - Lackham College Chippenham Saturday 8 June

Our aim is to provide a rural setting to celebrate the work happening in our communities as well as an opportunity to look at sustainability, tourism, economy and the heritage of Wiltshire.

The event is free to enter and runs from 9.30am to 4.30pm. All welcome

There will be sessions run by Hidden Britain and Lackham College plus speakers on renewable energy and more.

The Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships - WfCAP provides development support, representation, training and networking opportunities for Community Area Partnerships - CAPs .

We are also a point of contact for people or organisations wishing to know more about CAPs and Community Planning.

Please get in touch to find out more, we'd love to hear from you - visit www.wfcap.org/ or phone 01225 355553.



2 June: VELODROME TRIP

Back by popular demand, we have another track session booked at Wales National Velodrome, Newport . This has to be one of the most enjoyable things you can do on two wheels.

If you have never tried track cycling before you don't know what you are missing. We have the whole track for ourselves with a coach to take us through the basics of track cycling. Once we have mastered the basics we will be taken through a series of track drills and then finish with a couple of fun sprint races. What a perfect way to complement your training for the Bristol to Bordeaux ride. Please contact Kris Foster on - kris.3.foster@bt.com

9 June: ENDURANCE SPIN

Following the success of last year's event, the PROPS Endurance Spinathon returns.

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What's it all about?

Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership (MVCAP) invites all sporting clubs and organisations to join a programme of events from July to September. MVCAP, working with Wiltshire Council's Malmesbury Area Board, have funding to promote your idea and to help make a special event a reality.

The events should be targeted at getting new people involved in participation, health, exercise, well-being or volunteering, and they can be targeted at any age group or level of ability.

Your event could be:

- A 'Taster Day' to give local people a chance to discover your sport
- A demonstration to attract supporters, volunteers or participants
- A presentation of a new sport not currently available in the area
- Organised walks to places of interest in the area to encourage new people to join in and take advantage of the great walking opportunities we have in the area.
- An event which encourages wide participation
- Activities accessible to people with disabilities
- Activities for people taking the first steps towards regular exercise
- An introduction day for people interested in volunteering to help with the running of your club or organisation.

2012 was a remarkable year for Wiltshire with huge numbers witnessing the passing of the Olympic torch through the county, many Wiltshire residents competing in and winning medals at the Olympic and Paralympic games, and widespread enthusiasm for volunteering to support the events. PHEW! has been created to capture some of this energy, build upon the legacy, and develop a local programme to

encourage people to take advantage of the wide range of clubs and activities in our area and get involved as participants, supporters or volunteers.

PHEW! will support a diverse range of initiatives which encourage new participation, health, exercise, well-being and volunteering within our community. This might be promoting our local sporting clubs, encouraging leisure activities such as walking and swimming, giving people the chance to get involved as supporters or volunteers, or bringing new activities to the area – particularly those suited for all levels of ability.

What can we provide?

With funding from Wiltshire Council's Malmesbury Area Board we can:

- Include your event in all the PHEW! promotional literature, website, programme material and publicity, to ensure that your event reaches the widest audience, all at no cost to you
- Give advice on who to contact for support or information on new sports, activities, or funding
- Provide free help with setting up a website for your organisation or activity to enable your work to be promoted in the longer term
- Offer help on how to make your idea possible

What you should do?

To make this initiative a success we need you to get involved.

- We would like to draft out a rough programme of events that PHEW! can support as soon as possible.
- Can you please give some urgent thought to how the PHEW! 'umbrella' could support your ambitions as a club or organisation this year or in future years?
- We would like to talk to you about your ideas and whether these would fit into the programme. We can discuss your current events which we can help to promote, new ideas for events that might be supported by PHEW, or a new initiative which could add to what is available in the area.
- Please contact to us by as soon as possible with a contact number so that we can discuss how to take your ideas forward. Call us on 390110 or use the contact form on our web site <http://legacymalmesbury.org.uk/>

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WOMAD comes to Sherston village hall



Once again, local schools have the fantastic opportunity to work alongside FARRAH a talented group of Middle Eastern musicians and dancers in the lead up to this year's WOMAD Festival and we welcome the opportunity to present the artists at Sherston village hall on Tuesday 9 July at 7.30pm.

Maren Lueg will be playing her soprano sax, the nay flute and several other wind instruments, while her partner, Chas Whitaker plays Arabic percussion. They will be joined by Nehad El Sayed from Egypt who plays Oud, the Arabic lute, and Merit Ariane Stephanos on Egyptian vocals and dancer Alia Alzoughbi from Lebanon. Enjoy an evening of Middle Eastern Music but don't get too comfortable in your seats – be prepared to be swept off your feet into the Levantine line dance Dabka!

Tickets £5 (children under 16 - £3) from the post office or on the door. Bar available.

Concert in the Church of the Holy Cross

'End of the Track', an all-male singing group based in North Wiltshire will perform 60's and 70's music supported by 'Genesis' a youth choir from Hullavington and other local musicians on Wednesday 10 July at 7.30pm. Wine and soft drinks available. Tickets £5. (£3 under 16's) from the post office or Roger Whitehouse 840640. For further details see www.eott.co.uk



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Vic Fest - 30 June

The Flying Monk ground in Malmesbury will host a fundraising event for Malmesbury Victoria FC on the afternoon of Sunday 30 June. Live music, stalls, bouncy castles, and children's rides, bar and BBQ plus much more. Free entry!

The Mangledwurzels are the headline band a Scrumpy & Western tribute to Adge Cutler and The Wurzels www.mangledwurzels.co.uk

Stalls available - only £5 in advance for individuals / community groups (or £10 on the day if still available) for a 3m x 3m outside pitch - bring your own tables and gazebo if needed. For trade stands its £10 in advance or £20 on the day - if still available. To book a phone 823589 or email jmexton@aol.com

If You Went Down In The Woods One Eve...



One damp Friday evening in May, 17 intrepid members of 1st Sherston Brownies were kindly invited to join 1st Sherston Cubs for an evening of Backwoods Cooking down by the River Avon at Forlorn. It was the Brownies' first experience of cooking in the wild, and part of the experience was for them to collect firewood, remove the turf, set up the fires, find and prepare a cooking stick, cook, clear up and leave the area exactly as they found it.

We didn't cut any corners with the food. First up on the menu were Tucks finest pork sausages, which went down a storm! The Brownies then cooked damper (a simple bread) with chocolate spread and toasted marshmallows. Everyone had a great time and there were even a few requests from the Cubs afterwards for a transfer to join the girls, citing better food! Big thanks to Niki Walden, our resident Sherston Forest School expert for her help on the evening, and of course, a big thanks to the Hillier family for the use of their field.

Brown Owl, Barn Owl and Tawny Owl

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Can you help make our accounts sparkle so they are ready for another action packed year of Scouting?

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If you can spare half an hour here and there to sweep up the receipts and polish off the bills, then speak to

Kirstie Blair on 840096 or email

kirstieblair@gmail.com



The 1st Sherston Scouts is a dynamic Scout Group that provides fun, challenge and adventure for 7 - 17 year old boys and girls in the village.

With a Cub Pack, Scout Troop and Explorer Units, our friendly leadership team is always kept busy.

Here are just some of the things you could help us with and make all the difference.

Can you build a den?

Building dens is a real treat when you are nine, and even more fun when you are a teenager! If you still think it sounds like fun come along to Explorers and support our young people.

Not just building dens, but trebuchets, vortex cannons, fire poles as well as, map work, hiking and of course Duke of Edinburgh.

What we need is an extra pair of hands to help the leaders provide these fantastic activities. If you are interested in helping at Explorers, then speak to:

Ewan Blair on 840096 or email

ewan.blair@plantronics.com

Are you a money-maker extraordinaire?

Can you organise fundraising events that inspire the whole village?

Could you help us to organise two to three small events a year? We need you to help our fundraising team to stage fun and family friendly events that can raise funds for our Group. Every penny we raise is used to support children, so whether it's bingo or a barn dance the choice is yours!

Interested? Then speak to:

Kirstie Blair on 840096 or email

kirstieblair@gmail.com

Want to be a record maker?

Are you good at keeping records and making sure things are just right?

We need someone who can help us keep the minutes of our meetings, initially for one year. That's just four meetings! We have a management committee that meets once a term. Meetings last for an hour and a half and we can show you everything you need to know. If it sounds simple, that's because it is!

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Sherston Church

On Sunday 2 June there will be a service at Sherston Church with presentations on the theme of Stewardship.

The church is running at a deficit and to explain this there will be leaflets delivered to every household in the parish of Sherston (you may already have received yours). These describe how we can all support our local church. Please read this leaflet carefully and respond to it by the end of June if you can. There are forms to make standing orders so that you can easily make payments on a regular basis. Although one-off gifts are always welcome, we would really appreciate regular giving so bills can be paid and our church can function.

We were very encouraged by the response to our call for new names to be on the Church Electoral Roll, showing that many more people value our Church, at the heart of the local community, than those who attend it on a regular basis. Our many visitors remark how well cared for and welcoming it is and even warm (well, we do try to keep it warm but it is a huge space).

We hope that the village will show that it is our treasure.

by Heather Martin

Luckington chair retires



Robert Simpkins has been the Chairman of the Luckington Parish Council for the past 20 years and has decided to retire. The Members of the Council presented him with an engraved crystal glass vase and flowers as an appreciation of all his hard work for the Village over this period, at their Meeting on Wednesday 8 May.

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Malmesbury Abbey Music Society is very excited to be welcoming Red Priest to Malmesbury Abbey for the first time on Saturday 29 June at 7.30pm.

Red Priest is like no other early instrumental ensemble you have ever heard! These four musicians have redefined the art of period performance, creating a virtual orchestra through their creative arrangements. Piers Adams recorder Julia Bishop violin, Angela East cello and David Wright harpsichord will give us an evening to remember with The Carnival of the Seasons – Vivaldi with a difference. As David Mellor said on Classic FM, 'Red Priest have been bringing glee to the concert scene for a decade or more ... transferring Baroque clichés into vivid drama, often at terrific speed and with practised co-ordination with a bedrock of tremendous skill and timing.'

Piers Adams, world renowned leader of the ensemble, is giving a 1 hour Recorder Workshop at 2 pm on the afternoon of the concert. For more details of the workshop, please contact Anne Cox on 07546 588715 or annecox@cooptel.net

Tickets for the concert are priced at £12 / £5 (students), can be obtained from the Abbey Bookshop, or the MAMS Ticket Secretary, David Barton, on 824924, email d.barton763@btinternet.com. Alternatively, they can be bought online through the Malmesbury website www.malmesbury.com/mams.

Sherston Occasional Community Choir (SHOCC)

SHOCC will be giving a 'mixed repertoire' concert at the end of their spring session on Wednesday 26 June in the British Schoolroom. Time and tickets TBA on village notice board. Nicki Heenan 840883

Neighbourhood watch - an update

Many thanks for those who returned their NHW forms. To those who did not, please do so otherwise you will not get any important information.

It is planned to hold a meeting in the village hall sometime at the end of the summer when holidays finished. In the meantime all those who have returned their forms will continue to receive updates.

IMPORTANT - Coordinators are still required for
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TREEtalk

June 2013

by Irene Johnston



Why not take a walk in the woods in June?

'Walk in the Woods' is the Tree Council's annual festival to encourage everyone to enjoy trees in the springtime. Throughout May and June, there are walks, talks and other events to get us out walking in local woods and parks. We're lucky living here; there's our own Grove Wood as well as many larger woodlands in Wiltshire and neighbouring counties to visit. Visit www.treecouncil.org.uk for more information about what's going on around the area this month.

Speaking of Grove Wood, have you been down there recently? After the woeful, early spring weather, everything is now bursting with life. One of the few advantages to the slow start is the profusion of flowers that would not ordinarily be blooming at the same time. Now that more light can penetrate the whole wood (yes, we have completed the whole stretch, not that we want to blow our own trumpets again!), pink and white wood anemones, the occasional narcissus, lichen of varying hues, cow parsley and carpets of bluebells are vying for space. Take your camera and enjoy the spectacle as we've waited too long and it's over too quickly.

Top of the pops

It's no surprise that the bluebell has recently topped a Woodland Trust poll of spring flowers. Their beauty and link to ancient woods create a natural appeal for woodland visitors. Though the cold spring has resulted in flowering a month later than 2012, they looked fantastic throughout last month and many have only recently burst out.

Woodland Trust looking for help

Ash dieback is putting at risk 80 million ash trees in this country. The disease has swept through Europe in two decades leaving 60-70% of ash trees infected.

The ash is not the only tree with an uncertain future. Other pests and diseases threaten our native trees and woods, says the Woodland Trust and they are inviting our help to tackle it. The trust is already working on a feasibility study with Defra and other organisations to see how to harness the power of 'citizen science' to help identify and monitor problems in woods across the UK. Reports of tree disease from the public via websites and smart phone apps will be screened by specially trained Woodland Trust volunteers so that information can be passed on to Forest Research scientists in the right format to help with their vital work. If a major bid for European funding is successful, this project will be scaled up later this year.

For further information from Sherston's Tree Wardens, contact Irene Johnston on 841273, email: Ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk or Sue McKechnie on 840601, email: susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk

Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 16 June and is part of the programme for this year's Sherston Boules & Carnival. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return to the Rattlebone Inn just around 12noon in time for a complimentary snack. As ever children and well behaved dogs on leads are very welcome.



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Fancy dress football

We are looking forward to another afternoon of fun with the youth and adult fancy dress football this year and we are hoping the weather is a little better than last year, another year for a bunch of local men to see out their fantasies dressed as women, sailors, and in some cases, animals. This year, we at the football club feel that, as a football club, we should try to win - something that has not happened in the past couple of years and we have come second best to some, shall we say, older opposition. This year we will be playing for a trophy (and a bit of pride), which I will supply on behalf of the boules committee and will hold pride of place in the Carpenters Arms for the winners. We would like to thank the support we receive from people around the village and Lyn and crew for sorting the BBQ, so this year look out you OAFs, we are coming to get you, and someone tell Knocker he can take his dress off now.



Calling all budding young boules players!



The Sherston Boules Tournament will again host a Junior boules competition which will run alongside the adult competition on Saturday 13 July. Over the last few years a growing number of teams have competed and the standard of play has been amazing. Last year a record 22 teams competed for the title of Junior Boules Champions 2012, with the Clueless, Useless, Bouleless team made up of James Irving, Dominic Evans and Sam Watling proving they were anything but clueless and useless! The triumphant trio have all moved on to senior school so the way is clear for a new team of budding boules players to pick up their mantle. Entry forms have been distributed at Sherston school to Year 3 classes and above, so make sure you get your forms in by Monday 1 July. If you haven't got a form, and you want to enter, Rachel Wagstaff would be happy to provide more - One Tree, Sandpits Lane - or email rachel_wagstaff@hotmail.com. Rachel is also the point of contact for completed entry forms. All children currently of primary school age are eligible to enter but in past years we have found that it tends to be Year 3 and above who have fielded teams. We are going to start at the earlier time of 10.00am this year at our usual pitch by the Tolsey Surgery. Boules will be provided.

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Duck Race Teas

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Thanksgiving

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Cricket

May saw the start of the Saturday league season and new captain James Harmer has seen his team win its first three league games with good team performances and some exceptional individual performances. The most notable being sixteen year old Ewen Kenny's 113 against Oaksey, Ian Gould's six wickets also against Oaksey and Harry Steven's six wickets for only seven runs against South Hill. These three wins see Sherston Magna at the top of division 2 of the CDCA at this very early stage of the season.

Cotswold District Cricket Association (CDCA) Division II

Team	Played	Points	Avg
Sherston Magna CC	4	58	19.33
Poulton CC	3	37	18.5
Avening & Cherington CC	4	41	13.67
Oaksey CC	4	49	12.25
South Cerney CC	4	48	12
Andoversford CC	4	43	10.75
Coates CC	4	28	9.33
Ashton Keynes CC	4	26	8.67
Bibury CC	3	17	8.5
South Hill CC	4	22	5.5

Results

4 May Sherston Magna won by 142 runs, Oaksey won the toss and decided to bowl.

SMCC 229-8 (40 overs), Oaksey 87ao (35.1 overs) Kenny 113, Goodwin 40, Stevens 38*, Gould 6-34, Stevens 2-3

18 May Sherston Magna won by 96 runs, South Hill won the toss and decided to bowl

SMCC 177-5 (40 overs), South Hill 81ao (31.5 overs) Cavey 59, Goodwin 40, Pritchett 23, Gould 20*, Stevens 6-7, Gould 2-34

25 May Sherston Magna won by 28 runs, Coates won the toss and decided to bowl

SMCC 192ao (39.2 overs), South Hill 164ao (36.2 overs) Matthews 41, Harmer 33, Jarvis 28, Lovell 27, Goodwin 23, Pegg 3-25, Cartwright 2-16

Fixtures at Pinkney Park in June

1 June Vs Bibury (league) 2.15pm start

2 June Vs Avening and Cherington (friendly) 2.30pm start

15 June Vs Poulton (league) 2.15pm start

29 June Vs Andoversford (league) 2.15pm start

Nets

- Outdoor cricket training at the ground.
- Juniors (U9–U14) Monday evening 6.15pm–7.30pm
- Seniors every Tuesday evening 6.30pm - 8.00pm
- Junior (U13 – U18) every Wednesday evening 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Further details at www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

Whilst members of the order struggle valiantly on with their so far almost disastrous efforts to grow this year's crop of mangolds here is an interesting article by Janet Clarkson on her excellent blog 'The Old Foodie' www.theoldfoodie.com

'The Scarcity Root'

Parson James Woodforde of Norfolk has left us with a wonderful legacy of descriptions of the food of the rural middle class in the second half of the 18th century, but on 28 June 1787 he noted in his diary something of interest to himself as a farmer.

'Sr Wm. Jernegan sent me by Mr. custance a Treatise on the Plant called Scarcity Root'

The good parson was very up-to-date with his agricultural reading: the treatise was undoubtedly that of the Abbe de Commerell, who wrote the first known description in 1787 of a variety of yellow beet that was proving very useful as a fodder crop in the Rhineland. The origin of the name is interesting: originally 'mangold wurzel', or 'root of the beet', in a Chinese whispers sort of way it underwent a transformation to 'mangel wurzel', meaning 'Scarcity root', which was even more appropriate as the plant was able *'to constantly thrive, and to produce a very great crop, even when other kinds of roots and vegetables fail, and when there is a general scarcity of forage'*.

Although this 'edible and salutary' plant was primarily grown as animal fodder, it was edible for humans too. Although one



writer did suggest it might also 'furnish an agreeable variety to the tables of the opulent', it was the poor who were the usual recipients of this new agricultural largesse. The root itself may have been cheap and wholesome, but it must also have been a culinary challenge; the leaves however were said to 'exceed spinach', and the stems and stalks of the larger leaves 'eat like asparagus'.

Virtuously wholesome the root may have been, but delicious and appetising - possibly not. Time-honoured ways of dealing with very ordinary edibles include making them into alcohol, and pickling them. As befits its German origins, here is a recipe from *'Mary at the farm and book of recipes compiled during her visit among the Pennsylvania Germans'*, by Edith M. Thomas (1915)

Pickled Mangelwurzel

A vegetable in taste, very similar to very sweet, red beets; in shape, greatly resembling carrots. Wash the mangelwurzel and place in a stew-pan with boiling water and cook until tender (allow about an inch of top to remain when preparing to cook). Skin the mangelwurzel, slice and pour over the following, which has been heated in a stew-pan over the fire: One cup of vinegar and water combined, one tablespoonful of sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, a dust of pepper. Stand aside till cold then serve. Or serve hot like buttered beets.'

I am most grateful to Janet for her kind permission to reproduce her article and hope it spurs members on to grow a half decent crop this season!

Yarp! *Keeper of the Quill* 

Any spare plants or bulbs?

Sherston School yr. 6 pupils would greatly appreciate any spare bedding plants or summer flowering bulbs, to plant up the flower bed at the front of the school. This will be the fourth year of the yr. 6 summer term 'Design and Plant' project, a legacy to the achievement of former pupil Hannah Clegg winning the national competition to design The Great British Garden at London 2012. If you are able to spare any contributions, please contact Crispian Huggill (07745 956049/huggill@xlninternet.co.uk). Thank you.

Treasure Hunt

The Boules & Carnival Treasure Hunt on Sunday 14 July will take you and your primary school children on an adventure round the village. Entry forms can be collected between 9.00 and 10.45am from the Sunday Papers in the village hall. Completed entries to be returned to a box in the wine shop next to the post office by 1.30pm on the day. Prize giving follows at Mill Cottage teas after the duck race.

Tug of War



This year's Tug of War takes place at the village hall field on Sunday 14 July at 11.00am. As usual there will be competitions for men and women. To enter a team contact Paul Ormiston on 840694 email pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk Entry fee is £8 per team of eight.

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Sherston Football Club to the rescue

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The teams include boys and girls from Malmesbury, Sherston and Luckington and they have been working hard and having fun on the training pitch that has been created especially for them. The Under 8's Warriors, Under 9's and Under 10's Eagles would like to express their thanks to Sherston Football Club for their hospitality.

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See the Parish Life for more details

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

Congregational Church - in The British

Schoolroom 1st & 2nd Sundays of month: Service at 11am – 12 noon followed by coffee/chat. 3rd Sunday Service at 3pm. 4th Sunday Service at 4pm. 5th Sunday (occasionally) members visit Castle Combe Congregational Church Service 10.30am For further details see parish Life or phone 07778 934742.

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

Gauzebrook Church for Children

Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them:

Junior Church is held at Court House, Hullavington now on the first Sunday of each month, except for August. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Ness Whiffin 840185.

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

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

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

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold

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

Busy Hands Pre-school

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

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

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

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

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

Footpaths group The group has published the booklet 'Sherston Walks - a new guide to local rights of way', featuring 9 local walks and is now on sale at the post office. If you would like to learn more about the footpath group and perhaps take part in some of its activities please come along to a meeting. For further information contact Maggie McKenna on 841047 or maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Community Choir

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

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

Malmesbury Luncheon Club Over 60s meet every Wednesday at midday in the Wesleyan Room of Malmesbury Town Hall for a chat and a 2 course lunch followed by tea or coffee. £3.50. Please call Helen Churchill on 840080 if you'd like to attend. New members most welcome.

Malmesbury Villages Community

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

Malmesbury Rangers

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

Malmesbury Guides - Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sherston Magna Cricket Club Outdoor cricket training at the ground. Juniors (U9 – U14) Monday evening 6.15pm – 7.30pm. Seniors every Tuesday evening 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Junior (U13 – U18) every Wednesday evening 6.00pm – 7.30pm further details at www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com

Sherston Drama Group The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Richard Skeffington (Chairman) richard.skeffington@virgin.net Tel. 840092 or Graham Instrell (Vice Chairman) ginstrell@hotmail.co.uk Tel. 840978

Sherston FC

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

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

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

Sherston's Living Churchyard

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

Sherston Martial Arts Club

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

Sherston Photography Forum

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

Sherston Tennis Club

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

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Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. We meet at 10 -11.30am each Tuesday in the Scout Hut with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, not to mention a much-needed cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. Further details contact Cathy 07779 564 716 or Kirsty on 07841 571 943 or alternative like us on Facebook for regular updates <http://www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers>

Sherston Village Hall

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Sherston W.I.

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

Sherston Young Craft Group

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

Splash Dance

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

Tetbury Chess Club

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

Tots of Fun

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

Village Hall 300+ Club

Monthly draw with eight prizes ranging from £12 down to £5 for a £6 annual stake (or pro rata if joining during the year). If you would like to join, or need more information, contact the coordinator, Lin Prior on 840846.

Wiltshire Walks

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

Yoga in Sherston

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

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

What's on in 2013 Dates for your diary

July

6-14 Sherston Boules & Carnival

13 Boules Day

September

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

20-22 POP weekend

October

11-20 2013 Arts Festival

30-2 Nov Sherston Drama Group Pantomime

November

23 Church Bazaar in Village Hall

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

WHAT'S ON Sherston

The Carpenter's Arms

New weekly quiz every Sunday night 7.30 for 8pm start free entry, prizes **Check boards for details** For further details call 840665 or visit us on Facebook - [CarpentersArmsSherston](https://www.facebook.com/CarpentersArmsSherston)

The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7:30pm Free entry and prizes for the winning team
Midsummer party 22 June with Live music Mark Woodruff and a hog roast **Check boards for more details of events**
Further details contact 840871 or www.therattlebone.co.uk

Upcoming events at Holy Cross Church

Services at Sherston Church with presentations on the theme of Stewardship. Sun 2 Jun

All Creatures Great and Small - Pet Service A special Service of Thanksgiving for Animals Sun 16 Jun 9.30am Churchyard (in the church if raining) All animals and their owners will be very welcome - Prize for the most unusual animal! Church of the Holy Cross For further details call Ness Whiffin 840185 or 07774 524756

Ordination of our curate, Phil Daniels Sun 30 Jun 10.30am at Bristol Cathedral Social afterwards at Stanton St Quintin school Hall around 1.30pm

For further details call Pam Pickthall on 841072 or pampickthall@hotmail.co.uk

SherstonFest2013

"the South Cotswolds Cider, Music and Fine Food Festival" Fri 14, Sat 15 Jun tickets nearly sold out
Sat Kids' events: Mid day(ish) - drum workshop (limited number - reserve by email to kids@sherstonfest.com); 1:00 (ish) - **Samba Party opening procession** - parents welcome to join it (parents of younger kids to be there); All day - Junk Fish

make and play - make your own samba costume; 5 (ish) - Samba Party procession take 2, this time with costumes!; All day - build a pizza + all day face paint / hair braid

Seniors invited for a free cuppa and a cake! Sat 15 Jun 10.30-12.30 with cakes provided by The Malmesbury Cake Society and music from "End of the Track" (Roger Whitehouse and chums) followed by the children's Samba procession, which should be quite an event. Places are strictly limited so go and get a free ticket from the Post Office soon

Music line up includes Electric Swing Circus, Lazy Habits, The Ten Pound Suit Band, Sam Green and the Midnight Heist, Future Dub Orchestra, Mammoth Sound, Show It Off, Troy Ellis, Hail Jamaica Reggae Band, The Atelier, Kenworthy, Sophie Stead, Old Colours, The Soul Destroyers, Henry Green, Miss Da Funk, The Sherston Village People

See website for full details of all events Village Hall Field

For further details call email info@sherstonfest.com or visit www.sherstonfest.com

or like us on facebook www.facebook.com/SherstonFest

SHOCC Sherston Occasional Community Choir

The choir meet every Wed singing pieces by Haydn, Stanier, Fauré and Mendelssohn 7-9pm each Wed. SHOCC will be giving a "mixed repertoire" concert at the end of their spring session on Wed 26 June. British Achool Room. For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or nicki-heenan@btinternet.com or Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

Beginners and Intermediates Wednesday 10.30am - 12.45pm Beginners -materials provided for the first few lessons thereafter bring your own preferred paints, brushes and supports. **Advanced painters** meet on Thursdays-private lessons, portfolio preparation or workshops by appointment. The Carpenter's Arms, Sherston
For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

Sue's Strolls

Sun 16 Jun starting from the village hall at 10am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 12 noon **Boules Week walk** Sun 7 Jul

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

Olympic Legacy Events

Events with FSS - Castle Combe Cycle Race Evening Friday 28 Jun - The bike ride is a one-off opportunity to cycle around the race track, between 5pm and 8pm. Little ones are welcome too on bikes with stabilisers, or even on scooters! Sponsorship forms will be available from Sherston school.

Olympic Legacy Day on Sherston's Rec Sat 29 Jun from 1pm till 5pm Kids decathlon and 'have a go' at fencing. 3pm Buccaneer Blades fencing club and Sherston School Gymnastics club demonstrations. Barbecue, bar, homemade cakes, tombola, all in aid of Sherston School. Tickets on sale from Monday 3rd June from 3.10pm at the school gate. £2.50 per child includes all sports. For more info contact Nicky Gray, FSS chair, via nicky.gray@btinternet.com

Open Gardens Trail in aid of Sherston Church

22-23 Jun in aid of the Church, will be open from 1 - 5 on Saturday and 2 - 5 on Sunday. The £5 ticket gives entry to a selection of large and small gardens around the village with some new ones this year, and the ticket price includes tea and cake. Children are free if accompanied by an adult, on the Trail, just pay for refreshments. Tickets will be on sale outside the Post Office from 10 to 1 on Saturday then from the Lychgate and also on Sunday from the Church There will also be a garden themed raffle and plant stall **If you would like to open your garden (all proceeds go towards the upkeep of Sherston Church), please contact Pat Whitehouse 840640, or Heather Martin 840375.** Donations of cakes, surplus seedlings, cuttings or divided perennials most welcome For further details call Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Whitehouse 840640

Boules & Carnival Week

Events include: Sat 6 July Quiz night 7.30 for 8pm start in the Village Hall £15 per team of 4, bar; Sun 7 July **Car Boot Sale** on the Rec 8am sellers 9am - 12 buyers, refreshments available; **Footpaths group walk** departs from village hall 10am / Tues 9 July **Seniors' musical afternoon tea** in the British School Rooms 2.30pm £2 entry includes tea & cake / **Womad - FARA**H dance troop 7.30pm VH £5 under 16 £3 from PO / Wed 10 Jul **End of the Track** Concert 7.30pm Church of the Holy Cross £5 / **Skittles Tournament** at The Rattlebone 8pm £5; / Thurs 11 July **Children's Disco** in the Village hall Primary school ages 6 - 7pm No charge, refreshments available Thurs 11 July **Carnival Cricket** at Pinkney Park 6pm Bar and byo picnic // Friday 12 July **Junior football match** 4pm followed by **adult match in fancy dress** at 7pm, bar and BBQ Sat 13 July - **Boules Day & Carnival** - Boules matches start at 9am in the High St, and Juniors from 10am, **French cafe, bar and live music, stalls, raffle, afternoon high tea** in the VH, get your duck and a fun packed 'Sherston-on-sea' **KidsZone** in the village hall field. **Exhibition** in the British School room - 'Anniversaries' 10am - 5.30pm £1, children free Sun 14 July - **Treasure Hunt** between 9 - 10.45am / **Tug of War** VH field 11am; **Duck Race** 2.30pm - starts at Stretchline. Buy your duck on Boules Day. **Cream Teas at the finish line** at Mill Cottage from 3pm, Raffle draw and treasure hunt prize giving; **Thanksgiving service** 6pm Village Hall field **Please note: WC facilities in Village Hall and High St portaloos only.**

Parking: Please make use of the public car parks: Green 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)

Please see programme in centrefold of July issue for more details or articles this month. For further details visit <http://sherston.net/boules-2013> Like Sherston Boules and Carnival on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @Sherston_Boules

Gauzebrook Holiday Club

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

Thur 25 and Fri 26 Jul 10am - 12 noon £2.50 Scout Hut 29 - 30 Jul Luckington Village Hall 6 - 7 Aug Hullavington Village Hall

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

Wiltshire Council Free Sports Coaching

Fun in the Sun For 5-11 year olds. Wed 31 Jul, 7, 14 and 21 August at 10 - 11:30am on the Recreation ground. Football, athletics, tag rugby, dodgeball, kwik cricket, ultimate frisbee, archery. No booking necessary The parish council is supporting the scheme by hiring the scout hut to provide toilet and changing facilities as well as indoor space should the weather prove unsuitable.

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

Sherston POP weekend

20 - 22 Sept We invite you to POP in this September as we bid to become the world's first ever POP UP village Entry is £10 per POP location to cover the co-ordination and marketing (what's POPPING when and the POP-UP map). Then you set and charge your own prices to cover costs but donate all profits to help the next generation of Sherstonians at the Primary School Entry forms should be handed in by 5 July. Download entry forms at www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk, www.sherstonbusyhands.org.uk or www.thepopupvillage.com

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

Knockdown The Holford Arms

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

Luckington Summer Fete

Sat 6 Jun 2pm till late The annual village -stalls, pony rides, dog show and entertainment for all of the family. BBQ and musical entertainment into the evening. For further details call Any offers of help or questions to Candy Neal on 840645.

Badminton Gardens Open Day

20 (NGS) and 21 June 10am - 4pm £10 on the gate, children under 16 free. Sorry no dogs in the garden, but shady parking under trees Local nurseries and stalls, refreshments available served by The Old Royal Ship 20 tickets in aid of Guernsey based dog charity from 07979 800700 For further details call 01454 218203 or visit www.badmintonestate.co.uk/

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

10K run with Cirencester Athletic Club Mon 10 Jun 7.30pm £12 Spring and Summer admission till Sept: Adults £8 / Conc £7 Chd £3 (Half price Wednesdays in Apr & May)

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

Walks: Free, volunteer led guided walks every Sat, Sun and Bank Holidays at 2pm and Wed at 11am, from 29 Mar (Good Friday)

until 3 Nov Dog Friendly Guided Walk: Walkies with Maisie. Sun 2 Jun 11-12:30 meet Maisie and owner Dave Lucas at the Skilling Gate Free after admission - book with Dave 07774 711094 Guided Walk

: Horticultural Heroes Sat 8 Jun 11am-1pm sorry no dogs. Guided Walk: Wildflower guided walk Tues 11 Jun 10.30-12.30 Dogs on leads welcome. Both free after admission Meet at the Great Oak Hall **Workshops** Beginners Digital Photography One Day Course 17 Jun £55 including entrance to the arboretum Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email consult@abbey-studios.co.uk

Workshops: Make a Windsor Chair six day course 3-8, 10-15 Jun; 1-6, 8-13 July; 5-10, 12-17 Aug Cost £300 including all tools and materials. Booking essential contact Paul Hayden 01373 836051 or www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk

Summer Concerts Announced: Blondie Fri 21 Jun; Paloma Faith Sat 22 Jun SOLD OUT; Olly Murs Sun 23 Jun SOLD OUT; Jessie J Fri 19 Jul SOLD OUT; Paul Weller Sat 20 Jul - SOLD OUT; Jools Holland Sun 21 Jul tickets from the shop or box office on 03000 680400 or www.forestry.gov.uk/music £39 plus booking fee For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Westonbirt School

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

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

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

Beaufort Polo Club Country Fair

International Test Match & Beaufort Polo Club Country Fair - including polo matches, shows and 80 stands Sat 15 - Sun 16 Jun 10.30am - 6.30pm

International test match Sat 3.30pm Charity Polo Match Sun Beaufort Polo Club For further details call 880510 or visit www.beaufortpoloclub.co.uk/Fixtures/CountryFair.htm

Hookshouse Pottery spring/summer exhibition

The exhibition will include paintings, craft and sculptures, some of which will be displayed in the delightful Hookshouse Pottery garden. Featuring Sherston artist Heather Martin. There will also be a tea tent 25 May - 2 Jun June 11am - 6pm daily The gardens at the pottery are open for the National Gardens Scheme throughout the week For further details call Chris or Lise White on 880297 or hookshouse@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.hookshousepottery.co.uk

Easton Grey Whatley Manor

Tuesday Garden Tours 4, 11 and 25, 16 Jul, 6 and 13 Aug 11.30 for 12 noon start Garden tour 2.30-4pm Welcome reception and 2 course lunch followed by private tour of the 12 acre garden by head gardener £42 For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

Cathedral organist to play in Acton Turville Church
Organ recital by Daniel Cook, Organist of St Davids Cathedral in Wales Sat 22 Jun 6pm - fundraiser for the new organ Tickets cost £10 including refreshments and are available from The Stores in Acton Turville, Drewetts Store in Badminton or from the organiser Christine Griffin at c.g001@btinternet.com

Kington Langley Scarecrow Trail

Sat 15 Sun 16 Jun 10am - 5pm This year's theme: Bands Competition to guess the names of the scarecrows - prize £100. Children's rides, craft, live music, cream teas burgers and the Crow Bar selling Pimms and local beer

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme
Wed 26 Jun - ARBITRAGE [15] Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £5 in advance £6 on the door. Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com

Malmesbury

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

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Tickets from the Abbey Bookshop or via website £12/ £10 members/ £5 student or chd Red Priest present The Carnival of the Seasons - Vivaldi with a Difference 29-Jun Piers Adams, world renowned leader of the ensemble, is offering a one hour recorder workshop on the afternoon of this concert for recorder players grade 1 and above For further details call David Barton 824924 d.barton763@btinternet.com or visit www.malmesbury.com/mams

MP's Surgery Local MP surgery with James Gray MP 12 noon - 1pm Sat 15 Jun Sat 13 Jul Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall For further details call www.jamesgray.org or email jamesgraymp@parliament.uk for online surgeries

Charlton Park

WOMAD - World Music Festival

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

Chippenham WfCAP Community Fayre

There will be sessions run by Hidden Britain and Lackham College plus speakers on renewable energy and more. Stalls for sharing and swapping - bring plants, seeds, books, recipes and ideas/tips with you on the day. Judge the images entered in our free Pho Sat 8 Jun 9.30am - 4.30pm Lackham College Chippenham

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

The Electric Picture House A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Shakespeare's Globe Theatre: Henry V (2012); A Hijacking; Amour; The Eye of the Storm; Mud; All Stars 3D; Star Trek into Darkness; The Great Gatsby check website for details For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoneph.co.uk

Ozleworth, Wotton-under-Edge

NT Newark Park House and Estate

Tudor hunting lodge, exhibition, shop and plant stall, tea room and 725 acres of parkland open Wed - Sun from Mar - Oct Adult £6.40 / Chd £3.30 / Family £16.10 Free parking. Dogs welcome on leads in the grounds. Heads Together, a portrait exhibition by Trish Claridge Runs until 30 June. Free event (normal admission charges apply) The Love Food Festival party atmosphere and plenty of mouth-watering local produce to try and buy Sun 23 June 11am onwards. Free event (normal admission charges apply). 50 things to do before you're 11 & ¾ Children have a booklet with 50 things they can do at different NT places. www.50things.org.uk For further details call phone 01793 817666. or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park/

Cirencester

Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool

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

Hatherop Castle School

Cotswold Arcadians Open Air Theatre

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

Longborough Festival Opera June - July

Der Ring des Nibelungen; La Bohème 16 Jun - 27 July Download an entry form from website. Young Artists present Sweeney Todd 28-29 Jul Longborough Festival Opera For further details call 01451 830292 or visit www.lfo.org.uk

Lackham House, Lacock

Shakespeare Live Open Air Theatre

The Comedy of Errors 24 - 29 June £5-20 The Comedy of Errors' set in Ottoman Turkey. Saturday Gala night with additional entertainments that includes belly dancing - full of Eastern Promise! At all performances we will be opening a "Turkish Bazaar" to entice you with trinkets and fabrics and Tur For further details call 07780 938107 or visit www.shakespearelive.com

Cheltenham

Science Festival

Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of science Free entry to the Discover Zone - chat to scientists and conduct experiments. Latest addition Dara O Briain - 4-9 Jun Tickets sell out fast £5-£18 Various locations in Cheltenham For further details call 0844 576 8970 or visit www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science

Cheltenham Food & Drink Festival

various culinary events 15 - 17 June Montpellier Gardens For further details call 01242 521997 or visit www.cheltenham-food-festival.garden-events.com

Bishops Cleeve

La vie en Bleu - vintage French and English Marques 1-2 Jun Live music, displays and entertainment Buggati Midsummer Speed Fest Prescott Hill Climb - Cars, cavalcades & strawberries on the lawn 23-24 June £12.50 / under 14s free Prescott Lodge For further details call 01242 677 777 or visit www.prescott-hillclimb.com

Bath & Bristol

Play by local playwright Frank Hatt

Players and Gentlemen 26 - 29 Jun at the Rondo Theatre Bath 2 - 6 July at the Alma Tavern Bristol

Bath: Theatre Royal

The Seagull Tues 4 - Sat 8 Jun 7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33.50 Summer Season Jun 12 - Aug 31 Relative Values; Candida; King Lear; A Little Hotel on the Side Theatre Royal For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatroyal.org.uk

Bristol

Pedal for Props Bristol to Bordeaux Cycle Challenge 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 26-Jun Sponsor the Sherston riders For further details call Dave Reeves 07525 336696 or email pfp2013@propsforward.org or visit www.propsforward.org and www.pedalforprops.org

Usk & Bristol

The Soul Destroyers in concert Usk festival, Thurs 27 Jun, Fleece, Bristol Sat 6 Jul For further details call Dave Shephard 07860 448438 or email ds@oldbellhouse.com or visit www.soul-destroyers.co.uk

Glastonbury

41st event Wed 26 - Sun 30 June For further details call 01458 834596 or visit www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk