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Sherston goes Wild



BBC's Coast presenter Miranda Krestovnikoff, Phil Dampier from the RSPB, Geoff Carss and Scrumpy the barn owl, photo courtesy of Wiltshire Gazette and Herald

The weekend of Wild Sherston went with a flutter, flap, squeak and slither (and no bangs...) due to the bats, moths, owls and snails. The children made quite a lot of noise as well!

The weather was superb, with lots of display stands outside, as well as in the large marquee. We were fortunate to have a number of really good speakers, including Kelvin Boot on Friday night with his stories being a well-travelled naturalist.

On Friday night, a series of moth traps were put out around the village and some very large moths were caught which were a bit scary. About 50 different species were found.

On Saturday there were six speakers on a whole variety of subjects, from wildflowers to birds and rivers. The two stalls most in demand were the snail racing (which brought out the competitive spirit in many people, albeit in slow motion) and the bats. It was a rare chance to see bats close up and many of the children were fascinated ... the adults couldn't get close.

The Sherston mums did a fantastic job of setting up and running a whole series of activities for children, including clay models and nature walks. Special thanks to Carron Waterhouse for managing this.

Sunday dawned at 4.15am with a hardy bunch out and about for the dawn chorus walk, and then a bird ringing exhibition, with breakfast, at the Vineyard. A series of fascinating walks followed, looking at different aspects of nature, including the river, birds, wild flowers and butterflies.

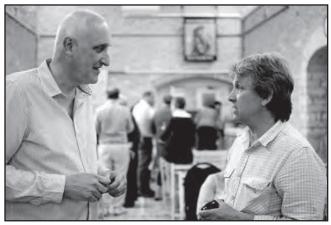
Sherston Craft Club did a great job with the legacy banner, and it was clear that the children loved getting stuck in. Many thanks to Sherston Church for organising the children's and pet service on Sunday morning. The Living Churchyard proved to be somewhere a bit different to discover nature and wildlife. The Living Churchyards and Cemeteries Project (LCCP) was set up nationally in the 1990s with the aim of promoting churchyards and cemeteries as a valuable source of biodiversity.

People clearly enjoyed themselves – no doubt some felt it was worth turning up just for the amazing food, provided by The Awkward Squad – and we have had some fantastic feedback, including from Miranda Krestovnikoff (presenter of BBC's Coast programme and President of RSPB) who stayed for five hours and insisted she's invited again and will bring more people. The BBC, who broadcast the BBC Wiltshire radio programme 'Wild about Wiltshire' live from the event on Sunday mentioned it was the best live broadcast they have ever done, interviewing lots of people over the two-hour programme.

A big thank you to the many people and organisations who really made this a wonderful experience. We are very grateful for the funding we received from the Parish Council, Wiltshire County Council and MVCAP, and for the support from N3 Graphic Displays (Nick Holland), Sherston Post Office and Stores, Wentworth Jigsaws, Highgrove, Bugs Eye View, Whatley Manor, The Ship at Luckington, Sonardyne, Jeremy Nabarro and Carole Conyngham.

Special thanks to the main organisers: Martin Rea, Jo Egerton, Pete Bishop and Carron Waterhouse. And of course the brain behind the idea, and the man in charge of the general management of the event: Geoff Carss.

The overall intention was to get more people, both adults and children, interested in their environment and - from the feedback we've received - it certainly achieved that aim.



Geoff Carss and Kelvin Boot. Photo Jo Egerton

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Changes at the parish council

At the parish council meeting on 8 May, Martin Rea announced that he was standing down as Vice Chairman with immediate effect and would be resigning from the parish council in July. Parish councillor Graham Morris was duly appointed the new Vice-Chair. Martin has been a very active parish councillor for many years, so watch this space for a summertime reminisce of his parish council related exploits ...

New play equipment for the Rec

The aerial swing was high on the list of play equipment that young people wanted, but it has been unable to survive the rigours of Sherston children and, since being installed last year, has been out of action and needed several repairs. The aerial swing will soon be replaced by three pieces of keep-fit / gym equipment, with these options also being items that local young people placed high on the survey list.

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council meets on Thursday 12 June in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and make comments. If you cannot attend the meeting but have something to raise, please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email clerk@sherston. org.uk.

You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read.



Fizz at the new Forlorn Fingerpost



The parish council celebrated the replacement of the damaged fingerpost at Forlorn bridge.

The original post was knocked down during icy weather in the winter of 2010 and, according to councillor John Hillier, the corner just past the Forlorn bridge as you leave the village gets a little exciting in the winter, 'The mist forms just above the river and then in the very early morning it freezes, making this corner like an ice-rink... many cars come a cropper'.

Sarah Wood, the parish clerk, immediately reported the lost fingerpost, but an order for a new free metal replacement wasn't placed by Wiltshire Council Highways until early 2011, then Sarah waited ... and, after much chasing, Highways admitted in 2012 they had lost the original order and so another order was placed for a metal signpost and Sarah waited a bit more. Finally, early this year, after being told again that there was no order and that now we would have to pay for a metal one, our parish clerk finally lost her cool! However, with the help of Malcolm Beaven at Wiltshire Council, a new traditional black-and-white wooden fingerpost was provided by Wiltshire Council free of charge as a goodwill gesture (they normally cost over £1,000).

So, when you leave the village via Forlorn look out for the new fingerpost and remember John Hillier's words and take care in the winter!



Sherston Drama Group

Panto Auditions

As usual, the Sherston Drama Group pantomime will be in the autumn half-term, 29 October to 1 November. We are still deciding which panto to do, but it is likely to be something traditional. There will be an audition for juniors (aged 9 to 18 on 1 September) at 7.00pm on Tuesday 1 July in the village hall. No material needed - just turn up. There are parts for all levels of skill in acting / singing / dancing. If you have done it before you will be very welcome; if not, why not come along and give it a go? You will need to be available for rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday evenings during September and October. If you would like to be considered for a part but cannot come to the audition, contact Richard Skeffington, on richard.skeffington@virgin.net or tel. 840092; or Sue Ormiston, Drama Group Secretary, on 840694.

Tombola at Boules

The parish council plans, as usual, to run a 'Giant Tombola' stall on Boules Day (12 July) and we will need donated prizes. This year, the process of donating prizes has changed: if you have good quality, unused or new items to donate, they can be left at Sunday papers. We rely on your generosity to make the tombola a success – last year the stall raised over £400, which was used to fund activities in the village. For further details please contact Jill on 841380 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk.

Clem's Club

Clem's Club will meet again this month on 3 and 17 June, 2.30pm to 4.00pm. All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat. Clem's Club is held fortnightly (alternating with the Senior Club) in the British School Room on Cliff Road.



Sherston Occasional Community Choir (ShOCC)

ShOCC's spring term has commenced in the British School Room each Wednesday at 7.30pm until, and including, 2 July. If you like to sing, come and join us.

The Jeremy Jackman workshop in the British School Room will take place on Wednesday 25 June at 6.45pm. Buy your ticket from Lucy Lawrance lucy@sherston.plus.com or evenings on 840778.

Sherston Senior Club

On 15 April we enjoyed our first day trip of the year when we went to Sanders Garden World at Brent Knoll. It gave the gardeners a chance to buy this season's plants to enhance the appearance of the plot at home and there was plenty of choice. To sum up our trip, a good time was had by all.

Our following meeting was held at the British School Room on 29 April when we had a librarian, Mrs C Kennedy, giving a talk on libraries, books and how to use both to our advantage.

Our next meeting, on 13 May, was a trip to Minehead. We travelled down by coach to Minehead, up to Bishops Lydeard by train, where we were picked up by coach to complete our journey home.

From your Chairman Malcolm Hillier, 840737.



Tour de Sherston

In a summer when Le Tour de France starts in Yorkshire and the Giro d'Italia starts in Belfast, cycling is very much part of the UK sporting calendar it would seem!

Well, Yorkshire may have le grand depart, but this summer, not to be outdone, Sherston will host its very own road cycle race.

Organised by Radeon Cycle Coaching and forming part of the successful Cotswold League series, the Sherston Road Race will take place on Sunday 27 July.

Starting and finishing in Sherston High Street, the race will take in a number of local villages on its 55-mile route and promises to provide the full 'tour' experience in our own home town!

In addition, on the Sunday morning, Radeon Cycle Coaching will be holding Sky 'Go-Ride' sessions for young cyclists at Sherston Cricket Ground.



Go-Ride is British Cycling's development programme for young people.

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Sherston W.I.: Report of May meeting



We were lucky to have another very good speaker for our May meeting. Anne Boden came to tell us of her life as a pig farmer in the 1970s. A Londoner, born with no farming experience, she told us about the smallholding that her husband managed to acquire. We heard many amusing stories of animals escaping, sheds collapsing and various other mishaps. Most of the daily running of the farm fell to Anne, as her husband had another job. Her good nature and cheerfulness seem to have helped a great deal. We very much enjoyed her talk.

After refreshments, we discussed the N.F.W.I. resolution concerning increasing awareness of the need for more transplant donors. Three people die every week whilst waiting for a donor.

We will be enjoying a BBQ at the home of a member on 1 June.

At our next meeting, on 5 June at 7.30pm in the village hall, there will be a talk by Fiona Waring on 'Allotments'.



Above is a photo of Prue Leith signing books on 17 April with our President Sheila Harris standing behind taking the money, of which Prue very kindly donated half to the Village Hall Fund. The basket of flowers was arranged by member Brenda Llewellin and was presented to Prue at the end of the evening. The first raffle prize of a hamper filled with food and wine was won by Sherston resident Anne Andrews

by Ann Wilcox

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SherstonFest Workshop and Dance Programme announced

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To work off your 3rd burrito you might want to hook up with our chums at Wiltshire Hula Hoop Dancers and get the low down on how to do it like a pro..



There will be workshops for you to learn and showcases to see how it should be done on Friday and Saturday. No need to book – just sign up on the day. Kids and grown-ups alike will love it!



Wanna hit it?

Sign up for a session learning how to play some hot Samba rhythms – big drums/little drums we got 'em all - the guys at Pulse4Life will be teaching you how to do it - bring the kids too and let them wear themselves out hitting something other than their siblings for a change ...

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There has to be easier ways of tying your shoe lace?

Now, I've got one, and you've got one – but can yours dance? No? Well here's a chance to see how it's done when Aziza Bellydance wiggle their wobbly bits in a series of demonstrations. It's actually a great way of keeping fit too – if you want to sign up for classes there will be info on that as well.



OK mine doesn't look like this.... but I have had three burritos!

So music, dance, food, learn stuff, hit stuff, drink stuff... anything else I can get you....:)

Big Love from SFHQ

(More more info on all workshops etc at www. SherstonFest.com)



Music Line Up

Yer 'tis ... the SF2014 music line up – and, as ever, it brings to this sleepy little Buy Nowcorner of the Cotswolds 'the best in contemporary British music' for your delectation and delight!..... 'tis a belter!

Way too many highlights to call out just now but you can click the line up poster image on the website to see a hi res version in glorious technicolor or check them out on YouTube etc... via our handy alphabetic list below....

Ami Kaelyn - we love Ami.... beautiful voice, haunting songs – and just for us, a band set rather than a solo set (Saturday, Malmesbury Acoustic Stage)

Billy In The Low Ground – fiddle-fuelled, hioctane folk rock ... you will be dancing! (Saturday, Malmesbury Acoustic Stage)

Bite The Buffalo - Bath residents but 'not from round 'ere' by the sound of the accent... raw rock with just a hint of country from the Goneos brothers. Stand-out hit of the BBC Introducing stage at last year's Glastonbury - and anyway if it's good enough for Robert Plant to put on his line-up, it's good enough for us (Friday, Malmesbury Rocks Stage)

Coco And The Butterfields - what can we say, dreadlocks, fiddles, beatboxers and ...er.... Nelly covers?! You kinda have to see it... party time! (Saturday, Arena Stage)

Frankie Lebon - just 17, beautiful, a talented songwriter and the most evocative female voice we've heard in many a long year.... You're allowed to be jealous... we are.... (Saturday, Malmesbury Acoustic Stage)

Fresh Dixie Project - Managed by the guy with the mad hair from last year's headliners Electric Swing Circus, it's kinda jazz... no come back! 'cos its kinda rock too... no come back ... it's not 'jazz-rock' obviously... again you have just got to see it to get it :) (Saturday, Arena Stage)

Henry Green - local boy done good! Fresh from his support slot for London Grammar and his Ronnie Scott's show with a new line-up in his band... we are lovin' it. (Saturday, Arena Stage)



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Killamonjambo – semi-naked young men playing hi-energy ska/reggae/dub. Killer horn section, just get your skank on and party! (Saturday, Arena Stage)

Maya Yianni - 'Little Maya' (aka Little Liar) is as smooth as our local pocket rocket Jamie Cullum with similar smooth jazz overtones delivering her brilliantly crafted very personal songs. Sit back in the summer sun with a nice cider and let her warm soulful vocals wrap you up and carry you away. (Saturday, Arena Stage)

Moscow Drug Club - if you didn't catch them at WOMAD last year then here's your chance. Best fun you can have sitting down (they do... sit down that is...). Sort of eastern European folk... that somehow ends up with a Mary Hopkins based sing-a-long. Not entirely sure how that happens but it's epic! (Saturday, Malmesbury Acoustic Stage)

Sam Green and The Midnight Heist - only had to look at the smiling faces at SF13 to realise that these guys had to come back for SF14... bluegrass slide guitar but with enough energy to power a small town! (Saturday, Arena Stage)

Showhawk Duo - instrumental guitar duo..? How boring is that....? You haven't seen 'em then have you? Bohemian Rhapsody? as an instrumental? on guitars..... madness – brilliant, but mad! (Saturday, Malmesbury Acoustic Stage)

Stony Browder Jr - driven by Fieldview Festival head honcho Dan Cameron, you have to love a band that turns up with their own palm trees in the transit! Kinda 'Latino Funk' (unsurprising seeing as it's fronted by Kid Creole's sons) with a wicked sense of humour and just about the tightest band we have heard in a very long time. (Friday, Arena Stage)

The City Boys - we like to give up-and-coming local artists a chance @ SF, and they don't come much more local than these guys.... (Friday, Arena Stage)

The Darwin Republic - rock gods in the making, managed by Snow Patrol's original team... destined for great things (Friday, Malmesbury Rocks Stage)

The Hat Club - the other of our local artist showcase acts... Chippenham-based, female-fronted alt- (almost prog-?) rock... one to watch (Friday, Malmesbury Rocks Stage)

The Long Players - you have to love this concept... pick a seminal album and just play it... start to finish, in the right order, even including the crackles at the end... genius! (Saturday, Malmesbury Acoustic Stage)

The Sherston Village People - 'nuff said.... no really,' nuff said.... move on! (Saturday, Arena Stage)

Too Many T's - Firmly tongue in cheek hip-hop – anyone who can start their set with 'It's just a mic check, this isn't part of the set' is good enough for us! Been killing it at festivals throughout the country in 2013... medallions and fur coats at the ready? Let's party...! (Friday, Arena Stage)

Doctor's Bag

Judy Sharp Practice Manager



Put patients first: back general practice

At our last FOTS (Friends of Tolsey Surgery) meeting, held on 23 April, we discussed the Royal College of General Practitioners' campaign to support general practice.

The aim of the campaign is to increase the proportion of NHS funding to general practice by 1% per year for three years to take it up to 11% of the NHS budget by 2017.

Some information about the general practice funding crisis:

- General practice conducts 90% of the UK NHS contacts for just 8.4% of the NHS budget.
- Between 2005/06 and 2011/12, the British NHS budget grew by 18% in real terms, but funding for general practice fell by 8.3%.a
- According to Deloitte, if current trends continue, general practice will only receive 7.3% of the NHS budget by 2017/18 (down from 8.4%).
- High levels of patient care in general practice could be secured if the UK government ensured that general practice receives 11% of the NHS budget by 2017.

What we could do with 11% of the UK NHS budget:

- Shorter waiting times for appointments and more flexible opening hours;
- Longer consultations, especially for those with long-term conditions, and better access to 'whole person' care, reducing the need for multiple GP attendances;
- Better continuity of care, with improved opportunities for patients to see a GP who knows them;
- Improved care co-ordination and planning for the frail elderly and those with complex needs;
- More care delivered closer to home and expanded outreach services to those with the greatest healthcare needs;
- More time for GPs to spend delivering care to



- those who need it most such as the vulnerable elderly, children, those with mental health problems and those who act as carers to family members or friends; and
- A consistent, high-quality patient experience in general practice and a reduction in pressure on the whole NHS.

The points above are obviously the national aims of the campaign. The bottom line for this practice is that, unless funding increases, the surgery will be unable to maintain even what there is at present. As inflation increases the cost of running the surgery (heat, light, stationery, water, waste, cleaning, etc) outgoings would have to be reduced just to stand still.

What can YOU do to help?

- Write to your MP (James Gray) there is a link on the website www.putpatientsfirst.rcgp.org.uk with a letter you can just sign, or edit if you wish.
- Set up a meeting with local politicians.
- Encourage other patients to sign-up to receive campaign updates (at the above website).
- Share your experiences.

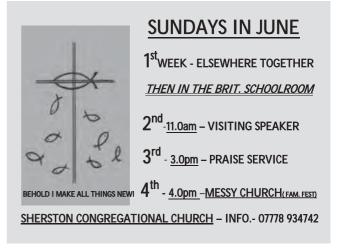
All the information you need to get involved is available on the website.

If you would like to join FOTS, please ask for details at the surgery, or just come to the next meeting on Tuesday 22 July, 6.30pm at The Tolsey Surgery.

Calling all students!

... and parents! Please note: when students go away to university and register with a new GP, they are no longer registered with their previous GP practice. However long a patient has previously been registered with us, once they are registered elsewhere, they are no longer our patient.

Every holiday time, particularly in the summer, students turn up asking for their repeat medication. Unfortunately, the only service we can provide to patients not registered at this practice is urgent care. Repeat medication, such as inhalers, should be ordered at their registered practice before returning home for the holidays. We know from experience that many students forget!



Money in your Pocket

Over the next few months I plan to offer some ideas on how to make your money go further. The first article is on pensions ...

Find out how to claim your pension credits!

It has been highlighted that about four million older people are entitled to Pension Credit, yet about a third do not claim money that is theirs!

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People over the age of 65 may be awarded the Savings Pension Credit if they have basic pension and low savings. 'Savings' are considered to be cash in savings accounts, etc. If you own your own house, this is not considered to be 'savings'. Pension Credit is not taxable.

Pension Credit can be paid to homeowners, tenants and people in other circumstances such as those living with family or friends.

If you receive Pension Credit, you may also be entitled to: Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, help with health costs, such as dental charges and the cost of glasses, Cold Weather Payments and grants or loans from the social fund.

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Rook ahoy!



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We have all heard of crow's nests at the top of sailing boats, but those walking along Church Street last month may have been surprised to see a rook's nest on a car!

Charming House to rent in historic Southern France

16 Rue Montmorency is a charming three-bedroom town house located in the heart of Pezenas, a beautiful medieval market town. The house can accommodate 6 people comfortably and was built in the 18th Century. Constructed from ancient stone (probably from the neighbouring castle ruins!) it comes complete with authentic touches such as decorative wrought iron railings and sky blue wooden shutters which are a decorative theme running through Pezenas.

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An update on the Vicarage

There has been useful progress on the future of the vicarage site on Green Lane. A meeting between representatives of the diocese, Cllrs John Thomson and John Matthews, Nigel Freeth and the planners in May went very well and, as a result, a pre-application is to be put before the planners for comments before a final planning application is submitted.

It had become clear that redevelopment of the vicarage site was an uncontroversial part of the Sherston Neighbourhood Plan but, given the likely timescales for the Neighbourhood Plan, it seemed sensible to move forward on the vicarage proposal. In particular, all the key players, including planners, are supportive so we wanted to seize the moment.

Although plans have not yet been finalised, they are likely to include a new vicarage for the Gauzebrook Group, plus three additional dwellings, which are essential to make the redevelopment self-financing. There may also be some land on the site set apart for a possible future churchyard extension.

As priest-in-charge, I – alongside Nigel Freeth and others from the PCC – have put a lot of work, into getting this proposal accepted at group, deanery and diocese level. I am committed to this principle as I believe that Sherston is the most logical long-term location for the vicarage. A vicar based in Green Lane would save huge amounts of travel time and would also be able to have a significant ministry just by being present in Sherston and bumping into people as he or she goes about his or her daily business, much

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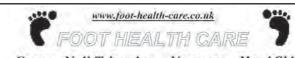
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as Susan Harvey currently does. I think, at this early stage, it is worth observing that the future presence of the vicar in Sherston will probably be different from how it may have been in the past: Sherston was once the clear centre of a team of five parishes, now Sherston is part of an increased group of eight, with a much more devolved structure.

I can see huge potential for ministry in Sherston, which would be a lovely place to live. Unfortunately, many of you will know that our son Jonathan has significant life-limiting disabilities caused by a car accident while he was in the womb. His insurance company has invested a great deal in making extensive additions and adaptations to our current home for his benefit. This means that, while he is with us, our family will not be able to move to Sherston, and obviously we are not going to want to move house after a bereavement. I am optimistic about the building of a new vicarage in Sherston as I see it as an excellent strategic medium- to long-term solution for our parishes which will hopefully assist successive vicars to exercise an effective ministry.

Christopher Bryan Priest-in-charge of the Gauzebrook Group



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News from Holy Cross Church

On Tuesday 3 June, I will be giving a talk on 'The Mystery of the Lost Gospels' in Sherston Church at 7.30pm. Some of the ideas in these books are radically different from the beliefs the Christian church has inherited. Why were some included in the Bible, and others excluded? What can these lost gospels say to us? I'll try to address these topics and give plenty of time for questions and discussion.

Our new midweek service at Holy Cross Sherston continues at 10.00am on Thursday mornings weekly – this is for a trial period to see what need there is. Little Lights continues throughout term time and also in the school holidays during August. This group for children aged 0-5 and their parents/ carers has grown considerably recently and it is now our third-largest congregation! Little Lights is held on Thursday mornings, 10.30am until 11.30ish at Hullavington church.

Other forthcoming events include: Pentecost/ Whitsun on 8 June at which we'll be using a new form of service just for this special occasion; Fathers' Day on 15 June (also Trinity Sunday, which is a gift to the preacher!); and a Group Service at 10.30am at Alderton on 29 June – this is the only service in our Group on that day. The day before 28 June, Ness Whiffin from Sherston will be ordained Deacon at Bristol Cathedral and we wish her well for her new ministry at Marshfield.

Ministry of long-standing service will be celebrated on Sunday 8 June at 11.00am as Easton Grey hold a special service of thanks for Don Rich's work as churchwarden over many decades. There will then be a 'bring and share' type meal in the church prior to the afternoon's events. Everyone welcome to all or part of the day – but please note the change of service time.

Further events include: Sherston Open Gardens on the afternoons of 21 and 22 June; Luckington fête on the 5 July from midday; and Sherston Boules weekend culminating in a service at 6.00pm on the 13 July. The clergy team, 'Holy Rollers', will be participating at their Boules match at 10.00am on Saturday 12 July and hoping to improve on their astonishing performance in 2013 by actually scoring a point!

Wishing you all a glorious summer.

Christopher Bryan Priest-in-charge of the Gauzebrook Group

Movie night and campout Friday

Sherston School is to hold another of its hugely popular Friday Movie Nights in the school hall on Friday 18 July. Not only that, but there will also be a chance to stay on afterwards for a BBQ and games, and to camp out on the school field. Places will be limited so look out for more details coming soon ...

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Sherston's Orienteering Success!



Congratulations to Sherston School's orienteering team who won the KS2 section of the recent interschools orienteering event held at Malmesbury Secondary School.

It was the first time in Sherston School's history that all 100 children from Year 1 to Year 4 were able to attend, thanks to the 'PE Premium' (new government funding for sport), which paid for two coaches to take them to Malmesbury.

As they were orienteering, the children enjoyed 60 minutes of running, thinking about their fitness, working as a team and having fun. They looked extremely smart in their brand new royal blue bibs with the school logo, paid for by the Friends of Sherston School's fundraising efforts.



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The PE Premium has been given to all primary schools to improve children's participation in competitive sport. The focus at Sherston is on events between schools in the Malmesbury cluster, on introducing sport in school PE sessions, training our teachers, and buying additional equipment.

The money has enabled Sherston School to bring in the company 'Go Active' to work with all the children. Their professional coaches are currently with the pupils all day Thursday, and Friday afternoons. They're currently teaching cricket and gymnastics, with different sports to come in future.





The brilliant Katona Twins are coming to Malmesbury Abbey



Malmesbury Abbey Music Society (MAMS) is very proud and excited to be welcoming the young and stunning guitar duo, The Katona Twins, to Malmesbury Abbey for the first time on Saturday 7 June at 7.30pm.

This is a concert to bring your friends, children and grandchildren to. It will most definitely infect them with the bug for playing an instrument and listening to classical music live.

The Daily Telegraph said of this Hungarian guitar duo: 'Formidable virtuoso technique ... their performances could hardly be bettered for charm, zest, wit and coloristic flair.'

Zoltan and Peter's exciting programme is unremittingly exciting: Boccerini, Bach, Handel, Scarlatti and then, from Spain ... Cordoba, de Falla, Rodrigo, and we can't wait to hear their arrangement of Freddie Mercury's Bohemian Rhapsody!

Tickets for the concert are priced at £12, or £5 for students, and can be obtained from the Abbey bookshop or from MAMS ticket secretary David Barton on 07967 123226 or d.barton763@ btinternet.com. Tickets will also be available on the door.

Moviola @ Grittleton Village Hall

On Wednesday 25 June Moviola at Grittleton village hall presents The Monuments Men [12A]

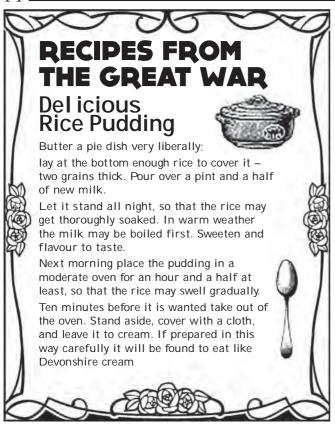


Based on the true story of the greatest treasure hunt in history, The Monuments Men is an action drama focusing on an unlikely World War II platoon, tasked with going into Germany to rescue artistic masterpieces from Nazi thieves and returning them to their rightful owners. It would be an impossible mission: with the art trapped behind enemy lines, and with the German army under orders to destroy everything as the Reich fell, how could these guys - seven museum directors, curators, and art historians, all more familiar with Michelangelo than war – possibly hope to succeed? But as the Monuments Men, as they were called, found themselves in a race against time to avoid the destruction of 1,000 years of culture, they would risk their lives to protect and defend mankind's greatest achievements. The amazing cast includes George Clooney, Matt Damon, Cate Blanchett, Bill Murray, Hugh Bonneville and John Goodman.

Doors open from 7.00pm, tickets £5 in advance, £6 on door available from Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com [underscore between the l and the p] www.moviola.org







This recipe was found in a 1916 newspaper cutting, inside a family cookbook by Sue Froggatt. If you come across any suitable recipes from 1914 to 1918 please email it to clerk@sherston.org.uk or drop it off as hard copy (non returnable) to the post office.

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1914 18 Great War: Bandsman Bert



Yet another survivor of this war was Bert Clark who lived down Tanners Hill opposite the site of the Boules Day Duck Race garden party.

He was gifted with the ability to play not only the piano but any wind-blown instrument. He therefore became leader of Sherston Band. In my father's day it had 22 members, my father playing the cornet. By the late 1930s it had dwindled to less than 10 musicians. At Christmas time they still managed to maintain the tradition of 'wassailing' by playing carols at the front doors of the local 'aristocracy'.

Bert would lead the band not only around Sherston but I'm told by a still living relative they made evening journeys as far as Easton Grey and the Badminton Estate.

Despite being perfectly able to walk to these places several members owned ponies and traps, I expect they used these to travel so far, their traps being illuminated either side by one candle power 'storm lantern'.

Their ponies would never leave the hard road lanes and remembering their journey home. I'm told they needed to as the band were more frequently paid by the overflowing glass than in hard cash.

It is reported that Bert and his band after an extremely good but foggy Christmas night played to a well built and thatched hayrick that looked like a bungalow and never understood why no one came to the door with yet more drink!

Believe it or not! John Hillier

Illustration: Sue Ormiston

Great War Centenary Project

The next project meeting takes place on Wednesday 4 June at 7.30pm in the village hall. All are most welcome to attend and add their own suggestions for future events. There is plenty of time to add new events and in fact it is inevitable that some will occur to people as the centenary progresses. If you can't make the meeting, please send any suggestions or ideas to the clerk to the parish council, Sarah Wood, via email clerk@sherston.org.uk or just phone them through on 840197.

Free Internet Safety workshop at Sherston School: Tuesday 10 June

'My seven-year-old daughter put 'girls books' into a search engine, and got a load of front covers of lads' magazines!' (Sherston primary school parent) Has something similar happened to your child? It's not a comfortable experience!

Have you heard of cyber bullying? If you're a parent of a child at primary school, you might not have done yet, but research shows that one in five teenagers are victims. Cyber bullying involves using online chat rooms or social networking sites to post cruel messages, intended to intimidate or upset someone.

There are many simple ways of preventing young children from viewing inappropriate content online, and there is guidance on what to do if you think your child is being bullied via the internet. You can find out about the options yourself, but it takes time, and most families are extremely busy juggling work and after-school commitments. So, to help all parents, grandparents and carers, Sherston Primary School is offering a free workshop on 10 June, led by an internet safety consultant.

It's also an Open Afternoon that day, so families are invited to come into school and look at the children's work. The open afternoon runs from 2.00pm to 3.10pm, and the workshop from 2.30pm to 3.10pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Olympic Family Fun Day

Sherston School's very own Olympic legacy continues – at least until Rio 2016! The very popular Olympic Family Fun Day takes place on the rec on Sunday 6 July from 11.00am until 4.00pm. Children will be able to take part in a mini-decathlon, with the chance to win a bronze, silver or gold medal. In addition, there will be some displays, as well as a BBQ and refreshments.

'Passports' for this event will be on sale soon at the school gate (£2.50 per child).

Last year's Olympic Family Fun Day raised £1,000 for the school – let's see if we can beat it!

Boules Day Kids-Zone

On Saturday 12 July, the village hall field will be transformed into a Brazilian carnival extravaganza, complete with samba music, shakers and hula dancing! With carnival crafts, games galore, limbo dancing and beach volleyball, there will be plenty to keep the kids entertained. Instead of a fancy dress competition, prizes will be awarded for the best masks, headdresses and hula skirts created in the craft tent, and children will be able to join in a carnival-style procession along the High Street.



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Boules party

The Awkward Squad's party is all set to take place in the village hall from 8pm till late on Boules day 12 July. With food, drink and great DJ's plus the biggest disco ball ever seen in the village. Make sure it's in your diary and book those babysitters now. More details next month.

Grittleton Plant and Food Fair: Sunday 1 June

On Sunday 1 June, children's charity Action Medical Research is holding the second Grittleton Plant and Food Fair at Grittleton House, SN14 6AP (by kind permission of the Shipp Family).

Plant lovers and 'foodies' are in for a real treat, with the chance to browse the many stalls selling plants from specialist nurseries, stunning accessories for your 'room outside', and delicious local artisan produce. It is going to be a fantastic day out for friends and family. Refreshments and light lunches will be available and there is also a special guest appearance by the charity's big fluffy mascot, Paddington Bear, who will be there to greet the younger members of the family.

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For details of the Branch activities, talks, workshops and social occasions visit www. malmesburyembroiderers.blogspot.com





Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 15 June. 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 , the latter on leads ,are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there is no need to book – just turn up on the day.

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Sherston Neighbourhood Plan – an update

After a period of relative inactivity over the winter months, work has once again started on preparing the Sherston Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

It had become fairly obvious to the NP Steering Group (NPSG) that if we were going to be able to successfully produce a NP both within a reasonable timescale and in a manner that is actually capable of passing through all of the statutory (and other) hoops then we were going to need some external assistance.

The decision was made therefore to appoint a firm of planning consultants capable of advising and assisting on all matters relating to the preparation of the emerging NP. (N.B. The Parish Council has been given a grant of up to £20,000 to fund all of the work considered necessary to prepare the NP under the Government's Front Runner scheme). After a series of discussions with officers at Wiltshire Council and a trawl through the Royal Town Planning Institute's

website two 'local' firms were identified which were considered likely to be up to the task. Both firms were interviewed and asked to tender for the job.

The firm appointed (by the Parish Council) to undertake this task was Foxley Tagg Planning Ltd (FTPL) – a firm of planning consultants based in Cheltenham – whom it was felt were most likely to be able to provide the necessary assistance within a given timescale and a reasonable budget.

One of the first tasks that they were asked to do was to prepare a timetable for all future work – which it is intended that we now seek to abide by (and indeed will need to do so if we are going to get the NP to the point where it can hopefully be relied upon when decisions are being made on any planning proposals in Sherston for the foreseeable future). The NPSG has now agreed to work to this timetable.

The agreed programme (which as you may note has in fact already started) is as follows:

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Stage	Action	Completion date	
1	FTPL to check evidence and update where necessary	6 May 2014	
2	FTPL to carry out site assessments	6 May 2014	
3	FTPL to present feedback to annual parish meeting	29 May 2014	
4	Planning policy workshop	29 May 2014	
5	Review of Visions and Objectives	by 13 June 2014	
6	Policy creation workshop	17 June 2014	
7	Development of policy options	by 1 August 2014	
8	Selection of option sites	by 1 August 2014	
9	Production of policy and site options document	by 22 August 2014	
10	Consult village on policy and site options	by 19 September 2014	
11	Analysis of response from village	by 3 October 2014	
12	FTPL to hold workshop on drafting of NP	by 10 October 2014	
13	Draft NP prepared by Steering Group	by 24 October 2014	
14	Draft NP document finalised	by 31 October 2014	
15	Formal village Consultation on draft NP	by 12 December 2014	
16	Analysis of responses	•	
17	Amendments to draft NP		
18	Submission of draft NP to Wiltshire Council	by 13 February 2015	
19	Formal Consultation starts – 6 weeks	16 February 2015	
20	Amend NP to take account of comments received	by 20 April 2015	
21	Submission of NP for examination by Inspector	20 April 2015	
22	Referendum	TBA	

As you will note from the above Schedule the next key stage of the NP process is:

- 1.To produce a range of policy options (seeking to deal with most if not all of the objectives and aspirations identified by the Steering Group following on from the various workshops held last year -see below), including an assessment of both the scale and type of development envisaged likely to be required during the plan period; and
- 2.To select a number of possible 'option sites' (that will help to provide for the future needs of the village). The choice of 'option sites' having been selected from all of those put forward for consideration by the various landowners in and around the village earlier in the process.

As you will also note, it is envisaged that it will still take about a year to complete the entire NP process – up to the point when the Neighbourhood plan will first be examined by an independent Inspector and subsequently go to a referendum.

N.B. It is still not too late for any landowners in and around the village who have not as yet done so to put their land in the pot.

For the sake of clarification the NPSG is not seeking to identify each and every possible development site in the village for whatever purpose. It will not, for example, seek to identify any potential future housing sites capable of accommodating less than three dwellings. The NP will however need to be able to identify all of the potential larger scale development

option sites – i.e. those which might be considered capable of accommodating any of the possible future land uses that are included in the list of stated objectives as set out below.

That said, the final deadline for the submission of any such sites is 16 June 2014 – after which no more sites will be considered. Should you wish your land to be considered then please let the Parish Clerk know by midday on 16 June at the very latest. (Sarah Wood Sherston Parish Clerk - Tel: 840197 – email clerk@sherston.org.uk).

It is envisaged that a full scale consultation with everyone in the village will be undertaken on all of these policy options in late August/early September this year — comprising a mixture of workshops and exhibitions with related questionnaires.

Neighbourhood Plan Objectives

As a reminder here is the complete list of NP objectives that the Steering Group is currently working to: **Objective 1:**

The Plan will support the provision of facilities considered important for a vibrant community by:

- Protecting those facilities already in place;
- Supporting the provision of a new enhanced GP surgery;
- Facilitating the provision of additional facilities for the elderly, pre-school, and young people living within the village.

Objective 2:

The Plan will ensure that all future development in the village:

- Respects the high quality of the local environment by employing the use of building materials in sympathy with the Cotswold AONB;
- Is of the highest quality of design utilising wherever possible traditional styles and proportions;
- Safeguarding those parts of the settlement that have been identified as being worthy of protection from development by reason of their landscape quality, ecological importance or local significance.

Objective 3:

The Plan will facilitate opportunities for new and existing businesses and social enterprise that benefit the community and support the delivery of advanced fibre connectivity to all parts of the village by:

- Supporting the creation of new business premises in appropriate locations;
- Resisting the change of use of existing business premises to alternative uses (except where there is a clear benefit to the community from allowing such);
- Encouraging the approved provider of high speed broadband to install advanced connections to the network throughout the village.

Objective 4:

The Plan will provide for a limited amount of housing to meet an identified local need. It will do this through:

 Allowing small scale development in selected locations – to include houses for sale on the open market, affordable social rented and shared equity housing, and sheltered elderly persons

- accommodation;
- Ensuring that all such development includes a mix of house types capable of meeting the identified local need;
- Considering the redevelopment of existing brown field development opportunities first;
- Supporting the provision of a replacement dwelling for the local vicar.

Objective 5:

The Plan will seek to provide for the existing and future leisure, recreational, sporting, community and social needs of the village by:

- Ensuring that certain existing important open land and other green spaces within and adjoining the village are retained and/or enhanced – or that suitable replacement facilities are provided as part of any agreed redevelopment proposals;
- Ensuring that sufficient additional areas of open space are created within all new developments;
- Identifying and securing a site for the provision of additional burials within the village;
- Ensuring that existing sports and leisure facilities are retained and wherever possible enhanced.
- Supporting the provision of new build sports, leisure and recreational facilities in and around the village in appropriate locations.

Objective 6:

The Plan will facilitate measures for managing traffic in and around the village by:

- Ensuring that sufficient on-site parking is provided in all new developments -sufficient to meet current and likely future car ownership and use;
- Encouraging measures which lead to a reduction in traffic volumes, movement and speed throughout the village and provide safer journeys for both pedestrians and motorists alike.
- Encouraging greater use of public transport, cycling and walking.

Objective 7:

The Plan will encourage the sympathetic management of the countryside surrounding the village so as to retain and/or enhance its high quality, improve biodiversity and provide other longer term benefits to the local community by:

- Considering the creation of a community wood and/or orchard;
- Identifying and safeguarding any sites identified in the locality that are considered to be of significant ecological or landscape quality.

Objective 8:

The Plan will encourage a move towards a low carbon economy which includes local food production and the generation of renewable energy by:

- Identifying and allocating additional land within the plan area for allotments;
- Encouraging the introduction of appropriate alternative energy sources (specifically solar, wood fuel, ground and air source heat systems) for use within existing and all new development within and around the village.

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend 21 and 22 June

Some new gardens are open this year, added to those you may have seen before. The garden trail is a great way to discover hidden corners of our pretty village, and can be followed on foot, cycle or car, ending with refreshments served in the Church of the Holy Cross. Tickets (which are a map of the trail) are £5 per person, on sale outside the post office from 10 am on Saturday and from 12 noon at the Lych gate. On Sunday just from the Lych gate. Opening times are 1 to 6 on Saturday and 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday. Tea and cake will be served on both days in church at a cost of £3 per person with free refills. There will be a plant stall and a raffle with a garden theme (contributions for both of these are most welcome, please bring on the day if you can). Donations of cakes are also most welcome.

There will be a 'bell-ringing taster session' for those who would like to have a go on Sunday 22 June from 2.30pm to 4.00pm.

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Sherston Market

The May market in the marquee provided for Wild Sherston proved a great success, with over 30 stalls and a very busy tea room.

The next market is on Saturday 7 June at Sherston Village Hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm. There is an increasing range of local food for sale, plus some other great products – not forgetting the market cafe. The free charity stall this month will be run by Lin Prior who will be selling her increasingly famous marmalade, this time in aid of Sherston Senior Club. Anyone wanting a free stall for a charity or local voluntary group, please get in touch as soon as possible as they are being taken up quickly.

If you are a local maker, baker, grower or producer and are interested in taking a stall, please either use the contact form on the website or phone 07887 814843 or 07769 613627.

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

On Saturday 28 June, again from 10.00am to 2.00pm, The Awkward Squad – which runs Sherston market – will be running their first Badminton Market at the village hall and will also include a cafe. The market will be run on similar lines to Sherston and there will be some familiar faces amongst the stall holders, especially those selling food. Contact details are the same as for Sherston and there is now a Badminton Market Facebook page, too.



THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLE

With the parish agog with the impending return of bare knuckle fighting to the High Street on 15 June members have turned their thoughts to the Alderton Altercation of 1934 - surely the largest bare knuckle fight in the history of the parish?

The whole incident began at the Alderton Hurl, held at the then racecourse, between members of the Sherston Order and those of the now sadly defunct Luckington Order. The two Order's respective Mangold Maids were said to have been responsible for the initial blows being thrown but soon the original grievance was forgotten with old scores being settled. The fighting continued throughout that evening firstly in the Carriers Arms, Luckington's then HQ, before culminating in one of the largest brawls ever seen in these parts at the Glaziers Arms Willesley - the Sherston Order's traditional watering hole. It was only with the arrival in the early hours of the next morning of a substantial police contingent from the City of Bristol constabulary, brought to Badminton station on a special train, that order was finally restored and numerous arrests made of the Sherston members who had by now fought themselves to a standstill after over eight hours pugilism at one location or another.

The Alderton Altercation and the subsequent trial at Devizes Quarter Sessions the following May is of course well known to many older residents of the parish whose children and grandchildren are well versed in the details particularly of the hero of the day one Lobber Jenkins. Newer residents however seem to know little of this most famous incident and in order to preserve it for prosperity a the Order has commissioned a book on the subject by their



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For enquiries for either the tearooms or the guest rooms, please do get in touch. We'd love to hear from you and hopefully look forward to welcoming friends and relatives soon! Email: tara@sherstonangel.co.uk.









Sherston Tennis Club: Latest news

First and foremost we're pleased to report that, after two disappointing seasons, Sherston Men's A Team is making a dramatic resurgence this year. They are currently unbeaten (ok, after only three matches but still), topping Div V of the notoriously tricky Chippenham & District Tennis Leagues. New boy, Richard Knight, of Woods Close, is showing distinct promise, so all in all it's been a very encouraging start to the season.

Saturday morning children's coaching is well under way, with fantastic take-up this year. Coach Philip Sims is proving as popular as ever with all age groups. He has a great knack for keeping the children engaged and getting the best out of them.

Finally, in the club's Wimbledon Ballot draw, two pairs of tickets were won this year by junior Patrick Frost and David Palgrave. Hopefully they'll both pen a few lines to share their lucky day ...

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Cricket: Gould Shines

With the first two league games of the 2014 season cancelled due poor weather and a damaged pitch, Sherston Magna CC were chomping at the bit for the visit of Adlestrop on Saturday 17 May. Adlestrop have been champions of division 1 of the Cotswold District Cricket Association for each of the last four seasons, in fact since SMCC won in 2009.

SMCC, invited to bat by Adlestrop, found scoring difficult on a slow wicket, with deep boundaries and a long outfield, but used up all of their 40 overs to accumulate 112. Ian Gould top scored with 43 with support from Dan Pritchett (15), James Harmer (12) and Andrew Jarvis (10).

After a splendid tea from Alice Lovell, it was SMCC's turn to take to the field. Good opening bowling from Andy Pegg and Ollie Moore ensured that Adlestrop also found scoring difficult, but it was the introduction of Ian Gould (4 for 11) and Ewen Kennny (3 for 18) that saw the wickets start to tumble and Adlestrop found themselves at 32 for 6

Adlestrop's Dan Parker (25*), more known for his bowling than batting, did provide some resistance, but wickets were falling all around him and Adlestrop were eventually dismissed for 78 resulting in a win by 34 runs for SMCC.



Junior cricket

The Junior Barbecue on Monday 12 May was a great success with over 50 juniors and their parents attending. Also the Monday evening coaching has started well with 50+ turning up to be coached by the Jarvis brothers which bodes well for the U13 and U15 league season.





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Practice nets

SMCC is still awaiting final confirmation on funding for the two outdoor practice nets at Pinkney Park. But it is hoped that installation in June may still be possible.

Sightscreens

Those that have been down to the cricket ground since the middle of May will have seen the shiny new sightscreens on show. These sightscreens have been made by members the club and SMCC would like to thank all those who helped with the many hours

of painting wood, but particularly Andrew Tremellen who came up with the design, cut all of the wood to size and masterminded their assembly.



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

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

Congregational Church - in The British

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

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

Gauzebrook Church for Children

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

Junior Church is held at Court House, Hullavington now on the first Sunday of each month, except for August. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

Little Lights

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

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

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

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

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers

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

Busy Hands Pre-school

Meets 9.10am - 12.10pm everyday in the village hall for 2 3/4 - 5 year olds. Lunch Club Mon to Fri until 1pm and exciting new outdoor free flow area. All childcare vouchers welcomed. For further details call Kirsty Strachan on 07841 571943. www.sherstonbusyhands.org. uk or email us on chair@sherstonbusyhands.org.uk

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

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

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

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

info@malmesburycommunitychoir.org, visit the website at www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org or www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir.

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

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

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides For details contact Liz Fleming, the Division Commissioner on 575229 or liz@jacfleming.plus.com

Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

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

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

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For more information contact Tony Towle on 840574.

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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. New season starts on 3rd September 2013 – new members welcome

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

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

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Iroop Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of $10\frac{1}{2}$ to $13\frac{1}{2}$. We meet at the Scout hut on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm to 9.00pm during school term times. To join contact Riaan van Rooyen riaan@pulse-software.co.uk There is currently a small waiting list to join.

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

Westonbirt Guides

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

Sherston Drama Group The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Richard Skeffington (Chairman) richard.skeffington@virgin.net Tel. 840092 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 Maggie (840969).

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

Sherston Magna Cricket Club
Sherston Magna has a senior cricket side that plays league cricket on
Saturdays and friendly cricket on Sundays throughout the summer. If
you are interested in playing please contact sherstonmagna@yahoo.
co.uk or turn up to nets – details below.
Senior practice nets take place from 6.15pm every Wed throughout

the summer at the cricket ground at Pinkney Park.

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

Sherston Netball Club

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

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

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

Sherston Pilates

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

Sherston Tennis Club

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

Sherston Theatre Club

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

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

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

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Sherston W.I.

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

Sherston Young Craft Group
Every Monday 6.45 – 8.15pm in the village half (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

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Wiltshire Walks

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Wild Yoga

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

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

WHAT'S ON

What's on in 2014 Dates for your diary

July

5 Sherston Market

12 Boules Day

October

3/4/5 Sherston Beer & Cider Festival

5 Mangold Hurl

29-1 Nov Pantomime

November

8 1016 Fireworks

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

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The Rattlebone Inn

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Sunday Nights Bingo & Pizza every Sunday evening from 6pm Watch England's World Cup Bid Sat 14 Jun - starts 11pm Late License and BBQ - the perfect place to wind down after Sherstonfest!

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Mid-Summer Party Sat 28 Jun with Lamb Asados in the garden, Live Music From Billy and The Low Dive, Summer Cocktails

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Sherston Market

Local crafts and produce, cake stalls, Sherston Rare Breed pork, Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh local vegetables, Flying Monk Foods and cheeses from Brinkworth Dairy Every month a free stall in the lobby is made available to local charity or voluntary group to raise funds.

Sat 7 Jun Sat 5 Jul Sat 9 Aug 10am-2pm

See www.sherstonmarket.weebly.com for dates and a contact form should any prospective stallholder wish to get in touch or

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

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A display of paintings and drawings by local artists. Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon. June's artist: Julia Leyden, who has produced a series of 'Little Sherston Pictures' – capturing aspects of the village. Cards of the pictures are also on sale in the Post Office Shear Class, High St

Sherston WI Talks

Allotments with Fiona Warner Thurs 5 June 50 Years at the Chalk face with Peter Sheppard Thurs 3 July The Sue Ryder Organisation with Duncan Willoughby Thurs 7 Aug Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors £3 (pay on the evening) to include refreshment Day Trip: Visit to Sudely Castle Tues 17 Jun

For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Sue's Strolls

Sun 15 Jun Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return Rattlebone Inn just around 12noon. As ever children and well behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there is no need to book a place – just turn up on the day. This is a PHEW! event see www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk

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

SHoCC Workshop

A workshop with Jeremy Jackman

Jeremy Jackman was for ten years first counter-tenor with The King's Singers and is an experienced professional musician whose work in the field of vocal/choral music is of the highest international standard and he enjoys an enviable reputation as a chora Wed 25 Jun at 6.45pm tickets are limited and may be purchased at £12 from Lucy Lawrance lucy@sherston.plus.com or evenings 840778 or from any member of SHOCC. British School Room

Sherston Drama Group

Auditions for the Pantomine Tues 1 Jul 7.30pm Village Hall - 9 to 18 year olds (as on 1 Sep 2014) There are parts for all levels of skill in acting / singing / dancing Rehearsals Tues and Thurs in Sep & Oct Please get in touch too should you want to help out back stage or front of house, choreography or costumes Panto dates 29 Oct - 1 Nov 2014 For further details call Richard Skeffington 840092 richard.skeffington@virgin.net or Sue Ormiston 840694

Open Gardens Trail in aid of Sherston Church

Calling all gardeners Open Gardens Trail in aid of Sherston Church will take place 21-22 June, so if you feel that you would like to open your garden please get in touch with Heather Martin 840375

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.

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For further details call Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Whitehouse 840640

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Specialist Wood Sales 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA RSPB event Wed 4 Jun 10am-4pm at the bird viewing area Sorry no dogs (!) free after admission

Walkies - dog walk with Maisie Wed 11 Sat 21 Jun Sun 6 and Sat 12 July 11am meet at the Skilling gate, free after admission, no need to book

Wildflower Walks Tues 3 Jun Tues 1 July Tues 5 Aug 10.30-12.30 meet at the Great Oak All - Free after admission Dogs allowed Gruffalo 15th birthday trails weekly from 11 Apr till Sep Trail leaflets available in the restaurant and café - Old Arboretum and Silk Wood (where dogs are allowed)

Summer concerts announced: June: Fri 20 Little Mix Sat 21 Suede Sun 22 Rebecca Ferguson; July Fri 18 Boyzone; Sat 19 Deacon Blue Sun 20 Katherine Jenkins Tickets £39.60 - £43 Box Office 03000 680400 or online Westonbirt Arboretum For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner Sun 29 Jun: Oblivion starring Tom Cruise and Morgan Freeman £39 includes film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch or dinner Tuesday Garden Tours 3 and 10 Jun 22 Jul 11.30 for 12 noon start, Garden tour 2-4pm £42 Welcome reception and 2 course lunch using ingredients from the kitchen garden, followed by private tour of the 12 acre garden by Andy Spreadbury gardens & maintenance manager For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

Hookshouse Pottery spring/summer exhibition

'To Stop and Stare' The exhibition will include paintings, craft and sculptures, some of which will be displayed in the delightful Hookshouse Pottery garden. Featuring Sherston artist Nicki Heenan. There will also be a tea tent 24 May - 1 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.ukm

Beaufort Polo Club Country Fair

International Test Match & Beaufort Polo Club Country Fair - including polo matches, shows and 40 stands Sat 21-Sun 22 June 10.30am - 6.30pm

International test match Sat 3pm Charity Polo Match Sun Beaufort Polo Club For further details call 880510 or visit www.beaufortpoloclub.co.uk/Fixtures/CountryFair.htm

Tetbury

Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds Charity Event

Concert by Minchinhampton's Stuart Singers Sat 7 Jun 7.30pm The aim of the event is to raise funds towards the purchase of a mobile hoist for the local charity "Allsorts" which provides help and support for families with disabled children St Mary's Church Tetbury

For further details call Tickets will be available by contacting Rotarian John on 07784 485 735 or any member of the club

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

The Katona Twins Hungarian guitar duo perform their guitar arrangements of BOCCERINI, J S BACH BWV 808, BIZET Carmen, HANDEL Chaconne, ALBENIZ Cordoba, pieces by RODRIGO and MANGORE and their own compositions. Sat 7 Jun at 7.30pm £12 / £5 For further details call David Barton 824924 d.barton763@btinternet.com or visit www.malmesbury.com/mams

Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

Twelve Years a Slave Fri 13 Jun Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@virgin.net

Horton

Horton Flower Festival

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

St James the Elder Church Horton For further details call Tel 01454-319356.

Corsham

Corsham Festival and Fringe Festival

Various performances and exhibitions throughout June

10-Jun Novelist and writer Fay Weldon talks about her experience of aging and

the impact on her approach to writing, in conversation with neuropsychologist Dr Alison Lee

For further details call 01249 701628 or visit www.corshamfestival.blogspot.com or for the fringe www.corshamfestivalfringe.blogspot.com

Open Gardens at Middlewick House in aid of the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust & Springboard

Opportunity Group Sculptures by art at the edge, a group of leading Bath sculptors. Visit the miniature donkeys, Kunekune piglets and lambs. Plants for sale, stalls and demonstrations. Tea, coffee and cakes available. Sat 21 & Sun 22 Jun - 11.30am to 4.30pm Entry £5, children under 16 years - free

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme Wed 25 May The Monuments Men [12A]

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

Grittleton Plant and Food Fair

organised by children's charity Action Medical Research Set in the stunning surrounds of Grittleton House, plant lovers and "foodies" are in for a real treat, many stalls selling plants from specialist nurseries, stunning accessories for your "room outside" and delicious local artisan produce. Special guest appearance by the charity's big fluffy mascot, Paddington Bear Sun 1 June 11am – 4pm Entrance - £3 per person, Children free For further details call or visit www.action.org.uk/grittleton_plant_and_food_fair

Kington Langley Scarecrow Trail

Sat 14 Sun 15 Jun 10am - 5pm This year's theme: "Musicals" 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 For further details visit http://www.scarecrows.biz/

Cirencester

Open Air Swimming Pool

Heated spring water open air pool run by volunteers as a non profit making charity Open 22 May - 7 Sep 7am-6.45pm midweek and 9/10 - 5.45 Sat/Sun. Mon & Wed Adult evening swim 6.45-7.45pm. Friday Youth Evening 7-8.30pm 10-17 year olds Only £1 £4.50 / £2.50/ Family £13 Season tickets available.

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

Swindon

Events in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

White Horse Challenge Sponsored Walk in aid of WAA 5th & 6th July Explore the White Horses of Wiltshire whilst helping the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Perfect for groups of friends, families or for business teams, the White Horse Challenge is a sponsored walk with distance options for everyone. www.whitehorsechallenge.co.uk/ For further details visit

www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events.htm

Wotton-Under-Edge The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: The Two Faces of January; Matisse: live from Tate Modern; NT Live: A Small Family Business; ENO Live: Benvenuto Cellini; RSC LIVE: Henry IV Part II; GOS: The Tempest check website for details check website for details For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoneph.co.uk

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Glastonbury

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Bath, Stroud, Bristol Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ the cinema

Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the ROH Covent Garden

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Manon Lescaut 24 Jun

I due Foscari 27 Oct

Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and many other Cinemas For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit www.roh.org.uk/cinema

Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton National Theatre Live

Live and pre recorded screenings Live from the National theatre: A Small Family Business by Alan Ayckbourn 12-Jun

For further details visit www.ntlive.com

Bath

Theatre Royal

Thriller - Live 9 - 14 Jun £15-£33.50 Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? 18 Jun -5 Jul For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Bath Fringe Festival

23 May - 8 Jun Alternative comedy, dance, jazz, music and art including 'Affordable Art', Spoken Word, Digital Arts & Media, Standup Comedy, Cabaret, Physical Theatre, Circus Arts, Folk & World Music, Latin Dance, Jazz, at various locations in Bath Vary from free to £15

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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 02/07/2014 Sponsor the Sherston riders For further details call Dave Reeves 07525 336696 or email pfp2013@propsforward.org or visit http://www.propsforward.org/pedalforprops/

Iford

Iford Arts Festival

Opera & Music Festival Opera: La Rondine (Puccine) June ,Cloister Centenary Concert Sun 8 Jun, La Fille du Regiment (Donzetti) July and Aug Return of Ulysses (Monteverdi) Gates open at 5.30pm for picnics in the Grade 1 listed Harold Peto gardens of Iford Manor, 6 miles from Bath

First night party festival prom Fri 27 Jun £34 Iford Manor

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

Lackham House, Lacock Shakespeare Live Open Air Theatre

Macbeth An English country garden, open air Shakespeare - the quintessential English summer event - gourmet picnic baskets and cream teas available to pre order - or bring your own 7 - 12 July 8pm For further details call 07780 938107 or visit www.shakespearelive.com





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For further details call 0844 576 8970 or visit

www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science

Cheltenham Music Festival

70th Music Festival 2-13 Jul - tickets on sale now Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of music Six varied and exciting concerts over the first five days of the Festival promise major works and captivating performances by big names such as Nicola Benedetti, Milos Karadaglic and The John Wilson Orchestra Various locations in Cheltenham For further details call 0844 576 7979 or visit

Bishops Cleeve Buggati Midsummer Speed Fest Prescott Hill Climb

- Cars, cavalcades & strawberries on the lawn 28 - 29 Jun £12.50 / under 14s free Prescott Lodge

For further details call 01242 677 777 or visit www.prescott-hillclimb.com

Chadlington Summer Music Festivalb

www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music

concerts and recitals in beautiful surroundings 26-29 June including Desert Island Discs: Peter Chadlington interviews TV Presenter Kirstie Allsopp

For further details call Box Office Manager Roger Lyle 01608 658 857 or email: boxoffice@chadlingtonfestival.org.uk

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