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Nets unveiled



On a sunny but cool Sunday afternoon in Pinkney Park, a good crowd of guests saw Steve Silk, CEO of Gloucestershire Cricket Board open the new nets at the cricket ground.

The day started with a junior match on the main pitch, before Steve cut the ribbon and the guests enjoyed the hospitality of the cricket club and the Matthews.

The afternoon continued with some fine locally sourced sausages and pork baps and a senior cricket game.



**Record Score -
see page 18**



Josh- the gentle giant - stolen

JOSH has been missing, presumed stolen since Tuesday 19 May. He was living out his semi-retirement in the fields backing on to Sherston and we are desperate to bring him home safe and sound.

He stands at 17.2HH, and is a dark bay gelding. He has two white socks behind and a short white sock on his off-fore and a very distinctive Roman/uneven nose.

The Police have been informed and we are so so grateful for everybody sharing this story on Facebook and Twitter. It is massively appreciated.

Please do get in touch with any information on 07831871559. Many thanks again Lottie Bostock and on behalf of the Maidment family.

History Lecture – Ironsides v Vikings

This is a reminder of what promises to be a very interesting talk, giving us all a bit of background to the Battle of Sherston 1016, which will be celebrated next year.

David McDermott, who is a lecturer in Early Medieval History at Winchester University, will be speaking at Sherston Church of the Holy Cross (all proceeds to the church) on Saturday 27 June at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the Post Office, price £7 to include a glass of wine.



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A landslide victory at Sherston School!



While the country voted in the General Election, children at Sherston Church of England Primary School opened their own poll, to vote for something that will have a major impact on their day-to-day lives: some new playground equipment!

The school has grown over the last 10 years, since moving from Sherston High Street to its current modern building. The original fitness trail installed when it was built now needs extending. The award-winning Friends of Sherston School (FSS) has committed to raising £10,000, and with such a big spend, felt that it was important to ask the whole school.

Pupils and staff had to choose between two smaller pieces of equipment, or one larger one, including artificial turf. They were given official voting forms which were posted in a homemade ballot box. The turnout was an impressive 99% and the results were revealed in the next day's assembly, following an independent count: 74% voted for the two pieces of equipment.

The FSS, which won the community category of a national competition last year for the Pop Up Village event, will shortly reveal how much money has been raised so far this year. There will no doubt be further fundraising to do, but it's hoped that once the equipment is in place, it will provide a fantastic legacy for the next 10 years – and beyond!



Sherston Boules & Carnival 2015



We are now just one month away from Sherston's main annual event and we are delighted that all appears to be on schedule for 11 July and the much-bolstered committee and helpers are all in good spirits.

Team entries have now closed and, as always, we have been well oversubscribed and the draw has taken place to finalise the 128 teams, with local teams having priority as usual. We have invited the reigning Welsh champions to join us again (since they have struggled to win anything else this year) but hopefully some local talent will out-point them in the first round making it an all-Sherston final ... we shall see!

This year, a whole raft of sponsors are generously supporting the event again which ultimately aids local groups and activities in and around Sherston. If any businesses are keen to sponsor and have their company name and logo emblazoned on one of our famous pitch side 'toblerones', please do get in touch.

Other events in the pipeline include evening cricket and a barbecue at the beautiful Pinkney Park – bring a rug, some friends and a glass of wine – more details to follow, whilst The Rattlebone will be having live music and food on both the Friday and Saturday evenings.

And, finally for now, please bear in mind the event needs all the manual help it can get, whether that is in the set up, during the event or taking it all down again in the evening and therefore if you could spare an hour with us over the weekend, your help would be much appreciated!

James Pyle, 840886 james@jamespyle.co.uk

The Ugly Duckling

About 80 children and adults were entertained by the Rural Arts Touring show on Sunday 26 April in Sherston Village Hall. The event was organised on behalf of Sherston Young Craft Group as a fundraiser for the Village Hall Development Fund. Members of the group and their mums made cakes and served teas after the show. Including a 20% share of the ticket, the group donated £108 towards the fund.

Lin's marmalade

Thank you to everyone who has bought my marmalade this year, or made a donation. As a result, to date, I have been able to make donations of £100 each to '1016', Sherston Senior Club, and Sherston Brownies.

I have more jars to sell and therefore hope to make more donations to Sherston charities/organisations! If you need a jar before my next sale (not sure when that will be), give me a ring on 840846.

Lin Prior

Sherston Community Choir

We had huge fun doing the Pack Up Your Troubles concert and are now settling down to a new selection of songs, including California Dreaming, The Lion Sleeps Tonight and Ave Maria. If you are tempted to come along one night to see if you'd enjoy it too, do come to the British School Room, Wednesday 7.30pm. Bring £3 + 50p for refreshments.

We sing a wide variety of music, including pop hits, classical favourites, show tunes, old-time music hall, traditional and folk.

You don't need to be able to read music to join in. Just turn up and have fun. Membership fee £30 for a 10-week term. You will be most welcome.

For more details call Lucy on 840778 (evenings) or email lucy@sherston.plus.com

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: 20 and 21 June

We are very pleased to announce that we will have seven gardens that will be open for the first time this year! Added to these, there will be several that have been open before, so there will be lots to see throughout the weekend. Trail tickets can be used on one or both days and will be on sale from Saturday morning outside the Post Office. Gardens will be open from 1.00pm to 6.00pm on Saturday and 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday.

Teas and delicious cakes will be served in the church where there will also be a plant stall, produce stall and a 'garden-themed' raffle.

Donations of plants, cuttings and seedlings will be gratefully received at the church on Saturday morning. Contributions for the raffle and cakes should also be brought to church or given beforehand to Susan Harvey, Pat Whitehouse or Heather Martin or phone Heather on 840375, or Pat on 840640.

Thank you – we hope for a lovely sunny weekend !

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council will next meet on Thursday 11 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 also be read.

A Super Spring for Sherston Velo



With membership now reaching nearly 30, Sherston Velo is going from strength to strength, with new riders joining every week from Sherston and the surrounding villages. Group rides leave the village hall car park on both Saturdays and Sundays (at 9.00am on Saturdays and 8.30am on Sundays), with enough riders now to form pace groups, so no one gets left behind (or gets too far ahead). April saw eight of our riders tackle the famous Leige Bastogne Leige ride in Belgium, 170 miles and 4,500 metres of ascent, a challenging yet immensely rewarding day. Closer to home, there's something for everyone, with a club diary full of events for the rest of the season, including the Sherston Road Race on the 26 July, Severn Bridge Sportive in August, Bristol 100 in September and circuit riding every Tuesday evening at Castle Combe. Seven of our members will also be participating in the now legendary PROPS Bristol to Bordeaux ride.

For membership and other information about the club, visit the website www.sherstonvelo.cc, or email Mark Walsh at secretary@sherstonvelo.cc

Sherston W.I.



A full Village Hall greeted Marc Allum of Antiques Roadshow fame on 16 April. Marc brought along some objects and quizzed the audience on the country of origin and age of the items (frequently catching us out). He told us many interesting facts about his life in the auction world and with antiques. The opening titles of Antiques Roadshow comprise solely of items from Marc's collection, even the cat! His passion is unusual things and that is why he is called an expert of the miscellaneous. Whilst the refreshments were served, Marc was besieged by ladies with questions and stories and he was very happy to stay and chat. Marc finished by taking a photo of the village hall full of ladies and this appeared on Twitter an hour later!

At the May meeting, members were shown photographs of a member's amazing holiday cruise from Southampton to Santiago in South America.

The talk in June will be entitled 'Hats don't suit me' and we shall also be enjoying a BBQ at the home of a member early in the month when we hope the sun will be shining.



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Sherston Senior Club

We had a very enjoyable trip to Highfield Garden Centre at Whitminster on 14 April. The restaurant overlooking the pool with various ducks and geese, probably on a stop-over to Slimbridge, was very pleasant. We were lucky it was a lovely sunny day.

Our next meeting was on 28 April, where Susan Platford of The Labrador Rescue Trust brought along Henry, a s17-week-old puppy she was looking after. He was a delight and very friendly. The Trust relies on charitable donations and all the staff are volunteers. Some of the anecdotes were amusing, and some sad, for instance when owners die or decide they do not want the dog for quite bizarre reasons. Rosemary Venning brought Molly, who came from the Trust via Susan. Molly is an older dog and very friendly and happy in her new home. The trust endeavours to re-home the Labradors if at all possible. One of the biggest expenses is the vets bill, as all the dogs are treated in order that they are healthy and subsequently happy before re-homing.

On Tuesday 9 June, we have an outing to Weston-super-Mare, with pick-up from the Carpenters Arms at 9.45am and pick-up in High Street at 10.00am. Cost to members £10.00, visitors £12.00.

Due to circumstances beyond our control the Garden Party on 23 June has been cancelled. However, a mystery outing, including tea, has been arranged for members only.

We always meet in the British School Room at 2.30pm in the summer every fortnight, unless we are out on a trip. Contact for places on WSM outing or any other information call Helen Quirk 840516

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SHERSTON ARTS 20 15 FESTIVAL

The plans are well under way for this year's Art Festival, which will take place from 9 to 18 October. There will be plenty of opportunities for all ages to take part, including the Scarecrow Trail, Young Artists' Exhibition, Art Exhibition in the Church and craft workshops. Details of the Photography Exhibition were in the May edition of the Cliffhanger.

The Young Musicians' Tea-time Concert, to be held on Saturday 10 October, is always a popular event so our talented performers need to look out for further details in order to take part. We plan to have another Rural Arts Touring show for young children – and their parents and grandparents. We have booked Opera Sulis again for our Festival Concert on Saturday 17 October – if you enjoyed listening to them last time we are sure you will want to come again.



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Walk on the wild side

Do you know your neighbours?

Sometimes it's surprising who lives next door! You think you know who your neighbours are and you get a big surprise.



One group of animals we don't see much of here are reptiles, although there are two species that live around the village, namely the grass snake and the slow worm (see pictures, both of which were taken in the village). Grass snakes are completely harmless although can emit a horrible smell if they are threatened and play dead. They are reasonably common but are hard to spot even though they often live in rough pasture, along the edges of streams and in gardens. They can get up to a metre long and have a distinctive yellow and black collar. The slow worm is actually a legless lizard and is much more metallic and can live for up to 35 years. Curiously, I recently saw a crow scavenging next to a bush on the Cliff and it found a slow worm. It promptly flew off with it presumably to feed its chicks.

One surprising local resident recently discovered is an otter. Harriet Alvis (ex Sherston resident) is now the Project Officer at the Bristol and Avon River Trust (BART) and was carrying out some river sampling when she came across what she thought was some otter spraint or droppings. Following confirmation based on some pictures, some wildlife cameras were set up along the river a couple of weeks ago by Nic Fisher and Nick Holland. Within a couple of days, the somewhat grainy picture of a female otter was taken much to everyone's amazement, given that (as far as we know) otters hadn't been seen here for many years. They are very secretive and typically nocturnal so it's



not surprising they hadn't been seen and they may have been here for quite some time given they have been filmed in Malmesbury and one was seen on the road in Easton Gray. Although the otter hasn't been seen since, Nick has some great film of a Kingfisher eating a fish – it's on the village Facebook site as is the film of the otter.

Along the river, there are a few water voles (aka Ratty in *Wind in the Willows*) with their typical holes and lawns. The females graze the area at one side of a hole so it's much shorter than the surrounding area – hence being called a lawn. Water Voles are getting scarcer and scarcer so we are lucky to have some living here.

All of this excitement has led to discussions with BART and various people in the village about developing the work that was started with Grove Wood and extending it to other sites and environments. Local landowners and farmers are being very supportive. Things are still at the planning stage about what can be done to improve the river and some of the adjoining water meadows and we aim to have a stand on Boules Day (11 July) to share our plans. If anyone is interested in helping on the stand or afterwards, when the real fun starts, please do let me know.

Geoff Carss

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P.S. A number of the nest boxes we installed last year are in use by blue tits and bats, and something is in one of the barn owl boxes (I don't know what yet as they are protected and you need a special licence to open a barn owl box – which I don't have but I know people who do ...).

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Pack Up Your Troubles



On 8 and 9 May, three Sherston institutions combined to put on a show in the Village Hall, representing Sherston in the First World War. Sherston Community Choir (SHoCC) provided the music, Sherston Drama Group the acting, and Sherston Women's Institute the refreshments. Brian Cook stepped up to conduct the choir in songs of the time, accompanied by Sue Hammond on piano and Ian Bookless on melodeon, with the audience joining in enthusiastically for the choruses. Richard Skeffington wrote a script connecting the musical numbers into a story, featuring Sherston Parish Council (Clive Renton, Richard Warren, Mark Andrews and Riaan Van Rooyen) and the ladies knitting circle (Vee Skeffington, Sue Ormiston, Georgina Evans, Christine Massey, Stella Thacker and Immy Cambridge - not all of whom could knit!).

The audience was alternately amused and moved as the story unfolded. The knitting circle read letters from the front line and from conscientious objectors. Christine Massey wrote and performed a poem about her young son going to war which had the audience in tears. Neil Forster shared reminiscences of meeting a veteran of the Gallipoli landings and recited Rupert Brooke's poem *The Soldier*.

On Friday, John Hillier told the story of his uncle who came back from the War with only one leg but still managed to play cricket for Malmesbury! Sarah Scherer expertly projected the words of the choruses and images of the time, and Paul Ormiston



sourced and played the atmospheric background music. Dominic Evans as a young soldier recited a parody of Kipling's *If* from the 'Wipers Times' and demonstrated how to insult people in Morse Code. At half time, the Women's Institute marshalled by Jill Woodward supplied tea and trench cake, which probably tasted better than the original did after being posted to France!

Vicky Allison, Sue Cook, Sheila Cutcher, Martin and Jane Hatcher, Lucy Lawrance, Anne Lyall, Trevor and Pat Moody, Clive Renton, Ed and Lisa Shelton, Pat Smith, Mike and Lesley Tarrant, Margaret Thacker and Jill Woodward were the singers, and Brian Cook concluded the evening by playing the last post. Overall an entertaining, instructive and emotional evening!

RECIPES FROM THE GREAT WAR

Treacle pudding

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Five loaves and two fishes project, St. Paul's Bristol

This is a project that has been organised by the Community of the Sisters of the Church in St Paul's Bristol for many years. The sisters provide food and support to those who are living in vulnerable conditions and who are in need of help in the Bristol area. Each Sunday afternoon the project is open to anyone who comes to ask for food. This is supported by a team of volunteers who give out tins of food in carrier bags to those who come to the door of the sisters' house. No one is turned away, and all are greeted with respect and kindness.

The tins of food and other items, such as bedding and clothing, are provided by many churches in the Diocese of Bristol. We also have the advantage of being part of the Fareshare scheme in Bristol where food is contributed from local supermarkets for us to collect each week.

However, Sherston has been a great supporter of the project for several years. Each year people generously give money for us to buy tinned food which is distributed to those in need, especially at Christmas time. I would like to thank you all for this ongoing support. It means so much to many who receive the food each week and who can also have a change of bedding or clothing.

Over Christmas 2014 a grand total of £224.08 was raised in many ways to buy tins of food, soap, shampoo and packet soups. Thank you once again to

Paul and Gail Mather of Sherston Post Office Stores who were able to find the best value for the money through their retail connections. Out of the total, £103 was given in cash for the sisters to buy what they feel is needed the most.

Thank you also to those who generously donate and to those who, throughout the year, anonymously leave tins of food and bedding for me to collect from the back of Sherston church. It never fails to surprise me each week when I look, to find things hidden under the back pew.

This year the money for the church Lent Lunches went to the project and raised £82. Thank you to all who came and enjoyed the simple meal of soup, bread and cheese and contributed so generously to the project.

If you would like to contribute something towards Five Loaves and Two Fishes project, we could always do with tin openers, the most basic sort will be sufficient. These can be left at the back of Sherston church where there is a green box available for such items or you can hand them to me personally. As a weekly volunteer, I am in regular contact with the community and the project. My contact details are Reverend Susan Harvey, 55 The Tarters, 840696 or susan.harvey44@hotmail.com

Sherston Church Flower Fund

Many people comment on the beauty of the flower arrangements to be seen regularly in Holy Cross Church, as well as marvelling at the wonderful displays on show for the festivals of the Church, such as Christmas and Easter.

It has long been a custom to ask people to contribute towards Easter lilies in memory of departed family members and friends, with the names of those commemorated on display in church. This has become a popular and well-supported practice. So that we can continue to keep up the high standard of flowers in our village church, we are now suggesting that people might like to contribute towards the Church Flower Fund on other important family occasions throughout the year, for example a wedding anniversary or the birth of a child. Your gift in celebration or remembrance of your special person or event would be acknowledged by a notice next to one of the flower arrangements in church that week.

If you would like to remember a special family occasion by contributing to the flowers in church, please contact one of us:

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The website has been set up to promote a better understanding and ensure the effective sharing of best practice in relation to dealing with rural crime and antisocial behaviour. It aims to help the public, police, community safety practitioners and others share information that can be used to develop policy and best practice against rural crime.

The formation of the National Rural Crime Network was originally conceived by the Rural Services Network, which acts as a secretariat to National Rural Crime Network members. Other major national rural stakeholder organisations are also involved in the National Rural Crime Network and include the Country Land and Business Association, National Farmers Union and the Farmers Union of Wales. Other major supporters include NFU Mutual, Historic England, Crimestoppers, Neighbourhood Watch, National Community Safety Network, National Gamekeepers Organisation and the Countryside Alliance.

Farewell to Church Administrator

Over the past 5 years Sandra Chin has been a key member of our team in the Gauzebrook Churches. As Group Administrator, she has been the first point of contact for many enquiries, she has helped people in the organisation of weddings, funerals and baptisms, and she has efficiently organised important aspects of our shared life, such as pew sheets and records. Sandra has now decided to seek different challenges, and we wish her well, although she will be greatly missed.

For the time being, the contact details for the office will remain the same, but please bear with the clergy as we try to manage in her absence. We shall soon be advertising for a replacement: 20 hours a week shared with the Braydon Brook Group of Parishes, and I would be very pleased to hear from anyone interested in the role

Christopher Bryan

Priest-in-charge of the Gauzebrook Group,
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Tolsey News

Judy Sharp Practice Manager



We were very pleased to be able to host two Year 5 medical students again this spring. They were with us for two weeks, during which time they saw a number of our patients and conducted some home visits. We feel that this is a very important part of their training which could not be done without the co-operation of our patients and we are very grateful to those who agreed to be seen by them.

We are also pleased to report that both Charlotte and Ain have now passed their final exams. The decline in popularity of General Practice amongst medical students is well documented and will potentially cause real problems for the National Health Service. We were particularly delighted that the students had such a positive experience working at The Tolsey Surgery that they left here thinking seriously about a career in General Practice.

We plan to continue our work here in teaching medical students and look forward to welcoming our next group of Year 2 medical students in the autumn.

Research Studies

The Tolsey Surgery is pleased to be involved in a number of Research Studies.

BarackD is a study for patients with Chronic Kidney Disease and is a trial that looks at alternative ways of using current drugs. We have a few patients on this

trial but we are not recruiting any new patients.

FAST is a study for asthma patients. This is another study that looks at alternative ways of using current drugs. Patients meeting the given criteria will receive an invitation to participate.

TASMINH4 is a new study that researches into the self-monitoring of hypertension. Suitable candidates may receive an invitation to participate.

We are also supporting The Diabetes Research Team in recruiting patients. Patients can make direct contact with the research team via details available on the notice board in the surgery or call 0117 414 8125, or email Sharon.tovey@nbt.nhs.uk. The surgery is not directly involved in recruitment.

Help Beat Dementia is another study where patients can register their interest directly with the study team. Sign up is through the website: www.joindementiaresearch.nihr.ac.uk. Information and registration forms are available in the surgery.

As with all research studies, there is no obligation for a patient to take part, and the care they receive will not in any way be affected by their decision on whether to participate or not. If a patient joins a study and changes their mind, they are free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason.

Patient Donations

We are grateful to have received some very generous donations in memory of patients who recently passed away. Mrs Emma North bequeathed a sum to The Tolsey Surgery in her will and the retiring collection at the funeral of Mr Edward Thompson was also given to the surgery. We offer our sincere condolences to the families.

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Silver Services Meeting

If you or someone you care for is aged over 60, the area board would love to see you for a cup of tea and a chat about your views, experiences and expectations of activities and services for older people in the Malmesbury Community Area. The meeting will take place on Thursday 25 June at 2.00pm in the Wesleyan Room at Malmesbury Town Hall. For more information please contact Miranda Gilmour on miranda.gilmour@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Our April meeting was well attended. Members and visitors enjoyed Julia Russett's demonstration entitled 'My Life in Flowers'. Julia co-ordinated her life story with arrangements encapsulating different times in her varied life story. Julia's creations were raffled at the end of the evening and several members went home with beautiful prizes.

On 20 May, Beryl Griffiths (area demonstrator, based in Gloucestershire) gave a demonstration entitled 'The Pleasure is Mine' (more details next month).

On 17 June the demonstrator will be Jayne Morriss (area demonstrator, also based in Gloucestershire). Jayne will call her demonstration 'Strolling through Gardens'. This evening we will also hold the fourth round of our annual competition: an arrangement using roses.

On 15 July the meeting will be in the form of a tutored workshop with Sandra Snell (area demonstrator from Ross on Wye). Several members helped the village of Beverston with their flower festival on the first May bank holiday weekend. The church made a wonderful backdrop for an array of colourful and varied arrangements. As mentioned in the last issue, a number of lonely bouquets were placed around the area on 1 May (National Flower Arranging Day). Did anyone find one? The club would love to hear if you stumbled upon one. We hope that the bouquets brought a little cheer to each finder's day.

Flower club meetings take place at Crudwell Village Hall (SN16 9HB) on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm 7.30pm. New members and visitors welcome. For more information please contact Margaret on 01285 770 639

Art Display in Shear Class for June and July

The work on show will be stitched textile pieces by Heather Martin, all on the theme of the Wiltshire White Horses. Heather teaches drawing classes for adults in Sherston and elsewhere but is also a textile artist and member of Bath Textile Artists. Do call in to see the display open each week Tuesday to Saturday, even if you are not visiting the salon.

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Doors open from 7.00pm. Screening starts at 7.30pm with a short feature film followed by our main film. Tickets £6 available from Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com [underscore between the l and the p]. www.moviola.org

Last film before our summer break Wednesday 22 July: The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.

Tchaikovsky and Faure in Malmesbury Abbey: Saturday 4 July at 7.30pm

Bath Bach Choir will be filling the fantastic acoustic of Malmesbury Abbey with the glorious sound of Russian Orthodox music on Saturday 4 July at 7.30pm. And for the second half of the programme, the choir will perform the well-loved and beautiful Fauré Requiem. With the inspirational Nigel Perrin (one of the original King's Singers) conducting the choir, Marcus Sealy on organ and Malmesbury Singers' conductor Iain Duffin performing as baritone soloist, this is an evening not to be missed.

Tickets £15 (£8 for students and under 18) available from Malmesbury Abbey Bookshop, cbbticketsecretary@outlook.com, or from Katie Taylor on 840 087.

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Sherston – What's occurring ?

Facebook is like Marmite – you either love it or loathe it. Sherston seems to love it as its Facebook group 'Sherston – What's occurring?' now has well over 900 members. Its a great place to get up to the minute local news and to swap views on a large range of topics. Why not have a gander at the page and if you like it ask to join?

There is also a group 'Sherston Village For Sale, Wanted or Free' for all those items you have to sell, give away or need. It has over 500 members. Yes we love our facebook !

Viva Vivaldi picnic concert

Malmesbury Abbey are hosting a sumptuous musical picnic on Saturday 27 June. Featuring Antonio Vivaldi's 'Gloria' as the main course, with a selection of choral favourites and opera classics, the concert will be performed by Wiltshire-based community choir The Village Singers and supported by soloists and chamber orchestra. Guests are invited to bring their own delicious picnic and refreshments to enjoy during the evening. Doors open from 6.00pm and the concert begins at 7.15pm.

Tickets available from Malmesbury Abbey or www.ticketsource.co.uk

Paddington Bear to visit Grittleton Plant and Food Fair

Paddington Bear, the big furry mascot of children's charity Action Medical Research, will be making a special guest appearance at the forthcoming Grittleton Plant and Food Fair which is being held on Sunday 31 May to raise funds for the charity.

The event is being held in the beautiful grounds of Grittleton House, Chippenham, by kind permission of the Shipp family. It is the ideal setting for a relaxing Sunday stroll and browse through the many stalls selling plants from specialist nurseries, and food stalls to tempt visitors' taste buds.

The North Wiltshire Committee of Action Medical Research will have a giant cake stall and tombola in aid of the charity, which funds vital medical research to help sick babies and children. There will also be refreshments, including homemade snacks and sandwich lunches, available to purchase throughout the day.

Action Medical Research is currently funding research into a wide range of conditions, including meningitis, Down's syndrome, epilepsy and premature birth. In the South West, the charity is funding research involving the University of Bath which hopes to devise a new treatment method for young people suffering from chronic pain.

Doors open from 11.00am until 4.00pm, and entrance is £3 per person, with children going free. For further details about Action Medical Research and the fair visit www.action.org.uk/grittleton

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Malmesbury & District U3A May meeting

At the May meeting of Malmesbury & District University of the Third Age (U3A), the speaker was Gordon Burley, Chairman and Senior Observer of the Cirencester and District Advanced Motorists. His subject was Driving on Rural Roads (and others) and included the reasons for crashes, how to avoid them and hazards and how to deal with them.

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Tickets for the concert are priced at £15 (or £12 members) or £5 for students, and can be obtained from the Malmesbury Abbey Bookshop, from the MAMS Ticket Secretary David Barton on 824924 or from Joy Smith on 840865. Tickets will also be available on the door.

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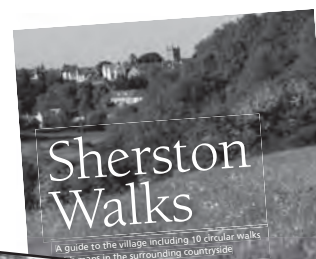
Sherston Walks – new edition

Following the complete sell out the original edition of this popular booklet - 600 copies in all – plans were soon afoot for a new edition which is now due to be published this month.

An additional walk to Luckington and Alderton had long been proposed and that now makes up the 10th circular walk in the booklet which also has new photographs reflecting one or two important changes since the first edition.

The booklet is the hard work of the Sherston Footpath Group which is part of the parish council and consists of local people with a strong interest in walking and in keeping the parish footpaths in good condition. If you are interested in becoming involved contact Maggie Harries on 01666 or email maggie@harriespartnership.com

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Young Rice, who was a painter employed on Sir George Holford's estate at Westonbirt, enlisted through Sgt H Young at Malmesbury, on March 25th. He was a well set up, robust young man and an accomplished athlete. He took a keen interest in football and often played for Sherston. From Devizes he was transferred, soon after he enlisted, to Weymouth for training. He was bent on becoming an efficient soldier and soon won the praise of his superiors for his smartness at drill. By his comrades and the non-commissioned officers of his company he was well liked and, indeed, was popular wherever he was known. He had progressed with his training as a soldier and was about to undergo his musketry course preparatory to joining a draft for the front. But this was not to be for, on Monday the 14th inst, he was seized with illness and death ensued as stated, two days later from cerebral meningitis. His father served in the Wilts Regiment some years ago and, when the present war was started, rejoined for instructional purposes

for the period of the war. He had the melancholy satisfaction of being near his son when he was taken. He received sincere sympathy from all officers from Lord Heytesbury, officer commanding, downwards – with most of whom he had served before in the South African campaign. To Mrs Rice the news of her boy's death came as a sad blow for, when she had last seen him, he was in the full vigour of good health. Pte Rice was buried at Weymouth Cemetery on Friday with full military honours. It had been found impossible to bring the body to Sherston, although preparations had been made for burial there. The deceased's comrades sent beautiful floral tributes. The only relative present at the burial was the stricken father. One of the bearers was Sgt F Reakes who is in the same company as the deceased and was formally police sergeant at Sherston and, latterly, at Minety. The utmost sympathy for Sgt Rice and Mrs Rice in their bereavement.

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Cricket

On a glorious summer's day ... somewhere in the world, Sherston Magna started their league season on a very grey, cold May day at Pinkney Park.

Sherston lost the toss and were put into bat. With nine overs gone, Sherston were 39-3, but then up stepped Will Matthews and Chris Lovell, with what must be a club record fourth wicket partnership of 267! Will played an unbelievable innings reaching 188, smashing the club record by 51 runs! It was one of the best innings most at Pinkney Park had ever seen. Chris supported him very well at the other end and finished 60 not out.

Will unfortunately got out with one ball remaining trying to score two sixes from the last two balls to reach the 200 mark, he was slightly disappointed, but it did mean the team and all watching could give him the round of applause his innings deserved. So Sherston Magna ended up on a massive 308-4 from 40 overs.

After a good start to the bowling attack by Andy Pegg (2-25) and Simon Hulance (1-21), the opposition were also 39-3. But a special innings like Will's can only happen once in a game and James Kutchera bowled brilliantly straight and also troubled the honours board with 5-17 (four of them bowled). Williamstrip finished all out for 106 which meant a mighty win of 202 runs.

In contrast, the game at Oakridge on 10 May could not have been closer. Again, it was a two jumper day, again Sherston lost the toss and again Sherston were asked to bat first. Sherston's openers put on 30-odd before they both were back in the pavilion. This left Chris Lovell and James Harmer to rebuild. The pitch was very different from the week before and Lovell and captain Harmer found scoring tough. Lovell departed for a dogged 16. Bringing Matt Goodwin to the crease, Harmer and Goodwin put together a positive fourth wicket partnership before the captain was eventually out for 60. Ollie Moore and Goodwin then had a very enterprising final few overs, with Sherston finishing their 40 overs on a very respectable 180; with Goodwin finishing 50 not out.

Sherston started their defence of the total knowing that Oakridge's batting was not too deep so early wickets would have Sherston very much in control. With a very strong wind and an unfamiliar slope the Sherston bowlers struggled early on. There were a few half chances which did not go to hand and some might say Oakridge had more than their fair share of luck. With Oakridge without loss on 140, Sherston heads started to drop slightly. Ollie Moore was then asked to come back on to bowl and dismissed Oakridge's Smith for 91 (in Martin Smith's last seven-league innings he has now scored 621 runs at an average of 310.5). The wicket brought renewed belief and Andy Pegg (2-27) took a couple of further wickets. But with Pegg having completed his 10 overs and Oakridge needing 18 from the final three overs with wickets in hand, the captain



was looking for someone to step up to take Sherston over the line. Charlie Green, one of the clubs 'senior pros' was happy to take on the responsibility. The game came down to the last ball, with Oakridge needing four to win. The field was set deep as Green (2-32) ran into bowl, there was a clean strike down the ground which Moore chased and prevented crossing boundary and returned the ball to the bowler's end, Oakridge were coming back for the third, to tie the game. Green collected the ball with the batsman not even in the frame, but he did not trust his legs to cover the couple of yards to take off the bails. So Charlie opted for a diving throw which HIT and Sherston won the game by one run!



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Mangold leaves are a great delicacy and are as edible as spinach or chard. There is of course a profusion of local recipes available in the now sadly out of print 'Mangold Reflections' by L. Jenkins of this parish published by the Rutabaga Press in 1962. A new recipe has however recently been discovered by the Order's intrepid archivist Cilla Liddington although who first penned it still remains a mystery. It certainly reflects the cosmopolitan nature of gastronomy in modern times. Cilla has naturally tried the recipe and it seems likely that it will soon appear on the lunch menu at Sherston School alongside such favourites as Jock Walker's Mangold Lasagne and Penny Foster's infamous Mangold Muffins. So here it is -

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Add the lentils with a little of the vegetable stock and simmer. As the liquid begins to reduce add more stock and keep this going until the lentils are soft and just beginning to get broken down.

Add the curry powder and mix thoroughly.

To finish and with the dal on a very low heat add the baby mangold leaves and stir until they begin to wilt. Serve and enjoy !

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Bucking the trend

Whilst the number of local markets has decreased in recent times, Sherston's is getting more and more popular with customers and stallholders alike – and all in less than 20 months since its inception. All stallholders are carefully selected for their quality and individuality, with the aim being to provide a well-balanced monthly market with a selection of new stalls alongside long-standing favourites. This produces an ideal mix of food, crafts and gifts.

The next market is on Saturday 13 June at the village hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm. We have a full market lined up for you and the café will be serving up some enticing and delicious food to tempt you, both to eat whilst seated in the new café or to take away. Not only will we have our very popular vegetarian curry with naan bread, but also our sought-after bacon butties and Welsh organic beefburgers.

At each market, at least one free stall is offered for a charity or voluntary group to raise funds. Anyone interested in running such a stall should please use the contacts below. All these stalls have done well to date so don't be shy in booking one! In June there will be a stall fundraising for HEALS Malmesbury. See www.healsmalmesbury.com for details of this local charity.

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

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, call 07887 814843 / 07769 613627 or email info@awkwardsquad.co.uk

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

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

Congregational Church - in The British

Schoolroom 1st Sun we visit local Churches together. 2nd Sun 11am. Visiting Speaker. 3rd Sun 4pm Family Friendly Service. 4th Sun 4pm Children's Church. 5th Sun we worship elsewhere. All services are led or hosted by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 (or find us on Facebook.).

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

Gauzebrook Church for Children

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

Little Lights

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

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

Sunday Newspapers

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

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

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers

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

Busy Hands Pre-school

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

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

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

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

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

Drawing Classes in Sherston

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

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

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

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

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

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

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

Malmesbury Community Choir

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

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

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

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

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

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

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

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

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

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

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

Sherston's Living Churchyard

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

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

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

matches the latest info will be on the club website or on the junior facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/SMCCJuniors/

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

SH.O.C.C. The choir meets this term at 7.30pm each Wednesday in the British Schoolroom £3 per session, refreshments 50p. Further information from Lucy Lawrance on 840778 (evenings) or lucy@sherston.plus.com

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

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

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

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

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

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

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

Sherston Village Hall

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

What's on in 2015 Dates for your diary July

11/12 Boules Day

October

9-18 Sherston Arts Festival

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

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The Rattlebone Inn

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Sherston Market

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

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

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

10am-2pm Sat 13 Jun Sat 4 Jul Sat 8 Aug Village hall

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

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

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

Art Exhibition At The Angel

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

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

Sherston Senior Club

Coach outing to Weston-Super-Mare Tues 9 Jun pick-up at The Carpenters 9.45am / High St 10.00am. Members £10 Non-members £12. Please call Helen Quirk on 840516 to book a place. Early Notice - Boules Tea Afternoon with entertainment "End of the Track" Tues 7 July 2.30pm in British School Room £3 non-members £4

For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

Sherston WI Talks

Talk: "Hats don't suit me" with Ros Liddington 04-Jun

Talk: Hedgehog Rescue with Mary Hinton 02-Jul

Talk: The Life and Work of Sue Ryder 06-Aug

Visitors always welcome - £3.50. If new to the village come and make new friends Village Hall For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Sue's Strolls

Sun 21 Jun Please assemble at the village hall for 10am with a return Rattlebone Inn just around 12noon for seasonal refreshments. As ever children and well behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there is no need to book 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

Friends of Sherston School

Little Italy comes to Sherston Fri 5 Jun, Sherston School hall 5.15-6.45pm. An Italian tea for all the family, with pizza, pasta, ice cream, and prosecco! Games and crafts for the children. Held to celebrate ten years of the school at its current site. Tickets on sale at school after the Easter break. Proceeds to the FSS.

Olympic Day - Sun 14 Jun, 11am-2pm, medals ceremony 3pm, Sherston Rec. A mini-decathlon of Olympic Sports for children at Sherston Primary School, a great day out in the heart of the village. Refreshments, a tombola, and medals for the winners. Proceeds to the FSS.

Upcoming events at Holy Cross Church

History Lecture - Edmund Ironside by David McDermott, who is a lecturer in Early Medieval History at Winchester University. Edmund Ironside fought at the Battle of Sherston in 1016 on the same side as our local hero John Rattlebone. Sat 27 June at 7.30pm - All proceeds will go to the upkeep of the Church. Tickets are available from the Post Office, price £7 to include a glass of wine. Check the Parish Life for more details of other events and services or call 841263

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Open Gardens Trail in aid of Sherston Church

Sat 20- Sun 21 June 2015 7 new gardens open for the first time in addition to favourites

Trail tickets can be used on one or both days and will be on sale from Saturday morning outside the Post Office. Gardens will be open from 1pm to 6pm on Saturday and 1pm to 5pm on Sunday. Children are free if accompanied by an adult, on the Trail, just pay for refreshments. Teas and delicious cakes will be served in the Church where there will also be a plant stall, produce stall and a 'garden themed' raffle.

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

Sherston Arts Festival

9 -18 Oct If you would like to join the planning committee or can offer help in any way, please get in touch with Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Jones 840764. Ten days of arts events suitable for all ages including art and photography exhibitions, concerts, lectures For further details call Heather Martin 840375 / heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or Pat Jones 840764 / warwick.jones@btinternet.com or visit www.sherston.net

Knockdown The Holford Arms

Live Music every weekend Check boards for more details of events For further details call 01454 238669 or info@theholfordarms.co.uk

Luckington Open Gardens

Gardens (large and small) include: - Luckington Court - which was used for filming of BBC Pride and Prejudice. It was Longbourn - the Bennet residence. - Bridges Court - which used to be owned by Sir Stewart Menzies who was head of the secret service during WW2. He is buried in Luckington Churchyard and was reputedly the inspiration for Ian Fleming's "M". For the first time there will be a classic car display. Tickets £6 available from Luckington Church, where teas are served included in the admission. Sun 14 Jun 2pm - 5.30pm



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The Arboretum**

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

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

Summer concerts: Forest Live June: Paloma Faith Fri 19 Jun SOLD OUT; Tom Odell Sat 20 Jun ; The Vamps Sun 21 Jun Fri 10 Jul: Robert Plant and The Sensational Space Shifters Sat 11 Jul Spandau Ballet, Sun 12 Jul McBusted Tickets: £34.50 - £38.50 (plus £3.85 booking fee) on sale from the Forestry Commission box office tel: 03000 680400, or buy online at www.forestry.gov.uk/music For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt Mar - Aug admission prices Adults £9 Concs £6 Children £3 under 5s free. Half price admission to those arriving by bike or public transport

**Yoga & Stress Relief Mini Retreat at
Westonbirt House**

Take time out to completely relax and recharge your whole being, with stress-reducing yoga sequences, long deep relaxation (with the use of aromatherapy oils) & a mindful meditation. Sat 11 Jul. For more information visit www.yoga-in.co.uk or call Nazama on 07804 598353

Cotswolds**Cotswold Rural Skills**

LANTRA Level 1 (Initial) Dry Stone Walling 8-15 Jun Northleach
Cotswold Tile Roofing - Beginners 9-10 Jun Naunton
Lime Mortar - Beginners 13-14 Jun Ebworth Centre
Flax Making Workshop 19 Jun Northleach
Introduction to Scything 20 Jun Northleach
Charcoal Making 24 Jun Coberley
For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or visit www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

**Easton Grey
Whatley Manor**

Thursday evening cinema £23 includes a choice of either a glass of wine, a bottled beer or soft drink. A small tub of delicious ice cream (choice of flavour) and of course popcorn. 18 Jun The Imitation Game

Sunday Cinema £8.50 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn. In addition, on the day, choose one, two or three courses from the a la carte lunch menu in 'Le Mazot' brasserie The Sunday Cinema Screenings must be pre-booked and at least one course must 28 Jun The Imitation Game

Films coming soon: Mr Turner - July

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

**Beaufort Polo Club
Gloucestershire Festival of Polo**

International Test Match & Beaufort Polo Club Country Fair including polo matches, shows and 40 stands Sat 13- Sun 14 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



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Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

VOCES8 20-Jun 20-Jun singing their new programme LUX including music by Tallis, Elgar, Ola Gjeilo, Allegri and Taverner.
For further details call David Barton 824924
d.barton763@btinternet.com or visit www.malmesbury.com/mams

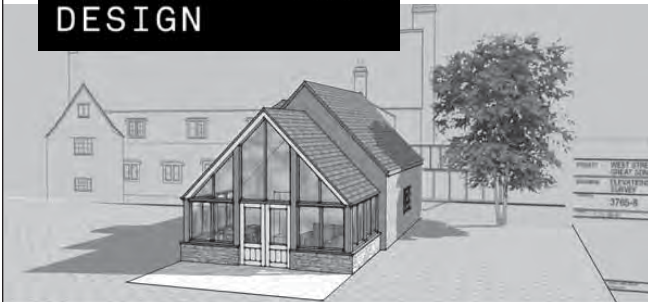
Malmesbury Film Society

Showing world and classic films every 3rd Sun of the month at 7.30pm. Tickets £5, no booking required. **What We Did On Our Holiday** 7:30pm Sun 21 Jun
t. Mary's Hall, Malmesbury
For further details call www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk

Malmesbury & District University of the Third Age

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people to come and learn together, drawing upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide interesting talks – now with 350 members
What Happened at Chernobyl - Robert MacLachlan Thurs 25 Jun Meetings 4th Thurs 10-11.45am 50p
An Introduction to Global Warming in Science and Society - Richard Erskine Thurs 23 Jul
No meeting Aug
Lawn Bowls Interest Group Every Mon 2-4pm at Malmesbury Bowls Club
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For further details call Membership Secretary Julia Batty on 01249 720327 or visit
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Concert in The Abbey

The Village Singers Community Choir from Sutton Benger will be performing VIVA VIVALDI, a concert of choral classical music including opera choruses and Vivaldi's Gloria, on Sat 27 Jun in Malmesbury Abbey. The audience is invited to bring a picnic tea to eat in the Abbey before and during the two intervals of the Concert. Doors open at 6pm, concert at 7.15pm. Chairs will be provided but please bring along a small table, table linens, cutlery and of course your favourite food and drink. Tickets for the Concert are £12.50 from Malmesbury Abbey Book Shop, Sutton Benger Post Office or www.ticketsource.co.uk
For further information see www.villagesingers.co.uk

Charlton Park

WOMAD - World Music Festival

WOMAD Thurs 24 - Sun 26 July 2015 Featuring Bellowhead, De La Soul, Laura Mvula, Malmesbury School Project with tomorrow's Warriors and many other world musicians and bands tickets are on sale now Including SN16 Weekend £115 (full price £160) More information at womad.co.uk/tickets.
For further details call Reading Box Office on 0118 960 6060 or visit www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park

Gittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

KINGSMAN: The Secret Service [15] Wed 24 Jun Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door
Gittleton Village Hall
For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email
L_palmer@btinternet.com or visit <http://www.moviola.org/>

Didmorton Flicks in the Sticks

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Shipton Moyne Open Gardens

Open Gardens, Flower Festival and Art Display Sun 7 Jun 2pm-6pm, gardens big and small, a Flower Festival in the Church and Art in the Barn, bouncy castle, a children's trail and various stalls. Teas will be served in the Village Hall and a barbeque can be found at 'The Cat and Custard Pot'. Entrance fee £5 per adult and monies raised is to be split between the Church and the Village Hall.

Calne Bowood House

Toby Buckland's Garden Festival and Dog Show Sat 5 - Sun 6 Jun
Bowood Charity Dog Show & Summer Fair Sun 21 Jun 10am-5pm 10am - 5pm For further details call 01249 812102 or visit www.bowood-house.co.uk

Corsham Walking Festival

This year's walking festival, to be opened by world famous polar explorer DAVID HEMPLEMAN-ADAMS OBE DL, has a selection of 22 walks covering three days. Places are limited on all walks, so advanced booking is strongly advised 12-14 Jun 22 Festival walks will take you into beautiful Wiltshire countryside, visiting a number of local delights, and also including themed walks on such topics as singing, Brunel's railway, quarrying, wildlife and more. You can even walk in Ross Poldark's footsteps on the Corsham Town Heritage Walks and the Court and Capability Walk, which visit the High Street, where BBC One's 'Poldark' was filmed last year
For further details call Box Office on 01249 701628 or 712618 or visit www.corshamforwalking.org.uk

Kington Langley Scarecrow Trail

Sat 20 Sun 21 Jun 10am - 5pm This year's theme: "TV programmes" 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 call or visit <http://www.scarecrows.biz/>

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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

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North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Jayne Morriss presents "Strolling through Gardens" Thurs 17 Jun. This evening we will also hold the fourth round of our annual competition, an arrangement using roses.

Tutored workshop with Sandra Snell (area demonstrator from Ross on Wye). Ju; 15 Crudwell Village Hall

For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month's screenings: Far from the Madding crowd; A Royal Night Out; Spooks:the greater good;ENO: The pirates of penzance 9encore); The tribe; ENO: Carmen (live) Wed 1 July; Globe on Screen: Titus Andronicus Thur 9 Jul; NT Live: Everyman Thur 16 Jul Check website for details

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

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Bath

Theatre Royal

Die Fledermaus Tues 1 - Sat 6 Jun £15-£33.50

Snow White On Ice Mon 9 - Sat 13 Jun

David Suchet in The Importance of Being Earnest Mon 15- Sat 20 Jun

The Father Mon 22- Sat 27 Jun

Book ahead for: She Stoops to Conquer; Talking Heads; Mrs Henderson Presents; The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

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Special offer for members of Malmesbury Abbey Music Society or Malmesbury Singers: 4 tickets for £52.00

Bath Fringe Festival

Fringe Festival Fri 22 May - Sun 7 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
For further details call 01225 463362 or visit www.bathfringe.co.uk

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. 2-7 Jun Tickets sell out fast £5-£18 Various locations in Cheltenham For further details call 0844 576 8970 or visit www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science

Food & Drink Festival

various culinary events 12-14 June
Montpellier Gardens For further details call 01242 521997 or visit <http://cheltenham-food-festival.garden-events.com/>

Bishops Cleeve

Mid-Summer Speed Fest Sat 27- Sun 28 Jun
Cars, cavalcades & strawberries on the lawn
Prescott Lodge For further details call 01242 677 777 or visit www.prescott-hillclimb.com

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Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	01249 652851
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Sherston Parish Council	01666 840197
Sherston Post Office	01666 840456
Sherston School	01666 840237
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21st June	4.00pm	— Family Church
28th June	4.00pm	— Children's Church

'Sherston Brick Club'

Friday 5th and Friday 19th June 6.30 – 8.00pm

Psalm 39:7, 'And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in you'.