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Once in a thousand years!

After six years of planning instigated by Sherston 1016 member Noel Banks (of Viking ancestry), get ready to celebrate the 1000th anniversary of the battle of Sherston on 25 June. The battle is noted in the Anglo Saxon Chronicles as being fought after midsummer and in Danish texts as taking place the day after St John's Day - 25 June!



Freya the Anglo Saxon - one of John Rattlebone's militia



It is recorded as being one of several battles, the previous being at Penselwood near Gillingham, Somerset.

Tradition has it that John Rattlebone fought at the battle of Sherston and was severely wounded, but picking up a stone tile, clamped the tile to his side and fought on, slaughtering many Danes.

John Rattlebone is remembered in Sherston as a local hero, as in the Rattlebone Inn, also John Rattlebone appears on the Sherston primary school badge and the Sherston Scouts have a Rattlebone group. The local fundraising organisation, Sherston 1016, takes its name from the battle. He would have fought for Edmund Ironside, the King of the Saxons, against Canute, the King of the Danes.

The battle is said to have taken place over two days and was inconclusive with both armies calling off the battle after much bloodshed on both sides.

The events on the Rec and the Village Hall are free of charge due to the sterling efforts of many people through local fund-raising events and support from the Parish Council and Malmesbury Area Board. Sale of memorabilia will help cover extra costs such as First Aid cover, flags, fireworks, straw bales etc. - so please support the event by buying a coin (or three) or jigsaw to commemorate the 1000th anniversary of the Battle of Sherston and they would make ideal gifts for your family and friends!

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PICS of the POPS

See pages 16 for some fantastic photos from the epic POP 2016 weekend! Thank yous and the results of how much we raised will be in the July issue ...

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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 £150 each to '1016' and Sherston Senior Club.

As at the beginning of May, 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

Queen's 90th Thanksgiving Service

The date of the Queen's official 90th birthday celebration is Sunday 12 June and the Holy Cross Church, Sherston will lead a thanksgiving service at 6.00pm that evening.

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What's On: contact Caroline Moore on 841405 or info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

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Village Charity Shop to re-open!

Remember 'Class Act', Sherston's popular charity shop which raised money for the Old School (SOSCIC) in 2012? Well, it's returning in August, will be known as 'Act II', and will once again be run by Marion Gee and her team of volunteers. This time though, all profits generated will raise funds for the current village hall improvements.

'We're really pleased to get the chance to do the shop again,' said Marion. 'We had great feedback about Class Act and I think it's time to raise the curtain on Act II!'

The new shop will be open throughout the month of August in the small hall. Marion is hoping that Sherston residents will rise to the challenge of donating good-quality items that are easily resellable. If anything like last time, the shop will offer a fast-changing selection of jewellery and accessories, household items, including furniture, toys, books and clothes for all ages, sizes, shapes and seasons. (Electrical goods are however a no-no for safety reasons). Anything left over at the end of the month will probably be sold at a car boot sale later in the year.

'We had some wonderful bargains to offer last time,' said Marion. 'People were very generous, both in what they donated and the items they bought. Please don't get rid of anything that somebody else might like or have space for!'

For further information about Act II and when and where to store donated items, Marion can be contacted on manddgee@btinternet.com or phone 841147

Walk with Sue

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

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council will next meet on Thursday 9 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.

Busy Hands announces closure

It is with great sadness that the Busy Hands Committee has decided unanimously that Sherston Busy Hands Pre-school will close. The last day will be Friday 15 July.

This decision was not taken lightly but reached after much heart-searching and research, and ratified at an Extraordinary General Meeting last month. There are a number of reasons why Busy Hands cannot continue, the main one is that it is not financially viable. In addition, the demands on staff have increased enormously over recent years, in particular the amount of paperwork. The support that the volunteer committee can offer falls far short of the current requirements; the staff should have access to a more qualified and, ideally, paid management structure.

Busy Hands Pre-school has long served children in preparing them for their transition to school. It has been supported and managed by a long line of committed parents and residents of Sherston and has been in operation since the 1970s.

The volunteer nature of these committees has posed a huge challenge to those with the unenviable task of being next in line to manage and sustain the running of the preschool, as well as to staff. During the last few years, it has been increasingly difficult to secure a chair and committee for the start of the September term.

When the Government introduced 15 hours' free funding for all three- and four-year-olds in 2010, it effectively ended the informal playschool nature of the setting and ultimately marked the start of expenditure

significantly – and increasingly – exceeding income each year. It is widely publicised that this funding falls short of the true cost of providing care, an issue that has unfortunately led to the demise of many village preschools. Busy Hands is not an isolated case. Wiltshire Council has had to accept inadequate funding as the major contributing factor for the closure of many similarly structured preschools in the local area.

Fundraising has always been a key priority for the Busy Hands committee. However, since the introduction of the free funding, any fundraising has wholly contributed to the operating costs of the setting. This year's fundraising efforts have been particularly successful, drawing in over 5k. Yet this still was not enough, with a forecasted 9k operating loss for the end of this school year.

The current committee feels strongly that there is definitely a place for a preschool in Sherston. However, any future preschool would need to be based on a completely different structure. With this in mind, there is an opportunity to explore the development of a potential business model, so if you have an idea that you are willing to put forward, or would be happy to help or support in any way, then please contact Saara Sharman (on saara.sharman@gmail.com or 07739 552336), who is keen to coordinate an initial meeting of minds.

In the meantime, it is the committee's utmost priority to ensure that Busy Hands continues to deliver the best possible care for the children right up until the last day.

Auditions for Pantomime 2016



As usual, the Sherston Drama Group pantomime will be on in the autumn half-term, 25 to 29 October. We are still deciding which panto to do – Camelot? Mother Goose? Aladdin? There will be an audition for juniors (aged 9+ on 1 September 2016) at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21 June in the British School Room, Cliff Road. 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, September and October. If you would like to be considered for a part but cannot come to the audition, please contact Richard Skeffington, at r.a.skeffington@gmail.com or 840092.

For adults / teenagers there will be a read-through on Thursday 9 June, 7.30pm at Willow Trees, Hunters Field, Sherston where we will make the final decision and think about who would like which part. Everyone welcome – please contact me as above if you would like a part but cannot come.

Strangles – Cliff paths OPEN

Footpaths 22 and 21 are now fully open following the end of the local outbreak of Strangles. Please remember to follow the Countryside Code throughout summer on farming land:

- Bag and bin your dog's poo
- Don't leave litter
- Don't light fires
- Keep to the footpath

We would like to thank you for using other paths during the outbreak of Strangles.

Gaston Lane Road Closure

Gaston Lane will be closed on 19 June for one day, between 8.00am and 4.00pm, from its junction with the B4040 (Church Street) to its junction with Easton Square to allow BT to access their equipment under the road.

Call for Community First Responders

The South Western Ambulance Service is looking for volunteers in our area to become a Community First responder. Volunteer first responders support their community by being close by to provide help between an emergency call and the arrival of an ambulance and crew.

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Egypt exhibition at Salisbury

Salisbury Museum is hosting a British Museum touring exhibition 'Writing for Eternity: Decoding Ancient Egypt'. The interactive and family-friendly exhibition runs until 3 September and tells the story of 4,000 years of writing in Ancient Egypt. Hours are Monday to Saturday 10.00am-5.00pm, Sunday 12.00noon-5.00pm. For more information visit: www.salisburymuseum.org.uk.

The Big Get Together – 6 July 2016

A 'Big Get Together' event on Thursday 6 July is being organised to promote local groups and activities in and around Malmesbury. The event will be held at Malmesbury Activity Zone between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. This event will bring together clubs, societies and organisations in one place to provide a smorgasbord of activities that will encourage people of all ages to participate, get involved and expand their social life.

It would be great to see your group represented on the day to highlight what you do and encourage new members to join. Even if you are unable to take part, the organisers are very happy to promote your club with any publicity you may have as it is an important opportunity for local clubs, organisations and their members to network and have fun together for the benefit of the community.

In addition, there will be a 'Bake Off' competition, so bring along your cake to the event for a chance to win an afternoon tea for two at Malmesbury Garden Centre.

If you or your club would like to be involved please contact Ellen Blacker on 07557 922020 or email ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk. Being active and engaged is good for health and reduces the risk of loneliness both now and in the future.

Spare Allotments

Have you ever thought about growing your own vegetables and flowers, but don't have room in your garden? The parish council has a number of free allotments to rent and no one on the waiting list. So contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk and get digging today!

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Cliff Road – Silver Street parking problems



As the number of car owners for each household increases, the difficulty of finding a place to park near the house becomes ever harder. This is an issue for all of the streets in Sherston, but is a particular problem in Cliff Road and Silver Street. Inconsiderate parking means that refuse trucks for household waste, recycling and green waste are struggling to access these roads. Also, access for emergency vehicles is difficult or impossible which will result in a delay in the ambulance or fire engine accessing an emergency situation. The problem is particularly bad at the corner of Cliff Road and Silver Street and along Silver Street, which is not



wide enough to allow cars to park on both sides, and it is often tricky for even the postman to drive down these roads due to cars parked awkwardly. Unfortunately, it is just not possible for every car owner to park their car on the street close to their home and to still ensure access.

This is an ongoing problem and, if residents are unable to park with consideration, the parish council will have to enforce parking with road markings, police action, a distant 'village car park' and perhaps allocated resident parking spots, with no parking allowed outside these allocated spots.



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A Mad Idea?

In September, last year, a chance conversation took place in St Giles' church about the idea of having a cross-benefice Village Produce Show. Enthusiasm triumphed over cynicism and the 'gang of three' who came up with the idea, with strong support from Rector Christopher Bryan, have decided to plough ahead.

The date for the event is set for Saturday 17 September and the venue is the primary school at Stanton St Quintin. There will be categories such as Open Cookery (victoria sponge, preserves both sweet and savoury), Open Handicraft (knitted hat, decorated wellies, a photograph depicting village life), Junior Cookery (cupcakes, pizza, fondant/marzipan animal), Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables. The vegetables will include beans, tomatoes, potatoes, onions and marrows/squash/courgettes; the growing season is upon us and now is the time for planting those prize-winning crops!

We have decided to restrict the number of categories to keep the event manageable, but there are several to encourage younger members of the villages to take part. Most of the categories are open to all, apart from the Junior Cookery, which is only open to those under the age of 11 years on 1 September 2016. There is also Junior Handicraft. Entries can be a vegetable animal, decorated t-shirt or a 'Collage on an autumn theme', no larger than A4 size.

There will be prizes for all the Junior categories, the glory of 'Winner' or 'Runner-up' for all the others, plus a 'Best in Show' cup for the overall winner. Refreshments will be served during the afternoon and it is hoped that this happening will be a way for people in the Gauzebrook area to socialise and have fun at a good, old-fashioned village event. The sale of cakes and teas, plus the fresh produce on the day, will be a fundraiser for an African charity that is based in Bristol (for-Ethiopia – please see their website, <http://for-ethiopia.com/> for details of the charity itself)

Entries are welcomed from Sherston, Stanton St Quintin, Hullavington, Norton, Alderton, Luckington, Easton Grey and Foxley with Bremilham.

If you would like any more information, please contact Liz on 837921. Meanwhile, watch this space!

Clean for the Queen

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

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Sherston Senior Club

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

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

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

On 5 May Lin Prior sent us a cheque for £150.00 (from her sale of marmalade) We, thank Lin, very much for her continuing generosity to the Senior Club.

On 31 May we will be thrilled and horrified by our speaker telling us about 'The Life and Crimes of Jack the Ripper'. Members free, visitors £2.00.

Looking forward

14 June: Our annual outing to Weston-Super-Mare costs £10.00 to members and £12.00 to visitors. Depart Carpenters 9.45am, High Street 10.00am.

28 June: Our Garden Party. Details will be on the posters.

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

New members are always welcome. Annual fee £15.00 which covers most meetings and discounts on the outings and other events. We meet every two weeks at 2.30pm in summer and 2.00pm in winter in the British School Room, Cliff Road.

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

Olympic Day, Sherston's own sporting legacy: Sunday 12 June

Sherston's Olympic Day is back! Thought up by a small group of Sherston School parents to celebrate London 2012, the all-day mini-decathlon on the rec has been such a success that, here we are, four years on, waiting for Rio! This year we are very excited to be adding 'real' archery so, instead of bean bags there will be bows and arrows with rubber suckers. We'll also have a golf target, along with all the regular mini sports from previous years: sprint, hurdles, shot put, long jump, netball, football, cycling and 'shooting' (with nerf guns!). Passport tickets (£3 each) are available from Sherston and Luckington primary schools; there will also be a small number available on the day, providing we don't sell out! Adults are free. Preschool children can join in – although they won't be scored. It starts at 11.00am and children can complete the 10 activities in their own time during the afternoon. With a barbecue, bar, tea and cakes, it's a family day not to be missed. Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each age group of boys and girls will be awarded from 3.00pm onwards – yes, it's just like the real Olympics! So pop down to Sherston rec on Sunday 12 June for a fun family day and Sherston's very own sporting spectacle!



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News from across the Gauzebrook Group

I have to confess that I didn't have high expectations of the Rogation Day service this year. Driving over to Bremilham, I was wrapped up warm against the cold weather. That little church is high up above the farmyard and the wind whips round it – I was thinking to myself that hardly anyone would be there. How impressive it was then to see a congregation of about 90 adults and 10 children! Their faithfulness reminds us of the faithfulness of God who blessed us every year with abundance. We enjoyed a lovely service as we prayed for the fruits of the agricultural year, and for a just distribution of the world's resources. Afterwards, a remarkable number squeezed into Bindy's house for delicious refreshments kindly supplied by the Collins family – thank you.

Hopefully the weather will be perfect for walking on 9 July as we set out early in the morning for the Gauzebrook Gallivant. Organised by Steve Ellis of Gemini Outdoors, this adventure will encompass all the Gauzebrook churches with refreshment stops on the way. Donations for entry are going to the Gauzebrook Children's Worker fund, supporting Becky Fisher's ministry, and we hope that walkers will also be able to get sponsorship. If you can't make the

whole distance, why not join in for a leg or two? We have a JustGiving page where it's possible to make donations – just go to JustGiving and search for Gauzebrook.

Her Majesty the Queen celebrated her 90th birthday on 21 April, and the official celebrations will be held on the weekend of 11 and 12 June. The Gauzebrook Group Service will be a Commemorative Evensong at 6.00pm at Holy Cross Sherston featuring special music for the occasion and a choir, for which we are now actively recruiting!

I've really enjoyed putting together the Worship Together services. There has been a great atmosphere at each one, and it's been encouraging seeing different people come into the church. Our next Worship Together will be at 9.30am on Sunday 12 June at Holy Cross Sherston. If you come at about 9.15 am you can grab a croissant, coffee and some fruit!

It's not long now until the summer holidays, and what better way to start than the Gauzebrook Holiday Club? This will be held on the mornings of 25 to 29 July in Sherston, with a mediaeval theme. More details and booking forms are available from Becky Fisher, becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk, and early booking is recommended.

Sherston Village Hall 300+ Club

May 2016 Draw

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2nd	71	Irene Johnston	£12
3rd	22	Phyl Thorburn	£11
4th	18	Sheila Knight	£10
5th	16	Lin Prior	£9
6th	39	Pat Smith	£8
7th	20	Chris Weedon	£7

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June Services

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12th June 11.00am	Communion Service
19th June 11.00am	All Age Service
26th June 11.00am	All Age Service

Small Ads

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Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: 18 & 19 June

We have a lovely selection of gardens to visit in and around the village, some of which were open last year (but may look quite different of course!) and some we haven't seen for a few years. If you have never done the garden trail before, it's a great way to discover hidden corners and private spaces.

Some of the gardens are on the fringes of the village but can be reached by footpaths; you can also cycle or go by car.

Tickets, which are actually the trail map, will be on sale outside the post office on Saturday morning from 10.00am, and from 12.00noon from the church. They cost £5 per person and can be used on Saturday or Sunday, as there are a few gardens that are only open one day. The gardens are open from 1.00pm to 6.00pm on Saturday, and 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday. Teas and homemade cakes are available in church. There will also be a plant stall and a raffle.

We are very grateful for the generosity of the owners, allowing us to share their lovely gardens. All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the church.

Art Display in Shear Class for June and July

The local artist showing work in the lobby of the salon is Heather Martin. She will be showing a selection of hand-decorated clothing and accessories, using hand and machine embroidery. These are sample items from a period when she was specialising in one-off original garments. They are for sale, prices are negotiable, or commissions can be discussed. Do call in and have a look.

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At the May meeting John Tucker kept us very amused with his stories of behind the scenes at a private garden centre in Bath. John is very much a 'people person' and took great pleasure in helping customers with all their queries. He gave us a good insight into how much work went on day to day. John has recently retired and we are sure he will be much missed.

Members then discussed the two resolutions that have been put forward nationally:

a) 'We call upon HM Government and the NHS to provide facilities to enable carers to stay with people with Alzheimer's disease and dementia that have been admitted into hospital.'

b) 'The WI calls on supermarkets to sign up to a voluntary agreement to avoid food waste, thereby passing surplus food on to charities, thus helping to address the issue of increasing food poverty in the UK.'

Sherston WI voted unanimously in favour of these resolutions and they will now be discussed at the National Annual Meeting in Brighton next month.

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Learn how Saxons, including the inhabitants of Scorrystone (Sherston) would have lived at the time through the craft and life skills to be demonstrated by the Viking re-enactors. Learn of the historical context of the battle and wider implications of the conflicts at the talk being held in the Church by Tim Bolton - '1016 and all that'. (Tickets £10 from the Church, all proceeds to go to church funds)

Kiddie Vik is part of the event where the re-enactors invite children into the arena to take part in a mock battle - all welcome, costume or not. Provisional timing is 1.00pm.



The POP event set up for creating kids' Saxon tunics went very well and all children who come to the event dressed up as Saxons will be invited to the pre-battle 'stand-off' where we will recite the Rattlebone verse as a prelude to the re-enactment at 3.00pm. The best dressed will be at the front! Any villagers who have dressed up as Saxons for the celebrations will be invited to take part in the stand off - including John Rattlebones.

Fight well, Rattlebone

Thou shalt have Sherstone

What shall I with Sherstone doe,

Without I have all that belongs thereto?

Thou shalt have Wyck and Willesley,

Easton Towne and Pinkeney



EVENTS



Saturday 11 June

Sherston Saxons will be at the Post Office recruiting local Anglo-Saxons to help on the weekend.

Saturday 18 June

Sherston Velo 1016 – 2016 Solstice Challenge
Mass finish at the Rattlebone at 20.16 (8.16pm!)

Tuesday 21 June

Sherston School visit by the Vikings - talk and demonstration being presented by representatives of the Viking re-enactors.

Friday 24 June

T-shirt and garment printing - Village Hall

Everyone has a chance to have their chosen garment (cotton and a light colour!) printed with the event logo. Village Hall 3.30-4.30pm (for children) and 7.00-8.00pm for adults.

Millennium Boules Competition

Rattlebone Inn

Saturday 25 June

Village Hall:

10.16am

Athelstan Museum exhibition and
(to be confirmed) **Jorvik Centre visitors**
Vintage Teas in the small hall

Recreation Ground:

(Please note, no dogs allowed on the Rec or Village Hall field)

10.16am

Bar, barbecue, teas and ice cream available all day
courtesy of Busy Hands and Friends of Sherston School
Rec open for **Viking Living History** displays

11.00am Weapons display

1.00pm Kiddie Vik

2.30pm:

Bellringers fire the bells, Holy Cross Church

3.00pm:

Rattlebone and Sherston volunteers battle cry
Battle of Sherston re-enactment

5.00pm Rec events close

7.30pm '1016 and all that'

Tim Bolton Lecture, Holy Cross Church
All evening Party at the Rattlebone

10.16pm **Fireworks**, Holy Cross Church

Sunday 26 June

Service with Dean of Bristol, Holy Cross Church

Visit www.sherston.org.uk for updates.



Commemorative Coins presented to Sherston School pupils



Members of the Millennium committee, Jill Cainey and Richard Langley, present the coins to representatives of each class

Just before half-term, 1016 visited Sherston Primary School to present each child at the school with a commemorative coin to celebrate the 1000th anniversary of the Battle of Sherston. At the end-of-term assembly children were asked when the battle occurred and who featured in the emblem on their uniform and they all knew about 1016 and John Rattlebone.

The school children were excited to hear about the re-enactment of the battle that will take place on the Rec on Saturday 25 June and even more excited to hear that they could take part in mini-battles with the guest Vikings during the day, as part of 'Kiddie Vik' activities. It will be interesting to see if the might of the children of Sherston Primary School can defeat the massed ranks of adult Vikings!

The commemorative coins, which have been specially designed by Paul and James Ormiston (James is an ex-pupil of the school), are also available to buy for £2 only to those not at Sherston Primary School.

The Sherston Hoard?



Look out for these and other millennium memorabilia such as the Wentworth Rattlebone jigsaw on sale at the Post Office and on the day of the big battle. There is hoped to be a celebration mug as well. Sale of all these will raise funds for the events and for Sherston 1016 who support many local good causes.





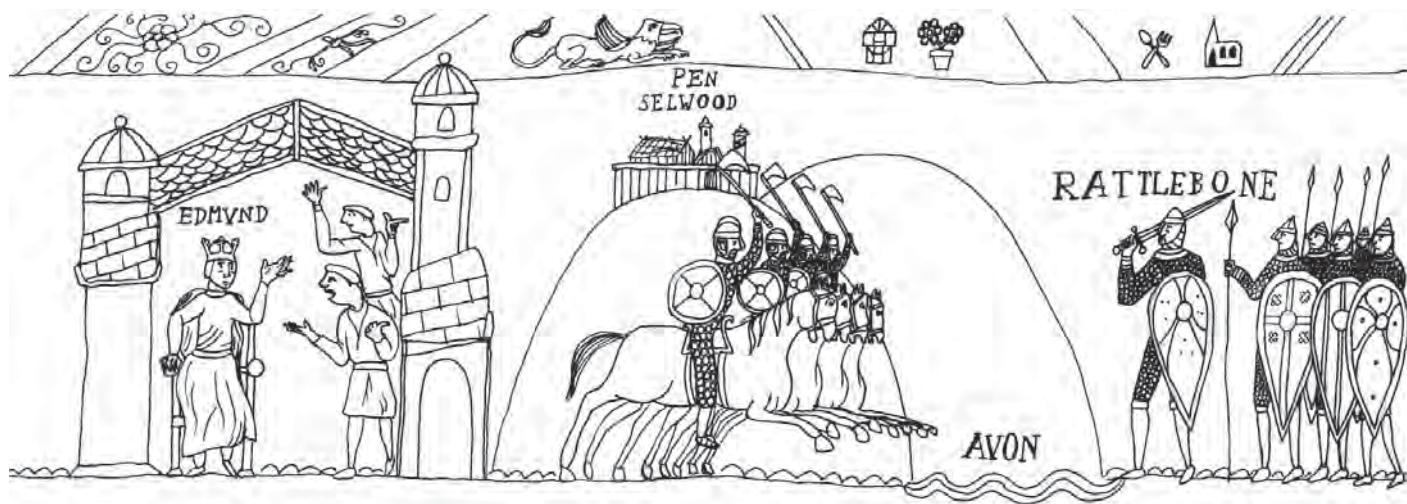
Athelstan Museum will be bringing activity sheets, some replica Anglo-Saxon Items, dress up, and a few things for sale such as books on Anglo Saxons, and children's trinkets. They are hoping to have some guests from the Jorvik Centre in York promoting their 'Campaign Canute' fund raising efforts to repair their flood damaged facility.

Throughout the weekend Nick Burrige will be taking photographs to create a keepsake book of the millennial celebrations that will be available to purchase after the event.

Look out for the Sherston Saxons, we'll be at the Post office on 11 June recruiting local Anglo Saxons to help on the weekend. If you're interested please contact Jill Caaney, 841380, jill.caaney@gmail.com

Detailed information on timings and facilities will be made available nearer the event and at www.sherston.org.uk

On behalf of the organising committee, have a great time and at the same time learn about your heritage.





1016 and all that



As part of the Sherston Viking Weekend, there will be a talk in Sherston Holy Cross Church, on Saturday 25 June at 7.30pm. The speaker, Dr Timothy Bolton, has recently published a book about King Cnut for Yale University. He will talk about the lead up to the Viking invasion of England, Edmund Ironside's defence and the Battle of Sherston, and the consequences for English history.

Tickets, on sale from Sherston Post Office from mid May, are £10 to include a glass of wine. Proceeds to the church.



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2016 weekend! Thank yous and the results of



are some fantastic photos from the epic POP
how much we raised will be in the July issue!



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Walk on the wild side

Different perspectives



We tend to walk around with the same perspective on our environment – we look up and down maybe 15 degrees and only absorb what we are familiar with, so we tend not to actually see that much. I was in London a few years ago when Antony Gormley (of the Angel of the North fame) placed some 30 human-sized statues on the top of buildings around Charing Cross. This very simple, but challenging, set of installations got lots of people looking at the tops of the buildings and the architecture that's up there. It's quite amazing but most people don't look up!!

I have tended to focus on birds and butterflies, and found I needed to look for one or the other when I am out – it's hard to keep shifting the distance you are looking at on a regular basis (at least for me).

Having seen lots of masonry bees in the garden, building their extended colony of single burrows, I decided this summer was the time to find out more (story for a later date) so I bought a macro lens for my camera – one where you get very detailed photos of small things. When you start to explore the small world that exists all around us, nature reveals incredible complexity and beauty and colours (see photos – except for the colour bit!). One picture is of the centre of a cornflower, one of a shield bug emerging from a dandelion, and a 7mm fly – just look at the detail on its feet.

So here's a challenge: get something from your garden – a flower or leaf or insect or even a slug – and draw it! The action of drawing will make you look

at the flower etc in great detail and, while the results may not win a prize, the process of discovery is such a joy. If anyone does this, please let me know.

Finally, come along to the village hall on 23 June (Euro referendum day!) to enjoy a couple of Wild Sherston talks. Starting at 7.30pm, we have a couple of talks arranged: The 100 birds of Sherston by the Wiltshire Ornithological Society (did you know there are 100 species of birds around the village?); and a talk from Butterfly Conservation on our local butterflies and moths. There will also be an update by the Bristol Avon River Trust on the ongoing work around the village to improve the river ... and it's free!!

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Future meetings

15 June: An evening garden visit to Cerney House Gardens, North Cerney. GL7 7BX. Free to club members, £5 to guests. 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

20 July: Cath Brown from Batheaston will call her demonstration 'The Power of Flowers'.

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

Looking forward

1 June: The club will be hosting a day workshop (Designs for Summer) tutored by Michael Bowyer MBE from Salisbury.

8 September: Trip to Sir Roy Strong's garden, The Lasket, Herefordshire.

17 & 18 September: Oaksey Flower Festival, produce show and scarecrow trail.

Club news

The flower-arranging course that is currently running is proving popular and is well attended.

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

For more information please contact Margaret on 01285 770 639.

Boules at the Bull

There is a friendly boules club at the Red Bull Inn on the Malmesbury Road that meets every Thursday evening at 7.15pm. The large piste has an excellent surface and lighting. Whether you are an absolute beginner or an experienced player, you will have games with different people and widen your experience, juniors are particularly welcome. Boules are available for beginners and help will be given to improve your game. For the more competitive members, we have a team playing in the Cotswold Pétanque League. Just turn up any Thursday evening from now until the end of October and you will be made most welcome.

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Sherston Market

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At all markets, at least one free stall is offered for a charity or voluntary group to raise funds. Anyone interested in running such a stall should please use the contacts below. All these stalls have done well to date, so don't be shy in booking one!

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.

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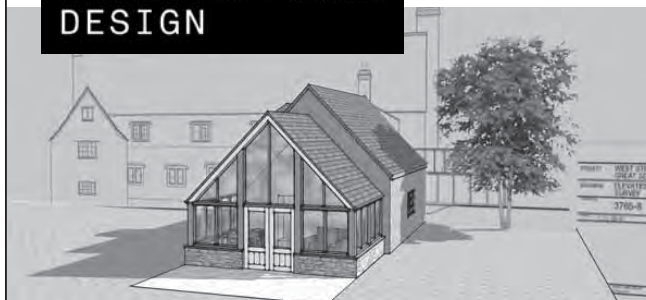
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Busy Hands Pre-school Meets 9.10am - 12.10pm everyday in the village hall for 2 3/4 - 5 year olds. Lunch Club Mon to Fri until 1pm and exciting new outdoor free flow area. All childcare vouchers welcomed. For further details call Henry Crawford on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

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

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

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

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

Drawing Classes in Sherston

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

Eudo Tae Kwon Do

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

Footpaths group

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

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

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

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

Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Concert Band

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

Malmesbury Community Choir

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

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

Malmesbury Luncheon Club

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

Malmesbury Film Society

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

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

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

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sherston Badminton Club We play every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from September to the end of May. - New members welcome. For more information contact David Boyle 841587 or email djboyle@hotmail.com

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

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

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

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

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

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

Sherston Drama Group

The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Richard Skeffington (Chairman) r.a.skeffington@gmail.com Tel. 840092

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

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

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

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

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

SH.o.C.C. The choir meets at 7.30pm each Wednesday in the British Schoolroom £3 per session - All welcome. Further information from Lucy Lawrence on 840778 (evenings) or lucy@sherston.plus.com or have a look at our Facebook page.

Sherston Photography Forum

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

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

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

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

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

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

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

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

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

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

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

Village Hall 300+ Club For an annual subscription of only £6, give yourself the opportunity of winning a cash prize in every monthly draw whilst supporting the Village Hall. If you would like to join, or need more information, contact the coordinator, Lin Prior on 840846.

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

Dates for your diary 2016

July

16-17 Boules Weekend

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

Sherston

The Rattlebone Inn

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

Live music with 'Sam Jones Duo' Sun 28 May from 9pm

Acoustic night with Vince Freeman (who appeared on The Voice) playing live from 8pm Sun 12 Jun

Live Music: The Delray Rockets playing from 9pm as part of the Battle of Sherston 1000th anniversary celebrations Sat 25 Jun

Check boards for more details of events

For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter

#GavinHunt@Therattlebone or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk

Sherston WI Talks

Visit from Scrapstore with hands on craft - Margaret Hiscocks 2-Jun

Garden Tea Party at the home of a member in Luckington - 5 Jun

Talk: The Rococo Gardens with Dominic Hamilton 7-Jul

Talk: Walking the Zambezi with David Lemon 4-Aug

For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or

jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Sherston Drama Group

Panto - read through For adults / teenagers there will be a read-through on Thurs 9 June, 7.30 at Willow Trees, Hunters Field, Sherston where we will make the final decision and think about who would like which part.

Junior auditions for the Panto Panto still TBA - Camelot? Mother Goose? Aladdin? - but dates are the Autumn half term, 25-29 Oct.

There are parts for all levels of skill in acting / singing / dancing

- You will need to be available for rehearsals on Tuesday and

Thursday evenings, Sept & Oct

Please get in touch too should you want to help out back stage or front of house, choreography or costumes

For further details call Richard Skeffington 840092 or email r.a.skeffington@gmail.com

Sherston Market

Local crafts and produce which vary each month, cake stalls including Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh local vegetables and cheeses from Brinkworth Dairy. Every month a free stall in the lobby is made available to local charity or voluntary group to raise funds. Village hall 10am-2pm

Sat 11 Jun Sat 9 Jul Sat 13 Aug

For further details call 07887 814843 or 07769 613627 or email info@awkwardsquad.co.uk or visit

www.sherstonmarket.co.uk or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sherston-Market/195319400641324>

FSS Olympic Legacy Day

on Sherston's Rec Sun 12 Jun from 11am - 4pm medals ceremony to follow Our very own Olympic legacy continues, offering children the chance to take part in a mini-decathlon - and win a bronze, silver or gold medal! 'Passports' on sale via FSS at Sherston School, FOLS at Luckington School (£3 per child), and some on the day, unless already sold out It features a competitive mini decathlon with medals for girls and boys in each year group at primary school, a barbecue and bar for the grown-ups,

For more info contact Nicky Gray, FSS chair, via nicky.gray@btinternet.com

Queen's 90th Celebrations

Evensong Sun 12 June 6pm at Holy Cross Church

Clean for the Queen Sun 10 July ahead of Boules Day on Sat 16 July More details next month.

For further details call please contact Jill Caine on 841380 (jill.caine@gmail.com)

Church events

Gauzebrook Group Evensong Service celebrating Her Majesty's 90th birthday. 12 June 6pm After the service there will be the opportunity to stay and share a glass of wine together in celebration of the Queen's remarkable life

Open Gardens Weekend Sat 18 & Sun 19 June All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the Church. If you would be willing to open your garden or want more information, please get in touch with Heather Martin heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or phone 840375

"1016 and all that" a talk at the Church by Tim Bolton on Sat 25 June at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10 and are available from the Post Office

Gauzebrook Gallivant a 21 mile circular walk which takes in all

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the nine churches of the Gauzebrook Group – but don't worry, you can take part in stages as well as the whole thing Sat 9 Jul with refreshment stops. proceeds from entry fees go to the Gauzebrook Churches Children's Worker Fund
Gauzebrook Holiday Club Mornings of the 25 to 29 July in Sherston, with a Medieval theme. More details and booking forms are available from Becky Fisher, becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk, and early booking is recommended.

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

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

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

Sherston Senior Club

Annual outing to Weston-Super-Mare 14-Jun £10 members and £12 visitors. Depart Carpenters 9.45am, High St 10am.

Garden Party 28 Jun - details on the posters

Boules & Carnival Afternoon Tea open to everyone entrance £4.00 includes Tea and cakes and entertainment by End of th 12 Jul

New members are always welcome Annual fee £15 which covers most meetings and discounts on the outings and other events.

We meet every two weeks at 2.30pm in summer and 2.00pm in winter in the British School Room Visitors are welcome to the meetings £2 per visit, includes tea and biscuits. Visitors are welcome to any of the outings space permitting.

British School Room *For further details call Helen Quirk 840516*

Open Gardens Trail in aid of Sherston Church

Sat 18 - Sun 19 Jun New gardens open for the first time in addition to favourites, and some changes to previously shown gardens

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 homemade 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

For further details call Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Whitehouse 840640

Charity Shop in Sherston - in aid of Village Hall

Act II The new shop will be open throughout the month of August in the Small Hall. Marion is hoping that Sherston residents will rise to the challenge of donating good quality items which are easily resellable. If anything like last time, the shop will offer a fast-changing selection of jewellery and accessories, household items including furniture, toys, books and clothes for all ages, sizes, shapes and seasons; (electrical goods are however a no-no for safety reasons). Small Hall *For further details call about 'Act II' and when and where to store donated items, Marion can be contacted on manddgee@btinternet.com or 841147 and Irene Johnston: ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk*

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Junior training Mondays 6pm Senior training Tuesdays 6.30pm Sherston Sixes Sun 24 Jul

Pinkney Park Ground *For further details contact*

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

Sherston Velo

1016 – 2016 Solstice Challenge a mass start at 10.16 18 Jun, with an aim to complete a lap of Wiltshire (around 140 miles) and return by 20.16 the same evening for some fun and games at the Rattlebone There are different rides for all club members, from 20 miles up to the full distance. The 140 mile route is by no means compulsory and each group will reform with the other members to ensure a mass finish at 20.16

For further details and to join the Velo, Sherston's thriving and friendly cycling club, please contact secretary@sherstonvelo.co

WildSherston

Talks from Butterfly Conservation, Wiltshire Ornithological Society and the Bristol Avon River Trust Talks on the 100 birds of Sherston, our local Butterflies and Moths and an update on the river improvement project. Free. The perfect antidote to the Euro referendum. Pop round to the big hall after voting on Brexit in the small hall, for something quite different and everyone is welcome. 7.30pm on 23 Jun *For further details call Geoff Carss on 840995 or geoff_carss@hotmail.com*



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1000th anniversary of the Battle of Sherston

Millennium Events:

Viking boules competition Fri 24 Jun at The Rattlebone

Viking Battle Re-enactment on the Rec Sat 25 Jun

Visiting Saxon Museum Sat 25 Jun in the village hall

Vintage teas in the village hall Sat

Talk by Dr Tim Boulton at 7.30pm in the Holy Cross Church
He will talk about the lead up to the Viking invasion of England, Edmund Ironside's defence and the Battle of Sherston, and the consequences for English history. £10 incl glass of wine. Proceeds to the Church

Party at the Rattlebone Sat night

10.16 pm Fireworks - from the Church Tower

Thanksgiving Service with the Dean of Bristol David Hoyle

Sun 26 Jun Holy Cross Church

Sue's Strolls

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

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

Boules & Carnival

Boules Tournament Sat 16 Jul Please see programme in centrefold of July issue for more details of all the week's events

Boules Day - 128 teams play in the tournament in the High St starting at 9am For further details visit www.sherston.net

'Sherston Brick Club'

British Schoolroom

Friday 3rd & 17th June

5.30 to 6.30pm - Junior Brick Club:
reception 8 years

6.30 to 8.00pm – Brick Club:
8 years upwards

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

Badminton

Badminton House Plant Fair and Gardens open day

Many local nurseries, selling a wide variety of plants including annuals, perennials and vegetables will attend and visitors will also be able to walk around the gardens. The Old Royal Ship Pub from Luckington will be serving a variety of lunch and teatime refreshments Sat 19 Jun 11am - 5pm Entry £5pp (on the gate) - children under 16 free

For further details call 01454 218203 or visit www.badmintonestate.co.uk/

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

STIHL Treetop Walkway The main walkway is step-free, making it accessible to visitors on foot, using mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs and to those with dogs on leads. It is 300m long and gradually rises on gentle inclines to a height of 13m. Scramble up to the crow's nest viewing platform; Swing across the rope bridge; Peer through the mesh-floored section Specialist Wood Sales 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA Summer concert dates June - Thurs 16 Rudimental SOLD OUT; Fri 17 Kaiser Chiefs SOLD OUT; Sat 18 UB40 Featuring Ali

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

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

Gloucestershire Festival of Polo Cotswold Rural Skills

International Test Match & Beaufort Polo Club Country Fair including polo matches, shows and 40 stands Sat 18- Sun 19 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

Easton Grey Whatley Manor

Thursday evening cinema £23 includes a choice of either a glass of wine, a bottled beer or soft drink. A small tub of delicious ice cream (choice of flavour) and of course popcorn. Must be prebooked 8.30pm start **Suffragette** starring Carey Mulligan, Anne-Marie Duff and Helena Bonham Carter 16 Jun **The Martian** starring Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain and Kristen Wiig 14 Jul **Sunday Cinema** £8.50 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn. In addition, on the day, choose one, two or three courses from the a la carte lunch menu in 'Le Mazot' brasserie The Sunday Cinema Screenings must be pre-booked and at least one course must be booked **Suffragette** starring Carey Mulligan, Anne-Marie Duff and Helena Bonham Carter 12 Jun **'The Martian'** starring Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain and Kristen Wiig - 17 Jul For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.co

Cotswolds Cotswold Rural Skills

Cotswold Tile Roofing - Taster Day 11 Jun Naunton £99

Blacksmithing Taster Day 7 Aug Tetbury £99

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

Hookshouse Pottery spring/summer exhibition

'Rustle of Spring' The exhibition will include paintings, craft and sculptures, some of which will be displayed in the delightful Hookshouse Pottery garden. There will also be a tea tent 28 May - 5 Jun 11am - 6pm daily The gardens at the pottery are open for the National Gardens Scheme throughout the week

Outdoor Theatre at Hookshouse The Pantaloons present 'The Canterbury Tales' Sun 3 July 7pm. Gardens open at 5.30pm. Bring a picnic. £10 in advance £12.50 on the door Hookshouse, near Westonbirt For further details call Chris or Lise White on 880297 or hookshouse@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.hookshousepottery.co.uk

Tetbury Malmesbury MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP 12pm - 1pm

check website for surgery dates

Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall

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

Rotary Club of South Cotswolds present

The Stuart Singers from Minchinhampton in concert at Malmesbury Abbey All their performances are given without music and are under the enthusiastic direction of Helen Sims and feature medleys of popular songs by Lennon and McCartney and Abba and other modern classics Sat 11 Jun 7.30pm Tickets £10, incl beverage in the interval available from the end of April from the Abbey Bookshop and Flowers Galore in High Street Malmesbury or any Rotarian Malmesbury Abbey

Singing for the Brain

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

Boondocks Festival

Full line up announced The line up for Boondocks 16 will feature some 25 live bands across 3 stages throughout the weekend - check website for details Tickets cover all the festivities on Fri 8 and Sat 9 July. You can also buy a camping or campervan ticket which will allow you to camp onsite both nights. No day tickets are available. Full price adult tickets are £55 and under 18s are £15. Everyone needs a ticket, even babes in arms, but don't forget, activities for under 18s are included in the ticket price this year. There is on-site parking which is included in your ticket price Boondocks takes place just outside of Malmesbury, Wiltshire, in a 15 acre field towards Foxley For further details call or visit <http://theboondocksfestival.co.uk>

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

Malmesbury Children's Centre

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

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

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

For further details call David Barton 824924

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

Malmesbury & District University of the Third Age

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

An Elizabethan Blockbuster: 'A Knack to Know a Knave' at the Rose - Dr. Tim Hammond Thurs 23 Jun

The History of Art: Post war to today Paul Deacon Thurs 23 Jun Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall

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

Exhibition by Bath Textile Artists

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

The John Bowen Gallery, Town Hall Malmesbury

Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

The Dressmaker Fri 10 Jun Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door

Next Month - 8 Jul

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For further details call Box Office on 01249 701628 or 712618 or visit www.corshamwalkingfestival.org.uk

Grittleton

Moviola -

the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

SPOTLIGHT [15] Wed 29 Jun Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door

Grittleton Village Hall

For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or

email l_palmer@btinternet.com or visit <http://www.moviola.org/>

Crudwell

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

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

Evening garden visit to Ashley Grange, Ashley near Crudwell. 15-Jun

The Power of Flowers Cath Brown from Batheaston 20 Jul

Annual Strawberry Tea at the home of one of our members.

Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB

For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

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

Cirencester

Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool

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Bath

Theatre Royal

HMS Pinafore 31 May - 4 Jun £15-£33.50
King Lear 6-11 Jun Lady Anna: All at Sea 13-18 Jun
Present Laughter 22 Jun - 9 Jul Book ahead for: While the Sun Shines; A Midsummer Night's Dream;
The Libertine; Stepping Out;
For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Bath Fringe Festival

Fringe Festival Fri 27 May - Sun 12 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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Longborough

Festival Opera June - July

Tannhäuser; Le Nozze di Figaro; Jenůfa; Alcina; Performances through June and July Download an entry form from website Young Artists present Sweeney Todd 28-29 Jul Longborough Festival Opera
For further details call 01451 830292 or visit [https://lfo.org.uk](http://lfo.org.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. 7-12 Jun Tickets sell out fast £5-£18 Various locations in Cheltenham For further details call 0844 576 8970 or visit www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science

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www.sherston.org/downloads/sherston-parish-council-emergency-plan/Sherston-Emergency-Plan-REDACTED-20-11-2015.pdf

Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

Jill Cainey

841380

3 Noble Street

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

Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100

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

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

Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes

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

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WATER – Bristol Water

www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

WATER – Wessex water

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

Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

BBC Wiltshire can be heard via:

West Wilts area

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Useful Numbers

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Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	01249 652851
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Sherston Parish Council	01666 840197
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