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League football is coming to the Cotswolds! After defeating Tranmere 3-1 at Wembley, Forest Green Rovers (FGR) have been promoted and will play in Division 2 for the first time in their history.

Fuelled by vegan food and with a celebrity author researching her next book quietly in the stands, Forest Green Rovers is not your average football club. The Nailsworth-based side play on a pitch of organic grass, the lawnmower is powered by solar energy and, if you fancy a meat pie in the stands, forget it. The club doesn't only demand that its players eat vegan food the fans must go veggie too. No wonder FIFA recently described FGR as 'the greenest club in the world'.

The local derbies promise to be a feisty feast as FGR will now be in the same league as Swindon, Cheltenham and Newport and, with clubs like Coventry City, Luton and Notts County in the league, expect tough competition. Add the cup competitions into the equation and a good draw could see Chelsea, Manchester United and Arsenal dropping into our corner of the Cotswolds.

It's bound to bring benefits to the town and surrounding area and hopefully a few visiting fans will take advantage of a weekend in the Cotswolds combined with a game at 'the New Lawn'.

Author Jilly Cooper is a fan, and a regular in the stands. FGR is an ideal location for her to source material for her new book Tackle. Expect a lot more

antics off the pitch than on it. Yes, Rupert Campbell-Black is turning to the 'beautiful game' but who knows if he'll be playing away!

With a multi-millionaire backer in the shape of Ecotricity owner, Dale Vince, the outlook could hardly be better and, with his ambition to get the club into the Championship, this could be a great time to start supporting.

Watch out for the 2017/18 EFL fixtures which will be released on 21 June. www.forestgreenroversfc.com/



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# Summer term at Baby & Toddler Group

We've just settled into our new home at The Methodist Church for the Summer term whilst the British School Room is being refurbished.

Although the venue has changed, everything else remains the same. We have lots of lovely toys and regular craft activities to keep the little ones entertained, along with story, sing-along and bubble time to finish each session. Plus there's always that all-important cup of freshly brewed coffee on hand for the well-deserving parent.

We're a very friendly bunch, so whether you've got a newborn, toddler or a pre-schooler we'd love to see you on a Tuesday. We meet every week during term time between 10.00am-11.30am. If you'd like any more info just get in touch with Anna at sherstontoddlergroup@gmail.com.

## Copy deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. Send to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk or hard copy to Sherston Post Office Stores.

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

The size and content of the Cliffhanger depends entirely on the amount of copy we receive from individuals and groups. So, if you feel you have something of interest, please don't hesitate to tell us. Around 400 words would be a maximum but the shorter the better and less editing would be needed.

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# Sherston Olympic Day: Sunday 11 June

The Friends of Sherston School (FSS) Olympic Day is back on Sunday 11 June! Held on the Rec from 11.00am until 3.00pm, this fun event is open to all primary school aged children living in Sherston and Luckington. All children taking part need a 'passport' (essentially a ticket used to record scores on the day) – these are for sale after school each day at Sherston School and Luckington School. Following an opening ceremony, each child will get to try their hand (or foot!) at a selection of 10 different sports. The top three girls and boys in each age group will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals in a ceremony shortly after 3.00pm.

As well as a tombola and raffle, there will be a refreshments tent serving beer, prosecco, soft drinks, cakes and Tucks sausages and burgers.

This year, there will be a bonus event: the Great Sherston Bake-off! Cakes will need to be dropped off by 10.30am for judging at 10.45am. This event is open to anyone; you don't have to have a child at school! Following the judging, all cakes will remain on the refreshments stall for sale. Anyone who wishes to enter and would like further info should get in touch with Sophie Cheetham on 07786 990045 or via sophcheetham@gmail.com.

# Could Sherston be Village of the Year?

This summer, Penelope Keith and her team of judges will be visiting villages across the UK to determine a winner, with a £10,000 prize up for grabs.

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## Sherston Drama Group: Auditions for Snow White!

### SHERSTON || DRAMA || || GROUP

Sherston Drama Group will be holding auditions for the pantomime Snow White which will be in the autumn October half-term, 25-28 October. The auditions are for teenagers and juniors (ie those aged 9+ on 1 September 2017) and will take place in the Scout Hut on 4 July, from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. No material needed, just come along and have a go.

There are parts for all levels of skill in acting/singing/dancing. If you have auditioned before you are very welcome. If you have never done anything like this before, why not come along and have a go... we are very friendly. If you do want to be part of our pantomime you will need to be available for rehearsals every Tuesday and Thursday evening throughout September and October.

If you are an adult and would like to take part or help out behind the scenes, please contact me on the email below.

If you have any questions please contact Sue Lehrer at suelehrer@gmail.com or on 07780 661830.

### Sherston Church Wins Award

The Diocesan Advisory Committee for the care of churches awards 2017 is awarded to Holy Cross Church Sherston for the servery and cupboards in the north aisle.

Roger and I went to Sutton Benger Church along with members from three other churches who had also won awards, where the Archdeacon Christine Froude and others from the DAC (the church planning authority) were there to present these awards.

Simon Pugh-Jones, chair of the DAC, told us how he visited our church secretly. He hadn't been to our area before and wasn't sure what to expect. He said that as he got nearer to Sherston he noticed how the roads became narrower and he was sure he would find a cold dusty church that was seldom used and he would have to find someone to unlock for him. He was therefore amazed when he opened the door and was greeted by a warm welcoming building that was very much cared for and a buzz of people enjoying the coffee shop.

Simon stayed for refreshments and decided that we were well qualified for an award for our use of the north aisle.

The certificate is in church for all to see.

Pat Whitehouse

### Meet your local Police Community Support Officer



Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) dropin sessions allow members of the public to 'drop in' and have an informal chat with a PCSO. PCSOs are the main point of contact for local issues. You may want information on crime prevention, advice on what the police can do for you, or to get an update on issues in your area or pick up the latest leaflets or just to have a chat to a friendly face and put a face to a name. These sessions are a really good opportunity to introduce children to a uniformed officer and make sure they understand that they can approach us if lost or frightened at any time.

The intention is that, over the coming months, more of these sessions will be rolled out so that they are easily accessible for everybody in our community. If you have a local venue where you would be happy for a PCSO to have a drop-in session every five weeks, please let PC Poole know at marie.poole@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The PCSOs will also have information on Wiltshire Community Messaging, a service I would recommend everyone signs up too. You will then get emails about crimes or issues in your area, often as they are happening – and we promise not to send you information that is not local and not relevant.

The sessions should not be used to report crime or incidents as the 101 or 999 system should always be used to ensure an officer is allocated and they are recorded correctly.

We have the following PCSO drop-in sessions arranged for June at Malmesbury Abbey with PCSO Lareine:

Thursday 8 June: 10.00am to 12.00noon Monday 26 June: 10.00am to 12.00noon

Please do pop along! PC 863 Marie Poole Community Coordinator

Cricklade, Malmesbury, and Wootton Bassett

## Chips and Choons



The first ever 'Chips & Choons' was certainly a night to remember – with no fewer than five top-class DJs coming from as far afield as Bristol, the poshest fish and chip van this side of Salcombe and a disco guy called DJ Chubby Brown. The evening started with a fish and chip frenzy as families sat down to a slap-up supper accompanied by a few well-chosen tunes. A few of the younger children made it up for an impromptu dance in the very sparkly looking village hall. As the sun set, thoughts turned to Ibiza, and the doors opened to the grown-ups. It was an eclectic mix of tunes from 70s disco to a floor-filling Killers track that kept everyone moving for that last few hours! The scientists among the crowd speculated

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that there may have been a causal link to the timing of the dancing and quantity of Pimm's consumed by that point. More research is certainly needed at the next event! Thank you to everyone who came and all the DJs, particularly DJ Ormiston who actually did some mixing! We are still totting up the money but we are happy to say it will have made some lovely profit for the Village Hall Fund and the Friends of Sherston School.

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## (Baby) Boondocks in Sherston: Line-up released plus buy tickets to support the school!

Some of the best festival acts we have seen all year will be descending on Sherston on 7 and 8 July for this year's Boondocks Festival – the full line-up has just been released and it's a belter!

Not only that, but if you buy your ticket from one of the Friends of Sherston School team, the school will make a tidy little commission on each one, so you not only get to have a great weekend of food music and revelry, but you also support the local school

So, what are the highlights going to be? Oooh, where to start! One of my faves is Felix Hagan and the Family - it's a sort of bonkers 'musical theatre' experience – imagine the Rocky Horror Show, but with good songs (oooh – controversial!) Then, of course, there is the equally insane antics of the Balkan/gypsy/folky experience that is Fromage en Feu - I love the woman whose trombone is bigger than her! And

if high-energy reggae/dub/fusion is your think, then look no further than They Say Jump – their set at Glasto last year was legend!

So, as ever, it will be the same eclectic mix of fantastic music that we find in all corners of the festival world throughout the year muddled up with great food, fine liquid refreshments and all manner of other good stuff!

But enough of my opinion - the full line up with You Tube links etc is at http://theboondocksfestival.co.uk/category/lineup/

Festival season is rapidly approaching so grab your tickets now from the Post Office, on the website or from Kirsty Strachan (kirstybridge2004@yahoo. co.uk), Sophie Cheetham (sophcheetham@gmail. com) or any of the FSS team!









# Sherston Senior Club

We had our first outing of the year on 18 April, visiting Highfield Garden centre at Whitminster. This was very enjoyable as the sun shone all day.

Our next meeting on 2 May was in the Village Hall where Lisa Johnson spoke about the health-giving properties of crystals. We were able to handle the crystals and were told each type of crystal was made up of different shapes, eg cubes and hexagons. This gave us all food for thought and Lisa answered the many questions very clearly.

On 16 May, we will have been on our mystery trip. On 30 May, back in the village hall, Yvonne Cox, a member of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, will be telling us about 'Recycling and the Planet' with special reference to hedgehogs.

Looking further forward, our annual trip to Weston-Super-Mare is on 13 June leaving the Carpenters at 9.20am and the Post Office at 9.30am. Members £10.00 visitors £11.00 Please contact Helen Quirk 840516 to book a place.

On 27 June, we will be having a Garden Party, weather permitting, at Rosemary Venning's home at 21 Church St. Details will be on the posters nearer the time. We hope to see you there.

## Sherston Velo 2017 Solstice Challenge

On 24 June, the Velo will be embarking on the annual solstice ride. The Velo Solstice ride is now into its fifth year, with riders taking advantage of the long daylight hours to achieve what will be for many, their longest ride of the year. There are challenges for all abilities of club rider, starting at 60 miles and rising to 150 miles for the more adventurous. All the routes take advantage of the fabulous Wiltshire Cycleway which is on Sherston's doorstep, with riders leaving in a mass start from the High Street at 9.00am and returning for a reception at the Vine Tree with friends and family in the evening.

With upwards of 70 members already and new members joining all the time, 2017 has been a very busy year already for the Velo. Spring has seen another trip to the Velodrome at Newport, three club rides every week and a very successful trip to ride the Gent-Wevelgem sportive in Belgium where Sherston fielded upwards of 20 riders, making it the best represented club in Europe. In July we take on the Pyrenees again to watch the Tour de France on Bastille Day.

If you're interested in joining the club, please see the website or contact secretary@sherstonvelo.cc for a chat. We now run inductions for new riders and you'll be guaranteed a warm welcome.

## Northern Soul 'All Nighter' Cancelled.....BUT.....

Sadly we have had to cancel the Brush Up The Bogs June event at the Old Rifle Range in Sherston - the Northern Soul 'All Nighter'.

Now we could give you the normal promoters' B/S about 'technical reasons' or something, but to be brutally honest, ticket sales were disappointing so applying the 'use it or lose it' formula, reluctantly we had to go for the latter.... but never fear Brush Up

The Bogs will be back at the Old Rifle Range in the autumn!

And, in the meantime, our next (and favourite!) event at The Old Rifle Range is the Baby Boondocks Festival. I can confirm tickets are still available and now you can support Sherston School when you buy (see page 5 for more info on this and details of the line-up)!

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### News from Holy Cross Church

By the time you read this, the Gauzebrook Gallivant will have happened. I hope it will have been good weather. I know the hospitality and company will have been excellent, and I trust that a good sum will have been raised for the Gauzebrook children's work. It's not too late to donate at https://mydonate. bt.com/events/gallivant/437522. Thanks to Steve Ellis of Gemini Outdoor who organised and led the event, the walkers and sponsors, and to the members of the churches who provided hospitality.

Other fêtes, events and fundraisers coming up this summer include the Open Gardens at Sherston and Hullavington, the Foxley Trail, and fêtes at Luckington and Hullavington. More information can be found in 'Dates for the Diary' on page xx.

It's not long until the Summer holidays, and what better way to start than the Gauzebrook Holiday Club? This will be held every morning from 24 to 28 July at Sherston School. The theme will be 'Guardians of Ancora' – based on an app produced by the charity Scripture Union. The app combines parkour with exploration of Bible stories about the life of Jesus. More details and booking forms are available from Becky Fisher, becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk, and early booking is recommended. The week ends with a special Group Service at 10.30am on Sunday 30 July in Holy Cross, at which the children are invited to share what they have been doing.

On Saturday 1 July, Elveen Mead will be ordained deacon in Bristol Cathedral at 3.30pm. All are welcome to this service. Elveen will start work as our curate on Sunday 2 July. She will be training in how to be a deacon and eventually a priest. To help in her preparation for leadership, she will have a particular pastoral responsibility for Luckington, although her ministry will be exercised across the Group. Elveen has been training at Trinity Bristol, is married to Alex and her teenage children are Talitha and Joel. Please do introduce yourself and make her welcome.

Christopher Bryan Rector



### SHERSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

During renovations to the British School Room, meeting in the Methodist Chapel, Grove Road

### June 2017 Services

4th June - 10.30am - Revd. D Miller, Holy Communion

11th June - 10.30am - Revd. Andrew Williams-Tarling

18th June - 10.30am - Mr Stephen Cooper

25th June - 10.30am - Revd. Andrew Williams-Tarling

# What do Cupcakes and Dementia have in common?

Nothing whatsoever? Well why not pop in to the Riverside Community Centre in Malmesbury on Saturday 17 June between 10.30am and 1.30pm and enjoy a cupcake, a cuppa, maybe even a light lunch and find out some more.

We are supporting Cupcake Day in aid of the Alzheimer's Society and Alzheimer's Support. If you would like to be involved, I would love to hear from you! So do call me

Health and Wellbeing Champion, Ellen Blacker. Tel: 07557 922020 or email ellen.blacker@wiltshire. gov.uk.

## Rattlebone Golf Society

Do you enjoy golf? Then why not get together with like-minded people from around Sherston and Luckington, and join the Rattlebone Golf Society!

The society holds a golf day at top local courses once a month from March through to October. We play at courses including Castle Combe, the Kendleshire, Stinchcombe Hill and Kingsdown. Prizes on the day are donated by the Rattlebone Inn and include a fish and chip supper for two (at the Rattlebone), a bottle of wine for the longest drive, and a bottle of wine for nearest the pin.

Golf is a great gentle exercise and is good fun socially, so why not join us now!

Interested? Contact Nick on 07745326915 or nick\_brock@sky.com Or ask to join the Rattlebone Golf Society page on facebook.



## Sherston Boules Day: 15 July



We are all set for another fantastic week in Sherston with 128 teams lined up and ready to battle it out. Please make sure you pay for your team entry ASAP as there is a list of reserve teams waiting to take your place if not!

This year we are running the popular Plate event again where teams knocked out early get the chance to re-enter.

Huw Bowles (huw@trecelyn.co.uk) is running the Colts 11-16 boules, and Kirstie Blair (Kirstieblair@gmail.com) the Junior under 11s competition. Please email if you want to enter a team into either or both competitions.

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### So what else is happening?

The week kicks off with:

Skittles on Wednesday 12 July at The Rattlebone.

Cricket –the battle of the pubs: Thursday 13 July. RB vs. Carps – with a BBQ and refreshments - bring a picnic rug and enjoy a lovely social gathering from about 6.00pm until 8.00pm.

On the big day: What would Boules Day be without refreshments?

Come and enjoy all the High Street has to offer: Pimm's Bar. French café, kids' soft drinks bar (new for 2017), BBQ and crêperie courtesy of 1016.

The children's area this year will feature a bouncy castle and an inflatable assault course, along with pizza and lunch bags.

Trade Stands – we still have space for more trade stands, please contact Sharon Doyle (dylislewis@ outlook.com) if you are interested in running a stand for the day

... and, finally, the tombola! We need bottles, tins, unwanted gifts, toiletries, etc. Please look in your cupboards/drawers and take your donations to any of our drop-off points: James Pyle & Co (behind Sherston Post Office), The Tolsey Surgery, 4 Strongs Close or Pheasants Crossing on Sandpits Lane.

Of course, there is more fun on Sunday 16 July, with tug of war on the rec at 11.00am and the legendary duck race, starting by Stretchline at 2.30pm, followed by tea and cakes at Mill Cottage from 3.00pm.



## WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

## Private 22714

### James Berry

6th Batt Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment

Who died Thursday 7th June 1917

Son of Mr T Berry, 6 Back Street, Sherston, Wiltshire

Remembered with Honour, Croonaert Chapel Cemetery, Heuvelland, West Vlaanderen, Belgium

The Battle of Messines formed the prelude to the major British offensive at Ypres in 1917

The battle opened at 3.10 on the morning of 7 June with the detonation of 19 huge underground mines. They effectively destroyed the German positions and 10.000 men in the process. The advance was rapid and objectives soon consolidated.

The 6th Wiltshire was in the thick of the action.

James Berry was killed in this attack, possibly in the vicinity of Hollandscheschuur Farm which the 6th Wiltshire had captured that day.

The bells of Holy Cross Church will be rung at 11.45am on 7 June.

### Private 24197 Thomas Sherwood

1st Batt F Company Duke of Edinburgh's

Wiltshire Regiment

Who died aged 20, Thursday 7th June 1917

Son of Henry and Mercy Sherwood, 14 Silver Street, Sherston, Wiltshire

Remembered with Honour, Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres, West Flanders, Belgium

Thomas Sherwood was killed on the same day as James Berry because the 1st Wiltshire also took part in the Battle of Messines.

The bells of Holy Cross Church will be rung at 11.45am on 7 June.

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### Gunner 78293 Walter Palmer

168th Siege Bty Royal Garrison Artillery

Who died Sunday 17th June 1917

Remembered with Honour, Vlamertinge New Military Cemetery, Ypres, West Flanders, Belgium

Vlamertinge New Military Cemetery is situated between the city of Ypres and Poperinghe.

The road between these was a main transport route to the Ypres salient from the British railhead at Poperinghe.

In the fields alongside this road were batteries of artillery of all calibres pouring shells on to the German lines beyond Ypres.

Consequently, these positions and roads were shelled constantly by the Germans causing a constant stream of casualties.

Walter Palmer's battery would have used some of the largest calibre guns available to the British Army.

The bells of Holy Cross Church will be rung at 11.45am on 17 June.





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## Sherston Young Craft Group Spring Project



Everyone in the group made a personalised apron during the Spring Term. The fabric was decorated by printing with wood blocks, some of which were Indian, and the pockets were hand embroidered with each person's name. Then everyone used the sewing machines to hem the aprons and stitch the pockets on. Each project we do uses different processes and new skills are learnt.

Look out for the Craft Group table on Boules Day, where we have on sale items which have been made by our members and their parents working together. If you would like to find out more about the Group, which is open to children aged nine and above, please contact Minnie Hulme on hulmessherston@sky.com



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## 1st Sherston Guides reopens!



From a suspended marshmallow challenge and outdoor games, to a mock general election and making slime, the new Guides have had a busy and fun-filled half term. 1st Sherston Guides reopened after Easter following the closure of a unit based at Westonbirt School. Two leaders from 1st Sherston Brownies, Fi Picton and Nicky Gray, decided that with two Brownie packs already in Sherston, it was time to take the plunge and restart Guides here in the village. They were joined by Jane Milne, a former Sherston Brownie leader, and by the first session the unit was full, with 22 girls ready to go, and a waiting list! Fi, Nicky and Jane are keen to dispel any myths about Guides only doing baking and crafts (although we do enjoy both). GirlGuiding also offers adventures, challenges and outdoor activities, giving girls space to grow and be themselves. 1st Sherston Guides is part of the very active Malmesbury Division, which runs traditional camps, takes part in carnival, organises weekends away at the activity centre PGL, and enables girls to come together for a wide range of new experiences.



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# Youngsters in Luckington welcome the coming of summer with a May dance



Youngsters at Luckington Pre-school performed a May dance to family, friends and neighbouring Luckington School pupils to welcome in the summer. The children had a wonderful time clapping and dancing to the music. The girls were wearing summer dresses and the boys were in waistcoats.

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Children at Luckington Pre-School benefit from a small community atmosphere and French lessons are offered by a native speaker.

Contact details are below if you are interested in a space for your child from September or drop in and see us week day mornings during term time, 9.00am – 1.00pm.

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211	Evan Stevens	£10
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Collectors: Anne Andrews, Mary Goulding, Pat Moody, Rachel Moody, Janet Platts, Lin Prior, Margaret Thacker and Jill Woodward.

For further information on how to join, phone Lin Prior on 840846.

## Holy Cross burials

Part of the Neighbourhood Plan includes provision of an additional area for burial on land that will be gifted to Holy Cross Church by Bristol Diocese when the Green Lane Vicarage site is re-developed. The Vicarage will be sold and two new dwellings built in the garden, one of which will be a new Vicarage. Before then, however, we urgently need more space for burials and the deposit of ashes, so this month contractors will be preparing an area of the churchyard next to the burial area on the Anthony Close side of the churchyard. They will take out two large box bushes on the east of the path and will prepare the ground. Two ornamental trees in the area will be kept.

Every care will be taken to keep disruption to a minimum, but we hope you will bear with us while the work is being carried out.

Helen Price (PCC Secretary).



## Sherston Open Gardens Weekend 17 and 18 June

We are pleased to announce that there will be some new gardens to visit this year, alongside some that have been open before (but will look slightly different, of course!). The format is the same, the gardens will open from 1.00pm to 6.00pm on Saturday and from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday. Tickets (which are a map of the trail) are £5 per person and can be bought on Saturday outside the Post Office 10.00am to 12.00noon, and after that from the church. These can be used on both days, as a few gardens are only open one day. Teas and cakes, a raffle and a plant stall are available at the church throughout the weekend.

Those who would like to donate plants for the stall are asked to bring them on the day before 12.00noon please.

On Sunday afternoon, Sherston Bellringers invite anyone who would like to visit the bell tower, see how the bells are rung and maybe have a go themselves.

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A sadness overcomes me when others don't respect it

Frustration of the situation puts it on par with Brexit.

Where do they think it's all going? Do they think it will disappear?

A ridiculous rubbish explosion that lasts for year after year.

I've now spent 100's of hours dressed up in my high viz gear

Armed with bags and picker to clean up the ways I hold dear.

Cans, plastic and glass bottles are washed and squashed for the bin

The rest is bagged as rubbish. The amount I collect is a sin.

I know there are like-minded people who do the same where they live.

But lots more help is needed, so join us and get active.

Clean up our wondrous Wiltshire - a county with a big heart.

Wake up! Let's change bad attitudes and make this year a fresh start.

By Barbara Baggs (one of many who kindly give their time to help keep our village tidy by collecting litter in and around Sherston)

### 'Sherston Brick Club'

at the Methodist Chapel, Grove Road

Friday 2nd, 16th and 30th June, 5.30 to 7.00pm
Free entry. All ages welcome.

### **Bible Study Group**

Monday 5th and Monday 19th June at Laurel House, 1 Knockdown Rd, 7.30pm All welcome!

## Sherston Community Choir

We have now settled into our new, temporary home in the Methodist chapel in Grove Road whilst the work to renovate the British School Room is under way. It has a very different acoustic, so it's interesting to hear how different some of our songs sound in a different setting, although one thing doesn't change, there's always plenty of laughter!

We are continuing to learn new pieces and beginning to work on polishing up a few for our next public outing, when we will once again be performing in the High Street during Boules Day. Hopefully lots of you will stop and listen.

In the meantime we always welcome new members, of whatever musical ability, or indeed none. We learn our songs in a way that anyone can follow so just come along any Wednesday at 7.30pm for a free 'taster' session. Or if you want any more details call me on either 840067 or 07778505249 or email me on sheilacutcher28@gmail.com.

Hope to see some of you soon. Sheila



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### Cricket News: SMCC vs Poulton

The first league game of the season was played on Saturday. Sherston lost the toss and were asked to bowl first. The pitch looked dry and had one short boundary. Sherston's bowling was mixed with most bowlers throwing down at least one if not two freebies an over. This coupled with some poor ground fielding let Poulton reach 302 of their 40 overs. Both their openers making 100s.

At the half way stage Sherston felt they had underperformed, but 303 was definitely attainable. We started strongly and were 88 for no wicket after 10 over but then followed a mixture of poor shot selection, poor communication and poor luck. Wickets tumbled and the game was gone, the tail wagged, largely due to Si and Andy P, to reach 200 which gave us maximum batting points.

So, a disappointing start to the season, but some May games to get it right.







## 2nd Sherston Brownies







2nd Sherston Brownies has been running since September 2016 and we are thrilled to have such an enthusiastic and fun group of girls. The Girl Guiding Vision is:

'An equal world where all girls can make a positive difference, be happy, safe and fulfil their potential.'

With this in mind, this year we have worked hard to run an inspiring and varied programme. Recently we have raised money for the RNIB and run a series of activities that have helped the Brownies to learn about what it is like to be blind.

We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful village and we try to get out and explore as much as possible. Last week we walked to Grove Wood and collected natural materials which we used in a piece of art. I wonder if anyone noticed our creations whilst out walking?

Next week we have a parent volunteer coming in to run a hockey session and the week after is our second visit to Fairways Residential Care Home in Chippenham where the Brownies will be serving tea and biscuits to the residents and, hopefully, playing

### Charming House to rent in historic Southern France

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

### Light and airy with stunning views

Number 16 is situated on the apex of a row of town houses, and so has light on three sides as well as a roof terrace with stunning views over the old town and Languedoc countryside. Rue Montmorency is a stone's throw from the bars and bistros of the vibrant old town.

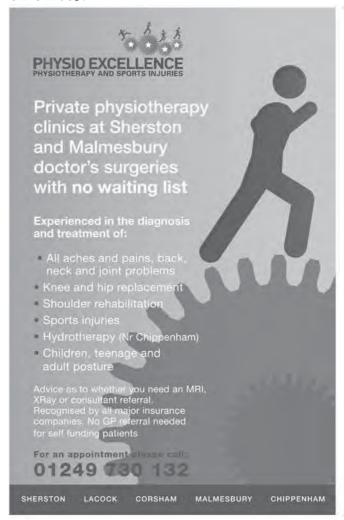
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a game of bingo! With both groups enjoying these visits so much, this is set to become a regular event!

We would welcome anyone who has a skill or interest that they could share with our Brownies one evening or who would be interested in helping more regularly with our sessions. Perhaps you have a collection of fossils that you could share with us or maybe you are an expert at tying different knots? Whatever your interest, there are 20 enthusiastic girls who are eager to learn so please contact Tawny Owl, Snowy Owl and Spectacled Owl at sherston2ndbrownies@outlook.com or call Spectacled Owl (Lara Farahar) on 841085.





## Save your plastic Bottle Tops!

We need everyone collecting plastic bottle tops! Can you help? We are planning to create a recycled mural as part of the Sherston Young Person's Arts Festival in October. Each bottle top will be drilled onto a set of large wooden boards to create a beautiful community art installation. We are looking for all shapes and sizes from milk bottle tops to more interesting colours that you might find on face creams or jars under the kitchen sink! They will be screwed on so that the inside of the lid can be seen so don't worry if there is a label on the top. There is a small trug outside Sherston Post Office Stores for you to recycle any clean plastic lids. Thank you so much for any help you can give on this project.







## Scarecrow Trail - theme announced!

The Sherston Arts Festival is once again hosting the hugely popular Scarecrow Trail in October with a fantastic theme this year (if we do say so ourselves!). Held every two years, this is your chance to pop a themed scarecrow in your front garden (no artistic skills necessary), we produce a map and everyone has a lovely time wandering around the village during the festival guessing what the scarecrows are! You can of course build your own scarecrow, but if you need a little more help Scrapstore are coming to Sherston in September to run a fun, family-friendly workshop (Saturday 23 September, 1.00pm-4.00pm, £10 per family). Scrapstore will provide all the materials and give you some top tips on making your scarecrow. Everyone is welcome but places are limited and it is very popular so book your spot quickly with Kirsty: Kirsty.strachan@icloud.com. We had over 30 scarecrows on the trail in 2015 and we are hoping to smash that total this year. Pick up your form from Sherston Post Office Stores from mid -June if you would like to enter a scarecrow. So, drum roll please ... the theme for 2017 is 'Fables and Fairytales'. Get your thinking caps on!



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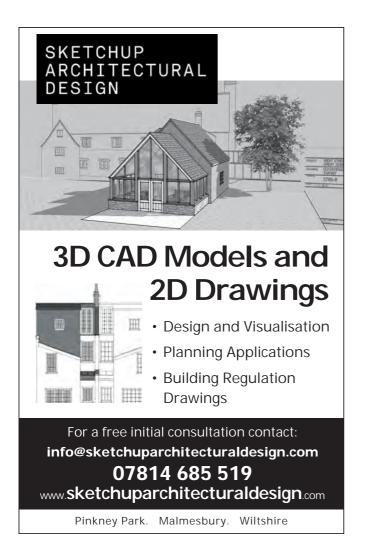
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## Something new in Sherston!

The Arts Festival team are pleased to announce that we are teaming up with 'Window Wanderland' during the 2017 Sherston Arts Festival in October! Window Wanderland transforms everyday streets into magical, outdoor galleries, where anything goes and you never know what's around the next corner. The great thing is you don't have to be an artist to get involved - all you need is a window and a willingness to join in! Take a sneaky peak at www.windowwanderland.com to get the low down. It's free to take part and it's simply a matter of popping something fun in your window. We produce a free trail which you can pick up during the festival and for one weekend only (7-8 October, 2017) people take a wander around Sherston and see a different side to our community! More information will be coming to you in the July Cliffhanger and keep an eye on the village noticeboard as entry forms will be coming out in June!



## Tetbury Goods Shed Art Centre

On Sunday 11 June, Hookshouse Pottery, based just a mile from Westonbirt, will open the gates to their stunning garden for visitors to wander around and witness a beautiful display of colour, scent and charming design. Costing £4 for entrance, the proceeds will go towards the continuing development of the Tetbury Goods Shed arts centre. Owners Lise and Christopher White run their garden on organic principles and offer a combination of dramatic open perspectives and intimate corners. Planting includes a wide variety of perennials, with emphasis on colour throughout the seasons. Borders, shrubs, woodland glade, sculptural features, a water garden containing treatment ponds and flow-form cascades, a kitchen garden with raised beds and an orchard are all waiting to be discovered by green-fingered fans. Visitors are welcome from 2.00pm to 4.30pm and refreshments will be made available. The address is Hooks House Pottery, Hookshouse Lane, Westonbirt, 8TZ. More details can be found online at www. hookshousepottery.co.uk.

On Sunday 4 June, Shakespeare comes to the Tetbury Goods Shed as the Gloucestershire-based Festival Players Theatre Company proudly presents The Merry Wives of Windsor. Presented in full costume, this all-male company brings a sense of fun to the most farcical of all of Shakespeare's plays (and the only one to be set in England). Bustling with colourful characters and full of intrigue and physical gags, it is a crystal-clear and fast-paced two-hour production. A small cast of six act multiple roles demanding quick costume changes, as well as performing as singers and musicians. Tickets are available online at www. shed-arts.co.uk or from Tetbury Tourist Information Centre. The performance starts at 5.30pm.



## WI Report



In May we heard from Heather Philpotts, Lead Nurse at Julia's House Hospice, the first children's hospice to be opened in Wiltshire. Heather explained that until now Wiltshire was one of only two counties in the UK without a dedicated children's hospice. A pilot scheme to offer a local home-based respite care service for children with life-limiting conditions very quickly turned into a project to fund a purpose-built building in the county to complement the home-based service. The appeal for funds received a significant boost early on, benefiting from a star-studded private event organised by Guy Ritchie.

Heather stressed that hospices, whilst caring for children with life-limiting conditions and their families, are not sad places but places where opportunities can be provided for children to enjoy new and stimulating experiences, creating happy memories for everyone. Two buildings in Devizes have been converted to offer much-needed care with facilities including play and activity areas, a sensory room and garden. She praised the dedication of the

whole team involved in the building, many of whom travelled long distances to work each day to be part of something they firmly supported. Although we were keen to see details of the finished buildings these were embargoed ahead of the opening on 6 May, which was carried out by two children who will benefit from the hospice facilities, assisted by the actor Martin Clunes.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 1 June in the Village Hall at 7.30pm when children's author Debi Evans will be speaking on Dragons and Rescue Dogs. On 6 July we are looking forward to hearing from Fiona Turnbull about Creative Photography.

We are always pleased to welcome new members or visitors to our meetings.

### Guitar Club

Don't forget that there will be free tuition, tuning and photostats on Saturday 17 June from 7.30pm to 9.00pm at the Grove Rd Methodist Church.

Mary Clements





## Local school brightens up Tetbury Hospital

When Tetbury Hospital asked the Sir William Romney School to do a painting to brighten up the children's waiting area at the hospital, the school's art students rose to the challenge.

The colourful mural shows all the well-known buildings in Tetbury and shows Thomas the Tank Engine at The Goods Shed looking to see what events are on, the Minions playing football at the school and Where's Wally running up Gumstool Hill taking part in the town's celebrated annual woolsack race..

Mr Davies, Sir William Romney's art teacher said: 'The planning work behind the mural was important as we wanted to ensure it included both modern and traditional characters that children of all ages would recognise.'

Tetbury Hospital Chief Executive Zena Dalton commented: 'The students have done a fantastic job and we have received a lot of positive comments about the mural. I would also like to thank pupils Mimi Saunders and Leah Manning for their contribution, unfortunately, they were unable to attend the unveiling'.







Left to right: Art students Evie Garbett; Charlotte Rushton; Susan Probert (Matron); Art students Tegan O'Conner; Emily Saunders; Emma Gendall (Outpatient Manager)

[Tetbury Hospital Trust is a charity established in 1991 which receives payment from the NHS for patient treatments though not for new or replacement equipment. The Hospital's survival depends on local fundraising and the generosity of local people. In addition, local people donate money through their wills and over recent years income from legacies has grown.]



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### Prize-giving month at Tetbury Camera Club

May is prize-giving month at Tetbury Camera Club, when we reach the end of our autumn and winter season, so aim to recognise the creativity and skill of members who have done well in the various competitions we hold throughout the year.



While, as expected, some of our keenest photographers continued to demonstrate consistent skill, this year almost a third of our prizes were handed out to members who had not been winners before. Some had not even been club members at this time the previous year. Hopefully this statistic helps underline the fact that our club isn't a home for a small clique of keen photographic obsessives.

The picture with this article is an example of one of our recent competition images. If you've ever worried about taking shots that aren't sharp, it will hopefully show you that these days anything goes! Taken in Bath by Sherston member Carole Mortimer, it is intentionally blurred as she wanted to capture the movement and animation of the man who was blowing bubbles there. Though taken with Carole's normal camera it proves that these days you don't need to be carrying a bag of specialist equipment to capture a memorable image or interesting moment. It is the type of shot that anyone with a modern mobile phone could record if they had the artistic ability to see it!

In the summer months, from June to September we plan weekly informal events and outings which are organised by any member who thinks a visit to somewhere new could be an interesting excursion. These take place every fortnight and on every alternate Tuesday evening anyone in the mood to meet up with their club friends gathers back at the Priory to talk about, or show, the results of those trips over a beer or soft drink.

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# School flowerbeds and vegetable patch

Sherston School is undergoing a revamp of its flowerbeds and vegetable patch. The school and a group of parents have enlisted the help of the WI and the 1st Sherston Brownies for ideas for planting and caring for the flowerbeds at the front of the school. If anyone in the village has either some time to offer, or some spare plants to donate (it is a fairly dry bed and the WI have suggested prairie style planting would work best) then the school would love to hear from you.

The vegetable patch is coming to life with strawberries, mangetout and lettuces planted so far. If you have any spare seedlings then we would love to have them for the beds, they can be left under the awning outside the main reception doors or popped over the fence in the vegetable patch. Also any old watering cans would be really helpful.

There are some young trees planted in the vegetable patch that we think were planted about ten years ago and destined for Grove Wood. They are getting quite big and taking over the patch, so if anyone remembers what the plan was for the trees, do please do get in touch.

We are hoping that the school will soon be able to offer a gardening club for the children. If you have any experience or enthusiasm for helping with ideas or teaching the children, we would love to hear from you!



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## Tolsey News

Judy Sharp



### **Tucks Festival Forum**

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### North Wilts Villages Flower Club

April meeting

At the flower club meeting on 19 April, we held a 'pot luck' workshop. Those members taking part were asked to bring a container ready to use, plus flowers and foliage. On arrival everyone was asked to set up their tables and then came the news that they were to swap places. At the end of the evening everyone took home their arrangement, but it had been created by someone else. The news that there was to be a swap caused some amusement and trepidation, but all was well with some lovely arrangements created.

### Future meetings

21 June: Demonstration by Sandra Snell entitled 'Journeys in my mind'. Competition: favourite flower.

19 July: Demonstration by David Martin entitled 'A Celebration'. Competition: favourite flower.

16 August: Bob Brown from Cotswold Garden Flowers will be giving a talk entitled 'Still Looking Good in August'. (Crudwell Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00. Open to all.)

Bob is the plantsman-owner of Cotswold Garden Flowers, who lectures and travels widely in search of new plants. Bob is a most entertaining and knowledgeable speaker, garden writer and experienced nurseryman. Plants will be available to purchase on the evening from Cotswold Garden Flowers. All money raised will be donated to Perennial – formerly the Gardeners Royal Benevolent Society.

Looking back

Did anyone find a 'Lonely Bouquet'? If so please let us know. It was national flower-arranging day on 5 May and, to celebrate this, flower club members placed bouquets around the area for lucky finders to take home and enjoy.

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

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# Malmesbury League of Friends elects new chairman David Hide has been elected as the chairman

David Hide has been elected as the chairman of Malmesbury League of Friends (MLOF) in succession to Robin Clark.

At their recent AGM, Alison Lewis was elected as vice-chair, with David Rutherford continuing as treasurer, and Wendy Harris elected as secretary.

Robin Clark has retired after over 50 years as a trustee and 20 years as chairman. He commented: 'Over that time, there have been many changes both in Malmesbury and to the League. When I took over as chairman, our funds were modest and we had a hospital which always needed our help. So we were constantly fund raising. Recent generous legacies have strengthened our financial position and enabled us to make some substantial donations to both charitable organisations and individuals.'

David Hide, who was vice chairman, has been a trustee for five years. He has lived in Malmesbury for over 40 years and is a former chairman of Malmesbury Tennis Club, where he still plays regularly, and a member of Malmesbury Concert Band. He ran his own public relations consultancy in the town until his retirement five years ago.

He said: 'I am greatly honoured to be elected as chairman in succession to Robin Clark, to whom MLOF owes so much. Although we no longer have our own hospital, there are still considerable demands on our funds, including the Malmesbury Primary Care Centre, Athelstan House, locally based charities and needy individuals.'

### Moviola@ Grittleton Village Hall on Wednesday 28 June

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Wednesday 26 July Hidden Figures No film in August, back in September!

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### Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

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Sunday services 1st and 4th - Holy Communion, 2nd Worship

Together - a service for all age groups preceded by breakfast at 9am,

3rd - Family Service preceded by breakfast at 9am See the Parish Life for more details

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

Congregational Church - During renovations to the British School Rooms, the Congregational Church will be meeting in the Methodist Chapel on Grove Road

Services at 11am apart from 1st Sun 4pm. Brick Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 7pm All services are led or hosted by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling. Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 (or find us on Facebo.

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 term time, 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

**Link** provides a voluntary car service for residents living in the Malmesbury area, taking those in need to hospital, the chiropodist, GPs' surgeries and to visit sick relatives. For further information, prospective volunteers can contact Link co-ordinator and volunteer support officer Fee Knowles on 837967 or feeknowles@btinternet.com

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Ashtanga Yoga class Fridays 10.30-11.15am in the village hall. Contact Stuart for more information or to book a place on 07986 003602 or stuart@pulse4life.co.uk. Starts 9 September 2016.

Carer Support Wiltshire - Monthly carers café 4th Thursday each month 10.30am - 12pm at the Kings Arms Hotel, Malmesbury - come along to chat with other carers over a hot drink or two. CSW is a charity with a team of support workers who can provide information and support to carers living in Wiltshire, by phone or face to face, along with counselling and advice relating to your role. Free and confidential for anyone aged 18+. CSW offers the chance to have a break through social cafés, days out, activities, craft groups and complementary therapies. More details or to register for some support, visit www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk, email info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk or freephone 0800 181 4118 (01380 871690 from a mobile).

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

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

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

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 bootcamp-style, fun outdoor workout suitable for all levels. Sherston Rec Fridays 9-10am Book with Stuart 07986 003602 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

**Luckington Pre-School** A well-established Montessori inspired Pre-School, for 2½ to 5 years old. Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, during term time. Government funding available and childcare vouchers welcome. For more information, call 840028, email chair@ luckingtonpreschool.org.uk or visit www.luckingtonpreschool.org.uk

### 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 Bandstand. For further details and to ascertain current vacancies see our website 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 places and info@malmesburycommunitychoir organicity. 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

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

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club Meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wed evening at Crudwell Village Hall. Members come from the surrounding villages to hear speakers and enjoy floristry demonstrations and do workshops can competitions. Further details call Margaret Stanford on 01285 770 639

Parish Council Meeting Takes place on the 2nd Thurs 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.uk

Rotary Club of The South Cotswolds Meets at The Horse Guards Inn in Brokenborough each Mon at 7pm, with dinner served at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome to our meetings, as are guests and anyone interested in Rotary and in helping the local Community. Further details at website www.rcsc.co.uk or from Ian Pegg on 840986.

Senior Club Meets at 2.30pm during summertime in the Small Hall of VH, more details call Helen Quirk 840516.

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

Sherston Baby and Toddler Group The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. Meets at 10-11.30am each Tues in the Methodist Church with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all and a cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. For further details contact Anna Glassborow, sherstontoddlergroup@gmail.com or like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

Sherston Badminton Club We play every Tues evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from Sept to the end of May.

New members welcome. For more information contact David Boyle 841587 or email djboyle@hotmail.com

Sherston Brownies Meet every Wed 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 2nd Sherston Brownies started in Sept 2016, for details contact Spectacled Owl (Clara Farahar) at pharton 2nd brownies@owlook compared 8/1085

Owl (Lara Farahar) at sherston2ndbrownies@outlook.com or call 841085

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 Fri nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8pm. 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 Tues nights from 7pm to 9pm 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 Fri night during term time; for further information please contact Darren Walsh - 841043 or Ewan Blair –840096 – whitewallexplorers@ googlemail.com

**Sherston Drama Group** The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Sue Lehrer (Chairperson) lehrer. sue@icloud.com or 07780 661830

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

Sherston Swimming Club Our Club is a friendly and sociable group open to anyone of any swimming ability. We swim at Westonbirt Leisure Centre on Wed evenings from 8 – 9 pm. Everyone swims at their own pace although there is a lane for faster swimmers. £45 for 10 weeks. For further information please phone Maggie (840969), Annabel on 840592 or Heather (840375).

Sherston Magna Cricket Club Junior nets Mondays 6pm 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 Mon 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 Wed Methodist Church, Grove Road £3 per session - Term ends 12 July. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cutcher sheilacutcher28@ gmail.com or 840067, 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 Tues 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 Tues lunchtimes and Thurs evenings at the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739552336 or sherstonpilates@gmail.com

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

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

**Sherston Velo** A cycling club formed of enthusiastic road cyclists from Sherston and the surrounding area. There are regular rides each weekend 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 Thurs of month Mar - Sept in the Village Hall (except Apr due Spring Play) at 7.30pm and Nov/Dec/Feb in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. No meetings but celebration meals Oct and Jan. Visitors always most welcome £3.50. Further information:

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

Street Dance classes in Sherston Bristol's Pumped dance school is running classes in Sherston Village Hall every Thurs. It's a fun, high energy dance class for girls and boys. The 4-6 year old class will run from 4.30pm to 5.15pm, with 7-11 year olds from 5.15pm to 6.15pm. Drop in for £5 per class, £16 pay monthly – or two siblings for £9 per week. Email Claire to register your interest at info@dancepumped. co.uk or just pop in, more details www.dancepumped.co.uk

**Tetbury Camera Club** Meets every Tues evening from Sept to end of May at 7.30pm in The Priory Inn, Tetbury. For more information and current programme visit http://tetburycameraclub.org.uk/ or call Liz Cooper 840482. Visitors welcome.

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 warwickandpatjones@gmail.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** from 31 Oct 7.45-9.15pm 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 2017

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 Carpenter's Arms

Check boards for details

For further details call 840665 or visit www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston

### The Rattlebone Inn

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

Rattlebone Boules League 3 leagues of 16 teams play Mon-Thurs each week Apr - Sep on 3 pitches. Fixture lists in public bar. £15 entry per team Tony Towle 840574 atowle@btinternet.com

Golf Society The society holds a golf day at top local courses once a month from March through to October. We play at courses including; Castle Combe, the Kendleshire, Stinchcombe Hill and Kingsdown Prizes on the day are donated by the Rattlebone Inn and include; a fish and chip supper for two (at the Rattlebone), a bottle of wine for longest drive, and a bottle of wine for nearest the pin. Contact Nick on 07745326915 or nick\_brock@sky.com Or ask to join the Rattlebone golf society page on facebook Check boards for more details of events, call 840871, follow on Twitter or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk

The Angel Hotel

Check Facebook or boards for details of events, call 840039 or visit www.sherston-angel.co.uk/

### Sherston Market Returns in aid of Village

Hall repairs Local crafts and produce which vary each market All stall fees will now be going directly into the Village Hall Renovation Fund. Hot food and drinks

available to buy from a mobile vendor. Free charity table in entrance 10am-4pm

Sat 24 Jun Sat 16 Sep Sat 18 Nov Village hall For further details call Alison on 07909 737096 or pollyatkins59@btinternet.com

### Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

on show for June. Anyone can call in to see them - you don't have to be attending the salon. Shear Class, High St

### Church events

Gauzebrook Holiday Club 'Guardians of Ancora' - based on an app produced by the charity Scripture Union The app combines parkour with exploration of Bible stories about the life of Jesus. More details and booking forms are available from Becky Fisher, becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk, and early booking is recommended. mornings of 24 to 28 July in Sherston school

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

### Sherston Velo Club

Sherston Velo Solstice Challenge a mass start at 9am 24 Jun, with an aim to complete a lap of Wiltshire (around 150 miles) There are different rides for all club members, from 20 miles up to the full distance. The Velo Solstice ride is now into its' fifth year, with riders taking advantage of the long daylight hours to achieve what will be for many, their longest ride of the year.

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

### Sherston Senior Club

Annual trip to Weston-Super-Mare 13 June leaving the Carpenters at 9.20am and the Post Office 9.30am. Members £10 visitors £11

Garden Party at Rosemary Venning's home at 21 Church St on 27 Jun - weather permitting, details will be on the posters nearer the time

Meets every two weeks at 2.30pm during summer. At most meetings we have a speaker or entertainer and of course refreshments. We also have Coach Trips, a Garden party and a Christmas lunch. Some of which, are subsidised by the Club. Visitors are welcome at £2 including refreshments. Small Hall, Village Hall For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

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### Sherston WI Talks

Dragons and Rescue Dogs by Debi Evans, an author of children's books. June meeting

Creative Photography talk by Fiona Turnbull Thurs 6 July, 7.30pm Village Hall

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

Olympic Legacy Day

Olympic Legacy Day on Sherston's Rec Sun 11 Jun 11am – 3pm, 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! 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 further details call For more info contact Nicky Gray, FSS chair, via nicky.gray@btinternet.com

### Guitar Club

Free tuition / tuning /copies of Pop, Folk, Traditional Songs will be given at Sherston's new guitar club on 17 June 7.30 – 9pm at Grove Rd Methodist Church, (until BSR development is ready in the Autumn.) Mary Clements (30+yrs. experience Peripatetic Guitar Tutor with Warwks.& Wilts. Ed. Authorities.)

### Sue's Strolls

Sun 2 Jul 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 a place - just turn up on the day. This is a PHEW! event

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

**Baby Boondocks** 

More like the old SherstonFest than Boondocks 7-8 July It will be the same eclectic mix of fantastic music that we find in all corners of the festival world throughout the year muddled up with great food, fine liquid refreshments and all manner of other good stuff! Tickets on sale now "The Old Rifle Range Field" aka the Village Hall For further details call Facebook (www.facebook.com/ TheBoondocksFestival() or get on our mailing list (email info@TheBoondocksFestival.co.uk)

Sherston Drama Group

Panto (Snow White) auditions For adults / teenagers (aged 9+ on 1 Sept 2017) there will be a read-through on Tues 4 Jul, 7.30 at Sherston Scout Hut where we will make the final decision and think about who would like which part. Panto dates: autumn half term 25-28 Oct 2017 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 contact Sue Lehrer (Chair) suelehrer@gmail.com Tel.07778 0661830

### Sherston Magna Cricket Club

All Stars Cricket a brand new initiative from the England and Wales Cricket Board aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket All girls and boys are welcome, £50 for 8 weeks, Sat am Along with the coaching sessions, each lasting approximately one hour, every child will receive a bonus participant pack; which includes a cricket bat, ball, personalised shirt, cap, water bottle and backpack.

Senior training every Tues from 6.30pm from Tues 4 April (weather permitting)

Under 9s practice - every Sun am; Under 11s and Under 13s practice - Mon 5.30pm to 6.30pm; Under 15s from Mon 6.30pm to 7.30pm - all from w/o 16 Apr

League fixtures on http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk/matches Pinkney Park Ground cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk

### Open Gardens Trail in aid of Sherston Church

Sat 17 - Sun 18 Jun New gardens open for the first time in addition to favourites, and some changes to previously showed gardens. Trail tickets can be used on one or both days and will be on sale from Sat 10am-12 noon outside the Post Office, or from the Church. Gardens will be open from 1pm to 6pm on Sat and 1pm to 5pm on Sun. 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.

Donations of cakes, surplus seedlings, cuttings or divided perennials most welcome

Ring the Church Bells On Sunday afternoon, Sherston Bellringers invite anyone who would like to visit the bell tower, see how the bells are rung and maybe have a go themselves For further details call Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Whitehouse 840640

### Sherston Boules Festival

Boules Tournament Sat 15 Jul Please see programme in centrefold of July issue for more details and articles Boules Skittles Wed 12 Jul 8.30pm at the Rattlebone Skittle Alley £5

Cricket match and BBQ - The Battle of the Pubs - The Carps XI taking on the mighty Rattlebone XI - Thurs 13 Jul 6-8pm at Sherston Magna Cricket Ground Fri Boules Day - 128 teams play in the tournament in the High St starting at 9am KidsZone on VH field from 10.30am and will include an assault course. Morris dancers, a band, Sherston Choir and an Accordionist - all in the high Street French Café, bar and BBQ on High St with many interesting stalls inc Giant Tombola and Raffle with £100 to the winner, £50 to 2nd and £25 to 3rd - to be drawn at the duck race. Colts (11-16 yrs) and Juniors (under 11s) Tournament - contact Huw Bowles huw@trecelyn.co.uk and Kirstie Blair Kirstieblair@gmail.com to enter a team Sun 16 Jul Tug of War, The Rec. 11am Duck Race 2.30pm - starts at Stretchline. Cream Teas at the finish line at Mill Cottage from 3pm, Raffle draw Children's Fancy Dress Competition - theme Entry fee is £2 per child

and payable to Kristy Andrews on the day at Duck Race teas Boules Day Please note: WC facilities in Village Hall and High St portaloos only.

Parking: Please make use of the public car parks: Green Lane Recreation ground for permit holders (displaced residents' cars) and disabled badge holders only General car park: Sports Ground, Knockdown Road (from Didmarton, Malmesbury and Tetbury via Sandpits Lane and Stretchline car park, Brook Hill (from Luckington)

For further details visit www.sherston.net

### **Sherston Arts Festival**

6-15 Oct Ten days of arts events suitable for all ages including art and photography exhibitions, concerts, lectures and the ever popular scarecrow trail Look out for further details in the months to come

Photography Exhibition Themes for 2017 − 1. Weather, 2. Black and White, 3. Architecture, 4. Anything with wheels, 5. The British Holiday.

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

Luckington Youth Café

New weekly event for ages 11-16 Saturdays 6-6.30pm Big Questions & Discussions, 6.30-7.30pm Food, games and chill Luckington Village Hall

For further details Joel Faulkner joel.p.faulkner@gmail.com

### Luckington Concert and Hog Roast

Fundraiser for the Church, two-hour concert with professional performers in the Church, as well as a glass of bubbly there and then the sumptuous Hog Roast to follow, with music of very differing moods and styles; and readings, once again, by Luckington's own National Treasure™, Sheila Hancock. Sat 17 Jun £30 on sale at the Shop

### 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; cross the rope bridge; Peer through the mesh-floored section Mar - Nov 2017 admission prices Adults £10, Concs and those arriving by bike or public transport £7, Children (5-18) £4, under 5s free, 1 carer allowed free per paying disabled visitor

Specialist Wood Sales every Sat 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA Coppice Open Days Join out coppice team on the last Sun each month at the end of the tree top walkway to learn more about woodland coppicing. And pick up some coppice products for the garden 10am-4pm Dogs allowed Summer Exhibition The nine artists of the 'Work in Glass' collective have been working together for seven years, and are excited to be back at Wesotnbirt exhibiting their beautiful glass collection that will catch both the light and the eye! Their work will include both decorative and practical items such as bowls, jewellery, stained glass, lamps, coasters and wall hangings. 27 May - 1 Jun Free after admission

Summer concerts Elbow Thurs 15 Jun (SOLD OUT); Olly Murs Fri 16 Jun (SOLD OUT); Rick Astley Sat 17 Jun; Craig David Sun 18 Jun

For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/ westonbirt

### Easton Grey Whatley Manor

Sunday Cinema £42 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn and a 3 course lunch or dinner in Le Mazot brasserie. Lunch first from 12 noon with the film starting promptly at 2.30pm. For the dinner screening enjoy the film first starting promptly at 5pm followed by dinner in Le Mazot brasserie from 7.15pm.

Manchester by the Sea' starring Casey Affleck, Michelle William and Kyle Chandler 25-Jun

La La Land' starring Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone and Rosemarie DeWitt 16-Jul

There will be a short break in our film screenings during August and September 2017 further to the potential refurbishment of Grey's Brasserie.

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

## Hookshouse Pottery spring/summer exhibition

'The Art of Seeing' 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 27 May -4 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

### **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 Sun 18 Jun 10am - 5pm Entry £5pp (on the gate) - children under 16 free Come and see the Private Gardens of the historic Badminton House, the home of The Duke and Duchess of Beaufort. A map and plant list of the stunning Walled and South garden is included with your entry

The gardens will also be open on 22 Jun for the National Garden Scheme

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

### Gloucestershire Festival of Polo

**International Test Match & Beaufort Polo Club Country Fair** including polo matches, shows and 40 stands Sat
10- Sun 11 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

### Highgrove Garden Tours

Tickets on sale for tours up till Aug. Sep - Oct tickets will go on sale in June. Standard Tours: £25 per person, individuals join a group of 26 guests. Groups may pre book Lunch or Afternoon Tea after their garden tour. Please note that an administration fee of £1.50 is applied to all bookings. Champagne Tea Tours - You will be one of 32 guests with a maximum of 16 guests per garden guide. After your tour you will visit the beautiful Orchard Restaurant for a delicious Highgrove afternoon tea. Cost: Individual £75.00. Couple £145.00. Gift boxed. For further details call 020 7766 7310 or visit www.highgrovegardens.com

### Malmesbury & Crudwell Meet the Police Community Support Officer

Drop in sessions The PCSOs are the main point of contact for local issues. You may want information on crime prevention, advice on what the police can do for you, get an update on issues in your area, get the latest leaflets or just to have a chat to a friendly face and put a face to the name. They are a really good opportunity to introduce children to a uniformed officer and make sure they understand that they can approach us if lost or frightened at any time.

Malmesbury Abbey PCSO Lareine Thurs 8 June & Mon 26 June 10am to 12 noon Crudwell Village Hall PCSO Bordiss

7 June 2-4pm For further details call PC Poole marie.poole@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

## Malmesbury Exhibition: Wiltshire At War

Wiltshire Does Its Bit includes many interesting stories of local nurses, dairymaids, small businesses, and local people providing comfort to soldiers of WWI– all doing their bit for the war effort. The museum will also have a display commemorating local soldiers and sailors who lost their life on the Somme and Jutland free entry Open Summer: Mon to Sun 10.30am to 4.30pm Winter (from Oct to Mar): Mon to Sat 10.30am to 4.30pm, Sundays: 11.30am to 3.30pm.

For further details visit www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

### Events at Malmesbury Children's centre

Workshops for toddlers, infants and new parents Free parenting courses for parents with children under 5 - check website for details free crèche Malmesbury Children's Centre For further details call 825566 or email: malmesburycc@spurgeons.org or visit www.malmesburycc.org

### Malmesbury Concert Band

Market Cross, Malmesbury 3 Jun 10.30am
Oaksey Village Fete Sat 1 Jul 2pm
Stratford Park Bandstand, Stroud Sat 23 Jul 2.30pm
Malmesbury Town Hall
For further details call Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or tony@jacfleming.plus.com or or visit
www.freewebs.com/malmesburyconcertband

Malmesbury & District University of the Third Age

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semiretired 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 and over 30 different interest groups, including book group, arts & crafts, history, gardening, pub lunches, theatre visits, etc. Meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10am for refreshments 10.30-11.30 Michael Kay JP - 'Magistrates in the Judicial System. Are they needed? (A look at UK magistrates)' Thurs 22 Jun Summer Picnic - venue to be confirmed Thurs 27 Jul Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall For further details call Membership Secretary Ann Roberts-Phare on 823971 or visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

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 nwilts@alzheimers.org.uk

### 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 10 Jun 7.30pm Tickets £10, incl beverage in the interval available from the Abbey Bookshop and Flowers Galore in High Street Malmesbury or any Rotarian Malmesbury Abbey For further details call or visit http://www.rcsc.co.uk

### Wiltshire Council Sunday Lunch Club

Monthly get together for those who'd like some company and a good Sunday lunch Each month 12.30pm for 1pm start. £10.50 pp Transport can be arranged if needed For further details call Ellen Backer 07557 922020

### Riverside Community

Cupcake Day in aid of the Alzheimer Society and Alzheimer Support Sat 17 Jun 10.30am - 1.30pm and enjoy a cupcake, a cuppa, maybe even a light lunch and find out more about Alzheimers

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Riverside Community Centre For further details call Health and Wellbeing Champion, Ellen Blacker. Tel: 07557 922020 or email ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk or visit www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk

### Charlton Park WOMAD - World Music Festival

WOMAD Thurs 27 - Sun 30 Jul Featuring many world musicians and bands and exciting new artists - check website for the lineup new LOWER PRICE ticket for SN16 ticket holders who don't stay on site SN16 resident four day ticket – NO CAMPING £90 / SN16 with camping 4 days £140 3 days £120. 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

### **Tetbury**

**Tetbury Goods Shed** 

Joy Lisney on Cello Sat 3 Jun 7.30pm £15 Joy Lisney is one of the most exciting young string players to emerge in recent years. She has since fulfilled expectations with a distinguished international career, launched by a debut series of two concerts at the Amsterdam Concertgebouw in 2012 The Merry Wives of Windsor Sat 4 Jun starts 5.30pm. Tickets cost £14 The Festival Players Theatre Company brings you a hilarious and colourful comedy in an all-male, fast paced, costumed production.

Women in Harmony Sat 10 Jun starts 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 Music from an award winning ladies choir based in Tunbridge Wells. Come with us on a musical trip around the world. James Lisney on piano Sat 24 Jun starts 7.30pm. Tickets cost £15. James Lisney enjoys a rich musical life, moving seamlessly from concerto and recital soloist to chamber musician, song accompanist and pianist director with a repertoire that ranges from baroque masterpieces to music of the present day.

How to reach the Shed - use the sat nav postcode GL8 8EY For further details call info@shed-arts.co.uk or visit www.shed-arts.co.uk

### Didmarton Flicks in the Sticks

Lion Fri 12 May - Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door Didmarton Village Hall
For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

### Grittleton Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

La Land [12A] Wed 28 Jun Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door Future dates for your diary
A United Kingdom Wed 19 Apr
Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Lesley 01249
783157 or email l\_palmer@btinternet.com or visit
www.moviola.org/

### Leigh Delamere PopUp Opera at Leigh Delamere Church

Il Matrimonio Segreto (The Secret Marriage) By Cimarosa. A rich Italian businessman attempts to marry off one of his daughters to a mad English toff with disastrous results. Packed with tunes and matrimonial mayhem, it

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is full of humour, sparkle and fun. If you enjoy Mozart, you will love this. Picnic in the garden of Leigh Delamere House beforehand (BYO) Ticket includes a glass of wine in the interval and a donation to the Churches Conservation Trust Fri 21 Jul at Leigh Delamere House For further details call Harriet Tupper on h\_tupper@hotmail.com

### Corsham

Corsham Walking Festival

This year's walking festival has a selection of 22 walks covering three days. Places are limited on all walks, so advanced booking is strongly advised 9-11 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. For further details call Box Office on 01249 701628 or

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

### Cotswolds

### Cotswold Rural Skills

**Dry Stone Walling - Beginners** 27-28 Jun Chedworth 22-23 Jul Lanswndown, Bath £99

**Spoon Carving** Spend a day learning about the age old craft of green woodworking...and make you own spoon in the process! 26 Jul Northleach

Free car-free guide to the exploring the Cotswolds The new look Explore the Cotswolds by Public Transport Guide is an invaluable information resource to traveling around the Cotswolds by bus, bike and train. Produced by the Cotswolds Conservation Board, the guide includes taster walks and cycle rides, attractions and places to visit. To download the 2017 guide click below, alternatively you can pick one up at one of the many visitor information centres in the and around the Cotswolds. http://cotswoldsconservationboard.cmail20.com/t/i-l-uiliudt-uutjhhnr-o/

Cotswold Lion magazine The Spring/Summer issue of the Cotswold Lion magazine is now available to pick up or to view online. http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/userfiles/file/publications/cotswold%20lion/cotswold-lion-36.pdf For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or visit http://www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk/

### Kington Langley Scarecrow Trail

Sat 17 Sun 18 Jun 10am - 5pm This year's theme: "Myths & Legends" Competition to guess the names of the scarecrows. 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/



### Crudwell

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Journeys in my mind Demonstration by Sandra Snell Competition – favourite flower. 21-Jun.

'A Celebration' - demonstration by David Martin Competition – favourite flower. 19 Jul

Bob Brown from Cotswold Garden Flowers - "Still Looking Good in August" 16 Aug , 7pm for 7.30pm Tickets £5.00 Open to all Bob is the plantsman-owner of Cotswold Garden Flowers, who lectures and travels widely in search of new plants. Bob is a most entertaining and knowledgeable speaker, garden writer and experienced nurseryman. Plants will be available to purchase on the evening from Cotswold Garden Flowers. All money raised will be donated to Perennial – formerly the Gardeners Royal Benevolent Society

Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB

For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

### Cirencester

Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool

Heated spring water open air pool run by volunteers as a non profit making charity Open Thurs 19 May to Sun 4 Sept.7/7.30am-6.45pm midweek and 9/10 - 5.45 Sat/Sun. Mon & Wed Adult evening swim 6.45-7.45pm. Friday Youth Evening 7-8.30pm 10-17 year olds Only £1 £4.80 / £3/ Family £13.50 Season tickets available.

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

## Wotton-Under-Edge The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 2; NT Live (encore) Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are dead; Mad to be Normal; Their Finest; Take That: Wonderland Live from the O2 Fri 9 Jun; NT Live Peter Pan (Recorded); The Secret Scripture; Exhibition on ScreenL Michelangelo - Love & Death; Smurfs: The Lost Village; NT Live Salome Thurs 22 Jun; Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul; Wed 5 Jul La Boheme: Live from Taormina check website for details

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

### **Wotton Concert Series**

Summer concert Mozart, Bruch, Beethoven 24 Jun 7.30pm

For further details call Book online or call the box office on 07415 541359 or visit www.wottonconcertseries.co.uk

### Seend

Shakespeare Live Open Air Theatre

A Midsummer Night's Dream Mon 3 - Sat 8 July 8pm An English country garden, open air Shakespeare - the quintessential English summer event - gourmet picnic baskets and cream teas available to pre order - or bring your own For further details call box office - 07780 938107 or visit www.shakespearelive.co.uk

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### Bath

Theatre Royal

Emma 5-10 jun £15-£33.50 The Addams Family 13-17 Jun Racing Demon 21 Jun - 8

Book ahead for: Sand in the Sandwiches; North by

Northwest; The Lady in the Van

Theatre Royal For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk

**Bath Fringe Festival** 

Fringe Festival Fri 26 May - Sun 11 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

### **Iford**

### Iford Arts Festival

Opera & Music Festival Opera: La bohème- Giacomo Puccini; Barber of Seville - Gioachino Rossini; Jephtha -George Frederick Handel Gates open at 5.30pm for picnics in the Grade 1 listed Harold Peto gardens of Iford Manor, 6 miles from Bath

Proms, Concerts and Midsummer Jazz check website for details

Iford Manor

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

Longborough
Festival Opera June - July

Tristan and Isolde; Fidelio; The Magic Flute; Orfeo ed Euridice 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

### 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. 6-11 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

A host of culinary events 9-11 Jun

Montpellier Gardens For further details call 01242 521997 or visit http://cheltenham-food-festival.garden-events.com/

Chadlington Summer Music Festival

concerts and recitals in beautiful surroundings 29 June - 2 Jul including Desert Island Discs: Peter Chadlington interviews Prue Leith

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

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

If you are in immediate danger call 999

The public version of Sherston's Emergency Response Plan can be found on the Sherston website: www.sherston.org/downloads/sherston-parish-council-emergency-plan/Sherston-Emergency-Plan-REDACTED-20-11-2015.pdf

### **Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator**

Caroline Jarvis

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

### Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport 24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100 EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk (only during an incident) Floods: 0300 456 0105 or drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk

### **Useful Information**

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/ roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm

#### Utilities

ELECTRICITY – SSEPD Power track
To report a problem or for information call 105
www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack for a map of faults
0800 072 7282 or 0345 072 1905 from a mobile phone
@SSEPD for updates on twitter

### WATER – Bristol Water

www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

#### WATER - Wessex water

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

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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
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Sherston Parish Council	01666 840197
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