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Elections

All 13 seats on Sherston Parish Council are up for re election on Thursday 2 May.

Nomination papers can be lodged from Monday 18 March with a deadline of 12 noon on Friday 5 April.

For full details see www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/elections/forthcomingelections/unitaryandparishelections.htm

If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor and want to know more about what's involved please speak to any present councillor or the Clerk Sarah Wood on 840197. Sarah will also be able to provide you with nomination papers which are also available directly from Wiltshire Council.

Elections for Wiltshire Council will also take place on 2 May.

Sherston Irish Night: Come and enjoy the Craic on Saturday 16 March

It's nearly here, the annual 'big night out for the grown-ups' from the Friends of Sherston School.

Celebrate St Patrick's Day and come and dance to 'Finnegan's Chin', a five-piece band from the well-known Irish city of Bristol and dress up as a famous Irish person ... there's Bob Geldof, The Nolans, U2, Rory McIlroy, Tesco Mary, Jedward to name just a few. As well as live music, there'll be a bar, home-made Irish stew, and disco dancing till late.

Sherston Irish Night takes place on Saturday 16 March, 8pm until midnight, at the Village Hall, tickets cost just £10 (including food) and are on sale at Sherston Post Office Stores.

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council meets on Thursday 14 March in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise please contact the clerk Mrs. Sarah Wood on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read.

Clem's Club

Clem's Club will meet every other Tuesday. All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat. 2.30pm to 4.00pm (alternating with the Senior Club) in the British Schoolroom, Cliff Road, on 12 and 26 March.

Copy deadline: 10th 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.

Top tip: if you're telling us of an event coming up, write a short piece about it rather than just supply basic details or a poster. You will then get a short article published to help boost interest as well as a mention in our What's On section. Don't forget to tell us how your event went, with a photo if possible.

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Trophy time for Sherston's gymnasts

Congratulations again go to the Sherston Primary School gymnastics team, who won the area shield for the fourth time at the Malmesbury Primary Cluster Gymnastics Festival last week. A total of 17 area teams entered for this annual event.

'The Sherston team had only three weeks to audition and practise,' said their proud coach, Tessa Leatherland, who trained the team alongside Clare Peevers. 'They worked really hard – I'm so proud of them for achieving such recognition. Every one of them is a star.' The gymnasts were presented with their award at a special assembly at the school.

Across the 10 different performance areas, there were a number of individual and team prizes awarded:

Floor Routines: Girls

1st: Tilly Egerton (Beginners), Eleanor Stevens (Advanced)
2nd: Ruby Gould (Beginners), Katie Pyle (Advanced)
3rd: Wizzy Phillips (Advanced)

Floor Routines: Boys

1st: Ben Gray (Advanced)

Box: Girls

1st: Maisie Phillips (Advanced)
2nd: Wizzy Phillips (Advanced)

Box: Boys

1st: Ben Gray (Advanced)

Team Event

1st: Sherston School 'Jim' team
2nd: Sherston School 'James' team

Box Team Event

1st: Sherston School 'Jim' team
2nd: Crudwell School
3rd: Sherston School 'James' team

Sherston School has been running its gymnastics club for several years and is always in demand from new members. Congratulations to everyone involved in this year's festival event – their hard work has really paid off.

SmallAds

You can now advertise items for sale or wanted in the Cliffhanger including services required such as gardening or cleaning. Cost is £2 for up to 20 words. Copy should be in paper form and put through the letterbox at 37 High Street by the 15th of the month together with £2 in cash. All monies raised will be donated to charity.

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From crab apples to charity



Guy Tullberg and Ali Glennie of Tracklements came to a recent assembly to present Sherston school with a cheque for £691.45 which will go to a charity chosen by the school.

The money was earned by the children for collecting the most crab apples of the three participating schools in the area back in 2011. In addition to giving each school 50p for each kilogram of crab apples collected, Tracklements also donates 20p from every jar sold to charity and it was this money being presented in assembly.

The school council chose the Wallace and Gromit Bristol Children's Cancer Appeal which is seeking to improve the Cancer and Bone Marrow Transplant Unit.

1016 Book Sale

The first of our popular book sales for the year is set for Saturday 13 April in Sherston Village Hall from 9 am to 12 noon – free entry.

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Advance news from your local Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds is once again organising its Horseless Team Event in Badminton Park on Sunday 6 October. The Horseless Team Event is a rare opportunity for (horseless) runners or walkers to take on parts of the world famous Badminton Horse Trials obstacles.

Runners can enter for either of the traditional five- or nine-mile courses, or do 13 miles, and can enter as either an individual or a team. Walkers can do the five-mile circuit and choose whether to go over or around the obstacles! In either case, this is a golden opportunity to see around the generally private grounds of the Badminton Estate. So have a look at www.hte-rcsc.co.uk and put the date in your diary.

The Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds is the local Rotary Club, serving Malmesbury, Tetbury and the surrounding villages. For more information about our club see www.rcsc.co.uk

Charity Race Day at Cheltenham

The Didmarton Committee of Macmillan Cancer Support are organising a Charity Race Day at Cheltenham on Wednesday 17 April. They are offering: entrance badges and car parking, with a reception followed by a three-course luncheon and afternoon tea. A guest speaker will 'Mark your Card' and there will be a bespoke auction ... and, of course, racing, with the main race of the day, The Macmillan Cancer Support in conjunction with Ceres Estates Silver Bowl. For details, and application form, please email cerescharity@gmail.com.

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Fun in the snow

I am writing with reference to the Fun in the Snow piece in The Cliffhanger last month.

After my dad Ron Purnell, a local coalman, had dug his way out of 6 Tanners Hill, my sister Chris and myself went to Mrs Margaret Butlers store to get him some wellies. Dad, with the help of a farmer with a tractor and trailer, went to Badminton Station to collect bags of coal and returned to Sherston with great difficulty to deliver bags to senior citizens and then to those who most needed it. This went on for some weeks.

by Sue Munro (née Purnell)

Some images of this year's snow sent in by Liz Cooper (taken on 18 Jan)



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I remember, do you?

I'm not a family history freak. I was born in Gaston Lane in 1943 and went to Sherston school from 1948 to 1952, I was also in Sherston Cubs and Scouts.

My family and myself have a long association with Sherston and surrounding district. My mother was born in Norton and her family lived in Hullavington for a while before moving to Sherston. My great-grandmother lived in Easton Town in what I now believe to be 'The Bartons'. Other members of the family lived in Silver Street and 'On-The-Bank'. The latter I have no information as to where the location is. I would be most grateful if any of your readers could let me know where 'On-The-Bank' is. My mother's cousin also lived in Gaston Lane most of her life.

I left Sherston when I was nine years old, but was able to keep in touch with some of my friends until about 1955. Then circumstances prevented me from further contact and I lost touch.

My reason for writing this is that I would appreciate contacting some of my contemporaries still living in Sherston and renewing that contact.

If any of your readers born around 1943 and still living in Sherston would like to make contact, I would appreciate an email to robin.eaton44@yahoo.com

Bristol to Bordeaux Cycle Challenge 2013

Applications are now being accepted for the Bristol to Bordeaux Cycle Challenge 2013. This is not only our biggest fundraiser of the year, but also an achievement to be proud of. With two ride options - a tough 500 miler and a classic 300 miler - there's something to cater for all rider abilities. Find out more on our dedicated site: www.pedalforprops.org Make this your personal challenge for 2013! Follow the link or call 0117 965 3514.

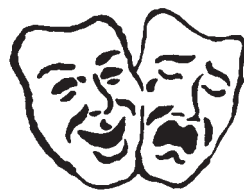
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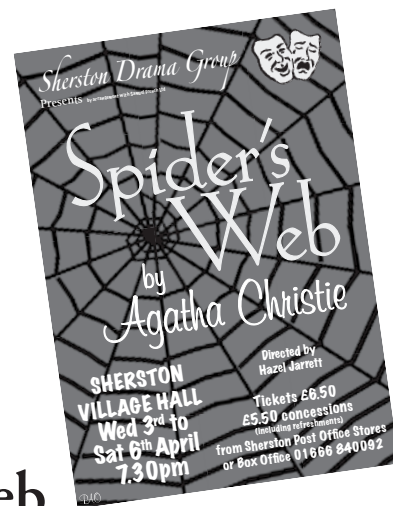
3 to 6 April in Sherston Village Hall

'Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive.'

These lines sum up Sherston Drama Group's production of this Agatha Christie classic. Set in a country house in Kent, this was Christie's first stage play, which ran for 774 consecutive performances in the 1950s. There is a murder, of course, but whodunnit? Why does the young diplomat's wife want to hide the body and tell three different stories to the police? Why should three respectable gentlemen want to help her? Who had a motive? Is everybody who they seem anyway? Clues and red herrings abound, not to mention a fair dose of humour, as the plot twists and turns - see if you can identify the murderer before Inspector Lord can.

Performances at 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm) in Sherston Village Hall from Wednesday 3 to Saturday 6 April. Tickets £6.50/£5.50 concessions, including interval refreshments, from Sherston Post Office and the Box Office at 840092 or via richard.skeffington@virgin.net.

And dates for your diary, the Sherston pantomime will be 30 October to 2 November this year.



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Sherston Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Do you own or run a local business or do you regularly work from home?

If you do, we would love to hear from you. The Sherston Neighbourhood Plan has been widely publicised in The Cliffhanger and we are asking local businesses for their input.

We need comments (social, economic or environmental) on the following issues to be included for the planning of Sherston's future for the next 30 years:

- What does Sherston offer your business that you want to see protected?
- What would you need in Sherston to keep and to grow your business here?
- What barriers do you see that prevent your business growing or staying in the village?

If you'd like to answer these questions, please reply in writing to either myself at the address below or pop it in the box at the Post Office Counter marked NHP – Business.

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Sherston W. I.

We met in January for a New Year lunch at The Horse Guards pub in Brokenborough. It was good to meet over an excellent lunch and catch up on all our Christmas and New Year activities.

The February meeting will be our AGM when reports are given on the past year's events and activities. The new programme will be disclosed and plans made for a busy and happy 2013. There will be a few changes of officers and committee members.

A Spring sale will take place in the Village Hall on 9 March from 10.00am to 11.00am. There will be various stalls and a raffle.

Tickets at £5 will soon be on sale for our Open Evening in the village hall on 18 April at 7.00pm. Our guest speaker is journalist Penny Junor. Refreshments and a great raffle are included during the evening.

We are always pleased to see new faces at our meetings. Visitors can sample our hospitality for £3. The opportunity to try new experiences is one of the key attractions of the WI.

by Ann Wilcox.

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The Beaufort Hunt gave Meningitis UK a welcome donation a couple of weeks ago.

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OPEN DOOR DAY

**Thursday 7th March 2013,
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Inspiring young minds

Presents can wait - I've a charity ride to do!

Early on the morning of Tuesday 29 January, Chloe Bayliss from Sopworth and former Sherston School student, woke up on her 13th birthday, wrapped up warm and cycled nearly 19 miles to school to raise over £700 for the charity War Child.

Chloe decided to do this personal challenge as part of Wycliffe's Kirby Challenge Award, encouraging Year 8s to become leaders, challenge themselves physically and mentally, and take pride in becoming an asset to their communities. The Kirby Award Scheme has many hallmarks of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Chloe set off on her bike at 5.45am from her home in Sopworth and arrived in time for her first lesson at Stonehouse in Stroud at 8.00am.

What a way to start her new life as a teenager!

Jamie and Julie Bayliss

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend

This year, Sherston Open Gardens Weekend will take place on the weekend of 22 and 23 June. Last year we had a wonderful display of gardens, large and small. If you would like to open your garden (all proceeds go towards the upkeep of Sherston Church), please contact Pat Whitehouse 840640, or Heather Martin 840375.



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Busy Hands Quiz

by Joey Ross

The battle was reignited on Saturday 2 February in the village hall for ownership of the much-coveted Busy Hands Pre-School Quiz Night trophy. Nineteen teams took on the challenge of completing the hugely anticipated quiz masterminded by the dynamic Strachan duo (Graeme and Kirsty). Graeme, under the guise of Rattlebone himself, was a brilliant compère who led the teams through 10 gruelling rounds all the while keeping the rivalling teams much humoured. It was an extremely closely fought battle which saw Green Dot (Jane and Duncan Milne, and Sophie and Matt Cheetham) snatch their victory from Quiz De Burgh by half a point followed closely by Low Expectations and Mensa But Densa who followed in their wake. Rupert Evelyn then took on the mantle for yet more fierce competition as he led the evening into the auction which resulted in its best year yet for Busy Hands. Meanwhile the bar was looking pretty sparse by the close of the night, with only a few cans of coke remaining!

The Busy Hands Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the evening, as well as all the local businesses and individuals who made the



night such a great success. With the hugely generous auction and raffle prizes donated, the team was able to raise £2,500 for the pre-school which will be used to finish the new outdoor play area, upgrade existing equipment and provide the children with new books and educational toys.

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News from Holy Cross church

March is an exciting time, with a big celebration on Mothering Sunday. Sherston's special service will begin at 9.30am on 10 March. On the 16 March, Rev'd Phil Daniels and Becky Fisher will be leading a Quiet Day in Alderton Village Hall.

There is such a rich variety of ways of travelling through Holy Week that I think it is a good idea to try something different each year. For 2013 we will build upon our popular Compline service by having a Compline each evening of the first three days in Holy Week. Each will be a quiet, thoughtful act of worship with chants and perhaps a musical item, also incorporating a reflection. The services will take place at 8.00pm on Monday 25 March in Sherston, on Tuesday 26 in Norton and on Wednesday 27 in Hullavington. We are looking for some singers to support the music – please have a word with Ness Whiffin if you'd like to be involved.

The Sunday after Easter will be a Group Service on 7 April at Foxley. The Annual Meeting for Holy Cross, Sherston will be on 14 April during the 9.30am service.

In preparation for the meetings, Church Electoral Rolls are being revised. This may sound quite obscure but in fact there are several practical benefits. Firstly, being on the Electoral Roll gives you voting rights in church affairs (we can hardly complain about Synod decision on women bishops and so on if we're not using our vote). Secondly, as Vicar, I know that the clergy rely on the electoral rolls as a contact list. It's much harder for us to keep in touch if we haven't got your phone number or don't know where you live! Thirdly, a healthy electoral roll reflects the level of support, which is out there in the community, for the church. So I'd urge you to pick up a form from your local church and follow the instructions on how to fill it in and return it.

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My apologies to you if you have been trying to contact me by email and failed. The server (some clever bit of kit at my main office) got a virus and was being very picky about accepting emails. I am told that this has now been fixed. If only the viruses we catch were as speedily cured!

This leads me to thinking about modern life and how frustrating it can be when we know what we want, but can't make it happen. Sometimes it's because we can't identify who can help or because the people who can help are difficult to get through to on the phone. Other information is only available on the internet.

Accessing information is one of the ways that I may be able to help. Technology does sometimes get the better of me, but I won't be defeated!

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Sherston Senior Club

There is not very much to report this month. The weather put paid to our meeting scheduled for 22 January. On 5 February we enjoyed a slide show on the Scillies given by Roger White. It looked so beautiful that many thought they would like to make a visit.

Looking forward to Tuesday 5 March, Derek Tilney will talk to us about the origin of the Union Jack and other flags. This will be followed by our Spring Sale on 19 March and by a slide show on Timbuktu (much in the news at the moment) by Mr B Tapp on 2 April.

This will be my final report as Chairman as I have stood down in favour of Malcolm Hillier. I hope he enjoys his term in office as much as I have. I close by thanking everyone for their unstinting support during my term in office

by John Venning Tel. 840915

Village hall 300+ club

January 2013 Draw

1st	23	Gwen Waddington	£12
2n	211	M Box	£11
3rd	230	Paul Mather	£10
4th	319	Steve Dunn	£9
5th	106	Linda Fitzpatrick	£8
6th	17	C Gray	£7
7th	200	Ann Daly	£6
8th	334	Guy Tullberg	£5

February 2013 Draw

1st	311	David Gibson	£12
2nd	298	J Laddle	£11
3rd	38	Mrs Eldridge	£10
4th	128	Mr R Parsons	£9
5th	153	Sue Shortridge	£8
6th	142	Diane Bush	£7
7th	210	Jenny Verard	£6
8th	223	Louise Osborne	£5

Collectors: A Andrews, G Mason, M Goulding, J Platts, L Prior, M Thacker, and M Yeend.

Due to reduced membership this year, there will be no Bonuses for Non-winners. If you are new to the village and would like to join for a £6 annual stake, (pro rata if joining during the year) ring the coordinator, Lin Prior on 840846.

Moviola

On Wednesday 27 March, Grittleton Village Hall presents **Skyfall** [12A].

In Istanbul, MI6 agents James Bond (Daniel Craig) and Eve (Naomie Harris) chase a mercenary, Patrice (Ola Rapace), who has stolen a computer hard drive containing details of undercover agents placed in terrorist organisations by NATO states. As the two men fight atop a train, Eve accidentally shoots Bond, allowing Patrice to escape. Bond falls into a river and goes missing, presumed dead.

MI6's servers are breached and 'M' (Judi Dench) receives a taunting message via computer moments before the offices explode, killing a number of employees. MI6 relocates to its emergency offices underground. Bond, having used his supposed death to retire, learns of the attack and returns to London where he is put straight back to work, pitting himself against an old adversary of M's, Raoul Silva (Javier Bardem), who is determined to destroy her along with the rest of MI6...

Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £5 in advance, £6 on the door, available from Lesley on 01249 783157 or l_palmer@btinternet.com. More details at www.moviola.org

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Calling all singers

If you would like to sing in a choir for a Service of Compline for Holy Week on Monday 25 March at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston, please come along to the rehearsal in the church, on the day from 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

The Service begins at 8.00pm. Dress for choir is all black. Further details from Ness Whiffin on 07774 524756.

Malmesbury Branch of the Embroiderers Guild

The Branch holds monthly meetings at Little Somerford Village Hall and welcomes new members. The dates of the next few meetings are as follows:

Saturday 16 March. Burning Issues 2, tutor Margaret Beal. Use a fine-tipped soldering iron to cut, fuse or mark layers of fabric. 10.00am to 4.00pm.

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1934: Flight to India

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Micky left the RAF in 1934, as a Flying Officer, to join the Bristol & Wessex Flying Club at Whitchurch as an Assistant Instructor and subsequently left in November 1934 to fly to India with Lady Blanche Scott-Douglas. This was reported in *Flight International* magazine. After returning from India, he joined Bristol Aeroplane Company at Filton in 1935, initially as an instructor in the Flying School which Bristol had run since the First World War, and from 1939 as a test pilot.

His first pupil was Lady Blanche Scott-Douglas, the sister of the Duke of Beaufort, who asked Micky to be her co-pilot for a flight to India to visit her friend, the Maharajah of Cooch-Bihar, an Eastern

Himalayan mountain kingdom. They set off on 20 November 1934 in her new Miles M2F Hawk Major G-ACWY via Kent, France, Corsica, Tunisia, Libya, Cairo, Palestine, and onto Baghdad, following the route of the Australia Race, which had begun a week earlier.

Unfortunately, they had engine trouble climbing out of Bushire and force-landed in the desert in Persia where they were marooned for 10 days, receiving hospitality from local tribes.

After leaving Bushire, they started climbing for Bandar Abbas but oil started spurting into the cockpit and they climbed higher. Eventually, at 8000ft, the pressure gauge went to zero and they had to shut off the engine. They were fortunate in finding themselves a long sandy valley, which proved itself to be the perfect aerodrome. In Lady Blanche's words: 'this was my first real forced landing and was lucky to have such confidence in Micky's ability to bring us down safely that I never had a moment's anxiety'. After a week of frantic anxiety back in England by Lady Blanche's mother, the flyers were found, after Micky and Lady Blanche sent a note to Bushire to the British Resident by a messenger who had to walk 80 miles through a very flooded countryside.

On the ground, the flyers discover the problem and what needed to be done and then realised that they were surrounded by about 100 'natives', a good many of whom were armed to the teeth with rifles



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and knives in their belts, a roughish lot, most of them pockmarked, all of them dirty, and scantily clothed ...

Suffice to say their ordeal was to last for about 10 more days before the rescue party arrived with more oil, and took Lady Blanche back to Bushire through some very flooded countryside. Micky got the plane's engine going and, once the flood water had subsided, flew the plane out to Bushire!

After 36 hours' rest, they continued their journey to Bandar Abbas where the plane tipped over on landing and damaged the airscrew. Rather than waiting, the couple took a considerable risk and decided to fly on

to Jask, where they waited for a new propeller to be flown in from Karachi via KLM.

Another problem awaited at Jask. Fuel had been laid down by Shell for the Australia race a month before. As the petrol was being emptied from the jerrycan into the aircraft, Micky noticed that it was frothing and suspected that the fuel had been spiked with water. The Shell agent had to suck out all the fuel and replace it with fuel that was genuine.

As they approached Karachi over the sea, the oil leak re-occurred but they were just able to make it to the airfield at Drigh Road.

They then stayed in Karachi with Micky's brother at Lloyds Bank and then travelled on to Bombay and then to Delhi, via Agra, and to Calcutta and onto Cooch Behar where, amongst other things, they did a tiger shoot on elephants.

My father recalled that the field they took off from in Cooch Behar for the return to England was a little short and had tall trees at the perimeter, so he instructed the people on the ground to hold the tail of the aircraft while they ran the engine to full throttle. They only just cleared the trees!

They returned safely to England in February 1935.

Lady Blanche lived for many years at Luckington, her local airfield was a field adjoining Reeves Hill, Sherston, which is still known by many as "The Flying Field".

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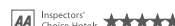
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Sherston Tennis Club will again be offering junior tennis lessons on Saturday mornings from April. The course of 10 sessions costs £45, plus membership to Sherston Tennis Club (Child £20, Adult £50, Family £90, with a 50% discount to anyone signing up before the end of April). In addition, entry into the Wimbledon ticket ballot will be offered to all those signing up by 20 April who are BTM members (join online for free at www.lta.org.uk/Members/Join/).

For more details, please contact Sophie Cheetham (07786 990045, sophcheetham@gmail.com) or Gemma Bird (840557).

Wanted: Fit men

Sherston Tennis Club needs more players for its men's team. If you're a competent player and would be available to play in matches at 6.30pm on Wednesday evenings, please contact Kim Stuckey on kim_stuckey@btinternet.com.

Players will also be able to come along to Thursday evening club sessions, which are sure to restart after the Easter holidays for all members to play social tennis

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Good Friday workshop Friday 29 March

The schedule of events at the Holy Cross Church is as follows:

10.30am to 12.15pm: Activities.

12.30pm to 1.15pm: Lunch.

1.15pm to 1.45pm: Practice for the Good Friday family service

2.00pm: Good Friday service.

2.30pm: Walk to Luckington church where we will have a short open-air service in the church car park, followed by hot cross buns, tea and coffee.

Children can spend the whole day with us or just come for part of the day. Bring a packed lunch if you are staying with us. We invite parents and friends to come at 2.00pm for the family service and walk to Luckington.

All children are welcome. Activities will be suitable for children from four years old who may join us without adult supervision. It is preferable for children under the age of four to be accompanied by an adult who is known to them.

In order to avoid disappointment and to ensure there are enough adults to supervise the children, it would be really helpful if you could book a place for your child(ren) in advance. Please contact Reverend Susan Harvey on 840696.



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Sherston Baby and Toddler Group's first jam session

The Sherston Baby and Toddler Group had their first Messy Play session on Tuesday 29 January. At this weather-themed special event, the usual toys and craft were replaced with five messy stations, offering artificial snow, cornflour-based mud, water, ice, rainbow rice and painting. It was a great opportunity for the children to get really messy whilst staying warm and snug in the Scout Hut. Many thanks to everyone who stayed to help with the clear-up.



Join the mums, babies and toddlers for fun, play and craft activities each Tuesday, 10.00am-11.30am at Sherston Scout Hut. For more information, call Cathy on 07779 564 716 or Kirsty on 07841 571 943 or, alternatively, like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

An acknowledgement: Liz Langley

Richard, Tom and Charlotte would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who has sent messages of sympathy at their devastating loss of Liz. We have received more than two hundred cards and letters of support, quite apart from the personal calls, telephone calls and e-mails. A walk into the village can take more than an hour, with all the hugs and chats of support, which are a great comfort! Help and comfort has come in so many different forms from so many people, and we thank each and every one of you for them. It is humbling to realise how much Liz touched the lives of all of us, and the affection with which she was held by so many people. To have more than four hundred people at the Thanksgiving Service spoke volumes. Thanks must go to Christopher and Susan for their help in arranging and leading the service.

Many thanks too for all the donations towards Cancer Research UK and other cancer charities. Together let's hope we can make a real difference, and help to find ways to eradicate this horrible disease.

As it would be impossible to acknowledge everyone individually, please accept this as a personal 'thank you' from the family.

Have your say!

As part of the process of producing a neighbourhood plan for Sherston there will be two opportunities for residents this month to take part in shaping the future of the parish.

Firstly on Tuesday 12 March at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall all senior citizens are invited to hear about the neighbourhood plan and in particular to air their views on such important issues as future housing and health provision to meet their needs. The event will be informal with tea and cakes provided.

On Saturday 23 March during the daytime and again in the Village hall there will be a further event for all residents to attend. This will enable all ideas to be put forward and for people to start considering some of the proposals which are now beginning to evolve. Final details of this event are being arranged so please look out for posters and leaflets later in the month. In the meantime please note the date in your diary.

Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 17 March. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return to the Rattlebone Inn just around 12noon in time for a complimentary snack. As ever children and well behaved dogs on leads are very welcome.

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As we approach the completion of the Sherston Old School project, our minds turn to those who made this all possible. Our many kind and generous donors enabled SOSIC (Sherston Old School Community Interest Company) to buy and then restore the old school to become the heart of the village that it is today. It has always been our intention to recognise the generosity of those who have made donations and we are in the process of ordering a permanent replacement for the temporary board currently on display in the foyer of the Post Office Stores.

Some donors have expressed the wish that they remain anonymous, however, to ensure that we have not missed anybody, below is a list of those we plan to include. Before any permanent public display is produced could you please check this list. Can you please email or call me by the end of March, if:

- a) your name is on the list and you'd rather it be removed
- b) your name is missing, or
- c) there are any spelling errors

We plan to have the permanent display in place by the time of the official opening later in the year.

It's not too late to donate if you would like to: if you are interested in making a donation, please send all donations (cheques should be made payable to 'Sherston Old School Community Interest Company') to me at the address below.

John Kerslake, Membership Secretary - SOSIC,
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Sherston Old School Members' £25,000 Appeal - Register of Pledges

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An invitation to attend Malmesbury area board on Wednesday 6 March 2013

Malmesbury area board takes place on Wednesday 6 March in Crudwell Village Hall. Topics for information, debate and decision include:

Understanding Autism – Maria Cattelona, Disabilities Commissioning Officer for Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Autism Partnership and Patti Harrison – Wiltshire Parent Carer Council, will talk about autism, how the condition affects people and why this is important for the Malmesbury area.

Flooding Update – a short item to provide an update against themes identified in the flooding exercise at the previous Area Board meeting

Area Board Achievements – a review, documenting some of the key achievements of the Area Board over the past four years

Community Issues Update – how is your area board dealing with your community issues

Community Area Transport Group Update – about small scale transport and highway improvement schemes in the community area.

Community Funding – which projects will receive funding for their community projects

How the area board is responding to your priorities linked to the Joint Needs Assessment for Malmesbury community area.

Please join us from 6.30pm for a cup of tea or coffee and take the opportunity to have a chat with your councillor or others attending the meeting. The meeting takes place between 7pm – 9pm. We look forward to seeing you.

This is the last Malmesbury area board before the local elections, so do please come along and have your say.

For further information contact your Community Area Manager, Miranda Gilmour miranda.gilmour@wiltshire.gov.uk

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New competition record for 1016 Pancakes *Photos Elanna Witt & Paul Ormiston*

The Carpenters Arms was packed on the evening of Shrove Tuesday for the annual Sherston 1016 Pancake Eating Competition, and a new competition record was set!

Returning champion Josh Connor smashed his previous record for eating four pancakes by ten seconds.

For the average person, to down four pancakes in 29 seconds would be some achievement. So it was for Josh too, until this year's competition, when he managed the feat in only 19 seconds.

This year, Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, fell during the Wiltshire schools half-term holiday, so it was good to welcome a large number of younger contestants. Thirty-two contestants of all ages took part, with the aim of swallowing down their pancakes in the shortest possible time. A total of 136 pancakes were prepared expertly by the chef, with the high-quality ingredients having been donated by generous local businesses: flour by John Lister of Shipton Mill at Long Newnton, free range eggs by Gail and Bruce at Sherston Eggs, and lemons by Andrew at Tucks Farm Shop.



The competition was arranged into heats. In the children's heat, where two pancakes each were devoured, James Hulme achieved a time of 47 seconds in his heat. In the children's final, Tom Waldron came first, with James Hulme second and brother William Hulme third.



It could be said that the Hulme family have a talent for cons-Hulming pancakes, as mum Minnie won the ladies' competition, with three pancakes downed in 1m 15s, followed by Hannah Thomas in second place and Kati Moriarty in third.



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Sherston Neighbourhood Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment – Scoping Report

As reported in a previous issue of The Cliffhanger, work has now started on the preparation of the Sherston Neighbourhood Plan which will, if approved, provide a legal basis for residents to determine the future of our community over the next 20 to 30 years.

The project is led by Sherston Parish Council which oversees a steering group that includes local councillors, residents and other local community interest groups. The Sherston Neighbourhood Plan covers the whole administrative area of Sherston Parish Council. The Steering Group has been working on the plan since about February 2012.

As a necessary part of this process, we are required to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) – to assess the likely environmental impact of any policies and proposals that are put forward in the plan. The first stage of the SEA process is to prepare what is termed a Scoping Report. This initial stage requires us to gather evidence about what is happening in our neighbourhood plan area. This provides evidence to inform the SEA and uses information that is already being gathered in support of the emerging neighbourhood plan. This is an opportunity for us to review existing policies and plans that are considered likely to influence the neighbourhood plan, establish what the trends are (eg what things are improving and/or what things are getting worse), and identify the key issues for our area – all of which were set out in the January issue of The Cliffhanger.

We have been advised by Wiltshire Council that not only is there a legal requirement for us to prepare an SEA Scoping Report that includes a set of SEA objectives but that, having done so, we are obliged to consult English Heritage, the Environment Agency and Natural England on this information, together with other stakeholders likely to be affected by the plan – including most importantly the local community.

The required SEA Scoping Report has now been prepared and is going out to public consultation.

Please see below the formal notice that we have been asked to publish, which is intended to inform everybody living within the Parish (ie the Neighbourhood Plan Area) where they can see a copy of the completed Report and, more to the point, how and where to make any comments on this published document.

Sherston Neighbourhood Plan Scoping Report

Representatives from Sherston Parish Council, together with representatives from other local community and local interest groups have joined together to form The Sherston Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group. This steering group is developing the Sherston Area Neighbourhood Plan.

The Sherston Area Neighbourhood Plan is being subject to Strategic Environmental Assessment to meet the requirements of EU Directive 2001/42/EC and transposing Regulations. We have produced a Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report and would like to invite you to submit your views on the scope and



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level of detail of the report. A copy of the SEA Scoping Report has been placed on the Sherston website (www.sherston.org.uk) You can find out further information about our neighbourhood plan at www.sherston.org.uk/sherston-neighbourhood-plan.html. Alternatively a paper copy of the Scoping Report will be placed in the Sherston Post Office Stores for you to read during the consultation period.

Comments should be submitted by 5th April 2013 5pm, either by email to clerk@sherston.org.uk or in writing to:

Sarah Wood, 23 Cliff Road, Sherston SN16 0LN

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On 11 May, we are thrilled to welcome Julian Lloyd Webber to the Abbey for the first time. Julian will be accompanied by Rebeca Ormodia and will give a wonderfully varied cello recital, with music from Bach, Bridge, Ireland, Britten, Faure, Saint-Saens, Delius, William Lloyd Webber and Rachmaninov.

Next, on 29 June, Red Priest, a most extraordinary baroque quartet, will give us an evening to remember with *The Carnival of the Seasons* – Vivaldi with a Difference. Piers Adams, world renowned leader of the ensemble, is offering a one-hour recorder workshop on the afternoon of this concert for recorder players grade 1 and above.

On 21 September, we are lucky enough to have Peter

King, the Director of Music at Bath Abbey, returning to play the Abbey's famous Johnson organ, and on 19 October, the Coull Quartet (Quartet in Residence at the University of Warwick since 1977) will give us an exciting programme of Haydn, Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky.

To round off the season in style, we welcome the London Brass Symposium on 16 November. Their splendid brass sounds - Music Leading us to Advent - will surely get us in the mood for Christmas.

All concerts take place in the Abbey, and tickets, priced at £12 (£20 for Julian Lloyd Webber)/ £5 for students, can be obtained from the Abbey Bookshop, or the MAMS Ticket Secretary, David Barton, on 824924, email d.barton763@btinternet.com. Alternatively, they can be bought online through the Malmesbury website www.malmesbury.com/mams.

However, it is not too late to become a member. For £55 you get a season ticket that covers all the season's concerts, while £10 membership gets you discounted tickets. The society also organises trips to musical events, the annual highlight being our trip to the BBC Proms at the Albert Hall. Contact David Barton for further details.

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All the children, teachers, school staff and even parents performed in this musical adventure. Each singing group, class or individual passed the Masaai Urungu stick to the next singing act. The three-hour singing marathon accumulated with a harmonious finish as the whole school joined in together in the hall. The event included watching clips of the Kenyan school in action.

One of the highlights was an Old MacDonald medley where every class and teacher did one line of the song.

Singing is an important part of the Masaai tradition and given that teaching resources are scarce in this remote part of Kenya, many of the lessons in Sherston Musul are taught through the medium of song.

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Tolsey surgery patient survey 2012 results

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Raleigh International expedition to Borneo

The staff at the surgery wanted to do something to help raise funds for the Raleigh International Expedition to Borneo being undertaken by Dr Pettit later this year. Please come to the surgery to find out more and take part.

Is Your Chocolate Easter Bunny Good or Bad?

Easter is on the horizon and many people are looking forward if not to a chocolate fest, at least indulging in one of the UK's favourite treats: chocolate.

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- Dark chocolate has flavonoids which act as antioxidants. These can help protect the body from free radicals which can cause damage to the heart and blood vessels +
- Flavonoids also produce nitric oxide, which can reduce blood pressure +
- Chocolate, especially milk and white chocolate, is packed with fat and sugar leading to weight gain, raised blood pressure and diabetes -
- Chocolate stimulates endorphin production, which gives a feeling of pleasure +
- Unfortunately its role as an aphrodisiac is not proven -

- It also contains theobromine, caffeine and other stimulants, which could disturb sleep and provoke migraine in someone who is susceptible -
- In studies, chocolate has been found to be superior to many over-the-counter medicines in helping soothe a cough +
- Due to its different fat types, dark chocolate has been shown to reduce LDL cholesterol (low density, bad cholesterol) +
- The amount of dark chocolate needed to confer health benefits is only small - researchers used 100g (one small bar) daily so eating more than this may well outweigh the positives -
- The positive health benefits have only been found for high-quality dark chocolate: -milk and white chocolate were not shown to have any -
- Dark chocolate contains serotonin - a chemical substance used in antidepressants +
- Eating chocolate does not give you spots +

Much of this research has been in small studies, and some of the long-term benefits, such as reduction in heart disease, are still not proven. However, the general consensus amongst the experts is:

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In 2012 the rural area was hit with a number of dwelling burglaries at the end of the summer causing desperate upset for a number of people. I am pleased to report that, following operations run alongside neighbouring forces, two persons were arrested and charged with these offences.

Despite this positive result, it is understood that these rare incidents do make residents uneasy and therefore we will continue to regularly patrol your village and maintain a strong visible presence.

At the end of last year consultations were held locally and, from the results gathered from the public, Malmesbury Police along with partner agencies have set the Policing Priorities for the first quarter of 2013. The consultations highlighted strong concerns regarding speeding vehicles and other driver-related incidents, including drivers driving whilst on a mobile phone, drink driving and general anti social driving. Therefore increased speed checks and general patrols will be carried out, with the intention of reducing the above problems.

Please be aware that this means there will be a visible presence of police carrying out speed and vehicle checks in your area. If you would like to speak to me regarding any policing issues, you may contact me by ringing Wiltshire Police on 101, extension 734819, or by email: Michael.Tripp@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

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Sherston Living Churchyard

Thank you to all those who offered to help at the work session in February. Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side and the session had to be cancelled, but we will try again from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Saturday 9 March. Please get in touch if you would like to know what will be happening then.

Although it may seem as though winter will never end, there are snowdrops, primroses and celandines in flower now in the churchyard, as I write in the second week of February. The blooms, it must be admitted, do look rather damp and bedraggled, but it is lovely to see these harbingers of spring. When I was in the churchyard at the weekend, I was kept company by a great tit singing very loudly in the tree above my head, a song which he maintained for well over an hour. He was obviously ready for the challenges that face male birds in spring – attracting a mate and keeping a territory. If you are up early in the morning, you will have heard the thrushes singing for some weeks now. Even as it remains cold and grey, a challenge to the spirits, there are signs of renewal in the natural world to remind us that spring is on the way.

I look forward to meeting some of you in the churchyard in March.

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Ground enhancements for the new cricket season

At a well attended and very upbeat AGM on 19 February, club chairman, John Matthews announced the exciting news of the club's ambition to not only introduce replacement sightscreens, but a state of the art practice facility at the ground in Pinkney Park.

The existing sightscreens have been serving the club well for over 12 years, but are now in such a state of disrepair that new sightscreens are the only solution. The club is confident of finding grants from one or more source to reduce outlay that new sightscreens cost.

The existing practice facility at Pinkney Park has also been looking tired in the last few seasons, but development officer, Paul Jarvis has kindly helped to specify and identify a provider for a new two-net all-weather practise facility for Pinkney Park. The cost of this facility will be significant and will clearly need funding from grants, donations and fund-raising. Club treasurer Caroline Dickenson is working hard to find potential grants to fund some of the cost.

These new enhancements and news of a new 20 year lease over the ground left those at the AGM excited about the prospects for this and the coming seasons.

Committee changes

Thanks were given to outgoing Saturday captain Andrew Tremellen. Although his last season in charge was not the clubs most successful the fact is that under his leadership the club won Division 2 of the Cotswold and District Cricket Association (CDCA) and then historically in 2009 won CDCA Division 1.

The Junior section of the club has been fortunate over the years to receive the wonderful support of Neil Forster and the club now find itself in a very enviable position for 2013 of having the additional services of two highly qualified coaches in the form of the Paul and Andrew Jarvis.

Congratulations were given to James Harmer and Andy Pegg for being elected to the positions of Saturday captain and vice-captain which must be youngest leadership team we have ever had. We wish all the new appointments luck in their new roles.



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Members should also note the 6 April as the date for the Pre-season drinks from 6.30pm at Pinkney Park, by kind invitation of the Matthews.

Indoor Cricket

Game 6 – SMCC lost by one wicket. SMCC 69 all out (55 balls), Box 70 for 5 (57 balls)

An unbelievably low scoring game, with some poor batting followed by a spirited bowling performance that took the game to the last over. A messed up run out and a dropped catch saw SMCC fall just short of a sensational victory!

Game 7 – SMCC lost by five wickets. SMCC 60-4 (60 balls), Chippenham 64-1 (32 balls)

Another inept batting display against a good Chippenham side, 60 was never enough and we were soundly beaten.

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At the moment I am unable to give details of the

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

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

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

Boules at The Bull

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

Busy Hands Pre-school

Meets 9.10am - 12.10pm everyday in the village hall for 2 1/2 - 5 year olds. Lunch Club Mon to Fri until 1pm and exciting new outdoor free flow area. All childcare vouchers welcomed. For further details call 07766 714544 any morning or 840232 all day.

Charity Bingo

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

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

Clem's Club

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

Drawing Classes in Sherston

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

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

Footpaths group

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

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

Malmesbury Luncheon Club

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

Malmesbury Netball Club

Every Thursday at 7pm, £3 per session, payable at the front desk at the Activity Zone, Malmesbury. For further details contact Tahiti on tahitivanrooyen@gmail.com

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

For details contact Sue Webb 824620 dennis.webb01@virgin.net

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

Malmesbury Guides - Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

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

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

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

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

Sherston Badminton Club

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

Sherston Brownies Meet every Wed during term time 6.15-7.30pm in the Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. If you're interested, please contact Snowy Owl (Liz Walker) on 840216 for more details

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

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

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

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

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

Westonbirt Guides

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

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Indoor practise nets will start at Tetbury Sports Centre in Lowfield Road every Sunday at 4.30pm until 6.30pm until Easter. Further details at www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com

Sherston Drama Group

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

Sherston FC

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

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

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

Sherston's Living Churchyard

Please help maintain the living churchyard on the second Saturday of the month from 10am to 12 noon or 2pm till 4pm, weather permitting. Please check with Sue for timings each month. Church of the Holy Cross *Further details contact Sue Robinson on 841263*

Sherston Martial Arts Club

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

Sherston Photography Forum

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

Sherston Tennis Club

The tennis courts are located on Knockdown Road, next to the football pitch. Membership fees for 2013 family £90, adult £50 with

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

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 Hjqurk@aol.com

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

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

Sherston Village Hall Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, parties etc. For details contact the bookings officer Martin Rea on 840348 or martdrea@aol.com

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

Sherston Young Craft Group Every Monday 6.45 – 8.15pm in the village hall (children 9 years and over). £3 (incl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each half term. To join, please contact Cathy Garton on 841309 or email cathy@jd-racing.co.uk

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

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

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

Village Hall 300+ Club Monthly draw with eight prizes ranging from £12 down to £5 for a £6 annual stake (or pro rata if joining during the year). If you would like to join, or need more information, contact the coordinator, Lin Prior on 840846.

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

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

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

What's on in 2013

Dates for your diary

April

- 3-6 Spider's Web by Agatha Christie -
Sherston Drama Group Spring Play
- 13 1016 Book Sale

June

- 14-15 2013 SherstonFest

July

- 6-14 Sherston Boules & Carnival
- 13 Boules Day

October

- 11-20 2013 Arts Festival
- 30-2 Nov Sherston Drama Group Pantomime

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

WHAT'S ON

Sherston

The Carpenter's Arms

New weekly quiz every Sunday night 7.30 for 8pm start free entry, prizes

Live Music: Kayleigh Thur 7 Mar

Chinese Night Back by popular demand Wed 27 Mar

Check boards for details For further details call

840665 or visit us on Facebook - [CarpentersArmsSherston](#)

The Rattlebone Inn

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

Taste of The East Night Authentic Oriental 3 Course Menu including a Glass of Bubbly for £25 per Head Thu 14 Mar

Live Music Irish Specials to Celebrate St. Patrick's Day Weekend Sat 16 Mar

Live Music From The Acoustic Junkies Sun 31 Mar - Easter Sunday

Check boards for more details of events

Further details contact 840871 or

www.therattlebone.co.uk

Easter Special Church Events

Good Friday workshop 29 Mar 10.30am-12:15

activities 12.30-1.15 - lunch (bring your own packed lunch) 1.15-1.45 - practice for the good Friday family service 2pm Good Friday service

2.30 walk to Luckington where we will have a short

open air Service in the church car park, followed by hot cross buns, tea and coffee Children can spend the whole day with us or just come for part of the day (unders 4 year olds must be supervised) In order to avoid disappointment and to ensure there are enough adults to supervise the children, it would be really helpful if you could book a place for your children in advance.

Please contact Reverend Susan Harvey on 840696
Choir rehearsal in the church 5-6pm Mon 25 Mar for a Service of Compline at 8pm Further details from Ness Whiffin - 07774 524756

Church of the Holy Cross

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

Senior Club Spring Sale

Tues 19 Mar 9am-12 noon Various stalls Bring and Buy, Bric a Brac, Books, Nearly New, Tombola, Raffle Free entry

Sue's Strolls

Sun 17 Mar starting from the village hall at 10am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 12 noon

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

1016 Book Sale

Sat 13 Apr 9am - 12 noon village hall - free entry Donations of books, videos, DVDs and CDs gratefully received. Please deliver to Mike Tarrant at Grays of Sherston. All proceeds to the senior citizens Christmas voucher fund. For further details call 840611

SHOCC

Sherston Occasional Community Choir 7-9pm each Wed in the British School Rooms and will work towards giving a concert locally on 1 June

For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or nicki-heenan@btinternet.com or Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

WI Open Lecture

Talk by Penny Junor, the Royal Biographer and Journalist Thurs 18 Apr 7.30pm Village Hall Visitors very welcome Tickets £5 to include refreshments - available from the Post Office. Sherston Village Hall

Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

Painting Workshops -

Beginners and Intermediates

Wednesday 10.30am - 12.45pm Beginners -materials provided for the first few lesson thereafter bring your own preferred paints, brushes and supports

Advanced painters meet on Thursdays- private lessons, portfolio preparation or workshops by appointment. The Carpenter's Arms, Sherston For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

Glass Fusion Course

Caroline Lambert returns showing glass fusion techniques making jewelry, bowls, window decorations, tiles or clocks Fri 19 Apr , Sat 20 Apr 10am - 4pm £28 a day plus the cost of the glass

approx £15 British School Room.

For further details call Gill Ashley 840993

Sherston Drama Group

Spring Play 2013- Agatha Christie's classic play 'Spiders' Web' Wed 3 - Sat 6 Apr 7.30pm Door open 7pm Tickets £6.50/£5.50 concessions, including interval refreshments on sale at the Post Office

Panto dates 30 Oct - 2 Nov 2013 Village Hall

For further details call Richard Skeffington 840092

richard.skeffington@virgin.net

Sherston Irish Night by FSS

in aid of Sherston Primary School Celebrate St Patrick's Day and come and dance to 'Finnegan's Chin', a five-piece band from the well-known Irish city of Bristol and dress up as a famous Irish person. live music, bar, home-made Irish stew and disco dancing till late in the Village Hall on Sat 16 Mar 8pm - midnight Fully licensed bar Tickets £10 (including food) from the post office.

Sherston Village People in concert at Fiddlers Bristol

supporting The Soul Destroyers at Fiddlers in Bristol on Sat 27 Apr. A bus will be going to and from the gig, picking up from the High Street in Sherston. To book a seat on the coach contact Gemma on 07824 347245 or email gemma.waldrone@btinternet.com

SherstonFest2013

"the South Cotswolds Cider, Music and Fine Food Festival" Fri 14, Sat 15 Jun tickets on sale now at the PO or online

Sat Kids' events: Mid day(ish) - drum workshop (limited number - reserve by email to kids@sherstonfest.com); 1pm (ish) - Samba Party opening procession - parents welcome to join it (parents of younger kids to be there); **All day - Junk Fish** make and play - make your own samba costume; 5 (ish) - Samba Party procession take 2, this time with costumes!; All day - build a pizza + all day face paint / hair braid . See website for full details of all events Village Hall Field For further details call email info@sherstonfest.com or visit www.sherstonfest.com or facebook www.facebook.com/SherstonFest

Midsummer fete and open gardens trail in aid of Sherston Church

23-24 Jun If you would like to open your garden (all proceeds go towards the upkeep of Sherston Church), please contact Pat Whitehouse 840640, or Heather Martin 840375.

Knockdown

The Holford Arms

Live Music every weekend

Free house and restaurant for further details call 01454 238669

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Yoga in the Great Oak Hall Every Monday morning with Louisa Gaskell for beginners/general 8.30 - 9.30am 9.45-10.45am

Complimentary admission, non-members and members welcome.

Course booking is essential, £10 per session To book and for further details contact 07738 534923 or 07738 534923 or l.gaskell@virgin.net Spring and Summer admission till Sept: Adults £8 / Conc £7 Chd £3 (Half price Wednesdays in Apr & May) **Specialist Wood Sales** 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA Exhibition: The Art of Trees 27 Mar - 2 Apr **Family Event : Easter Challenge** Crafts include: Flower sewing cards, Easter chick thumb cartoons, Paint blowing and blossom printing Tues26- Fri 29 Mar 10.30am - 4pm ages 3+, free after admission **Walks:** Free, volunteer led guided walks every Sat, Sun and Bank Holidays at 2pm and Wed at 11am, from 29 Mar (Good Friday) until 3 Nov Guided Walk : Barking Mad Sun 24 Mar 10.30-12.30 free after admission Sorry no dogs

Summer Concerts Announced: Blondie Fri 21 Jun; Paloma Faith Sat 22 Jun - SOLD OUT; Olly Murs Sun 23 Jun; Jessie J Fri 19 Jul Paul Weller Sat 20 Jul - SOLD OUT; Jools Holland Sun 21 Jul tickets from the shop or box office on 03000 680400 or www.forestry.gov.uk/music £35-39 plus booking fee

Westonbirt School

FOW Fashion Show and Supper Fri 1 Mar 7pm £20 / £15 for under 18s - Drinks reception, 2 course dinner and fashion show by staff and pupils from local boutiques

Open Door Day Thur 7 Mar 09.30am - 12.30pm Meet the new headmistress and see the school in full swing

Rosehill Open Day Thur 7 Mar 09:30-12:30

For further details call 881375 or email aslark@westonbirt.org or visit www.rhwastonbirt.co.uk

Annie Fri 15 and Sat 16 Mar 7.30pm in the Orangery Theatre

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

Westonbirt School For further details call Laura Reid on 880333 or lreid@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk and Arabella for the open house and garden aparr@westonbirt.org or visit www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

Didmarton

Duke of Beaufort's Hunt Point to Point at Didmarton

First Sat in March - 2 Mar First race starts at 12.30. Countrywear tradestands, refreshments. Wrap up warm against the wind as course very exposed. £10 entry to the racecourse. Parking on site (chargeable).

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Wed 27 Mar - Skyfall (12A) starring Daniel Craig Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £5 in advance £6 on the door Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Evening of Mozart: the Malmesbury Singers with the Bristol Ensemble Fri 16 Mar at 7.30pm Tickets from the Abbey Bookshop or via website £12/ £10 members/ £5 student or chd

Cello recital by Julian Lloyd Webber 11 May £20

For further details call David Barton 824924

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

Malmesbury Cake Society

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

MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP Sat 2 Mar 12 noon - 1pm Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall

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

Highgrove House

Tetbury Art Society Roy Baker Memorial Lecture

Costume Design: 'Costume Design: a continuous journey from the past to the future' by Ilaria Martello, Royal Opera House
Production Costume Thur 14 Mar 2.15pm £25 includes tea & cake.
All proceeds to the Prince's Charities Foundation. Advance booking only SOLD OUT

The Orchard Room, Highgrove House *For further details call Gill Ashley 840993 or visit www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk*

Charlton

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – Malmesbury Local Supporters Group

Winter Talks Programme 2012-13 7.30pm Admission £2.50, children free. Non-members very welcome. Charlton Village Hall
Birding in Brazil Talk by Alan Jordan 07-Mar
Dragonflies and Damselflies Talk by Steve Covey 04-Apr

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: *Les Misérables*, *Quartet*, *Andrea Bocelli: Love in Portofino* LIVE; *Nostalgia for the Light*; check website for details The Electric Picture House *For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoneph.co.uk*

Cirencester

Sundial Theatre at Cirencester College

Comedy: SHAPPI KHORSANDI - Dirty looks and hopsotch Sat 9 Mar 8.30pm £13.50

Music: GEORGE MONTAGUE Fri 15 Mar 8pm £14 £10 adv / £12 on the door

For further details call 01285 654228 or visit www.cirencester.ac.uk/sundial

Cotswolds

Cotswold Rural Skills Courses

Stone Carving Taster Day 05-Mar Filkins, Oxfordshire 1 day £119
Book ahead to avoid disappointment

Hedgelaying for beginners (Somerset Style) 2-3 Mar / 9-10 Mar
Luckington £99

Dry Stone Walling for beginners 13-14 April Landsdown Bath 27-28 Apr Naunton £99

Map & Compass Day Northleach £10

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

Book ahead to avoid disappointment

Bath

Bath Comedy Festival

29 Mar - 7 Apr Various events throughout Bath city centre Tickets vary from £1-£17 Bath Festivals Box Office,
for further details call 01225 463362 or www.bathboxoffice.org.uk or visit www.bathcomedyfestival.co.uk/whats-on

The Independent Bath Literary Festival

1- 10 Mar Various events throughout Bath city centre by many authors and actors including J.K. Rowling, Hilary Mantel, P.D. James, Kate Mosse, Pat Barker, Harriet Walter, Darcey Bussell, Sandi Toksvig, Robert Fisk, Gavin Esler, A.N. Wilson, Allan Little, Ben Goldac Tickets vary from £4-£17 *For further details call 01225 463362 or visit www.bathlifefest.org.uk*

Theatre Royal

The Mikado 5-9 Mar 7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33.50
Moscow City Ballet Present Romeo & Juliet 11-12 Mar; Swan Lake 13-14 Mar; Sleeping Beauty 15-17 Mar; The 39 Steps 18-23 Mar; Noises Off 27 Mar - 5 Apr Book ahead for: Abigail's Party, Midnight Tando; Relatively Speaking
Theatre Royal For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Bath, Stroud, Bristol

Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ the cinema

Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the ROH Covent Garden Ballet: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

LIVE Thu 28 Mar ; Eugene Onegin LIVE 20-Feb

Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and other Cinema

For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit www.roh.org.uk/cinema

Nailsworth

Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Home matches: Sat 3 Mar 3pm v. Cambridge United; Sat 17 Mar 3pm v Hayes & Yeading United; Tues 20 Mar 7.45pm v Luton Town; Sat 31 Mar v Barrow Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2 Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2
The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth

For further details call 01453 834860 or visit www.forestgreenroversfc.com

Cheltenham

The Festival

Tues 12- Fri 15 Mar with Wed Ladies' Day, Patrick's Thursday and The Gold Cup Fri from £22 (except Gold Cup Friday from £40)
Cheltenham Racecourse *For further details call 0844 579 3003 or visit www.cheltenham.co.uk/racing/fixtures/the_festival.html*

Didmorton Committee of Macmillan Cancer Support Charity Race Day at Cheltenham

Wed 17Apr Table for 10 includes Entrance Badges, Car Parking, Champagne Reception followed by a 4 course luncheon and afternoon tea. Bespoke Auction and racing with the main race of the day The Macmillan Cancer Support in conjunction with Ceres Estates Silver Bowl £1,500 per table of 10
Cheltenham Racecourse *For details, and application form please email cerescharity@gmail.com or visit www.macmillan-didmorton.com/Events.aspx*

Cardiff

The Soul Destroyers in concert

The Globe, Cardiff Fri 22 Mar

Fiddlers in Bristol supported by the Sherston Village People, Sat 27 Apr

For further details call Dave Shephard 07860 448438 or email ds@oldbellhouse.com or visit www.soul-destroyers.co.uk

Useful Numbers

BT fault line	0800 800151
CLARENCE (Highway complaints)	0800 232323
Cllr John Thomson	01666 840785
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
Sherston Post Office	01666 840456
Sherston School	01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings)	01666 840633
Tolsey Surgery	01666 840270
Wiltshire Council	0300 4560100