



Neighbourhood Plan - we've got lift off



Last month's Cliffhanger article summarised the various stages of the Neighbourhood Plan process. We are pleased to inform you that we have now launched the Consultation Stage (Stage 1 as described in that article).

The consultation period started on 22 February at 12.00 noon and runs until 12.00 noon on 9 April.

Letters were sent out last week to all of the Statutory Consultees and landowners directly affected by these proposals advising that the draft plan had been published and inviting comments.

A Press Notice was at the same time displayed on the Sherston Parish Council and Sherston What's Occurring Facebook pages. This is published again below in this Cliffhanger Article for your information.

The Sherston Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is pleased to invite the community to review the first draft of the Sherston Neighbourhood Plan.

The Sherston Neighbourhood Plan is the culmination of around six years' hard work.

At the heart of the plan are 11 policies which seek to deal with the following key issues:

1. The protection of a wide range of existing community services and facilities and business premises;
2. The protection of certain specific identified open spaces and open areas in and around the village;
3. Securing the delivery of good quality high speed broadband throughout the plan area;
4. Allocating sufficient land to meet the future housing and community needs of the village;
5. Seeking to secure safe and inclusive access between the proposed new GP surgery, the Primary School and the village centre;
6. The protection and enhancement of existing sports facilities in and around the village.

The policies contained within the draft plan reflect the views of the community obtained over the last few years at a succession of workshops and other public

events, as well as through a number of questionnaire surveys. The policies set out in the draft plan are not final. The Steering Group is keen to hear the views of local residents, businesses and other interested parties on the draft plan before the plan is finalised.

The consultation period will run from 22 February until 9 April. The Neighbourhood Plan Regulations require the consultation period to run for a minimum of six weeks and all comments received during this time period have to be taken into account when finalising the plan.

Two drop-in sessions have been arranged to provide an opportunity for local residents to discuss the draft plan. These will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 3 and Saturday 17 March – from 10.00am to 12.30pm. All welcome.

All of the documents relating to the draft plan are available online (www.sherston.org.uk/). Printed copies of the plan and some of the associated documents can be reviewed at the locations listed below from the 22 February:

Sherston Post Office Stores
The Tolsey Surgery
Church of the Holy Cross
The Angel Hotel

Response Forms will be available at all of these locations (as well as being obtainable online).

It is vital that the Sherston Neighbourhood Plan reflects the views and aspirations of the local community and so we would encourage you to comment and get involved.

All comments should be returned to either:

1. The Clerk of Sherston Parish Council – either online at clerk@sherston.org.uk or to the following address: Donna Ford, Clerk Sherston Parish Council, 33 Hatherley, Yate BS37 4LT; or
2. By hand to The Post Office Stores, The Old School, High Street, Sherston, SN16 0LH.

Jigsaw Festival: Fantastic Response

Thank you all very much for the amazing response we have received to our Jigsaw Festival, raising funds for the Village Hall upgrade. Puzzles you no longer want or that are taking up valuable space will be gratefully accepted and we have a wonderful team beavering away completing them for us to display and sell over the August Bank Holiday Weekend. If you can donate or want to become a 'beaver' we would love and welcome your help. Please contact Marion Gee or Lin Prior whose telephone number is 840846.

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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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Tucks Thank You



Thank you to all those who generously contributed to a thank you gift for Andrew and Julie at Tucks. We raised £667 which will be put to good use at their new home in North Wales.

Andrew may have put down the butcher's knife but he hasn't stopped working. Their new home is a real project and the plan he explained is to do much of the work themselves.

Around 30 villagers popped into The Angel to wish Andrew well and John Matthews kindly reminded us of the role Tucks played in the village over three decades.

Thanks to Dave and the team at the Angel for hosting us and to Tucks for feeding us for all those years.

Rupert Evelyn

Sherston Community Choir

In the build up to Christmas, Sherston Community Choir joined forces with Sherston Primary School Choir to present an evening of songs, including much-loved carols, poetry and a solo by a Year 6 pupil. This was the second year the Director of SHoCC Trudi Baker and Music Co-ordinator at the school Helen Berry had worked together to produce an enjoyable evening which was most ably accompanied by Brian Cook.

The concert was held in aid of Crisis for Christmas and the school's Music Week and we were delighted to be able to send a cheque to the charity for £400 and recently a cheque for £260 was presented to the school.

Unfortunately, carol singing round the village was curtailed due to a very wet evening but we did sing in both pubs where customers gave most generously.

Sherston Community Choir had a busy 2017 singing at the Arts Festival preview, on Boules Day, at the rededication of the British School Room, at the Remembrance Service, at the pre-Christmas concert and finally at the Annual Dinner for residents of Luckington.

We meet each Wednesday during term time in the British School Room at 7.30pm and ask a small subscription. Come along and have a sing. Singing is fun and it's good for you!

Sherston Baby and Toddler Group Stick Man Adventure!



Sherston's babies and toddlers had a great time recently reading 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson. We decided we each wanted to make our own stick man to take home so we dressed up in our woolly hats, mittens, all-in-ones and wellies and walked to the park to find a perfect stick and have some fun in the January sun. Once we had all found a stick we liked, we went back to the British School Room to turn our sticks into real stick men with googly eyes and pipe cleaner arms and legs! After that we warmed up by watching the short film of the Stick Man story whilst we enjoyed our fruit snack and a biscuit before heading home for some lunch and a well-deserved nap!

We meet every term-time Tuesday from 10.00am to 11.30am in the warm and cosy British School Room on Cliff Road (beautifully refurbished with state-of-the-art baby-changing facilities!). It's a great place to meet new friends so please come and join us for some baby and toddler fun. For further details contact sherstontoddlergroup@gmail.com or like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

Sherston Market

It's that time again folks, Sherston Market is back with a bang on Saturday 10 March. We have a wonderful selection of food and craft stalls. Everyone has been busy making gifts for Mother's Day and Easter and all at affordable prices, we have cheeses, chutneys, veg, cakes, meat, treats for children and gifts galore - as well as hot food and drinks from Emma's Kitchen. Everyone welcome.

See You There!

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Secondary Cause of Death

This year's Spring Play from Sherston Drama Group is Peter Gordon's hilarious comedy *Secondary Cause of Death*, set just before the Second World War. A group of ill-assorted characters are trapped by heavy snowfall in Bagshot Manor, ancestral home of Colonel Craddock, which has been converted into a hotel. Among the guests in this Agatha Christie-like scenario is Miss Maple, sister of a well-known amateur sleuth, who is there to conduct a murder mystery evening. But the possibility of a real murder looms as the Colonel's wife, who has vowed to kill him, has escaped from her asylum. Unfortunately for the Colonel, Britain's worst detective, Inspector Pratt, has been sent as his bodyguard. A murder duly takes place, but the hapless inspector is increasingly baffled by events. Who is the mysterious Polish Count? Is Captain Henrietta exactly who she claims to be? Why are there two people who look like Colonel Craddock? As the plot twists and turns, the audience should be in stitches as the inspector's behaviour and use of words becomes more and more bizarre, but can they solve the mystery before he, or indeed Miss Maple, do so? *Secondary Cause of Death* will be performed on 4 – 7 April in Sherston Village Hall, and tickets (£6.50/£8.00) will be on sale from early March at Sherston Post Office Stores or from the Box Office on 840092 (evenings) or via r.a.skeffington@gmail.com.

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from 8pm in the British School Room

Prayer

Monday 12th and Monday 26th March
from 8pm in the British School Room

Tolsey News

Judy Sharp



Power Cuts

Many of you may have suffered, like us, from some recent power cuts. Unfortunately, during the time our power was off, our telephones were unavailable. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. We have looked at a number of solutions to this problem but, without spending huge amounts of money to provide generators, which may never be needed again and cannot be practically accommodated, there is very little we can do about temporary, short-term power cuts.

As always, the advice, if there is a medical emergency, is to call 999. For less urgent medical advice, there is the NHS 111 service which is free to call from landlines and mobile phones, and available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

New Appointment System

Our new appointment system was trialled during an exceptionally busy time with a national flu epidemic and was the busiest time in NHS history this winter. It involves doctors speaking to all patients wishing to see a doctor urgently on the day. It has taken some time for us all to get used to and there is some patient resistance to giving any details to our medical receptionists. The new system is being carefully monitored and reviewed each week when small changes can be made to the clinics. The doctors feel that it has helped us through an extremely busy period, but there is still some way to go in directing patients to the most appropriate service, which in some cases could be to the local pharmacy for over-the-counter medicines or advice. Waiting times for routine appointments are now up to four weeks and this again is a national situation.

Easter Opening/Closing

Please note that the surgery will be closed on Friday 30 March and Monday 2 April.

We wish all our patients a very Happy Easter!

Boules Festival 2018

‘Réservez la date’



Summer is just around the corner ... and you know that can only mean one thing: the Sherston Boules Festival!

This year's Boules festival and tournament will take place over the week running up to Saturday 14 July – the Big Boules Day itself - so now is the perfect time to organise your team and register.

Registration is now open and closes on Monday 2 April, to allow the committee to make the draw and let applicants know if they've been successful by the end of April.

As usual, please register your team online through www.sherston.net as this reduces the possibility of errors. Paper application forms are available from Sherston Post Office Stores.

And the cost? Just £25 per team, £15 per Colts team (age 12 - 16). The majority of the 128 team spots are held for local teams (that is, whose captain lives in Sherston, Alderton, Luckington, Foxley or Easton Grey), with the remaining places allocated to visiting teams and sponsors.

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Boules Competition Organisers:

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WI Report

Part of our February meeting each year is the business of the Annual General Meeting (AGM), when the formalities of electing our President and Committee take place. We also take the opportunity to reflect on our activities during the year and our accounts are reviewed and adopted by the members.

Last year proved to be another busy year for Sherston WI. You will have seen in previous editions of the Cliffhanger the broad range of topics covered by speakers at our monthly meetings but we also went on outings to Kelmscott Manor and Chavenage. Members had fun painting pottery and many enjoyed an afternoon tea at The Old Bell. Amongst all this, we managed to fit in a birthday dinner, a Christmas tea and a New Year's lunch.

We helped with village activities, supporting the Boules weekend by selling raffle squares, the school by restoring the school flowerbed and the village by planting up and maintaining the stone trough recently placed on the triangle in Noble Street. We

held Cuppa, Cake and a Chat sessions during the winter months and throughout the year we gave our monthly flower decoration to someone in the community whom we thought would enjoy it. Further afield, we raised funds for Julia's House Hospice by sharing the profits from the sale of mugs filled with gifts and donated money from cake sold at meetings to Hope for Tomorrow.

As you can see plenty happens in our WI so please do come and join us!

After the formal AGM, we took the opportunity to note the occasion of the 100th anniversary on 6 February of the vote being extended to women over the age of 30 and that 2018 also marks the 100th anniversary of WI Resolutions, a number of which have played a significant part in bringing about change for the good. To round off the afternoon, we all enjoyed testing ourselves against the President's quiz questions.

We look forward to hearing from Rupert Evelyn, Wales and West of England Correspondent for ITV News, on Thursday 1 March (please note: meeting will be in the British School Room at 7.30pm) and from Sarah Roberts on Team Rubicon at our April meeting. Finally, don't forget to buy your tickets for our Open Meeting, speaker Caroline Lowsley-Williams of Chavenage, on Thursday 19 April.

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Private 27311 Gabriel Wicks

6th Batt King's Shropshire Light Infantry

Who died aged 19 on Sunday 31st March 1918

Son of James Wicks and Anne Elizabeth née Neal

Remembered with Honour,

Pozières Memorial, France

On 31 March 1918, the day Gabriel was killed, the 6th King's Light Infantry was responsible for stopping the German advance for a short time and causing them severe casualties.

As the fighting in the area continued for many days, there was little chance to recover the bodies of the dead. Most were left until the autumn by which time identification was impossible.

The Pozières memorial stands in the centre of the 1916 Somme battlefield and includes 14,000 names of the men who sacrificed their young lives there.

The bells of Holy Cross Church will be rung at 11.45am on 31st March.

How Gabriel came home

Eighty-three years ago, when the Stone Memorial was commissioned to remember the Sherston men lost in the Great War, Gabriel Wicks' name was omitted.

It had been decided in 1920 to repair the church lych gate and this was thought an ideal opportunity to provide a place to include a war memorial. The then vicar would probably have put a notice in the local newspaper appealing for families to contact him with names of the missing.

Maybe Gabriel's family was no longer living in Sherston or perhaps they did not read the request. In any case Gabriel, along with several others, had never been remembered here

When the book 'Heroes All' (from which this is extracted) was being planned, the parish council received an email from David Whithorn who was about to publish his own book Bringing Uncle Albert Home - the story of his research into the death of his great uncle at the Battle of the Somme.

Here began the strange series of events that led to Gabriel being at long last remembered alongside his friends and comrades.

David Whithorn's email related that he had visited a second-hand shop in Marlborough and bought an old photograph of a soldier in the Wiltshire Regiment. He discovered the man was Arthur Jobbins from Sherston

who had been killed in 1918. Mr Whithorn visited Sherston the next week and provided a copy of the photograph for the 'Heroes All'. He also kindly offered to help with the research.

It was then discovered there were 13 more men missing from the memorial stone, all of whom were either living or had been born in Sherston.

Mr Whithorn had planned a visit to France and offered to photograph some of the memorials where the Sherston men were commemorated for the book. One of them was Gabriel's at Pozières.

Mr Whithorn found the memorial and was standing reading the names when a laminated paper blew past his feet. He picked it up with the intension of returning it to the colonnade nearby where people had laid tributes. He looked at the sheet and read 'Pte Gabriel Wicks died 31st March 1918'. There was even a photograph of Gabriel in uniform.

Almost unbelieving, he read on and discovered the address of a school in St Albans, Herts, along with the name of a teacher.

As soon as he returned home Mr Whithorn contacted the school and spoke to the teacher involved. He was told that, for the last few years, she had taken her sixth year students to the battlefield sites of France to learn about the horrors of the Great War and to



understand the poetry written about that time. A national newspaper had heard about her trips and, for their 2001 Remembrance Day tribute, decided to send a reporter with the school to write a feature for the paper.

An elderly lady living in Swindon read the article and contacted the teacher telling her that her great uncle Gabriel Wicks had been killed at the Somme and, although she had never known him, her mother had always spoken of him. They even shared the same birthday. The lady asked whether, the next time the teacher went to France, she would try and find Gabriel's memorial and say a prayer for him. She sent a photograph to the school of Gabriel.

At this point, the teacher thought it would be a wonderful idea for the school unofficially to adopt Gabriel as their soldier so that, during future visits, the pupils would have their own soldier to focus on.

The teacher and her pupils went to Pozières in November 2002. They stood and said a prayer for Gabriel and left the laminated paper with his photograph on the colonnade from where, six months later, it would blow in front of David Whithorn who was looking for his name amongst 14,000 mentioned.

If ever a man wanted to be remembered after 83 years it was Gabriel Wicks whose name is now finally added to Sherston's memorial.

News from Holy Cross Church

March is an exciting month, with a lot going on. Mothering Sunday services are always popular, and our special service in Holy Cross will be at 9.30am on Sunday 11 March. This will be followed (for any who can stay) by the annual meeting, which is a chance to hear about the events of the last year and make plans for the future.


Palm Sunday is on 25 March. During the week there will be Compline on Monday in Hullavington at 9.00pm and Wednesday in SSQ at 8.00pm. A new venture this year is a joint Lent Group Celebration service on the Tuesday of Holy Week at 7.30pm in Luckington. Members of the different denominations in Sherston have been meeting together throughout Lent, and our final session will take a new approach: gathering into one large group to hear from one another and worship as one community.

On Maundy Thursday there will be a communion service followed by an optional vigil in Holy Cross Church from about 9.00pm. Good Friday, 30 March, traditionally includes a Children's Workshop and this year it will be held in Holy Cross church from 11.00am. Further details for the workshop can be found on page 8 and also in all churches or you can contact susan.harvey@hotmail.com. Following on from these workshops, there will be a reflective service called The Last Hour at Hullavington and a family-style service at Sherston Holy Cross, both at 2.00pm, after which we'd encourage everyone to join in journeying to Luckington for a service at 3.15pm in the car park, then drinks and hot cross buns afterwards.

Holy Saturday on 31 March includes 'Stations of the Cross' in the Congregational Church in Sherston at 10.00am. Finally, on Easter Day itself we are very grateful to the members of the ministry team and retired priests who are making it possible to have a service in every church in the benefice. There are flyers in every church giving more details about the Lent, Holy Week and Easter services, so do please take one for yourself and anyone you know who might be interested.

Please put Saturday 12 May in your diary as the date for the next Gauzebrook Gallivant. Last year this sponsored walk raised almost £2,000 for the children's and youth work carried out in our churches by Becky and Joel. This is part of a very impressive £5,000 raised locally by parochial, business and individual donations, which supplemented the grants we apply for from charities. Thank you to everyone who supports the children's ministry in this way.

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12.45pm-1.45pm: Lunch followed by getting ready for...

2.00pm: Good Friday Family Service (parents and friends please come to support us – dogs welcome!)

2.30pm: 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. Dogs welcome. (Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.)

A lovely way to spend Good Friday – having fun but also remembering what all this means to us.

Free admission. Children can spend part or all of the day with us! Bring a packed lunch if you are staying. Activities will be suitable for children aged from four to 11 years old who may join us without adult supervision. It is preferable if children under the age of four are accompanied by an adult who is known to them.

In order to avoid disappointment and to ensure that there are enough adults to supervise the children, it would be really helpful if you could book a place for your children in advance.

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The band's new CD 'Sonic Gumbo' launched in March 2016 is getting lots of airplay and reviews, and the band are double nominees (2016 & 2012) in the British Blues Awards for both Songwriting and Performance.

The trio, Oliver Carpenter, Chris Lomas and Phil Bond, all established lead vocalists combine to also produce strong complex tight harmonies. Add to this the nine instruments they play between them and you have an evening of wide-ranging musical textures, sounds and flavours, excellent musicianship and strong songwriting.

Mumbo-Jumbo's 2017 schedule includes 10 blues, folk and jazz festivals showing the bands range and eclectic appeal, including Ealing Blues, Upton Blues, Keswick Jazz & Blues, Upton Jazz, Hanwell Hootie, Upton Folk and even the Three Choirs Festival.

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John 'The Hat' Mann – Blues Blogger and Radio Presenter

Mumbo-Jumbo features:

Oliver Carpenter - Vocals, Trumpet and Percussion

Oliver's vocal variety and general good humour front Mumbo-Jumbo. Recently described as 'the nearest singer to Tom Waits that we have' by Blues in Britain magazine.

Chris Lomas – Vocals, Bass, Ukelele and Guitar

Chris is the epitome of a professional blues musician, and a familiar face backing Tommy Allen, Steve 'Big Man' Clayton, The Mighty Houserockers and top US bluesmen on tour.

Phil Bond - Vocals, Piano and Accordion

Phil has also been a pro musician for many years, playing with all and sundry around Birmingham, including The Dylan Project with Steve Gibbons, Dave Carroll, and many, many others.

Adam Naylor – Sound and Lighting Technician

Mumbo-Jumbo are coming to Sherston Village Hall on Saturday 19 May, 7.30pm. Licensed Bar. Tickets: £10, concessions £8, under 16 £6, from Sherston Post Office Stores or 840375.

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The late John Hillier

Sherston Church was packed on 20 February for the funeral of John Hillier, who died at the end of January shortly after his 90th birthday.

John was a well-known local farmer and his coffin was transported to the gates of the church by tractor and trailer driven by his son David. It was carried into church by his six grandsons. The service, led by Reverend Christopher Bryan, included tributes by John's daughters, Sally and Jane, and a reading by his other son, Richard.

John's working life on the land and his deep love of the countryside were reflected in the hymns: Morning Has Broken; All Things Bright and Beautiful; We Plough the Fields and Scatter. His coffin left the church to the sound of Louis Armstrong's rendition of What a Wonderful World.

Anne and the rest of the family would like to thank all those who attended the funeral and the many people who sent condolence cards and letters and conveyed messages of sympathy. Such kindness and support were much appreciated and provided great comfort during a sad and difficult time.



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We had a very enjoyable time with Laraine doing our best to keep fit. Twenty-seven members and friends had a good workout from our chairs. It was surprising how many muscles we were able to work. Our next meeting was a very informative illustrated talk about medical detection dogs. Danielle Mills kept us engrossed in the wonderful work that the charity does. It costs £11,200 and up to 18 months to train a puppy to help save lives. The dogs come from breeders, rescue and welfare charities, or simply because they need a new home. They are chosen for their scenting ability which allows the charity to work with a variety of breeds. The charity has a strict 'no kennel' policy and the dogs live as part of a family with volunteer puppy socialisers. Their wellbeing and welfare is paramount and the charity does all it can to ensure they get a happy balance of training, rest and play. The dogs are trained to assist individuals, managing complex life-threatening conditions. With their amazing sense of smell the dogs identify minute odour changes prior to a medical emergency and alert the person to take appropriate action. Some are also trained to sense the changes in urine odour to diagnose cancer in a laboratory environment. It was an amazing and enlightening afternoon.

Members were saddened to hear Gwen Waddington a long-term member had died. On a happier note, Joyce Green was presented with flowers and a card to mark her 90th birthday. We then enjoyed a tea provided by Joyce. At our next meeting on Tuesday 20 February we heard 'The story of the Great Musicals' from Stephen Wells.

Looking forward, on Tuesday 6 March we will be sharing our memories of childhood, and also, having a competition to guess the country of origin of a selection of miniature dolls. On Tuesday 20 March we will be having our Spring Sale with free entry, all are welcome. We hope to see you there.

School Guitar Ensemble gives Charity Concert in the Abbey



Malmesbury School's talented Guitar Ensemble - featuring former Sherston School musicians - will be giving their debut concert at Malmesbury Abbey on Saturday 10 March at 7.30pm. These gifted guitar students came up with the idea of putting on an evening of classical guitar music at Malmesbury Abbey to raise money for charity. All proceeds from the concert will be going to Malmesbury Abbey Roof Fund and Dorothy House Hospice Care.

Capitalising on the Abbey's marvellous acoustics, the varied programme features several well-known pieces from the classical greats. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments, and home-made cakes will also be on sale.

Tickets are available on the door or from the Abbey Shop and are just £5 for adults and £3 for concessions. Doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

So....what is a Health and Wellbeing Champion????

Good question, and I sometimes wonder! The official definition is 'Supporting individuals to live independent, happy, healthy and fulfilling lives by offering information on a variety of topics. Working to improve outcomes for people by representing their needs at decision making levels'. Tall order? You bet! But what does that actually mean in practice? I often describe it as being a "walking yellow pages" whereby I hope to have useful phone numbers to hand for whatever question I am asked.

You note that I have phone numbers rather than websites! Many people use and love the internet with 'google', "ask" and all the other search engines. For some people this is the best way to find out answers, but sometimes you need to know some more information before a search engine can help. For others, the internet is something which exists, but NOT something to get involved with. Some solutions simply aren't on the internet anyhow, particularly the very local things that go on in our communities and this is where I can help. From information on health, transport, finance and loneliness to supporting new groups, activities and projects. Whatever your question, ask me and I will see if I can find the answers for you. As ever, call 07557 922020 or (dare I suggest it?) email ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk. I look forward to hearing from you! *Ellen*

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Sherston Tennis Club

As signs of spring begin to show, Sherston Tennis Club is getting ready for the season ahead! To give everyone a chance to ease back into playing, the club is holding a Rusty Rackets' session after Easter (date will be confirmed in due course - via Facebook and in the next edition of the Cliffhanger)

There are also plans afoot for children's tennis coaching - with a new coach! Keep your eyes on Sherston - What's occurring for updates or email Sophie Cheetham (sophcheetham@gmail.com) to be kept in the loop.

Membership rates for 2018 remain at 2017 prices:

Family: £100

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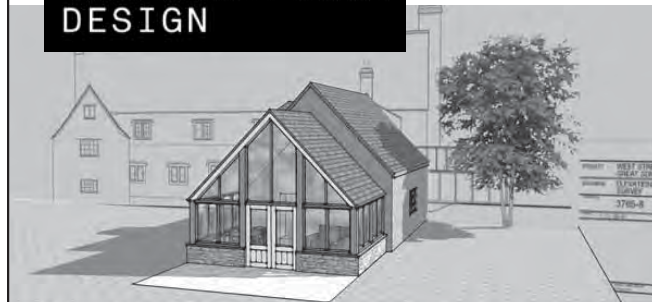
Doors open 7.00pm, programme starts at 7.30pm.

Future dates for your diary:

Wednesday 25 April: Murder on the Orient Express

Other Moviola dates are: Wednesday 30 May, Wednesday 27 June and Wednesday 25 July.

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North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Our first meeting of the year was held in January at our usual venue Crudwell Village Hall. The demonstrator for the evening was Andrew Baker, florist and college tutor from Bath. He called his demonstration 'moments', with a focus on Valentine's Day. He created some beautiful arrangements, one of which was a stunning heart which was won in the raffle by a visitor to the club. Andrew also told the room of his life in floristry and his teaching of the art. After all of the evening's creations had been raffled the evening concluded as always with tea/coffee and cake.

Future meetings

Wednesday 21 March: Demonstration by Jane Haas – 'Spring is in the Air' (competition – a single flower)

Wednesday 18 April: Workshop tutored by Anna Steven – 'Do you see what I see?'

Wednesday 16 May: Members' Dinner (Mayfield Crudwell)

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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Over 100 of Sherston's finest brains gathered in the village hall for the second Friends of Sherston School (FSS) quiz on Saturday 3 February. Quiz Night is always a fun night and the traditional start of the Sherston social calendar after a dryish January for many!

This year, James Kutchera, dressed in cap, gown and cricket tie stepped up to the quizmaster's lectern. The rounds were fast-paced and fun, and James had set some fantastically entertaining rounds including a challenging mathematics section (there were a lot of workings out on the paper tablecloths) and a tricky flags round. The famous quotes questions ended with more than a few heads in hands as the answers were on the tips of our tongues but we just couldn't get

them on paper! The surprise of the evening came in the sports round with only one cricket question SMCC's Kutchera!

Rupert Evelyn hosted the ever-popular auction and raffle - keeping control of a rather unruly crowd magnificently as usual! Thank you to all our local business owners who so generously donated a prize (a full and grovelling list of thank yous appears below). We could not have raised the record-breaking £3,800 without you - a truly astonishing total. The money raised will go to fund additional iPads at Sherston School, enabling children to use them in small groups in the classes.

It was a wonderful evening and the quiz was hard fought with 'Green dot strikes back' so very nearly declared the winners but in the end 'Sharks without knees' (Peter Evans, Suzie Evans, Martin Saunders and



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Pennie Hurst) nabbed the trophy and were presented with some splendid fizz courtesy of James Pyle Estate Agents!

A full list of thank yous... So take a deep breath and here goes! A huge thank you must go to all the FSS team for organising and running the event, to all our wonderful local business community who so generously donated raffle and auction prizes, including Sherston Post Office Stores, Apples and Pairs, Coco Bay, Grays of Sherston, The Angel, Shear Class, The Rattlebone, James Pyle Estate Agents, Tracklements, The Old Royal Ship and The Carpenters Arms. Plus businesses further afield, including Stargazy Fish Bar, Westonbirt Leisure, M4 Karting, Scentiments, The Old Bell, Dyson, Perfection, Oven U, Flying Monk, Thistledown, Highgrove, Playspace and Active Plumbing. Not forgetting those of you who bought raffle tickets, selflessly enjoyed a glass or 10 of wine at the quiz and those who made a bid on an auction prize - thank you. And of course Sheps for helping us with the sound (again!), to auctioneer Rupert and last but not least to the lovely James for working so hard to put together a brilliant quiz.



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Tetbury Goods Shed: What's on in March 2018

Saturday 3 March: Here Comes Trouble with Keira Martin

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'Here Comes Trouble' is a rigorous personal investigation into womanhood and Keira Martin's individual identity.

Through a series of robust episodes drawing on social and cultural influences from Yorkshire, Ireland and Jamaica, Keira rhythmically weaves together traditional music, authentic song and gutsy dance.

Best described as Irish dance deep in thought, she shares hard hitting and heart-warming chapters of her life to courageously address stereotypes and challenge labels. Witness her build bridges and burn them again, each time revealing a deeper layer of herself and her heritage. This feisty yet vulnerable performance is entertaining and demonstrates the power and elegance of women in a very real and honest way.

There will be a Question and Answer Session after the Performance giving the audience an opportunity to discuss this piece with Keira directly.

Choreographed by Keira Martin; Directed by Charlotte Vincent; Designed by Ryan Laight; Original music composed by Jamie Roberts.

Friday 9 March: An exquisite Evening of Flute and Harp

Doors open at 7.00pm, performance starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost: £12.00 - £15.00.

Ileana Ruhemann and Gillian Tingay promise you a magical evening. Elegant and charming music for flute and harp: the Tetbury Goods Shed are delighted to host this accomplished duo from the eminent Chamber Ensemble The Fibonacci Sequence. This evening's programme includes music from Bach, Ravel, Debussy, Elgar to mention just a few. (Full programme can be seen on our website: www.shed-arts.co.uk).

Saturday 10 March: The Clown in the Moon – Rhodri Miles return to the stage as Dylan Thomas.

Doors open at 7.00pm, performance starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost: £15.

The Clown in the Moon (the title of a poem written when Dylan was 14) is a dramatic portrait of the poet's chaotic, frequently hilarious, and all-too-brief life.

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Sunday 18 March: Sam Kelly and Jamie Francis
Doors open at 4.30pm, performance starts at 5.00pm. Tickets cost £12.00.

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Saturday 24 March: Sweet Company – an evening with Comic Chanteuse, Nicola Clark

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Sometimes described as the missing link between Ronnie Barker, Purcell and Edith Piaf, Nicola sings witty, lyrical, startling songs about everyday events that get out of hand. Years of gathering random experience has born incredible fruit, she has been invited to perform right across the country as well as recording several CDs but now she is returning to the Shed in the guise of a singing self-help book, full of musical tips about how to get from demented to contented or vice-versa if you prefer.

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The second phase has recently been launched to try to stop people littering, specifically targeting 'food on the go', and reinforcing the message that we are all responsible. Why do some people think it's OK to lob their empty food packaging out of their cars? If we can change behaviour it should reduce littering and fly-tipping.

The Great British Spring Clean has just taken place and I have no doubt that all the volunteers who give up their time to pick up litter must get extremely irritated when their good work is 'trashed' by the thoughtless. Wiltshire Council spends £2.5m a year picking litter; that figure would be far higher were it not for the local community efforts. The Council would far rather the £2.5m be spent on filling potholes and resurfacing roads.

Perhaps if people knew that it takes up to 80 years

for a crisp packet to degrade and even paper cups take up to 40 years, they might think about not littering. Recycling a plastic bottle can save enough energy to power a 60w light bulb for six hours.

In our rural areas most of the litter can only come from being thrown out of car windows. Please don't do this. Just take it home and put it in your bin or recycle it.

John Thomson, Wiltshire Councillor

Thanks from the heart

Members and friends of Sherston W.I. have been busy knitting and decorating hearts for the Bristol Heart Institute's fundraising appeal.

Thousands of hearts will hang from the full-size trees in the atrium at the hospital where people will be able to buy a heart to hang on the trees. Thanks to the help of many ladies, I am sending over 300 beautifully decorated hearts to the Institute to support this worthwhile cause.

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The Westonbirt Wood Project

Westonbirt Arboretum has been thrilled to receive planning permission for the development of a new Wood Centre, which will transform the yard under the Treetop Walkway! Over the next two years, visitors to the arboretum will see this area transformed into a hub of activity.

The whole project sets out to promote a better understanding of the huge range of possibilities that trees, and their amazing products, have to offer. It will showcase the complete lifecycle of trees at Westonbirt Arboretum for the very first time - from tiny seed, to magnificent specimen, to bespoke craft and construction material.

Whilst trees are cultivated and grown for the continued long-term conservation of the arboretum and for the benefit of the people who visit, inevitably some trees need to come down. When they do, the team at Westonbirt Arboretum want to ensure they're meeting their environmental values by making certain that every tree is made the most of. This project will allow timber to be milled onsite, meaning that rather than becoming wood chip or firewood, magnificent historic specimens will become unique pieces of quality Westonbirt Arboretum timber.

Not only will this be fantastic for the site, but there

will also be great opportunities for visitors. The new shop at the Wood Centre will give you the chance to buy handcrafted pieces or even bespoke Westonbirt timber for use in your own projects. There will also be great educational benefits, allowing people to witness a working timberyard to learn more about timber and its uses. A brand new craft demonstration area will mean that you'll be able to experience the work of traditional craftspeople 'in action', and there will also be a host of new courses on offer so the crafty amongst you can book on courses, learning new skills and helping to keep traditional crafts alive.

The whole project will cost around £140,000 of which the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum have already raised over £22,000. This will fund a mobile sawmill, two barn structures to house the sawmill and milled timber, and the restoration of the historic cattle shed roof which will create the craft demonstration area.

To find out more about this exciting project and support the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum charity in raising essential funds, please head to fowa.org.uk/wood-project. You can also contact the Friends at fundraising@fowa.org.uk or 0300 067 3303.



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Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Holy Cross Church

The Coffee Shop - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits biscuits and brownies - Open Thurs 9.30 am – 12 noon till Easter then Tues, Wed & Thur till Autumn - with homemade cake too from Tues 27 Mar!

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 - In the British School Room, Services 11am each week, led or hosted by Reverend Andrew Williams Tarling. Sunday School 10.15 – 11am. Bible study alternate Mondays 8pm at BSR/Church. Brick (Lego) Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 7pm Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 or find us on facebook. Admin - Victoria Meheust sherstonconchurch@outlook.com Sec. - clementsmary@btinternet.com or 07778 934742

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

Gauzebrook Church for Children

Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them: **Junior Church** is held at Court House, Hullavington. 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, Fri 10am 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 the Link co-ordinator and volunteer support officer on 840861 9am-1pm

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers

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

Ashtanga Yoga class Strength, flexibility, realign. Fridays 10.30-11.15 11.45am in the village hall. More info – Stuart 07986 003602 or www.pulse4life.co.uk or stuart@pulse4life.co.uk

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

Church bell ringing Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 - 9pm. 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-forestschooll@btinternet.com

Fresh Air Fitness Total body outdoor workout on Sherston Rec Fridays 9 -10am. Info: www.pulse4life.co.uk Stuart 07986 003602

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 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@allencan.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 and 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 Donna Ford on 07790 883503 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

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 British School Room 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, 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 - mixed ages (over 18) and abilities. 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 Spectacle 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 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, Lauren (07885 597429), Saara (07739 552336) or Kate (07792 064438).

Sherston Community Choir The community choir with conductor Trudi Baker meets at 7.30pm each Wed in term time in the British School Room. £3 per session. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cutcher sheilacutcher28@gmail.com or 840067, or on Facebook.

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 Daytime and evening classes held in the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739 552336 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.communitate.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: Secretary 840578

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

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.

Yoga for All Mon evenings 7.45-9.15pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £9 reducing to £7.50 if you take up the course. More details contact Theo 07818 401110 or theo@wildyoga.co.uk www.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 2018

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

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

In Sherston High St Every fortnight on Saturdays 10.30am – 12.45pm Mar 10 & 24 Apr 7 & 21 May 5 & 19 Jun 2, 16 & 30 For further details call clerk@sherston.org.uk or mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk

The Angel Hotel

Friday 9th March, 6.30pm onwards: Spring Menu Launch Evening Come and enjoy a couple of complimentary drinks, and try some canapé versions of our new menu as well. Thanks, and hope to see you on the 9th. Check boards for more details of events or call 841627 or contact@sherstonangel.co.uk or visit www.sherston-angel.co.uk/

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 Check boards for more details of events, call 840871, follow on Twitter or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk

Church events at The Holy Cross

Mothering Sunday Service Sun 11 Mar 9.30am This will be followed (for any who can stay) by the annual meeting, which is a chance to hear about the events of the last year and make plans for the future.

Palm Sunday 25-Mar On Maundy Thursday there will be a communion services followed by an optional vigil in Holy Cross Church from about 9pm

Good Friday, 30 Mar 11am-12.45 - children's CRAFT ACTIVITIES, STORIES AND SONGS

12.45-1.45 - LUNCH followed by getting ready for... 2pm - GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY SERVICE

2.30 WALK TO LUCKINGTON (Parents and friends please come to support us – dogs welcome)

Holy Saturday Mar 31 includes 'Stations of the Cross' at 10 am.

Easter Day 1-Apr

Date for your diary: Gauzebrook Gallivant 12-May Last year this sponsored walk raised almost £2000 for the children's and youth work carried out in our churches by Becky and Joel.

Church of the Holy Cross For further details call Rev Christopher Bryan 837522 or Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or twitter @chrisbryanrev // blog <http://revchristopherbryan.wordpress.com/> Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or susan.harvey44@hotmail.com

Sherston Market

Now in aid of Village Hall repairs Local crafts and produce which vary each market - 2nd Saturday in the month All stall fees will now be going directly into the Village Hall Renovation Fund. You can also enjoy delicious delights from EMMA'S KITCHEN from bacon rolls to pie, mash & peas and beautiful Cakes all freshly homemade. The food can be eaten in the hall or have as a take away. Free charity table in entrance 10am-4pm

Sat 10 Mar Everyone has been busy making gifts for Mothering Sunday and Easter and all at affordable prices, we have cheese's, chutney's, veg, cakes, meat, treats for children and gifts galore

Sat 14 Apr Sat 12 May Sat 9 Jun No market in July as Boules Day

For further details call Alison on 07909 737096 or pollyatkins59@btinternet.com

Sherston Senior Club

Memories of childhood and a competition to guess the country of origin of a selection of miniature dolls 6-Mar

Senior Club Spring Sale

Tues 20 Mar 2pm in the BSR Various stalls Bring and Buy, Bric a Brac, Books, Nearly New, Tombola, Raffle Free entry

British School Room For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

Sherston WI Talks

Talk by Rupert Evelyn, Wales and West of England

Correspondent for ITV News Thu 1 Mar 7.30pm British School Room Team Rubicon, talk by Sarah Roberts 5-Apr

WI Open Meeting with talk from Caroline Lowsley-Williams, Chavenage Everyone is welcome to hear from Caroline Lowsley-Williams, whose family have lived at Chavenage since the late 19th Century. Chavenage has played a notable part in a number of film and television productions, the Poldark series being one of the more recent ones. Thurs 19 Apr Book your seats to be sure of your place. Cost is £8, which will include refreshments. Please contact Jill Woodward (840 578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com) or Sue Heathcock (829 344 or thegardenhouse@btopenworld.com).

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

Cuppa, Cake and a Chat

We look forward to seeing you at our last Cuppa, Cake and Chat for this season on 13 Mar in the British School Room from 2.30pm. No set charge but a donation box will be available for anyone who feels like giving a little towards the homemade cake You will recall that we started these last November when the

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Coffee Shop held in Holy Cross Church moved to its winter schedule opening on Thursday mornings only. The Coffee Shop returns to its summer schedule with effect from Tues 27 Mar -Tues, Weds & Thurs 9.30am to 12pm.
British School Room For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Net sessions for adults and juniors at Westonbirt Sports Centre (directions: <http://www.westonbirt.org/information/directions>)
Juniors - Sundays 18 Feb - 18 Mar inclusive Adults: Sundays 4, 18 Mar and 1 Apr

Junior Nets U9/U11: 2pm until 3pm U13/U15: 3pm until 4pm
The cost for all 5 sessions is £15, or £5 for each session
Adult Nets 4pm until 5pm The cost for all 5 sessions is £20, or £5 for each session Please pay in cash when you arrive at your relevant session

League fixtures on <http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk/matches>
Pinkney Park Ground For further details call cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit <http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk>

Sherston Boules Festival

Boules Competition Entry Forms Register your team into July's Boules competition, preferably online through www.sherston.net but paper entry forms will be available Sherston Post Office Entry open from till Easter Monday (1 Apr) Draw takes place end of April Last year the Boules festival raised around £8000 for local charities. For those groups that can offer help for 2018 Boules Day and would like to apply for a donation, please email Chair Pip Pettit on sherstonboules@gmail.com

Beaufort team chase

Team chasing returns to Sherston after 35 years! Run over Manor farm and nearby Sandy farm, the course will incorporate timber, walls, hedges and natural obstacles and will be a thrilling adrenaline rush for those wishing to ride, and for those on foot, an exhilarating spectacle! Sun 18 Mar Various trade stands, a licensed bar and food available throughout the day - Charity partner is Wiltshire Air Ambulance Starting at 9am we will have 4 classes running throughout the day with a Hunter trial/pairs class over the novice course, a Novice team chase and an Intermediate speed and bogey class. For those wishing to ride, entries will be via horse-events and will be available soon.

For further details call lottiebostock@gmail.com Facebook page: Beaufort Team Chase or visit www.beaufortteamchase.co.uk

Sherston Drama Group

Spring Play: SECONDARY CAUSE OF DEATH Apr 4-7 at, 7.30pm, Doors open 7pm The third play in the Inspector Pratt trilogy: Secondary Cause of Death. It is just as funny as the other two, as the hapless inspector tries to make sense of events at Bagshot House in the months leading up to World War 2. Can the audience guess the identity of the murderer, or indeed the next victim, before Pratt does? Tickets (including refreshments) on sale from the beginning of March at Sherston Post Office Stores Village Hall For further details call Sue Lehrer (Chair) email suelehrer@gmail.com Tel. 07778 0661830

Rural Arts Wiltshire

Mumbo-Jumbo at Sherston Village Hall This is a Rural Arts Touring show, also in aid of the Village Hall Sat 19 May 7.30pm Licensed Bar. Tickets £10, concessions £8, under 16 £6, from Sherston Post Office or 840375
Grittleton Village Hall For further details call or visit www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk

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 Youth Café

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

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

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

Specialist Wood Sales every Sat 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA
Secrets of Silk Wood - guided walk 2pm Every Sat and Sun till 4 Nov Departs the Welcome Building - free after admission - dogs on leads welcome

Wild Westonbirt - for 14-18 year olds Learn traditional and bushcraft survival skills - booking essential - 0300 067 4854 Sat 24 Mar Sat 21 Apr Sat 26 May Sat 23 Jun Sat 21 Jul 10am-4pm free after admission

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Till Nov 2018 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
For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

Fine Wine and Drinks Society The club will meet for tastings once a month and will be held in The Green Room, the brand new dining space. Annual membership £50 per annum. Monthly tastings £15. Mon 26 Feb, Mon 26 Mar To book contact Daniel Davies on 827076 or email sommelier@whatleymanor.com

Sunday Cinema £45 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.

'Borg McEnroe' 4 Mar starring Shia LeBeouf, Stellan Skarsgard, Tuva Novotny and Bjorn Granath. The story of the 1980s tennis rivalry between the placid Björn Borg and the volatile John McEnroe.

The Mountain Between Us Sun 8 Apr Kate Winslet Beau Bridges

Chef's Table in the Green Room Mar: Japanese night Thur 1; Tapas night Thurs 8; Taco night Thurs 15; St Patrick's Night Sat 17; Fruits de Mer Fri 23; Italian night Thurs 29 Mar

Japanese night - Thur 1 Mar; Tapas night - Thurs 8 Mar; Taco night - Thurs 15

Fruits de Mer - Fri 23 Mar; Thursday 29th - Italian night
For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

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Malmesbury

Movies@Malmesbury

Movies@Malmesbury is run entirely by volunteers. If you would like to help out with the running it, please see a member of the staff at the end of a screening or email us ghcooke@hotmail.com. A limited range of drinks and snacks are available for purchase at the bar adjacent to the cinema. A few cushions are available for use during M@M programmes. Please ask for one, remember availability is limited so arrive early if you want one! There is no charge for the cushion. Tickets: 2pm Matinee & 5.30pm screenings: Adults £5. Under 16's £4. 8pm screenings: All tickets £6. Alternative Content (theatre, ballet, opera & art exhibitions) all tickets £10

This month's films include: **Three Billboards outside Ebbing, Missouri**; ROH Live: **Carmen** Tues 6 Mar 18:45 **Darkest Hour** Coco **The Greatest Showman** Vincent Van Gogh - Exhibition on Screen

Tues 20 Mar **Lady Windemere's Fan** Early Man; The Post
Royal Opera House: **Macbeth** Wed 4 Apr RSC from The Globe: **Macbeth** Wed 11 Apr

Malmesbury Town Hall For further details call Tickets are available at the Town Hall, on the door or online (a booking fee is payable) or visit www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html

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 call or visit www.athelstanmuseum.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.
Malmesbury Activity Zone, Bremilham Road
For further details call 01249 443469 or e-mail nwilt@alzheimers.org.uk or visit www.alzheimers.org.uk

Malmesbury & District University of the Third Age

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people. There are over 400 members and around 40 different interest groups including arts and crafts, book group, history, gardening, dancing, theatre trips, languages, walking etc. U3A meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Malmesbury town hall from 10- 11.45 for tea/coffee, a chat and to listen to our monthly speaker. Charge 50p

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with farriers and vets in this country and abroad.
For further details call Membership Secretary Ann Roberts-Phare on
823971 or visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.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

Malmesbury, Chippenham Programmes and Activities at The RISE Trust

FREE Children's Centre activities The RISE Trust supports
many projects in North Wiltshire with 6 Children's Centres in
Chippenham, Cricklade, Royal Wootton Bassett and Calne.
We provide Children's Centre services for the Corsham and
Malmesbury areas. We also run Youth services, such as mentoring
and youth groups, and provide services to the elderly. The RISE
Trust started as an initiative from a local church in Chippenham
in 2004.

Seniors' lunches The Rise Trust Volunteers regularly serve
a Community Lunch for Seniors at St Paul's Church Hall,
Malmesbury Road, Chippenham at 12pm. This is a great way to
make new friends and socialise. For more details please contact
Vicky Watt on 01249 445288 or email vickyw@therisetrust.org

Youth Club and Youth Café We run lots of activities for young
people in Chippenham including a Youth Club and Youth Cafe
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details call 825566 or email: malmesburycc@spurgeons.org or visit
www.malmesburycc.org

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

BREATHE [12A] Wed 21 Mar Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm
start £6 from Lesley or on the door

Based on a true story, when Robin (Andrew Garfield) is
struck down by polio at the age of 28, he is confined to a
hospital bed and given only a few months to live. With
the help of his wife's twin brothers (both played by Tom
Hollander) and the groundbreaking ideas of inventor Teddy
Hall (Hugh Bonneville), Robin and his wife Diana (Claire
Foy) dare to escape the hospital ward to seek out a full and
passionate life together - raising their young son, travelling
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For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

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First Sat in March – 3 Mar First race starts at 12.30. Countrywear tradestands, refreshments. Wrap up warm against the wind as the course is very exposed. £12.50 entry to the racecourse. Parking on site (chargeable).

For further details call or visit www.pointingwm.co.uk/course-details-and-maps/didmarton/didmarton-news/

Minety Minety Rugby Club

Mighty Minety Minions is the exciting local rugby club for children aged 5 to 12. We are actively seeking new children to join the club and no prior experience of rugby is necessary to join in any age group. We start with five year olds with gentle games and activities, getting the children used to listening to the coaches and handling the odd-shaped ball As Mighty Minety Minions, the children move up to non-contact 'tag' rugby which involves running around getting some exercise; the children always enjoy the training sessions and we play occasional games with other clubs too. The Under 9s begin with a slow, measured introduction to Juniors' contact rugby

Minety Playing Fields, SN16 9QU For further details call the club secretary, Peter McAllister, on 860281 or email PeterJMcAllister@yahoo.co.uk or visit www.pitchero.com/clubs/minetyjuniorrugbyclub/

Crudwell

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

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18-Apr

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Colerne Paws for a Cause

5K Charity Dog Walk around Colerne Airfield in aid of Cancer Research Sun 22 Apr - from 8.30am £6 adult £3 child Big Bone prize for best fundraiser Colerne Airfield

For further details visit cancerresearchukbox@outlook.com

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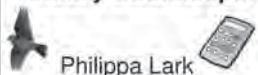
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Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

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