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In answer to my request for somebody to help with the delivery of a newspaper to an elderly person in Strongs Close, I received a couple of offers of help.

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A newspaper makes a great difference to housebound people and help here would be much appreciated.

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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.

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## Beech Class: residential trip to Braeside, by Freya Milne and Alex Laddle, Year 3



On Monday 18 March, Beech Class left Sherston on our way to Braeside Education centre. Once we arrived we got straight into high ropes, low ropes, problem-solving and life line walks.

On Day 2 we walked to the ancient conservation area, Drew's Pond, and did some river studies. In the river we found some frogspawn and loads of freshwater shrimps.

Later that day we did some night orienteering. It was great!

On the last day, our activities were canoeing and natural art. In natural art, we found twigs, leaves and other natural objects to make a pretty picture, and in canoeing we kept banging into other people's boats; it was really good!

Sadly, after that, we left for school at 2.00pm. It was our first residential trip and it was great!





# Sherston Senior Club

Since commencing our new programme for the year 2013, we have had one change to announce: we have a new chairman. Mr Malcolm Hillier has taken over the responsibility from the retiring chairman Mr John Venning. We all wish John a long and happy retirement. We would also like to thank him for all he has done for the club over the time he has been our chairman.

We had a very enjoyable first meeting, the subject being the origin of the union flag and many other flags. This was put over in some fine form by Mr Derek Tilney from Malmesbury. He certainly had the audience laughing and learning at the same time. We all enjoyed Derek's very informative talk and the show flags he had. This part of the meeting was brought to a close with a liberal helping of tea and cakes, for which many thanks must go to the refreshment helpers.

On 2 April at our new summer starting time of 2.30pm, we had a very interesting slide show and talk all about a holiday taken in Timbuktu by Mr B Tapp, who went into great detail about his adventure. It was very interesting to see how the other half of the world have to live, and also to see what they have to live in. I think the afternoon was enjoyed by all, because Mr Tapp was a very witty and entertaining speaker.

I hope that by the time you are reading this article, we shall all have enjoyed a nice day out on our coach trip up through the Vale of Evesham on the Blossom Trail, if the weather has been kind to us. Following this trip, we will have held our meeting on 16 April, at 2.30pm, with a talk and slide show on the work of Dr Barnardo's, which we think is a very interesting subject.

I hope to have seen you at the meeting.

From your chairman

*Malcolm Hillier, 840737*

# Neighbourhood Watch

## Please read:

Recently there have been more incidents in our surrounding area (eg Vancelletes Farm and Grove Road). To this end it is imperative that local people are kept informed. As a result of last month's article in the Cliffhanger only three people have given me their details.

Please complete the insert in this Cliffhanger leave it in the post office to keep you informed.

Also I have had no offers for coordinators in the following roads

High Street (this can be split into groups)

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Gaston Lane (Lower)

Brook Hill and the few houses opposite the factory

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Manor Close 22-41

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Grove Road

There is not a lot of work involved as a coordinator. It is essential that the coordinator has an e-mail address and then all that is needed is to press a button when messages are received. Without coordinators for these roads there will be a gap in coverage and it could be your house or shed that is broken into!

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# Future Sherston Olympians, Show Yourself!



Sherston Primary School is looking for the next Bradley Wiggins, Victoria Pendleton, Mo Farah or Jessica Ennis, as it hosts a double whammy of two Olympic Anniversary events on 28 and 29 June.

On Friday 28 June, parents and children will be able to cycle around the fabulous Castle Combe race track, with the Friends of Sherston School providing the Wiggo sideburns! There will be prizes for the most laps and sponsorship money raised.

On Saturday 29 June from 1.00pm there will be an afternoon of Olympic-themed sports on the Rec. We'll keep the most popular from last year's event and add some new ones too. We're planning some sports demonstrations and, of course, a barbecue and bar. Everyone in the village is welcome to come along, have fun and support your local school.

If you'd like to run a small sports event on the day, we're a friendly bunch of mums and dads, and always welcome involvement from the wider community. There are no meetings, just turn up on the day and keep the scores! For more info contact Nicky Gray, FSS chair, via [nicky.gray@btinternet.com](mailto:nicky.gray@btinternet.com)

Last year's London 2012 has left its own legacy at Sherston School, with pupils excelling at a range of competitive sports this year, and always keen to try something new. This winter, our tag rugby team brought home a winners shield from an area competition for the third time. In a recent hockey tournament at Malmesbury School our school teams came first and third. Also, at the local Area Schools Cross Country Event, our teams won six out of the eight events. In February we won overall prize at Malmesbury School's Gymnastics tournament and held on to the area shield. More recently, our netball team came a fantastic fourth in the Wiltshire County Tournament.

The school now offers more sports clubs than ever; cricket, rugby, fencing, football, gymnastics, running, tennis, netball, hockey and even ultimate frisbee.

The Olympic Legacy events will raise funds to replace an all-weather surface, buy more playground equipment, and a classroom canopy. More details on the school website, [www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk), (look for FSS under 'Community') and in next month's edition of the Cliffhanger.

# Honeybee swarm collection

Local beekeepers are happy to collect honeybee swarms this season. Please call 837308, 07760 298911 or 841201, 07850 623517, 07564026994. If you keep bees in the village and would like your number included please contact the Cliffhanger (details below).

Also, if anybody is thinking of keeping bees we could have a list of people in the village who are all willing to help one another.

The Cliffhanger would welcome any useful information on keeping bees, plants to encourage the bees and the wider importance of bees in our local environment.

Please send any articles to [editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk](mailto:editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk) or leave hard copy at Sherston Post Office Stores.

# Julian Lloyd Webber is coming to Malmesbury Abbey ...

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society is thrilled to be welcoming Julian Lloyd Webber to Malmesbury Abbey for the first time on Saturday 11 May at 7.30pm. Julian will be accompanied by Rebeca Ormodia and will give a wonderfully varied cello recital including Bach's Adagio in G, Bridge's Scherzetto, Ireland's The Holy Boy, Britten's Scherzo Pizzicato from Sonata in C, op 65, Faure's Elergie, Saint-Saens' The Swan, Delius' Sonata (1915), William Lloyd Webber's In The Half Light and Rachmaninov's Sonata, op 19. The evening promises to be a real treat.

Tickets, priced at £20 / £5 (students), can be obtained from the Abbey Bookshop, the MAMS Ticket Secretary, David Barton, on 824924 or email [d.barton763@btinternet.com](mailto:d.barton763@btinternet.com) or Joy Smith on 840865. Alternatively, they can be bought online through the Malmesbury website ([www.malmesbury.com/mams](http://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.

# Upcoming events at Holy Cross Church

We have several special services in the coming month. One of the lovely local traditions is our annual Rogation Sunday service, which will be at the tiny church of Bremilham on Sunday 5 May at 6.30pm, replacing the normal Evensong at Sherston. This service prays for God's blessing on the agricultural year, and it is always so well attended that only the organist fits inside the tiny chapel! If you haven't yet been, do come along.

Rogation Sunday is always the week before Ascension Day, which this year is on Thursday 9 May. A service of Holy Communion will be offered at Sherston at 7.30 pm.

A very different celebration will be on the 16 June at 9.30am at the Sherston Pet Service. We held the first one a year or so ago, and it was great fun. Pets of all sorts came along, we gave thanks to God for the companionship pets bring, and praised him for the glory of creation. Yes, it was slightly chaotic at parts, but rain or shine we hope to have a wonderful time this year and perhaps a prize for the wackiest pet!

Joyous, but perhaps a bit better marshalled, would probably describe the ordination on Sunday 30 June in Bristol Cathedral at 10.30am. Phil Daniels has been our curate, serving his diaconal year since July 2012. I've been really impressed by how Phil has got stuck in to life in the group of parishes and the enthusiasm and commitment he brings to the role – for instance, playing The Inspector in Sherston's recent production. It's also been a great blessing that he is already confident in many of the key areas of ministry! I hope that a good number of people from our churches will be able to support him at his ordination service and at the social event afterwards. The social will be at Stanton St Quintin school hall at around 1.30pm, more information to follow.

Finally, the Archdeacon is coming to speak to us on 25 May at 3.00pm about developing the church's work and finding a vision for the future. All who have a concern for the church are welcome, whether or not you come regularly.

*Christopher Bryan*

*Priest-in-charge of the Gauzebrook Group*

## Clem's Club

Clem's Club will meet every other Tuesday again. All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat, 2.30pm to 4.00pm (alternating with the Senior Club) in the British School Room, on 7 and 21 May.

## Meeting of the parish council

The next parish council meeting is on Thursday 9 May 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, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk). Alternatively, you can contact the parish council via the response form on the website [www.sherston.org.uk](http://www.sherston.org.uk) where you can also read minutes of meetings.

## Bonfires

Now that the weather is improving and we are all out in our gardens, could a request be put out for residents to be considerate of their neighbours in their bonfires. Please try and light bonfires later in the day so that people do not get smoked out when in their gardens.

Also very important is the content of the bonfire. Some people are constantly burning plastic and other noxious articles. These people know who they are. Some of these items are carcinogenic and very unpleasant. Not wanting to contact and complain to the council. Concerned neighbours would be very happy if more thought is given to what is burned. We have a very good recycling service where we do not really need to burn anything. Please make use of this.

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# Badminton House Plant Fair and Gardens

Badminton House will play host to the first Badminton Plant Fair on Saturday 18 May at 11.00am to 5.00pm. Many local nurseries, selling a wide variety of plants, including annuals, perennials and vegetables will attend and visitors will also be able to walk around the gardens. The Old Royal Ship Pub from Luckington will be serving a variety of lunch and teatime refreshments and the cost of entry will be £5 per person on the gate, children under 16 free.

Designed by Russell Page and Francois Goffinet, the Badminton gardens combine formality and structure with a wonderful sense of openness. The Duke and Duchess of Beaufort are passionate about plants and have made their mark on the garden's many different aspects, which include a formal south garden, a large walled garden and many other smaller treasures.

With its formal design and informal planting, the main gardens wrap around the elegant Badminton

House. The south garden is geometric in style, including 16 box beds filled with roses. These are flanked by large borders, the shell garden, a white bed and the peony and pool beds.

Badminton also boasts two magnificent conservatories on the east front of the house and in one of these grows the very spectacular climbing geranium 'Millfield Gem'. The elegant Orangery overlooks the 'swimming pond' with its central fountain and just beyond is the dog pool – which, despite the elegant planting around it, is just that.

There is also a large and productive walled garden which provides cuts flowers and plenty of produce for the house and the kitchens.

The gardens will also be open on 20 June for the National Garden Scheme and on 21 June. For further information and a list of the nurseries attending the plant fair, please refer to the Estate website: [www.badmintonestate.co.uk](http://www.badmintonestate.co.uk)



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## Keeping safe

I should confess right now that I did an article on how to cope in hot weather last year – and what happened to the weather last summer? So, it is with some reluctance I say: hopefully by the time you read this we will be having some warmer weather! At the

very least, the daylight hours should be longer and we will be hoping to get out for some fresh air, which brings me onto a couple of things to consider: How easy is it to get in and out of your home? Would it be easier if you had some grab handles at the door? Or maybe a slope rather than a doorstep?

Is mobility a problem generally? Have you thought of using a frame or 'rollator' to give extra stability and reduce risk of falling?

Is your home secure?

Could you use some advice on home security?

When you're in your back garden, is your front door locked?

Could someone walk straight in?

If you need any information on home safety, security or mobility, please get in touch.

Give me a call on 07557 922020 or email me on [malmesburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:malmesburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk).

*Ellen Blacker*

*Good Neighbour Co-ordinator*



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## Westonbirt Golf Day 10 May

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in aid of PROPS. We know that many of you are golf fans, and we are now looking for teams and individuals to make this day a success. For details of the day and entry forms visit the PROPS website ([www.propsforward.org](http://www.propsforward.org)). Westonbirt Golf Club is set amongst the beautiful grounds of the famous Westonbirt School, and adjacent to the National Arboretum. With food, drinks and entertainment planned, this promises to be an excellent day out.

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*by David Reeves*



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Now that spring has finally arrived we can look forward to making final plans for this year's Sherston Open Gardens Weekends. We hope to have some new gardens included in the trail, as well as those that have been opened before, so it isn't too late to offer yours. If you are putting a lot of effort into your garden and it's looking good, why not share it with others? Make sure you put the date – 22 and 23 June – in your diary and invite friends and relations to come and discover Sherston's gardens.

The weekend will have an exclusively 'garden theme' – which will extend to the raffle and a much smaller range of stalls.

The trail will start and finish at the church where tea and cakes will be served.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the church (this event replaces the church fête which has traditionally been the summer fundraiser).

Nearer to the time, we will be asking for donations of cakes but if you have surplus seedlings, cuttings or divided perennials, please keep them for our plant stall.

For further information, please contact Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Whitehouse 840640.

# Moon Walk 2013

I am taking part in the Moon Walk 2013 Challenge, the moon walk is a unique challenge where thousands of women power walk a marathon or half marathon through the night in London wearing a decorated bra to raise money for breast cancer.

I am undertaking the marathon on 11 May and wonder if you will support my quest and support Walk the Walk charity by making a donation to the following web pages [www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/julia\\_armstrong](http://www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/julia_armstrong) or [www.justgiving.com/julia-armstrong1](http://www.justgiving.com/julia-armstrong1)

*by Julia Armstrong*

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# W.I.

by Ann Wilcox

## February

Our February meeting was taken by the Vice President, Maureen, and was held in the British School Room as an afternoon meeting.

After the annual reports and election of officers for 2013, we were interested to hear about a recent holiday taken by member Jill. She had flown to Delhi with family and friends, visiting many important places of interest. One of the highlights of the tour had been the train journey by narrow gauge rail to Shimla in the Himalayas, five hours with spectacular views. The Taj Mahal and Red Fort were also on their itinerary. We were able to follow her travels through the many photos she had brought to show us and which showed the many contrasts of life in India. It was an excellent ending to our meeting.

## March

President Sheila took the March meeting, which saw us back in the Village Hall in the evening. The Speaker was John Johnson whose talk was entitled 'Reflections on my Life.' He arrived at a children's home in Bristol at nine months old and then, from the ages of five to 14, was at another home in Birmingham where he had happy memories. A more difficult time followed living on the streets of London until he was 17. John has written poems and songs, both sad and happy, all his life and we were treated to a selection of them. We also heard a short

extract from a Passion Play he has written for his local church. It was most interesting to hear about such a different life and how

John had overcome his problems. Refreshments followed and then we were given reminders of forthcoming events.

## April

The April meeting was held in the evening at the British School Room.

Our speaker was Jenny Tidman whose title was the 'Propagation of plants'. Trained at the Royal Parks and Kew Gardens, it was obvious she had a great love of plants and was eager to show us how to increase our favourites. She had brought many samples and demonstrated how to renew and improve them. Various types of cuttings were taken and put into the new type of grow pots, which seemed a simple and quick method. Many questions were asked as most members are keen gardeners. It was an enjoyable and instructive talk.

## Looking ahead

Tickets to hear Penny Junor, royal biographer and reporter, speak are selling well, and a visit to Kelmscott Manor is planned for July.

Our next meeting is on 2 May in the village hall when we will be discussing this year's Resolutions to be put forward at The AGM in June. We hope to enjoy a 'bring and share' supper afterwards.

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# Christian Aid Week 2013

Christian Aid Week will take place from 12 to 18 May this year. Once again we will be making a door-to-door collection in the parish of Sherston, which includes Pinkney, Willesley and Knockdown, as well as the other parishes of the Gauzebrook group to which Sherston belongs.

Seventy-five per cent of the money raised during Christian Aid Week comes from door-to-door collections, so this is a very important source of funds. This year's slogan is 'Bite Back at Hunger'. If you would like to know more about how the money is spent to help some of the 870 million people in the world who are in desperate need of food look at [www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/christianaidweek](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/christianaidweek)

Once again, we are embarking on a very large undertaking and thanks are due to all the people who kindly give up their time to deliver envelopes in our community and then go back again to collect them. This can sometimes be a difficult task and I would ask you all to receive them kindly, whether you want to return an envelope or not.

Thank you very much for your generosity

*Sue Robinson, Churchwarden*

# SherstonFest 2013: Seniors invited for a free cuppa and a cake

So, having been berated by a dear old friend who said 'The family-friendly festival, eh? Well, what about me, I'm part of the family!', SherstonFest 2013 will now have a 'Seniors Preview' on the Saturday morning of the festival (15 June).

If you are a senior citizen who lives in the village, we'd love you to come along on Saturday morning for a look round, a nice cuppa and cake provided by those lovely folks at The Malmesbury Cake Society. We will be doing elevenses from 10.30am to 12.00noon and, to make it a proper festival experience, there will be music from 'End of the Track' (Roger Whitehouse and chums) followed by the children's Samba procession, which should be quite an event. So, what with the sunshine (guaranteed) and the Samba rhythms, you might just think you are in Rio!

Places are strictly limited so go and get a ticket (free) from the post office and we'll see you on Saturday 15 June at 10.30am.

For everyone else, Saturday tickets are almost sold out so crack on if you want to go - tickets from the Rattlebone Inn, the post office and [www.sherstonfest.com](http://www.sherstonfest.com). More info from [www.sherstonfest.com](http://www.sherstonfest.com) or email [info@sherstonfest.com](mailto:info@sherstonfest.com)

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We plan to run a stall at the Gardener's Panel Evening (Dorothy House Marquee Events) at Dorothy House at Winsley from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Wednesday 15 May. This is in conjunction with a Gardeners Question Time.

We have a collection of second-hand books and jigsaws which we can include on the stall which the three of us will run. We will obviously be very grateful for any further things to sell (books, bric-a-bac or whatever), and anyone wishing to join us at Dorothy House on the evening will be very welcome of course. If anything needs to be collected, I can do so if you let me know. Beryl Clampton 841201. beryl@clampton.com

## Henry Wheeler

Henry Wheeler died on Friday March 22, 2013, peacefully at Great Western Hospital, Swindon, aged 73 years.

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## Sherston Living Churchyard

Once again, as I'm sure you will not be surprised to hear, there have been few new signs of life in the churchyard due to the very low temperatures. The early flowers are struggling out slowly, but some are damaged by frost. I have not yet heard a chiffchaff, the sound of whose song when it returns from the south I always think of as the first real sign of spring. I heard a report on the radio of waxwings, winter bird visitors, being seen at the same time as sand martins, arriving to nest. Their insect food must be in desperately short supply and they may not be able to raise young successfully in the very short season they use. Barn owls have been found starving or dead, due to the effect of the cold on the number of field voles which they rely on to eat.

All this means that wildlife needs all the help it can get so we will be meeting again in the churchyard on Saturday 11 May 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Some of those who volunteer have suggested that a weekday would be a better time for them to help, so look out for a change of timing

Sue Robinson 841263

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# Walk on the wild side

## Wanted: Trees – dead or alive

The natural environment around the village is heavily managed by farmers, estate owners, gardeners, the church, etc and it's generally quite tidy, with trees typically in hedgerows and along field boundaries. The environment has suffered from some 'natural' issues, however, such as Dutch Elm disease which killed some 25 million trees in the UK in the 1980s (and we could be faced with ash trees dying through a new disease appearing at the moment). When trees growing in hedgerows die, they are both cut down AND not replaced which means we end up with empty hedgerows like the ones on the road towards Norton where there are no trees at all for some long sections.

Many birds, insects, fungi, lichen and plants rely on tree-lined field boundaries to survive. Some recent research by the Butterfly Conservation found that, while farmers setting aside the edges of their fields to wildlife increased bird populations, the moth population increased only if the hedgerows near the field edge contained trees. Bear in mind that blue tits eat some 35 billion caterpillars a year so we need lots of moths to sustain blue tits alone.



In Grove Wood there are a couple of pairs of nuthatches (see picture) which need holes to nest in. If they find a hole with an entrance that is too large they will use mud to line the edges of the hole to make it smaller – just big enough for them to squeeze through. This hopefully stops other birds, such as magpies and sparrowhawks raiding the nest. On the cliff there are some stock doves (a bit like a wood pigeon but quite drab with no white marks) which also need holes in trees to nest in.

We used to have lesser spotted woodpeckers in the area but they are locally extinct as there is little standing dead wood, ie dead trees left to rot and fall over. We see them as a hazard – birds see them as a home! (There are, however, some lesser spotted woodpeckers not too far away in the Braydon Forest, north of Brinkworth.)

There are a couple of things we can do. Firstly, more native trees could be planted in hedgerows. They could, for example, be marked with a coloured post



to avoid hedge cutters chopping them in the autumn. A couple of local farmers have expressed an interest in doing this as it helps the environment but doesn't affect the crops. Secondly, we should leave dead trees standing where at all possible. We do have the need to make things tidy – but wildlife needs it messy. If you have some hedgerows that could do with more trees let me know and I am sure we can get some planted next winter.

## Dawn Chorus walk

With spring in full flow the birds are starting to sing particularly just after dawn. The Dawn Chorus Walk will leave outside Stretchline (on the Luckington Road) at 4.15am on Saturday 4 May. It will still be dark and possibly cold so bring warm clothing, stout shoes and a torch. See an aspect of Sherston you have never appreciated! Any questions call Geoff Carss on 840995. Yes it does say 4.15am! You should be home again by 6.00am.

*By Geoff Carss*

## Information

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7th	324	Laura Gould	£6
8th	295	Caroline Dickenson	£5

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

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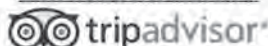
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Following the success of last year's 'Animal Service' we are holding another on Sunday 16 June at 9.30am at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston. All animals and their owners will be very welcome.

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Further details from Ness Whiffin on 07774 524756

# Hookshouse Pottery Exhibition

The annual summer exhibition at Hookshouse Pottery this year features two local textile artists, Heather Martin of Sherston and Gloria Pugh of Luckington. Dexterity and an eye for beauty come together in their wonderful creations, which will include both framed and unframed pieces. The exhibition runs from Saturday 25 May to Sunday 2 June. The gardens at the pottery are open for the National Gardens Scheme throughout the week, and there is a tea tent.

A total of fifteen exhibitors will be showing everything from paintings and glass to jewellery and fine leatherwork, with sculptures and individually made benches on show in the garden - and of course there will be plenty of pots!

Further information from Chris or Lise White on 880297, or visit the website [www.hookshousepottery.co.uk](http://www.hookshousepottery.co.uk)



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# Sherston Boules and Carnival 2013

On Saturday 13 July, 2013, 128 teams will gather in Sherston to participate in the UK's largest one-day boules tournament. Now in its 28th year, the Sherston tournament continues to attract an ever-growing number of local as well as international teams. Last year's winners were Welsh team, the Piste Artists, with Bates's Boulers coming second.

As in previous years, the village's wide high street will be closed to traffic to make room for the 16 Boules pitches (or 'pistes') on which more than 120 games will be contested throughout the day. There will also be a wide selection of market stalls, live music and entertainment, and cafés and bars providing plenty of refreshments. All are welcome, and there will be lots to do for both children and adults. This is a day out for the whole family to enjoy, either as participants or spectators.

But Sherston Boules and Carnival is not just about Boules Day itself. As usual, there's also a full programme of events taking place in the week leading up to the tournament. The week will kick off on Saturday 6 July with the annual Carnival quiz in the village hall. Tickets for the quiz will be available from the post office, or contact [sherstonboulespr@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonboulespr@gmail.com) for more information. The week will end with the annual



village duck race on Sunday 14 July (ducks on sale on Boules Day itself).

'Like' Sherston Boules and Carnival on Facebook and follow us on Twitter @Sherston\_Boules to find out the full programme of events and other information as soon as it becomes available. Updates will also be available on [sherston.net](http://sherston.net).

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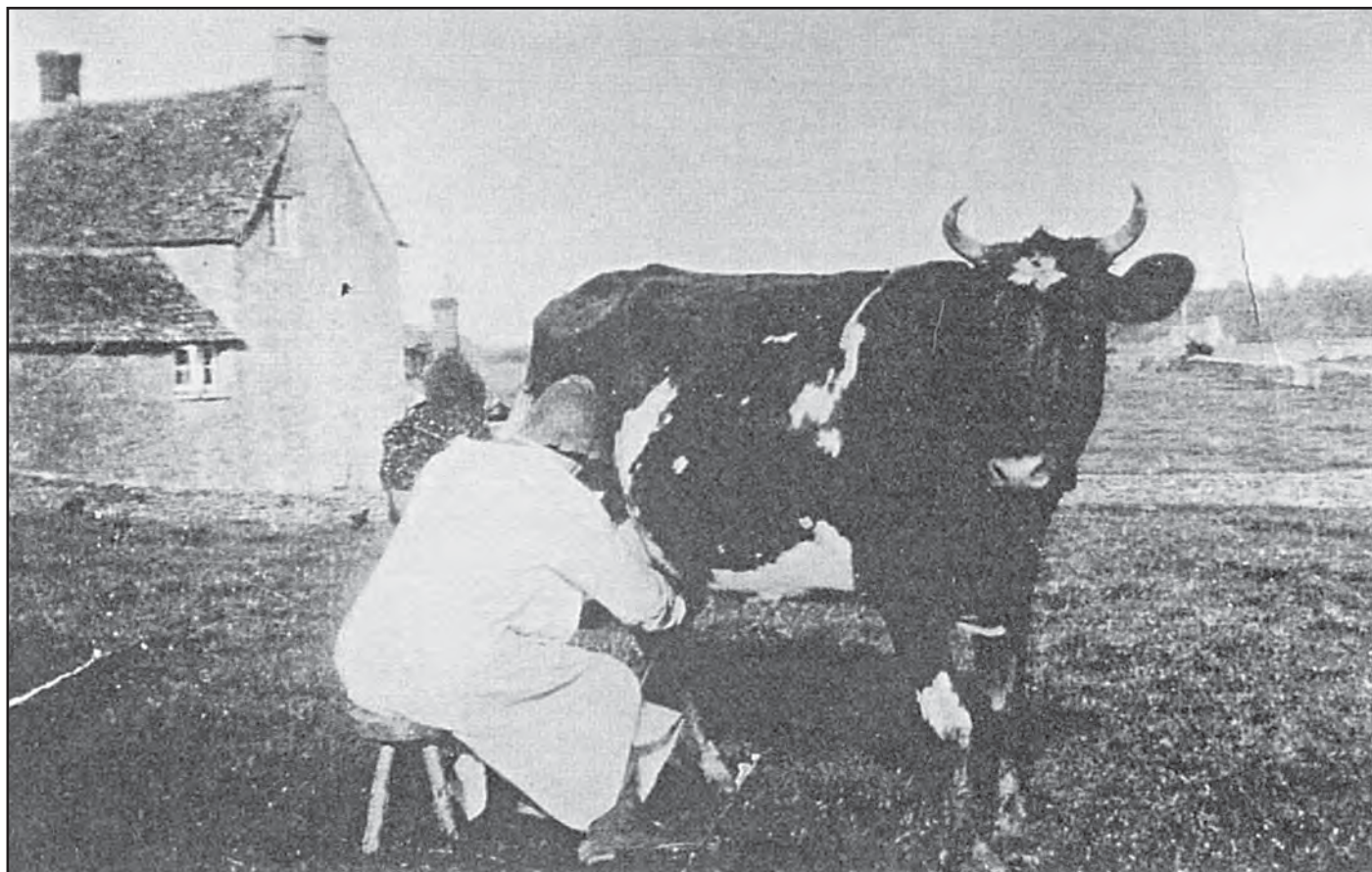


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# 1016 Book Sale

Thanks to everyone who donated or bought books at Sherston 1016's spring sale in April. Some £300 was raised towards the cost of the senior citizens' Christmas vouchers. The next sale will be in the autumn, although 1016 are hoping to run their usual stall of books on Boules Day (13 July).

## Bag2School fundraising total

Parents at Sherston school, together with local residents, collected a hefty 536 kilos of clothing, footwear, soft toys, belts and handbags last month, raising a staggering £268 on the school's very first 'Bag2School' day.

The Friends of Sherston School (FSS) were amazed at the level of support for their first attempt at fundraising this way, and would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support. The FSS will be repeating the event in the autumn term, so don't go throwing anything out!

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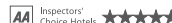
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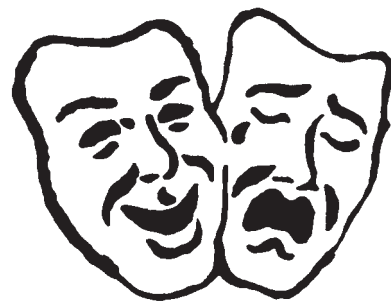
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# Agatha Christie mystery solved



On 2–6 April, Sherston Drama group's production of Agatha Christie's *Spider's Web* was intriguing audiences in the Village Hall.

The play was originally designed to show off the talents of the romantic actress Margaret Lockwood, and the resulting enormous part of Clarissa Hailsham-Brown was carried off in style by Kirstie Blair. Richard Skeffington enjoyed himself as Clarissa's former guardian, the retired diplomat Sir

Roland Delahaye, and Mark Andrews was suitably confused as local JP Hugo Birch. Niamh Andrews produced a wonderful impersonation of an ever-hungry 1950's schoolgirl as Clarissa's stepdaughter, Pippa. Howard Harding as the slimy Oliver Costello was deservedly bumped off, his head wound getting more bloody with every performance, and Richard Warren invited suspicion as the sinister butler Elgin.

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went to Drama Group stalwart Andi Hunte as the attractive but amoral Jeremy Warrender.

Three newcomers to the Sherston stage put in cracking performances: Georgina Evans provided some great comedy as the gardener Miss Peake; Riaan van Rooyen was Clarissa's quiet husband Henry; and Phil Daniels showed another side to his character as Inspector Lord, becoming ever more exasperated with his parade of suspects. Assisting the Inspector, Sue Lehrer was the stern WPC Jones - no opportunity for dancing there.



Pulling all this together was director Hazel Jarrett, showing she can still put on a great play after more than 30 years with the Group. Mark Andrews used his carpentry skills and Sue Ormiston her design skills to re-create a 1950's country house in the Village Hall, and a support team too numerous to mention here (but still much appreciated) kept the show on the road backstage and front of house.

Look out for another play at the same time next year. But before that of course it's the pantomime – the dates are October 30 to November 2 – watch this space for announcements!

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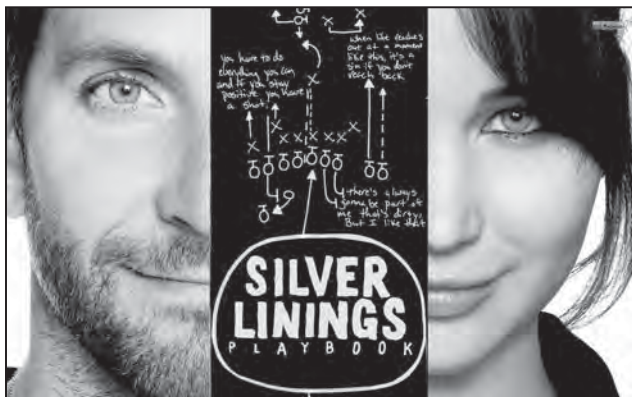
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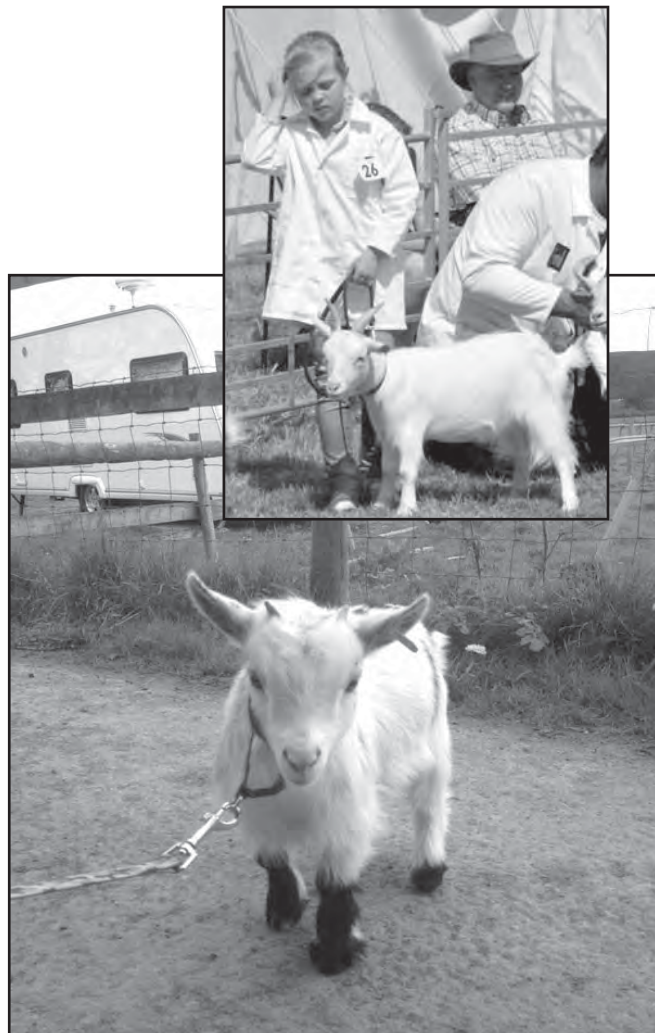
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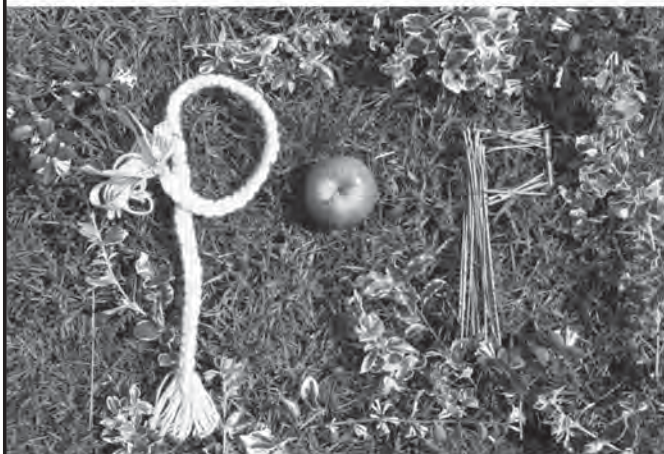
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# New toys for Busy Hands

An enormous thank you to everyone who supported the Busy Hands cake sale at the end of April (bakers, buyers and sellers!). The morning was a huge success, raising £100 for staff to invest in some new toys for the children which otherwise wouldn't have been possible.

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Every resident is entitled to attend and in order to encourage your presence refreshments will be available. Like most parish council meetings, it should last no longer than an hour and a half.

If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise, please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk). Alternatively, you can contact the parish council via the response form on the website [www.sherston.org.uk](http://www.sherston.org.uk) where you can also read minutes of meetings.



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## Sherstonfest


A plea for help.... I need some cake donations for the Saturday morning (15 June) please - and also some volunteers to help me with a children's cupcake decorating station. Please email me if you can help.

Bake and Take: Monday 6 May

The theme for our next 'bake and take' is 'Supersize bakes'. You need to bring one bake with you that is a giant version of its original state. A giant jaffa cake, giant pork pie, giant sausage roll, giant custard cream and so on ...

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After winning the toss SMCC deciding to bowl first. Tight opening spells by Ian Gould and Andy Pegg forced Chipping Sodbury to attack the change bowlers, which in turn lead to three wickets falling in one brilliant over from Ewen Kenny and Sherston never looked back. Good bowling, combined with a very good fielding particularly from Fred Findlay and Harry Sutcliffe, left Chipping Sodbury bowled out for 130.

The fine performance from the bowlers was firmly backed up by the batters, with the opening pair knocking the runs off easily with 12 overs to spare. Matt Goodwin (78\*) and Chris Lovell (41\*) never looked like getting out and placed the ball all around the field using the pace of the ball and quick outfield.

## Groundforce day well attended

On a lovely spring morning good numbers showed up to support the clubs ground-force day on 6 April. Work to prepare the covers, test the machinery, clean the pavilion, hand-roll and mark the square and



roll outfield kept everyone busy. Probably the most encouraging work completed was the successful replacement of the rotten strut on one of the sightscreens. Both sightscreens are now in place and ready for the season ahead. Thanks to all who helped out. Thanks also to Paul and Caroline Jarvis who provided delicious sausage and bacon rolls.



## Ground improvements –update

The club has received a small setback in its application for grants, we had hoped to receive an ECB grant for 50% of the cost of the sightscreens, but unfortunately we have been turned down on this occasion.

The club are trying to raise a fairly substantial amount of money for the new facilities so if anyone knows of any individual or company that might be forthcoming with a donation please let us know. Every penny helps.

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See the Parish Life for more details

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## Congregational Church - in The British

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**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:

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## Easton Grey Parish Church

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

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

**Clem's Club** 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:tahitivanrooyen@gmail.com)

## Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

For details contact Sue Webb 824620 [dennis.webb01@virgin.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.sherston.org.uk). Further details contact Sarah Wood on 840197 or [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk)

**The Rattlebone Boules League** Consists of 48 teams playing in 3 Leagues. For more information contact Tony Towle on 840574.

**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](mailto: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 Wednesday during term time 5.45 – 7pm in the Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit <https://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](mailto:nicky.gray@btinternet.com)

**1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack** Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact Ray Sneddon-Jenkins to obtain an application form – [raysneddonj@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ann.bye@virgin.net)

### Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Indoor practise Outdoor junior (U9 – U14) cricket training every Monday evening 6.15pm – 7.30pm  
Outdoor senior cricket training every Tuesday evening 6.30pm - 8.00pm  
Outdoor junior (U13 – U18) cricket training every Wednesday evening 6.00pm – 7.30pm  
Further details at [www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com](http://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](mailto:richard.skeffington@virgin.net) Tel. 840092 or Graham Instrell (Vice Chairman) [ginstrell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.communicate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/](http://www.communicate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/) or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or [Hjquirk@aol.com](mailto:Hjquirk@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](mailto: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 Victoria Parish on 840071 or email [vparish@btinternet.com](mailto:vparish@btinternet.com)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:emma@totsoffun.co.uk) or [www.totsoffun.co.uk](http://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](mailto:sarah.sims@wiltshire.gov.uk) or 07846100233. For a full list of walking groups in Wiltshire please visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/getwiltshirewalking](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/getwiltshirewalking).

**Yoga in Sherston** New 6 week course starts Mon 15 Apr. Mon 5.45pm Pregnancy Yoga, 7pm for beginners and at 8.15pm more advanced. £45 for 6 weeks. All classes must be pre-booked due to limited spaces. Scout Hut. For further details call Kathryn 07903 802985 [yoga\\_in\\_sherston@hotmail.com](mailto:yoga_in_sherston@hotmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/Yoga.with.Kathryn](http://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

### June

14-15 2013 SherstonFest  
22 - 23 Open Gardens Weekend

### July

6-14 Sherston Boules & Carnival  
13 Boules Day

### September

13 Sherston Church Concert  
'Music for Awhile' Classical String Quartet

### October

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

### November

23 Church Bazaar in Village Hall

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](mailto: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 Check boards for details  
For further details call 840665 or visit us on Facebook - [CarpentersArmsSherston](https://www.facebook.com/CarpentersArmsSherston)

#### The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7:30pm Free entry and prizes for the winning team  
Celebrate Badminton Weekend 4-5 May full à la carte menu served all weekend including Sun night  
Party with live music from Bill Smith and The Fabulous Bluescasters Sat 4 May  
Live Set From Matt Venn Sun 26 May  
Check boards for more details of events  
Further details contact 840871 or [www.therattlebone.co.uk](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)

#### Walk on the Wild Side

Dawn Chorus Walk with Geoff Carss Sat 4 May 4.15am from Stretchline (on the Luckington Road) back by 6am. It will still be dark and possibly cold so bring warm clothing, stout shoes and a torch.  
For further details call Geoff Carss on 840995 or [geoff\\_carss@hotmail.com](mailto:geoff_carss@hotmail.com)

### Upcoming events at Holy Cross Church

Rogation Sunday service at the tiny church of Bremilham Sun 5 May at 6.30pm, replacing the normal Evensong at Sherston Ascension Day, Thurs 9 May, Holy Communion at Sherston at 7.30pm

The Archdeacon is coming to speak on May 25 at 3pm about developing the church's work and finding a vision for the future. All who have a concern for the church are welcome, whether or not you come regularly

Ordination of our curate, Phil Daniels Sun 30 Jun 10.30am at Bristol Cathedral Social afterwards at Stanton St Quintin school Hall around 1.30pm  
For further details call Pam Pickthall on 841072 or [pampickthall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pampickthall@hotmail.co.uk)

### SHOCC

Sherston Occasional Community Choir The choir meet every Wed singing pieces by Haydn, Stanier, Fauré and Mendelssohn and will work towards giving a concert locally on 1 June 7-9pm in the British School Room For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or [nicki-heenan@btinternet.com](mailto:nicki-heenan@btinternet.com) or Jill Woodward 840578 or [jillwoodward222@btinternet.com](mailto:jillwoodward222@btinternet.com)

### 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](mailto:nicki.heenan@btinternet.com)

### Hold a Fish and Chip Supper in aid of Spinal Injuries Association

Great British Fish and Chip Supper - Friday 17 May  
For further details call or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 0714350 or email [fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk) or visit [www.siafishandchips.co.uk](http://www.siafishandchips.co.uk)

### Christian Aid week 12 - 18 May

For further details visit [www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/christianaidweek](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/christianaidweek)

### Sue's Strolls

Sun 16 Jun starting from the village hall at 10am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 12 noon

Boules Week walk Sun 7 Jul  
For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or [susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk)

### SherstonFest2013

"the South Cotswolds Cider, Music and Fine Food Festival" Fri 14, Sat 15 Jun tickets nearly sold out  
Sat Kids' events: Mid day(ish) - drum workshop (limited number - reserve by email to [kids@sherstonfest.com](mailto:kids@sherstonfest.com)); 1:00 (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  
Seniors invited for a free cuppa and a cake! Sat 15 Jun 10.30-12.30 with cakes provided by The Malmesbury Cake Society and music from "End of the Track" (Roger Whitehouse and chums) followed by the children's Samba procession, which should be quite an event. Places are strictly limited so go and get a free ticket from the Post Office soon  
Music line up includes Electric Swing Circus, Lazy Habits, The Ten Pound Suit Band, Sam Green and the Midnight Heist, Future Dub Orchestra, Mammoth Sound, Show It Off, Troy Ellis, Hail Jamaica Reggae Band, The Atelier, Kenworthy, Sophie Stead, Old Colours, The Soul Destroyers



See website for full details of all events Village Hall Field  
For further details call email [info@sherstonfest.com](mailto:info@sherstonfest.com) or visit  
[www.sherstonfest.com](http://www.sherstonfest.com) or like us on facebook [www.facebook.com/SherstonFest](http://www.facebook.com/SherstonFest)

## Church special events

**All Creatures Great and Small - Pet Service** A special Service of Thanksgiving for Animals Sun 16 Jun 9.30am Churchyard (in the church if raining) All animals and their owners will be very welcome - Prize for the most unusual animal! Church of the Holy Cross For further details call *Ness Whiffin* 840185 or 07774 524756

## Olympic Legacy Events

**Cyclemania** Friday 28 Jun - parents and children will be able to cycle around the fabulous Castle Combe race track, with The Friends of Sherston School providing the Wiggo sideburns!  
**Sherston Olympics** Everyone in the village is welcome to come along, have fun and support your local school at the afternoon of Olympic themed sports on the Rec, sports events, barbecue and bar Sat 29 Jun from 1pm For more info contact *Nicky Gray*, FSS chair, via [nicky.gray@btinternet.com](mailto:nicky.gray@btinternet.com)

## Open Gardens Trail in aid of Sherston Church

22-23 Jun in aid of the Church, will be open from 1 – 5 on Saturday and 2 – 5 on Sunday. The £5 ticket gives entry to a selection of large and small gardens around the village with some new ones this year, and the ticket price includes tea and cake, available in the church. Children are free if accompanied by an adult, on the Trail, just pay for refreshments.

If you would like to open your garden (all proceeds go towards the upkeep of Sherston Church), please contact Pat or Heather. Nearer to the time we will be asking for donations of cakes but if you have surplus seedlings, cuttings or divided perennials, please keep them for our plant stall For further details call *Heather Martin* 840375 or *Pat Whitehouse* 840640

## Knockdown

**The Holford Arms** Live Music every weekend.  
Free house and restaurant for further details call 01454 238669

## Westonbirt The Arboretum

**Family Event** : Bug World Crafts include: Clay, leaf and stick bugs, willow snails, twig and wool spider web Tues 28 - Thurs 30 May 10:30 - 4pm ages 3+ 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 Crowd Wed 1 - Tues 8 May  
**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 Dog Friendly Guided Walk: Walkies with Maisie. Sat 4 May 11-12:30 meet Maisie and owner Dave Lucas at the Skilling Gate Free after admission - book with Dave 07774 711094 0  
**Workshops** Beginners Digital Photography One Day Course 10 May £55 including entrance to the arboretum Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email [consult@abbey-studios.co.uk](mailto:consult@abbey-studios.co.uk)  
**Workshops: Make a Windsor Chair** six day course 6 -11 May, 3-8 Jun Cost £300 including all tools and materials. Booking essential contact Paul Hayden 01373 836051 or [www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk](http://www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk)

**Summer Concerts Announced**: Blondie Fri 21 Jun SOLD OUT; Paloma Faith Sat 22 Jun SOLD OUT; Olly Murs Sun 23 Jun SOLD OUT; Jessie J Fri 19 Jul SOLD OUT; 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](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/music) £39 plus booking fee

For further details call 880220 or visit [www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt)

## Westonbirt School

**Summer party** to celebrate Westonbirt's 85th year Sat 11 May 7pm £85 coupl £45 single £20 under 25s including food, live band and dodgems  
**Summer Concert** Free chance to listen to the work of all the musicians at the school Fri 17 May 7pm  
**Whole School Open Morning** Westonbirt and Rose Hill Westonbirt Schools invite you to our Open Morning Sat 18 May 9.30-12.30

The Festival Players Theatre Company presents **Romeo and Juliet** spectacular open air performance in the school grounds Wed 3 July 7pm Tickets £14.50, £5 under 18's and under 7s free

**Open House and Gardens** The House and Gardens will be open 11-5pm Sun 5 May, Sun 2 and Sun 28 (NGS) Jun. Garden tours 2-5pm Sun 5, Mon 6, Tues 28 - Fri 31 May. 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 (under 12s free), 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!

For further details call *Tania Warner* on 880333 or [twarner@westonbirt.org](mailto:twarner@westonbirt.org) and *Arabella* for the open house and garden [aparr@westonbirt.org](mailto:aparr@westonbirt.org) or visit [www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk)

## PROPS Golf Day at Westonbirt Golf Course

**Charity Golf Day in aid of PROPS** Fri 10 May Play commences at 7.30 am. Last tee time 2.30 pm. Evening reception and prize giving 6.30pm PROPS - providing opportunities & support for those with special needs Cost -£60.00 for a team of 4, Single £17.00 including hot drink and breakfast bap, evening meal. Additional visitors for 6.30 pm Evening Meal/Presentation at £7.50 For further details call *Luke Bedwell* on 881404, or visit [www.propsforward.org](http://www.propsforward.org)

## Badminton

### Badminton Horse Trials

Thurs 2 - Mon 6 May 2013 from 9.00/ 9.30 am Gates open at 8am See website for ticket information Under 12s free. Cash (only) at gate is £2 more than advance tickets. Free admission after 4pm For further details call 01454 218375 or [boxoffice@badminton-horse.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@badminton-horse.co.uk) or visit [www.badminton-horse.co.uk](http://www.badminton-horse.co.uk)

### Badminton House Plant Fair and Gardens open day

Many local nurseries, selling a wide variety of plants including annuals, perennials and vegetables will attend and visitors will also be able to walk around the gardens. The Old Royal Ship Pub from Luckington will be serving a variety of lunch and teatime Sat 18 May 11am - 5pm Entry £5pp (on the gate) - children under 16 free. The gardens will also be open on 20 Jun for the National Garden Scheme and on 21st June.

For further details call 01454 218203 or visit [www.badmintonestate.co.uk/](http://www.badmintonestate.co.uk/)

### Highgrove Garden Tours

Tickets on sale for tours up till Aug. Sep - Oct tickets will go on sale in June. Standard Tours: £19.50 per person, individuals join a group of 26 guests.

For further details call 020 7766 7310 or visit [www.highgrovegardens.com](http://www.highgrovegardens.com)

## Grittleton

### Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Wed 29 May - SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK [15] 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](mailto:l_palmer@btinternet.com)

### Hookhouse Pottery spring/summer exhibition

The exhibition will include paintings, craft and sculptures, some of which will be displayed in the delightful Hookhouse Pottery garden. Featuring Sherston artist Heather Martin. There will also be a tea tent 25 May - 2 Jun June 11am - 6pm daily The gardens at the pottery are open for the National Gardens Scheme throughout the week For further details call *Chris* or *Lise White* on 880297 or [hookhouse@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hookhouse@hotmail.co.uk) or visit [www.hookhousepottery.co.uk](http://www.hookhousepottery.co.uk)

## Malmesbury

### 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. May 6 theme: supersize (i.e. make a huge version of something which is usually much smaller such as a Jaffa Cake) Kings Arms For further details call *Jess M*: 07823 338000 E: [malmesburycakesociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:malmesburycakesociety@yahoo.co.uk) Facebook: Malmesbury Cake Society

### Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

**Julian Lloyd Webber** in concert Sat 11 May at 7.30pm. Julian will be accompanied by *Rebeca Ormodia* and will give a wonderfully varied cello recital £20 / £5 student

**Red Priest** present **The Carnival of the Seasons – Vivaldi** with a **Difference** 29-Jun *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  
 Tickets from the Abbey Bookshop or via website £12/ £10 members/ £5 student or chd  
 For further details call David Barton 824924  
 d.barton763@btinternet.com or visit [www.malmesbury.com/mams](http://www.malmesbury.com/mams)

## MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP 12 noon - 1pm  
 Sat 18 May, Sat 15 Jun Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall  
 For further details call [www.jamesgray.org](http://www.jamesgray.org) or  
 email [jamesgraymp@parliament.uk](mailto:jamesgraymp@parliament.uk) for online surgeries

## Tetbury

### Woolsack Race

33 years of the world famous event Mon 27 May Races start at 2pm, entertainment and stalls from 10am See website for parking.  
 Race down Gumstool Hill For further details email [tetburywoolsack@googlemail.com](mailto:tetburywoolsack@googlemail.com) or visit [www.tetburywoolsack.co.uk](http://www.tetburywoolsack.co.uk)

### Alive & Well

News, developments and future plans - evening reception with the Honourable Senesi Fawundu You are invited to join the Alive & Well team, our sponsors, donors and supporters for a bite to eat, a drink & a chance to make a difference. Alive & Well raise funds for a Sierra Leone well project (a Luckington based charity) 23 May 6.30 for 7pm start Finish 9pm  
 Tortworth Court Hotel & Arboretum, Wotton under Edge,  
 For further details call [paul@dowding.co.uk](mailto:paul@dowding.co.uk) or call Kim Findlay on 07973 828217 or visit [www.alivewell.org.uk](http://www.alivewell.org.uk)

## Castle Combe

### Steam and Vintage Rally

Sat 18 May 10am - 6pm Sun 19 May 10am - 5pm £6 (concs £5) under 14s free, Free parking  
 Steam engines, vintage, fairground engines, pony rides, Rowan working horses For further details call or visit [www.castlecombesteamrally.co.uk](http://www.castlecombesteamrally.co.uk)

## Nailsworth

### 30th Arts Festival

Full festival programme on line including music, comedy, music, story telling, poetry, workshops, exhibitions and walks 18 -26 May  
 For further details call 01453 839222 or directly from the Town Information Centre, Fountain Street or visit [www.nailsworthfestival.org.uk](http://www.nailsworthfestival.org.uk)

## Wotton-Under-Edge

### The Electric Picture House

The Electric Picture House A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Song for Marion, The Sessions, Seraphine, Arbitrage, Oz the Great and Powerful 3D, Robot & Frank, The Croods 3D check website for details  
 For further details call 01453 844601 or visit [www.wottoneph.co.uk](http://www.wottoneph.co.uk)

### Wotton Concert Series

Spring Concert No 1 Carmina Burana - Orff With the Rinaldo Choir conducted by Benedict Hoffnung Pictures at an Exhibition - Mussorgsky (for 2 pianos) Sat 18 May 7.30pm Tickets £28, £18 or £10 For further details call Book online or call the box office on 07415 541359 or visit [www.wottonconcertseries.co.uk](http://www.wottonconcertseries.co.uk)

### Ozleworth, Wotton-under-Edge

### NHS Newark Park House and Estate

Tudor hunting lodge, exhibition, shop and plant stall, tea room and 725 acres of parkland open Wed - Sun from Mar - Oct Adult £6.40 / Chd £3.30 / Family £16.10 Free parking. Dogs welcome on leads in the grounds.

Wild Garlic Season 20 Apr-19 May Recipe cards to be taken away Heads Together, a portrait exhibition by Trish Claridge 1 May-30 Jun 50 things to do before you're 11 & ¾ Children have a booklet with 50 things they can do at different NT places. See [www.50things.org.uk/](http://www.50things.org.uk/) for further info. For further details call phone 01793 817666. or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park/](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park/)

## Cirencester

### Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool

Heated spring water open air pool run by volunteers as a non profit making charity Open 23May - 9 Sep 7am-6.16pm midweek and 9/10 - 5.45 Sat/Sun. Mon & Wed Adult evening swim 6.45-7.45pm. Friday Youth Evening 7-8.30pm 10-17 year olds £4.40 / £2.20/ Family £12 Season tickets available.  
 Cirencester Park, GL7 2EF For further details call 01285 653947 or visit [www.cirencesteropenair.co.uk](http://www.cirencesteropenair.co.uk)

## Cotswolds: Cotswold Rural Skills Courses

Dry Stone Walling for beginners 11-12 May Tetbury FULL, 15-16 Jun Long Compton, 24-25 Jun Nailsworth, 10-11 Aug Tetbury DSW for Improvers 1-2 Jun Nailsworth £119  
 Blacksmithing Taster Day 11 May, 27 Jul Northleach, 13 Oct Tetbury £99  
 Lime Mortar - Beginners 15-16 Jun 21 Sep Ebworth Centre £99  
 Cotswold Tile Roofing - Taster Day 8 Jun, 14 Sep Naunton £99  
 Lime Mortar Beginners 24-25 Jun Nailsworth £99  
 For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or [david.molloy@cotswoldsnaonb.org.uk](mailto:david.molloy@cotswoldsnaonb.org.uk) or visit [www.cotswoldsnaonb.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldsnaonb.org.uk)

## Winsley: Gardener's Panel Evening

(Dorothy House Marquee Events) at Dorothy House at Winsley from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Wed 15 May, in conjunction with a Gardeners Question Time. Bric and Brac, books and jigsaws wanted for the Dorothy House Hospice stall  
 For further details call Beryl Clampton 841201, 07850 623517 or email [beryl@clampton.com](mailto:beryl@clampton.com) or visit

## Cheltenham

### 85th Festival of Performing Arts

7 - 12 & 14 - 19 May Dance, music, speech & drama Town Hall For further details call or visit [www.cheltenhamfestivalofperformingarts.co.uk](http://www.cheltenhamfestivalofperformingarts.co.uk)

### Jazz Festival

7 Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of jazz including Madeleine Peyroux, Dionne Warwick, Georgie Fame, Ravi Coltrane and Friday Night is Music Night 1 - 6 May Various locations in Cheltenham For further details call 01242 505444 or visit [www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/jazz/](http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/jazz/)

### Science Festival

Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of science Free entry to the Discover Zone - chat to scientists and conduct experiments. Latest addition Dara Ó Briain- 4-9 Jun Tickets sell out fast £5-£18 Various locations in Cheltenham For further details call 0844 576 8970 or visit [www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science](http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science)

## Bishops Cleeve

La vie en Bleu - vintage French and English Marques 1-2 Jun Live music, displays and entertainment  
 Prescott Lodge For further details call 01242 677 777 or visit [www.prescott-hillclimb.com](http://www.prescott-hillclimb.com)

## Bath, Stroud, Bristol

### Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ the cinema

Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the Opera: La Donna Del Lago, Rossini LIVE Mon 27 May  
 Gloriana Mon 24 Jun Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and other Cinema  
 For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit [www.roh.org.uk/cinema](http://www.roh.org.uk/cinema)

## Bath: Theatre Royal

Go Back for Murder Tues 7 - Sat 11 May 7.30pm / 8pm  
 The Blues Brothers Mon 13 - Sat 18 May  
 Birdsong Mon 20 - Sat 25 May  
 The Misanthrope Tues 28 May - Sat 1 Jun  
 The Seagull Tues 4 - Sat 8 Jun  
 £15-£33.50 Book ahead for: Summer season 12 Jun - 31 Aug  
 Relative Values, Candidia, King Lear, A Little Hotel on the Side  
 Theatre Royal For further details call 01225 448844 or visit [www.theatreroyal.org.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.org.uk)

## Iford: Iford Arts Festival

Opera & Music Festival Opera: La Traviata (Verdi) June, La Vie Parisienne (Offenbach) July, Acis and Galatea (Handel) July & Aug  
 Jazz : London to Rio  
 Festival Finale Sat 10 Aug  
 Iford Manor For further details call Book via the Theatre Royal Bath Box Office 01225 44 88 44 or online or visit [www.ifordarts.org.uk](http://www.ifordarts.org.uk)

## Breast Cancer Moon Walk

Sherston entry in the London Moon Walk challenge for breast cancer Sat 11 May Julia Armstrong will be joining 15,000 brave walkers all out pounding the streets in their Walk the Walk trademark, decorated bras. Please sponsor her at [www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/julia\\_armstrong](http://www.walkthewalkfundraising.org/julia_armstrong) or [www.justgiving.com/julia-armstrong1](http://www.justgiving.com/julia-armstrong1)