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Open for business

Friday 18 April was something of a red letter day for Sherston as the Rattlebone Inn reopened after the fire in March and both local railway bridges were finally completed after 6 months work.

The Rattlebone's reopening so soon was frankly remarkable and all credit must go to everyone involved in bringing back the pub to the village. Whilst the roof repairs will take many months the pub itself is fully operational in all departments and has benefitted from complete redecoration to the bars and restaurant.

Network Rail's replacement of the Fosse Bridge and the Badminton Overbridge between Luckington and Acton Turville caused much consternation since work commenced last September with continuing delays on what should have been a 3 month job. A lot of local businesses had to face months of reduced turnover as well as residents suffering expense in

time and fuel costs in following the diversion routes many of which couldn't cope with the volume of traffic and were severely damaged. Let's hope that the whole saga has taught Network Rail some lessons in project management and communication with local communities



Boules and Carnival 11, 12 and 13 July – movers and shifters



Anyone available to help the logistics team for a couple of hours over Boules weekend this year would be greatly appreciated, especially if they have use of a van, trailer or vehicle with a tow bar. This year the role will be shared out so it doesn't take up one person's whole weekend. We are looking at filling the following major slots:

- Friday 11 July 2.00pm to 5.00pm shifting pitch frames and marquees; cone laying 7pm-8pm;
- Friday 11 July 7.00pm to 8.00pm cone laying
- Saturday 12 July 6.30am to 9.30am moving tables and chairs;
- Saturday 12 July 4.00pm to 8.00pm approx. shift pitch frames and tables and chairs, remove cones.
- Sunday 13 July 1.00pm (or after Tug of War) shift tables and chairs from village hall to Duck Race teas.

- Sunday 13 July 5.00pm take tables and chairs from Duck Race teas back to village hall.

Obviously we will be after all the marquee erectors on the Friday evening and early Saturday morning and the usual clear up. We do have a few volunteers but need to boost the team so that the load is spread out. There are currently no events planned for the week prior to Boules day.

For anyone new to the village, Boules weekend, an entirely not for profit event, raises money for local groups and charities – mainly Sherston and surrounding villages – totalling more than £225,000 since 1986. Any help welcomed (or in other areas) – please contact Paul Frogatt, Gwen Knight, Minnie Hulme or Caroline Moore on 841405 or 07876 598066 caroline@carolinemoore.co.uk

Have your say at the annual parish meeting

The annual parish meeting takes place on Thursday 29 May at 7.30pm in the village hall. This is when all residents have the opportunity to raise and discuss any subject regarding the parish.

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. Alternatively, you can contact the parish council via the response form on the website www.sherston.org.uk where you can also read minutes of meetings.

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

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

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

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Busy Hands busy balancing



April saw the arrival of two rather smart wooden balance benches at Busy Hands Pre-School – just in time for the summer term's PE sessions and sports day practice. So far, the children have enjoyed testing out their balancing skills (but mostly they have enjoyed playing with the rather large boxes they came in!).

The benches were bought with the money raised from the POP up village so a huge thank you to everyone who ran a POP or visited one. They are fantastic additions to Busy Hands and will be enjoyed for many years to come.

Middlewick House opens gardens for charity: 21 and 22 June

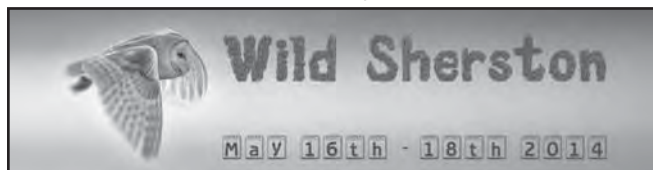
By kind permission of Nick and Annette Mason, a unique opportunity is available to visit the gardens at Middlewick House in Corsham on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 June, 11.30am to 4.30pm.

There will be sculptures by Art at the Edge, a group of leading Bath sculptors, miniature donkeys, kunekune piglets and lambs to visit, plants for sale, stalls and demonstrations, as well as tea, coffee and cakes.

Entry is £5, with children under 16 years going free. All money raised will go to the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust (www.wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk) and the Springboard Opportunity Group (www.springboardweb.org.uk).

The full address is: Middlewick House, Middlewick Lane, Corsham SN13 0PX.

A fun-filled event with something for all the family



Wild Sherston begins on Friday 16 May at 7.30pm with Radio 4 broadcaster and 'Shared Planet' presenter Kelvin Boot talking about 'The Trials and Treavils of a naturalist', limited tickets are available at £5 each and refreshments will be available.

On the Saturday we have organised a range of talks covering butterflies and moths, birds, bees, mammals, rivers and bats.

There will be lots of exciting stands on the Saturday and Sunday where you can buy bird feeders, seeds, and even a skin care range.

We are also very excited to announce that TV presenter on 'Coast' Miranda Krestovnikoff will be attending our event on the Saturday, and will be available for photographs and autographs!

On Sunday there will be a variety of walks to include a dawn chorus walk at 5.00am for you early birds! A butterfly walk, river walk and even a bat walk.

There will be lots of children's activities on Saturday and Sunday such as a bouncy castle, face-painting, a clay corner, snail racing, trails, quizzes, live animals to meet and we might even build a camp fire...

We are also holding a photographic exhibition for adults and children. Children's photographic entry forms can be requested by emailing Wildsherston@outlook.com. Adult entries should also be emailed to this address.

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One of the stepping stone posts has finally given up due to old age and fallen over (possibly with a little assistance). If you do notice that any of the play equipment is damaged, please let the Parish Council know via the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. This will ensure that the equipment remains safe and that repairs can be organised quickly.

Carnival comes to Sherston!



Inspired by the World Cup, this year's Boules Day Kids-zone will have a carnival theme. Think samba, shakers, hula dancing! The village hall field will be buzzing with energy. There will be plenty to keep the kids entertained: games galore, craft and of course the annual fancy dress parade!

More info next month ... In the meantime, if any parents would like to get involved in helping to organise the Kids-zone, we'd love to have you on board (nothing too heavy, just a meeting each month in the Rattlebone). If you're even vaguely interested, contact Sophie Cheetham on 07786 990045 or sophcheetham@gmail.com.

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Tickets include a glass of wine or juice in the interval.

Open Gardens Weekend: 21 and 22 June

We are still accepting offers of gardens to be opened over this weekend in aid of the church. After an excellent period of spring weather, most of our gardens are looking good and if you have spent time making yours look lovely you might like to share it with others.

Get in touch by the beginning of June with Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Whitehouse 840640.

Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 15 June. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am, with a return to the Rattlebone Inn just around 12.00noon. As ever, children and well-behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there is no need to book a place – just turn up on the day.

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Don't forget Bag2School on Friday 9 May

Sherston Primary School will be having another Bag2School textile collection on Friday 9 May. Bag2School are the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools.

The school will receive £500 per tonne or £0.50/kg which will be a great boost for our fundraising. In addition, it raises awareness among the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

Bag2School collect adults' and children's clothes (including scarves and ties), shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags and soft toys. Please note bedding, curtains and household linen cannot be accepted (see www.bag2school.com for full details).

This recycling opportunity is open to anyone in the village, so sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and bag up any unwanted textiles. If you contact Sophie Cheetham (sophcheetham@gmail.com or 07786 990045) or put a message on our Facebook page, (search for 'Friends of Sherston School') we can come and collect from you.

Village hall 300+ club

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Meeting of the parish council

The annual general meeting of the parish council is on Thursday 8 May in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and make comments. If you cannot attend the meeting but have something to raise, please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk.

You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read.

Village Hall

The AGM will take place on Thursday 22 May at 7.30pm in the hall. All welcome.

Sherston Senior Club

On 15 March we held our annual spring sale, which again – thanks to the people who donated items for the sale, the people who did the selling, followed by the people who did the buying and last but not least the ladies who did the refreshments – was a success. I feel we must say a very big thank you to all. I have the pleasure to be able to let you know that the sum of £189.60 was made on the day.

Our next meeting was held at the British School Rooms on 1 April, when we were taken on a tour of slides which conveyed Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands. Many thanks from us to Mr Roger White for the afternoon.

Our next meeting will be the first day trip for this season, when we go to Sanders Garden World at Brent Knoll. I think we can all look forward to another nice day out and I hope to see you all there.

Your chairman, Malcolm Hillier, 840737

Open evening for Sherston W.I.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The village hall was full on the evening of 17 April, with a lot of happy ladies awaiting the well-known Prue Leith. Our president, Sheila, welcomed our guest and explained that Prue was multi-talented with journalism, cookery school owner, restaurateur and novelist being among her interests.

It was obvious that Prue had a very happy childhood with plenty of freedom. She explained something of her background and how she came to be involved in catering, after several false starts in other possible careers. It was apparent that she liked dealing with the business and organisation of events. At one time she was interested in improving the education of children regarding food and felt it was important that more opportunities were given for cookery lessons.

We heard snippets from her restaurant and cookery school days and her personal life. The chief thing that came across was her attitude to work and life. She advocated trying again if you failed, taking every opportunity to have a go and try something new.

This charming lady kept us amused and enthralled for over an hour. Now she is a successful novelist, having written five books. We heard a little of this enterprise and were able to purchase from a selection.

Questions were asked and thanks given, followed by refreshments and the draw. The noise and chatter during this part of the evening was an indication of the success of the event.

Ann Wilcox

Clem's Club

As he would have wished, Clem's Club will start again this month, meeting on 6 and 20 May. All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat.

Clem's Club is held fortnightly 2.30pm to 4.00pm (alternating with the Senior Club) in the British School Room on Cliff Road.

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This year, Sherston Drama Group presented a modernised version of their first production from 1979 – *Fish Out of Water* – which was directed by Sue Lehrer.

The play was set on the Italian Riviera, and featured a cast of mismatched characters (four holidaymakers and three hotel staff). The first to be introduced were Mrs Hubback (Georgina Evans), her husband the bumbling Brigadier (Finlay Evans), and the maid Marissa (Tahiti van Rooyan). All of these actors are

early in their Sherston Drama Group careers, and yet all three of them told their character's stories with the confidence and timing of seasoned drama group veterans. Next we met Fiona Frances (Sue Ormiston) and Agatha Hepworth (Kirstie Blair). Both of the actresses are experienced team players at spring productions, and performed in a way that only those who have mastered their trade can. Finally, Mr Whittle (Richard Warren) and Mario Marcello (Riaan van Rooyan), two womanising hotel workers who spent more time chasing after the mystical Marissa – or in Mr Marcello's case, any female holidaymaker.

The production was a laugh-a-minute innuendo-filled carefree comedy. It told the story of a double booking at the hotel, and the goings-on that occurred within. It started with the arrival of two stereotypical English holidaymakers, sisters spinster Fiona and the bossy Agatha, who disturbed the peace of Mrs Hubback and the Brigadier. The married couple spent their time trying to avoid audacious Agatha's activities, creeping around the lobby; but hawk-eyed Hepworth never lets them pass. The actors tell the tale



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of the missing Fiona and their calamitous attempts at finding her, while Whittle continues to get it all wrong. When Fiona does make it back, via a wine-tasting, it appears that Mario has at long last found his wonderful woman.



Overall, the production was very enjoyable. Funny, witty, and cleverly put together. A classic example of the talent that this village has on offer, and where better to showcase it than in our own village hall?

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School Sports



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The run took place around the school grounds, which had recently been updated with a whole new area of astro-turf, allowing the children to use the trim-trail all year round.

The event was a real success and the children raised over £1,000 for Sport Relief.

The school has been holding a weekly running club for two years now, headed by Tessa Leatherland (Y3), who is a keen runner herself. 'Running's brilliant' she says 'because anyone can do it, any age and any ability.'



All you have to do is put your shoes on, go outside and go for it. Any distance, any terrain, it's great fun and it makes people smile. The best thing about the Sport Relief run at Sherston was seeing the children's faces - smiling and laughing and just loving every second of it.'

Tessa was the first to spot James Hulme's talent for running - James, who is in year 5, competed in the British Schools National Biathlon Championships recently and came second in his run heat and 25th overall out of the 140 who took part.

Sherston has always encouraged sporting activities and other successes include Harriet and Emma (Year 6 and 5) who both achieved their one mile swimming badges recently - in under an hour - and who did a 5km four-person swimathon for Sport Relief on 23 March.

In addition, Louis Thomas (Year 6) has been asked to play for the Swindon Wildcats U11 Ice Hockey Team! Louis started playing ice hockey in May 2013, at the Swindon Link Centre. Louis had shown an interest since the age of eight when he went to watch the Swindon Wildcats.

In February Louis was asked to join a six-week trial for the Swindon Wildcats Academy. He said, 'The trials were much harder than I'd expected but it was so much fun. My first tournament is in Sheffield in July - I'm really looking forward to it.'

On 9 April the Sherston School Equestrian squad competed at the Malmesbury School-run Show Jumping at Summerhouse Equestrian Centre. The competitions were qualifiers for the NSEA County Championships held at Bury Farm in Buckinghamshire on 26 April. Schools from Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire were competing with the top team and top



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individual from each county going through to the championships.

The Sherston School team consisted of Milly Harvey (10) on Baygo, Flora Harant-Lambert (10) on Bruno, Poppy Slade (10) on Rainy and Lucy Peevers (10) on Wizz (kindly lent to Lucy by Willa Gibb while Lucy's pony was sadly in hospital). In the 70cm class the team managed three double clears and came fourth overall amongst all the counties and were the top team from Wiltshire. So the team will be heading off to Buckinghamshire on 26 April to compete at the championships representing both Sherston School and Wiltshire county.

Another feather in Sherston Schools cap - Eliza Gibb, formerly of Sherston School and now at Malmesbury, was the best Wiltshire individual in the 70cm class and so will also be going to the Championships to represent Malmesbury School and Wiltshire County as an individual.



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The award-winning FSS has got talent!



The Friends of Sherston School (FSS) has won an award and earned £500 for the school in the process! The PTA-UK Gold Star Awards is THE awards for PTAs and we entered the POP up village event under the Community Links category. We fought off competition from over 150 PTAs and we are now one of five regional finalists (winners of South of England). Two members of the school/FSS and two children will be representing Sherston School at the awards ceremony in London on 11 June.

If we are announced as the National winners Sherston School will receive a further £1,000. In the meantime, the FSS will be working with Sherston School to put the £500 to good use. At a time when every school's budget has been cut, money raised by the community is vital to ensure that the village's children get the best start possible.

Thank you again to everyone who helped make POP such a great success.

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Sherston School Olympic Family Funday: Sunday 6 July

Sherston School's own Olympic legacy continues, at least until Rio 2016! The very popular Olympic Family Funday will take place on the Rec on Sunday 6 July, from 11.00am until 4.00pm, with a mini-decathlon, BBQ and refreshments – and, of course, the chance to win a Gold, Silver or Bronze medal, just like the real thing! Well, almost ...

Our summer events are raising money for next year's class trips; the Friends of Sherston School subsidises the cost each year by over £1,000 to benefit all children at Sherston school.

20 mph speed limits – progress

The issue of 20mph speed limits in the village provoked a strong response from residents and a proposal for a 20mph speed limit in Court Street has been selected by the Community Area Transport Group of the Malmesbury Area Board to progress to the assessment stage, as one of two proposals for our area (the other scheme is in Oaksey). Once again, many thanks to residents who provided suggestions for areas in the village that would benefit from a 20mph speed limit.

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Wiltshire Core Strategy Consultation

A consultation has been launched on proposed modifications to a plan which sets out how Wiltshire will grow and develop over the coming years.

Last summer the Wiltshire Core Strategy, which has been developed with communities over the last five years, was scrutinised at public hearing sessions, as part of its examination by an independent government inspector. As a result, the council and the inspector have put forward modifications to some aspects of the plan and local people, businesses and organisations are being asked to comment on these.

The proposed changes include the inspector's modifications to the standalone renewable energy installations policy, in relation to wind turbines and the removal of the saved eastern Westbury bypass policy.

The inspector also proposed increasing the housing numbers in the draft Wiltshire Core Strategy from 37,000 to 42,000. Officers have assessed and identified which areas could accommodate and deliver extra housing and further details are included in the proposed modifications and forms part of the consultation.

The consultation opened on Monday 14 April and runs until Tuesday 27 May. For full details, visit the Wiltshire Core Strategy pages of our web site www.wiltshire.gov.uk



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Rotary Club charity concert



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The Stuart Singers were founded in 1992 and are based in Minchinhampton. In the last 21 years they have helped raise over £200,000 for charity and good causes either through their own concerts in Minchinhampton twice a year or through giving concerts such as that promoted by the South Cotswolds Rotary Club.

The choir is extremely professional in its approach and sings without music, making the performances more exciting and stimulating to watch. Their programme will contain music to suit all tastes ranging from a medley from 'Jesus Christ Superstar' and 'Sounds of Simon and Garfunkel' to more traditional choral pieces such as 'Londonderry Air' and 'Zadok the Priest'. It promises to be a truly entertaining event.

The aim of the event is to raise funds towards the purchase of a mobile hoist for the local charity 'Allsorts' which provides help and support for families with disabled children. The charity is not state funded and is run by a small management committee and many dedicated volunteers, providing activities and clubs for the disabled children and giving the families some much-needed respite. The support network is invaluable to the families affected and a mobile hoist will enable the more severely disabled children to join others on trips out.

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Malmesbury Abbey Music Society (MAMS) is very proud and excited to be welcoming the stunning guitar duo, The Katona Twins to Malmesbury Abbey for the first time on Saturday 7 June at 7.30pm.

The Daily Telegraph said of this Hungarian guitar duo 'Formidable virtuoso technique ... their performances could hardly be bettered for charm, zest, wit and coloristic flair.'

Zoltan and Peter's programme will include their guitar arrangements of Boccherini, J S Bach BWV 808, Bizet Carmen, Handel Chaconne, Albeniz Cordoba, pieces by Rodrigo and Mangore and their own compositions.

This promises to be a wonderful evening. We do hope you will join us!

Tickets for the concert are priced at £12, or £5 for students, and can be obtained from the Abbey bookshop or from MAMS ticket secretary David Barton on 07967 123226 or d.barton763@btinternet.com. Tickets will also be available on the door.



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A wildlife extravaganza

After some nine months of planning, Wild Sherston is about to arrive. Inspired by lots of people wanting to know more about our local wildlife, the event has something for everyone – for more details, see the article on page 3 or the Wild Sherston website, www.wildsherston.com.

Hopefully, this will be a celebration of our birds, rivers, plants, etc, with many groups in the village participating, such as the school, church, Grove Wood team, along with many environment-related organisations, such as Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

Please do come along to the various talks. Kelvin Boot's talk on Friday night (16 May) should prove to be particularly interesting as he is talking about his life as a naturalist in many parts of the world. Tickets are on sale at the post office.

This time of year is wonderful with the first chicks fledging. There are young mistle thrush in Grove Wood and at least two broods of mallard ducklings along the river and, as for the rooks nesting next to the church, it's a bit messy!

Spring is almost over with the bluebells almost finished and most of the trees in leaf. The spring butterflies are flying with both those that overwinter as adults, such as the brimstone, and those that overwinter as pupae and then hatch in the spring, such as the orange tip, around in good numbers.

It promises to be a good year for insects. Ladybirds are around in good numbers so far which will be crucial in keeping the aphids in check. The wet start to the year, together with the mild winter, means that there is a large aphid population already so lots for the ladybirds to eat (did you know there are 600 species of aphid in the country). Last summer ladybirds were very scarce and so far this year I have already seen ten times as many as I did the whole of last year. If we get a good summer this could be a bumper year for all kinds of insects – good and bad.

I hope you are able to join us at Wild Sherston. Tickets and further information will be available at the market in the village hall on 10 May.

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It's 1961 and Walt Disney (Tom Hanks) is on a mission. He promised his daughters he would make a movie of their favourite book, Mary Poppins, but that was 20 years ago, and he finds he is still fighting for the rights to do so. Standing in his way is the book's uncompromising author, P. L. Travers (Emma Thompson) who has absolutely no intention of letting her beloved, magical nanny get mauled by the Hollywood machine. However, as her books stop selling and money grows short, she reluctantly agrees to go to Los Angeles to hear Disney's plans for the adaptation. For two weeks, Walt pulls out all the stops. Armed with imaginative storyboards and chirpy songs from the talented Sherman brothers, he launches an all-out onslaught on Travers, but the prickly author won't budge. Soon he is watching helplessly as Travers becomes more and more entrenched and the rights begin to slip from his grasp. It is only when he reaches into his own childhood that Walt discovers the truth about the ghosts that haunt her, and together they set Mary Poppins free to make one of the most endearing – and enduring – films in cinematic history.

Doors open from 7.00pm and tickets are £5 in advance, £6 on door available from Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com [underscore between the l and the p]

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We would like to extend our thanks to the many patients who have been involved with medical student teaching at the practice. We are proud to be actively involved in the education of medical undergraduates and find it to be a very rewarding experience for the doctors, students and patients. Over the past few years Dr Watkins has been teaching medical students from the University of Bristol throughout different stages of their education. This year we welcomed our first ever final-year students to the practice. We are pleased to announce that both Alice and Connor have since passed their exams and will qualify as doctors this summer.

The Year 5 students have to complete a two-week session at a general practice and cover a range of subjects. The success of the project relies on finding patients willing to take part in the process. We are hopeful that we can repeat the exercise on a more regular basis in the future as this was deemed to be a success.

Thank you!

We are grateful to Malmesbury League of Friends for purchasing three electric couches for the surgery. One was also purchased using money donated to the surgery. This means all our consulting rooms, including the treatment room, are now equipped with couches that can be easily adjusted for the comfort of the patients, doctors and nurses.

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As part of the Sherston War Project commemorating the events of 1914 to 1918, we are presenting recipes from that era, hopefully one per month. If you have got any suggestions, perhaps from an old recipe book, or something passed down through the family, please email it to clerk@sherston.org.uk or drop it off as hard copy (but not a book - i.e. non returnable) to the Post Office Stores. Perhaps someone might be interested in trying all the recipes out!

RECIPIES FROM THE GREAT WAR

Trench Stew

Ingredients

- 1 turnip
- 2 carrots
- 1/2 tin corned beef
- 1/4 stock cube
(improves flavour. The canned stews and soups would have had some flavourings. However we are not sure if this would have been available in the field kitchens in times of shortages)
- one or two biscuits (optional)
- 1 pint of water



Making and cooking it

1. Put the water on to boil
2. Slice up the turnip and carrot
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As part of Sherston's Great War Project all residents are being encouraged to provide information regarding their relatives who took part during the war either on active service or on the home front. Some fascinating recollections are already coming to light such as this piece recently received from John Hillier

THE GREAT WAR

1914-1918

SHERSTON YOUNG FARMER TAKES HIS HORSES TO WAR

My late Uncle Harold Bonner when living at Common Wood Farm, Sherston took not only himself but his two heavy horses and their cart to serve in this war. He thankfully returned alive but with a permanently stiffened leg.

Soon after he returned, marrying my father's sister thus becoming my uncle.

As a young man it was a Christmas tradition for us all to spend an evening together as a family at Lower Farm.

His experiences of this war were never mentioned until the last year of his life. He took me aside and said John that was a scary horrible war I had to take heavy loads of live ammunition from a depot closer to the frontline with my cart. 'Jerry' was frequently shooting at us, apart from giving me this gammy leg he never got me!


My aunt and he farmed at 'Model Dairy' in Noble Street, believe it or not, there were no fewer than 5 tiny herds of dairy cows in the village itself in those days, each having to be milked by hand, it taking anything from 5 to 12 minutes to milk one, depending on the quantity of milk they gave also whether they were considered easy or tough.

After a few years they moved to Reeds Farm, Malmesbury where they farmed its 48 acres. Uncle Harold Bonner became a well-loved figure in the town, prominent in its livestock market held fortnightly in Cross Hayes, where he would arrive with great resolve on his single pedal bike. A fixed foot rest for his "gammy leg" a leather strap providing the uplift on the good one around his ankle.

Amazingly he became captain of the town's cricket club, apparently a good batsman with a permanent 'runner'. When Reeds Farm was built on, the town honoured him then as a Town Councillor by naming an area of his former farm 'Bonners Close'.

If you have any recollections of this nature please get in touch initially with Sarah Wood the Clerk to the parish council on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk Please remember that we wish to receive information from all residents wherever their relatives were living or hailed from during the Great War. We want to build up a picture of the entire present day community's recollections of those times.







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The success of Wiltshire's kerbside collection of plastic bottles, cardboard, paper, cans, textiles, glass bottles and garden waste has led to a review of the county's mini-recycling sites.

Since the introduction of the new kerbside collections, there has been a sharp fall in the amount of waste being taken to mini-recycling sites, such as those in car parks. As a result, the remaining 126 mini-recycling sites in Wiltshire will be removed. The money saved by reducing this service duplication will be ploughed back into vital council services.

Households across Wiltshire recycled more than 68,000 tonnes last year through the kerbside collections, including garden waste. Of this, 36,000 tonnes came from the black box and blue-lidded bin collections meaning the smaller recycling sites in the county are now used very little – less than 3,000 tonnes is expected to be collected through the mini-recycling sites this year.

Signs informing people about the proposed changes will be displayed from early April, and the sites will close from 5 May. Recycling bins will be removed from the site by the end of May.

Any households without a blue-lidded plastic bottle and cardboard bin or a black recycling box, can obtain one by contacting the council on 0300

456 0102 or by visiting Wiltshire Council website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/newbinform.

Households can have up to two black recycling boxes for recycling paper, glass, cans and textiles. On occasions where households have more recyclables than can fit into two black boxes, the council asks that the extra materials are separated out into carrier bags and placed out for collection alongside the black box (mixed materials may not be collected). Anyone who feels they do not have space for extra bins or boxes can contact the council to discuss alternatives.

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Sherston Primary School would like to invite you to an informative session about the current internet safety issues for children and young people using online technologies today.

It's on 10 June, led by an internet safety consultant, from 2.30 to 3.10pm.

Why not drop by and find out more...we would love to see you!

Castle Combe bike ride

This year's Castle Combe bike ride, organised by the Friends of Sherston School (FSS) for schoolchildren and their families, takes place on Monday 2 June at 5.30pm. Yes, this is a teacher training day when the school is closed, but Castle Combe were only able to offer us two dates this year, so we're delighted that the event is even on! It's a great opportunity to cycle or scooter around the track – in fact, most years people don't want to stop! The FSS will be able to help transport bikes (we'll let you know arrangements nearer the time).

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Two Sherston Magna junior sides (U13 and U15) will also be looking forward to league cricket this season, with the under 15s starting away at Bourton Vale on Tuesday 29 April and the under 13s away at Poulton on Thursday 1 May.

The first friendly fixtures of the season took place at Chipping Sodbury on Easter Saturday with a defeat by five wickets.

Practice cricket nets for seniors have started and take place on Wednesdays at Pinkney Park from 6.15pm. Junior coaching has also started on Monday evenings with ECB level 4 coach Paul Jarvis and ECB level 2 coach Andrew Jarvis.

Thank you to all those who took the time to support the club's groundforce day on Saturday 5 April. The support came from all ages!

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For those on face book there is an active Sherston Market page with lots of information about our stallholders and their products. All dates for the 2014 markets can be found at www.sherstonmarket.weebly.com

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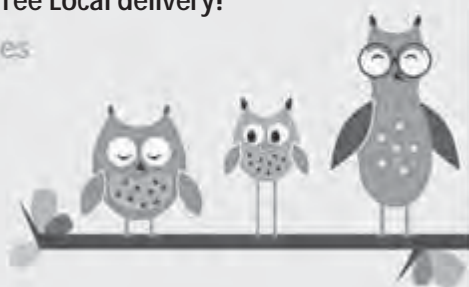
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Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Holy Cross Church

The Coffee Shop - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits and brownies - open of Tues, Weds and Thurs mornings from 1 Apr 9.30 am – 12 noon
Sunday services 8.00am Holy Communion; 9.30am Sung Eucharist (3rd Sunday 9.30am Family Service); 6pm Evensong (3rd Sunday Evening Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer)
 See the Parish Life for more details
Mustard Seeds is a Saturday morning club for children aged 4 and over, from 10am – 12noon once a month.

Congregational Church - in The British

Schoolroom 2nd Sunday of month: Service at 11am – 12 noon followed by coffee/chat. **3rd Sunday Service** at 3pm. **4th Sunday Service** at 4pm. **5th Sunday** (occasionally) members visit Castle Combe Congregational Church Service 10.30am For further details see parish Life or phone 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 now on the first Sunday of each month, except for August. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

Little Lights

The first date of the Autumn term will be Thurs 12 Sept 12, 10.30 am in Hullavington church and weekly thereafter. 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

Sunday Newspapers On sale 8am - 11am every Sunday in Sherston village hall. Eggs, milk and sweets available too.

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 please call 840861 between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday.

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.

Busy Hands Pre-school

Meets 9.10am - 12.10pm everyday in the village hall for 2 3/4 - 5 year olds. Lunch Club Mon to Fri until 1pm and exciting new outdoor free flow area. All childcare vouchers welcomed. For further details call Kirsty Strachan on 07841 571943. www.sherstonbusyhands.org.uk or email us on chair@sherstonbusyhands.org.uk

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

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

Clem's Club Will start again 6 and 20 May (as he would have wished) All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat Every other Wed 2.30 - 4 pm (Alternating with the Senior Club.) in the British Schoolroom

Drawing Classes in Sherston

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

Eudo Tae Kwon Do

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

Footpaths group

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

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury 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 Villages Community Partnership

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

For details contact Liz Fleming, the Division Commissioner on 575229 or liz@jacfleming.plus.com

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

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

The Rattlebone Boules League

Consists of 48 teams playing in 3 Leagues.
 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

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. New season starts on 3rd September 2013 – new members welcome

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

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

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

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

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

Westonbirt Guides

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

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

Sherston FC

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

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

Starts back after the Christmas break on 9 Jan. Any ladies from the area can join, just swim at your own pace (there is a lane for fast swimmers) every Wednesday evening at Westonbirt Leisure Pool from 8 to 9pm. For details phone Heather 840375 or Maggie (840969).

Sherston's Living Churchyard

Please help maintain the living churchyard on the second Wednesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm, weather permitting. Please check with Sue for timings each month. Church of the Holy Cross Further details contact Sue Robinson on 841263

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Sherston Magna has a senior cricket side that plays league cricket on Saturdays and friendly cricket on Sundays throughout the summer. If you are interested in playing please contact sherstonmagna@yahoo.co.uk or turn up to nets – details below.

Senior practice nets take place from 6.15pm every Wed throughout the summer at the cricket ground at Pinkney Park.

Two junior league sides (under 13s and under 15s). Junior coaching with ECB level 4 coach takes place every Monday from 6.15pm at the cricket ground at Pinkney Park – more details are available from Paul Jarvis on paul@jarvis2.co.uk or check out the junior facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/SMCCJuniors/

Sherston Netball Club

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

SH.O.C.C. Sherston Occasional Community Choir meets each Wednesday in British Schoolroom at 7.30pm Wed 30 Apr – 25 Jun £3. A variety of music - all very welcome. Further information: Lucy Lawrance 840778 or Lucy@sherston.plus.com

Sherston Photography Forum

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

Sherston Pilates

Beginners and intermediate classes on Thursday evenings at the village hall, with daytime classes coming soon. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739552336 or sherstonpilates@gmail.com

Sherston Tennis Club

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

Sherston Theatre Club

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

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. We meet 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 Sophie Cheetham, sophcheetham@gmail.com 07786 990045 or alternative like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

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 in the Village Hall March - October (1st Thurs) at 7.30pm. Visitors always welcome £3. Further information: Jill Woodward 840578

Sherston Young Craft Group

Every Monday 6.45 – 8.15pm in the village hall (children 9 years and over). £3 (incl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each half term. To join, please contact Victoria Parish on 840071 or email 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

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

Village Hall 300+ Club

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

Wiltshire Walks

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

Wild Yoga

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

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

WHAT'S ON

What's on in 2014

Dates for your diary

June

7 Sherston Market
13/14 SherstonFest

July

5 Sherston Market
12 Boules Day

October

3/4/5 Sherston Beer & Cider Festival
5 Mangold Hurl
29-1 Nov Pantomime

November

8 1016 Fireworks

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

Sherston

The Rattlebone Inn

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

Sunday Nights Bingo & Pizza every Sunday evening from 6pm
BBQ & Live Music from Gouldie Sun 4 May

Rotisserie & Live Music from Nobody's Business Sat 10 May
Check boards for more details of events

For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter

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

Sherston Market

Local crafts and produce, cake stalls, Sherston Rare Breed pork, Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh local vegetables and cheeses from Brinkworth Dairy. Every month a free stall in the lobby is made available to local charity or voluntary group to raise funds. See www.sherstonmarket.weebly.com for dates and a contact form should any prospective stallholder wish to get in touch or call 840348 / 07887 814843. Sat 10 May 10am-2pm Sat 7 Jun Sat 5 Jul Sat 9 Aug Sat 19 Apr 10am - 2pm Sat 10 May Sat 7 Jun Village hall For further details call 840348 or visit <http://sherstonmarket.weebly.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sherston-Market/195319400641324>

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

A display of paintings and drawings by local artists. Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon. May's artist: Julia Leyden, who has produced a series of 'Little Sherston Pictures' – capturing aspects of the village. Cards of the pictures are also on sale in the Post Office

Events at the Church of the Holy Cross

Organ Recital and Concert Sat 10 May Christopher Kent, a member of the RCO, will be joined by Rachel Gilliam (soprano), Victoria Clarke (violin) and Lorna Davies (violin), performing music by J.S. Bach and C.P.E. Bach and Joseph Rheinberger and others. Tickets, to include a glass of wine, are £10 and will be available from the Post Office from the middle of April

For further details call Rev'd Christopher Bryan 837522 christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or Henny Metters 837778 or visit www.alpha.org

Sue's Strolls

Next walk: Sun 15 Jun As ever children and well behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there is no need to book a place – just turn up on the day. This is a PHEW! event see www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk

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

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For further details call For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

Wild Sherston

Weekend of talks and activities Packed programme of wildlife events, talks and activities including talks by TV's Miranda Krestovnikoff television presenter on Coast, Celebrity Masterchef contestant, a regular on The One Show, President of the RSPB and BBC Radio 4's "Shared Planet" presenter Kelvin Boot - see main article or website for latest information **Fri 16 - Sun 18 May** The full schedule of Wild Sherston's activities is available at www.wildsherston.com, plus leaflets and tickets for the various talks will be available from Sherston Post Office or further details call Geoff Carss on 840995, email geoff_carss@hotmail.com or visit www.wildsherston.com

SherstonFest2014

"the best of contemporary British music and traditional English ciders in a beautiful Cotswold setting" **Fri 13, Sat 14 Jun** - but tickets sell out fast.

Packed kids programme on Saturday starting with the Sherston Young Voices Choir including face painting, hair braiding, junk modelling, cake decorating, samba drumming, a juggling stall, build a pizza and general merriment for all.

Seniors invited for a free cuppa and a cake! Seniors Preview" again on Saturday morning and all the senior citizens from the village are invited to come along for free and have a cuppa and a nice bit of cake, provided by those lovely people at the Malmesbury Cake Society. Places are strictly limited so go and get a free ticket from the Post Office soon. **Music line up on website** See website for full details of all events Village Hall Field

For further details call email info@sherstonfest.com or visit www.sherstonfest.com or facebook www.facebook.com/SherstonFest

SHoCC Workshop

A workshop with Jeremy Jackman

Jeremy Jackman was for ten years first counter-tenor with The King's Singers and is an experienced professional musician whose work in the field of vocal/choral music is of the highest international standard and he enjoys an enviable reputation as a chora **Wed 25 Jun** at 6.45pm tickets are limited and may be purchased at £12 from Lucy Lawrance lucy@sherston.plus.com or evenings 840778 or from any member of SHOCC British School Room

Christian Aid week

11 - 17 May For further details call or visit www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/christianaidweek

Open Gardens Trail in aid of Sherston Church

Calling all gardeners Open Gardens Trail in aid of Sherston Church will take place 21-22 June, so if you feel that you would like to open your garden please get in touch with Heather Martin 840375

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

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

For further details call Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Whitehouse 840640

Knockdown

The Holford Arms Live Music every weekend.

Check boards for more details of events

For further details call 01454 238669

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Guided walks every Wed at 11 and Sat, Sun and BH at 2pm Mar- 29 Oct Free after admission. Meet at the Great Oak Hall, Sorry no dogs

Specialist Wood Sales 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA RSPB event Wed 7 May 10am-4pm at the bird viewing area Sorry no dogs (!) free after admission

Walkies - dog walk with Maisie Sun 11 Sat 31 May Wed 11 Sat 21 Jun 11am meet at the Skilling gate, free after admission, no need to book

Wildflower Walks Tues 6 May Tues 3 Jun 10.30-12.30 meet at the Great Oak All - Free after admission Dogs allowed Gruffalo 15th birthday trails weekly from 11 Apr till Sep Trail leaflets available in the restaurant and café - Old Arboretum and Silk Wood (where dogs are allowed)

Summer concerts announced: June: Fri 20 Little Mix Sat 21 Suede Sun 22 Rebecca Ferguson; July Fri 18 Boyzone; Sat 19 Deacon Blue Sun 20 Katherine Jenkins Tickets £39.60 - £43 Box Office 03000 680400 or online Mar - Aug admission prices Adults £8 Concs £7 Children £3

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Westonbirt Schools Open Door Day (Prep Boys & Girls 3-11, Senior Girls 11-18) **Thurs 8 May 9.30-12.30** For further information or to pre register, please contact Mrs P Stevenson 01666 881301 or pstevenson@westonbirt.org
For further details call Tania Warner on 880333 or twarner@westonbirt.org or visit www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

Easton Grey Whatley Manor

Flower Arranging with Rachel Wilson, Whatley Manor's in house florist Master class demo followed by 2 course lunch in Le Mazot then make your own flower arrangement to take home £75 incl refreshments, lunch, equipment and materials
Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner Sun 18 May: The Lone Ranger starring Johnny Depp Sun 29 Jun: Oblivion starring Tom Cruise and Morgan Freeman £39 includes film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch or dinner
Tuesday Garden Tours 11.30 for 12 noon start, Garden tour 2-4pm £42 Welcome reception and 2 course lunch using ingredients from the kitchen garden, followed by private tour of the 12 acre garden by Andy Spreadbury gardens & maintenance manager
For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

Badminton

Badminton Horse Trials

Wed 7 - Sun 11 May 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 or visit www.badminton-horse.co.uk

Badminton House Plant Fair and Gardens open days

Many local nurseries, selling a wide variety of plants including annuals, perennials and vegetables will attend and visitors will also be able to walk around the gardens. The Old Royal Ship Pub from Luckington will be serving a variety of lunch and teatime refreshments Sat 17 May 11am - 5pm Entry £5pp (on the gate) - children under 16 free
The gardens will also be open on 22 Jun for the **National Garden Scheme**
For further details call 01454 218203 or visit www.badmintonestate.co.uk/

Tetbury

Woolsack Race

Woolsack Race - 34 years of the world famous event Mon 26 May Races start at 2pm, entertainment and stalls from 10am See website for parking
Gumstool Hill

For further details call tetburywoolsack@googlemail.com or visit www.tetburywoolsack.co.uk

Cotswold Rural Skills

Dry Stone Walling Beginners 19-20 May Tetbury £99
DSW LANTRA Level 1 24-29 Jun Northleach £285
2 day course £109 1 day £59
For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or visit www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk.

Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds Charity Event

Concert by Minchinhampton's Stuart Singers Sat 7 Jun 7.30pm The aim of the event is to raise funds towards the purchase of a mobile hoist for the local charity "Allsorts" which provides help and support for families with disabled children

St Mary's Church Tetbury

For further details call Tickets will be available by contacting Rotarian John on 07784 485 735 or any member of the club

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Wed 28 May Saving Mr Banks (PG) starring Tom Hanks and Emma Thompson
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For further details call or visit www.action.org.uk/Grittletonm

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Cafe Mozart Cafe Mozart is a small group of instrumentalists and vocalists performing late 18th century music on period instruments and will perform songs and instrumental music by Haydn, JC Bach, Bornhardt, the Earl of Abingdon and Mozart, to name a few and it promises to be an entertaining evening! Sat 3 May 7.30pm Tickets from the Abbey Bookshop, on the door or Joy Smith on 840865. £12/ £10 members/ £5 student or chd. Season tickets are also available for only £55

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For further details call David Barton 824924 d.barton763@btinternet.com or visit www.malmesbury.com/mams

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