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The Village Hall's fundraising efforts towards the costs of the much needed major improvements have received a great start with a superb donation from Sherston Drama Group in the sum of £1000.

With the costs of the intended works being £300,000 major funding will be necessary from a number of grant awarding bodies including the National Lottery. In such applications support from the community for projects is absolutely vital and must be evidenced primarily by local donations. The Drama Group's generosity is therefore to be doubly welcomed.

Over the forthcoming months a number of fundraising events and opportunities will be announced. If you would like to get involved in these or have any funding ideas yourself please contact Martin Rea on 07887 814843 or email martdrea@aol.com in the first instance. All offers of help are very much appreciated.

Pack up your troubles!

Friday 8 May to Saturday 9 May, 7.30pm, Sherston Village Hall

Sherston Community Choir and Sherston Drama Group present Pack up your troubles, an entertainment based on life in Sherston during the Great War.

The choir singing First World War songs (you can join in the choruses!) will be intermingled with a play in which Sherston people adapt to living in wartime, read letters from the front, hear from serving soldiers, and argue about the changes going on around them. And you'll be able to try some World War I food (courtesy of Sherston Women's Institute). Don't miss it!

Tickets (£7/£6 concessions) are available from Sherston Post Office Stores or the Box Office on 840092.

This event is sponsored by Sherston Parish Council.

History Lecture – Edmund Ironside



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King Edmund – v - King Knut by David McDermott, Lecturer in Early Medieval History at Winchester University

Come along to discover some of the background of the Battle of Sherston 1016.

Compared to some other Anglo-Saxon kings, there are very few sources for the life and reign of King Edmund Ironside. He was the third son of King Aethelred 'the Unready' and his first wife Aelfgifu. When Edmund's older brother Athelstan died in 1014, Edmund became Aethelred's obvious successor. When Edmund became king, England was already under renewed attacks from the Vikings and the loyalties of the nobles were divided.

Edmund was a brave and able general, a determined soldier but also he could be headstrong. He went against his father's wishes by removing Aldgyth, the widow of the powerful nobleman Sigefeth, from confinement in Malmesbury and marrying her. Edmund and Aldgyth had two sons, Edward and Edmund, probably twins.

England had been free of the Romans for 550 years but by 1016 was only 50 years from the Norman invasion. The religion of Anglo-Saxon England was Roman Catholic and the official language of the Church was Latin. However, the majority of the population was illiterate and spoke only Old English, similar to Frisian today.

Tickets will be on sale during May from Sherston Post Office priced £7 to include a glass of wine. Please do pass this on to anyone you think may be interested.

All proceeds to Sherston Church of the Holy Cross

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Have you told us what you(th) want to do?

Have you completed the youth survey yet? Are you aged between nine and 19 or know anyone who is? The parish council would like to hear from you for your thoughts on what it is like to be a teenager living in Sherston in 2015.

How could things be improved, whether it involves transport, sporting facilities, more clubs and activities? All the questions can be found on Survey Monkey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/sherstonyouth> or, if you prefer, you can contact Finn Wood the youth representative for the parish council at finnjamescookseywood@hotmail.com.

It only takes a few minutes to complete the survey and all completed surveys and emailed ideas will be entered into a draw to win a £15 iTunes or Amazon Play voucher. The survey will be available to complete until June.

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

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

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

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

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Have your say at the annual parish meeting

The annual parish meeting takes place on Thursday 28 May at 7.30pm in the village hall. This is an opportunity for members of the community to raise and discuss any subject regarding the parish.

Every resident is entitled to attend and, 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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by Fiona Cromwell, Communications Officer, Carer Support Wiltshire

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council will next meet on Thursday 14 May in the village hall at 7.30pm. This meeting will also serve as the Annual General Meeting. 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 also be read.

SHERSTON ARTS 20 15 FESTIVAL

Art Exhibition

Local artists, don't forget the Sherston Art Exhibition from 9 October to 18 October; your chance to exhibit and sell at the Holy Cross Church in Sherston as part of the Arts Festival. Get painting and framing! More details in due course so keep an eye open. Past exhibitors will be receiving a letter soon with more information. Any queries please ring Jenny Riley 840682.

Photographic Exhibition

This year's Photographic Exhibition will take place on 17 and 18 October in the village hall.

The exhibition, which is open to all, caters for amateurs, budding professionals and casual snappers, both young and old alike with categories for Under 11's, and 11- to 16-year-olds being especially encouraged this year, so get those cameras out and start taking some pictures!

Categories for this year are:

1. 'A Parish Life'
2. 'Lest We Forget'
3. 'Unseen Sherston'
4. 'My Family and Other Animals'

In addition to the competition/exhibition, we are very keen to receive images that might be suitable for the 2016 edition of the ever-popular 'Sherston Calendar'.

There will be a charge of £2 per adult entry and £1 per child entry. For an entry form or further information about what is required to submit your images, please contact James Pyle (james@jamespyle.co.uk) or telephone 840886.

Can you help The Cliffhanger?

The Cliffhanger team is made up entirely of volunteers, and publication wouldn't be possible without them. The team is now looking for someone to take on the advertising role. Could you find some spare time each month? Are you good at admin and organisation? Would you enjoy building up relationships with advertisers? If so and you'd like to find out more, drop us an email at advertising@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk. Don't be shy!

Age UK Wiltshire Befriending Service: Volunteers needed

Could you give a few hours a week to bring a smile to an older person's face? The Befriending Service helps tackle social isolation by linking older people with local volunteers who will visit or phone them regularly.

Our volunteers really enjoy the contact, and this can vary from a chat in the client's home, a trip out for a coffee, or going along to a local community event; it just depends on the people involved, like any relationship.

It is important to link people who will enjoy each other's company and the befriending support worker will match you carefully to ensure this happens.

Volunteers will receive training and ongoing support, as well as travel expenses. All volunteers are subject to a free DBS check.

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Carer Support Wiltshire is looking for volunteers to become local carer ambassadors to help Carer Support Wiltshire support more people providing unpaid care and support to a family member or friend.

Have you noticed that your neighbour is looking after their spouse or partner? Perhaps you have seen someone in your local community who is having to provide extra care for their son or daughter? It may even be you who is going that extra mile to make sure a relative, friend or neighbour is safe.

Our charity provides free support to people all over Wiltshire but our beautiful county is so large that we struggle to let everyone know that we exist. That's where you come in – you can help us raise our profile in your local parish.

Here are a few ways you could help:

- Contribute a regular article/column to your parish newsletter (like this one!)
- Put up promotional posters in your local village hall, shops or noticeboards
- Attend a local carers café to help provide social support for carers
- Link-up with local village events to tell people more about us.

You can give as little or as much time as you can. We really value our volunteers and we offer social events, access to training for your role and reimburse your out-of-pocket expenses.

If you could help us reach more of the carers living in your area, please give Alan Docherty at Carer Support Wiltshire a call on 01380 871690, or email info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk.

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The logo is an oval emblem. At the top, the word "Sherston" is written in a stylized, gothic-style font. Below the text is a line drawing of a row of buildings, including a church with a spire and several houses with chimneys. At the bottom of the oval, the words "Post Office Stores" are written in a similar gothic-style font.

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Sherston Senior Club

At the end of March, Sharon Doyle illustrated her talk with a presentation and gave us lots of good advice regarding asset preservation and funding for care. Sharon provided scrumptious cakes for our refreshments and an interesting bottle to the winner of the short quiz she gave us. This was won by Joyce Gleed.


Our next meeting, on 14 April, was a coach trip to Highfield Garden Centre at Whitminster, followed by Susan Platford speaking to us about her work with the Labrador Rescue Trust on Tuesday 28 April.

On Tuesday 12 May there will be a coach trip to the Spring Blossom Trail, if out; if not, a Mystery Tour. Cost: members £15.00, non-members £17.00. Pick up at the Carpenter Arms at 9.45am, High St 10.00am.

On Tuesday 26 May the speaker will be Jill Woodward, her talk is entitled 'We wanted an adventure'. As always, visitors are very welcome: entrance £2.00 includes refreshments. We hope to see you in the British School Room at 2.30pm.

If you are interested in any of the above why not come and give us a try – we are very informal and friendly club, no age barrier. Contact for places on the outings or any other information, please ring Helen Quirk on 840516

Helen Quirk

The logo for 'hair and nails @ 44' is displayed. It features the words 'hair' and 'nails' in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, stacked vertically on a dark rectangular background. A small, light-colored circular graphic is positioned between the two words. Below this, the text '@ 44' is written in a white, stylized font on a lighter rectangular background.

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Sherston W.I.



Whoever would have thought that a talk about allotments could be so amusing? Fiona Warin who, on moving to Bristol organised an allotment before finding somewhere to live, had many stories to tell. The old members of her particular allotment site thought that the young blonde lady would not manage the hard work needed to pull the allotment round. Little did they know that Fiona would go on to be in charge of letting 800 allotments in Gloucestershire a few years later. Fiona showed us her unique trowel designed by her partner, made of copper and steel and the ideal shape for digging out dandelions and planting bulbs etc.

Some members of Sherston WI attended one of the two Centenary Celebrations organised by Wiltshire Federation held at The Steam Museum in Swindon. A full day of demonstrations, talks, a fashion show and a Military Wives' Choir was enjoyed by 500 members along with celebration cake and a glass of bubbly. Some 123 banners depicting the various branches of the WI in Wiltshire had been made and these were paraded at the gathering. The Sherston banner depicting John Rattlebone was made by Pat Whitehouse and Pat Smith.

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The sun is shining, the birds are singing and there isn't a cloud in the sky ... or is there?

As I write this, I am sitting in a shaft of sunlight thinking positive thoughts of the summer and feeling pretty good. However, the question is, what is over the horizon? We never know what the future brings, good or bad. If there are clouds on your horizon, or if it's pretty stormy right now, can I help? If nothing else, I can listen whilst you talk about your problems and I may be able to put a new slant on the issues which may help you to solve or relieve them. I can give information on a range of things, both practical (money worries, mobility aids, etc) or emotional such as social activities or support groups in your area. I don't bite and no matter how trivial it may seem, give me a call on 07557 922020 for an informal chat.

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Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: 20/21 June

We have had a great response to our call for new gardens to visit this year, so make sure you keep this weekend free if you are a garden lover. Trail tickets in the form of a map will be on sale at £5 per person outside the post office on Saturday morning and then from the church. The gardens will be open from 1.00pm until 6.00pm on Saturday and from 1.00pm until 5.00pm on Sunday. Teas and cakes will be on sale in church, also a 'garden themed' raffle and plant stall. If you have any items for the raffle, please give them to Susan Harvey. If you have any small plants, divided perennials, rooted cuttings etc please bring them to the church on the Saturday morning. We will also need donations of cakes but there will be a reminder in next month's Cliffhanger ...

SmallAds

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


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The Sherston sessions start on the Recreation Ground, on Wednesday 29 July and on the following Wednesdays 5, 12 and 19 August, from 10.00am to 11.30am. The parish council is supporting the scheme not only by allowing the use of the recreation ground but also by hiring the scout hut to provide toilet and changing facilities, as well as indoor space should the weather prove unsuitable.

For further information about the Fun in the Sun programme, contact Karlene Jammeh, Sports Development Officer, Wiltshire Council on 01722 434437 or email karlene.jammeh@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Luckington Pre-school would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our sell-out Curry and Quiz Night on Friday 6 March. It proved to be a very successful evening: we raised an astonishing £1,363.62 for the Pre-school. Particular thanks go to the key committee members who helped to organise the evening and to the staff and committee members who helped out on the night. Also, thanks go to Jon Bathie who compiled the questions, Ben Russell our quiz master and Nina Daniels for all her hard work in the kitchen making the curry — single-handedly!

We were also very grateful to all the local businesses who donated prizes for the auction and raffle, not forgetting Luckington Post Office who helped sell tickets.

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6th	182	John Burgess	£8
7th	26	Fiona Picton	£7

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News from across the Gauzebrook Group

As I write this, the sun is shining, daffodils are out, birds are singing and spring has very definitely arrived! It feels very much like the season of Easter should, and it's good that our Easter services went so well and were well attended. As always, the churches looked beautiful, a reflection of a great deal of effort spring cleaning and creating flower arrangements, and I'm grateful for all those who took part in these preparations.

This year, Easter celebrations began rather earlier, with a 6.20am sunrise service in Hullavington, featuring a bonfire and the Easter Light. Another new venture this year was the drama on Good Friday, which adapted our usual children's workshops so that the young people made costumes before travelling to Luckington where they rehearsed and then performed a Passion Play. Coming on from the Reflective Service at Hullavington, I missed the play, but it was good to hear so many appreciative comments.

This month I'd like to mention the Ascension Day Service at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Sherston and Christian Aid Week, which begins on the 10 May. This charity does excellent work among those in need throughout the world so please do give generously. We are always on the lookout for collectors so if you'd be willing to help out in your area please let me know.

As mentioned in the last issue, Rev'd Phil Daniels is now completing his curacy and has accepted the

offer of the post of Priest-in-charge of the Brayden Brook Group of parishes just north of Malmesbury. It will be a great sadness to bid farewell to Phil as he and Rhoda have been an immense blessing to us, but we know they will be a real asset to their new home. Although we do not yet have a firm licensing date for Phil, it looks as if the group service at 10.30am in Stanton St Quintin on 31 May may well be his leaving service, in which case we are likely to follow it with a meal. More news about this in the Gazette as the time approaches.

I have been asked if we shall get a new curate. I have applied, along with 17 other clergy, and our application is on the shortlist of 10! There are only four or five full-time curates to be trained in 2016, and the Diocese is looking to place them in central 'hubs' so it is by no means certain that the Gauzebrook Group will be chosen this time round. In the meantime, we are making plans to cover the things that Phil did, in particular the TOAST youth group.

The Gauzebrook churches are also consulting on housegroups/study groups. We'd be interested to know what people are looking for in terms of adult education and/or fellowship from a Christian perspective. We have a thriving group on Monday evenings, located in Hullavington but attended by people from across the Group. We'd like to expand from this base and are keen to explore how. If you've anything to suggest, please drop me a line at christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com

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For one evening only, the Friends of Sherston School (FSS) are transforming the school hall into an Italian Café, serving Italian tea for Sherston School pupils and their families

From 5.15pm until 6.45pm on Friday 5 June, the FSS will be serving pizza, pasta and ice-cream - along with prosecco and Peroni for the adults!

Not just a café though, there will also be games and crafts for the children, so why not have an evening off from cooking tea and bring the family along for some Italian food and fun!

The Italian Café will form part of two weeks of celebrations with an international theme to mark the 10th anniversary of the school at its current site.

Tickets for the café must be booked in advance and will be available from school or from Sophie Cheetham at sophcheetham@gmail.com from early May.

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Our March meeting saw our first workshop of the year. Sally Taylor demonstrated two arrangements before enthusiastic members created their own interpretations of her 'Sally forth in spring' theme. By the end of the evening the hall was full of lovely spring arrangements.

Our meeting on 15 April saw Julia Russett's demonstration entitled 'My Life in Flowers'. The third round of our annual competition, a Spring Posey, took place on this evening.

On 20 May our demonstrator will be Beryl Griffiths (area demonstrator) whose demonstration is called 'The Pleasure is Mine'.

Look out for 'The Lonely Bouquet'! You may be lucky enough to find a bunch of flowers left for the finder to enjoy. Flower club members will be taking part in this NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) event on Friday 1 May (National Flower Arranging Day) and will be placing bouquets around your area. They may be left on a bench in a doorway, on a wall, so keep a look-out – you may be a lucky finder.

Flower club meetings take place at Crudwell Village Hall (SN16 9HB) on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. New members and visitors welcome.

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Boules Kids Zone Brainstorm!



Every year a group of parents in the village get together to organise the fabulous Kids Zone on Boules Day, to be held this year on Saturday 11 July. We come up with an imaginative theme, and then add crafts, face painting, games and activities of all kinds to keep the children happy all day on the village hall field. If you'd like to join us in planning this year's day, please email Friends of Sherston School Chair Fi Picton via fi.parsons@which.net, Victoria Mehuest from Busy Hands via tvmeheust@gmail.com or Sophie Cheetham from Sherston Toddlers via sophcheetham@gmail.com. We tend to meet once or twice and then just crack on with it! You don't have to have a child doing toddlers or at school to get involved!

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In Depth – A healthy diet could cut the risk of Alzheimer's disease

There is so much in the news these days about dementia and Alzheimer's and an array of advice about what you should do. This is a short extract from the NHS Choices website that suggests that, according to a new study reported by the Mail Online, 'A new diet could more than halve a person's risk of developing Alzheimer's disease'.

Researchers looked at the effects of three diets on the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. These were:

- a standard Mediterranean-type diet;
- the Dietary Approach to Stop Hypertension diet

(DASH) – designed to reduce blood pressure; and the Mediterranean-DASH Intervention for Neurodegenerative Delay (MIND) – this combines elements of the Mediterranean diet and the DASH diet.

The study found older people whose usual diet was close to any one of these three healthy diets were less likely to develop Alzheimer's disease than those eating less healthily.

The researchers say they found the greatest effect from the MIND diet, which is rich in green leafy vegetables, wholegrains, nuts and berries, even if people didn't follow it closely. Participants who did stick rigorously to the MIND diet were 52% less likely to be diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

This large observational study can't show that the diets protected against Alzheimer's, only that there seems to be a link between eating a healthy diet and a lower risk of getting Alzheimer's disease. The three diets weren't compared directly, so we can't be sure which one is best.

For further information on this study go to the NHS Choices website (www.nhs.uk) and search on Health News.

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Tickets for the concert are priced at £15 (or £12 members) or £5 for students, and can be obtained from the Malmesbury Abbey Bookshop, from the MAMS Ticket Secretary David Barton on 824 924 or from Joy Smith on 840 865. Tickets will also be available on the door.

Viva Vivaldi

The Village Singers Community Choir from Sutton Benger will be performing Viva Vivaldi, a concert of choral classical music and light opera favourites, including Vivaldi's Gloria, with choir, soloists and chamber orchestra on the evening of Saturday 27 June in Malmesbury Abbey.

The audience is invited to bring a picnic tea to eat in the Abbey before and during the two intervals of the concert.

Doors will open at 6.00pm with an opportunity to enjoy your pre-concert refreshment. The concert music will begin at 7.15pm. We want to welcome you to what will be a very special evening of music with an opportunity to picnic with friends and family. Chairs and tables will be provided.

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Sherston Magna Cricket Club to unveil new practice facility on 17 May

On Sunday 17 May Sherston Magna Cricket Club (SMCC) will unveil a new practice facility after grant award. The England and Wales Cricket Trust (EWCT) has made a significant grant award to SMCC which, added to funds raised by the club, has gone towards the cost of a two-bay practice area which will give a boost to the club's coaching programme. SMCC also received support from Wiltshire Council, the Playing Fields Legacy Fund (PFLF) and Malmesbury Carnival. The total project cost was over £23,000.

SMCC was identified by the Gloucestershire Cricket Board and by the EWCT as a club of strategic importance because of its aim to increase participation in junior cricket and its willingness to actively support the England and Wales Cricket Board's (ECB) development policies.

Club Treasurer, Caroline Dickenson, said: 'We were delighted to receive the grant award because we urgently needed to upgrade our coaching facilities. The two new synthetic strips are high quality to ECB specifications and they provide the ideal safe environment for the development of young cricketers.'

'The new facility will enable us to have a more structured coaching programme through our ECB-qualified coaches and this will benefit all age groups.'

Club Coach and ex-England cricketer Paul Jarvis said: 'The Club has made good progress in recent times and we have two senior sides and approximately 50 junior cricketers who attend for coaching. This coming season we will field four junior teams and we aim to build relationships with our local schools and villages to encourage more youngsters to join the Club. We also hope to increase the number of girls playing the game.'

Andrew Jarvis, Paul's brother, ex-England schoolboy cricketer and SMCC junior coach added: 'We are pleased to be recognised for the work we do at junior level and we consider ourselves fortunate to raise sufficient funds to go ahead with the excellent coaching facility considering the difficult economic climate.'

Caroline said: 'We are extremely grateful to the EWCT for the grant and also for the support given by the Wiltshire Council, PFLF and the Malmesbury Carnival.'

'We are delighted to be opening the new facility on Sunday 17 May when we will have a junior practice session during the morning followed by a senior game in the afternoon.'

'We regard the grants as an investment in cricket at the Club for the future and they will benefit the wider local community in the long term.'

EWCT Trustee, Brian Havill, said: 'The England and Wales Cricket Trust is pleased to support projects that sustain high-quality participation and enhance facilities. We are confident that by investing in these facilities we will attract and retain many new participants and it is important that they are available to local schools and communities.'

ECB National Funding and Facilities Manager, Bruce Cruse, said: 'Sherston Magna Cricket Club deserves support because of the growth of their junior development programme and their special efforts to develop a girls' section. Investing in worthy projects allows cricket clubs to develop and to reach their full potential. Having high-quality cricket facilities accessible to the community will be key to sustaining participation in grass roots cricket over the coming years.'

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Five Students Get a Front Row Seat in Marketing & Design



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Through the week, we've learnt how to write a press release and how to make a first-class logo, and improved our skills working both in groups and individually. With help from Mark, one of the graphic designers, we designed our own logos, which were printed onto t-shirts as a souvenir of our week. Mark showed us what it takes to create an eye-catching logo and how to use the design software. Another one of The Front Room's team, Jaqueline, provided us with advice on how to create a successful press release which helped us to create our own. We also shadowed new business ventures which helped us see first-hand how the company works. These tasks have kept us fascinated throughout the week.

Erica Boldy, one of the five students commented, 'This week has been an amazing opportunity and I have learnt some of the skills needed for marketing and graphic design. The environment is very peaceful yet fast paced and there was never a dull moment.'

Another student, Jack Brown gives his insight on the week, 'I have improved my verbal communication skills with the help of the team which has improved my confidence levels. This will help me when I decide which career path to follow.'

Some of our aims from the week were: to improve our understanding of a working environment; to gain more knowledge about a design department, particularly with regards to how they use graphics software; and to gain an insight into what marketing and design is like and if it's a career path we would like to follow. Finally, we hoped to enjoy the week which we can gladly say we did.

Overall we would like to thank everyone from The Front Room Marketing & Design for taking us on and making our week so enjoyable. It has been such a wonderful experience for us all and we hope to meet again in the future.

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For those on Facebook there is an active Sherston Market page with lots of information about our stallholders and their products. Please also visit our new

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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 Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays Feb to June and Sept to Dec 2.30pm - 4 pm in the British Schoolroom (alternating with the Senior Club). All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat.

Drawing Classes in Sherston

The summer term will start on Wed 15 Apr and new students of all standards are welcome to join. Classes are 10am to 12 noon or 1.30pm to 3.30pm for ten weeks. When weather permits we try to paint and draw outside, working from the landscape or visiting local gardens. For further information phone Heather Martin 840375 or email 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

Hogwards The Help a Hedgehog Hospital charity has a satellite hospital in Tetbury. Mary Hinton 07779 299224 www.helpahedgehog.org

Ingleburn Trefoil Guild Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, usually at St. Mary's School Tetbury at 7.30 p.m. Lifts are available for non-drivers in the Sherston/Malmesbury area. Details from Helen Price, 503187 or retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

Infant and Junior Jazz Dance and Ballet Classes in Sherston Starting Sept - every Tues 3.30pm £3.50 per session. For more info or to reserve a place please call 07894 991545 or email minetydance@aol.com or www.minetydance.com

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Concert Band Rehearsals on Fri evenings in Malmesbury, 7.15 - 9.15pm. The band performs at local Bandstands, public concerts, etc. and is always on the look-out for brass and woodwind players (and percussion and string bass or bass guitar) of reasonable sight-reading ability. For further details and to ascertain current vacancies see our website <http://www.freewebs.com/malmesburyconcertband/> and/or contact Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or tony@jacfleming.plus.com

Malmesbury Community Choir

The Malmesbury Community Choir is a non-audition performing choir that meets for rehearsals in the Old School Room at the Town Hall every Monday evening from 7.30-9.30pm. The waiting list is currently full for ladies, but we would always welcome extra men and young people between 14-21 years old. Membership is £50 per quarter, but membership for U18s is free and U21s is half price. For further information please email info@malmesburycommunitychoir.org, visit the website at www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org or www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir.

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

Malmesbury Luncheon Club Over 60s meet every Wednesday at midday in the Wesleyan Room of Malmesbury Town Hall for a chat and a 2 course lunch followed by tea or coffee. £3.50. Please call Helen Churchill on 840080 if you'd like to attend. New members most welcome. Volunteers also needed to prepare and serve lunch, no washing up.

Malmesbury Film Society Memorable new, classic and foreign films are shown at 7.30pm every 3rd Sunday of the month at St. Mary's Hall, Malmesbury - no booking or membership necessary. Join us for unique films and an enjoyable evening out. See our website www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk for details on all upcoming films.

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

For details contact the Division Commissioner at malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

(affiliated to National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies - NAFAS) meets at 7.30pm on the third Wed evening of most months of the year at Crudwell Village Hall. Join members come from the surrounding

villages to hear speakers and enjoy floristry demonstrations and do workshops and competitions. Call Margaret Stanford on 01285 770 639 to answer any queries or give information about forthcoming events.

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. 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. Contact sherston1016@gmail.com or Martin Jacques 07717 424619

Sherston Badminton Club We play every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from September to the end of May. – New members welcome. For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592 or email ray.clifton@wrsi.com

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 Greg Hughes, Baghera, Cub Scout Assistant Leader, greg.hughes_2000@yahoo.co.uk to obtain an application form

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of 10 ½ to 13 ½. We meet at the Scout hut on 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

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

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

Want to get fit? Lose weight? Our Club is a friendly and sociable group open to any ladies of any swimming ability from Sherston and the surrounding area. We swim at Westonbirt Leisure Centre on Wednesday evenings from 8 – 9 pm. Everyone swims at their own pace although there is a lane for faster swimmers. It costs £5 per week, £40 for 10 weeks. For further information please phone Maggie (840969), Annabel on 840592 or Heather (840375).

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 have started outdoor practice.

Juniors at 6.00pm on Monday nights with the Jarvis brothers and Seniors at 6.30pm on Tuesday nights at Pinkney Park. If you are interested in having a try of the amazing new nets or even facing the new bowling machine why don't you come along. If you have a son or daughter who would like to get involved with local cricket please contact the club on the new email address cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the new website www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk

We are looking to run three junior league sides (under 11s, under 13s and under 15s) this season. For updates on when junior coaching and matches the latest info will be on the club website or on 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. The choir meets this term at 7.30pm each Wednesday in the British Schoolroom. Rehearsing music of WW1 for performance 8 & 9 May with the Drama Group. £3 per session. Further information from Lucy Lawrance on 840778 (evenings) 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 Classes held on Tuesday lunchtimes and Thursday evenings at the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739552336 or sherstonpilates@gmail.com

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

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

Sherston 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 Velo A new cycling club formed of enthusiastic road cyclists from Sherston and the surrounding area - formally accredited by British Cycling at the end of 2014. There are regular rides each Saturday and Sunday morning with a fast paced group leaving first for an hour, followed by a longer club run. For membership and other information about the club, visit the website www.sherstonvelo.cc or email Mark Walsh at secretary@sherstonvelo.cc

Sherston Village Hall

Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, parties etc. For details Chris and Tony Weedon 841377 or email dogleg3@gmail.com

Sherston W.I. Meetings in May - British Schoolroom at 7.30pm on first Thursday of month – June to Sept in Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors always most welcome £3.50. Further information: Secretary 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 Minnie Hulme on 841118 or email hulmessherston@sky.com

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

WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses

The WEA (Workers's Education Association) offers courses on the Arts, Literature and History in the British School Room, Cliff Road. For more information or to book a place contact Warwick or Pat Jones on 840764 or warwick.jones@btinternet.com.

Village Hall 300+ Club For an annual subscription of only £6, give yourself the opportunity of winning a cash prize in every monthly draw whilst supporting the Village Hall. If you would like to join, or need more information, contact the coordinator, Lin Prior on 840846.

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

Wild Yoga 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. 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 2015 Dates for your diary

June

20/21 Open Gardens

July

11/12 Boules Day

October

9-18 Sherston Arts Festival

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

Upcoming events at Holy Cross Church

Christian Aid week 10-16 May Please look kindly on the red Christian Aid envelope when it comes through your letterbox this year and join us in trying to help our neighbours in the world who need support to deal with lives that are full of problems we can hardly imagine. *For more details visit www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/christianaidweek*

History Lecture – Edmund Ironside Sat 27 June at 7pm Edmund Ironside fought at the Battle of Sherston in 1016 on the same side as our local hero John Rattlebone. Check the Parish Life for more details

Group Service at 10.30 am in Stanton St Quintin on the 31st May might well be Rev'd Phil Daniels's leaving service, in which case we are likely to follow it with a meal.

The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7:30pm Free entry and prizes for the winning team
3 May Bank Holiday Party dancing to Dickey Riley's
Check boards for more details of events during Badminton week
For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter #GavinHunt@Therattlebone www.therattlebone.co.uk/

Sherston Market

Local crafts and produce, cake stalls, Sherston Rare Breed pork, Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh local vegetables, Flying Monk Foods 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
10am-2pm in the Village hall **Sat 9 May Sat 13 Jun Sat 4 Jul**
For further details call 07887 814843 or 07769 613627 or email info@awkwardsquad.co.uk or visit <http://sherstonmarket.weebly.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sherston-Market/195319400641324>

Art Exhibition At The Angel

Paintings by Sherston artist Gill Ashley and mosaics by Lou Fitch-Peyton local art on display and some for sale more details for Gill at http://www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk/Gallery_ashley.html and for Lou <http://louropnermosaics.com/>
The Angel For further details call 840039 or tara@sherstonangel.co.uk or visit <http://www.sherston-angel.co.uk/>

Sherston Senior Club

Coach trip to Spring Blossom Trail or otherwise a Mystery Tour on Tues 12 May. Cost members £15.00 non-members £17.00 Pick-up at The Carpenters at 9.45am or Sherston High St 10.00am
Jill Woodward's talk "We wanted an Adventure" - Tues 26 May in the British School-room at 2.30pm
For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

Sherston WI Talks

Member's holiday slides and Resolution discussion 7 May 7.30pm BSR

Talk: Hats don't suit me with Ros Liddington 4 June

Talk: Hedgehog Rescue with Mary Hinton 2 July

Visitors most welcome £3.50 *For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com*

Events at Sherston School

CHANGE OF DATE

Bring A Brush! Spring clean-up at Sherston School, Fri 8 May 3.10pm
Help spruce up the outdoor area ready for the summer, children can join in too. Bring a broom, spade or dustpan and brush. Free refreshments from the FSS for families who take part.

Pop-up Italian Café on Fri 4 June, 5.15-6.45pm, Italian food for all the family, and crafts and games for the kids too. Tickets - available from school - must be bought in advance

Olympic Day - Sun 14 June, 11am-2pm, medals ceremony 3pm, Sherston Rec A mini-decathlon of Olympic Sports for children at Sherston Primary School, run largely by the Dads! A great day out in the heart of the village. Refreshments, a tombola, and medals for the winners. Proceeds to the FSS. If you're a father of a child at the school and you'd like to run a small sports event on the day, please email Nick Blows via nick,blows@me.com

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

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 16th May SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA

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

Sherston Arts Festival

Sherston Arts Festival 9 -18 Oct If you would like to join the planning committee or can offer help in any way, please get in touch with Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Jones 840764. Ten days of arts events suitable for all ages including art and photography exhibitions, concerts, lectures and the ever popular scarecrow trail. For further details call Heather Martin 840375 / heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or Pat Jones 840764 / warwick.jones@btinternet.com or visit www.sherston.net

Local artists - Your chance to exhibit and sell at the Holy Cross Church in Sherston as part of the Arts Festival. Get painting and framing! More details in due course so keep an eye open. Past exhibitors will be receiving a letter soon with more information. Any queries please ring Jenny Riley 01666 840682

Wiltshire Young Farmers Annual Rally

80th Anniversary celebratory event at Widleys Farm Sun 3 May - stalls and games, trade stands and a bar Admission: Members £2, Non Members £4 or £10 family, Under 10s Free The Rally is filled with hundreds of members from the 8 clubs across the County competing against each other in a variety of competitions. Members demonstrate an array of skills such as go kart design and race to auctioneering and brick laying, with Flora

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Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Mar - Aug admission prices Adults £9 Concs £6 Children £3 under 5s free. Half price admission to those arriving by bike or public transport

Specialist Wood Sales 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA

Check website for details of events, wood and photography courses, guided walks and family fun days

Summer concerts: Forest Live June: Paloma Faith Fri 19 Jun SOLD OUT; Tom Odell Sat 20 Jun ; The Vamps Sun 21 Jun Fri 10 Jul: Robert Plant and The Sensational Space Shifters Sat 11 Jul Spandau Ballet, Sun 12 Jul McBusted Tickets: £34.50 - £38.50 (plus £3.85 booking fee) on sale from the Forestry Commission box office tel: 03000 680400, or buy online at www.forestry.gov.uk/music

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

Cotswolds

Cotswold Rural Skills

For further details see www.cotswoldruralskills.co.uk

Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

Thursday evening cinema Hundred Foot Journey 14 May £23 includes a choice of either a glass of wine, a bottled beer or soft drink. A small tub of delicious ice cream (choice of flavour) and of course popcorn.

Sunday Cinema Hundred Foot Journey 24 May £8.50 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn. In addition, on the day, choose one, two or three courses from the a la carte lunch menu in 'Le Mazor' brasserie The Sunday Cinema Screenings must be pre-booked Films coming soon: The Imitation Game; Mr Turner

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

Badminton

Badminton Horse Trials

Badminton Horse Trials Wed 6 - Sun 10 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

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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 16 May 11am - 5pm Entry £5pp (on the gate) - children under 16 free

The gardens will also be open on 21 Jun for the National Garden Scheme

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

Badminton House Gardens Open Day

Badminton Gardens Open Day 21 June 10am - 4pm £10 on the gate, children under 16 free. Sorry no dogs in the garden, but shady parking under trees Local nurseries and stalls, refreshments available served by The Old Royal Ship

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

Malmesbury

Talk by Simon Jenkins in aid of Athestan Museum

Can Special Landscapes and Places survive the 21st Century?

Sat 2 May 6.30pm for 7pm in the Town Hall. £14 to include a glass of champagne on arrival - all proceeds to Athelstan Museum.

MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP

Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall

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

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Cellophany eight young professional cellists, will fascinate us by playing a very varied programme with their own unique vibrant, sonorous and exhilarating sound 2 May

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



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For further details call www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk

Malmesbury & District University of the Third Age

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people to come and learn together, drawing upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide

Keeping / staying safe out there Talk by Gordon Burley Thurs 28 May Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall

For further details call Membership Secretary Julia Batty on 01249 720327 or visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Concert in The Abbey

The Village Singers Community Choir from Sutton Benger will be performing VIVA VIVALDI, a concert of choral classical music including opera choruses and Vivaldi's Gloria, on Sat 27 Jun in Malmesbury Abbey. The audience is invited to bring a picnic tea to eat in the Abbey before and during the two intervals of the Concert. Doors open at 6pm, concert at 7.15pm. Chairs will be provided but please bring along a small table, table linens, cutlery and of course your favourite food and drink. Tickets for the Concert are £12.50 from Malmesbury Abbey Book Shop, Sutton Benger Post Office or www.ticketsource.co.uk

For further information see www.villagesingers.co.uk

Tetbury

Woolsack Race

Woolsack Race - 34 years of the world famous event Mon 25 May Races start at 2pm, entertainment and stalls from 10am See website for parking Gumstool Hill

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Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING [12A] Wed 27 May
Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door
Grittleton Village Hall For one night only - Grittleton Moviola will move to Grittleton House School - Many thanks to the School for helping us out while the hall is being refurbished.

For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email L_palmer@btinternet.com or visit <http://www.moviola.org/>

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Stanley Park Sports Ground, Chippenham
For further details call Wiltshire FA's Football Development Officer
Chloe Buller on 01793 486047 or email Chloe.Buller@wiltshirefa.com

Wiltshire Cycle Festival

The Wiltshire Cycling Festival finale is the Cycle Wiltshire Sportive and Grand Prix race on 9 - 10 May 2015, taking place in the south of the county - routes to suit all abilities and is a great day out for all. Last year more than 400 people - of all
Further details www.cyclewiltshire.org.uk

Cirencester

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Beryl Griffiths (area demonstrator) - "The Pleasure is Mine". 20 May Crudwell Village Hall

For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool

Heated spring water open air pool run by volunteers as a non profit making charity Open 22 May - 7 Sep 7am-6.45pm midweek and 9/10 - 5.45 Sat/Sun. Mon & Wed Adult evening swim 6.45-7.45pm. Friday Youth Evening 7-8.30pm 10-17 year olds Only £1 £4.50 / £2.50/ Family £13 Season tickets available. Cirencester Park, GL7 2EF

For further details call 01285 653947 or visit www.cirenopenair.co.uk

Wotton Concert Series

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

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

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

Nailsworth

32nd Arts Festival

Full festival programme on line including music, comedy, music, story telling, poetry, workshops, exhibitions and walks 16 - 24 May
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22 May - 7 Jun Alternative comedy, dance, jazz, music and art including 'Affordable Art', Spoken Word, Digital Arts & Media, Standup Comedy, Cabaret, Physical Theatre, Circus Arts, Folk & World Music, Latin Dance, Jazz, at various locations in Bath Vary from free to £15 For further details call 01225 463362 or visit www.bathfringe.co.uk

Theatre Royal

The Absence of War Tues 5 - Sat 9 May £15-£33.50
Peter James' Dead Simple Mon 11 - Sat 16 May
Oklahoma Mon 18- Sat 23 May
Monty Python's Spamalot Mon 25 - Sat 30 May
Book ahead for: Die Fledermaus; Snow White on Ice; David Suchet in The Importance of Being Earnest; The Father;
For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Musicfest

Bath International MusicFest Festival celebrating the world's best jazz, classical, folk and world music - 15 May - 26 May
Various locations in Bath For further details call 01225 463362 or visit www.bathmusicfest.org.uk

Cheltenham

86th Festival of Performing Arts

7 - 18 May Dance, music, speech & drama
Town Hall For further details call or visit www.cheltenhamfestivalofperformingarts.co.uk

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24 th May	4.00pm	- Children's Church

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Romans 12: 12