



## Sherston Footpaths

Sherston is a great place for country walks, and a number of good ones can be found online at [sherstonwalks.org.uk](http://sherstonwalks.org.uk) or in the walks book (available from the Post Office). However, not everyone finds it easy to climb over stiles, be it because of reduced mobility or the accompaniment of younger children. Therefore the Sherston Footpath Group have ensured that one route is stile-free. We managed to get a grant of £500 from Wiltshire Council Malmesbury Area Board, and matched it with funds from group members and the Parish Council. This has been used to replace the four

stiles on the Commonwood Lane walk with two each of kissing and self-closing gates that are much easier to use. The overall walk is about four miles of reasonably flat ground along lanes and across fields - give it a go!

Many thanks to Cllr John Thompson, Footpaths Officer Steve Leonard, the two farmers on whose land the gates are, and members of the footpath committee for their efforts in supporting this.

Phil Cutcher  
(Sherston Parish Council and Chair of Footpath Group).



**Green Lane Play Area**

**We have some exciting news for the Recreation Ground! See page 14**

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## Introducing Mumbo-Jumbo



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This is a Rural Arts show, taking high-quality live entertainment to village venues, also supporting the village hall.

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**What's On: contact Caroline Moore on 841405 or [info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk](mailto: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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## Sherston Senior Club

Firstly, an update on last month's Report. We investigated if it was viable to sell the collection of dolls but the offered prices were not sensible. However, we were delighted to donate the collection to Sherston Primary school who will use them in a project they are planning.

On 20 March we had our Spring Sale, which was well attended and in 45 minutes raised £156. We all then enjoyed a well-deserved cup of tea. The funds went towards a free outing for members to Dobbies Garden Centre on 17 April.

On 3 April we went to Aerospace Bristol at Filton. This was very impressive - even today, Concorde is such a beautiful shape. We were allowed to walk inside the Concorde's surprisingly narrow aisles and view the cockpit and the toilet facilities behind glass. There was even a red rose in a special wall vase in the facilities!

The rest of the museum included a tram that was built on site, Bristol cars, planes, helicopters and space-age exhibits. There were lots of interactive items and a chance to sit in the pilot's, co-pilot's or flight engineer's seat in a Britannia. There was plenty of space and seats for viewing - or when the legs protested. A good day out.

Looking forward, on 1 May, speaker Bob Smith will, with slides, introduce us to 'Marvellous Moths'. On 15 May we are going on a half-day Mystery Tour (members £10.00, visitors £12.00), leaving at 1.30pm from The Carpenters or 1.40pm from the High Street. Please contact Helen Quirk on 840516 to reserve your place. Visitors are always welcome to our meetings: 2.30pm in the summer in the British School Room, cost £2.00.

## Just what the doctor ordered!

Anxious? Depressed? Worried? These problems in life can be solved with the help of a jigsaw. A real aid to health - get lost in the magic of finding that important piece and find real peace! Stop the pill popping for good and settle down with an intriguing puzzle to enrich the brain and forget what life throws at you!

The Jigsaw Festival in Sherston Village Hall over the August Bank Holiday will be a magical world of jigsaws.

If you would like to join in, please give us a ring, pick up a puzzle and a piece of board - it can even be delivered to you! We would be so delighted to hear from you, just complete the puzzle and if it is complete with no missing pieces we will collect and display it. All funds raised are for the Sherston Village Hall Improvements. Telephone Lin on 840846 or Marion on 841147.



There is a vacancy for a new team in the Rattlebone Boules League. At the last moment, one of the teams has dropped out. The Boules League is an excellent social event; it is not really all about Boules, it is more about meeting new people and you and your team enjoying yourselves. The prospect of sipping a glass of wine amongst friends on a balmy summer evening takes some beating, and it becomes even more enjoyable if there is a hint of competition involved.



Each team plays once a week on a random day between Monday and Thursday determined by a fixture list. The team consists of three players, but it is advisable to have someone else as a spare to cater for work commitments, holidays, etc. The League has already started, but there is time built in at the end of the competition to allow for catching up the two or three games that you will have missed. There is an entry fee for each team of £20 which is to pay for prizes that are presented at a free buffet at the end of the season.

Skill at boules is not important, as the League system separates the dedicated teams from the social players. As everybody starts in the bottom league 3, you can set the level of your game to either progress up the leagues, or remain amongst the social players. If you are new to the village, it is an excellent way to meet new people in a fun situation.

As well as needing a new team, we are looking for some individual players or couples, who we can either mix and match into a team, or place in existing teams requiring some extra players. So give it a whirl, find out more and have your questions answered by contacting Tony Towle on either 840574 or [atowle@btinternet.com](mailto:atowle@btinternet.com) and join in with the fun event. Go for it! *Tony Towle*

## Pop-Up Book Sale at Sherston Market

Sherston 1016 plan to hold Pop-Up Book Sales outside the Village Hall during the summer, weather permitting.

A selection of some of the thousands of books in stock will be on display, so if you like to spend your Saturday browsing through books, just come along!

There will be a selection of CDs and DVDs, as well as children's books.

The next Market is on Saturday 12 May. Please look out for posters around the time.

Please note that this is a sale of normal books, hardback and paperback, not just pop-up books, although there are a few of those in the children's section!

## Rags2Riches

The Friends of Sherston School (FSS) are having a Rags2Riches collection on Wednesday 6 June. Rags2Riches collect adults' and children's clothes, shoes, towels, scarves, gloves, hats, belts, bedding (but not duvets or pillows) and bags. All items must be clean, dry and reusable. If you have anything you would like to donate, please contact FSS Chair Sophie Cheetham on [sophcheetham@gmail.com](mailto:sophcheetham@gmail.com) or 07786 990045 for collection - or drop off at Sherston School by 9.00am on collection day. The FSS receives 50p for every kilo collected, so every item helps!

## Olympic Day

Plans for the Friends of Sherston School's Olympic Day 2018 are well under way. It will be taking place on Saturday 23 June. If you haven't been to Olympic Day before, this is a fabulous kids' 'decathlon' on Sherston Rec, with the sports events run by the dads. It's the most popular event that the FSS has ever 'invented'! Put the date in your diary and look out for more info next month!

## Neighbourhood watch

I do not get any messages from the Wiltshire Police regarding Neighbourhood Watch. I do not know what is happening but the marvellous system they were setting up at great expense does not seem to be working. The only messages I get are from Tim in Luckington, Ian Mace (the area coordinator when he hears something) and word of mouth. I still send them round but a lot of emails have changed and bounce back to me.

If you would still like to be informed and have changed your email or know of somebody who has moved away I would be grateful if you could let me know. Thank you, Beryl Clampton.

[beryl@clampton.com](mailto:beryl@clampton.com) 841201

## Meeting of the parish council

The parish council meets on Thursday 10 May in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise, please contact the clerk, Donna Ford on 07790883503 or email [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk).

You can also contact the council via the response form on [www.sherston.org.uk](http://www.sherston.org.uk) where minutes of meetings can be read.

# WI Report

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INSPIRING WOMEN

At our meeting on 5 April, we heard from Mark Kitchen of Team Rubicon UK. Team Rubicon originated in the USA to utilise the skills of armed forces veterans to assist in national disasters – floods, hurricanes, etc – and, as this assistance widened to include international disasters, other teams were established. The UK operation was set up in 2015. Members of the teams now include first responders, such as paramedics, as well as ex-service personnel.

Mark talked specifically about Hurricane Irma, the largest ever Atlantic hurricane, which hit the Caribbean in September 2017, and how Team Rubicon helped in the British Virgin Islands. Using slides to remind us of the devastation the weather caused to that island, he described it as looking like a war zone and how the local inhabitants were, understandably, totally shell-shocked. This added to the complexity of getting decisions made by the local government as to how the charities and other teams who had flown in could most usefully help the islands begin to recover. Team Rubicon were assigned responsibility to get school premises up and running to allow some semblance of normality to return for the children and, in turn, the parents. The challenges in doing this were not simply

the heat and the humidity of the working environment but also of harnessing the skills of the local population and volunteers to utilise the materials available to create a safe and secure building for use as a school. Twenty-nine classrooms were created within a building and an astroturf sports field was also provided.

The challenge remains for the Caribbean islands affected by Hurricane Irma to remove all the debris resulting from the event, which may not be possible in all cases due to the extent of the damage, and to restore the natural environment and economy of the islands. Tourism, which is a factor in all the islands' economies, and particularly so for the British Virgin Islands where 96% of the GDP and 84% of the employment is directly attributable to tourism, is slowly beginning to recover.

Mark also explained that, although Team Rubicon's prime responsibility is to respond to disasters, if funds permit, they will also get involved in other specific operations. For example, they had assisted an American charity to build kitchen facilities in a Ugandan Refugee Settlement which allowed 22,000 children to get a hot meal every day. In return, the children all had to attend the schools in the Settlement which starts to provide hope for the future for them. Team Rubicon has also assisted in UK events, such as the flooding in Coverack.

Looking forward to 3 May, we will be hearing from Margaret and Gerald Hull on 'The Shell - ancient symbol and decorative feature within the English house and garden'. Please note this meeting will be in the village hall. On 7 June, Pam Baldry will be speaking to us about 'Glass'.

## Sherston Village Hall 300+ Club

### April 2018 Draw

1st	54	Guy Maddy	£13
2nd	149	Geoff Martin	£12
3rd	214	Noelle Southam	£11
4th	133	Di Bush	£10
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6th	164	John Mackison	£8
7th	182	John Burgess	£7

Collectors: Anne Andrews, Mary Goulding, Pat Moody, Rachel Moody, Janet Platts, Lin Prior, Margaret Thacker and Jill Woodward.

For further information on how to join, phone Lin Prior on 840846.



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# Tolsey News

Judy Sharp



## Students at The Tolsey

We were very pleased to be able to take two 5th Year medical students again this year. Reece and Rob were with us for four weeks this time and were able to sit in on many patient consultations with our regular doctors. They also attended some of the nurse clinics and spent some time in the dispensary. At the end of their stint with us, they presented their findings of a research project that will help us in dealing with medication for the care of our end-of-life patients. It was a most impressive piece of work which we will be using going forward. We would like to thank all our patients who consented to their presence during consultations as this is such an important part of their training, and ultimately helps to provide GPs for the future. We wish Reece and Rob all the best and hope they will keep in touch and let us know what they are doing.

## Dr Simon Watkins awarded honorary status at Bristol Medical School

We are very proud to announce that, in recognition of the substantial teaching commitment by Dr Watkins, he has been awarded honorary status to provide access to University systems and databases as an approved GP teacher.

**New Staff:** We are delighted to welcome Jessica to the practice as our new phlebotomist. She comes highly recommended and with excellent experience from a Swindon hospital. Many of you will have already met or spoken to Jennie who joined us in reception in the New Year, and we have sadly said goodbye to Maggie, our previous phlebotomist who has moved on to a new venture, in which we wish her all the best.

## Small Ads

*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.*

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## Introducing the 'Sherston Scorchers'!



Try something new this year during the Boules Carnival weekend ... Sherston Velo Cycling Club are organising the first ever 'Sherston Scorchers Hill Climb' from 11.00am to 1.00pm on the Sunday morning of Boules weekend. The course will run for one mile on a closed road (subject to permission), climbing about 50ft from the ford at Brook End towards the crossroads at the top of Thompsons Hill and the objective is to get from the bottom to the top as quickly as possible. Riders will tackle the course 'time-trial style', one at a time against the clock. The event is open to anyone on a human-powered bicycle – one hill, two (or three) wheels, one rider, no motors. Small prizes will be available in various categories based on age, gender and even novelty factor; anyone is welcome.

Tickets will be available on Boules Saturday from 'Café Velo', run by Sherston Velo or on the Sunday from Sherston Velo officials in the High Street until 10.30am. Entry is £3 per go for adults (over 16yrs) or £2 per go for juniors, an entry form will be required for all riders. Keep a lookout for updates in The Cliffhanger or on the Sherston Velo website – [www.sherstonvelo.cc/scorchers](http://www.sherstonvelo.cc/scorchers)

The event will be free to watch, so come along and enjoy the racing if you are not riding.



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This is the perfect opportunity to wander through the stunning interior of this spectacular venue and enjoy the beautiful Italianate gardens of Grittleton House.

We are thrilled to announce there will be a guest appearance from Action's special mascot **PADDINGTON™**

Doors open at 11am and refreshments and cream teas will be available. Entrance is £3 per person and children under 12 are free. Free parking. Assistance dogs only please. See [www.action.org.uk/grittleton](http://www.action.org.uk/grittleton) for details.

All proceeds and donations will be going to support children's charity Action Medical Research. Action Medical Research is raising funds to offer hope to thousands of families across the UK who are dealing with the trauma of a baby born too early, striving to support a child affected by disability or facing the challenge of caring for a child with a rare and devastating disease for which there is no cure. Further information on AMR successes, case studies and current research projects can be found at [www.action.org.uk](http://www.action.org.uk)

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# Scams

Here I am, holed up in my little office and the phone rings.....yes, you guessed it, another call from some lovely lady asking if I would like a new boiler/windows/insulation or whatever. Of course it's yet another cold call. Apart from the disturbance, loss of train of thought on what I was doing etc, no real harm done. But when a friend was called by someone who wanted to talk about a recent car accident, my friend became very worried as she wondered if it was a family member who was involved. The caller would give very little information to my friend because, of course, they were fishing for business and had no idea whether or not there had been an accident. Much more concerning than mine, but again, no long term harm.

Then there are the callers who tell you that your computer is under threat and to please log in and follow their instructions so that they can help fix it for you. Well, how helpful is that? Except there is nothing wrong with your computer and the callers aim is to gain access to your computer files with your personal info and passwords etc. Recently I took a call purporting to be from my bank, lovely cheery chap who asked me to confirm my identity. Excuse me, but he called me so I asked him for his identity and phone number so that I could call him back! Strangely enough, he wasn't keen to disclose that information!

Sadly these things do happen and people in our community have been scammed out of thousands of pounds. I think it's our nature to be 'polite' to others and the con artists rely on this. My advice to you? If it's an unexpected call, no matter how genuine they sound, beware. Never give out passwords, never let them gain access to your computers or tablets etc. If they are genuine, they can always write to you by post. Of course if they ask for your address, chances are they really don't know you and if you give them your address you will be receiving a forest worth of junk mail!

Remember: 'There is no such thing as a free lunch' (well there are a couple of exceptions on that, but its rare.)

Meanwhile, if I can help in any way, call 07557 922020 or email [ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellen.blacker@wiltshire.gov.uk). I look forward to hearing from you!

*Ellen*

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## Dire Easter weather brings on an evening of 'Dutch Courage' at The Angel

Maundy Thursday saw a group of 50 converge for the first of what is to be a series of food and drink tastings to be held at The Angel in conjunction with Balcony Wines. Given the wet weather, it was fitting that the theme for the first evening would be a gin tasting, gin having first come to the UK in the 1600s as the 'Dutch Courage' that our navel troops noted the Dutch sailors were taking for courage and its perceived warming properties!

Dave Nelson, Manager at The Angel, and Neil Perry and Paul Cuss of Balcony Cellars wanted to put on an evening of entertainment that set itself apart from the usual drink tastings. Paul Cuss and Phil Clark, Head Chef at The Angel, devised a menu of food to accompany each gin, with such pairings as Kirkuvagr (Kirk-u-vaar) from The Orkney Islands matched with shashimi with mooli, Tarquins from Cornwall with mackerel cerviche, and Garden Tiger Gin from Cirencester with duck croquettes with blood orange. Once the food disappeared at each serving, people had time to 'play' with the orange, lime, mint, strawberries and grapefruit at each table - trying out both the suggested pairings and their own pairings with each gin.

Neil Perry made a valiant attempt to call everyone to order to deliver some insight into each gin as it was

served. However, by the time the final gin for the night – Brennan & Brown Ginger Gin paired with lemon syllabub and ginger brandysnap – was being poured, the attention level had decreased somewhat in relation to the increasing decibel level in the room! Following all six tastings and a vote on the top three gins of the night, everyone had a chance to try some seconds of their favourite gins. The only pause thereafter was when Ella Moriarty drew the winners for the raffle – first prize being a magnum of Tarquins with a pair of specialist gin glasses.


There have been numerous enquiries as to whether we will be running another gin tasting and we are pleased to say that we have set aside Friday 25 May with reservations being taken at Balcony Cellars and The Angel. Numbers are strictly limited, however, so get your names down now. The bottom three gins from the vote will be substituted with fresh contenders for the title of Sherston's 'Gin of The Year'. The current leader, after the first tasting, is Garden Tiger made by Barney Wilczak in Stratton, Cirencester. We shall look to invite the winner to a special tasting and insight into the production of their gin sometime later this year.

Dave Nelson & Neil Perry

## History of Tetbury Society




History of Tetbury Society will be holding a local history exhibition in Tetbury Market Hall on the 28 May (Woolsack Day) between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Free entry, members will be there to answer any questions and receive any local history information. [www.tetburyhistory.com](http://www.tetburyhistory.com)

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# News from Holy Cross Church

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who helped us prepare for Easter: those who cleaned and decorated the churches, arranged flowers, prepared worship, offered music and other talents to the glory of God. It was a good, if wet, Holy Week with particular highlights being the donkeys leading the procession at Luckington and a good Lent Group service also at Luckington.

These weeks of May continue the season of Easter. For several weeks, we continue to celebrate the Resurrection, ending with the Ascension Day Communion at Sherston on Thursday 10 May at 7.30pm. Two Sundays after that is the feast of Pentecost, or Whitsun, and then Trinity Sunday on 27 May. Looking to the future, on Sunday 1 July, our curate, Elveen Mead, will be ordained priest in Bristol Cathedral and we hope to arrange a coach to take supporters and friends to this very special service. Please watch out for the sign-up lists in church.

It's also good to hear that our Youth Work Trainee, Joel Faulkner, is going to be working with young people and children in Fishponds Baptist Church in Bristol. Having finished his training with us, Joel is now about to be employed as a fully fledged youth worker! We are already looking for a new trainee.

We're very pleased to be able to run Alpha again in Hullavington. Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in an informal environment. Each

session includes food, a short talk and a discussion at the end where you can ask any questions and share your thoughts. No pressure to complete the course, no follow up and no charge. Come and join the course and explore your faith - or lack of it - with others. The course this year will be starting on Wednesday 25th April (but it's still ok to join a couple of weeks in) in Hullavington and will be run jointly with Mount Zion church. Please contact Henny 837778 or Christopher 837522 if you would like to be involved this year, as a guest, a helper or with practical help in setting it up.

Please put the Saturday 12 May in your diary as the date for the next Gauzebrook Gallivant. Last year, this sponsored walk raised almost £2,000 for the children's and youth work carried out in our churches by Becky and Joel. This is part of a very impressive £5,000 raised locally by parochial, business and individual donations, supplemented by the grants we apply for from charities. Thank you to everyone who supports the children's ministry in this way. The blog is at <http://geminioutdoor.com/sign-gauzebrook-gallivant-2018/> and we are grateful to be receiving support from Gemini Outdoor and the newly refurbished Stanton Manor Hotel. If you wish to give towards this project then please visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/gauzebrookgroup>

Christopher Bryan

## 'Sherston Brick Club'

British Schoolroom

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Sunday 6th May, 11.00 am - Revd Andrew Williams Tarling

Sunday 13th May, 11.00 am - Revd Andrew Williams Tarling  
(communion)

Sunday 20th May, 11.00 am - Revd Andrew Williams Tarling

Sunday 27th May, 11.00am - Revd Andrew Williams Tarling



## Christian Aid Week: 13-19 May

The churches of the Gauzebrook Group will be collecting for Christian Aid again during this week, which has been going for more than 60 years and is the principal fundraiser for the charity. In Sherston, a band of volunteers will be posting red collection envelopes through your door and coming back to collect them later in the week. Please receive the collectors kindly and give what you can.

It may seem that this is an outdated way of collecting donations; I can remember when there were several door-to-door collections in the village each year, but they seem to have fallen out of fashion. The many gifts people give, however small they may be, add up to several thousand pounds each year in our area. This amount will enable Christian Aid to carry out significant work for their #StandTogether campaign, designed to help some of the world's poorest people to build homes that will withstand the extremes of violent weather, such as hurricanes.

After recent revelations about misconduct by charity workers, you may question whether Christian Aid is a cause to which you should donate. In an open letter, which you can read on Christian Aid's website, Martin Birch, Chief Operating Officer of Christian Aid said: 'We cannot let the actions of a few individuals stop us from reaching out to those most in need.' If people stop donating, it isn't the charities that suffer but the desperately poor people who are helped by them.

Jesus called on his followers to 'love God and love your neighbour'. This verse from the New Testament sums up what Christian Aid is all about: 'Let us love, not in word or speech but in truth and action' (1 John 3:18). This month, we will be acting to show our love for our neighbours in the poorest parts of the world – please act with us.

Sue Robinson

Christian Aid Week organiser, Gauzebrook Group of Churches

## Sherston Market

Our next market will be on Saturday 12 May from 10.00am to 4.00pm in the village hall. We will have lots of lovely stalls again, including even more new ones. We will have outside stalls and the flower pot man will be back again who was a big hit last month! There will be a charcuterie stall and also a stall selling sweets and wedding favour packs. So there will be plenty for everyone. Emma will be running the kitchen café with her delicious homemade goodies to eat in or out. It would be lovely if you could pop along and support us and our talented stallholders who work tirelessly to provide outstanding goods at very reasonable prices. Look forward to seeing you there!

## Music for a summer afternoon: Saturday 16 June

Sherston Church will host a visit by Bristol Harmony, a company of some 24 singers and instrumentalists who sing and play 'West Gallery' music, ie vernacular church music of the type used particularly in country churches c.1700 - 1830. They like to have an annual excursion in June when they visit three or four country churches and spend about an hour in each performing music. They will arrive about 3.00pm and tea and cake will be served before and after. Put the date in your diary and just turn up, donations welcome.

## Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: 9-10 June

Now that spring has finally arrived, we can anticipate visiting a wonderful selection of gardens around Sherston, from 1.00pm to 6.00pm on Saturday 9 June and 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday 10 June for Sherston Open Gardens Weekend. Tea and cake will be served in the church throughout and there will be a plant stall and raffle. Tickets, in the form of a map, will cost £5 per person. If you have a garden which you would like to open, please get in touch with [heather@geoffmartin.plus.com](mailto:heather@geoffmartin.plus.com) or 840375. Donations for the plant stall or the raffle (garden themed if possible) will be welcome.

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# Where does all the Boules ££ go?

We're all looking forward to helping with Boules this year as in previous years: Church of the Holy Cross supports the event in various ways.

Nigel Freeth provides logistic support and use of his farm vehicles to help with a lot of the 'humping and dumping' involved in setting up the event and indeed clearing the stalls, pistes, etc, when it is all over. Boules weekend is welcomed by the church bells being rung on Saturday morning by our team of ringers. The church tower is then opened for tours on Saturday afternoon and these are conducted and managed again by the ringers. For many years, the ladies from the church have provided and served tea and cakes in Mill Cottage garden during the Duck Race on the Sunday of Boules weekend. Last of all, on the Sunday evening there is a church service, which is usually in the village hall.

We were extremely grateful for a Boules donation of £1,500 in 2017 and the same the previous year. The money from Boules does not go to any specific fund or activity but goes into the general funds to pay for the upkeep and maintenance of our lovely village church. Many in the general community might not realise that the church does not receive money from the Church of England to cover costs, but that all our utility bills for electricity, oil, etc have to be paid by us, plus any repairs, new equipment or such simple things as candles, aprons for the coffee shop, and not least the rising cost of insurance.

Thank you Boules Team and thank you Sherston and visitors!

Pamela Pickthall, Church Warden

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# Secondary Cause of Death



In early April, audiences in the village hall were mesmerised by Sherston Drama Group's production of Peter Gordon's comedy *Secondary Cause of Death*. An Agatha Christie spoof, complete with a country house setting, cast of bizarre characters, lots of murders and an unlikely plot, the play features Britain's worst detective, the hapless Inspector Pratt. Graeme Strachan made an impressive debut as the bungling inspector, handling a big part and both the physical and verbal comedy with aplomb. Clive Renton gave a virtuoso performance as both the owner of the house, Colonel Craddock, and the flamboyant Cardew Longfellow, an actor who resembles him closely,

managing to die (or pretend to) at least four times during the evening. Though playing one person, most of the other actors had two personas (and accents) to cope with. Newcomer to the Sherston stage, Joanna Maddams had great fun as Henrietta Woolmer-Cardington, an apparently school-girlish army captain with an inability to pronounce the letter 'r', but in reality a secret agent targeting Richard Skeffington's Count Puchlik, supposedly a Polish count but in reality a German spy. Sue Lehrer provided the glamour as the flirtatious Lady Isadora Pollock, only revealing at the end that she was actually Mrs Willis, a woman out for revenge



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over the death of her husband in World War I. Nicola Pearce-Smith again showed her mastery of accents, switching rapidly from the West Country of Lily the Cook to the clipped tones of her real character of spymaster. Kirstie Blair had no trouble portraying the formidable Cynthia Maple, apparently setting up a murder mystery evening but in reality the villain of the piece, insanely jealous of her sister Joan Maple. Dawn Jago also stayed in character throughout as the sexy Nurse Parsley, and Katie Skeffington as the housekeeper was the first to be murdered but returned as the Colonel's wife, to bring the play to a dramatic conclusion by murdering Cardew in a

case of mistaken identity. Richard Skeffington and Richard Warren co-directed, and Richard Warren was not only prompter but lent his right hand for a cameo appearance. Ewan Blair controlled both sound and lighting, Katie Skeffington designed the atmospheric set and Sarah Scherer conceived and acquired the splendid period costumes. Debbie Luter did everything backstage from props to make-up to rapid costume changes, and a host of other essential helpers kept the show going. Next it's the pantomime – the dates are 31 October to 3 November – watch this space for announcements!



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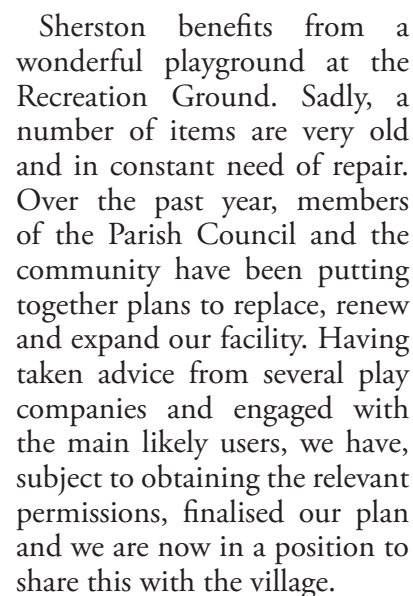
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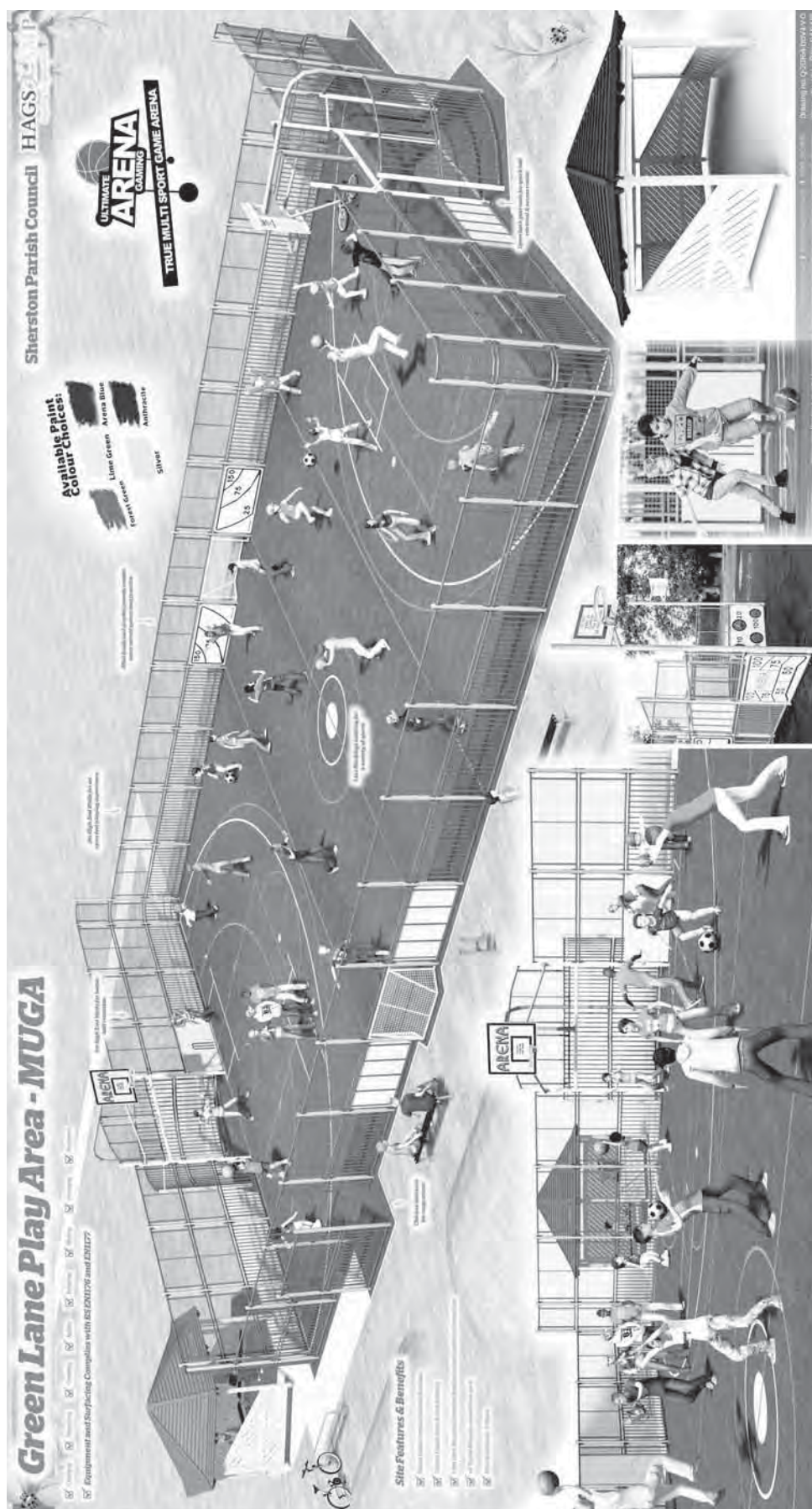


Sherston is in a very unique and fortunate position of having been given a large sum of money from the estate of Mrs North to be spent on benefiting the young people of the village. It has been left to the Parish Council to determine how this is done. Accordingly, the Council has resolved, in accordance with the Norths' wishes, to use this money for the benefit of the youth of Sherston and to use it on capital projects that create a lasting legacy for all the young people of Sherston. The Council has resolved to invest around 50% of this fund (up to £150,000) in this project because it is entirely open to all, having huge benefits for the whole community whether that is two year olds, teenagers, primary school children, disabled children, able children, and of course their families too. This will give us a fully inclusive, central village space that will benefit every child of the village now and for many years to come.

## So what will change?

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### Future meetings

Wednesday 16 May: Members' Dinner (Mayfield Crudwell).

Wednesday 20 June: Garden visit to national demonstrator, Pam Lewis' garden, near Devizes.

Wednesday 18 July: Demonstration by Bev Short entitled Bargain Hunt. Competition - Single bloom.


### Looking forward

Our regular flower-arranging classes will be starting on Wednesday 23 May. There will be a set of four classes, with the first one being a beginners' and 'back to basics' class. This will be open to non-members and spaces are still available. If you would like to join us, please call the number below, for more info.

Flower club meetings take place at Crudwell Village Hall (SN16 9HB) on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm (unless stated otherwise). If you enjoy flowers, come and join us, visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Margaret on 01285 770639.


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## Malmesbury Celebrates RAF Centenary



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Organised by former Hercules pilot Matt Cockram, who lives in Malmesbury, the total combined service of those attending amounted to 1,200 years. They included one who had achieved over 40 years' service to a young technician with just four years in the RAF.

The evening began with a reception, followed by the dinner, provided by local Garsdon firm Manor Events and, after the Loyal Toast and speeches, concluded with entertainment from the Salisbury Big Band. Many who attended brought items of silver or souvenirs from their time in the RAF.

Matt Cockram commented: 'I'm delighted that so many former and current RAF personnel of all ranks, and their partners, supported the dinner. It was a great success and a wonderful evening, thanks to the excellent facilities at the Town Hall.'

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## Malmesbury Concert Band's summer programme



Malmesbury Concert Band (MCB) has been busy rehearsing its summer programme for performances during June and July.

The programme includes: Sunday 13 May: Royal Victoria Park, Bath, 2.00pm-4.00pm. Saturday 2 June: Market Cross, Malmesbury, 11.00am-12.30pm. Saturday 30 June: Oaksey Village Fete, 2.00pm-4.15pm. Sunday 22 July: Stratford Park, Stroud, 2.30pm-4.30pm.

MCB is a concert wind band with around 25 playing members. Subject to vacancies, it's always happy to welcome new playing members and to receive requests to play at events in the local area.

MCB Director of Music Tony Fleming said: 'We have been rehearsing a number of new pieces this year, as well as retaining numbers which we know are popular with our audiences.' [www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk)

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Thursday 3 May - Cinema - Boyhood (15)

Doors open 7.00pm, performance Starts 7.30pm

Filmed over the span of 12 years, Boyhood allows viewers an intimate glimpse into the life of Mason (Ellar Coltrane), a young boy navigating the winding road to adulthood. As the years go by, Mason, his sister Samantha (Lorelei Linklater) and their parents (Ethan Hawke and Patricia Arquette) experience the ups and downs of family time while savoring the small yet defining moments that make each life unique. A nostalgia-fueled soundtrack featuring Coldplay and Arcade Fire takes the film back to innocent days when a song on the radio was all it took to sweep cares away.

Friday 4 May - Comedy at the Goods Shed

Once again, your host for the evening will be Tetbury's Matt Roseblade, bringing with him Tewkesbury's Jon Wagstaffe. In his own words, Jon is 'Tewkesbury's finest and only stand-up comic. His take on modern life will have any audience in fits of laughter.'

Morgan Rees left south Wales in order to enter comedy competitions. In 2017 alone, he was a Chortle Student Comedian finalist, second in So You Think You're Funny and third in the BBC's New Comedian of the Year. You saw him here first - he will be huge.

Cally Beaton, is an outstanding comedian - a natural storyteller full of intelligent, distinctive and punchline-rich material. Her act is a rollercoaster ride of anecdotes, observations and stuff even your best mate wouldn't admit to. As well as winning awards

and plaudits, Cally has appeared several times on BBC Radio 4, including most recently on Museum of Comedy, and her first episode of QI on BBC1 was broadcast in January 2018.

Saturday 5 May - Charlie Bicknell, No Angel

Doors open 7.00pm, performance Starts 7.30pm

Charlie Bicknell is a force to be reckoned with in No Angel - a new show, packed with anarchy, wit and comic ingenuity. Songs range from Tim Minchin to Meatloaf and from Jacques Brel to Bizet, with acrobatic antics whilst simultaneously singing! With exceptional pianist, David Harrod, and Jez Brodie (the ex-postman turned circus strongman), this show involves no actual animals and very few fish. A magnificent evening's entertainment!

Thursday 10 May - Cinema - Bridge of Spies (12A)

Doors open 7.00pm, performance Starts 7.30pm

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Doors open 7.00pm, performance Starts 7.30pm

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### Thursday 17 May - Cinema - Tommy (15)

Doors open 7.00pm, performance Starts 7.30pm

Director Ken Russell's film adaptation of the popular rock opera from the classic rock group The Who features the group's lead singer, Roger Daltrey, as Tommy who becomes deaf, blind and mute after his father's death. Tommy finds that he has a knack for pinball, defeating the champion Pinball Wizard (played by Elton John) and turns his life into a testament of will. Included in

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### Friday 18 May - Andrea Valeri

Doors open 7.00pm, performance Starts 7.30pm

Described as 'the Prince of the Acoustic Guitar', Andrea has been a worldwide success since he was just 16. Aged 18, he was awarded the title of 'Italian musical excellence'. He has released six solo albums as well as collaborating and sharing the stage with some of the most important artists of the guitar and music world today.

### Thursday 24 May - Cinema - The Greatest Showman (PG)

Doors open 7.00pm, performance Starts 7.30pm

Hugh Jackman portrays famous showman P.T. Barnum in this modern musical. The story details Barnum's swindling days in his traveling three-ring circus. A bold and original musical that celebrates the birth of show business and the sense of wonder we feel when dreams come to life.

### Thursday 31 May - Cinema - Death of Stalin (15)

Doors open 7.00pm, performance Starts 7.30pm

Director Armando Iannucci depicts the power grab that ensued after Joseph Stalin died of a stroke in 1953. The Soviet Union's leaders soon dive headlong into a farcical but ruthless game of bargaining, deception, and backstabbing. Adapted from the graphic novel of the same name by Fabien Nury and Thierry Robin.

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# Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

## Holy Cross Church

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

**Sunday services** 1st and 4th - Holy Communion, 2nd Worship Together - a service for all age groups preceded by breakfast at 9am, 3rd - Family Service preceded by breakfast at 9am See the Parish Life for more details

**Mustard Seeds** is a club for children aged 4 and over, from 10am – 12noon twice a month. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk.

**Congregational Church** - In the British School Room, Services 1st and 4th each week, led or hosted by Reverend Andrew Williams Tarling, Sunday School 10.15 – 11am. Bible study alternate Mondays 8pm at BSR/Church. Brick (Lego) Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 7pm Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 or find us on facebook. Admin - Victoria Meheust sherstoncongregchurch@outlook.com Sec. - clementsmary@btinternet.com or 07778 934742

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

## Gauzebrook Church for Children

Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them: **Junior Church** is held at Court House, Hullavington. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

**Little Lights** Every term time, Fri 10am in Hullavington church. Children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers come from across the Group, including Sherston, for songs, crafts, activities, Bible stories and snack time. Any questions, contact Chantal on 837522

## Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

**Link** provides a voluntary car service for residents living in the Malmesbury area, taking those in need to hospital, the chiropodist, GPs' surgeries and to visit sick relatives. For further information, prospective volunteers can contact the Link co-ordinator and volunteer support officer on 840861 9am-1pm

## Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers

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

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

## Carer Support Wiltshire - Monthly carers café

4th Thursday each month 10.30am – 12pm at the Kings Arms Hotel, Malmesbury - come along to chat with other carers over a hot drink or two. CSW is a charity with a team of support workers who can provide information and support to carers living in Wiltshire, by phone or face to face, along with counselling and advice relating to your role. Free and confidential for anyone aged 18+. CSW offers the chance to have a break through social cafés, days out, activities, craft groups and complementary therapies. More details or to register for some support, visit www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk, email info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk or freephone 0800 181 4118 (01380 871690 from a mobile).

**Castle Combe Colts Football Club** Join a charter standard club with CRB checked FA qualified coaches, fantastic playing & training facilities and a healthy inclusive culture – take a free 4 week taster session. Currently recruiting for the following age groups: Mini-Kickers (Rec/Y1) U10 (Y5) U11 (Y6). Tel 837286 or secretary@cccfc.co.uk www.cccfc.co.uk

**Church bell ringing** Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 – 9pm. Call Geoff Martin 840375 or come along.

**Dance classes at The Scout Hut** Fun and friendly classes for children to learn ballet and/or jazz on Tuesday afternoons during term time Preschool/infant ballet 3.30 – 4pm, Jazz 4 – 4.30pm. Junior ballet 4.30 – 5pm, Jazz 5 – 5.30pm All abilities welcome. For more information please call Abigail on 07720 396195.

**Drawing Classes in Sherston** Classes are held in the British Schoolroom during term times Weds either 10am to 12noon or 1.30 to 3.30pm. Students have individual attention and the classes are friendly and welcoming. We work on observational drawing in a range of media, pencil, watercolour crayon and pastel; subjects include plants and flowers, natural objects and still life groups. For further information please contact Heather Martin heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or phone 840375

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

**Footpaths group** 'Sherston Walks - a guide to local rights of way', featuring 10 local walks and is now on sale at the post office. If you would like to learn more about the footpath group and perhaps take part in some of its activities please come along to a meeting. For further information contact Maggie Harries on 841047 or maggie@harriespartnership.com Now online @ www.sherstonwalks.org.uk

## Forest School Club

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

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

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

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

**Luckington Pre-School** A well-established Montessori inspired Pre-School, for 2½ to 5 years old. Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, during term time. Government funding available and childcare vouchers welcome. For more information, call 840028, email chair@luckingtonpreschool.org.uk or visit www.luckingtonpreschool.org.uk

## Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

**Malmesbury Concert Band** Rehearsals on Fri evenings in Malmesbury, 7.15 – 9.15pm. The band performs at local Bandstand. For further details and to ascertain current vacancies see our website www.freewebs.com/malmesburyconcertband/ and/or contact Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or tony@jacfleming.plus.com

## Malmesbury Community Choir

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

## Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

For further information please phone Heather Martin 840375 or www.malmesburyembroiderers.blogspot.com

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

## Malmesbury Film Society

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

## Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

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

## Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

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

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



**North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club** Meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wed evening at Crudwell Village Hall. Members come from the surrounding villages to hear speakers and enjoy floristry demonstrations and do workshops and competitions. Further details call Margaret Stanford on 01285 770 639

### Parish Council Meeting

Takes place on the 2nd Thurs each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Minutes of meetings can be read online at [www.sherston.org.uk](http://www.sherston.org.uk). Further details contact Donna Ford on 07790 883503 or [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk)

### The Rattlebone Boules League

Consists of 48 teams playing in 3 Leagues. Contact Tony Towle on 840574.

### Red Bull Inn Boules

Friendly boules club at the Red Bull Inn (Malmesbury Rd) - meets every Thurs at 7.15pm - any level. For the more competitive members, there is a team playing in the Cotswold Pétanque league. To enter, please contact Sue McKechnie on 840601 or [susannemckechnie@hotmail.com](mailto:susannemckechnie@hotmail.com)

**Rotary Club of The South Cotswolds** Meets at The Horse Guards Inn in Brokenborough each Mon at 7pm, with dinner served at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome to our meetings, as are guests and anyone interested in Rotary and in helping the local Community. Further details at website [www.rcsc.co.uk](http://www.rcsc.co.uk) or from Ian Pegg on 840986.

### Senior Club

Meets at 2.30pm during summertime in the British School Room, more details call Helen Quirk 840516.

**Sherston 1016** Fundraising for local good causes and charities. Contact [sherston1016@gmail.com](mailto:sherston1016@gmail.com) or Martin Jacques 07717 424619

**Sherston Baby and Toddler Group** The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. Meets at 10 - 11.30am each Tues in the British School Room with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all and a cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. For further details contact, [sherstontoddlergroup@gmail.com](mailto:sherstontoddlergroup@gmail.com) or like us on Facebook for regular updates [www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers](http://www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers)

**Sherston Badminton Club** We play every Tues evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from Sept to the end of May. New members welcome - mixed ages (over 18) and abilities. For more information contact David Boyle 841587 or email [djboyle@hotmail.com](mailto:djboyle@hotmail.com)

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

**2nd Sherston Brownies** started in Sept 2016, for details contact Spectacle Owl (Lara Farahar) at [sherston2ndbrownies@outlook.com](mailto:sherston2ndbrownies@outlook.com) or call 841085

**1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack** Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Fri nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should email [sherstoncubsandscouts@gmail.com](mailto:sherstoncubsandscouts@gmail.com) to obtain an application form

**1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop** Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of 10 ½ to 13 ½. We meet at the Scout hut on Tues nights from 7pm to 9pm during school term times. To join contact Riaan van Rooyen [riaan@pulse-software.co.uk](mailto:riaan@pulse-software.co.uk) There is currently a small waiting list to join.

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

**Sherston Drama Group** The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Sue Lehrer (Chairperson) [lehrer.sue@icloud.com](mailto:lehrer.sue@icloud.com) or 07780 661830

**Sherston Town FC** The club play in the Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Sat afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. Contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or [peter.brock666@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.brock666@btinternet.com)

**Sherston Magna Cricket Club** Junior nets Mondays 6pm and Senior nets at 6.30pm on Tues nights at Pinkney Park. If you would like to get involved with local cricket please email [cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](mailto:cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk) or visit the website [www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](http://www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk)

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

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

**Sherston Photography Forum** A monthly group has formed in Sherston for anyone with an interest in photography 2nd Tues of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

For details call Nick Holland on 841019 or [nholland63@btinternet.com](mailto:nholland63@btinternet.com)

**Sherston Pilates** Daytime and evening classes held in the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739 552336 or [sherstonpilates@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nic50riley@gmail.com).

**Sherston Theatre Club** Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. Listings under [www.communitate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/](http://www.communitate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/) or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or [helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com](mailto:helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com)

**Sherston Velo** A cycling club formed of enthusiastic road cyclists from Sherston and the surrounding area. There are regular rides each weekend morning with a fast paced group leaving first for an hour, followed by a longer club run. For membership and other information about the club, visit the website [www.sherstonvelo.cc](http://www.sherstonvelo.cc) or email Mark Walsh at [secretary@sherstonvelo.cc](mailto: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](mailto:dogleg3@gmail.com)

**Sherston W.I.** Meetings on first Thurs of month Mar - Sept in the Village Hall (except Apr due Spring Play) at 7.30pm and Nov/Dec/Jan in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. No meetings but celebration meals Oct and Jan. Visitors always most welcome £3.50. Further information: Secretary 840578

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

**Street Dance classes in Sherston** Bristol's Pumped dance school is running classes in Sherston Village Hall every Thurs. It's a fun, high energy dance class for girls and boys. The 4-6 year old class will run from 4.30pm to 5.15pm, with 7-11 year olds from 5.15pm to 6.15pm. Drop in for £5 per class, £16 pay monthly - or two siblings for £9 per week. Email Claire to register your interest at [info@dancepumped.co.uk](mailto:info@dancepumped.co.uk) or just pop in, more details [www.dancepumped.co.uk](http://www.dancepumped.co.uk)

**Tetbury Camera Club** Meets every Tues evening from Sept to end of May at 7.30pm in The Priory Inn, Tetbury. For more information and current programme visit <http://tetburycameraclub.org.uk/> or call Liz Cooper 840482. Visitors welcome.

**WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses** The WEA (Workers's Education Association) offers courses on the Arts, Literature and History in the British School Room, Cliff Road. For more information or to book a place contact Warwick or Pat Jones on [warwickandpatjones@gmail.com](mailto:warwickandpatjones@gmail.com)

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

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

**Yoga for All** Mon evenings 7.45-9.15pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £9 reducing to £7.50 if you take up the course. More details contact Theo 07818 401110 or [theo@wildyoga.co.uk](mailto:theo@wildyoga.co.uk) [www.wildyoga.co.uk](http://www.wildyoga.co.uk)

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

# WHAT'S ON

## What's On May 2018

Disclaimer: due to enormous work pressure, the What's On and Regular Events has been pulled together hastily without the usual care to include all details possible. Please use this as a guide this month rather than taking as 100% accurate. Apologies if I have left your event out / not updated something I should have and excuse the lack of formatting consistency. It is what it is this month! Next month I will need to ask all mentioned to agree to be listed to comply with the EU GDPR. If anyone would like to take over compiling the What's on, please feel free to come forward – [info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk](mailto:info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk)

### Sherston

#### Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

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For further details call [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk) or [mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk)

#### The Angel Hotel

Check Facebook, boards for more details of events, call 841627, email [contact@sherstonangel.co.uk](mailto:contact@sherstonangel.co.uk) or visit [www.sherston-angel.co.uk/](http://www.sherston-angel.co.uk/)

#### The Carpenter's Arms

Check boards for details For further details call 840665 or visit [www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston](http://www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston)

#### The Rattlebone Inn

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

Check boards for more details of events, call 840871, follow on Twitter or visit [www.therattlebone.co.uk](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)

#### Church events at The Holy Cross

Easter Day 1-Apr Easter Sunday Service at the Church of the Holy Cross

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

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

### Sherston Market

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

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

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

For further details call Alison on 07909 737096 or [pollyatkins59@btinternet.com](mailto:pollyatkins59@btinternet.com)

### Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

Exhibition by local artists Drop in and see the local art exhibited in the Salon next to the Post Office. All art is for sale! Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon. There will be details about each artist but all are local and have exhibited in the Sherston Arts Festival Panayiotis Marlagoutsos Apr-May Lesley Kenny Jun- Jul

### Sherston Senior Club

Talk: Bob Smith presents "Marvellous Moths"

1-May British School Room

If space allows, visitors are welcome to come on our outings please contact Helen Quirk 840516 for more information.

For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

### Sherston WI Talks

Talk by Margaret and Gerald Hull - The Shell - ancient symbol and decorative feature within the English house and garden. 3 May Please note this meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Talk by Pam Baldry on Glass 7 June, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or [jillwoodward222@btinternet.com](mailto:jillwoodward222@btinternet.com)

### Sherston Magna Cricket Club

All of the junior and adult fixtures for the 2018 season are now available on our website!

League fixtures on <http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk/matches>

Pinkney Park Ground For further details call [cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](mailto:cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk) or visit <http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk>

### Open Gardens Trail in aid of Sherston Church

Open Gardens Trail in aid of Sherston Church Sat 9 - Sun 10 Jun 2018 New gardens open for the first time in addition to favourites, and some changes to previously showed gardens

Trail tickets can be used on one or both days - £5. Gardens will be open from 1pm to 6pm on Sat and 1pm to 5pm on Sun. Children are free if accompanied by an adult, on the Trail, just pay for refreshments. Teas and delicious homemade cakes will be served in the Church where there will also be a plant stall,

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produce stall and a 'garden themed' raffle.

If you would like to open your garden (all proceeds go towards the upkeep of Sherston Church), please contact Heather Martin 840375. Donations of cakes, surplus seedlings, cuttings or divided perennials most welcome

## Rural Arts Wiltshire

**Mumbo-Jumbo at Sherston Village Hall** This is a Rural Arts Touring show, also in aid of the Village Hall Sat 19 May 7.30pm Licensed Bar. Tickets £10, concessions £8, under 16 £6, from Sherston Post Office or 840375

For further details call or visit [www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk](http://www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk)

## Knockdown The Holford Arms

Live Music every weekend Check boards for more details of events  
For further details call 01454 238669 or [info@theholfordarms.co.uk](mailto:info@theholfordarms.co.uk)

## Badminton Badminton Horse Trials

Wed 2 - Sun 6 May from 9 / 9.30 am Gates open at 8am See website for ticket information Under 12s free. Cash (only) at gate is £2 more than advance tickets. Free admission after 4pm

For further details call 01454 218375 or

[boxoffice@badminton-horse.co.uk](mailto:boxoffice@badminton-horse.co.uk) or visit [www.badminton-horse.co.uk](http://www.badminton-horse.co.uk)

## Luckington Youth Café

Weekly event for ages 11-16 Saturdays 6-6.30pm Big Questions & Discussions, 6.30-7.30pm Food, games and chill in Luckington Village Hall For further details [joel.faulkner@gmail.com](mailto:joel.faulkner@gmail.com)

## Westonbirt The Arboretum

**STIHL Treetop Walkway** The main walkway is step-free, making it accessible to visitors on foot, using mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs and to those with dogs on leads. It is 300m long and gradually rises on gentle inclines to a height of 13m. Scramble up to the crow's nest viewing platform; cross the rope bridge; Peer through the mesh-floored section

**Specialist Wood Sales** every Sat 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA  
**Secrets of Silk Wood - guided walk** 2pm Every Sat and Sun till 4

Nov Departs the Welcome Building - free after admission - dogs on leads welcome

**Wild Westonbirt - for 14-18 year olds** Learn traditional and bushcraft survival skills - booking essential - 0300 067 4854 Sat 21 Apr Sat 26 May Sat 23 Jun Sat 21 Jul 10am-4pm free after admission  
**Summer concerts on sale** Thurs 14 Jun - **The Script** Fri 15 Jun - **Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbot** Sat 16 Jun **Paloma Faith**; Sun 17 Jun **George Ezra** Ticket prices at the booking office.

Till Nov 2018 admission prices Adults £10, Concs and those arriving by bike or public transport £7, Children (5-18) £4, under 5s free, 1 carer allowed free per paying disabled visitor

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

## Easton Grey Whatley Manor

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

**Guest Michelin Chef Pop-Ups in the Green Room** Tony Parkin, Head Chef of Graham Garrett's Michelin star restaurant, The West House in Biddenden, Kent Mon 30 Apr £145 seated at 7.30pm In the intimate environment of the Green Room with a central open kitchen you will be interacting with these talented and creative chefs as they cook.

**Guest Michelin Chef Pop-Ups in the Green Room** Gareth Ward - Chef Patron Ynyshir Hall, one Michelin star and on the way to a second. Mon 14 May £145 seated at 7.30pm In the intimate environment of the Green Room with a central open kitchen you will be interacting with these talented and creative chefs as they cook. On the website of Ynyshir it simply says:

Ingredient led Flavour driven Fat fuelled Meat obsessed This is an evening not to miss.

For further details call 834026 or visit [www.whatleymanor.com](http://www.whatleymanor.com)

## Malmesbury Movies@Malmesbury

Tuesday, 5 June 7:15 pm "An Ideal Husband" by Oscar Wilde. Live from the Vaudeville Theatre \*

Friday, 8 June 2:00 pm "The Guernsey Literary and Potato

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 Tuesday, 12 June 7:00 pm "Swan Lake" \*  
 Monday, 18 June 8:00 pm "Edie"  
 Friday, 22 June 2:00 pm "Edie"  
 Friday, 22 June 5.30 pm "Sherlock Gnomes"  
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Movies@Malmesbury is run entirely by volunteers. If you would like to help out with the running of Movies@Malmesbury please see a member of the staff at the end of a screening or email us [ghcooke@hotmail.com](mailto:ghcooke@hotmail.com) A limited range of drinks and snacks are available for purchase at the bar adjacent to the cinema. A few cushions are available for use during M@M programmes. Please ask for one, remember availability is limited so arrive early if you want one! There is no charge for the cushion. Tickets: 2pm Matinee & 5.30pm screenings: Adults £5. Under 16's £4. 8pm screenings: All tickets £6. \*Alternative Content (theatre, ballet, opera & art exhibitions) all tickets £10  
 Malmesbury Town Hall For further details call Tickets are available at the Town Hall, on the door or online (a booking fee is payable) or visit [www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html](http://www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html)

## Exhibition: Wiltshire At War

Wiltshire Does Its Bit includes many interesting stories of local nurses, dairymaids, small businesses, and local people providing comfort to soldiers of WWI- all doing their bit for the war effort. The museum will also have a display commemorating local soldiers and sailors who lost their life on the Somme and Jutland free entry Open Summer: Mon to Sun 10.30am to 4.30pm Winter (from Oct to Mar) : Mon to Sat 10.30am to 4.30pm, Sundays: 11.30am to 3.30pm.

For further details call or visit [www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk](http://www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk)

## Singing for the Brain

Singing sessions are led by a trained Singing for the Brain leader Every other Monday 1.30-3pm a free service (funded by Wiltshire

council) is designed to be a fun, stimulating and social activity for people with a diagnosis of dementia and their family/friends or carers. For session dates and to book your place please call Pam Ollis at our Chippenham office.

Malmesbury Activity Zone, Bremilham Road

For further details call 01249 443469 or e-mail

[nwilt@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:nwilt@alzheimers.org.uk) or visit [www.alzheimers.org.uk](http://www.alzheimers.org.uk)

## Malmesbury & District University of the Third Age

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

Talk by Andrew Poynton of Poynton Farriery Clinic Thurs 24 May Based in Malmesbury, Andrew has a wealth of experience which he shares with farriers and vets in this country and abroad.

Lisa Lewis – 'The Doorway Project' Thurs 28 June Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall

For further details call Membership Secretary Ann Roberts-Phare on 823971 or visit [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk)

## Wiltshire Council Sunday Lunch Club

Monthly get together for those who'd like some company and a good Sunday lunch Each month 12.30pm for 1pm start. £10.50 pp Transport can be arranged if needed

For further details call Ellen Backer 07557 922020

## Events at Malmesbury Children's centre

Workshops for toddlers, infants and new parents Free parenting courses for parents with children under 5 - check website for details free crèche Malmesbury Children's Centre For further details call 825566 or email: [malmesburycc@spurgeons.org](mailto:malmesburycc@spurgeons.org) or visit [www.malmesburycc.org](http://www.malmesburycc.org)

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## Malmesbury Concert Band

**SUMMER PROGRAMME** MCB is a concert wind band with approximately 35 woodwind and brass playing members. Subject to vacancies, it's always happy to welcome new members. The Band is always pleased to receive requests to play at events in the local area.

**Royal Victoria Park, Bath** Sun 13 May 2-4pm

**Market Cross, Malmesbury** Sat 2 Jun 11-12.30

**Oaksey Village Fete** Sat 30 Jun 2-4.15pm

**Stratford Park, Stroud** Sun 22 Jul 2.30-4.30pm

For further details call *Tony Fleming, the Musical Director*, on

575229 or [tony@jacfleming.plus.com](mailto:tony@jacfleming.plus.com) or visit

[www.freewebs.com/malmesburyconcertband](http://www.freewebs.com/malmesburyconcertband)

## Malmesbury, Chippenham

### Programmes and Activities at The RISE Trust

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

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

**Youth Club and Youth Café** We run lots of activities for young people in Chippenham including a Youth Club and Youth Café Gemma Matthews 01249 464008 or [gemma@therisetrust.org](mailto:gemma@therisetrust.org)

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## Tetbury Woolsack Race

**Woolsack Race - 35 years of the world famous event** Mon 28 May

Races start at 2pm, entertainment and stalls from 10am See website for parking Gumstool Hill For further details call [tetburywoolsack@googlemail.com](mailto:tetburywoolsack@googlemail.com) or visit [www.tetburywoolsack.co.uk](http://www.tetburywoolsack.co.uk)



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## Tetbury Goods Shed

**Vegetables from Aunt Addie's** Visit the amazing Ros for all your delicious locally grown vegetables. Adeline Farm is a farming venture with the emphasis on quality, fresh, local and seasonal produce. Although not certified as Organic they are committed to using organic methods - and to working with nature and respecting wildlife. They are also totally committed to producing the finest produce possible. 10am-2pm Adeline Farm Community Project offers facilities to the disabled, people with learning difficulties, and other groups in the Wilts. /Glos. area.

### Running through until 13th May - Brief Encounters -

#### Photographic Exhibition presented by Mark Fairhurst

Mark has photographed some of the most recognised people on the planet. This will be the first time he has shown some of his extensive portraiture collection. Until 13th May, you will be in the photographic "presence" of Queen Elizabeth II, Charles Prince of Wales, Countess Bathurst, Alex James, Keith Allen, Raymond Blanc, Sir James Dyson, Julian Lloyd Webber, Kevin McCloud - in fact probably the largest collection of famous names you will see in one place at any one time!

### Thursday 3rd May - Cinema - Boyhood (15)

Doors Open 7pm - Performance Starts 7.30pm

### Friday 4th May - Comedy at the Goods Shed

Once again, your host for the evening will be Tetbury's Matt

Roseblade bringing with him:

Tewkesbury's Jon Wagstaffe. In his own words, Jon is "Tewkesbury's finest and only stand-up comic. His take on modern life will have any audience in fits of laughter.

Morgan Rees left south Wales in order to enter comedy competitions. In 2017 alone, he was a Chortle Student Comedian finalist, second in So You Think You're Funny and third in the BBC's New Comedian of the Year. You saw him here first - he will be huge.

Cally Beaton, is an outstanding comedian - a natural storyteller full of intelligent, distinctive and punchline-rich material. Her act is a rollercoaster ride of anecdotes, observations and stuff even your best mate wouldn't admit to. As well as winning awards and plaudits, Cally has appeared several times on BBC Radio 4, including most recently on Museum of Comedy, and her first episode of QI on BBC1 was broadcast in January 2018.

### Saturday 5th May - Charlie Bicknell, No Angel

Doors Open 7pm - Performance Starts 7.30pm



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### Break a leg! - Monday 16 July 2018

Gyles Brandreth, actor, author, One Show reporter, former MP, QI, Have I Got News For You and Countdown veteran is returning to Whatley Manor with a new after-lunch entertainment he's calling BREAK A LEG!

£80pp, includes Champagne on arrival, three course lunch & coffee It's a celebration of all things theatrical, so this is Gyles on the stars he's known and the theatre stories that have made him laugh - and, occasionally, cry. Just a Minute regular Gyles will be joining guests for lunch and signing books.

To book call events on 01666 834 026

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Charlie Bicknell is a force to be reckoned with in No Angel – a new show packed with anarchy, wit, and comic ingenuity. Songs range from Tim Minchin to Meatloaf and from Jacques Brel to Bizet, with acrobatic antics whilst simultaneously singing! With exceptional pianist, David Harrod, and Jez Brodie (the ex-postman turned circus strongman), this show involves no actual animals and very few fish. A magnificent evening's entertainment!

**Thursday 10th May – Cinema – Bridge of Spies (12A)**

Doors Open 7pm – Performance Starts 7.30pm

**Friday 11th May -- Tom Carradine Cockney Singalong**

Doors Open 6.30pm – Performance Starts 7.00pm

Join Mr. Tom Carradine, on the Ol' Joanna, as he presents an evening of timeless songs with audience participation. Let your host lead you in a traditional cockney sing-a-long, with songs from the music hall era, World Wars I and II, the West End stage and traditional popular songs from across the decades, capturing the flavour and atmosphere of a good old fashioned knees up and recreating it for audiences young and old.

**16th May – Kottos**

Doors Open 7pm – Performance Starts 7.30pm

Josefine, Pernille, Christos and Bjarke met each other during their studies at the Royal Danish Academy of Music and they have been collaborating since in numerous concerts of classical music. In 2013 they decided to get together and form a quartet, under the name of KOTTOS, to share their passion for instrumental folk music and to feed their common need to explore progressive forms and alternative sounds. The music of KOTTOS can be best described as "instrumental folk music from a place that never existed".

**Thursday 17th May – Cinema – Tommy (15)**

Doors Open 7pm – Performance Starts 7.30pm

**18th May – Andrea Valeri**

Doors Open 7pm – Performance Starts 7.30pm

Described as the Prince of the Acoustic Guitar Andrea has been a worldwide success since he was just 16. Aged eighteen he was awarded the title of "Italian musical excellence". He has released six solo albums as well as collaborating and sharing the stage with some of the most important artists of the guitar and music world today.

**Thursday 24th May – Cinema - The Greatest Showman (PG)**

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**Thursday 31st May – Cinema – Death of Stalin ((15)**



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## Tetbury Art Society

**Spring Exhibition** Opens Saturday 5 - Monday 7 May at The Market House, Tetbury; 10 am - 5 pm each day. Admission free.

For further details call Nikki Heenan 01666 840883 or visit [www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk](http://www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk)

## Grittleton Grittleton Plant & Spring Fair

organised by children's charity Action Medical Research Set in the stunning surrounds of Grittleton House, plant lovers and "foodies" are in for a real treat, over 50 stalls selling plants from specialist nurseries, stunning accessories for your "room outside" and delicious local artisan produce. Mon 28 May 11am – 3pm Entrance - £3 per person, Children under 12 free. Assistance dogs only please. We are thrilled to announce there will be a guest appearance from Action's special mascot PADDINGTON™

All proceeds and donations will be going to support children's charity Action Medical Research. Action Medical Research is raising funds to offer hope to thousands of families across the UK who are dealing with the trauma of a baby born too early, striving to support a child affected by disability or facing the challenge of caring for a child with a rare and devastating disease for which there is no cure. Grittleton House.

For further details call If you are interested in having a stall please contact Tracey Edwards T 01225 776691 E [tedwards@action.org.uk](mailto:tedwards@action.org.uk) or visit [www.action.org.uk/grittleton\\_plant\\_and\\_food\\_fair](http://www.action.org.uk/grittleton_plant_and_food_fair)

## Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

**BREATHE [12A]** Wed 30 May Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door

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brothers (both played by Tom Hollander) and the groundbreaking ideas of inventor Teddy Hall (Hugh Bonneville), Robin and his wife Diana (Claire Foy) dare to escape the hospital ward to seek out a full and passionate life together – raising their young son, travelling and devoting their lives to helping other polio patients. Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email [l\\_palmer@btinternet.com](mailto:l_palmer@btinternet.com) or visit <http://www.moviola.org/>

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ChippFolk Festival 25-28 May Concerts throughout the town  
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## Neeld Community and Arts Centre

Martin Hughes-Games and Iolo Williams present Wildlife Road Trip Tues 1 May TV wildlife presenters from Springwatch, Autumnwatch and Winterwatch, Martin Hughes-Games and Iolo Williams present this informative and amusing wildlife show packed

with fascinating facts and fun. Their exciting journey is filled with real life stories and takes the audience behind the scenes of the wonderful world of wildlife and TV presenting.

Queen II Fri 11 May Queen II have been touring Britain and Europe captivating audiences with their nostalgic tribute show. The band faithfully recreates the energy, excitement, and emotion of a classic Queen concert. An authentic tribute, the four-piece band delivers powerful vocals, driving rock anthems and flamboyant showmanship.

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## Bath Fringe Festival

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[www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/](http://www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/)

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

### WATER – Wessex water

[www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/](http://www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/)

Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

### BBC Wiltshire can be heard via:

West Wilts area

(Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge): 104.3FM

## Useful Numbers

BT fault line	0800 800151
CLARENCE (Highway complaints)	0800 232323
Cllr John Thomson	01666 840785
Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	01249 652851
Sherston Parish Council	07790 883503
Sherston Post Office	01666 840456
Sherston School	01666 840237
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