

There's No Place Like Rome – The Pantomime



Sherston Drama Group's panto this year had the unusual subject of the early Roman empire. *There's no Place like Rome* by Mark Jack played to packed houses in Sherston Village Hall during the Autumn half term. The subject gave the cast the opportunity to make 'Roman' jokes and try out exaggerated Italian (or sometimes French) accents.

Sue Ormiston as Venus, Goddess of Love guided proceedings along with some remarkably bad verse. Immy Cambridge played the principal boy, Prince Alexander, with confident flair, culminating by winning an exciting sword fight with Kevin Smith's villainous Bilius. Niamh Andrews as principal girl Penne Pasta managed to resist the latter's attempts to seduce her in spite of being hauled around in chains for much of the pantomime, and to marry her prince in the end. John Pettit's dame, May Carlotta Pasta, lived up to her name in the slapstick pizzeria scene and showed great tassel control in some outrageously colourful outfits.

Sherston's favourite idiots Rory Calland and Harry Andrews as Maximus and Minimus contributed to thwarting Bilius's plans, largely by accident. Bilius's nasty guards Dolce and Gabbana (Milly Pettit and newcomer Bev Newcombe) stayed out of jail but got their comeuppance eventually.

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1016 fireworks

Sherston's bonfire and fireworks extravaganza will take place this year on Saturday 9 November starting at 6.30pm at Lower Farm Easton Town by kind permission of Mr & Mrs John Hillier.

In addition to Sherston 1016's fully insured and professional fireworks display, there will also be a BBQ as well as soft drinks and hot soup. Sparklers are not permitted at the display for safety reasons, but safe light-sabres and light-ropes will be on sale.

Entrance charges (non-refundable) are the same as last year, at £5 per adult and £3 per child on the gate, or £12 for an advance family ticket for two adults and up to three children, available from Sherston Post Office Store. All profit from the event goes towards the senior citizens Christmas vouchers.

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Smile out Loud

Smile Out Loud is a book written and illustrated by Nick Burrridge and Neil Forster and will be launched in the village hall on the evenings of Friday 29 and Saturday 30 November. The book takes a humorous look at everyday life in the form of prose from writer Nick Burrridge and is beautifully illustrated by Neil Forster. The launch of this limited edition book has Nick and Neil joined on stage by Kevin Smith acting out scenes from the book. Neil Forster will also provide a talk on his life and portraiture.

Nick and Neil have kindly donated the proceeds of the book to Sherston Magna Cricket Club. The money will be used to enhance the practice facilities at the cricket ground in Pinkney Park. At the time of going to press there were still a few tickets left for both evenings. The tickets are priced at £7.50 and are available from sherstonmagna@yahoo.co.uk.

If you are unable to make either of the evenings but would like to purchase a copy of Smile Out Loud, copies can be ordered at a price of £14 by contacting sherstonmagna@yahoo.co.uk.

Sherston in the 40s

Sherston in the 40s is an exhibition by the Royal British Legion held in the British School Rooms between 12.00noon and 5.00pm on Saturday 9 November. There will be exhibits from Easton Grey Camp, R.O.C, Home Guard, Tribute to the Fallen by Local Authors plus lots more. Please come along and share your stories. Donations to The Royal British Legion.

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Healthy Schools Plus award for Sherston!



Sherston Primary School has been officially recognised for its outstanding work to encourage children to look after their physical and mental health.

The Healthy Schools Plus awards scheme is a three-year government initiative funded by NHS Wiltshire. It requires schools to identify key issues for health and wellbeing, and implement a programme of improvement to meet targets.

Tackling childhood obesity was one of the themes chosen by the school. The aim was to increase the number of children bringing in a healthy packed lunch. There has been a well-documented revolution in the quality of school dinners, instigated by Jamie Oliver's campaign 'Feed me Better' back in 2005. But the Government's new guidelines, introduced in 2006, don't cover food brought in from home. In 2010, research by The Children's Food Trust found that packed lunches are often high in sugar, salt and fat.

The approach by some schools is to 'police' packed lunches. Packets of crisps are removed and a note is left for parents, to remind them that crisps aren't allowed under the school's healthy eating policy. At Sherston, staff have tried to get the message across in a different way, by educating and encouraging children to make good choices, and by making healthy eating fun.

Lara Farahar, who teaches Year 4, asked the children to complete a survey on what was in their packed lunches. She then ran a competition for pupils who designed and labelled a picture of a nutritionally balanced packed lunch. Rosie Shephard was the successful winner for her entry; a ham salad sandwich made with wholemeal bread, raw vegetables, fresh fruit with yoghurt, and water to drink. Lara made salads with Year 5 which they took around the school for other pupils to try. She also worked with Busy Hands Pre School, with the aim of reaching younger children soon to join the primary school. Two years later, the numbers of pupils bringing in a healthy lunch had almost doubled.

The school caterers – ABM – have been fully supportive of the initiative. Recently they ran a successful bread-making workshop and taught children how to make wholemeal bread without sugar or salt.

They've run food days from around the world, so when the focus was Australia, children had the opportunity to make dampers and taste different fruits.

The Healthy Schools Plus programme is about far more than just healthy eating. It's about keeping children safe, and improving mental health and wellbeing.

Suzanne Price, the reception class teaching assistant, is also the school's leader in First Aid. As part of the scheme, pupils from Year 5 and above are given the opportunity to do First Aid Training. The course consists of practical scenarios which teach children to deal with someone who is ill or involved in an accident. They also learn how to look after a casualty,



put someone in the recovery position, and deal with choking and asthma attacks.

Those taking part achieved a 100% pass rate, and some pupils have furthered their skills by entering the St John Ambulance Young First Aider competition, a national event open to all schools.

To improve pupil's wellbeing, there is now a chill-out zone in the Environment area, where pupils can find some peace, away from the busy playground, and have quiet time. Some classes have set up their own reflective areas as part of Religious Education.

With its targets exceeded, the staff are eager to ensure that all children joining the school benefit from the programme. And barely having paused for breath, the team are thinking of ideas for the next level of achievement. The Silver award. Watch this space.

By Fi Picton

The Story of Sherston's first BIG ART installation...

Sherston's first BIG ART project appeared at the British School Room during the Sherston Arts Festival: the peg village. There was one simple aim: to encourage children to get involved in art. And they did, with 75 beautiful artworks, over 100 pegs and a wonderful model village!



Our first stop was Sherston Brownies who were invited to make some of the buildings. Over three weeks, they glued, got messy with papier-mâché and painted everything from stables to a roman temple. They approached the project with amazing enthusiasm every week and it was a real lesson in just going for it. They added lots of fun along the way - even building a swimming pool in the school (what do you think FSS!?!).

Next stop was Busy Hands Pre School who created their own little mini village in the Busy Hands Close which you may have seen in the post office window during POP. The preschoolers loved making the buildings and peg people - showing lots of imagination to make their own little world.

We also paid a visit to Sherston Toddlers - even if you can't hold a paintbrush, you can still create art. We provided the planes and they provided the colour; lots of aeroplanes and a lovely hanger to store them all in Sherston's first airport!

The Sherston Craft Group completed the village with structural trees and gardens. Each one was an individual work of art created with wire and tissue paper. With details such as lawn mowers, pretty gardens and fruit, it really brought the village together beautifully.



But who could we ask to fill the village? We wanted to get as many children involved as possible so we gave each pupil at Sherston Primary School a peg person and a few scraps of material to hopefully spark their imagination. The pegs were interpreted in so many amazing ways - from knights to pandas and everything else in between. We loved that each one had its own personality, bringing the village to life. Thank you to James Pyle & Co estate agents for sponsoring the whole project and enabling us to distribute over 200 peg people. Thank you also to Mrs John Matthews for providing the art prizes.

With a few final touches (and a lot of green paint), the peg village was filled and there you have it – Sherston's first BIG ART project. A real collaborative work of art!

Thank you to every young person who contributed their time and fantastic creativity to this project and also to those who entered their wonderful artwork.

Finally, well done to all the Sherston Arts Festival winners: Martha Dennis, Lottie Ravenhill, James Hulme, Amelia Fuller, Dylan Daybell, Solomon Pitt, Honor Llewellyn Palmer, Bess Porch, Darcy Bishop More, Grace Strachan, Ben and Amalie Gray, Ava Bekarian and Digby Munson. Congratulations must also go to William Hulme for his roller-skating dog picture - the first young artist ever to sell a painting at the festival!

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The great bell robbery?



Is this the end of bell ringing in Sherston? Do these photos, extracted from a secret file formerly held by Roger Whitehouse, show evidence of dubious persons and shady goings-on?

Or are they some reminders of the Herculean struggle to install the bells back in 1979?

Hugh Thomson-Glover, the vicar at that time, remembers that he had expected some high-tech equipment to arrive with the bells when in fact the installation relied on plenty of muscle and a block and tackle.

The re-hanging was masterminded by Gordon Edwards, and 34 years later we ring twice a week courtesy of him.

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This year's Arts Festival started with the Preview Evening in the church, with a record number of paintings and artworks submitted to the Art Exhibition and stunning flower displays on the theme of 'Best of British'. The Festival was opened by the Rev. Hugh Thomson Glover, a painter himself, who was vicar of Sherston from 1976 to 1993 and a founder of both the Arts Festival and the Boules competition in the 1980s.

The first weekend saw a host of activities from jewellery-making and the Young Musicians' Concert to the visit by Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre with Peter and the Wolf – a great way to spend a wet Sunday afternoon with the children. The Scarecrow Trail, with a bumper number of 29 scarecrows, suffered a little in the inclement weather, but still attracted over 70 families over the first weekend. The Young Artists' Exhibition in the British School Room also opened with its BIG ART community project The Peg Village (see page 4).

During the week, we had the Senior Citizens' Afternoon with visiting poet John Johnson, the Book Group in the Rattlebone and the Art Lecture by Paul Chapman, speaking on the Best of British Art. All events were well supported, as was our Festival

Concert by Opera Sulis. This group of four singers with piano accompanist gave us all a musical treat with highlights from opera and the shows.

The second weekend featured the Photographic Exhibition in the village hall with, again, a record number of entries of a very high standard and well presented. Calendars for 2014 featuring a selected number of these photographs will be on sale in the post office so do look out for them.

The Festival ended with prize-giving events for the Photography and Young Artists' Exhibitions and the Festival Service in the church.


There were a large number of people who contributed to the smooth running of the Festival and thanks to all of them – providing refreshments, setting up the exhibitions, selling tickets, etc. Thanks also to those who created pictures, photographs, peg people, flower arrangements and scarecrows, etc. There was a fantastic response from those wanting to take part which was very encouraging.

The main reason for the Arts Festival has always been to give local residents the opportunity to enjoy arts events here in Sherston, but we do also make a profit which is shared between our main venues – the church, the village hall and the British School Room, all of which need financial support.



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Learning through nature at Busy Hands Pre School

The weather will not be stopping our Busy Hands children from some exciting outdoor adventures this winter as we introduce more nature-based play this year. Our new woodland sessions are a great way for children to enjoy natural play. This month we have already created everything from caves to campfires. Liz Snow, our wonderfully creative woodland leader, really brings natural play to life each session.



A few weeks ago the children foraged for stones and sticks to make their campfire. They spent the session enjoying one of our favourite stories *Bear snores on*. Leaders Kate and Liz explored the story with the children in the cave they had created - with everyone howling and snoring like bears and squeaking like mice (if you were walking past Busy Hands that morning you will know that the children embraced that bit!). Finishing the session eating freshly popped popcorn ended their campfire adventures until the next week. Plans for future sessions include using mini tools to make mini beast houses and bird tables.

Nature provides so many opportunities for fun play and the new outdoor area at Busy Hands ensures a safe backdrop for adventurous learning. We run woodland school sessions every week and have free-flow outside play every day.

For more details or to put your child's name down on the waiting list at Busy Hands Pre School, please email chair@sherstonbusyhands.org.uk.



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Key movements explored will include Surrealism; French Poetic Realism; Italian Neo-realism, etc. It will encompass the work of many notable European directors as well as British directors working in the UK. Students will learn about what constitutes cinematic 'style' and how the making and interpretation of films is informed by specific social and historical contexts.

The course also aims to explain how film-making has developed as an industry and as an art form in Europe over the past 100 years. It will consider questions like 'Are European films different from American films?', and 'How important is cinema to European culture?'

Each session will incorporate visual presentations including the screening of clips from films to support the study and discussion of specific topics.

Six weekly meetings starting on Friday 8 November, 10.00am until 12.00noon at Sherston Village Hall.

Tutor: Dr. Tim Hammond

Course Fee: £40 (Free to anyone in receipt of a means-tested benefit)

Enquiries and bookings: Tony Wood, 840558 or Carolyn Hewitson, 840295.

'Your Community in 300 words' Free, Writing Competition

Do you have a story to tell about a local hero or family member, or maybe a local legend? Have you successfully completed a project that has improved where you live? Is there a place near where you live in Wiltshire that is close to your heart? Why not tell us about it by entering our free writing competition?

This October and November, wfcap (The Wiltshire Forum of Community Area Partnerships) invites you to enter our free writing competition for residents of Wiltshire. The idea is to celebrate Wiltshire - its environment, heritage and the vibrant communities living there. As always we aim to promote the achievements of the Community Area Partnerships that we work with, but we're also asking other residents of Wiltshire to share their stories with a wider audience; to uncover hidden secrets of the county or to highlight local successes. Individuals and/or groups can submit entries.

There are three categories:

1. A report on a project that has benefited your community.
2. A piece about local folklore or history.
3. A short article about your favourite place in Wiltshire.

Entries can also include an image or drawing relevant to the article NOT taken from the internet but produced by the writer(s). 200 to 300 words is approximately what we are looking for but no more than one side of A4. To register and receive the full rules and conditions on how to submit your entry, email wfcapwritingcomp@gmail.com. Deadline is midnight on 30 November.

Judging will take place at our winter forum event on 5 December. Articles will be mainly judged on the story's content. There will be small prizes for the winners but the aim is to use these articles in various media to promote the communities of Wiltshire. So what are you waiting for? Register now and get writing.

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Malmesbury Branch of the Embroiderers Guild

The Malmesbury Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild has two events in November. On Tuesday 12 at 7.30pm we have a speaker – Liz Brooke Ward. Her talk, entitled 'All Stitched Up', is about her wallhangings inspired by the natural landscape and poetry. Visitors are welcome. Entry is £5, including tea or coffee.

On Saturday 30 we have a workshop from 10.00am to 4.00pm entitled 'Cathedral Windows or Log Cabin Patchwork' by Anne Chapman. Ideal for newcomers or experienced patchworkers alike, this workshop is open to non-members but must be booked in advance. Please phone Ruth Vaughan on 826597 to book or for more information.

Both the talks and workshops are held at Little Somerford Village Hall.

Dorothy House Hospice Quiz Night

The local group of volunteers for the Dorothy House Hospice is holding a quiz night again at Crudwell village hall on Saturday 16 November. The last one in 2012 was very popular and everybody said how successful it was. Dorothy House is a local hospice which has been very supportive to many people in Sherston.

Please try and support this event. If you cannot come and wish to donate a raffle prize or something towards the evening please contact me below.

7.00pm for a 7.15pm start. Four to six in a team. £8 per person including a ploughman's.

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Sherston Church Bazaar: Saturday 23 November

Come and support your church and also meet up with old and new friends at this year's church bazaar. It will be held in the village hall on Saturday 23 November, starting at 12.30pm with homemade soup, and bacon or cheese rolls. There will be various stalls, including nearly new toys, jewellery, cakes, produce and Christmas gifts. There will also be a tombola and a raffle. Teas and mince pies will be served during the afternoon and Mount Zion Choir will provide musical entertainment. We hope that Father Christmas will pay a visit.

If you would like to help on the day, run a stall, or contribute items for the stalls or raffle, please get in touch with either Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Whitehouse 840640. There will also be a list in church to sign.

Sherston Ladies Swimming Club

After over 30 years of swimming at Westonbirt Pool, the Swimming Club is in danger of closing down due to falling membership numbers. So if it is something you have always intended to do or you used to belong and your membership has lapsed, please consider joining and save us having to cease. We swim between 8.00pm and 9.00pm on Wednesday evenings, the water is warm and we are a friendly group.

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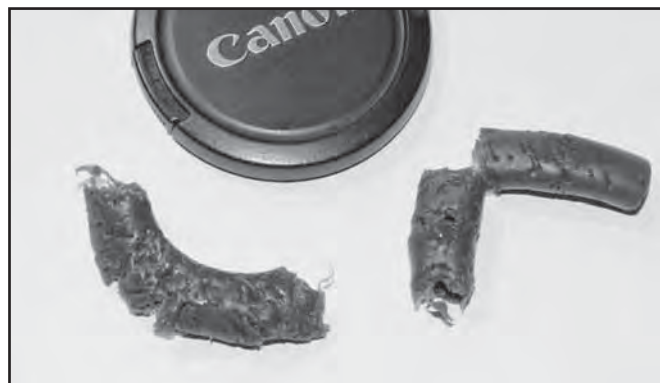
We are now into the full flow of autumn with long queues at Westonbirt. The deciduous trees drop their leaves as a response to shorter days and less sun so the 'cost' to the tree of maintaining its leaves is greater than the benefit it receives. The tree forms a layer of dead cells (called an Abscission layer) at the base of each leaf so it drops off. The leaves fall to the ground and start to make compost for following years while the tree shuts down for the winter ready for the spring.

The birds are also changing their behaviour now that they have finished their post-breeding moult. Many of the birds that stay here over the winter go into a full moult once the last chicks have fledged so during September they tend to skulk amongst the bushes keeping out of the way of predators as they can't fly as well. They grow a new set of wing and body feathers ready for the winter. Birds that are very territorial during the summer, such as great tits, become very social during the winter.

Recent research on winter flocks of great tits has shown that individual behaviours affect their social lives. A project in Oxfordshire was able to identify great tits that were bold and those that were shy. The birds were electronically tagged and introduced into a new environment with sunflower feeders (which could read the tags). They found the bold birds tended to associate with other bold birds, while the shy birds also

formed flocks. If you see a flock of great tits (which can be up to 40 individuals) have a guess if they are a bold group or a shy one. Bear in mind that we have five different species of tit around the village - the great and blue tits, which you will regularly see on the bird feeders, coal tits, which may occasionally appear, long tail tits, which tend to stay out in the countryside in flocks of 10-20 and the scarce march tit (which I have seen in Grove Wood - see picture).

The plans for Wild Sherston are in hand, set for 17 and 18 May 2014, with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Butterfly Conservation and the Wiltshire Ornithological Society, amongst others, participating.



Finally, the second contribution to the Sherston Museum of Slightly Odd Things has arrived (following the rabbit skull a couple of months ago) the identification of which forms the first ever quiz in the column. In September, Pat Smith, who lives in Wood Close, found her curly garden hose had been chewed through. As you can see from the picture (with a lens cover to give a sense of scale), something has gone to some effort to chew it to bits. Any insights as to what may have caused this, please let me know (geoff_carss@hotmail.com or 840995) - the prize is a mention in next month's edition!. If the cause can't be identified, maybe I should send it to Chris Packham ...

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Bag2School collection: Monday 11 November

Following a successful Bag2School fundraising effort in March, the Friends of Sherston School (FSS) have organised a second collection for Monday 11 November.

Children at the school were recently sent home with a bag to fill with second-hand – but good quality (ie no holes!) – clothing, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. Bag2School will collect the bags, weigh them and send the FSS a cheque based on the weight. The FSS are hoping to raise enough money to buy some much-needed cross-country bibs and new sets of netball bibs for the school.

If you don't have a child at the school but would like to donate any items, please contact Sophie Cheetham on 07786 990045 or sophcheetham@gmail.com to arrange collection.

Carpenters Arms

Many residents will have noticed with sadness that the 'Carps' is presently shut having closed its doors in mid October. Enquiries of the owners Enterprise Inns plc have revealed that it is intended that the pub reopens as soon as possible with new tenants. There seems no good reason why Sherston cannot support two public houses but obviously the financial package offered in respect of the 'Carps' needs to be one which is sustainable for any new tenants.



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Richard Warren was suitably confused as the Emperor Nauseous, and there were wonderful cameos from Finlay Evans as Luciano Pavarotti; Riaan Van Rooyen as a security guard from the southern hemisphere, and Phil Daniels as Julius Caesar, morphed into a stand-up comedian. In Act II the action shifted to Egypt and we were introduced to Anthony and Cleopatra (Mark Andrews and Georgina Evans) living as a middle-aged couple with daughter Selene (CJ Egerton) who now can add camel herding to her CV to go with her impressive vocal skills. Mark Anthony failed to drill his soldiers into an efficient fighting force, not surprising when they consisted of the dumb Thickea (Finlay McLeish); a mummy (Kate Neal); Poshtoff (Dominic Evans); and Campitup (Shaun Scott – enough said). Cleopatra is still a feisty ruler with a commanding voice, but rather suspects the handmaiden Hypatia (Sue Lehrer) of stealing Mark Anthony's affections. Sherston's young performers were kept busy in multiple roles such as DHL the Messenger (Luke Tappin), Spurius Bonus the senate leader and banker (Tim Illife-Moon); cool dude Alfez (James Bowles) and Orvillus Wrightus the aviator (Annalise Jacques). André and Kyle Van Rooyen put in a hilarious turn as Camilla, a remarkably shabby camel with eye problems.

New choreographer Sarah Scherer created some stunning and original dances, with Grace Pettit standing out even among a very high standard for girls and boys. Richard Skeffington directed, helped by Caroline Dickenson and Katie Skeffington, and Sue Ormiston painted four completely new



Photos: Marc Lehrer



scenes showing Rome and Egypt – 900 square feet in all! Hazel Jarrett prompted, Finlay Evans marshalled the stage crew, Paul Ormiston and Ewan Blair were a reliable pair on sound and lights respectively, Vee Skeffington ran the Box Office, and Christine Massey sourced (or made) the large number of props. The wonderfully colourful costumes were due to Helen Mcleish, Tahiti Van Rooyen, Gail Aitken and Emma Bowles, while Caty Tappin once again completed a great community effort as Front of House organiser.

Next production should be Derek Benfield's comedy *Fish out of Water* in April. Watch this space!

2014 Sherston Arts Festival Calendar

The 12 images have been taken from those submitted in the Photographic Competition. The images show some of the lovely sights and events that take place round Sherston.

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Is your baby under six months old? We are offering a five week post-natal baby massage at £3.50 per week (free concessions available). Starts Thursday 7 November 2.00pm to 3.30pm (please call to book). These sessions support bonding, use massage to settle babies, supporting sleep, crying and routines. Delivered by a health professional who is a holistic therapist.

If you are thinking about going back to work, our free 10 week 'Job Skills' course would be a great place to start. You will develop skills in job searching, CV writing, how to perform in interviews and much more. At the end of the course you should feel more confident and have a plan of what you will do next. Places and free childcare are limited. Please contact the centre to book. Starts Wednesday 1.00pm to 2.45pm from 13 November to 11 December, resuming after Christmas from 15 January to 11 February.

Parenting can be particularly stressful at Christmas. Come along to our free bitesize 'Surviving Christmas' evening session on Thursday 28 November 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Feel more confident with top tips on managing the impact this busy time can have on routines, expectations, dealing with your children and visitors and more. Parents have said they have found this session particularly helpful and made family life less stressful.

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As a child I wasn't interested in dolls or climbing trees. My Mum tells me I always had pen and paper in my hands, and was either drawing something or pretending I was on stage. As a teenager, my friends' Mums would always ask if I could go and do their hair or paint their nails for them ... So, a creative me was always there from a young age.

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'Affordable luxury items seems like a contradiction but it isn't. During a recession, people tend to feel deprived. Starting a small retail operation that sells a mid-level luxury instead of a top-level luxury might do very well.'

I read this little nugget a few months ago whilst I was sitting at home wondering whether to go and find a part-time job or do something for myself. With my girls growing up fast, but still in school, how could I find a job to fit around them? I then heard about Sherston POP, and having recently qualified as an eyelash technician, I thought I might just give it a go.

I spent weeks (and many a late night) ordering products, getting the room decorated, and making it ready to be a comfortable but functional space for me to work. I decided that individual eyelash extensions alone wasn't enough, so I added Shellac nails and St Tropez tanning to the offerings.

The eyelash extensions take up to two hours for a full set. It's a very intricate treatment that takes patience and precision, but the result is amazing! And they last for about a month.

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With (dare I say it) Christmas just around the corner, why not treat yourself and have gorgeous lashes, gorgeous nails, and a glowing tan?

I worked in Marketing for IBM for too many years and took up photography as a hobby. I've always thought I should be doing something to fuel my inner creative passion, but have never quite found it -until now.

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SH.O.C.CThe Sherston Choir commenced its autumn term at the beginning of October and was pleased to welcome new members. We will be rehearsing in the British Schoolroom in Cliff Road at 7.00pm each Wednesday up to 4 December. You are more than welcome to join at this late stage if you are a music reader as we will have been rehearsing for six weeks by the time of this publication. Look out for the Choir at Easton Grey church for a Christmas 'Swingle' concert in December.

In January 2014 SHOCC will be looking for a new musical director while Nicki Heenan takes a break due to family commitments. Should you be interested in applying for this post please contact Nicki at nicki.heenan@btinternet.com. This is a great opportunity if you have always wanted to conduct a choir. We do not have a resident accompanist so keyboard skills would be useful.

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Walk with Sue

With the flurry of Christmas preparations in full flow there won't be a walk in November. The next one will be on Sunday 29 December – ideal for walking off the mince pies. Full details in next month's edition.

Shoebox time again

On Saturday 16 November the British Schoolroom in Cliff Road will be open from 10.00am until 12.00noon as a 'drop off point' to receive boxes, which will then be taken to the Melksham Checking Depot.

Refreshments will be available while the latest five minute DVD is shown continuously - celebrating this year's delivery of the 100 millionth shoebox. Amazingly, 105 countries now give to 130 other countries.

See www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk. Do pop in for a while.

Clem's Club

Clem's Club will meet on Tuesday 5 and 19 November. All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat, 2.30pm to 4.00pm (alternating with the Senior Club), in the British School Room, Cliff Road.



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TREEtalk

November

by Irene Johnston



Delia had a point...

Remember the cringe-worthy 'Let's be 'avin you' from Delia Smith to fans in 2005 when Manchester City managed to draw level with Norwich City after 45 minutes, despite having gone 2-0 down? Well, I now know how she felt. Two weekends into Grove Wood, with just a handful of regulars turning up, I want to do a similar rant to get people to lend a hand - and preferably villagers of working, rather than close to retirement, age!

Where are you all? I know Sunday mornings are precious. A lie-in is nice. But we don't start that early - you still have time for breakfast before arriving between 10.00am and 11.00am to wield loppers/secateurs/pruning saws to help tame the brambles and restore some order. We're trying to create some space so we can plant lots of wild daffodils and snowdrops in the coming months. Ditto the riverbank where overhanging branches are clogging up the flow of water. The results should be worth the effort. There's plenty to do but too few of us to do it.

Why not turn up for a week or two? We'll find you a job to do, provide heavy-duty gloves, hot drinks and Hobnobs and we won't even complain if you decide it's not for you. But at least, give it a go. Please get in touch with Sue or myself for more information.

Another tree for the rec

Thanks to Pat Smith for kindly donating a young crab apple tree which we shall shortly be planting on the Rec.

Seasons of mists....

This is a bumper year for autumn colour and forest fruits, thanks to the ideal mix of sunshine and rain which has produced perfect conditions for the sugars to build up in the leaves. The vibrant hues of our village trees and the maples, spindles and beeches at the Arboretum have been spectacular and are still looking good at the beginning of November.

For further information from Sherston's Tree Wardens, contact Irene Johnston on 841273, email: Ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk or Sue McKechnie on 840601, email: susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk.

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Community Transport Meeting

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We look forward to seeing you on the 20th to consider this important subject.



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The POP up village was created firstly as a fun community experience and we hope that you enjoyed it. Thank you to everyone who took part and to those who supported POP.

Now to the bit you have all been waiting for ... the first POP up village in the world raised a truly amazing £4,178.89. THANK YOU all.

The money will be split between Sherston Primary School (£2,000), Busy Hands Pre School (£1,500) and Sherston Toddlers (just over £678). Spending plans are still being made but we have been given a flavour of what they intend to do. Sherston Primary School is investing in a play shed and other playground improvements. Meanwhile Busy Hands also have their plans firmly rooted in nature as they finish their new outdoor area which will now include new fencing, forest school tools, a tree hideaway, murals and a mud pie kitchen. Toddlers will be using the donations to reinvigorate the experiences on offer, including two new toddler height craft tables and a play kitchen - plus the donation will secure their future for the next few years. Each of these investments will really add to every child in Sherston's future and they will continue to add value for many years to come. On behalf of Sherston School, Busy Hands Pre-School and Sherston Toddlers - thank you again!

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This headline referred to Chancel Repair Liability (CRL), an ancient law which gives churches the right to call upon certain landowners to contribute towards the repair of the chancel of a church. Usually this will be their local church, but that is not always the case. You may have been told by your mortgage provider that you must take out insurance against CRL.

In a long legal case which ended in 2003, a family in Warwickshire had to sell their farm house to pay CRL and years of legal bills. Although they lost their case against CRL, it brought about a change in the law. Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) were given ten years to find out about the CRL position in their parishes and decide what to do about it. By 13 October 2013, to be eligible to collect CRL in the future, PCCs had to register land affected by CRL with the Land Registry.

Sherston PCC has spent well over a year researching the situation as far as Holy Cross Church is concerned. We discovered that a considerable amount of land and property in Sherston, Alderton and Willesley carries CRL for Holy Cross Church (as I mentioned above, land can have CRL for a church which is not its local one).

The important thing to say immediately, if you hadn't already guessed it from the headline of this article, is that Sherston PCC has decided not to register and enforce CRL against affected land. So your local clergy are not 'racing to claim their cash' as the newspaper journalist said.

Village hall 300+ club

October 2013 Draw

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6th	101	Liz Walker	£7
7th	108	Michael Gray	£6
8th	210	Jenny Verard	£5

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

The PCC has had to build a detailed case to support this decision and many of these details will probably not be of general interest. We would like everyone to know, however, that an important factor in our decision has been the knowledge that Holy Cross Church is already very well-supported by the local community. The appeal for the new roof a couple of years ago brought an overwhelming response and our more recent stewardship campaign has now put the church finances back on a steadier footing. We very much appreciate the voluntary support we already enjoy and would like our good relationship with the local community to continue.

Just one final note of caution if this issue involves you personally. Although any possibility of CRL relating to Holy Cross Church has now been removed from local property owners, the PCC cannot offer a complete guarantee that there may not be CRL relating to another church on land and property in the local area. This is a very remote possibility, but please don't do anything based only on what you have read in this article. If in doubt you would need to take advice elsewhere.

Sue Robinson, Churchwarden, Holy Cross Church

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Sherston Market

All is set for the first market day on Saturday 16 November in the village hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm. The market will have its own cafe selling amongst other goodies bacon sarnies using locally produced bacon. The market will have almost twenty stalls so there should be something for everyone. With Christmas just around the corner they will plenty of opportunities to buy some wonderful handmade presents, decorations and cards plus pickles jams and much more. There has been so much interest in taking stalls that some have had to be disappointed but fear not we intend on giving as many stallholders as possible a chance to show their wares at future markets the next one being on Saturday 14 December.

Sherston Senior Club

Once again our club enjoyed a nice day out and good weather to go with it. This time we had a trip to Gloucester Quays Shopping outlet and Gloucester Waterways Museum. I think everyone enjoyed themselves. The only problem was that the day wasn't long enough as there was so much to see and do.

Our most recent meeting, in October, was at the British School Room, where we were treated to poems and songs conducted by Mr John Johnson as part of the Sherston Arts Festival.

From your Chairman, Malcolm Hillier. Tel 840737

High Street - Road works

Other than some final 'snagging' items to resolve these are now complete. Over the next few months the new layout will be monitored and it will be possible to make minor adjustments if necessary. Although the scheme has taken longer than anticipated to be finished it appears to be working well and achieved its aim of improving pedestrian safety by the installation of raised pavements.

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS



Photo: Jo Egerton

This year's Hurl proved to be a magnificent success with some absolutely awesome mangolds kindly supplied by Warleigh Lodge Farm at Bathford. With luck we may have found a secure supply of mangolds for future Hurls.

At the time of going to press I am afraid there is much discussion between the Order and the Cliffhanger editorial team over the proposed colour supplement on the Hurl. For some reason the editorial team is balking at the cost as well as the 60 plus page length which the Order feels is necessary to do justice to the event. Whilst negotiations continue I am only allowed just the one photo amongst the intended 374. Hopefully matters will be resolved in time for December's edition.

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News from Holy Cross Church

It was lovely to see our church decorated again this year for the Harvest festival. Clearly it has been a particularly good season for giant marrows. Generally, it seems the agricultural year has been better than some recently, and certainly more predictable. At the Harvest service we heard an interesting description of life in the Young Farmers, and then enjoyed a good meal.

Another highlight of the last month was the Horrible History themed event run by Holy Cross church for the POP Up Village. Over 30 children enjoyed a truly mediaeval experience, thanks to the efforts of the Fisher family and others.

From time to time it's useful for a church community to spend a few hours together thinking about what we do and our place within the village. Regular church council meetings tend to focus on buildings and churchyards, so the opportunity to develop a wider vision can be really inspiring. We will be holding an Away Day this month which aims to do just that. Everyone is invited – not just the PCC, not even just regular attenders. The Away Day for Sherston will be between 10.00am and 3.00pm on Saturday 2 November, at Whatley Manor. No charge, but we'll be eating in the restaurant there. For this event it would be really useful to know numbers –

please let Helen Price or the Vicar know if you hope to come.

Our annual Service of Thanksgiving will be on Sunday 3 November at 6.00pm. At this service we remember by name all those whose funerals have been held in the last year in any of our eight churches, as well as any other names given to us of people who have died elsewhere or longer ago. There is the opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones, during a simple and reflective evening service. If you would like a name to be read out, please let one of the clergy know beforehand.

Last year we enjoyed a wonderful Advent Service of Light, with a good choir drawn from across our churches. We hope to offer a similar service this year, on Sunday 1 December at 6.00pm. The choir is open to all and will have a few rehearsals. We would love to encourage as many people as possible to take part – please contact Christopher on 837522 or Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com for more information.

Approaching Christmas, the Sherston Bazaar will be held from 12.00noon in the village hall on Saturday 23 November.

Remembrance Sunday is perhaps the best attended service during the entire year, beginning at 10.45am on 10 November. It is a time both to remember the dead and injured of past wars and to support those who currently serve in our armed forces. In previous years several of our parish services have been attended by a contingent from Buckley Barracks. However, with the cuts to the armed services and the high commitments the forces sustain, we are finding that many of the personnel who are in the UK are on well-earned leave at this time and therefore Sherston is unlikely to receive a detachment. Of course, whether they are present or absent the armed forces personnel and their families will be no less in our prayers and thoughts.

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Malmesbury Abbey Music Society is looking forward to an evening of brass with the London Brass Symposium in Malmesbury Abbey

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society (MAMS) is very much looking forward to an evening of brass with the London Brass Symposium in Malmesbury Abbey on Saturday 16 November at 7.30 pm. The London Brass Symposium is a group of professional orchestral musicians who delight in playing together as a quintet whenever they have the opportunity. Stuart Jenkins (trumpet), Ian Lynch (trumpet), Gillian Jones (French horn), Andy Flaxman (trombone) and Marc Easener (tuba) will delight us with a varied mixture of classical and light music from Handel, Bach, Horowitz, Gershwin and Grainger. The concert promises to be a real treat.

Tickets for the concerts are priced at £12, or £5 for students, and can be obtained from the Abbey Bookshop, or the MAMS Ticket Secretary, David Barton on 824924, email d.barton763@btinternet.com. Alternatively, they can be bought online through the Malmesbury website www.malmesbury.com/mams.

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- Saturday 9 November from 9.30am to 12.30pm; and
- Thursday 14 November from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome Fiona Plowman to our reception team. Fiona joined us in August and she is working every afternoon. Over the last year or so, we have been adjusting and improving cover throughout the surgery, and Fiona is the last piece in the jigsaw puzzle. Sally, who has worked for many years at the surgery doing all sorts of things alongside her Healthcare Assistant role, now works exclusively on direct patient care and has handed over her many administrative tasks to others in the team. This has meant a great improvement in access to nurse appointments.

Malmesbury Our Community Matters

Could you represent local people on the Malmesbury's Community Campus?

Local people have a chance to plan how their services could be delivered in the future in the Malmesbury Community area, as first steps are taken towards a community campus.

The Malmesbury area board launched the project with a presentation at its September area board when it invited volunteers to join a shadow community operations board (COB) which will look at what services local people want and need to serve the town and villages. The COB will be involved in developing and delivering a proposal for the Malmesbury Community Area Campus.

We are still looking for more people to represent the community, especially those who represent young people and from sports and recreation, so if you would like to join us please let us know.

Further information about the Malmesbury Community Campus can be found here where a short expression of interest form can also be found.

Please send your expressions of interest form as soon as possible to: Campus and Operational Delivery Programme, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 8JN or electronically to campusconsultation@wiltshire.gov.uk



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Our idea is Creative Carousel, a club for children aged between five and eleven. Creative Carousel involves a range of activities which enables children to imagine, create, enquire and investigate the world around them. Initially we will be holding two Christmas themed mornings in December with a view to running a Saturday morning club in the New Year.

Setting up our own business has been exciting for us as we have now got all of our insurance, first aid and marketing etc. in place. We are both having a few sleepless nights due to this unknown venture as well as feeling very excited about what lies ahead.

Although our website, www.creativecarousel.co.uk is in the early stages of construction please take a look or ask us when you see us around. Have a look at our advertisement in this edition of the Cliffhanger.

Gulp! Heather Macleod and Lara Farahar



Sherston WI was delighted to be part of the exciting Pop-Up weekend. Visitors to the Scout Hut enjoyed creating floral arrangements under the tuition of two members who are excellent florists.

Many members of Sherston WI celebrated the 73rd birthday in October with an evening at the Mayfield House Hotel in Crudwell. This month's meeting on 7 November at 2.30pm in the British School Room will include a talk by Richard Broadhead on the Wiltshire Soldiers of the Great War. Anyone interested in this topic will be welcome - just come along on the day, no ticket required.

The Table Top sale in the Village Hall on 9 November will begin at 9.30am. Entry will be free and refreshments will be served. To book a last minute table call Alison on 07909 737096 or Jill on 840 578. You pay £10 and any profits are yours.

In December we shall have a Christmas flower demonstration, just in time for the festive season. Do come along. You will be made welcome.

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Cricket

While the summer seems a distant memory, those who managed to make it to the photographic exhibition in the village hall as part of Sherston Arts Festival will have been reminded of summer, not only by the outstanding exhibits in the competition, but the remarkable collection of cricket photographs taken by local amateur photographer Nick Burrige. Nick followed the junior and senior sides during the 2013 season and showed his fine collection of pictures of cricket, characters and beautiful locations in a series of prints and photobooks displayed in the village hall. The cricket club would like to give Nick their warmest of thanks for taking the time to provide such an extraordinary record of the year.

If you were unable to attend the exhibition but would be interested in purchasing a print or photobook, details of items available and prices can be obtained by contacting sherstonmagna@yahoo.co.uk. A selection of prints will also be made available to view on the cricket club website www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com.

On Saturday 19 October the club held their end of season presentation evening at the Rattlebone Inn where 40 members and partners enjoyed a fine meal. The season's awards went to Andrew Jarvis (Batsman), Harry Stevens (Bowler), Ewen Kenny (Player), James Kutchera (Clubman), Milo Morgan (Young Player) and James Skeldon (Junior). The award for winning the Sherston Sixes was also presented to Magna Magic (captain Ben Dickenson).

There was also very special recognition of Neil Forster's enormous contribution to the club since it started at Pinkney Park, especially coaching the junior section and for everything that he continues to do. He accepted the invitation to become the first President of Sherston Magna Cricket Club.

On Sunday 20 October the club had their first indoor game of the winter season. Sherston were up against last year's division 1 champions Winsley in the first game. Winsley scored 133 for 4 in their 10 overs and Sherston scored 90 for 5 in their reply, so

Sherston lost by 43 runs.

If you are interested in playing indoor cricket please contact Andy Pegg on andypegg28@gmail.com or 07725 909489. The games take place fortnightly on a Sunday afternoon, take just over an hour to complete and are held at Sheldon School in Chippenham.

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The parish council is taking up this opportunity and would like residents in the parish to suggest signs, markings and street furniture which can be removed. The list will then be reviewed by the parish council, and passed to Wiltshire Council Highways for final consideration.

Those making the suggestions are asked to remember that signs etc which are required by regulation (e.g. speed limit or weight limit signs etc) cannot be removed. All other signs will be considered.

Residents are therefore invited to make suggestions as to which signs, markings or street furniture they would like to be considered for removal. Suggestions should be made to the parish clerk, Mrs Sarah Woods, (840197 or clerk@sherston.org.uk).

The final date for suggestions to be received is 30 November 2013

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council next meets on Thursday 14 November in the village hall at 7.30pm – there is no meeting in August. 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 Mrs. Sarah Wood on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read.

Area Board

The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council takes place at Malmesbury Town Hall on Wednesday 6 November 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. This is an opportunity for residents to see their area board in action and to participate in discussions. All welcome

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See the Parish Life for more details

Mustard Seeds is a Saturday morning club for children aged 4 and over, from 10am – 12noon once a month.

Congregational Church - in The British

Schoolroom 1st & 2nd Sundays of month: Service at 11am – 12 noon followed by coffee/chat. **3rd Sunday Service** at 3pm. **4th Sunday Service** at 4pm. **5th Sunday** (occasionally) members visit Castle Combe Congregational Church Service 10.30am For further details see parish Life or phone 07778 934742.

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

Gauzebrook Church for Children

Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them:

Junior Church is held at Court House, Hullavington now on the first Sunday of each month, except for August. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Ness Whiffin 840185.

Little Lights

The first date of the Autumn term will be Thurs 12 Sept 12, 10.30 am in Hullavington church and weekly thereafter. Children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers come from across the Group, including Sherston, for songs, crafts, activities, Bible stories and snack time. Any questions, contact Chantal on 837522

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

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

Link provides a voluntary car service for residents living in the Malmesbury area, taking those in need to hospital, the chiropodist, GPs' surgeries and to visit sick relatives. For further information please call 840861 between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday.

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

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

Clem's Club Clem invites 'cheerful chaps for a char and a chat' in the British School Rooms every other Tuesday 2.30 – 4pm, alternating with the Seniors. Donations to BSR expenses collected each week.

Drawing Classes in Sherston

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

Eudo Tae Kwon Do

Thursdays 7-9pm in Sherston primary school hall.

For details contact Simon Penfold 824773.

Footpaths group

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

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Community Choir

The Malmesbury Community Choir meets Old School Room at the Town Hall every Monday evening from 7.30- 9.30pm – all over 14s welcome whatever experience level. £5 a session, 14-17 year olds free. The choir will launch at a special, free event in the Old School Room at the Town Hall on Mon 17 June Doors open at 7.30pm and the session will go on until 9.30pm. Further information from Emma Harris 825288 or info@malmesburycommunitychoir.org website www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org or <https://www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir>

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

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

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

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

Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

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

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

The Rattlebone Boules League

Consists of 48 teams playing in 3 Leagues. For more information contact Tony Towle on 840574.

Senior Club Meets at 2.30pm in the British School Room every other Tuesday alternating with Clem's Club.

Sherston 1016

Fundraising for local good causes and charities. For further details, contact Eric Thacker on 841344 or eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk

Sherston Badminton Club

We play every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from September to May. For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592. New season starts on 3rd September 2013 – new members welcome

Sherston Brownies

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

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

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

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

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

Westonbirt Guides

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

Sherston Drama Group

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

Sherston FC

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

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

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

Sherston's Living Churchyard

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

Sherston 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).

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 Tennis Club

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

Sherston Theatre Club

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

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. We meet at 10 -11.30am each Tuesday in the Scout Hut with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, not to mention a much-needed cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. Further details contact Lauren (07885 597429), Saara (07739 552336) or alternative like us on Facebook for regular updates <http://www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers>

Sherston Village Hall

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

Sherston W.I.

Usually meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors most welcome £3. Further details contact Maureen Jolliffe on 840867.

Sherston Young Craft Group

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

Splash Dance

Dance classes for 2 to 12 year olds including ballet, modern and tap. Every Wednesday afternoon in the village hall. Prices are £35 per term with the first lesson free. For details contact Charlotte on 01453 886632 or charlotte@splashdance.co.uk

Tetbury Chess Club

Meet every Wednesday at the Ormond Hotel from 10am. If anyone is interested please contact Colin Francis on 505835 or email colval08@btinternet.com

Village Hall 300+ Club Monthly draw with eight prizes ranging from £12 down to £5 for a £6 annual stake (or pro rata if joining during the year). If you would like to join, or need more information, contact the coordinator, Lin Prior on 840846.

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

Yoga in Sherston

New 7 week courses start Mon 9 Sep. 4.45pm Children's Yoga, 5.45pm Pregnancy Yoga, 7pm for Beginner Adults and 8.15pm more advanced. All classes must be pre-booked due to limited spaces. Sherston Village Hall. For further details call Kathryn 07903 802985 yoga_in_sherston@hotmail.com or www.facebook.com/Yoga.with.Kathryn

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

What's on in 2013

Dates for your diary

December

14 Sherston Market 10am - 2.00pm.

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.

WHAT'S ON

Sherston

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

Further details contact 840871 or www.therattlebone.co.uk

Bonfire & Fireworks Extravaganza

organised by Sherston 1016

Barbecue, bar and hot drinks available Sat 9 Nov Guy competition judging from 6.15pm. Fireworks from 6.30pm On entry £5 adult, £3 child. Advance family ticket £12 including 2 adults & 3 children only on sale at the PO. Any help building the bonfire during the morning most welcome. Bring any combustible material to Lower Farm AFTER NOV 1.

For further details call 840728 (daytime) or 840112

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebox drop off Sat 16 Nov 10am-12noon British School Room

Market in the village hall

with almost twenty stalls with wonderful handmade presents, decorations and cards plus pickles jams and much more, including its own cafe selling, amongst other goodies, bacon sarnies using locally produced bacon. Sat 16 Nov 10am to 2pm. Next one Sat 14 Dec.

Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

Beginners and Intermediates Wednesday 10.30am -

12.45pm Beginners -materials provided for the first few lesson thereafter bring your own preferred paints, brushes and supports

Advanced painters meet on Thursdays- private lessons, portfolio preparation or workshops by appointment

For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or email nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

WI Open Lecture

Wiltshire Soldiers of The Great War by Mr Richard Broadhead Thurs 7 Nov 2.30pm Visitors very welcome Tickets £3 to include refreshments - pay on the door

Table Top Sale Sat 9 Nov from 9.30am Free entry, refreshments available. To book a last minute table call Alison on 07909 737096 or Jill on 01666 840 578.

You pay £10 and the profit is yours. British School Room

SHOCC Sherston Occasional Community Choir

Autumn term rehearsals in progress for "Swingle Christmas". Music readers welcome to join now. £3 per session. 7-9pm each Wed until 4 Dec British School Room

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Upcoming events at Holy Cross Church

Vision Away Day at Whatley Manor with the aim of producing a mission statement and priorities for the church
Sat 2 Nov

All Soul's service Sun 3 Nov If you have any loved ones you would like remembered, please add their names to the list in church from mid-October.

Remembrance Sunday Sun 10 Nov 10.45am Please be seated by 10.40

Advent Service of Light Sun 1 Dec at 6 pm

For further details call Pam Pickthall on 841072 or pampickthall@hotmail.co.uk

Sherston Church Bazaar

Sat 23 Nov 12.30-4pm with homemade soup, and bacon or cheese rolls. There will be various stalls, including nearly new toys, jewellery, cakes, produce and Christmas gifts. There will also be a tombola and a raffle. Teas and mince pies will be served during the afternoon.

Village Hall

For further details call Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Whitehouse 840640

SOSCIC AGM

Member General Meeting Thur 14 Nov 7.30pm
British School Room

For further details visit

www.sherston.org.uk/oldschoolproject.php

WEA courses

European Cinema with tutor Dr. Tim Hammond 6 weekly meetings starting on Fri 8 Nov 10am until 12 noon Course Fee: £40 (Free to anyone in receipt of a means tested benefit)

Village Hall

For further details call Enquiries and bookings Tony Wood 840558 or Carolyn Hewitson 840295

Knockdown The Holford Arms

Live Music every weekend. Free house and restaurant

Check boards for more details of events

For further details call 01454 238669

Luckington

Luckington Firework & Bonfire Night

In aid of Luckington Children's Playgrounds Charity Tues 5 Nov Hot dogs, mulled wine, bar, raffle and hot chocolate from 6.30pm. Under 5's fireworks at 6.45 pm. Fireworks at 7pm Free Luckington Playing Field Free



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Westonbirt The Arboretum

Autumn gift fair Fri 8 - Sun 10 Nov Free after admission
Oct - Nov admission prices Adults £9 Concs £8 Children £4

Specialist Wood Sales 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA Inspired By Autumn Family Events till Sun 3 Nov 10.30am -4pm for ages 3+ free after admission

Walks: Free, volunteer led guided walks every Sat, Sun and Bank Holidays at 2pm and Wed at 11am, from 29 Mar (Good Friday) until 3 Nov Guided Walk : Guided Walk: Barking up the right tree Sun 10 Nov 11-1pm Sorry no dogs. free after admission Meet at the Great Oak Hall

Workshops Beginners Digital Photography One Day Course Fri 18 Oct £55 including entrance to the arboretum Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email consult@abbey-studios.co.uk Advanced Digital Photography Fri 8 Nov 10.30-3.30pm £105

Enchanted Christmas illuminated trail Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening from Fri 29 Nov till Sun 22 Dec 5pm - 8.30pm (last entry at 7.15pm). The Enchanted Christmas returns with a new illuminated trail route through the Old Arboretum and more exciting festive activities, foods and stalls onsite. The hard paths are accessible for wheelchairs and electric scooters and these can be booked in advance On Fridays, Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum members will receive a 50% discount on the full ticket price. Children (under 19s) accompanying parent/ guardian FOWA members go free Admission £9 adult /£8 concs/ £5 chd / under 5s free

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

Westonbirt School

Drama Department presents 'The Gut Girls' Wed 20 - Thurs 21 Nov 7.30pm

Open House and Gardens The House and Gardens will be open Sep 1 and 29 We are offering guided tours of the House and will be guiding with a maximum of 20 visitors per tour. You can wander at leisure around the stunning gardens, including Italian gardens and Camellia House and enjoy the peaceful pleasure gardens, all run by Garden tours £5 Entrance for both House & Garden is £8 (under 12s free), both include a hot beverage and biscuit. No need to book, we welcome all ages and are happy to host dogs on leads for the garden tours!

For further details call Tania Warner on 880333 or twarner@westonbirt.org and Arabella for the open house and garden aparr@westonbirt.org or visit www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk



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Easton Grey Whatley Manor

Sunday Jazz with the Solent City Jazzmen £39 includes a three-course menu served in 'Le Mazor' while listening to live jazz from 12.00pm until 3.30pm 17-Nov

Festive Shopping Day Mon 25 Nov mulled wine and Christmas biscuits

Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner 10 Nov - 'The Great Gatsby' and 24 Nov 'the Life of Pi' £39 includes film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch or dinner

La Truffe et Le Vin Noir Tues 26 Nov Discover the secret to the coveted Black Périgord truffle, with a four-course gourmet meal and presentation

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

Malmesbury Malmesbury Cake Society

'Bake and Take' Fundraiser for Cancer Research UK First Monday of each month 7.30-9.30pm bring along your bake, your recipe and £4.50 entry fee. This month's theme: Bread. Demo - Fondant Figurines with beth Chilman Demo - Bakewell tart with award winning chef Gary Ashley Monthly raffle. Bring your bake, recipe and £4.50 entry fee 100% of all proceeds to CRUK. The Kings Arms

For further details call Jess M: 07823 338000

E: malmesburycakesociety@yahoo.co.uk Facebook: Malmesbury Cake Society or visit www.malmesburycakesociety.weebly.com

Events at Malmesbury Children's centre

5 week post natal baby massage Thurs 7 Nov 2-3:30pm (please call to book). These sessions support bonding, use massage to settle babies, supporting sleep, crying and routines. Delivered by a health professional who is a holistic therapist £3.50 per week

Free job skills course brush up on the skills you need to find a job at our FREE, relaxed 10 week course with help on CV writing, interview skills and much more. starts Wednesday afternoons 13 Nov to 11th Dec then resumes after Christmas 15th Jan - 11th Feb 1pm - 3pm. These courses are free to all adults who have not achieved Level 2 in English and/or Maths. Free childcare offered too.

free 'Parentcraft Workshop' for parents to be Wed 27 Nov 1:30-3:30 This session is delivered by a community midwife, partners are very welcome too. If you are working you are able to book this as an antenatal appointment

Free bitesize 'Surviving Christmas' evening session Feel more confident with top tips around managing the impact this busy time can have routines, expectations, dealing with your children and visitors and more. Thurs 28 Nov 7pm-8:30pm. Library

For further details call 825566 or email:

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Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Evening of brass with the London Brass Symposium Sat

16 Oct at 7.30pm Tickets from the Abbey Bookshop or via website £12/ £10 members/ £5 student or chd

For further details call David Barton 824924

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

Christmas trees in aid of Alive & Well

Sat 7 & Sun 8 Dec 10am-5pm Alive & Well is the charity run by Kim Findlay, from Luckington, and all proceeds go to the charity's valuable work sinking water wells in one of the remotest parts of Sierra Leone, in West Africa - they are great trees too For further details call or visit www.alivewell.org.uk

Embroiders Guild

'All Stitched Up' by Liz Brooke Ward talks about her wallhangings inspired by the natural landscape and poetry. Tues 12 Nov. 7.30pm £5 for visitors to include tea or coffee Workshops: 'Cathedral Windows or Log Cabin Patchwork' by Anne Chapman. Ideal for newcomers or experienced patchworkers alike. This workshop is open to non members but must be booked in advance. Sat 30 Nov 10am - 4pm at Little Somerford Village Hall

For further details call Ruth Vaughan 826597 or visit
www.malmesburyembroiders.blogspot.com

Beaufort Hunt Christmas Gift Fair

Beaufort Hunt Christmas Gift Fair A large assortment of Christmas foods, wines, ladies and gents fashion, fashion accessories, jewellery, pictures, interior designs, gardening, equine & pet supplies & gifts. A cafe serving lunch and afternoon tea. Tues 26 Nov 10am - 7pm £6 entry All proceeds to local charities including Wiltshire Air Ambulance Newton Dairy Farm

For further details call Netia Walker netia@netiahibbert.com or visit www.beaufortchristmasfair.co.uk



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Flicks in the Sticks

Behind the Candelabra Fri 8 Nov Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door Didmarton Village Hall

For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@virgin.net

Castle Combe

Mary Howard Charity Christmas Fair

Tues 12 - Fri 15 Nov 10am - 4pm £13

Castle Combe Circuit

For further details call or visit

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Exhibition: Seven Points of View

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16 - 28 Nov Tues - Sat 10-5pm

The Maya Studio, Corsham

For further details call Julia Leyden 840195 or visit

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Crudwell

Dorothy House Hospice Quiz Night

Quiz night in aid of Dorothy House Hospice Sat 16

Nov 7pm for 7.15pm start Teams 4-6. £8pp to include

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Crudwell Village Hall

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Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Lesley

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Live: Coriolanus 30-Jan-14

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Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Blue Jasmine; Rush; NT Live Encore: the Habit of Art; Le Week-End; RSC Live : Richard II LIVE; Wadjda; One Chance; NT Live (Encore) Frankenstein; Sunshine on Leith check website for details

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Bath

Theatre Royal

The Spanish Golden Age Season Sep - Dec A Lady of Little Sense (La Dama Boba); Don Gil of the Green Breeches (Don Gil de las Calchas Verdes); Punishment without Revenge (El Castigo sin Venganza) 7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33.50
Chin Chin starring Felicity Kendall and Simon Callow 4 - 9 Nov
Save the Last Dance for Me 11-16 Nov
A Midsummer Night's Dream 19-23 Nov
Fiddler on the Roof 25-30 Nov
Book ahead for:
The Woman in Black; Peter Pan; The Full Monty
For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Bath Christmas Market

123 wooden stalls between Bath Abbey and York Street
28 Nov till 15 Dec 10am - 7pm / 9pm at weekends
For further details call or visit www.bathchristmasmarket.co.uk

Bath Film Festival

Bath Film Festival 25 Nov - 8 Dec £4-£12
various cinema locations throughout Bath
For further details call 01225 463362 or visit www.bathfilmfestival.org

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