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1016 Bonfire & Fireworks Extravaganza on 8 November



Sherston's bonfire and fireworks extravaganza will take place this year on Saturday 8 November starting at 6.30pm at Lower Farm Easton Town by kind permission of Mr and 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 lightsabers 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 Stores. All profit from the event goes towards the senior citizens Christmas vouchers.

We always need help setting up and stewarding on the Saturday, and clearing up on Sunday morning. If you are able to help at any of these times please contact Mike Tarrant on 840728 (daytime) or 840112.

Material for the bonfire can be 'put over the wall' at the fireworks field Lower Farm from Saturday 1 November but please not beforehand.

Remembrance Day Parade & Service



SHERSTON REMEMBERS

As part of the parish's Great War Centenary project this year will see a change to the annual Remembrance service on Sunday 9 November. Rather than being held in church it will take place outside in front of the lychgate. A road closure order has been obtained so that everyone can gather safely in the road. A detachment from Buckley Barracks will be present as well as our local uniformed organisations. There will be the laying of the wreaths and the Act of Remembrance followed by readings, prayers and music. The intention is to make this occasion as open for everyone as possible who wishes to show their appreciation for all those involved in not only the Great War but in all conflicts since. Please be in place by 10.45 am. After the service everyone is invited to the village hall for refreshments.

And don't forget the First World War exhibition in the British School Room from 12.00noon until 4.00pm. If you have any memorabilia to exhibit or for more info, please contact Ceri Gascoyne on 07590 634111 or Lauren Kiddell on 07885 597429

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SOSCIC Member General Meeting

All members will be welcome at the General Meeting of SOSCIC at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12 November at the village hall.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's opening remarks and welcome
2. Minutes of General Meeting held on 14 November 2013
3. Operations review
4. Tenancy review
5. Finance report
6. Questions
7. Chairman's closing remarks



If you are not yet a member and would like to become involved please also come along and sign up.

Geoff Martin
Secretary

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or hard copy to Sherston Post Office Stores.

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

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

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

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Christmas Shopping

Sherston Parish Council annual Christmas shopping trip to Cribbs Causeway takes place on 26 November. Departing from the post office at 10.00am and departing from Cribbs Causeway at 3.00pm. Cost £5. Only 15 places available. Names and monies to post office.

Loom band challenge



If you like the idea of making the longest or most creative loom band you can imagine knowing that it is all for a good cause AND you have a chance of winning a great prize then rush along to Sherston Post Office Stores to pick up an entry form.

The cost of entry is only £1, all of which will go to Children in Need. Furthermore, the Post Office will start you off with a free packet of loom bands!

If you have any queries just ask any member of staff who will be pleased to help.

Get Looming!

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council will next meet on Thursday 13 November in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and make comments. If you cannot attend the meeting but have something to raise, please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can also be read.

Desperately seeking daffs – Part II

The very large, walking, talking daffodil at the October Sherston Market would like to thank everyone who donated to the Grove Wood Daffodil Fund. We raised £60 and the parish council have matched that amount, giving Grove Wood £120 to spend on wild daffodil bulbs. The Grove Wood volunteers, who do such a fantastic job of maintaining the wood on our behalf, now have the huge task of planting 750 bulbs, so we can enjoy the daffodils in spring.

International School Award



Sherston school has been successful in its third application for Full International School status. The inspector's comments were packed full of praise for the school.

'This is an absolutely outstanding Impact Evaluation in every respect and a credit to your school.'

'Your outline displays an understanding and appreciation of the importance of international learning as an integral part of the curriculum and school ethos.'

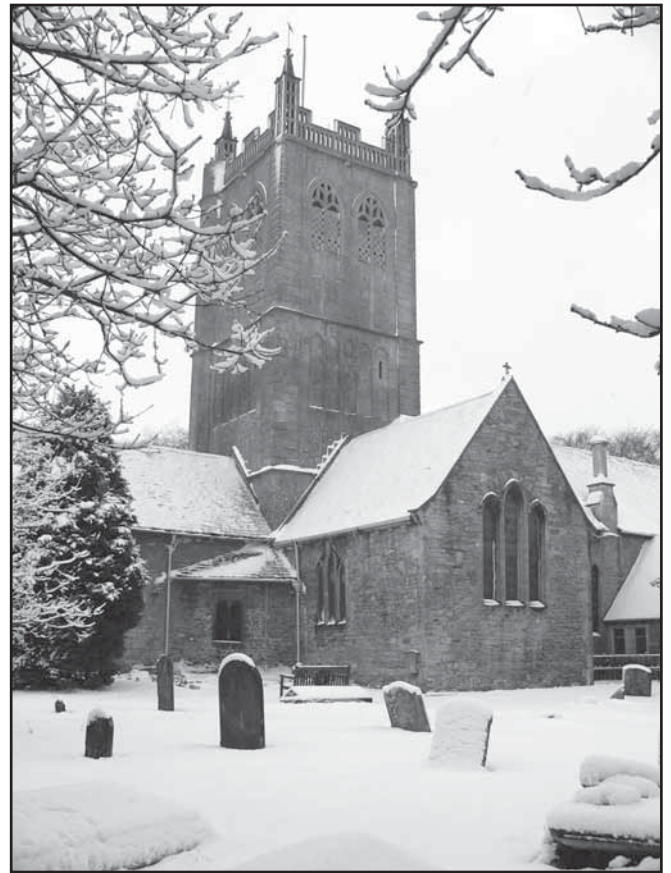
In summary it concluded, 'Once again, congratulations on the work you have done so far and best wishes for your continued success in the future. Well done.'

Mrs Pegg, the School's International Co-ordinator said 'We are all very proud of this British Council award, it's great recognition of the international work that the staff and pupils have achieved together.'

In timely fashion the school has been awarded £3,000 British Council Award to be shared between ourselves and our partner school in The Gambia. This will be used to support staff visiting The Gambia possibly in February half term and for a teacher from Sifoe to spend some time in Sherston.



Sherston Church Bazaar



The Sherston church bazaar will take place on Saturday 6 December starting at 11.00am in the village hall.

Please note different time to usual and slightly later date, but many other things will be similar. Start your visit with mulled wine or a coffee and a mince pie, then browse the stalls which will include home-made mini Christmas cakes and other edible treats, gifts, jewellery and toys. We will have specially printed church Christmas cards for sale, so don't buy all your cards before this event and buy some from us. There will be our usual tombola and raffle and for lunch lovely home-made soups with bacon or cheese roll. Father Christmas will be visiting and he is looking forward to meeting young children and their parents.

All proceeds from the bazaar go towards the upkeep of our church so do come along and support it and soak up some festive cheer.

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Ellen Blacker on 07557 922020 or email me at malmesburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk

1st Sherston Brownie camp in Badminton

By Maisie, Libby, Daisy, Sophie, Freya, Zoe and Ella.



On 27 of September, a pack of excited 1st Sherston Brownies strolled down the woodland path to the hidden Badminton cottages. We were staying overnight in Badminton Lodge and Badminton Cottage, nestled deep in the woods. The cottages were small, light brown and welcoming, and they each had a fire escape. The top room had a pull up window as the fire exit and that was unusual.

Eventually (after we had collected our bags) we found out which cottage we were in and walked up the steep stairs to our warm and cosy rooms.

We quickly unpacked, ate our packed lunches and went straight into the activities. There was loads to do - the tallest stick tower challenge, den building, orienteering, clay creatures and stick games. We rotated in our groups so that we all had a go at each activity and they were all great fun.

Every Brownie had a favourite part of the camp. Elizabeth told us: 'It was exciting and scary!' Her

favourite part of the weekend was den building, 'because everybody's den was different.' 'I liked the campfire' explained Grace and Fern's favourite bit 'was the food!' 'I fell down a badger hole!' said Katie. Libby loved the songs, Maisie enjoyed the orienteering and Martha liked the sleeping! Zoe loved toasting the marshmallows and Elisha enjoyed eating them!

On Sunday morning we had a yummy breakfast, tidied our messy cottages, played outside and then went home, happy and exhausted after an action-packed 24 hours!

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Report from the WI

INSPIRING WOMEN

October 74th birthday dinner

The dinner at The Mayfield House Hotel in Crudwell was a very happy affair. We were greeted with a glass of Pimm's each, a surprise from the proprietor, and this was followed by a delicious meal with much chatter and laughter amongst the 25 members.

September 2015 will be the centenary of the founding of the WI in the UK and there will be many celebrations and events organised in the country. Sherston is anticipating joining with some other local WIs to have an afternoon of celebration on 16 September 2015.

Sherston WI meets during the winter months at 2.30pm in the British School Room and on 6 November we will have a talk by Shaun McCormach on 'The Yeoman of the Guard'. On 4 December we shall be entertained by The Minety Hand Bell Ringers and there will be seasonal refreshments.

Should you feel like joining us, please do come along.

by Jill Woodward

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Malmesbury Musical Extravaganza



The Malmesbury Concert Band, once known as the Malmesbury Town Band, has been an integral part of Malmesbury area for more than 150 years. There are 32 members with wind instruments ranging from the tiny to the huge, squeaky to bass, from the piccolo to tuba, playing a wide range of music including classical, popular and marches. The band rehearses every Friday night at its rehearsal rooms on the Park Road Industrial Estate and new members are always welcome. We spend the summer playing bandstands and fêtes around the local area, although the 'summer' weather can make playing and keeping music under control tricky – clothes pegs are a vital accessory for any outdoor event.

Our annual concert will be on Saturday 22 November, from 7.30pm, at the Malmesbury Town Hall. Tickets are £7.00 (or £5.00 for concessions: aged +60 or students) and are available from Michael Thomas (Family Butchers), 51 The Triangle, Malmesbury or on the door. Or please contact Jill Caine, 3 Noble Street, 841380 (one of the bassoonists!).

If a formal concert isn't your thing, then the Malmesbury concert band will be playing Christmas carols in the Malmesbury Market Cross on Saturday 20 December, at 11.00am. Come along and have the chance to play the sleigh bells with us in Jingle Bells.

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Award for Bassett Blue



Joe Collingborn and daughter Ceri Cryer

The Royal Bassett Blue cheese from Brinkworth Dairy has won Best of cheese at the Taste of the West Awards 2014.

Royal Bassett Blue is a soft blue cheese with a blue, yellow, grey and white mushroomy rind. It has a creamy golden edge and a fresh milk, white, springy centre. So called because it is named after Wootton Bassett gaining its Royal status in the Jubilee year.

Judge's comments – 'This cheese just oozes out of the packing in a 'sexy way' according to the judges! Very individualistic and unlike any other cheese.

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1 tbsp madras curry paste
4 grated tomatoes
2 fl oz coconut cream
4 fl oz water
4 pots of potted shrimps
baby spinach



Cook onions in oil till pale gold, add garlic. Cook for one minute then add curry paste, tomatoes, coconut cream and water. Cook till the mixture is bubbling, then add shrimps and spinach. Season to taste. Serve with boiled rice.

If you come across any suitable recipes from 1914 to 1918 please email it to clerk@sherston.org.uk or drop it off as hard copy (non returnable) to the post office.



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Carol Service and Cammpaign4Rob

On Friday 12 December at 7.00pm Beaufort Hunt are holding their Carol Service at St Michaels and all Angels Church in Badminton. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Old Hall, Badminton House. Entrance is £5 and there will be a retiring collection for Badminton Church. Please ring Jo Aldridge 840175 or email pr@beauforthunt.com if you wish to come so we have an idea of numbers.

Cammpaign4Rob: Rob is the son of vet Ian Camm from the B & W Equine Clinic at Willesley. Rob was paralysed from the neck downwards last year and faces the rest of his life in a wheelchair. He is determined to rebuild his life as far as he is able - including taking up his place at university this month. In order to do this he is going to need a lot of specialist equipment. To follow Rob's progress go to www.cammpaign4rob.co.uk

SmallAds

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

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Malmesbury & District U3A November meeting

The November meeting of Malmesbury & District University of the Third Age (U3A) will be held on Thursday 27 November at 10.00am in the Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall, Malmesbury.

The speaker will be Nicki Spicer who is the owner and creator of River Barn (www.riverbarn.org.uk) an ecologically sensitive garden, arboretum and wildflower area at Cowbridge, Malmesbury.

If you are interested in learning more about Malmesbury U3A, then please contact Membership Secretary Julia Batty on 01249-720327 or access our website: www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

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New Staff

We are delighted to welcome Candi Williams Tarling who is our new receptionist. Candi is an experienced medical receptionist who has recently moved to the village with her family.

Ebola:

Ebola has seen plenty of news coverage in recent months, below is brief overview of the outbreak.

The Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) is caused by an infection from the Ebola Virus. Transmission of this virus from one human to another is most often through direct contact (e.g. via broken skin) with the blood, sweat, or other bodily fluid of an infected person. In this sense, Ebola is transmitted in much the same way as HIV. Airborne transmission, for instance via coughing or breathing, has not yet been proven in the natural environment. According to the NHS, the risk Ebola poses to the UK population remains 'very low.' When



dealing with unusual infectious diseases, the advantage that the UK and other Western countries have is a series of robust and well-tested systems in place to deal with any outbreaks. These systems allow for effective and safe control of outbreaks that countries in poorer regions lack the resources to combat. The virus is not spread as easily as some would have us believe, and even if it does reach the UK, the chances of a serious outbreak are extremely small. If you suspect you may have Ebola, ask yourself: are you showing symptoms of headache, vomiting, diarrhoea or fever? Have you recently been to a high risk area, or have you been in direct contact with someone diagnosed with Ebola? If so, call NHS 111 or contact your GP (do not come into the surgery) and you may be referred for appropriate screening if you are considered to be at risk.

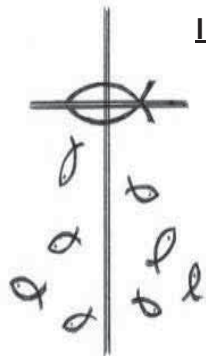
During outbreaks such as these the best thing that we can do is to educate ourselves, for more information on Ebola visit: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/ebola-virus/pages/ebola-virus.aspx>

Pilgrim Course

There will be a new 'Pilgrim Course' starting in Luckington in November. Pilgrim Courses are reflective safe spaces for anyone looking to explore or deepen their faith. They have proved very popular and helpful for people in our local churches over the last year and I really recommend them. The group will meet for six Thursday nights at 7.30pm to 9.00pm at Candy Neale's house, 22 Avon Rise, Luckington and the first meeting is on 6 November. Do contact Rev'd Phil Daniels (philjdaniels@talktalk.net or 01249 248219) or Rev'd Susan Harvey (susan.harvey44@hotmail.com or 840696.) for more details.

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Oh Yissssssssss!!



Our chums The Awkward Squad have gone one better than us and managed to get Ska/Hip Hop/Skankster aces Magnus Major (aka Magnus Puto for reasons we can't quite fathom!) to come to ol' Sherston town.

We tried to get them for SherstonFest 2014 and failed - not bitter, just hurt :) , anyway those Awkward twins have nailed it for the 'First Annual Sherston Skank Off' on Saturday 29 November.

Just to rub it in they have also got some top DJs on the bill with Reggae supremo Juggler P doing his 'DJ Derek' thing and DJ Jevons spinning up some soul classics.

But we aren't bitter... we are going to be there because these guys are epic.... so why not come on down?

It will almost certainly sell out so advance tickets at £10 each are the order of the day and you can get them via <http://theawkwardsquad.co.uk/> or Sherston Post Office Stores.

I could go on but to quote Michael Eavis of Glastonbury fame 'this band kept me dancing for their entire show. I was so impressed that I immediately booked them...' and he's see a band or three!

Big Love from SFHQx

PS - exciting whispering afoot about a new festival in Malmesbury next year.... more info when we get it!

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Fortunately the unseasonably warm weather encouraged friends and family to join our team of four on the Sunday in picking from the nearly 2,500 vines, many bunches of grapes hidden among their long and sharp tendrils.

The Vineyard home team was also delighted to welcome the expertise of Gemma a picker who arrived from the Champagne district and picking much quicker than us and only defeated by our hastily consumed bacon butties! As the dusk was falling, the sight of 14 crates full of grapes, was extremely satisfying, now only exceeded by the anticipation of the delicious 'Bubbly' wine due to return to us in 2016 to be made by the Three Choirs Vineyards the award winning estate.

Despite recent reports in the Times, YES English wines will definitely surpass the French this season, and we are very proud of our grapes and we are sure that Sherston will support a local sustainable product one of the most ancient and desirable.

Carole Conyngham

Tracklements Christmas Open Day – Join the delicious festivities



On Saturday 6 December between 9.30am and 1.00pm, we invite you to our annual festive open day to come and have a look into the delicious world of condiment making.

There will be mulled wine and festive nibbles to greet you on arrival, behind the scenes factory tours where you can follow the raw ingredients and spices on their adventure through chopping, stirring, simmering and bubbling right through to bottling and don't forget to have a browse around our onsite shop - Tracklements make great hamper or stocking fillers – an excellent way to introduce friends and family to your favourites, as well as being the perfect accompaniment to your Christmas and Boxing Day meals.

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Sherston Neighbourhood Plan

As reported in last month's Cliffhanger, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group organised an exhibition and two workshops held over the weekend of 20 and 21 September in the village hall to inform local residents about the progress being made in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan and more particularly to seek views on a wide range of topics that are intended to be dealt with in the emerging plan. The event was attended by over 100 people. questionnaires were handed out to all of those who came – seeking views on a series of issues relevant to the emerging plan.

As noted in that report, a copy of all of the exhibition material and related information was placed on the Sherston website <http://www.sherston.org.uk/> as well as being put on display in both the Church and GP Surgery - together with further copies of the two questionnaires - with an invitation to all of those interested in the emerging plan to have a look at the various ideas and options that were being considered and to return the completed questionnaires by 12.00noon on 11 October.

A preliminary analysis of the returned questionnaires has now been completed (see below). These will be

further considered by the Steering Group with the intention of bringing forward a further (revised) set of proposals and options for consideration by the village in the next few weeks. This is in part necessitated by the fact that one of the sites that had been put forward as a potential option site (i.e. Site 17 – the land at Easton Town – which had been identified as either a possible housing site or a site for a relocated GP surgery) has now been withdrawn from the equation by the landowners. This means that one or two other option sites may now have to be considered.

It is recognised by the Steering Group that we have not as yet managed to catch the interest of the entire community in preparing this Neighbourhood Plan and that we clearly need to do more to ensure that the views of as many people as possible are taken into account before the plan is finalised. To this end it has been decided that a further round of informal consultation will be undertaken on some of the emerging ideas and options as they begin to get firmed up – which will include use of a variety of social media – before any decisions are made on what is actually included in the plan. This next round will start in early December.

The results of the recent questionnaire surveys are for your information set out below:

QUESTION:

HOW STRONGLY DO YOU SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF EXISTING COMMUNITY FACILITIES?

1 Strongly Agree	2	3	4	5 Strongly Disagree	NIL No Response given
83.6%	9.6%	4.1%	1.37%	0%	1.37%

COMMENT: There appears to be a significant amount of support from those who responded for a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan that seeks to protect a range of existing community facilities.

QUESTION:

DO YOU SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF THE IDENTIFIED SITES OF LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE?

1 Strongly agree	2	3	4	5 Strongly disagree	NIL No response given
87.7%	4.1%	6.85%	0%	0%	1.37%

COMMENT: There appears to be a significant level of support from those who responded for a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan that seeks to protect certain identified sites of local significance. Some additional sites were put forward which will now be considered by the Steering Group.

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QUESTION: DO YOU SUPPORT THE RETENTION OF CERTAIN SPECIFIED BUSINESS PREMISES WHERE POSSIBLE?

1 Strongly Agree	2	3	4	5 Strongly disagree	NIL No response given
82.2%	13.7%	1.37%	1.37%	0%	1.37%

COMMENT: There appears to be a high level of support from those who responded for a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan that seeks to protect certain specified business premises from development (i.e. involving the loss of a business unit). Some additional premises were put forward for inclusion in this list and some questioned those already on the list. These suggestions will all now be considered by the Steering Group.

QUESTION: SHOULD THE PLAN REQUIRE NEW DEVELOPMENT TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH LOCAL FIBRE CONNECTIVITY?

1 Strongly Agree	2	3	4	5 Strongly Disagree	NIL No response given.
72.6%	12.3%	9.6%	0%	1.37%	4.1%

COMMENT: There was a high level of support from those who responded for a policy that seeks to secure this objective in the Neighbourhood Plan.

QUESTION: DO YOU SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE AS PER DRAFT POLICY 7?

1 Strongly Agree	2	3	4	5 Strongly Disagree	NIL No response given
74%	9.6%	1.37%	4.1%	4.1%	6.8%

COMMENT: There appears to be a high level of support from those who responded for a policy in the Neighbourhood Plan that seeks to protect our existing areas of recreational open space.



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QUESTION: HOW STRONGLY DO YOU SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING IDEAS?

IDEA	1 Strongly Agree	2	3	4	5 Strongly disagree	NIL No response given
Expansion of Sherston Primary School	42.5%	22.5%	15%	7.5%	11.25%	1.25%
Site for new pre-school facility	26.25%	25%	28.75%	7.5%	10%	2.5%
More allotments	12.5%	10%	47.5%	7.5%	18.75%	3.75%
Community Orchard	8.75%	3.75%	25%	17.5%	42.5%	2.5%
Relocation of GP Surgery	53.75%	13.75%	13.75%	8.75%	8.75%	1.25%

COMMENT: There appears to be a reasonably high level of support from those who responded for the identification of land in and around the village for the possible relocation of the GP Surgery and for the future expansion of the Primary School (should the need arise) but only limited support for the identification of land for a possible pre-school facility. There was virtually no support for a proposal to identify land for a Community Orchard. The response to the question re the possible provision of land for additional allotments was pretty balanced. The Steering Group will now have to consider which if any of these “ideas” it wishes to take forwards as formal proposals in the Neighbourhood Plan.

QUESTION: HOW MANY NEW HOMES DO YOU THINK WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO BE BUILT IN SHERSTON BY 2026?

None	Up to 16	16 to 25	25 to 40	40 to 55	55+
1.25%	37.5%	26.25%	20%	3.75%	11.25%

COMMENT: About two thirds of those who responded considered that the number of new homes that should be accommodated in the village over the remaining plan period (to 2026) should be more than 16. The level of support for anything above 40 homes was relatively limited. The Steering Group will of course now have to consider what level might be appropriate to table for further consideration by the community before the plan is finalised. A number of possible options are likely to be put forward – with specific sites identified for each of the options together with their potential benefits and shortcomings.

**QUESTION:
PLEASE INDICATE YOUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING HOUSING OPTION SITES.**

SITE	1 Strongly Agree	2	3	4	5 Strongly Disagree	NIL No response given
SITE 10 VICARAGE	52.5%	20%	10%	2.5%	8.75%	6.25%
SITE 11 GREEN LANE	32.5%	26.25%	18.75%	6.25%	8.75%	7.5%
SITE 6 SANDPITS LANE	32.5%	20%	12.5%	3.75%	22.5%	8.75%
SITE 17 EASTON TOWN	17.5%	12.5%	11.25%	13.75%	40%	5%
SITE 4 FOOTBALL FIELD	36.25%	7.5%	13.75%	5%	32.5%	5%

COMMENT: Sites 10 (vicarage) and 11 (Corner of Green Lane) were given the most support by those who responded, followed by Sites 6 (Sandpits Lane) and 4 (Football Field). Site 17 (Easton Town) did not garner much support. (N.B. In the event, as noted above, this latter site has now been withdrawn from consideration by the landowners). Taking into account the responses to the questionnaire re the level of development that was indicated as being appropriate by those who responded to the questionnaires (as noted above) further consideration will now have to be given by the Steering Group to which if any of these potential development sites (plus any others that may have to be considered) should be tabled for further consideration by the community.

QUESTION:

SITE 1A (SOPWORTH LANE)

A POTENTIAL MIXED USE SITE

HOW APPROPRIATE DO YOU CONSIDER EACH OPTION TO BE?

OPTION	1 Strongly Agree	2	3	4	5 Strongly Disagree	NIL No Response given
MIXED USE WITH GP SURGERY	55%	10%	7.5%	5%	17.5%	5%
MIXED USE WITHOUT GP SURGERY	25%	13.75%	16.25%	17.5%	15%	11.25%

COMMENT: There was a clear majority in favour of an option that included a mix of development on this site that included a GP Surgery. The other land uses in the mix were of course: the suggested reservation of land for a possible future expansion of the Primary School; land for a pre-school facility; and a limited amount of affordable housing (10 units).

QUESTION:

RELOCATION OF SPORTS FACILITIES

IF THERE IS SUPPORT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FOOTBALL FIELD SHOULD LAND AT EASTON TOWN OR SANDPITS LANE BE SAFEGUARDED FOR REPLACEMENT FACILITIES?

OPTION SITE	1 Strongly Agree	2	3	4	5 Strongly Disagree	NIL No response given.
SITE 6 SANDPITS LANE	43.75%	16.25%	11.25%	10%	16.25%	2.5%
SITE 17 EASTON TOWN	12.5%	15%	15%	12.5%	38.75%	6.25%

COMMENT: There was a clear preference expressed by those who responded to the identification of Site 6 as a possible site for the relocation of the sports facilities should the community support the idea of redeveloping the football field.

QUESTION:

IF THERE IS NO SUPPORT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FOOTBALL FIELD SHOULD SITE 3 BE SAFEGUARDED TO ALLOW FOR THE FUTURE EXPANSION OF THE SPORTS FACILITIES HERE?

1 Strongly Agree	2	3	4	5 Strongly Disagree	NIL No response given
67.5%	8.75%	1.25%	3.75%	3.75%	6.25%

COMMENT: There was a good level of support for the idea that, should the football field not be identified for redevelopment then the land to the west (Site 3) should be safeguarded to allow for its future expansion/improvement.

As noted above, all of the above information will now be reviewed by the Steering Group and a further set of revised proposals, taking into account the noted change of circumstance (most notably the removal of Site 17 from the equation together with a number of other matters that have since come to light), will be tabled for consideration by the village – most probably through the next edition of the Sherston Cliffhanger.

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News from Holy Cross Church

I have received some wonderful news since the last edition of the Cliffhanger. Two trusts have pledged incredibly generous support for our Children's worker. A private trust has committed to £10,000 a year for three years, while the Anne Brayne Trust have offered £8,000! Together, these gifts take us well over half-way towards keeping Becky Fisher's role as a full time post.

With this solid foundation, I'm encouraged to recruit for a Funding Group for Becky. I'm looking for volunteers, all sorts of skills and interests can be used but the main thing is being inspired by the children's work that is happening here.

I'm hoping to find some people with one or more of the following skills:

- Organisers and doers who can offer fundraising events such as dinners or activity days
- Creative types producing publicity so we can ask people for donations/standing orders
- Methodical thinkers to write funding applications to grant making organisations
- Imaginative individuals to come up with more ideas!

As you can see, there's opportunity for anyone to be involved – together we could make a huge impact supporting children's work in local schools and churches. I'm hoping to get this group together before Christmas – please be in touch as soon as you can on Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or 837522.

In other news it was great to be part of the congregation as Judy Outlaw, Margeruite Jepson, Emily Smith and Emily Vaughan were confirmed at Malmesbury Abbey. Congratulations to them, and we wish them every blessing as they continue their faith journey.

This is an important month, with our All Souls service at 6.00pm on Sunday 2 November. At this

reflective service we remember those who have died, especially during the past year, and candles are lit in their memory. Do let the clergy know if you have anyone you would like to be remembered by name. Remembrance Sunday is on 9 November with a special outdoor act of Remembrance beginning at 10.45am at the Lychgate. The road will be closed for the duration of the short ceremony, and it will be ecumenically designed to be accessible to everyone.

Other upcoming events include Sherston Bazaar on Saturday 6 December from 12.00noon.

Christopher Bryan

Sherston Market

The next market is Saturday 15 November at Sherston Village Hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm. This will undoubtedly have plenty of Christmas gifts on offer plus some great food and drink.

At all markets a free stall is offered for a charity or voluntary group to raise funds. Anyone interested in running such a stall should please use the contacts below. All these stalls have done well to date so don't be shy in booking one! Our friends from The Help a Hedgehog Hospital charity make a welcome return in November - see www.helpahedgehog.org You can donate wet or dry non fishy cat / dog food for the hedgehogs on the day which will be most appreciated and used at a satellite hedgehog hospital in Tetbury.

For those on face book there is an active Sherston Market page with lots of information about our stallholders and their products.

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Walk on the wild side - Of irruptions and hazy days

For the more experienced (i.e. older) amongst us, cast your mind back to your childhood going on summer days out with your parents. I have vivid recollections of the windscreen getting covered in squashed insects leaving smears and all kinds of marks on the front of the car which my father would spend ages trying to clean off. I also seem to recollect you could buy plastic covers to go over the front of the car to stop the paintwork being damaged... (OK – where is he going with this one..)

The point being that we simply don't get the number of insects we used to and, as a consequence, there isn't as much food for insectivores (shrews, swallows, blackcaps etc) – so we don't have as many insect predators as we used to – so we don't have as many higher level predators such as birds of prey and stoats. (This is what's known in ecological circles at trophic layers.). Given a chance, nature can recover quite quickly from population declines but in reality nearly all our countryside is quite heavily managed especially when you compare it to rural France or Poland where there is still lots of messy and unimproved bits as there isn't as much pressure on farmers.

The more long-term deeper concern is that our children will see a lack of insects as normal.

On a more positive note the autumn bird migration will be almost complete in November with the usual suspects here in good numbers such as fieldfares and redwings. Many other continental birds such as starlings, jays, wood pigeons and goldfinches will have arrived. In some years the number arriving is quite incredible. For example in November 2010 some 161,000 wood pigeons flew over a site in Dorset in one day! (This wasn't a typo.). In 2014 some 50,000 swallows also flew over a site in Dorset in one day and in 2011 some 10,000 goldfinches flew over a site in Kent in one day.

Sometimes these large numbers are due to the shortage of food for the birds in their summer grounds, or having a couple of successful years breeding when the numbers of individuals can significantly increase. This is known as an irruption and in some years some unusual birds can arrive here such as three years ago when we had lots of waxwings in the apple tree next to the village school.

If this winter proves to be a cold one and, just having completed a great breeding season for most birds, we may get all sorts of strange immigrants in the village.

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Cricket

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Saturday 18 October marked the cricket clubs end of season presentation awards evening . Awards were given to Ben Dickenson - most improved player of the year, Kyle Witt - junior player of the year, Andrew Jarvis - batting award, Ewen Kenny - bowling award and Ian Gould players award.



Sunday 21 September SMCC President's XI v Chairman's XI



SMCC Chairman's XI

The weekend earlier saw Sherston start their indoor cricket season on 12 October with a convincing win against Sutton Benger. After losing the toss we were put into the field and after a brilliant all round performance the opposition were bowled out for 54 (Ben Dickenson with 3 wickets). Then Ian Gould, Matt Goodwin and Ed Reed knocked them off with the loss of 1 wicket and 20 balls remaining.

New nets

Two years ago the club thought it would be a good idea to raise some funds and build some new practice facilities on our very picturesque ground at Pinkney Park. Inquiries were made and several suppliers of cricket nets came to site to measure up. When the



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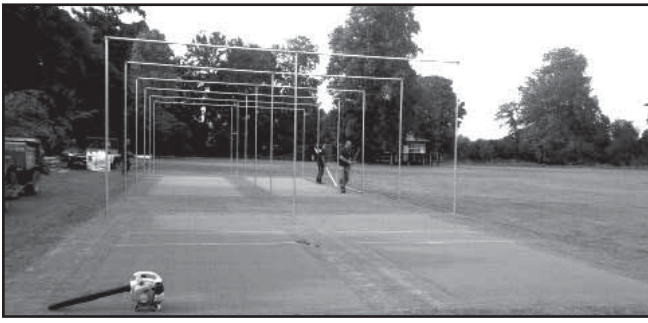
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committee received the various quotes and it was realised a staggering £25,000 was needed to get the two net training facility required there was a collective sharp intake of breath.

Undeterred the club decided to push forward. Funds had been raised over previous seasons with fun runs, cow pat lotteries and sixes tournaments, but much more was needed. Step forward Nick Burrige. He with some help from Neil Forster the club president and Kevin Smith the untameable dame of Sherston put together a marvellous evening to launch a book and reading evening both called Smile out Loud. Both were a great success raising a substantial amount towards new nets. But more was needed.

Caroline Dickenson, long suffering club treasurer, wife of former captain and mother of this year's most improved player thought that we could apply for a grant and see if this would add to the war chest. This turned into a monumental task, the world of grant applications appears to be a dark and mysterious place. But after months of form filling, box ticking, call making and bureaucracy beating work Caroline reported that we now had sufficient funds to progress the dream of new nets.

So very late in the season, too late to change our latterly poor performances on the pitch the new net facilities have been installed. The club will more formally recognise the individuals and organisations that have supported us making this happen. But thank you to everyone who has helped make this happen.

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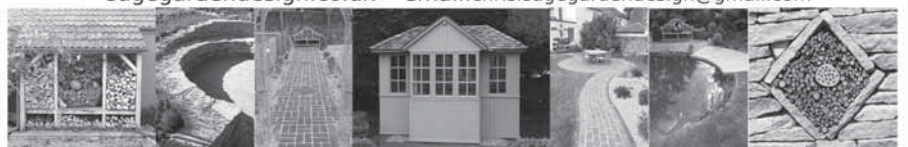
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Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Holy Cross Church

The Coffee Shop - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits and brownies - open on Thurs mornings from 9.30 am - 12 noon

Sunday services 8.00am Holy Communion; 9.30am Sung Eucharist (3rd Sunday 9.30am Family Service); 6pm Evensong (3rd Sunday Evening Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer) See the Parish Life for more details

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

Congregational Church - in The British

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

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

Gauzebrook Church for Children

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

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

Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

Little Lights

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

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

Sunday Newspapers On sale 8am - 11am every Sunday in Sherston village hall.

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

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers

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

Busy Hands Pre-school

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

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

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

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

Drawing Classes in Sherston

There are two classes: on Weds 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

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

Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

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

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury 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 Liz Fleming, the Division Commissioner on 575229 or liz@jacfleming.plus.com

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

(affiliated to National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies - NAFAS) meets at 7.30pm on the third Wed evening of most months of the year at Crudwell Village Hall. Join members come from the surrounding villages to hear speakers and enjoy floristry demonstrations and do workshops and competitions. Call Sue on 577125 to answer any queries or give information about forthcoming events.

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

The Rattlebone Boules League

Consists of 48 teams playing in 3 Leagues.
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 Martin Jacques martin@trackandrace.com or 07717 424619

Sherston Badminton Club

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

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact Greg Hughes, Baghera, Cub Scout Assistant Leader, greg.hughes_2000@yahoo.co.uk to obtain an application form

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

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

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

Westonbirt Guides

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

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

Sherston FC

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

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

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

Sherston's Living Churchyard

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

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

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

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

Two junior league sides (under 13s and under 15s). Junior coaching has finished now for the season but for the latest info check out the junior facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/SMCCJuniors/

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

SH.O.C.C. New term starts 10 Sept and new members would be very welcome for the new term. BSR 7.30pm each Wed from 10 Sept - 26 Nov. £33.00 for the term. More details: Lucy Lawrance 840778 or lucy@sherston.plus.com

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

For details call Nick Holland on 841019 or nholland63@btinternet.com

Sherston Pilates Classes held on Tuesday lunchtimes and Thursday evenings at the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739552336 or sherstonpilates@gmail.com

Sherston Tennis Club

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

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

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. We meet at 10 -11.30am each Tuesday in the Scout Hut with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, not to mention a much-needed cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. Further details contact Sophie Cheetham, sophcheetham@gmail.com 07786 990045 or alternative like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

Sherston Village Hall

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

Sherston W.I. Meetings for Nov, Dec and Feb each 1st Thurs at 2.30pm in the British Schoolrooms. Visitors always welcome £3. Further information: Jill Woodward 840578

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

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

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

WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

What's on in 2014

Dates for your diary

December

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

Sherston

The Rattlebone Inn

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

Sunday Nights Bingo & Pizza every Sunday evening from 6pm

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Check boards for more details of events

For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter #GavinHunt@Therattlebone or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk/

Bonfire & Fireworks Extravaganza

organized by Sherston 1016 Barbecue, bar and hot drinks available Sat 8 Nov Fireworks from 6.30pm On entry £5 adult, £3 child. Advance family ticket £12 including 2 adults & 3 children - on sale at the PO

Any help setting up on Saturday and clearing up Sunday morning most welcome.

Bring any combustible material to Lower Farm after 1 Nov. Lower Farm, Sherston

For further details call 840728 (daytime) or 840112

Upcoming events at Holy Cross Church

All Souls Service Sun 2 Nov 6pm At this reflective service we remember those who have died, especially during the past year, and candles are lit in their memory. Do let the clergy know if you have anyone you would like to be remembered by name.

Remembrance Service Sun 9 Nov 10.45am

Please be seated by 10.40

Advent Service of Light featuring a selection of Advent readings and music sung by a choir gathered from across our villages. We would love to hear from anyone who enjoys singing and would like to be part of a friendly mixed choir. Rehearsals will be in Holy Cross Church at 4pm on Saturdays 15, 22 and 29 Nov, with a final rehearsal at 3pm on Sun 30 Nov before the service at 6pm. Katherine Bennett will be leading the rehearsals and Jill Woodward will be gathering names Sun 30 Nov 6pm Jill on jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Church Bazaar Sat 6 Dec 11am in the Village Hall Start your visit with mulled wine or a coffee and a mince pie, then browse the stalls which will include home-made mini Christmas cakes and other edible treats, gifts, jewellery and toys.

Sherston Market

Local crafts and produce, cake stalls, Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh local vegetables and cheeses from Brinkworth Dairy

Every month a free stall in the lobby is made available to local charity or voluntary group to raise funds. See www.sherstonmarket.weebly.com for dates and a contact form should any prospective stallholder wish to get in touch or call 840348 / 07887 814843 10am-2pm

Sat 15 Nov Sat 13 Dec

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For further details call Tony Weedon

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

A display of paintings and drawings by local artist Chris Frost from Brook End. Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon.

Sherston WI

'Yeoman of the Guard' with Shaun McCormach Thur 6 Nov 2.30pm in the BSR £3 to include refreshments. (Note change of time and venue for autumn/winter meetings.)
Table Top Sale Sat 8 Nov 10am - 12 noon To reserve your table at £10 call Alison 07909 737096
Minety Hand Bell Ringers with Festive Refreshments 4 Dec at 2.30pm
Late Members' Christmas lunch 08-Jan
AGM followed by talk on Wood Turning with Derek Edwards 2 Feb at 2.30pm
For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

First World War memorabilia on display in the British School Room

featuring the children from Sherston School who will be displaying some of their work on the First World War. Sun 9 Nov after the Remembrance service and the parade British School Room
For further details call Contact Ceri Gascoyne on 07590 634111 or Lauren Kiddell on 07885 597429

Sue's Strolls

Sun 16 Nov Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return Rattlebone Inn just around 12noon for seasonal refreshments. As ever children and well behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there is no need to boo This is a PHEW !
event see www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk
For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk

SOSCIC AGM

Member General Meeting Wed 12 Nov 7.30pm
Village Hall 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

Easton Grey

Festive open day at Tracklements

Tracklements Open day There will be factory tours, mulled wine and festive nibbles to enjoy, and of course a chance to do some Christmas shopping in the on-site shop. Sat 6 Dec 9.30 - 1pm Whitewalls, Easton Grey
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Sunday Cinema New format: £8.50 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn. In addition, on the day, choose one, two or three courses from the a la carte lunch menu in 'Le Mazot' brasserie The Sunday Cinema Screenings must be pre-booked Sun 9 Nov 12 Years a Slave Sun 23 Nov Dallas Buyers Club

Book ahead for: 12 years a slave; Dallas Buyers' Club

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Knockdown

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Luckington

Firework & Bonfire Night In aid of Luckington Children's Playgrounds Charity Wed 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 There will also be a prize raffle and a guy competition. Please do buy tickets to support the charity: all proceeds go towards funding the event and to Luckington Children's Playground Charity.

Luckington Playing Field For further details call <http://facebook.com/luckingtonplayground>

Brokenborough

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 25 Nov 11am - 8pm £6 entry Children free All proceeds to local charities including Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Newnton Dairy Farm For further details call Netia Walker

netia@netiahibbert.com or visit

www.beaufortchristmasfair.co.uk

Westonbirt

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

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

Enchanted Christmas illuminated trail Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening from Fri 28 Nov till Sun 21 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 of FOWA (under 19s) go free Normal Admission £10 adult /£8 concs/ £5 chd / under 5s free

Check website for details of other events

Sep - Nov admission prices Adults £9 Concs £8 Children £4

For further details call 880220 or visit

www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Castle Combe

Mary Howard Charity Christmas Fair

Tues 11 - Fri 14 Nov 10am - 4pm £14

Castle Combe Circuit

For further details visit www.maryhowardsales.co.uk

Malmesbury

Christmas trees at Malmesbury School

Sat 13 & Sun 14 Dec 10am-5pm in aid of

Alive & Well

Alive & Well is the charity run by Kim Findlay, from Luckington, and all proceeds go to the charity's valuable work sinking water wells and now helping fight Ebola in one of the remotest parts of Sierra Leone, in West Africa. Get there early they're great trees and do quickly.

For further details visit www.alivewell.org.uk

MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP 12 noon - 1pm Sat

4 Sat 15 Nov Sat 6 Dec Sat 17 Jan

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For further details www.jamesgray.org or email

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Malmesbury Singers Christmas Concert

A Christmas in Venice

Sat 13 Dec 7.30pm The concert will feature Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" and other seasonal works by Giovanni Gabrieli & Adrian Willaert. The singers will be accompanied by The Bradford Baroque Orchestra and Octavo, a small locally based chamber choir. Tickets (£12, £10 senior citizens, £5 students) available from Abbey Bookshop or email: jeansaxty2@gmail.com Malmesbury Abbey

Malmesbury Film Society

Showing world and classic films every 3rd Sun of the month at 7.30pm. Tickets £5, no booking required. Autumn 2014 films: Kuma - 16 Nov, The Bishop's Wife - 21 Dec St. Mary's Hall, Malmesbury

For further details call www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk

Malmesbury & District University of the Third Age

U3A - talk with guest speaker Nicki Spicer the owner and creator of River Barn, (www.riverbarn.org.uk), an ecologically sensitive garden, arboretum and wildflower area at Cowbridge, Malmesbury. Thurs 27 Nov at 10am U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people to come and learn together, drawing upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide inte

Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall

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



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Didmarton Village Hall

For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or

jenny.body@virgin.net

Grittleton

Moviola -

the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

BELLE [12A] Wed 26 Nov Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm

start £6 on the door Grittleton Village Hall

For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email

L_palmer@btinternet.com

Cirencester

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Jonathan Moseley will demonstrate 'A Christmas

Cornucopia' Wed 19 Nov 7.30pm (doors open 7pm) Tickets

£10 for members and £12 for non members, available from

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Sundial Theatre at Cirencester College

For further details call Tickets from Sue 577125

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local

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for details

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For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit

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Bath

Bath Mozartfest

Daily concerts & performances Fri 7- Sat 15 Nov £10 - £40

Various locations in Bath - including Assembly Rooms, Forum & the Guildhall

For further details call 01225 463362 or visit

www.bathmozartfest.org.uk

City of Bath Choir in concert

From Darkness to Light Bath Bach Choir is marking the 100th anniversary of World War I with an unmissable programme of poignant and powerful music, as a tribute to the tens of thousands who gave their lives. Sat 15 Nov 7.30pm With accompaniment from the wonderful Wells Cathedral School Brass Ensemble, this will be a truly wonderful evening's music. A collection will be made to support both the RBL Poppy Appeal and Help for Heroes. Tickets from £8 - £21 from Bath Box Office 01225 463 362 or bathboxoffice.org.uk

Carols by Candlelight in the Pump Rooms These concerts are a popular mix of traditional carols and exciting new Christmas music. Each performance will feature a different local children's choir and virtuoso soloists from Wells Cathedral School 17, 18 and 19 Dec at 7.30pm Tickets £12-£20 from Bath Box Office 01225 463 362 or bathboxoffice.org.uk

Bath Abbey For further details call or visit

www.bathbachchoir.org.uk or www.bathboxoffice.org.uk

Bath Film Festival

Bath Film Festival 13 - 23 Nov over 40 films £4-£12 various cinema locations throughout Bath For further details call 01225 463362 or visit www.bathfilmfestival.org

Theatre Royal

Henry IV Part I 4-8 Nov £15-£33.50

Henry IV Part II 5-8 Nov

Saturday Night Fever 12-22 Nov

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For further details call 01225 448844 or visit

www.theatreroyal.org.uk

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