

Post Office Stores wins prestigious award



Sherston was put on the map at the Retail Industries Awards held at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London when our Post Office Stores was named as Post Office Retailer of the Year.

The competition was open to all independent shops that also run a post office. Judges assessed customer service, range of stock, involvement within the community and a mystery shopper.

Paul and Gail were not only thrilled for the recognition received for the shop and post office, but also for the staff and the village itself. 'We pride ourselves on going that extra mile and providing the best level of service possible. We are always striving to improve. Our next plan is to extend the opening hours on Sunday to 5.00pm. Our first day will be Sunday 1 November. Initially, we will continue to the end of the year then hopefully make it permanent if the demand exists. In the meantime, we are all going to have a party!'

SHERSTON ARTS 2015 FESTIVAL

The committee are now enjoying a rest after a very successful Arts Festival. We were bowled over by the number and high standard of the scarecrows, moved by the flower displays and delighted by the paintings in the Art Exhibition. Sherston Rocks made us smile, Oliver Preston made us laugh, we were impressed by the skill of the Young Musicians, and Opera Sulis brought a tear to the eye. Tony and Mike the children's show was as much for adults as children, which was great, and the Photographic Exhibition made us look that much more closely at our local environment. Calendars composed of some of the photos will be on sale in the Post Office so look out for them soon.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Festival, attended the events and worked behind the scenes. The next one will be in 2017 so look out for that and get involved if you would like to lend a hand.



Viking Marauders Meeting



The next planning meeting for 1016-2016 will be held on Tuesday 10 November at 7.30pm in the small hall of the village hall. Please come along to discuss fundraising ideas and activities for the millennium weekend of 24-25 June 2016. For more information, please contact Jill CaNEY, 841380 or jill.caNEY@gmail.com.

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What's On: contact Caroline Moore on
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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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Temporary closure of: Honey Lane (Part), Norton

Notice is hereby given that Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic: Honey Lane (Part), Norton; from its junction with C1 Easton Grey Road in a north-easterly direction to a point outside Brook House.

To enable: Bristol Water to supply a new customer connection. Alternative route: Via C1 Easton Grey Road – C68 Sherston Road – Norton Road – Honey Lane (unaffected length) and vice versa. The closure will be clearly indicated by traffic signs and access will be maintained for residents.

This Order will come into operation on 7 December and it is anticipated that the closure will be required until 9 December. The Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months.

For further information, please contact Shelby St John (Bristol Water) on 0117 305 1455.

Sustainable Transport Group, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN

Winter Games Club

From Friday 6 November, a winter games club (board games, card games, etc) will be running for children from 3.15pm-5.15pm in the Scout Hut, with a coffee and catch-up corner for adults. Games provided or bring your own faves! £1 per child, to include squash and a biscuit.

If any Year 6 children would be interested in helping out (teaching younger ones game rules, checking pieces don't end up everywhere, etc), please get in touch with Sophie Cheetham (sophcheetham@gmail.com) or Alex Evelyn (alexrevelyn@gmail.com). Any profits will go to the Friends of Sherston School.

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Sherston's fireworks display this year will include a laser light show! Thanks to a new contact made by the members of Sherston 1016, we'll be trying out the show for the first time.

Don't forget that the Fireworks Party will take place this year on Saturday 7 November, starting at 6.30pm at Lower Farm, Easton Town, thanks to the continuing generosity of the Hillier family.

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

Entrance charges (non-refundable) are £6 per adult and £3.50 per child on the gate, or £15 for an advance family ticket for two adults and up to three children, available from Sherston Post Office Stores.

Please wear sensible footwear, with wellingtons being preferable, especially if it's wet underfoot. It's also advisable to wear older clothes, just in case you spill tomato ketchup down your front! It's not a high-fashion event, and, after all, you'll be in a farmer's field!

Please note that there is no car parking available on site or on the road approaching the field.

All profits from the event go towards the senior citizens Christmas vouchers.

Please take any combustible material you may have to the site during the week leading up to the Saturday and put it over the wall into the bonfire field, which is on the right as you approach the farm buildings.

Can you help the guys on Sherston's Bonfire Night?

Sherston 1016 needs several more volunteers to help set up the Bonfire and Fireworks event planned during the day on Saturday 7 November.

Previous experience not necessary, just enthusiasm. We're a small, friendly team!

We particularly need more stewards and people to help cook and serve on the barbecue in the evening from around 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

If you're interested, and would like a chat please contact Richard Langley on 840112, 07879 612776 or richlangley@gmail.com

Jubilee Tree Bench



The old broken benches have now been replaced with a new bench that wraps around the Jubilee tree. The fingerpost was also lovingly restored by Bob and repositioned on the triangle. There are a few more improvements planned, so look out for the changes around the Jubilee tree.

Operation Christmas Child: Sherston's 25th year!

Bring your filled shoeboxes along to the British School Room on Saturday 14 November between 10.00am and 12.00noon in support for Operation Christmas Child. This will be the 25th anniversary of Sherston's first shoebox collection!

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The Tea Party held in the British School Room on the anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute in the UK 100 years ago was a great success. Members from Lea and Little Somerford WIs joined Sherston members for much chat and a good tea, including three beautiful celebration cakes, one from each WI.

At the end of September two members visited Westbury Dairies for a tour of the vast factory and then a couple of days later, 12 members had a memorable tour of Bath with Andrew Butterworth, a one-time teacher at Malmesbury School. This was followed by a delicious lunch at The Pump Room. More dining took place at The Rattlebone Inn in October to celebrate Sherston WI's 75th anniversary – this was a very convivial evening when members were given a small memento of the WI's centenary.

Meetings will now be in the British School Room at 2.30pm, and on 5 November Judi Wray-Bliss will be speaking about 18th Century Bath.

Dougal remembered

Thank you to everyone for the kindness, sympathy, flowers and cards given to me at my loss of Dougal. Living in Sherston is of great help and comfort, and I am very grateful for all your support.

Lin Prior

Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 29 November. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return to the Rattlebone Inn just around 12.00noon, in time for a complimentary snack. As ever, children and well-behaved dogs on leads are very welcome.

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Remembrance Sunday: 8 November



SHERSTON REMEMBERS 1914 - 1918

To commemorate the centenary of the start of the First World War, last year Sherston's Service of Remembrance was held in the open for the first time. Estimates put the attendance in excess of 600 and the ceremony was considered a success by the village.

Accordingly, it is proposed to hold the ceremony in the open, in front of the lych gate, again this year following a similar format, with everyone in position by 10.45am. The service will start at 10.55am with the two minutes silence at 11.00am. Representatives of the churches in Sherston will be taking the service. In addition to the regular wreath layers, there will be an opportunity to lay a wreath or floral tribute in memory of anyone who has died in any conflict or during military service.

The Sherston service includes Easton Grey and the names of their fallen are read out during the service so everyone from Easton Grey is invited.

A limited number of chairs will be available for those who cannot stand. Those with wheelchairs and mobility scooters should use them.

Church Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 10.00am until 12.00noon, diversions will be in place along Sandpits Lane, Green Lane, and Court Street. Additional parking if required will be available at the Rec.

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council will next meet on Thursday 12 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.

Malmesbury Musical Extravaganza

The Malmesbury Concert Band has been performing in new and familiar locations throughout the summer. As usual, the weather has proved very challenging with high winds meaning a requirement for thermal underwear and much dexterity has been required with manipulating pegs when turning pages, not all music or stands survived the season! Other challenges have included an over-enthusiastic announcer at a fête and BBQ smoke - deep breath anyone?! We have over 30 members playing a range of wind instruments, including our swinging trombonist and sleazy alto-saxophonist, with a broad repertoire 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.

Our annual concert will be on Saturday 21 November, from 7.30pm, at Malmesbury Town Hall. Tickets are £8.00 (or £6.00 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 Cainey, 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 and medleys in Malmesbury Market Cross on Saturday 19 December, at 11.00am, with funds raised supporting the Malmesbury mayor's charities. Come along and have the chance to play the tambourine with us in Sleigh Ride - although you'll have to take it off Jill, the part-time percussionist!

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SOSCIC AGM



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On behalf of the board of SOSCIC we would like to notify Cliffhanger readers of our next Annual General Meeting. The AGM will take place on Tuesday 3 November at 7.30pm in the British School Room, Cliff Road. Both members and non-members alike are invited to attend.

John Kerslake, Membership Secretary, SOSCIC, 6 Sandpits Lane, Sherston SN16 0NN. Tel. 07803 265404

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A Load of Boules



The Rattlebone Boules League has come to the end of another successful season. The League has been at the Rattlebone now for 16 years and, in that time, has grown from 16 teams playing in one league to 48 teams playing in three leagues. With over 160 people involved, it has proved to be a very popular event. It would appear that the social interaction is as important as the game itself as the comments, insults and guffaws coming from the pitches before, during and after the games gives the impression that a lot of people are enjoying themselves immensely.

The main winners this year came largely from the pub itself. League 3 was won by 'The Rattleboules' made up mainly from the pub staff. League 2 was won by 'Mrs Slockum's Pussy', previously captained by our august landlord, Jason Reid. The team now mostly consists of Jason's old school chums who appear to do remarkably well without him, as they

have dropped the sub scrotal throw in favour of more orthodox tactics. League 1 was won by 'The Bungers', captained by that well-known cricket playing thespian Kevin Smith. He is so professional that not even cries of 'Behind You' could put him off his stroke whilst he was preparing to throw his boules. These winners, together with the runners up and the third-placed teams, will receive their fearfully expensive, but incredibly tacky prizes at a presentation buffet on Wednesday 13 January. All those who took part are welcome.

At present – for the first time ever – there is no indication that any teams will be pulling out of next year's competition. There are however various teams that require extra players to cover for work commitments, holidays, etc. If you would like to become involved in this quirky French game that helps to introduce you to a fascinating cross-section of Sherston residents, contact Tony Towle on 840574 or atowle@btinternet.com.

Re-Enactment of The Battle Of Sherston 1016

It is a little known fact that when John Rattlebone was informed of the approaching Danish Army, he was in the middle of a game of boules



outside his pub. Like Sir Francis Drake, who followed his example, John insisted in finishing his game before giving his attention to the approaching Danes.

As part of the festivities surrounding the re-enactment of John Rattlebone's victory over the Danes, we will also be recreating this historic game of boules on the Friday evening before the battle. The exact format has yet to be decided, but will involve as many teams as possible. Watch this space.

Tony Towle



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Non-drop Christmas trees will be on sale from outside The Angel every weekend morning throughout December – and, for early birds, we are also planning on selling them on the last weekend in November if the trees arrive in time.

All profits go to charity and this year will be split between the 1016 Viking fund and Busy Hands Pre-School.

For those who would like to keep their cars clean or are unable to carry their tree home themselves, the Scouts will be available to hand deliver the trees within Sherston in exchange for a small donation to their funds, making this a real community affair – raising money for three local charities/groups.

It would be a great help if you could pre-order your tree – all sizes can be catered for if we know in advance, plus we hope to sell out and wouldn't want to disappoint anyone. More information will go up closer to the time on Facebook and at the Post Office but if you would like to pre-order, please call Emma 841402 or email emmanewby@gmail.com



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Emergency planning

The Sherston parish council emergency response planning committee has completed the development of an emergency response plan for Sherston that covers a range of events including flooding, severe snow, pandemic flu, a prolonged loss of utilities, an animal health incident and an unspecified major disaster. Jill Caaney is the emergency response coordinator and will be responsible for leading and managing any response to a major incident. In the event of an incident, a committee will be formed, drawn from members of the community best placed to provide support and advice. This committee will liaise with authorities and emergency services and manage any response.

There is a new addition to the back page of the Cliffhanger – a section that details the contact details of the emergency response coordinator and some useful information. If the telephone system and mobile network fails then information will be available at the village hall, which would be the coordination centre during any incident.

Villagers have always rallied round when there has been a problem and this will continue, but if there needs to be any coordination then the parish council will take on this role and would ask that if you think you can help when a disaster strikes then please contact the coordinator.

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News from Holy Cross Church

Crown reduction work will be carried out on Monday 23 and possibly also Tuesday 24 November to the copper beech tree at the front of the churchyard. This will mean that there will be a hydraulic lift in Church Street and alternate one-way traffic around it; this has been approved by Wiltshire Council

The Parochial Church Council apologises for the disruption that will be caused by this necessary work

Sue Robinson
Churchwarden

November is often thought of as a season of remembrance. It begins with the feast days of All Saints and All Souls, often combined into one Sunday in many parish churches. We shall celebrate All Saints in the morning of 1 November across our group.

That same day we hold our annual Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration at All Souls, 1 November, 6.00pm in Holy Cross Sherston. This event is a calm and reflective service at which we remember and give thanks for those who have died. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one. If you would like the name of someone who has died to be mentioned in the prayers, then please let me know on Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or 837522. Letters of invitation will shortly be going out to the next of kin of anyone whose funeral has been taken within the Gauzebrook Group during the past year, but we would like to emphasise that everyone is most welcome.

On 8 November we observe Remembrance Sunday with an outdoor service at 10.45 am. (see page 4)

At the end of the month, the Advent Service of Light is a beautiful occasion with Advent-themed anthems and carols. It will be on 29 November, 6.00pm in Holy Cross Sherston. Katherine Bennett is recruiting for the choir, and would like to hear from anyone who enjoys singing and would like to be part of a friendly mixed choir – all abilities welcome. Rehearsals are in Sherston Church at 4.00pm on Saturday 14 and 21 November and at 3.00pm on Saturday 28 November, with a final rehearsal at 3.00pm on the day of the service. Please contact katherine@sbennett.co.uk

There will also be a communion service that day, 29 November, in Hullavington at 10.30 am. This will be the only morning service in our Group that Sunday.

Sherston PCC is consulting on a proposal for a new type of service at 9.30 am. Several copies of a paper are available on the chest at the crossing in church – please have a look and return it for others. There will also be a meeting to discuss the idea: Sunday 15 November after the Family Service, in church. The meeting will involve a presentation and the opportunity for discussion.

North Wilt's Villages Flower Club

September meeting

The September meeting was our AGM, followed by a talk and demonstration by David Martin who was a member of the South West Area NAFAS Team that won a gold medal at the Chelsea Show this year. David told us of the highs and lows of creating a gold medal winning stand at the prestigious show and re-created two of the wonderful designs used on the stand.

Many members and friends enjoyed the trip to the Magna Flora event at Salisbury Cathedral in September. To see the magnificent building filled with glorious flower designs is not to be forgotten.

Looking forward

Our annual Christmas event this year will be 'Bah Humbug' held at the Sundial Theatre in Cirencester on 18 November. We look forward to fabulous floral art created by Nick Grounds who is a National Floral Demonstrator and Horticultural Auctioneer. This is sure to be an evening to enjoy, admission is by ticket only; these will be available at the October meeting, from any Committee Member or contact on the number below. The Cost to members is £10 and £12 for guests. All are welcome.

On 16 December we will hold our annual Christmas workshop and bring and share supper. During this relaxed, social evening, members can create their own Christmas designs.

Flower club meetings take place at Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB on the third Wednesday of the month, seven for seven thirty. If you enjoy flowers come and join us, visitors and new members are always welcome.

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Planning permission has finally been granted, so it's all systems go now! Having said that, we are self-building, so it may take us some time longer than a team of builders – and apologies in advance to any locals who may be interrupted from time to time due to deliveries, etc.

First things first: the name. We've applied to change it to Cook's Chapel to honour and commemorate Farmer Cook's philanthropic gesture when he bought the building, which was a barn at the time, in 1823 and gifted it to the Congregational Church who consecrated it in 1825. If anyone knows any information about – or has pictures of – its life as a barn, please let us know. We would also love to know when it was first built.

We're very happy to welcome offers of help and also, if there's an appetite for hearing of the chapel's progress into a home, let us know and we can look at creating a blog to share interesting snippets.

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Sherston Senior Club

The Harvest Auction on 15 September was very enjoyable; Susan Harvey conducted a short service of thanksgiving and then acted as auctioneer (her first time). Susan did very well and the club were able to donate £65.00 to the Community of the Sisters of the Church in Bristol.

Our next meeting, on 29 September, was a talk and slides on New Zealand. However, we were very surprised when Nature's Wonders were shown to us. The speaker was most apologetic for his error.

On 13 October we visited Moreton-in-Marsh Market and Bourton on the Water, and on 27 October we held our Autumn Sale – more on these next month!

Looking forward

10 November: to be advised, see the posters on the community notice board nearer the time.

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Judy Sharp Practice Manager



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Red Riding Hood comes to Grittleton

Grittleton presents 'Red Riding Hood and the Pirates of Dunley Wood' at Grittleton Village Hall. You can catch the show on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 November at 7.30pm, or on Saturday 28 November at 2.30pm or 8.00pm. Doors open 30 minutes before the performance.

To book tickets please contact Edward King on 01249 782458 or email pantotickets2015@hotmail.com. Adults: £10; Children under 16: £5.

Malmesbury Singers Christmas Concert: Saturday 12 December

Malmesbury Singers' Christmas Concert, 'Hail Star' takes place at 7.30pm on Saturday 12 December at Malmesbury Abbey. The concert will include seasonal works by J.S. Bach / Bob Chilcott / John Rutter / Eric Whiteacre. Audience participation with favourite carols.

Conductor Iain Duffin. Accompanist John Hughes. Tickets will be available from The Abbey Bookshop, or via email: tickets@malmesburysingers.co.uk

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A puzzling event in Sherston?

I am hoping to arrange a Jigsaw Fest in Sherston next year to raise funds for the renovation of the village hall kitchen. Calling all puzzlers who enjoy a challenge and would be happy to make up jigsaw puzzles during the winter months. Calling all puzzlers who would be happy to donate their old jigsaws.

If you are wondering how this is all going to work please phone me on 841147 and let's put the fun into fundraising and at the same time enjoy a relaxing winter hobby.

Marion Gee

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Learning about otters and our local rivers



As you may know, a number of people in the village have been working to improve the river and meadows upstream of the village around Grove Wood. We were lucky enough to capture some film of an otter which created lots of interest.

In the village hall on Thursday 12 November at 7.30pm there will be two talks - one about the Sherston river project by the Bristol and Avon River Trust followed by a talk by Tony House from Somerset about the life of the otter - he is a self-confessed otterholic (who also happens to have family in the village!).

Entry is free, tea and cakes available.



SHERSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Meeting in the British School Room

October Services

1st November 4.00pm	Communion Service Andrew Williams Tarling
8th November 11.00am	Remembrance Service at Holy Cross
15th November 11.00am	All Age Service Andrew Williams Tarling
22nd November 4.00pm	All Age Service Candi Williams Tarling
29th November 11.00am	All Age Service Andrew Williams Tarling

DYB DOB Corner



It's been a busy time for the group this half term.

The Cubs and Scouts had a brilliant weekend in the Brecon Beacons staying at Dolygaer. They climbed Pen-y-fan, went canoeing with beautiful views of the mountains and had camp fires in the evening.



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For many of the 17 cubs it was their first time away from home without family and all coped well. At the debrief, the hike, fire and canoeing were voted the best bits. The lack of sleep was a unanimous winner for the worst bit, though we are all fairly sure that they are the only ones to blame for that!

Cub leader Marcus has got his Hill Walking qualification and Scout Leader Riaan has gained his Nights Away, hence the big trip to the Brecons.

All groups have been working on their Scouting, with cooking, shooting and navigation.

The colder, darker nights do bring us indoors a bit more so it's time to get on with the challenge badges for the Cubs and Scouts.

Christmas

The Scout Christmas post is still a firm favourite in the village and will be back again this year. Stamps will be on sale from early December in the post office. Post Boxes will be at the post office and The Tolley Surgery. The post will be delivered Sunday 20th December to Sherston, Luckington, Sopworth, Easton Grey and Pinkney.

The Hamper Raffle will be held again, with tickets on sale from early December, including us just being lucky enough to have a table at the December

Christmas Market. The quality of hampers just keeps getting better each year and still at £1.00 a ticket. This is our big fundraiser of the year so all support is greatly appreciated.

The family draw evening will be Friday 19 December, venue to be confirmed but it will be the usual mix of fun and games for all the family.

Looking Forward

We currently have a very active group with a wide range of activities for all involved and lots more planned going into 2016 but we are always

looking to improve what we do.

Our present Chair (Kirstie Blair) has decided to step down from the role but is moving to be more involved with fundraising and entertainment. We are also looking at ways the Cubs, Scouts and Explorers can be more involved with the community. If your group think we could help in anyway, please do contact us at kirstieblair@googlemail.com, equally if you would like to become Chair of the group please contact Kirstie.

The Scout Hut

This is available for rent at very reasonable rates and is ideal for parties, meetings, band practice, etc etc.

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Christmas

Straight after the Christmas Bauble event at the Neeld Arms, Moviola is showing CINDERELLA [U] on Wednesday 2 December. Doors open from 6.00pm. Film starts promptly at 6.30pm

Please contact Lesley for tickets [£6 adults, £3 under 12's] on 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com [underscore between the l and the p]. www.moviola.org

Sherston Market

The next market is on Saturday 14 November at the village hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm. We have a full market lined up for you and with Christmas on the way there will be plenty of seasonal items to peruse.

The café will be serving up some enticing and delicious food to tempt you both to eat in or to take away. Not only will we have our very popular vegetarian curry with naan bread but also our sought after bacon butties as well as a delicious home-made soup.

At all markets at least one 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! November's is in support of the Alzheimer's Society.

For those on facebook there is an active Sherston Market page with lots of information about our stallholders and their products. Please also visit our new website www.sherstonmarket.co.uk which lists details of which stallholders are attending the next market.

If you are a local maker, baker, grower or producer and are interested in taking a stall please either use the contact form on the web site, phone 07887 814843 / 07769 613627 or email info@awkwardsquad.co.uk

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SHoCC

'I am going to sing with SHoCC' I said to my family one day.

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'No, no my dears' I said to them all 'you don't understand what I've done.'

Sherston Occasional Community Choir, SHoCC for short, that's the one.

The choir I am planning to join, as long as they'll let me stay,

for the music I hope we will sing and the friends I will make on the way.'

Our leader, Trudi's her name, makes us all feel so good when we sing.

We enjoy all the music and laugh quite a lot and wonder what next week will bring.

In control at the keyboard we have Brian. He's a very great help to the choir.

If we need music transposed up or down he can cope, with a switch he'll go lower or higher.

Good singers are quite hard to find but in SHoCC we are lucky indeed,

to have all four parts covered by singers who can pitch notes and mostly sight read.

Tenors are always quite rare and can't always hold on to their line,

but Trevor and Alan are experienced singers, when they are here everything's fine.

Margaret and Sue sing soprano with skill and with great expertise.

It's good to sit near and sing with them and hope that our leader we'll please.

Mike is a loyal supporter, always here with a smile and a joke,

willing to sing any solos we need and help out. He's a really good bloke.

Now we have come to half term it is time to draw breath and survey,

the work we have done, the work still to do and the fun we have had on the way.

To Trudi, Brian, the committee, Lucy and Jill for helping our choir to survive,

we say thank you for all your hard work and may SHoCC continue to thrive.

Ann Lyall, October 2015

(Come and join us – Wednesday evenings in The British School Room, Cliff Road at 7.30pm.)

Five years on ...



Do you have a computer or tablet but don't feel confident using it? Or perhaps you would like to do more on the internet. Although computers aren't for everyone, there are many benefits to using them, especially if you find it difficult to get out and about. You can stay in touch with family and friends and share photos with them. You can use the Internet to research your interests and develop new ones. Computers can make life easier by shopping or paying bills online – it is estimated you can save up to £560 per year this way.

There are local services available to help you develop confidence in using computers. There are several clubs where you can go and get together with others while getting help from a tutor. There are also a number of schemes where someone can help you at home on a one-to-one basis – some of them free of charge.

As your local Good Neighbour Co-ordinator, I can help put you in touch with these services. For this or any other query about issues affecting older people, please contact me, Ellen Blacker, on 07557 922020.



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Rags2Riches collection for Sherston School

The Friends of Sherston School are holding a Rags2Riches collection on Tuesday 17 November. Rags2Riches gives the school 40p for each kilo we collect so this is a great and easy way to raise money. If you have any clothes, shoes, jewellery, bedding, belts, hats, bags or towels in good condition, please bring along to school in a bin bag between 8.45am and 9.00am on Tuesday 17 November. If you can't make the collection time but would like to donate some items, please contact Sophie Cheetham (sophcheetham@gmail.com or 07786 990045).

Santa's grotto: Saturday 12 December

Father Christmas will be available to see children in Sherston on Saturday 12 December. He will be set up in his grotto outside the village hall, thanks to Busy Hands Pre-School! More details next month but note that there will be mulled wine for accompanying adults!



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3rd	234	Ann Marie Pritchett	£11
4th	60	Barbara Wilden	£10
5th	45	Lina Elwell	£9
6th	208	Rosie Leonard	£8
7th	199	Deidre Wilde	£7

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

We will be collecting 2016 subs in December and January. If you are out, a note will be left and the sub can be paid at the Post Office, as in previous years.

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Church Bazaar

Sherston Church Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 5 December in the village hall. It will start at 11.00am with coffee and mince pies, then lunch of homemade soup, with bacon or cheese rolls will be served from 12.00 noon. Stalls will include cakes, gifts, produce, toys and jewellery, and there will also be a raffle and tombola.

Please come along and support your church, also to enjoy a friendly social occasion. Donations to any of the stalls, raffle or tombola will be very welcome and can be given beforehand or on the day from 10.00am. Father Christmas will be visiting from about 1.00pm, and the event will finish about 2.30pm.

Phone Pat Whitehouse 840640, Heather Martin 840375 or see the Churchwardens Sue Robinson or Pam Pickthall.

Busy Hands Quiz 2016: Date announced

Keep Saturday 6 February free for the 2016 Busy Hands quiz! For anyone who's not been before, this is a key highlight of the Sherston social calendar! As previously, there will be an auction and a raffle and, in further good news, ticket prices are held at £20 per team of four.

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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 Sun we visit local Churches together. 2nd Sun 11am. Visiting Speaker. 3rd Sun 4pm Family Friendly Service. 4th Sun 4pm Children's Church. 5th Sun we worship elsewhere. All services are led or hosted by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 (or find us on Facebook.).

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

Gauzebrook Church for Children

Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them: **Junior Church** is held at Court House, Hullavington. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult.

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

Little Lights

Every Thurs, 10.30 am in Hullavington church. Children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers come from across the Group, including Sherston, for songs, crafts, activities, Bible stories and snack time. Any questions, contact Chantal on 837522

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

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.

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Busy Hands Pre-school

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

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

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

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

Drawing Classes in Sherston

The summer term will start on Wed 30 Sep in the British Schoolroom and new students of all standards are welcome to join. Classes are

10am to 12 noon or 1.30pm to 3.30pm for ten weeks. Students have individual attention and the classes are friendly and welcoming - 10 week term costs £80. For further information phone Heather Martin 840375 or email heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

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

Footpaths group The group has published the booklet 'Sherston Walks - a new guide to local rights of way', featuring 10 local walks and is now on sale at the post office. If you would like to learn more about the footpath group and perhaps take part in some of its activities please come along to a meeting. For further information contact Maggie Harries on 841047 or maggie@hariespartnership.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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

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

Malmesbury Community Choir

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

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

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

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

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership For details contact Woody Allen 390110 mark.allen@allenclan.co.uk

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides For details contact the Division Commissioner at malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

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

workshops and competitions. Call Margaret Stanford on 01285 770 639 to answer any queries or give information about forthcoming events.

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

The Rattlebone Boules League Consists of 48 teams playing in 3 Leagues. Contact Tony Towle on 840574.

Red Bull Inn Boules Friendly boules club at the Red Bull Inn (Malmesbury Rd) - meets every Thurs at 7.15pm - any level. For the more competitive members, there is a team playing in the Cotswold Pétanque league. Doubles tournament on Sun 28 Jun. To enter, please contact Sue McKechnie on 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.com

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

Sherston 1016 Fundraising for local good causes and charities. Contact sherston1016@gmail.com or Martin Jacques 07717 424619

Sherston Badminton Club We play every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from September to the end of May. - New members welcome. For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592

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, greghughes_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) r.a.skeffington@gmail.com Tel. 840092

Sherston FC The club play in the Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Saturday afternoons - spectators and new players welcome.

Contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or peter.brock666@btinternet.com

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

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

Sherston's Living Churchyard

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

Sherston Magna Cricket Club Junior nets have now finished for the season, but u15s are welcome to Senior nets at 6.30pm on Tues nights at Pinkney Park. If you would like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the website www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk

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

SH.O.C.C. The choir meets at 7.30pm each Wednesday in the British Schoolroom £3 per session - New term starts Wed 9 Sep refreshments 50p. Further information from Lucy Lawrance on 840778 (evenings) or lucy@sherston.plus.com

Sherston Photography Forum

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

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

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

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

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

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

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

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

Sherston W.I. Meetings on first Thursday of month SMar - Sept in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and Nov/Dec/Feb in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. No meetings Oct or Jan. Visitors always most welcome £3.50. Further information: Secretary 840578

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

WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

What's on in 2016 Dates for your diary

February

6 Busy Hands Quiz

June

24-25 Battle of Sherston Events

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.

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Upcoming events at Holy Cross Church

All Souls Sun 1 Nov If you would like the name of a loved one to be remembered at this service then please email Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com

Remembrance Service Sun 8 Nov Open air service planned - Please be in front of the lych gate by 10.45. The service will start at 10.55 with the 2 minutes silence at 11am A limited number of chairs will be available for those who cannot stand. Those with wheelchairs and mobility scooters should use them. Church Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 10.00 am until 12.00pm, diversions will be in place along Sandpits Lane, Green Lane, and Court Street. Additional parking if required will be available at the Recreational Ground.

In Depth events – an illustrated talk or lecture, followed by Q&A 'Did St Paul misunderstand Jesus?' Did St Paul significantly reinterpret the teaching of Christ? 12 Nov 7.30pm Holy Cross

Advent Service of Light Sun 29 Nov 6pm There will be a communion service in Hullavington, 10.30 am. This will be the only morning service in our Group that Sunday
Church Bazaar Sat 5 Dec 11am in the Village Hall Details next month but if there is anyone who would like to offer help or to make items to sell on the day (Christmas gifts), please get in touch with Pat Whitehouse (840640) or Heather Martin (840375). This is one of the main fundraising events to pay for Church running costs so please support it and put it in your diary

For further details call Rev Christopher Bryan 837522 or Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or twitter @chrisbryanrev // blog <http://revchristopherbryan.wordpress.com/>

The Rattlebone Inn

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

Halloween Fancy Dress Party Sat 31 Oct –with Live Music From The Delray Rockets & Spooky Cocktails

Flying Monk Brewery Tour Fri 6 Nov 6.45pm Transport To And From The Brewery, Talk and Lots of Sampling whilst there, back to The Rattlebone for chilli & rice & delicious cheeseboard. £15 all in. Please register your interest at The Bar

British Game Week with lots of Delicious Gamey Specials 23 – 30 Nov

Live Music from Going Underground Fri 27 Nov Check boards for details

Check boards for more details of events or call 840871 or follow on Twitter #GavinHunt@Therattlebone or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk/

Sherston Market

Local crafts and produce which vary each month, cake stalls including Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh local vegetables and cheeses from Brinkworth Dairy.

Every month a free stall in the lobby of Village Hall is made available to local charity or voluntary group to raise funds – December - Scouts Hamper Raffle ticket sale. See www.sherstonmarket.weebly.com for dates and a contact form should any prospective stallholder wish to get in touch 10am-2pm

Sat 14 Nov Sat 12 Dec Village hall 10am-2pm For further details call 07887 814843 or 07769 613627 or email info@awkwardsquad.co.uk or visit www.sherstonmarket.co.uk or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sherston-Market/195319400641324>

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organized by Sherston 1016 Barbecue, hot soup and soft drinks available Sat 7 Nov Fireworks from 6.30pm. Tickets on entry £6 adult, £3.50 child. Advance family ticket £15 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. For further details call Richard Langley on 840112 or 07879 612776.

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

The featured local artist showing a selection of work in the gallery is Julia Leyden Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon. Shear Class, High St

SOSCIC AGM

Annual General Meeting Tues 3 Nov 7.30pm Both members and non-members alike are invited to attend. British School Rooms For further details visit www.sherston.org.uk/oldschoolproject.php

FSS Winter Games Club

Board games and cards in the Scout Hut Fridays 3.15-5.15pm from 6 Nov. £1 per child including squash and a biscuit. Coffee and a catch-up corner for adults, all in aid of Friends of Sherston School. For more details contact Sophie Cheetham (sophcheetham@gmail.com) or Alex Evelyn (alexrevelyn@gmail.com)

Rags2Riches collection for Sherston School

Friends of Sherston School are holding a Rags2Riches collection on Tues 17 Nov. Rags2Riches gives the school 40p for each kilo we collect so this is a great and easy way to raise money. Bring any unwanted clothes, shoes,

jewellery, bedding, belts, hats, bags or towels in good condition in a bin bag to the school between 8.45am and 9am. If you can't make the collection time but would like to donate some items, please contact Sophie Cheetham (sophcheetham@gmail.com or 07786 990045).

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebbox drop off Sherston's 25th year - Refugees to receive this year too Sat 14 Nov 10am-12noon British School Room

Sherston WI Talks

18th Century Bath with Judi Wray Bliss 5 Nov at 2.30pm in the BSR

Looking at Life as I see it with Jean Collins 3 Dec at 2.30pm in the BSR

Lunch at The Royal Old Ship, Luckington instead of the monthly meeting - 7 Jan

AGM 4 Feb 2.30pm in the BSR Visitors always welcome - £3.50. If new to the village come and make new friends. Mar-Sep in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and Nov/Dec/ Feb in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. No meeting in Oct or Jan For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Sherston Senior Club

Sherston School Choir perform for the Senior Club Tues 24 Nov Members free, Visitors, who are always welcome £2 includes refreshments

For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

Sue's Strolls

Sun 29 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 book This is a PHEW! event see www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk.

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



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Christmas trees for Vikings & Pre School

Non-drop Christmas trees will be on sale from outside The Angel every weekend morning throughout Dec and also on the last weekend in November if the trees arrive in time. All profits go to charity and this year will be split between the 1016 Viking fund and Busy Hands Pre School. It would be a great help if you could pre-order your tree - all sizes can be catered for if we know in advance plus we hope to sell out and wouldn't want to disappoint anyone. More information will go up closer to the time on Facebook and at the Post Office.

Delivery in Sherston by the Scouts Scouts will be available to hand deliver the trees locally within Sherston in exchange for a small donation to their funds for those who would like to keep their cars clean or are unable to carry them home themselves.

For further details or to pre-order please call Emma on 841402 or email emmanewby@gmail.com

French holiday clubs

With stories, puppets, craft, cooking, games and role-plays, the French language will be brought to life. Your child will have a fabulous time and come away feeling more confident in the spoken language. 5 and 21 Dec in Sherston 10am - 3pm £38

For further details and reserve a place at admin@clubs4kids.com or call 837295 / 07972 591311 or visit <http://www.clubs4kids.com/>

Worker's Educational Association (WEA) Art, Literature and Music courses

Shakespeare in the Theatre Dr Tim Hammond delivers an exciting course which examines the dramatic work of Shakespeare - Fri 6 Nov - Fri 11 Dec 10am-12.15pm Course Fee: £48

Dutch and Flemish Painting Masters Paul Chapman presents a comprehensive review of the astonishing contribution of 15th, 16th and 17th century Dutch and Flemish painters including Bosch, Bruegel, Vermeer, Frans Hals, Rubens and Rembrandt Fri 8 Jan - Fri 12 Feb 2016, 10am-12.15pm. Course Fee: £48

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5.30 to 6.30pm - Junior Brick Club:
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6.30 to 8.00pm - Brick Club:
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Three Choirs Festival - 1 day course Tim Porter holds a comprehensive exploration of the 300 year history and music of the internationally renowned festival being celebrated at Gloucester in 2016. Sat 19 Mar 2016, 11am - 4.40pm £25 British Schoolroom. For further details call Enquiries and bookings contact Warwick or Pat Jones on 840764 or warwickandpatjones@gmail.com or visit www.wea.org.uk/

Santa's Grotto

Father Christmas comes to Sherston - come see him in his grotto outside the village hall (thanks to Busy Hands) on Sat 12 Dec - more details next month. Mulled wine for accompanying adults.

Save the date -

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In aid of Luckington Children's Playgrounds Charity Thurs 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>

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Art Exhibition - Seasons featuring Sherston artist Gill

Ashley The Eeles family of potters from Mosterton, Dorset together with Gill, present a mixture of paintings covering the four seasons as well as associated topics - an eclectic mix, as ever, in style and finish! The pottery also reflects those lovely autumnal colours in the Eeles raku pots till Sun 1 Nov The Oak Hall - free after admission

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

The new TreeQuests app enables adventurers to create their own quest through the arboretum, with interactive challenges along the way...

Nov admission prices Adults £9 Concs and those arriving by bike or public transport £6 Children (5-18) £5 under 5s free

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 by calling 881218. Sorry, dogs (except assistance dogs) are not allowed on the trail because it is in the Old Arboretum, the dog free zone. Fri Sat and Sun evenings till 18 Dec - 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 £10 adult /£8 concs/ £5 ch

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

For further details call 880220 or visit

www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Hullavington

Mary Howard Charity Christmas Fair

Tues 10 - Fri 13 Nov 10am - 4pm. New for 2015 - bookable restaurant - see website for details Prebooked tickets £10, £12 on the door

For further details call or visit www.maryhowardsales.co.uk

Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

Thursday evening cinema £23 includes a choice of either a glass of wine, a bottled beer or soft drink. A small tub of delicious ice cream (choice of flavour) and of course popcorn. Must be prebooked 8.30pm start A Little Chaos starring Kate Winslet, Alan Rickman 12 Nov Focus starring Will Smith 10 Dec

Sunday Cinema £8.50 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn. In addition, on the day, choose one, two or three courses from the a la carte lunch menu in 'Le Mazor' brasserie The Sunday Cinema Screenings must be pre-booked and at least one course

A Little Chaos starring Kate Winslet, Alan Rickman 29 Nov; Focus starring Will Smith 27 Dec

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

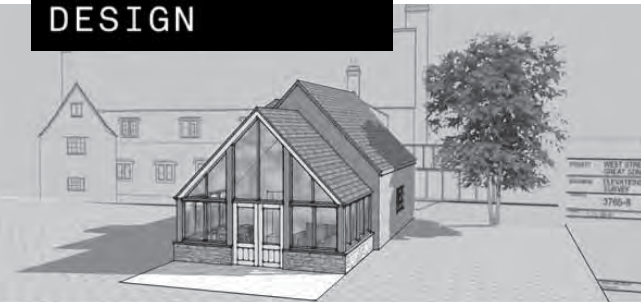
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Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Women of World War I - a tribute by Trip Paradis Sat 7 Nov 7.30pm Women's stories told in their own words through letters, diaries and poetry. Music by female composers writing during the war £15 members/ £5 student or chd. Season tickets are also available for only £55
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malmesburyyoungfarmers@hotmail.co.uk

Malmesbury Concert Band

Annual Concert Sat 21 Nov 7.30pm in Malmesbury Town Hall Tickets £8 (£6 concs) from Michael Thomas Family butchers

Christmas carols and medleys Sat 19 Dec 11am at Malmesbury Market Cross with funds raised supporting the Malmesbury mayor's charities

For further details call Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or tony@jacfleming.plus.com or Jill Caine, 3 Noble Street, 841380 (one of the bassoonists!) or visit www.freewebs.com/malmesburyconcertband/

Malmesbury Singers Christmas Concert

Hail Star Concert The concert will include seasonal works by J.S. Bach / Bob Chilcott / John Rutter / Eric Whiteacre. Audience participation with favourite carols. Sat 12 Dec in Malmesbury Abbey. Tickets Adults £12, Concessions £10, students/children £5 from The Abbey Bookshop, or email: tickets@malmesburysingers.co.uk

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Meetings 4th Thurs 10-11.45am 50p

The Cotswold Canals: past, present and future Theo Stenning Thurs 26 Nov No meeting Dec

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

HEALS Isolation Christmas Lunch

For the 2nd year running, we are working with Waitrose and other retailers in the town to bring "Christmas cheer" to those that are lonely or vulnerable in our communities. Nominations for places should be sent in the first instance to HEALS of Malmesbury's General Manager, Alison Cross-Jones, who will agree with you how the nominee will be approached. The lunch is open to all ages including families. Our plan is to again serve Christmas lunch in the Malmesbury Community Hub at Malmesbury Town Hall, on Christmas Eve and if possible to provide each attendee with a gift.

Similarly we ask that you please spread the word among those you know who might be willing to help us organise these events. We need cooks, vegetable "preparers", drivers, waiters and waitresses, "setter uppers" and "cleaner uppers!" The more the merrier!

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Breakfast at Tiffany's Sat 14 Nov 7.30pm

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Grittleton Village Hall

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Crudwell Village Hall

For further details call For tickets call 577 370 or email jc.paginton@btinternet.com

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