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Happy 5th Birthday!

Yes this month sees the Cliffhanger's fifth birthday and how we've grown since that first issue way back in 2008 when the newly born publication boasted a mere four pages and only three adverts.

That first edition reported on the success of the Cricket team, the forthcoming bonfire party and pantomime, planning and traffic issues plus that old favourite of many an edition since – dog fouling. How little things change - apart of course from the huge increase in pages, articles and advertisers as well as the size of the print run which has almost doubled to over 1,100 copies a month.

The success of the publication is down to many individuals—including the editorial team, contributors and the often unsung army of distributors who brave all weathers to get 'The Clanger' out. Our many advertisers must not be forgotten as they have helped ensure that not only does the publication remain free but also turns in a small profit for use towards special products and events in the parish. Tremendous thanks are due to all.

Here's to the next five years.

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Driven batty

The B4040 Badminton Overbridge is now open again until 19 October as work on the new bridge has been delayed due to the discovery of roosting bats. A licence for their removal is awaited from Natural England before Network Rail can proceed. This will have a knock-on effect as to when the works will be complete and the road eventually reopened for good. Early to mid February now seems the best that can be expected.

The bridge on the Fosse remains shut whilst work continues and unless bats are discovered there it is planned that the road reopens just before Christmas.

All these road closures are clearly causing a marked reduction in through traffic and consequently on passing trade for all local businesses. Please support them as much as possible to help them through what must be a difficult time.

Copy deadline: 10th of the previous month.

Send to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk or hard copy to Sherston Post Office Stores.

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

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

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

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Sherston pupils 'jump rope' for heart

It was only a couple of months ago that pupils at Sherston Primary School raised a huge amount for the school by holding a sponsored bike ride around the Castle Combe race track - and, during the same weekend, they had an Olympics Fun Day at the Rec! In September they were active again, with a 'Jump Rope for Heart' sponsored activity in aid of the British Heart Foundation (BHF). Pupils spent 10 days learning a series of skipping skills, with the emphasis on fun, before the main event - a 'Jump Off' - on Wednesday 18 September. Susan Wild, PE Subject Leader at Sherston School said: 'This sponsored activity provides an ideal opportunity for the children to take part in an excellent heart health activity in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere and, at the same time, to raise valuable sponsorship money for the work of the BHF and for the school.' The BHF is the nation's heart charity, pioneering research into the causes and treatment of heart disease among men, women and children, life-saving cardiac equipment, BHF nurses and health education. A Moroccan Supper fundraising event is also being organised soon by the BHF Malmesbury branch – for more information check the What's On section.

Boules & Carnival pays out

The 2013 Boules & Carnival has produced a profit of £7,000 which has been distributed amongst the following participating groups:

Parish Church, Village Hall, Football Club, Cricket Club, Friends of Sherston School, W.I., Senior Club, 992 Squadron ATC, Busy Hands Pre-School, Community Chapel Buildings, 1016, Brownies, Drama, Young Craft, Mother & Toddlers, Scouts and Cubs, Grove Wood, Luckington Pre-School, Alive & Well, PROPS, and Luckington Playground. This was an excellent result and thanks are due to absolutely everyone who made the event such a success. Next year's event runs from 6 to 13 July, with Boules Day on 12 July.

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Wedding H 'owl' er



For those who have not seen the story already, the following is an extract from a story that appeared in the Mail Online on 16 September:

A couple had to put their wedding on hold after an owl that had been chosen to carry the rings fell asleep in the roof of the church. The bride had secretly arranged for the bird to swoop down to the altar with the wedding bands attached to its feet by tassels.

But the spectacular stunt failed when the barn owl, called Darcy, took to the rafters to enjoy an impromptu snooze.

It remained perched high inside the 900 year-old Holy Cross Church for an hour after falling asleep.

Reverend Christopher Bryan, who was in charge of the ceremony between Sonia Cadman, 46, and Andrew Mettle, 49, tried to coax the animal down but his efforts were in vain, so he decided to continue the service by using a back up set of rings.

Rev. Bryan added: 'We all had a bit of a laugh about it, and then we tried to get it down.'

Sonia said: 'Andrew is a twitcher, so the owl delivering the rings was a surprise gift from my mother. Luckily the service was able to go ahead and my husband was able to hold the bird and have some really nice pictures taken after the ceremony.'

Walk with Sue



Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 3 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.

As you can see from the picture, Sue's September walk took in the much appreciated new footbridge at Easton Grey. Thanks are due to Wiltshire Council and, particularly, our area Rights Of Way warden, Stephen Leonard, for replacing the bridge after last year's floods destroyed the old one.

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council next meets on Thursday 10 October in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise, please contact the clerk, Mrs Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read.

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The days are still warm and relatively long so who wants to think about winter? You do!

In a very short time, the daily temperature will drop, the clocks will go forward and the world will become a different place. Very few people love the winter months and, as we get older, our bodies find coping with the cold more difficult, and health problems can develop. By being prepared, we can stay warm and healthy this coming winter.

Is your property ready for winter?

Check the exterior of your property. Are there any loose or missing tiles on the roof, are your gutters clear of leaves, and are there any damp patches on the walls? Use a known and reputable company to do any repair work now. Personal recommendation is best, or you could try the Age UK Registered Traders list or Trading Standards website (www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk). Don't wait for the rain or the snow to fall – that is when a rogue trader comes knocking on your door telling you that they have noticed a problem which you may not have!

Get your central heating boiler serviced; if you use fires, get the chimney swept. It is the landlord's responsibility to get these carried out if you live in rented property. Make sure smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are working. If you haven't got any, get some installed; they could save your life if your air vents become blocked.

Draft-proofing doors and windows, loft insulation and lagging your hot water tank all help to keep your home warm and comfortable, as well as lowering your heating bills. Did you know that an electric blanket that is designed to stay on low all night is more beneficial to your body warmth than keeping the temperature high in your bedroom at night - and cheaper? Malmesbury Fire Station is open for checking the safety of electric blankets on 23 October. Book an appointment on 01225 713557.

Lastly, have a supply of salt and sand to put on your path and/or steps so that you can walk more safely outside when it is icy.

Are you going to be warm and healthy this winter?

If you are over 65, you are entitled to a free flu jab. The flu virus changes so you need to have a jab every year with the latest vaccine. Flu can develop into pneumonia which can be very serious, even fatal. Most GP surgeries have a flu clinic. Make sure you are booked in. (See page 22 for info on flu clinics at the Tolsey Surgery.)

Ideally your living areas should be 18-21°C in the day. Heat your bedroom before you go to bed and keep it at about 18°C overnight. In the coldest weather, have the heat come on a little earlier so the rest of the house is warm when you get up. Keep moving. Don't stay in your chair all day, get up every so often and wander around as this generates heat. Eat at least one hot meal a day and drink lots of hot drinks. If you have difficulty walking, try some exercises in your chair to keep you moving. Remember, wearing a number of thin layers of clothes is more effective than one thick layer.

Have a torch at hand in case of power cuts and also a supply of tinned or dry provisions in case you can't get to the shops. Make arrangements for your regular prescriptions to be delivered by the pharmacy.

Just because it is cold out, don't give up on your friends or your regular social groups. It is important to socialise – we are happier and healthier when we meet and chat to others. Try to arrange activities in the day rather than in the evening or work out car shares. If you can't get out, keep in touch with your friends and family by phone. Hearing about someone's day can help lift your spirits. Listen to local radio it will keep you up to date with what is happening in your area.

Some people are anxious that they will not have enough money to cover their fuel bills in the coldest months. There are grants to support elderly people who spend more than 10% of their income on fuel and are on state benefits - and don't forget that all those on state pension receive a winter fuel payment to help with costs. If you have any queries regarding preparing for winter or would like more information on any of the above, talk to your local good neighbour coordinator, Ellen Blacker on 07757 922020

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News from Malmesbury Children's Centre

Thinking about going back to work after having children can be a daunting prospect. The Children's Centre can help you look at different childcare options so you can decide what is best for your child. We can also give information on possible funding available, as well as tips on helping your child settle into a new childcare setting. Just give us a call to discuss.



Job skills with family learning

If you would like to brush up on the skills you need to find a job, we are running a free, relaxed 10-week course to help you to:

- write your CV,
- find the best places to look for a job,
- practise your interview skills, and
- lots more!

Book your place at Malmesbury Children's Centre, starting on Wednesday 13 November, 1.00pm to 3.00pm. These courses are free to all adults who have not achieved Level 2 in English and/or maths. Free childcare available too!

The Big Orange Treasure Hunt Stomp

Join us on Saturday 12 October between 10.00am and 11.30am Malmesbury Library to register for our annual fundraising event.

- Wear your wellies and have great fun seeing if you can spot all the Stompys hiding in the High Street;
- Make your own 'Stompy' back at the library to take home;
- Get yourself sponsored or pay a small charge on the day, with a prize for the family who raises the most money.

In addition, all dads, grandads, uncles and male carers who come along will get a free gift – hooray!!

October half-term events – 'Fantastic Journeys'

Come along and get creative!

Two free events will take place to celebrate Family Learning Week during half-term. These will be craft events with Wiltshire Scrapstore, themed around Fantastic Journeys. There are two dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 29 October at Hullavington Village Hall from 10.30am to 12.00noon, and
- Wednesday 30 October at the Activity Zone, Malmesbury from 11.00am to 12.30pm.

These are family events for mums and/or dads who have a child under five. Older siblings up to age 11 are also welcome. Please ring the centre to book your place. Please look on our website for our programme details: www.malmesburycc.org. You can now also follow us on Facebook. Please telephone 825566 or email malmesburycc@spurgeons.org to contact us.

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Sherston WI

Report from Sherston W.I. September meeting

There was a good attendance at our September meeting with several visitors, including Tanya Garstone W.I. adviser.

President Sheila introduced the speaker Dr Theo Stening whose subject was Iceland. He proceeded to give us a very comprehensive view of the country. His excellent slides showed a land ravaged by volcanic activity resulting in spectacular scenery; snow-capped mountains and magnificent waterfalls contrasted with vast desolate areas where lava has been deposited over thousands of years.

We were pleased to hear that women are very dominant in Icelandic society. With the men away fishing for much of the time, it was left to the women to run the home and the country. There are some very talented women artists skilled in many crafts, working with mosaics and woollen products. The population is mainly confined to the coastal areas due to the volcanic activity. There are few trees and little pasture. Sheep and salmon are important food products. Hot springs and geysers provide power for electricity, with hot water being stored in large tanks.

Dr Stening gave us a fascinating insight into Icelandic life and culture, very much enjoyed by us all.

Refreshments followed and then details of forthcoming activities.

The October meeting will be our birthday dinner at The Mayfield Hotel at Crudwell.

A Jewellery workshop is planned for 21 October, the table top sale in the village hall is on 9 November (£10 per table) and a willow-weaving course is planned for January.

Next Meeting: 7 November in the British School Room, 2.30pm, speaker Richard Broadhead on 'Soldiers of the Great War'. Men might like to attend.

by Ann Wilcox.

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Rec – no tipping

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Busy Hands AGM

If you are a parent at Busy Hands and you want to hear about what's been going at Busy Hands, or are interested in joining our parent committee, please come along to the AGM and join in. The AGM takes place on Wednesday 9 October from 8.00pm at the Scout Hut.

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Sherston market gets the green light

Make sure Saturday 16 November is in your diary for the new market, which will take place from 9.00am to 1.00pm in the village hall. The next market will be on Saturday 14 December and, if all goes well, monthly markets will follow thereafter.

There has been such a huge amount of interest in taking stalls that it will be impossible to meet all requests – there simply isn't enough room. The recent – and tremendously successful – POP up village certainly seems to have given some people the appetite to continue 'popping' via the market. If you would like to be considered for a stall, please don't despair but get yourself on the list for future markets. It's expected that some stalls will be seasonal so there will be gaps to fill.

Watch out for further information leading up to the first market, which will hopefully include a café – after all, no market is complete without one!

All enquiries to Martin Rea on 840348 email martdrea@aol.com or via the Sherston Market page on Facebook.

Malmesbury Abbey Music



Malmesbury Abbey Music Society (MAMS) is pleased to welcome the Coull Quartet to give a concert in Malmesbury Abbey on Saturday 19 October at 7.30 pm. The Coull Quartet are one of Britain's leading string quartets, well-known both in the UK and internationally, and have been the Quartet-in-Residence at the University of Warwick since 1977. Roger Coull (violin), Philip Gallaway (violin), Rose Redgrave (Viola) and Nicholas Roberts (cello) will give a wonderfully varied programme of Haydn's Quartet in C Op. 20 No. 2, Shostakovich's Quartet No. 12 in D flat and Tchaikovsky's Quartet No. 3 in E flat minor Op. 30. Their playing is awe-inspiring and there is absolutely no doubt that it will be a delightful evening.

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



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Where be that ginkgo tree?

A fair few people have apparently been voicing their concerns as to the apparent demise of the ginkgo tree from opposite the Old School last month as part of the highway works. Fear not! After a number of years of being regularly hit by numerous cars, vans and lorries the tree has been 'retired hurt' to the Recreation Ground along the boundary wall with Green Lane. It wasn't really quite the time of year to move a tree but needs must and all that. Hopefully it will grow away strongly in its new abode. The expert who advised on its move feels it is more suited to the well drained soil of the Rec than in the soil under the High Street which is surprisingly damp even after the recent dry summer. In place of the ginkgo a hawthorn has been planted - which is a toughie and able to recover from serious hard knocks. It will need to.

The false acacia in front of the Tolsey has been removed as it was beyond saving and replaced with an ornamental pear. The remaining false acacia has been given some TLC by the tree surgeons and is looking in fine form.

Clem's Club

Clem's Club will meet on Tuesday 8 and 22 October. All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat, 2.30pm to 4.00pm (alternating with the Senior Club), in the British School Room, Cliff Road.

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Using a vacuum cleaner alone is not sufficient to clean the chimney properly. Ensure your chimney flue is inspected at regular intervals to prevent fire breaking out of the chimney. Fireguards can prevent serious injury or death. Spark guards can prevent a serious fire in your property.

Chimneys using:

- Smokeless fuels should be swept at least once a year.
- Bituminous coal should be swept at least once a year.
- Wood, every 3 months when in use.
- Oil, once a year
- Gas, once a year.

Make sure you are not at risk from carbon monoxide poisoning by having appliances installed and serviced by competent engineers. Fit a carbon monoxide detector and never block air bricks, vents or flues.

Fire prevention

- Don't use flammable liquids such as petrol or paraffin to light your fire.
- Don't burn paper or rubbish.
- Do not overload the fire with fuel.
- Go into the loft occasionally when the fire is alight to check for smoke from cracks, defective brickwork or mortar joints.

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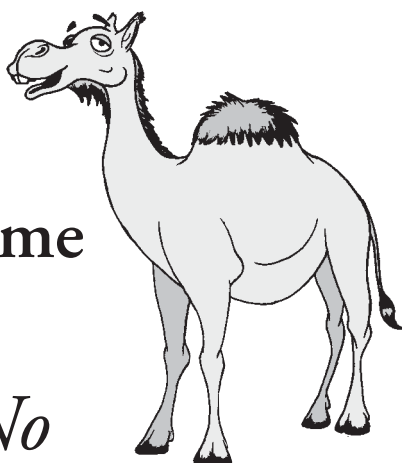
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At the end of October, you must see Sherston Drama Group's Pantomime



There's No Place Like Rome

It's time to buy tickets for Sherston Drama Group's family pantomime *There's No Place Like Rome*, by Mark Jack. Set in Rome and Egypt, and featuring the usual cast of heroes, villains, village idiots and of course Camilla the Camel, this is a hilarious romp through a slightly different version of the history of the early Roman empire. It includes some stunning acting, singing and dancing by the young people of Sherston and surroundings – the Sand Dance has to be seen to be believed – as well as some of your favourite adult actors in such parts as Dame Lotta, the evil villain Bilious, Mark Anthony and Cleopatra. Performance dates are 30 October – 2 November in Sherston Village Hall, and tickets will be on sale from the beginning of October at Sherston Post Office Stores or from the Box Office on 840092 (evenings) or via richard.skeffington@virgin.net. Performances at 7.30pm, with 2.30pm matinee on Saturday 2 November. Ticket prices are still unchanged from 2010: £5.50/£6.50 including refreshments.

Alma Mata Ensemble perform at Alderton church

Alderton Church is holding a concert on 16 November from 7.30pm. The Alma Mater Ensemble will be performing a collection of Christmas pieces, from Britten to Mendelssohn and Mozart. They are an ensemble of 11 voices and harp from the Guildhall School of Music, London.

Tickets are £12, including a glass of wine and canapés in the interval. Children (5 to 15 years) £5. Tickets will be available from Luckington and Sherston post offices from October or from representatives in the schools.

Hall bookings

Chris and Tony Weedon have kindly agreed to deal with all future bookings for the village hall. Please contact them with your enquiries on 841377 email dogleg3@gmail.com

Book sales

The Sherston 1016 sale in the village hall in September brought in £256 towards the cost of Senior Citizens' Christmas vouchers. Thanks are due to all the buyers and those who donated the stock.

1016 ventured into Malmesbury as well last month to take part in an open event run by the Town Council which is looking to use the Market Room in the Town Hall as a community facility. We managed to raise £133 off only five tables of books which will be split equally between the vouchers fund and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal. We would certainly like to return and run a full scale sale in Malmesbury especially as we received some very encouraging comments from those who attended.

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It's that time of year again.

Autumn is upon us with a rush of changes under way. Numerous birds that were here for the summer, such as chiffchaffs and blackcaps, are on their way south (although a few may remain), while birds that migrate from Scandinavia are starting to arrive. The most common winter migrants are redwings and fieldfares. Both are similar to song thrushes but bigger, and redwings are red under the wing with a clear stripe across the eye, while fieldfares are grey across the back with brown wings and a streaked chest. They tend to congregate in quite large flocks in fields - it's not often you will see them in the village itself. The name 'fieldfare' probably comes from the Anglo-Saxon word, 'feldefare', which dates back to at least the 11th century and means 'traveller through the fields'.

With autumn in full flow, there are many foods available free in the hedgerows. While the blackberries may be over, get out and see what else is there - for some inspiration have a look at the website <http://hedgerowharvest.org.uk/>.

This year has been great for butterflies, with up to 14 species on the Cliff at any one time and, after last year's really bad weather, it shows that nature can rebound if given a chance.

I have just returned from Botswana and, being a



lapsed geologist, realised that the crocodiles seen there today are actually similar to creatures living around Sherston when the rocks were deposited. Around the village, the underlying bedrock is oolitic limestone, about 165 million years old deposited during the bathonian stage of the jurassic period. The jurassic is, of course, best known for the dinosaurs, which were alive and well at the time, so we may well have had residents like the one in the picture. If you do happen to see one on the Cliff, do let me know!

Finally - start thinking about feeding the wild birds. While there is more than enough food out in the countryside, when winter starts to arrive the birds do appreciate the peanuts, fat balls etc we provide.

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Doors open from 7.00pm. Tickets £5 in advance, £6 on door available from Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com.

www.moviola.org

Sherston Senior Club

Our August meeting was held in the British School Room on 20 August when we had a talk on community policing work and how it is carried out. A police officer and a police community support officer (PCSO) explained it all to us and, judging by the number of questions asked after the talk, I think most people found it interesting.

We then met for a half-day trip to Bath and went on a two-and-a-half-hour cruise on a canal boat on the Avon and Kennet canal. Cream tea was laid on during the cruise and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

Our September meeting, including the harvest auction, will have taken place by the time this Cliffhanger has gone to press. If all goes to plan, we will have met the Reverend Susan Harvey and had a successful auction. I hope to have seen you there.

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Free Poppy Seeds from the Great War Project

Our seeds were very well received at the Pop-up village last month and, if you missed out, they will be available again for a week or so in October from Sherston Post Office Stores.

The idea is to get poppies blooming across the area to mark the centenary of the start of the war in 1914 and we are giving away one thousand packets of poppy seeds, though we do ask that you donate something to the Royal British Legion if you can afford to. Through our project, we want to bring people together to create a living memorial for the centenary of the First World War. We're not just remembering the loss and sacrifice, though that's very important, we're also looking at the lives people led and the changes that the war brought.

We wish to improve our knowledge of these times but also to build something positive for the future. We want to start new community initiatives; help people find out more about the lives and experiences of their ancestors, wherever they may have lived at the time; and record what remains of the memories of these times before they are completely lost. To find out more, why not visit our website or phone us for a chat?

Malmesbury and the Villages Great War Project is an initiative of Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Partnership. We are in the very early stages and we aim to run events from 2014 to 2019. www.greatwarproject.org.uk Tel: 390110

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Becoming a Behaviourist

Training my own animals is where it all started for me, spending my free time on my horse or gundog training with my Labradors. But things were changing in the world of dog training, the more I read and the more trainers I worked with, I realised that training animals was a science; a thorough understanding of learning theory and natural animal behaviour was required. I began to question some of the outdated and sometimes unethical advice I had been given to 'teach' my dog. Some of the methods I had been shown were frankly unpleasant, confusing and downright cruel for any dog. At the time, I knew no better and, although uncomfortable training my dog in this way, I thought it was necessary in order to have an obedient, well-mannered dog.

The more enlightened I became, the more passionate I was to practise this knowledge. I began working for the Blue Cross animal charity and soon realised that rescue dogs in kennels are frightened, stressed and disorientated, and can be suffering from bad health or behaviour problems. These dogs need urgent help and training – and there is no way that outdated, harsh or aversive methods would help them (or even be tolerated by them). However, using kind, reward-based training worked. It was effective in rehabilitating dogs with complex behavioural problems in order to help find them a new home – this was powerful stuff!

Treatment of a behaviour problem is a highly specialised field that requires a qualified (degree-level) professional. Whilst working full-time for the Blue Cross as an Animal Behaviourist, I completed a BSc Honours Degree in Animal Behaviour and Welfare. Having experienced most types of canine behavioural problems, I have both the theory and practical handling skills which I hope I can share to help you with your pet dog.

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Rotary Young Musician competition

The Rotary Clubs of the South Cotswolds, which covers the area of Malmesbury, Tetbury and the surrounding villages, together with the Rotary Clubs of Cirencester, Cotswold Tyndale, Dursley, Severn Vale, Stonehouse, Stroud and Thornbury, are organising their annual competition for talented young musicians.

The competition is open to young musicians aged 11 years to 18 years who are of approximately grade six standard or above. There are prizes for the different sections of strings, woodwind, brass, piano and percussion. The preliminary heats will be held early in the New Year with the grand final on 23 February 2014.

Not only will there be a winner's trophy and a cash prize, but the award will also give the winner the opportunity of performing at a concert given by the Stroud Orchestra. Competitors are also invited by many Rotary Clubs to perform at Rotary events, giving them even more experience of public performance.

The closing date for entries is 30 November. All interested young musicians should contact Rotarian Doug Hughes of the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds for a full information pack and entry form on 502548 or email drhugheshome@hotmail.com

Luckington Gift Night – Have you got your ticket yet?

This year Luckington School Gift Night is on Friday 18 October from 7.00pm to 10.00pm. The popular annual event is organised by FOLS (Friends of Luckington School) to raise funds for the school. There are lots of fantastic stalls to tempt you, selling toys, cards, local crafts, original gifts, jewellery, beauty products and much more. Great for birthday presents or a little early Christmas shopping!

Tickets are just £2 and this includes a glass of sparkling wine. So, grab a friend and come along to Luckington School for a great night out! Tickets are available from Luckington School, Luckington Post Office and on the door.

Area Board

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

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This year, Tracklements would like to involve the local community in the search for crab apples too, making it an unforgettable accompaniment for anyone who donates apples – the more jelly Tracklements can make, the more money it can give to the school. Crab apples are a 'wild' apple and trees can often be found in the British hedgerows, nestled amongst other trees; why not pick a few on your Sunday walk?



If you have any apples that you won't be using and would like to support your local school, Tracklements would love them! Just drop them off at The Tracklement Company Ltd, Whitewalls, Easton Grey, Wiltshire, SN16 0RD open 9.00am-5.00pm Monday-Friday. Tracklements will be taking apples in until Friday 25 October.

Birthday competition



To celebrate the Cliffhanger's fifth birthday we are running a free competition.

Simply count out the number of separate pieces of York stone used in the new Rattlebone footpath along its entire length from the junction with Noble Street to the end of the skittle alley by the entrance to the village hall. Don't include the kerbstones as they're granite from China.

A magnificent prize awaits the winning entry. In the event of more than one person giving the right answer a special tie breaker question has been set.

Entries by 1.00pm on Saturday 26 October either in writing to Sherston Post Office Stores in a sealed envelope marked 'Cliffhanger Competition' with your name and contact details or by email to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

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Saturday 5 October, 10.00am-1.00pm, Village Hall

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Just £8 per family for a morning of fun (all materials included)! Use the Sherston Arts Festival leaflet booking form to secure your place.

Young Artists' Exhibition

Calling all artists under 18 years old – why not enter your work into the Young Artists' Exhibition? The themes this year are Best of British, A Day Out, The Seaside and Flying Things. You can paint, draw, make a collage or even make a 3D model. Secondary schoolchildren may choose their own subjects to allow them to enter work created at school. Entry is FREE, forms are available from Sherston Post Office and there will be prizes! Don't forget to enter your artwork by Thursday 10 October. Please bring it to the British School Room between 5.30pm and 7.00pm.

Art Exhibition

If you would like to enter work into the Art Exhibition in the church, or know someone who would, pick up an entry form from the Post Office or download one from sherston.net. We welcome artwork from

amateurs or professionals from near or far, as long as they can get their pictures to us by 10 October.

BIG ART project

For the first, this year we are running the BIG ART project - creating the Peg Model Village. Sherston Art Group, Busy Hands Pre-School and Sherston Brownies have created a model village with a church, trees, a farm, a hotel, a school and lots more besides. Sherston Primary School Children have been given peg people to decorate - giving each one their own personalities. Everyone is welcome to come down to the British School Room to see this project come to life (open 12-13 and 19-20 October).

Photography exhibition

In order to enter the Photography Exhibition, you need to be more local – exhibitors must be residents of Sherston or the five parishes. There will be a public vote for the Best in Show trophy, and 12 chosen local photos will be used to produce a 2014 Sherston calendar. Further details can be found on the entry form.

Festival Concert

Lastly, we have a confirmed programme for the Festival Concert by Opera Sulis on 18 October – there will be favourites from Mozart's Marriage of Figaro, Bizet's Carmen and Madame Butterfly by Puccini, as well as highlights from My Fair Lady, South Pacific, Porgy and Bess and Les Misérables. Not to be missed.

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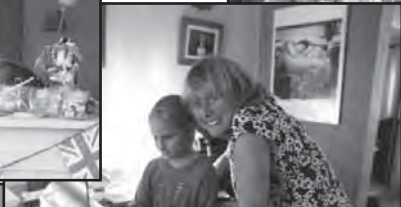
The world's first POP up village has popped right here in Sherston! Let's face it, as it had never been done before, nobody quite knew what to expect. But with over 40 shops and experiences over one weekend it was certainly jam packed! From bakery demonstrations with Hobbs House to the amazing Horrible Histories at Holy Cross Church there was something for everyone.

A number of people commented it was like stepping back in time 50 years. A wonderful creative community coming together. It was an opportunity to put names to all the faces in the village for many people too. There was a real festival atmosphere with activities to suit all ages. We would love to mention every POP, as everyone put so much work in to make the whole event come into vivid colour, but we wanted to leave room for as many photos as possible!

So firstly our thanks must go to everyone who ran a POP - it was only so eclectically cool because of you - thank you for taking a leap of faith! Thank you also to everyone who helped on the POP team. It really has taken a massive amount of people to make a unique event like this work. Also thank you to all the businesses who stocked maps. Particulary Paul and Gayle at the Post Office who suggested putting in the POP window - lovely job by the children and team at Busy Hands. Finally, but very importantly, thank you to everyone for turning up and supporting the world's first POP up village.

The big question on everyone lips though is how much did the POP up village raise for Sherston Primary School, Busy Hands Pre-School and Sherston Toddlers? Well, watch this space next month as the cheques are still rolling in. Also if you have any pictures or comments (good or bad!) please send them to hq@thepopupvillage.com we would love to hear what you think.





On the Buses



Don't forget that Wiltshire Council are undertaking a major review of bus services in our area and have now put their proposals out to consultation until the 7 October. One important proposed change on the Malmesbury - Yate service, No 41, which serves Sherston, is that there will be no service past Acton Turville to Yate until 10.22am. This will obviously impact on anyone using this service to get to work in Yate, Chipping Sodbury or Badminton. Please note the weekly shopping buses on Wednesday to Bath and Friday to Chippenham which pick up in Sherston seem to be being cut completely. For details and for a description of the routes concerned see www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations/consultationbusroutes.htm. If you don't use the local bus services yourself please consider letting as many people know about these proposals as possible. They are a life line to those without their own transport especially the elderly.

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The trial will commence from the 1st October 2013. Please NOTE that this is not part of the official timetable and is purely a temporary trial. Whether or not it continues will be very dependent on how much it is used.

1016 fireworks



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

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

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

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Return 17.30

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Well despite the fact that due to the very dry summer this year's mangold crop is hardly the greatest in size or weight it looks like we have a Hurl at last!

It is now some two years since we had a full public Hurl and members of the Sherston Order are very hopeful of seeing teams from other local villages once again enjoy mangold hurling as well as many from the parish itself. As ever there's rumour of a small rump of former hurlers in Luckington itching to again enjoy the passion of gripping a root. Come on down boys – don't be shy.

This year's event takes place on Sunday 6 October from about 12 noon to around 5pmish at the Great Field aka Baker Thompson's Field behind the village Hall. It includes music from the Dodington Parish Band, Bar, BBQ, and whatever or whoever appears on the day. Free entry for spectators. Mass free Agincourt Hurl at approx 12.37pm or thereabouts when we have enough hurlers rounded up in a straight line – a major feat in itself once the scrump starts to take hold.

Entry on the day £5 per team of 3 for the main competition and for the singles (longest Hurl) £1. Free children's Hurl.

All proceeds, as if there ever are any, from the hurl

go towards Sherston Village Hall.

In case you're wondering what quite goes on at a Hurl don't ask me as I rarely remember but rather please visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DBdltoDrQ to view a somewhat disjointed video of the 2009 event. For further information on Mangold Hurling generally visit www.mangoldhurling.co.uk. No doubt one day we might even have our own web site.

Please also note that on Friday 4 October from 9pm in the Rattlebone Inn Sherston the somewhat infamous Anointment of the Normans by Mangold Maids past and present takes place. It is however strictly for over 16's only due to the adult nature of the proceedings – despite the fact that the size of this year's Normans will undoubtedly cause disappointment and indeed displeasure to the assembled maids. Free entry.

Yarp ! The Keeper of the Quill.

We can only apologise for the somewhat vaguer than usual contents of this regular column which always hits our desk hours if not minutes before we go to print. We can only assume that our contributor has enjoyed a few too many jars of Jackdaw cider in his increasingly forlorn and desperate search for inspiration - The Editorial Team



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Church News

Summer is a time when activities close down and things go quiet? Don't believe a word of it! There have been a lot of encouraging developments in Holy Cross Church recently. The school holidays got off to a great start with a very well-attended holiday club in the Scout Hut, run by Children's Worker Becky Fisher and her team. Somehow the Biblical book of Daniel was connected with a space-age theme, which explains the giant rockets and spacesuits you may have seen around. Weekly Little Lights was a great success, and will now continue weekly throughout term time.

Coffee and Croissants was a new venture, intended to provide social time between the two morning services. We are considering holding another one on Sunday 13 October at 8.45am. If it goes ahead it will be a good prelude to our service of thanksgiving on the same day for the funding programme. I'm delighted to say that we have virtually reached our target; thank you so much to all who sustained or renewed their giving.

Afternoon tea on 11 August was also much appreciated and a chance to build links with the wider community. Finally, our Into God's Hands service on 25 August had a very special feel as we looked back on the church's life. We wrote down significant events on cloud-shaped bits of paper, gave thanks for all that has been good, laid down any difficult memories at the foot of a large cross and then resolved to move on as we burnt the paper outside, symbolising that what is

past is done and cannot be retrieved, although it can be healed.

Looking to the future, we plan a Vision Day on Saturday 2 November to produce a mission statement and priorities for the church. All are welcome, and more information will be coming soon. Other events include our harvest service at 6.00pm on Sunday 6 October, followed by a meal. The Arts Festival ends with a thanksgiving service in Holy Cross at 6.00pm on 20 October, and on 3 November we commemorate All Souls with a special service of thanksgiving for the departed. If you have any loved ones you would like remembered, please add their names to the list in church from mid-October.

Every blessing *Christopher Bryan, Vicar for Sherston*



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Sherston Church Harvest Supper

The Harvest Supper will take place in church straight after the 6.00pm Harvest Service on 6 October. It is, as usual, a 'bring and share' simple meal, using seasonal and home-grown produce as much as possible. If you would like to come, it would be helpful to indicate on the list in church what you intend to bring and you also need to buy a ticket (£4 per person) from either Pat Whitehouse 840640 or Heather Martin 840375, or from the post office. The ticket money is used to buy cooked meat and potatoes so we ask for contributions of salads, quiches or other savouries, and also puddings. You will also need to bring your own drinks – wine, beer, soft drinks, etc.

We look forward to seeing you – this is a relaxed, sociable evening to catch up with old friends or make new ones, and to celebrate the harvest season.

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Flu symptoms can hit quite suddenly and severely. They usually include fever, chills, headaches and aching muscles. You can often get a cough and sore throat.

Because flu is caused by a virus and not bacteria, antibiotics won't treat it.

Anyone can get flu, but it can be more serious for certain people, such as:

- people aged 65 or over,
- people who have certain medical conditions, and
- pregnant women.

If you are in one of these groups, you're more vulnerable to the effects of flu (even if you're fit and healthy) and could develop flu complications that are more serious illnesses, such as bronchitis and pneumonia, which could result in hospitalisation.

Flu can also make existing medical conditions worse.

This is why we identify patients who are at risk and invite them to come and have a free flu vaccination.

This year, for those under 17 years, we are offering the new nasal spray, Fluenz.

Despite popular belief, the flu vaccine cannot give you flu as it doesn't contain the active virus needed to do this.

Flu clinics

The drop-in adult (and children over 12 years) clinics (no appointment required) are:

- Saturday 12 October from 9.30am to 12.30pm,
- Saturday 9 November from 9.30am to 12.30pm, and
- Thursday 14 November from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

If you are unable to attend one of these, or prefer a booked appointment, please make an appointment in the usual way at one of the following clinics:

- Wednesday 16 October from 3.00pm to 6.00pm, or
- Thursday 24 October from 1.00pm to 3.30pm (no children under 17).

Those who are 17 years and under may book an appointment at a special clinic. We are also offering an Extended Childhood Flu vaccine to healthy children aged two and three years. These can all be booked in with the Practice Nurse at the following clinics:

- Tuesday 15 October from 3.00pm to 5.00pm, and
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Shingles and flu

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- Monday 7 October from 10.30am to 12.00noon, and
- Monday 14 October from 1.30pm to 3.00pm.

When you receive a letter inviting you to have your free vaccination, please either come to one of the drop-in clinics or make an appointment at one of the booked clinics. If you do not come forward in time, we may not have any vaccinations left if you want one later in the winter.

If you think you should have a free flu vaccination, but have not received a letter, please call the surgery.

For more information about how to protect yourself and your family this winter visit nhs.uk/winterhealth

I'm a GP get me out of here!

Dr Pip Pettit will be hosting a short informal slide show on her recent trip to Borneo on 7 October at the British School Room, Cliff Road, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome; there is no charge, but any voluntary contributions will go towards the Tolsey Surgery equipment fund which was very kindly suggested by Roger and Mary Clements.

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Sherston Tennis Club

Freshly painted and with the surrounding trees recently trimmed, Sherston Tennis Club courts are looking pretty good. What's more, they will be open to all over the winter, so why not make use of them to hone your skills?

We would particularly encourage any men to get practising as, having been relegated for the second consecutive year, the club really needs new players for the men's team to help avoid further relegation (and disappointment!) next year.

Children's Saturday morning coaching proved very popular again this year, and will be up and running again 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.

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Cricket - Promoted to Division 1

After a disappointing set of results at the beginning of August, Sherston Magna bounced back to beat Oaksey by three wickets on Saturday 31 August, putting themselves in to what proved to be an unassailable promotion position in Division 2 of the Cotswold and District Cricket Association (CDCA). Frustratingly, the final league game of the season had to be cancelled due to late and serious illness of a player from the South Hill side that Sherston was due to play. This cancellation ensured promotion, however, as it was impossible for Avening and Cherington to overhaul Sherston's average point score. Congratulations to new captain James Harmer on steering the side immediately back to Division 1 after relegation last season.

Results

30 August SMCC beat Oaksey by 3 wickets

Oaksey 134ao (38 overs), SMCC 135-7 (32.5 overs)
Stevens 5 for 26, Kutchera 3 for 23,
Hulance 2 for 14, Jarvis 64, Hulance 20*,
F Shipsey 14

14 September SMCC against South Hill cancelled due to player illness.

Dates for the diary

- Saturday 19 October – End of Season presentation evening
- Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October - Photographic Exhibition in village hall (as part of Sherston Arts Festival) including many photographs from this season's successful promotion campaign.
- Friday 29 and Saturday 30 November - Smile Out Loud event at village hall, further details available from sherstonmagna@yahoo.co.uk

Sherston Sixes

The annual cricket celebration that is the Sherston Sixes took place on a lovely September day at the ground at Pinkney Park. Five sides of six took to the field in a 'round robin' event, which resulted in Ben Dickenson's Magna Magic side dramatically winning the competition in a three-way bowl-off.

Many thanks to all those who helped put on and participate in a day that was not only great fun and good entertainment, but also raised some much-needed funds for a new net facility at the cricket ground. Pictures right, Nick Holland.

Final Table CDCA Div 2 - 2013	P	w	l	c	a	lcn	wcn	t	BatP	BowlP	Pts	Ave
Poulton CC	18	13	1	2	2	0	0	0	58	63	251	17.93
Sherston Magna CC	18	10	3	3	2	0	0	0	47	61	208	16
Avening & Cherington CC	18	11	3	1	2	0	1	0	48	60	238	15.87
South Cerney CC	18	9	7	0	2	0	0	0	52	57	199	12.44
Andoversford CC	17	8	8	0	1	0	0	0	44	53	177	11.06
Oaksey CC	18	6	10	0	1	0	0	1	50	57	172	10.12
Coates CC	18	6	9	2	0	0	0	1	34	61	160	10
Ashton Keynes CC	18	5	9	2	2	0	0	0	23	53	126	9
Bibury CC	17	0	12	2	1	0	0	2	29	38	77	5.5
South Hill CC	18	4	10	2	1	1	0	0	21	35	76	5.07

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

Congregational Church - in The British

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

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

Gauzebrook Church for Children

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

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

Little Lights

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

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

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

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

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold

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Boules at The Bull Meet every Thursday at 7.15pm April till Sept at The Red Bull Inn, Malmesbury Rd. £2 per session, with winners getting half the pot. The annual subscription is £10 for adults and £5 for under 18s but the first 3 visits are free. We can lend boules for absolute beginners and we have a local supplier if you wish to purchase. Transport from Sherston is available. Further details from Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Community Choir

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

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

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

Malmesbury Villages Community

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

Malmesbury Rangers

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

Malmesbury Guides - Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, usually at St. Mary's Hall, Malmesbury at 7.30 p.m. Details from Helen Price, 503187 or retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

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

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

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

Sherston 1016 Fundraising for local good causes and charities. For further details, contact Eric Thacker on 841344 or eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk

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

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact Ray Sneddon-Jenkins to obtain an application form – raysneddonj@gmail.com

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of 10 ½ to 13 ½. We meet at the Scout hut on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm to 9.00pm during school term times. To join contact Riaan van Rooyen riaan@pulse-software.co.uk There is currently a small waiting list to join.

Sherston Whitewall Explorers You don't need to have previously been a member of scouts or guides to join us, just be aged between 13 ½ and 18 and free between 8.30 and 10pm on a Friday night during term time; for further information please contact Darren Walsh - 841043 or Ewan Blair - 840096 – whitewallexplorers@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 Magna Cricket Club Outdoor cricket Juniors training on Monday and Wednesday evening has now finished for the season. Seniors training on Tuesday will finish after 10th Sept. Details at www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com Please come and support the Sixes from 11 on Sat 7 September.

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 Annabel 840592.

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

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

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

Sherston Tennis Club

The tennis courts are located on Knockdown Road, next to the football pitch. Membership fees for 2013 family £90, adult £50 Club night is Thursdays from 6:30 pm - and Men's Match tennis on Wednesdays - contact Kim kim_stuckey@btinternet.com. Junior tennis lessons on Saturday mornings - course of 10 sessions costs £45, plus membership to Sherston Tennis Club. Your committee this year is: Nic Riley - membership, men's matches – 840682; Kim Stuckey - men's matches - 07710 981568; Sophie Cheetham 07786 990045, sophcheetham@gmail.com - children's coaching

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

What's on in 2013 Dates for your diary

November

- 3 Walk with Sue
- 9 WI tabletop sale
Sherston 1016 Bonfire & Firework Party
- 16 Sherston Market
- 23 Church Bazaar in Village Hall

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

WHAT'S ON

Sherston

The Carpenter's Arms

New weekly quiz every Sunday night 7.30 for 8pm start free entry, prizes Check boards for details For further details call 840665 or like CarpentersArmsSherston on facebook

The Rattlebone Inn

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

Check boards for more details of events

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

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers

Fri 4 Oct 9pm Free entry to the preparations of the sacred Normans for the hurl. Not suitable for under 16s Rattlebone Inn

For further details call 840871 or eat@therattlebone.co.uk

Annual Mangold Hurl

Sun 6 Oct from 12 noon - 5pm at the village hall and field. Bar, music, barbecue, and stalls.

For further details call Paul Ormiston 840694

To enter a team, turn up on the day

Harvest Supper

Sun 6 Oct immediately after the Harvest service at 6pm Bring and share supper and drink - see church board for tickets and food to bring. Tickets £4 from the Post Office or Church - all proceeds to Christian Aid

For further details call Pat Whitehouse 840640, or Heather Martin 840375

Upcoming events at Holy Cross Church

Harvest service Sun 6 Oct 6pm

Service of thanksgiving for the fundraising for the church Sun 13 Oct

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

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

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

Talk by Dr Pip Pettit

I'm a GP get me out of here

an account and photos from her 6 week sabbatical in Borneo Mon 7 Oct 7.30pm in the British School Room

Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

Painting Workshops - Beginners and Intermediates

Wednesday 10.30am - 12.45pm Beginners -materials

provided for the first few lesson thereafter bring your own preferred paints, brushes and supports

Advanced painters meet on Thursdays- private lessons,

portfolio preparation or workshops by appointment

The Carpenter's Arms, Sherston For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

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Busy Hands AGM

If you are a parent at Busy Hands and you want to hear about what's been going at Busy Hands or you would be interested in joining our parent committee please come along to the AGM and join in Wed 9 Oct 8pm Scout Hut For further details call Annie 840232 or Kirsty 07841 571943

Sherston Arts Festival

11-20 Oct Ten days of arts events suitable for all ages including art and photography exhibitions, concerts, lectures and the ever popular scarecrow trail

Family workshop to make your scarecrow on the theme of 'Best of British' Sat 5 Oct 10am - 1pm in the village hall. Materials and practical help are provided by Wiltshire Scrapstore. £8 per family which includes all materials and a bit of help. Booking is a must as limited to 20 places.

Young Musicians' Concert Sat 12 4pm Village Hall

Jewellery Workshop - Children's am and adults pm Sat 12 Oct Scout hut. All local children and young people are invited to submit work for the **Young Artists Exhibition** which is open Sat 12- Sun 20 Oct in the British Schoolroom
Scarecrow Trail Sat 12 Sun - 13 Oct Art Exhibition in the Church, which is open every day during the festival featuring works for sale by local artists, amateur or professional. Work should be framed and ready to hang, and preferably for sale. 10am-5pm. Sundays 11am-5pm Free entry

Art Lecture - Best of British Art by Paul Chapman Thurs 17 7-9pm Village Hall

Concert by Opera Sulis Fri 18 Oct 7.30-9.30pm Church of the Holy Cross

Senior Citizens afternoon - Poet John Johnson, reflections around my life Tues 15 BSR

Photography exhibition in the Village Hall 19-20 Oct 11-5pm Free entry. Prize giving 4.30pm Sun 20. 'The Best of British' theme with other categories being 'Sherston Carnival & Festival', 'Garden Life' and 'Sherston Farm Life' - best 12 make the calendar

Thanksgiving Service Sun 20 Oct 6pm Church of the Holy Cross

For further details call Heather Martin 840375 / heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or Pat Jones 840764 / warwick.jones@btinternet.com or visit www.sherston.net

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Wed 30 October to Fri 1 Nov 7.30pm

Sat 2 Nov 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Adult £6.50 Child/OAP £5.50

non alcoholic refreshments included

Tickets available from Sherston Post Office Stores or box office 01666 840092

SHOCC Sherston Occasional Community Choir New term:

Rehearsals start Wed 2 Oct with this term's theme a "Swingle Singers Christmas" 7-9pm each Wed £30 per term Concessions £25

British School Room For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or nicki-beenan@btinternet.com or Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Sue's Strolls

Sun 3 Nov starting from the village hall at 10am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 12 noon 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

WI Open Lecture

Wiltshire Soldiers of The Great War by Mr Richard Broadhead Thurs 7 Nov 2.30pm Visitors very welcome Tickets £3 to include refreshments - available from the Post Office. British School Room

Bonfire & Fireworks Extravaganza

organised by Sherston 1016

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

For further details call 840728 (daytime) or 840112

Pinkney Park Wentworth Jigsaws

Open Day & Factory Sale Sat 26 Oct from 10.30am to 1pm Pinkney Park For further details call 840033 or visit www.jigsaws.co.uk

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Badminton

Rotary 30th Horeseless Team Event

Sun 6 Oct 11am start Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead. The course incorporates the world famous Badminton Horse Trials obstacles and goes around most parts of the Badminton Estate Park. For runners there are 5, 9 or the full 13 mile course
You can enter on the day, but entries received before the end of September (on-line or by printing and posting the entry form from the web-site) will be emailed a free car parking pass
For further details call or visit www.hte-rcsc.co.uk

Westonbirt The Arboretum

Exhibition: Pots and Paintings Gill Ashley, Sherston artist and the Eeles family of potters from Mosterton, Devon are holding another joint exhibition in The Great Oak Hall. Tues 22 Oct - Sun 27 Oct, 10 am - 5 pm daily except Sunday 10 am - 2 pm. Free admission after entry.
Specialist Wood Sales 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA
Inspired By Autumn Family Events Tues 29 Oct - Sun 3 Nov 10.30am -4pm for ages 3+ free after admission
Walks: Free, volunteer led guided walks every Sat, Sun and Bank Holidays at 2pm and Wed at 11am, from 29 Mar (Good Friday) until 3 Nov **Guided Walk: Autumn Fruits & Berries** Sun 6 Oct 11am - 12.30pm and Sat 12 Oct 2.30-4.30pm Sorry no dogs. Both free after admission Meet at the Great Oak Hall
Workshops Beginners Digital Photography One Day Course Fri 18 Oct £55 including entrance to the arboretum Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email consult@abbey-studios.co.uk
Advanced Digital Photography Mon 14 Oct 10.30-3.30pm £105
Workshops: Make a Windsor Chair six day course Mon 7 - Sat 12 Oct Cost £300 including all tools and materials. Booking essential contact Paul Hayden 01373 836051 or www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk
Songways Singing Day Sat 5 Oct 10am - 3pm £25 incl admission and tea & coffee Booking essential call Jane 07894 205255 or visit www.songways.co.uk
Oct - Nov admission prices Adults £9 Concs £8 Children £4
For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Westonbirt School

Westonbirt Autumn Fair in aid of Home-Start and Hope for Tomorrow 29 - 30 Oct 10am - 4pm 120 carefully selected stall holders. £7 entry under 16s free Details from www.westonbirtautumnfair.org
For further details call Tania Warner on 880333 or twarner@westonbirt.org or visit www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

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Luckington

Luckington School Gift Night

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Tickets on sale on sale from available from the School, Luckington Post Office and at the door
For further details call Mary 07779 299224

Alderton

Concert in Alderton Church

Alma Mater Ensemble 11 Voices and Harp from the Guildhall School of Music, London who will perform a collection of Christmas pieces from Britten to Mendelssohn and Mozart Tickets will be £12 including a glass of wine and canapés in the interval. Children £5

For further details call Sherston and Luckington Post Office

Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

Life of Pi Fri 11 Oct 7.30pm £3 in advance £3.50 on the door
Didmarton Village Hall *For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@virgin.net*

Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

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

Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner 20 & 27 Oct - The Great Gatsby OCT dates sold out but now showing again on 10 Nov £39 includes film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch or dinner

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

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Cake Society

'Bake and Take' Fundraiser for Cancer Research UK First Monday of each month 7.30-9.30pm bring along your bake, your recipe and £4.50 entry fee. This month's theme: American Pie. Demo - Flatbreads with Helen O'Brien Demo - Bakewell tart with award winning chef Gary Ashley Monthly raffle. Bring your bake, recipe and £4.50 entry fee 100% of all proceeds to CRUK
The Kings Arms *For further details call Jess M: 07823 338000 E: malmesburycakesociety@yahoo.co.uk Facebook: Malmesbury Cake Society or visit www.malmesburycakesociety.weebly.com*

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Free events at Malmesbury Children's centre

The Big Orange Treasure Hunt Stomp' Sat 12 Oct 10am-11.30am
Wear your wellies and have great fun seeing if you can spot all the Stompers' hiding in the High Street and make your own Stompy at the Library. All dads, granddads, uncles and male carers who come along will get a free gift

Fantastic Journeys with Wiltshire Scrapstore 2 free family learning events - Tues 29 Oct at Hullavington Village Hall from 10:30-12noon and Weds 30 Oct at the Activity Zone, Malmesbury from 11.00am to 12.30pm These are family events for mums and/or dads who have a child under 5. Older siblings up to age 11 are also welcome.

Free job skills course brush up on the skills you need to find a job at our FREE, relaxed 10 week course with help on CV writing, interview skills and much more. starts Wednesday afternoons 13 Nov 1pm - 3pm. These courses are free to all adults who have not achieved Level 2 in English and/or Maths. Free childcare offered too. Library For further details call 825566 or email: malmesburycc@spurgeons.org or visit www.malmesburycc.org

MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP

Sat 19 Oct 12 noon - 1pm

Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall For further details call www.jamesgray.org or email jamesgraymp@parliament.uk for online surgeries or visit

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Coull Quartet one of Britain's leading string quartets perform on Sat 19 Oct at 7.30pm Tickets from the Abbey Bookshop or via website £12/ £10 members/ £5 student or chd

For further details call David Barton 824924

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

Philosophytown Festival

A Festival of History and Ideas 18-20 Oct For a full programme of events and ticket prices, please visit www.philosophytown.co.uk or call Ian Henderson on 826051.

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Rotary Club of South Cotswolds Bonfire and Firework Display

Sat 2 Nov 6pm fireworks start at 7pm £5 / children £2.50 fundraiser for 'Mundy's Mission' - to support the family-led appeal for a young local boy to raise the necessary money for a ground breaking operation to help him walk un-aided Best Guy Competition at 6.30pm please make your Guy and bring him along for judging Typical bonfire party food (hotdogs and burgers c/o Jessie Smith's) will be available

Sir William Romney School

Charlton

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Malmesbury Local Supporters Group

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust - Winter Talks Programme 2013-14

Tim Kaye - Moths of North Wiltshire 10-Oct 7.30pm

Paul Darby- A Celebration of Trees 7 Nov 7.30pm

Admission £2.50, children free. Non-members very welcome.
Charlton Village Hall

Crudwell

Dorothy House Hospice Quiz Night

Sat 16 Nov 7pm for 7.15pm start Teams 4-6. £8pp to include

Ploughman's. BYO alcohol and glass

Crudwell Village Hall For further details call Beryl Clampton 841201, 07850 623517 or beryl@clampton.com

British Heart Foundation Fundraiser

Moroccan Medley supper night Thurs 17 Oct 7.30pm £15 for a 2 course supper

The Wheatsheaf For further details call To reserve your table call Toby or Debbie on 577739

Bath

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Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ the cinema

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Nailsworth

Forest Green Rovers F.C.

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The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth For further details call 01453 834860 or visit www.forestgreenroversfc.com

National Theatre Live

Live and pre recorded screenings from the National theatre:

Hamlet 22 Oct Encore screening of live recording starring Roy Kinnear
Frankenstein starring Benedict Cumberbatch Encore screenings of the live performance from 31 Oct

Live: Coriolanus 30-Jan-14

2014 - 50 years of the National Theatre; Live screening of War

Horse at the National Theatre For further details visit www.ntlive.com

Ozleworth, Wotton-under-Edge

NT Newark Park House and Estate

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These Momentary Traces, an exhibition by Zoe Heath

Love Food Festival Sun 13 Oct (free entry to festival)

Guided Walks join the Cotswold Wardens on a 5 mile walk through the autumnal colours of the Ozleworth Valley Sun 20 & Sat 26 Oct

Pumpkin trails and spooky half term fun 26 Oct-1 Nov

Ghostly Halloween Tour Newark by night and candlelight Thurs 31 Oct 6:30pm and 8pm (booking essential)

For further details call phone 01793 817666. or visit

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park/

Bath

Theatre Royal

The Spanish Golden Age Season Sep - Dec A Lady of Little Sense (La Dama Boba); Don Gil of the Green Breeches (Don Gil de las Calchas Verdes); Punishment without Revenge (El Castigo sin Venganza) 7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33.50

South Pacific 1-5 Oct Dunsinane 8-12 Oct

Daytona starring Maureen Lipman 14-19 Oct Our House - the Madness musical 21-26 Oct

The Coronation of Poppea 28-Oct Jason 29-Oct

Book ahead for: Rambert; Chin Chin starring Felicity Kendall and Simon Callow; A Passionate Woman; Save the Last Dance for Me; A Midsummer's Night Dream; Fiddler on the Roof

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Cheltenham

The Times Cheltenham Literature Festival

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