



Crab apples harvested



Pupils from Year 5 (Willow) at Sherston Primary School visited the crab-apple orchard on 16 September to pick crab apples, with the help of Mr Bowditch, Mr MacLeod and Mrs Walker.

By the end of the afternoon, over 155.5 kilos were collected. Every year Tracklements visit the school and the Year 5 pupils help to make crab-apple jelly.

**Sherston Community
Apple Day**
see page 4

First World War Memorabilia

The British School Room will be open to the public on Sunday 9 November, after the Remembrance Day service and parade, displaying First World War memorabilia and work from children at Sherston Primary School on the First World War.

If you have anything you would like to share - stories, diaries, medals, poems, anything at all - we would love to hear from you. We would also like to display a recipe section so, if you have any recipes from this time, do get in touch - or indeed if you would like to share in the experience of baking something WW1 style, any donated bakes would be gratefully received and served to accompany tea and coffee available at the exhibition.

If you have anything to share or would like further information, please contact Ceri Gascoyne on 07590 634111 or Lauren Kiddell on 07885 597429

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A Tiny Crawl and a Long Long Dig



Photo by Michael Poole

Losing our mains water supply to 30 cattle in a field alongside the Foxley Road, where a new water main is being laid, brought back some childhood memories to me. The old main, laid to supply Bristol in 1933, had to be exposed to view in order to restore supply.

This was a cast iron pipe of 18-inch diameter, laid in 12-foot sections along the relevant roadsides. I remember my father putting me in one end and laughingly taking me out at the other end, me having crawled through as a four-year-old.

I just remember what to me was an army of men along the road.

He later told me that 1,000 Irish navvies had dug the trench by pick and shovel for the 15 miles from Shipton Moyne pumping station to Tormarton and hence to Chipping Sodbury, Yate and Bristol, not forgetting Sherston, which previously had an inadequate supply from its own wind-driven pump.

The Bristol Water workers could scarcely believe this when working their modern machinery.

The new semi-plastic pipe (which I am sure you all have seen around our village) being pushed together electronically, whilst the heavy cast iron originals are joined by nuts and bolts for the whole way.

Only during the last year is it showing signs of wear and leakage.

Not bad service to us all for 80+ years.

by John Hillier

Kathleen Elsie Hillier



On 28 August the funeral of Kathleen Hillier, one of our eldest Sherstonians, took place in the Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston.

Kathleen was born in 1923 in the old farm house at Lower Farm. Having been taught at Sherston School, she was then taught to play piano and eventually organ by its then headmaster until his call up for the Territorial Army Service.

In 1948 she took over permanently as church organist and choir mistress, a role she was to fulfil for the next 60 years. During that time she played at literally thousands of services and for the baptisms, weddings and funerals of generations of villagers. She barely missed a service and whatever the occasion - christening, wedding, funeral or regular Sunday service - she prepared meticulously and always insisted on arriving at church in plenty of time in order to set up.

Its present organist, Mr Richard Creed whom she had introduced to the organ, played for her service whilst a large choir and congregation sang three of her most loved hymns.

Amen

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council will next meet on Thursday 9 October 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.

Sherston Drama Group's Pantomime -



Dick Whittington

Tickets go on sale at the beginning of October for Sherston Drama Group's traditional family pantomime, Dick Whittington, by Bradford and Webster. You know the story – young Dick Whittington sets off to London to make his fortune and while there he falls in love with the all-too-delightful Alice, daughter of the rich Alderman Fitzwarren. But the evil King Rat sets out to thwart Dick and his plans to marry Alice and become Lord Mayor. Who will win? You will have to come and find out! It's King Rat and his idiotic henchmen, Rot and Stench, and a lot of little rats versus Dick and his friends, including, of course, Tom the Cat.

There are plenty of opportunities for audience participation and the production promises some stunning acting, singing and dancing by the young people of Sherston and the surrounding parishes.

Performance dates are 29 October to 1 November in the village hall and tickets will be on sale from the beginning of October at the post office or at the Box Office on 840092 (evenings) or via richard.skeffington@virgin.net. Performances are at 7.30pm, with a 2.30pm matinee on Saturday 1 November. Ticket prices are £6.50/£7.50 including refreshments.



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An Apple a Day?

We've all heard the phrase, 'an apple a day keeps the doctor away', but is it based on fact or fiction? The theory seems simple enough, apples are healthy and in eating healthily you are less likely to fall ill; but is averting illness really that simple?

The phrase is said to have originated in Pembrokeshire, Wales, and its first recorded usage was in the 1860s. The saying originally claimed 'eat an apple on going to bed, and you'll keep the doctor from earning his bread', before eventually evolving to the form we know today. For the purpose of this 'investigation', we will assume that 'an apple a day' refers to the consumption of apples as opposed to any other uses. (Whilst throwing an apple at a doctor may keep them away temporarily, they inevitably come back a couple of hours later with a few mates and a blunt weapon!)

Several of the natural chemicals found in apples have positive effects on our health, including vitamin C, pectin and boron, which boost immunity, lower blood pressure and support bone strength respectively. Because of their acidic qualities, apples can act as a toothbrush, cleansing our teeth of unwanted bacteria (though this is not a good enough reason to stop brushing your teeth!). According to researchers at the University of Oxford, prescribing one apple a day to everyone over 50 would prevent or delay over 8,500 vascular deaths (such as heart attacks or strokes) every year. This is a similar result to prescribing statins (common anti-cholesterol drugs) to everyone over 50.

With all of these health benefits to boast of, apples are clearly a great dietary supplement, but are they alone capable of keeping the doctor away? The basic answer, of course, is no. Doctors recommend a varied and healthy diet alongside our good old friend regular exercise as the best way to stave off illness. And, whilst the high acidity of apples may be good for cleansing your teeth of bacteria, they can also cause the erosion of enamel, and so are not flawless as a foodstuff. On top of this, they have a rather high sugar content.

So what can we conclude? Well, whilst an apple a day won't grant you a 'get out of jail free' card for the doctors, it may well aid you in minimising your GP visits. With research suggesting that an apple a day could help in warding off vascular diseases as well as bad cholesterol, it certainly wouldn't hurt if we all picked one up from the fruit bowl more often.

by Harry Pettit

Sherston Community Apple Day

Now that you know more about the health benefits, please come along to the Sherston Primary School Community Apple Day on 17 October from 3.15pm to 4.30pm.

You can bring your own apples to be pressed* and enjoy an afternoon tea, followed by conker games and other autumnal crafts. The event is being organised by the Friends of Sherston School and promises to be loads of fun.

If you're planning to come and bring your own apples for pressing, remember to bring along washed milk cartons or soft drinks bottles with you as well.

On the day there will be a small charge to cover costs but the taste will be worth it!

Please arrive promptly for 3.15pm, we're expecting a crowd!

* please bring picked apples rather than windfalls
...windfalls have an adverse effect on the final product!

SHERSTON-PRESSED

Please could we have any of your unwanted apples?

Children at Sherston Primary School will be pressing them to make the first-ever Sherston School Apple Juice on 17 October.

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Report from Sherston W.I. September meeting



September was the month when we found out more about acupuncture and shiatsu. President Sheila introduced therapist Sarah Kibble, who runs clinics in Tetbury and Bath. She explained how help can be given to patients in pain from poor mobility, sleeping difficulties and other problems. She aims to reduce symptom severity by finding the root cause. She demonstrated the needles and hands-on techniques with two of our members. It was quite an informative talk.

After refreshments, we were told of events to come.

We will celebrate our 74th birthday with a dinner at The Mayfield Hotel, Crudwell on 2 October. A coach will transport us from Sherston.

Alison is running a jewellery course on 20 October. A few places are still available.

On 8 November we are having a table-top sale in the village hall from 9.30am to 11.30am.

The competition this month took the form of baking peanut cookies, a set recipe by Di Bush, who judged the entries.

The Joyce Butler Cup was presented to the winner, Pat Whitehouse with Sue Morris in second place.

Our winter schedule of meetings begins on 6 November in the British School Room at 2.30pm. Our speaker will be Shaun McCormach 'Yeoman of the Guard'.

by Ann Wilcox

Sherston Emergency Response Plan

The parish council is developing an emergency response plan. The plan is an opportunity to help all our residents and businesses, so that if there is an emergency we can contact each other, know how we can work together and how we can help each other to manage any unexpected problem.

We are still seeking volunteers with skills or equipment that might be useful in the event of an emergency. What you offer doesn't need to cost anything. You may have expertise, equipment, people or shelter that could be invaluable before, during or after an emergency.

If you think you have equipment and skills that could be of use to Sherston during an emergency please could you contact Jill Caine, before 16 October 2014, on emergency@sherston.org.uk or call 841380 or contact the parish clerk, providing your name, organisation, a contact telephone number, address (in case of telephone failure) and the skill and/or equipment you can offer. If you would like more information please contact Jill.

As the emergency response plan develops we will keep villagers informed through the Cliffhanger and we will also be making a few changes to the Cliffhanger to include a section on useful numbers and information that might be useful in an emergency.

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It is daffodil planting time and the parish council are seeking donations of wild daffodil bulbs (*Narcissus pseudonarcissus*), which will be planted in Grove Wood later this month. Grove Wood already has a great display of snowdrops and bluebells and now it is time to build up the daffodil numbers. It can't just be any bulb or daffodil, we are looking for donations of native wild daffodils (*Narcissus pseudonarcissus*). So if you are buying some (exotic) bulbs for your garden, please consider buying some wild daffodil bulbs for Grove Wood. Donations can be given to any member of the parish council or the parish clerk.

Speedy Volunteers Needed

After a break, while the speed guns were calibrated, Community Speed Watch is to resume in Sherston. We are looking for volunteers to monitor the speed of traffic as it travels through Sherston. Training will be given and volunteers need to be able to give a few hours of their time when the speed guns are in Sherston (the guns are shared and rotate through a number of local villages). If you are interested in helping please contact Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk.

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- 4lb currants
- 1 packet spice
- 4oz candied peel

Soak biscuits until soft, about 3 hours in cold water.

Wash and pick over the currants, cut up peel finely.

Place biscuits, sugar and currants into baking dishes.

Add milk and mix well together with spice & peel and place in oven till cooked.

Bake for 1 hour

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Why might you need to think about moving?

Is your house too big? Is it difficult and expensive to heat? Are you worried about repairs/updating – perhaps you need to replace old windows or the roof? Are you finding it difficult to manage the stairs or use the bath because of ill health? Is it difficult to keep the garden looking as good as it used to?

Have you found it more difficult to get out and about since giving up your car? Perhaps you miss some of the social activities you used to enjoy.

But what are the options?

Before making a decision about moving you need to know what your options are.

Staying put with some help? Home Improvement Agency? Adaptations? Equity release? Rented? Leasehold? Purchased? Sheltered housing? Extra Care? Retirement village? Where – nearby, near relatives/friends, near shops, social activities?

There is a lot to think about!

Want to talk about it?

If you would like to talk about the options available for YOU, call me on 07557 922020 or email: malmesburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk

by Ellen Blacker



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Lunch time closure of telephone lines

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The reason the telephones are switched through at this time is to allow the staff to deal with the daily drugs orders, log them in and put them away, without the distraction of the telephones ringing. It is worth noting that the dispensary deals with approximately 6,000 prescriptions every month. Personal callers are still dealt with at the reception desk throughout the day.

Electronic Prescription Service

We are aware that many of our patients have been receiving letters from pharmacies advising them that they can have their prescriptions sent electronically to them.

However, this is a service that all our dispensary patients already enjoy from the practice dispensary. To protect your right to use the practice dispensary, please tell the surgery that you wish to continue to use the practice dispensary.

If you are asked about electronic prescriptions, you may also tell local pharmacies of your intention to use your usual practice dispensary.

If you feel that an alternative method of dispensing your medication would be of benefit to you, we would ask you to please discuss this with us first. We will do our best to accommodate any special needs. The dispensary is a vital part of the GP Surgery and we need to do all we can to ensure that it is fully utilised.

Harvest Supper in Sherston Church

This is a lovely social event which takes place after the Harvest Service at 6.00pm on Sunday 5 October and anyone is welcome to attend. It's a chance to meet new friends and catch up with old ones and enjoy a meal of seasonal food. Bring a contribution of food (it's helpful to tell us what you are bringing on the list in church) and your own drink and buy a ticket beforehand £4 (so we know how many to cater for). We provide cold meats, cheese and baked potatoes. Any surplus money is given to charity. For further details, see posters or phone Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Whitehouse 840640.

You are welcome to come to just the meal at about 7.00pm or also come to the Harvest Service when there will be a talk by a representative from Christian Aid.

Little Lights

Thank you to the families, from Sherston and across our group of churches, who came to Little Lights over the summer. We had fun exploring different stories of Jesus with dressing up, songs, and craft, finishing with cake and coffee. Over the summer we had 20 different families attend. Little Lights continues in term time – at Hullavington church 10.30am on Thursdays and is open to all children aged 0 to 5 with a parent / carer. Contact Chantal Bryan on 837522.



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Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is led by local GPs and we plan and pay for the majority of NHS services. Over the next five years, we know that, while demand for NHS services in Wiltshire will continue to increase, the money we have available to spend on these services will not increase at the same rate.

Modern advances in health care are helping people to live for longer than ever before which is a cause for celebration. However, this does mean that the demand for NHS services from the over-65s is expected to increase significantly over the coming years. As a result, the CCG needs to adapt the way we provide NHS services so that they better meet the needs of our ageing population.

How will we meet this challenge?

The CCG has developed a five-year plan to enable us to respond to this challenge. Our plan sets out how we can continue to provide high-quality but affordable health services in Wiltshire between now and 2019. We won't be doing it alone either. Our key partners like Wiltshire Council, GP surgeries, local hospitals and other NHS providers are vital to the success of the plan.

It will mean some major changes to the shape of health-care services in Wiltshire. Our vision is that health and social care services should support and sustain independent living and, as the organisation responsible for designing and commissioning those services, we are keen to make them both affordable and the best possible for local people.

Our model for the future of health care in Wiltshire is based on three key principles:

1. To encourage and support Wiltshire residents to take on more responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.
2. To provide fair access to a high quality and affordable system of care for the greatest number of people.

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3. Provide less care in hospitals and more care at home or in the community

To achieve these aims we will need to change the way in which we spend our budget. We will:

1. spend more money on health education and prevention to help people take more personal responsibility for their health and wellbeing;
2. spend more money to improve community care and increase the range of services provided in a local setting; and
3. as a result, spend proportionately less money on providing bed-based care in hospital.

We are going to split Wiltshire up into 20 clusters of approximately 20,000 people. Each cluster will have an integrated team of GP surgeries, community nurses and therapists together with social worker support which will work together to ensure that we have a more joined-up system of health and social care.

How can you get more involved?

The CCG has already been carrying out a wide-ranging consultation about our five-year plan across the county. This has included public meetings, outreach events, and presentations to a variety of organisations. You may have been involved in one of these events?

Over the next few months the CCG will be giving presentations at the 18 Area Boards across the county. Each Area Board is planning a health fair with lots of different stalls for you to visit followed by presentations from the CCG and Wiltshire Council about our plans for improving health and social care. To find out the date of the Health Fair in your area please visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards/healthfairs

We hope you can join us for your local Area Board Health Fair but if you are not able to attend then you can find out more about the CCG's plans at www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk

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Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging live in Malmesbury area



From left are Commissioner Angus Macpherson, Wiltshire & Swindon Neighbourhood Watch Association Chairman Gywn Comley, Neighbourhood Watch volunteer Ian Mace, Malmesbury Town Community Beat Manager Rachel Webb and area Sergeant Martin Alvis.

People in the Malmesbury area can now sign up for free messages - by email, text and voicemail - about policing and crime matters in their neighbourhood by joining Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging.

Wiltshire Police, Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Wiltshire and Swindon, Angus Macpherson and Wiltshire & Swindon Neighbourhood Watch Association have initially launched this new two-way communications tool which you can sign up to at www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk.

Malmesbury is one of four neighbourhood policing areas going live on Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging. The others are Pewsey, Swindon West and Warminster. People who live or work outside these areas can still sign up and they will receive messages as and when their area neighbourhood policing team starts to use Community Messaging.

PCC Angus Macpherson, who is commissioning this new initiative, said: 'Both my office and Wiltshire Police are committed to involving communities in the prevention and reduction of crime and anti-social behaviour, in line with priorities in my Police and Crime Plan and the Force Delivery Plan.'

'Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging is an exciting new system allowing the police to send emails, texts and voicemail messages to those signed up. It means we will be able to share information quickly and efficiently with our communities, including Neighbourhood Watch coordinators and members.'

People signed up via www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk will be able to receive messages about policing and crime matters in their area, such as community policing news and events, appeals for information and crime prevention advice. They will also be able to reply to messages, feeding back information to their local neighbourhood officers to help them in policing their local area.

The Office of the PCC, Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire & Swindon Neighbourhood Watch Association have been working together to set up Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging. It is part of a national system called Neighbourhood Alert, which is used by national Neighbourhood Watch and 12 other police forces.

Joining Wiltshire and Swindon Community Messaging is quick, simple and free. There are no contracts, costs or obligations of any kind for anyone who signs up. To join or to find out more visit www.wiltsmessaging.co.uk

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INSPIRE: Celebrating 25 years of Splash Wiltshire

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Wiltshire children and young people's charity Splash. To celebrate and raise much-needed funds, the charity is holding a very special event – INSPIRE – on Friday 10 October, 6.00pm-8.30pm at Marlborough Town Hall.

Splash patron Bear Grylls and Military Cross recipient Justin Featherstone will be speaking about what has inspired them in their lives and the challenges they have overcome. They will be joined by the hugely talented Miranda Sykes of Show of Hands who will be playing some of her favourite tracks to wow the audience. The evening is being hosted by Chief Constable Pat Geenty and we already have other high-profile guests, including the Mayor of Marlborough, Salisbury MP John Glen and Wiltshire Council head Jane Scott.

Drinks and canapés with a Wiltshire flavour will be provided by Devizes chef Peter Vaughan who is also Splash's most recent patron. Ingredients will be foraged for in Savernake Forest by Peter with a professional forager and six Splash young people.

The evening will be capped off by a grand auction with TV auctioneer Paul Martin.

Tickets can be purchased for £30 from www.Splash25Inspire.eventbrite.com or directly from the Splash office: email splash@wiltshire.org.uk or tel 01380 734106

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Splash is a local, well-respected charity supporting some of the most vulnerable and troubled young people in Wiltshire through a programme of positive activities during the school holidays each year – the time when they are often bored and get drawn into trouble.

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Sherston Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group organised an exhibition and workshops held over the weekend of 20/21 September in the Village Hall to inform local residents about the progress being made in preparing the Neighbourhood Plan and more particularly to seek views on a wide range of topics that are intended to be dealt with in the emerging plan. The event was attended by over 100 people. Questionnaires were handed out to all of those who came – seeking views on a series of issues relevant to the emerging plan. The answers to those questions will help steer the direction of the future plan.

For those who were unable to attend, we thought that it might be helpful to try and summarise some of the key information that was put on display and to offer local residents a further opportunity to make any comments on the various issues under discussion. Copies of all of the display panels and related information are available on the Sherston website <http://www.sherston.org.uk/>. For those of you who have not as yet made any comments on the emerging plan – there is still an opportunity to do so. Copies of the questionnaire can be collected from the Post Office & Stores and should please be returned there completed at the latest by midday on Saturday 11 October.

The first part of the exhibition sought to identify and prioritise those core services, facilities and amenities that the village might wish to retain and/or

safeguard from future development in the emerging plan. A map was displayed identifying the location of a wide range of community facilities and services, local businesses, and sites that were considered to be potentially worthy of protection (see below).

The first questionnaire asked individuals to indicate whether they supported a set of policies that sought to protect these various sites from development and whether there were any obvious omissions from the list (or indeed any sites included that it was felt should not be included). The questionnaire went on to invite people to indicate their level of support for a policy that sought to secure high-speed broadband compatibility for all new developments and finally asked about the desirability of preserving existing open-air sports facilities.

The second part of the exhibition, and almost inevitably the one that created most interest, was the section dealing with future development proposals. The first board sought to explain that after a 'call for sites' several landowners had contacted the Steering Group to indicate that they would be willing to make their land available for some (unspecified) purpose. A detailed appraisal of each of these sites had subsequently been undertaken by the planning consultants (Foxley Tagg) appointed to assist the Steering Group in selecting those considered likely to be most suitable for development from a sustainability and community viewpoint. The results of this assessment were presented and those

POLICY 1

Community services and facilities

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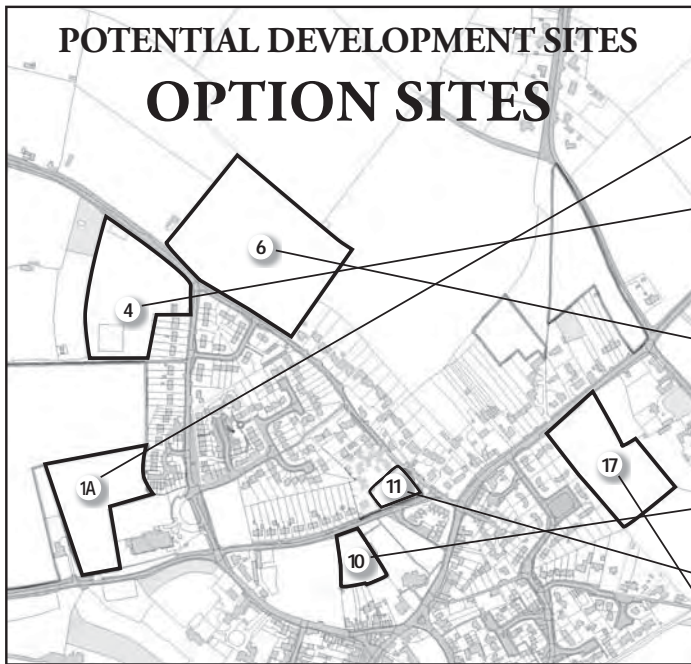
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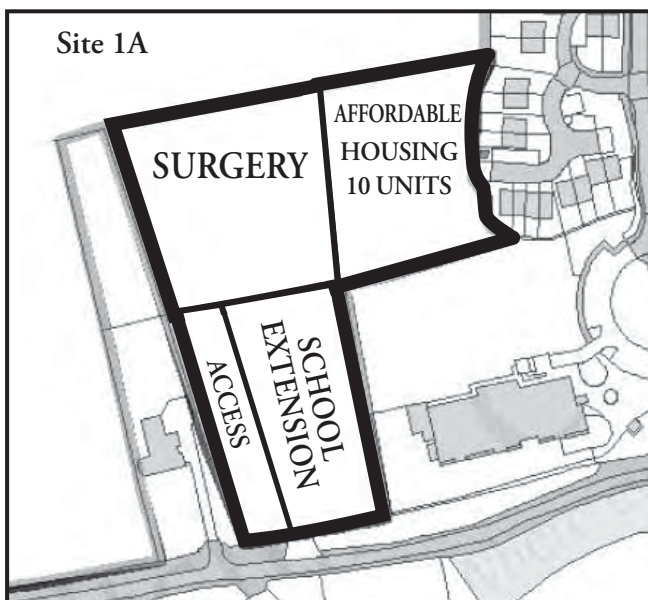
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Sherston Wine
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sites which had been identified as having the greatest potential by the Steering Group were shown in greater detail. The six identified option sites are:

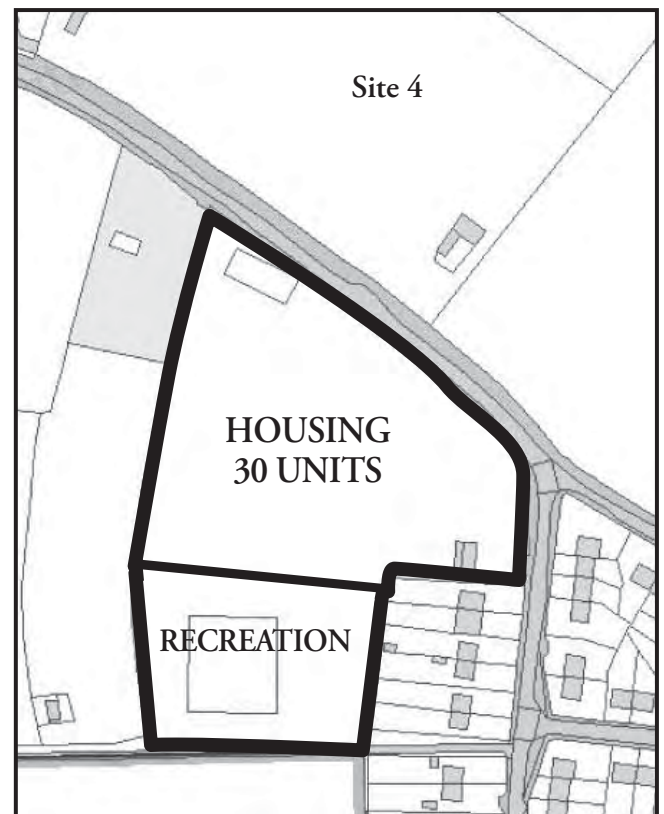


Site No.	Location	Score	Rank Order	Comment on suitability of site
1A	West new School	53	5	Good. Would represent an appropriate extension of the village envelope with minimal visual impact.
4	Football Field	55	4	Site very suitable in development terms but would result in the loss of sports field and recreational space. Should an alternative site for sports and recreational uses be found then site could be considered to have good suitability.
6	North Sandpits Lane	51	6	Development of the front of the site (along south-eastern boundary) in line with existing homes on Sandpits Lane makes some sense. This would look like natural growth and would 'round off' this northern edge of the village. Potential for 10-15 homes fronting road. Site also potentially suitable for relocated recreation land or allotments.
10	Vicarage Site	61	1	The current vicarage is located in a sizeable plot and, once the existing dwelling has been removed, would be suitable for a new vicarage, a new burial ground and limited enabling development. Opportunity for development of the site to result in betterment.
11	Corner Green Lane	58	3	Considered suitable for small-scale development - up to 5 units.
17	Easton Town	60	2	No significant impacts. Good location. Would result in loss of green space within the village envelope.

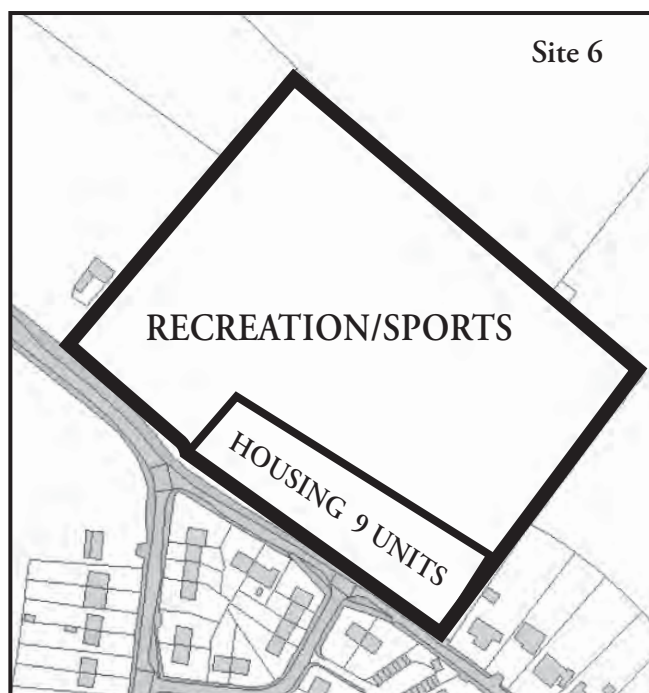
Each of the individual option sites were then considered in more detail. This was portrayed at the exhibition in the form of a combination of a SWOT analysis (i.e. identifying the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats of each site) and a draft land use plan (i.e. identifying which of the particular range of development needs could potentially be met on each site). The six sites subjected to this more detailed appraisal were:



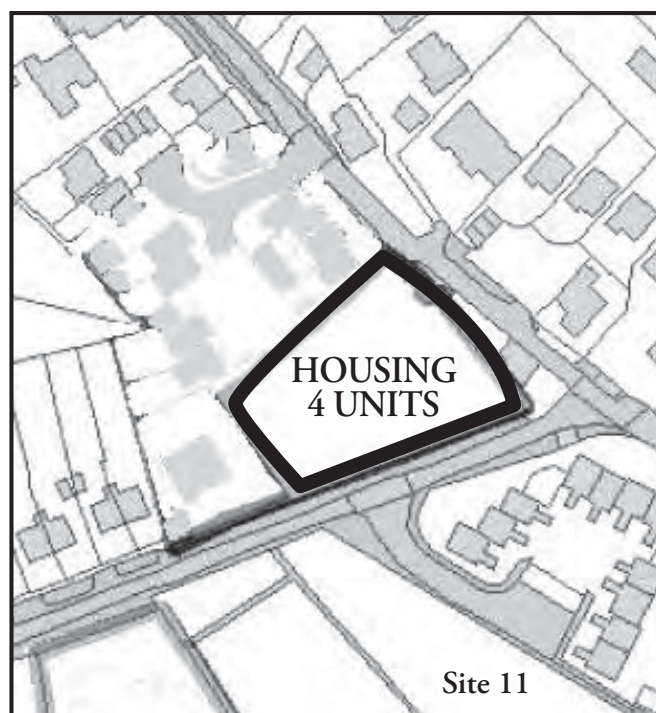
Site 1A – Sopworth Lane (to the rear of the new school) – which was identified as a potential mixed use development site considered capable of accommodating some new housing (10 units), a site for a new GP surgery, and room to allow for the future expansion of the existing Primary School and/or erection of a new pre-school facility should either be needed.



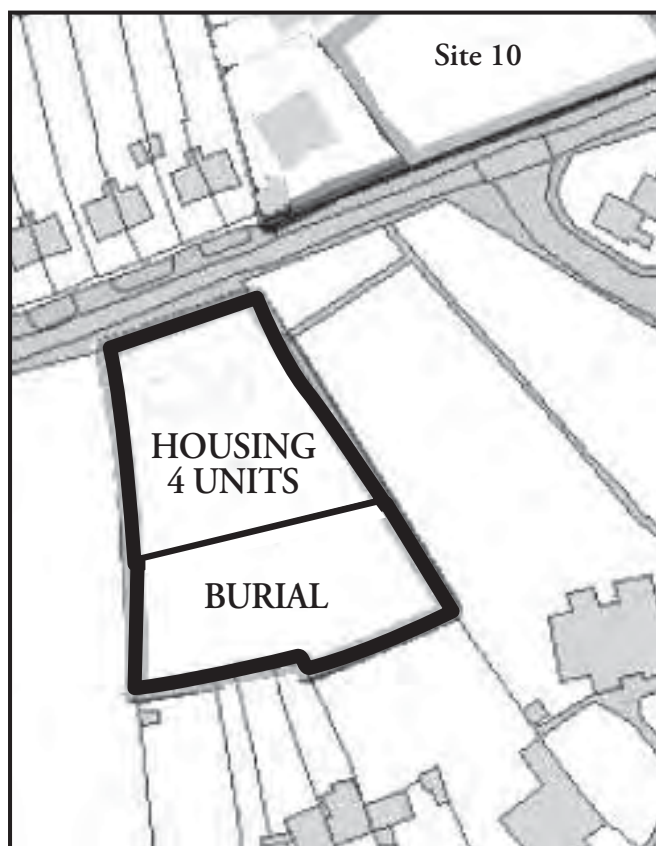
Site 4 – the Football Field (off Knockdown Road) – which is owned by the Parish Council and was offered up as a potential housing site (excluding the tennis court area) – **but only on the proviso that a replacement site could first be found which would be suitable to accommodate an improved sports facility** (including a new football field with changing rooms and possibly some additional indoor sports facilities). Most or all of the funding for any new sports facility to be derived from the sale of the football field for development (i.e. as a Parish funded scheme).



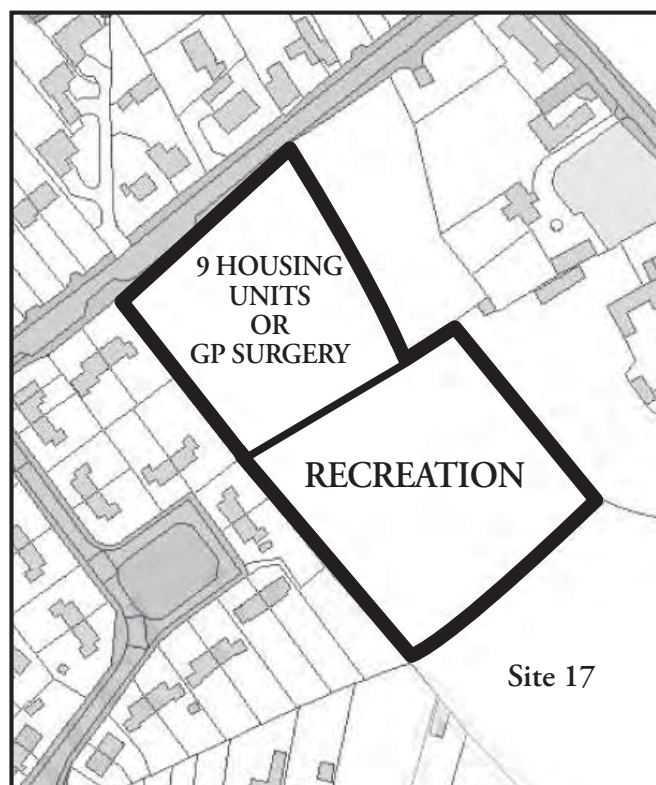
Site 6 – off Sandpits Lane – which was considered to have the potential to accommodate both a proposed relocated sports facility (to replace and improve upon the facilities lost if Site 4 were to be redeveloped) and a limited amount of housing on the site frontage.



Site 11 – at the corner of Green Lane and Sandpits Lane – which is an existing allocated housing site in the current development plan and which the Steering Group considered remains entirely suitable for housing development in due course.



Site 10 – the former Vicarage site (Green Lane) – which has been offered up by the Diocese as a potential site for a new vicarage (which it is suggested would be funded by the erection of 3 additional dwellings in the grounds). The rest of the land, at the rear of the plot would be reserved to allow for an extension to the adjoining cemetery.



Site 17 – at Easton Town (the land to the east of Easton Square) – which has been offered up by the landowner as a potential development site and which the Steering Group considered could be suitable for either a limited amount of additional housing or as a possible alternative site for the new GP surgery – with the land to the rear being an alternative site for the proposed relocated sports facility (should Site 4 were to be redeveloped for housing).

What is the housing target for Sherston?

The minimum housing target for Sherston is determined by the Wiltshire Core Strategy. The Core Strategy has determined that, over the plan period (2006 to 2026), at least 1,200 new homes will be provided in the Malmesbury Community Area (MCA) of which 510 will be provided in the villages.

This equates to a 12.45% increase in the number of houses in the MCA. There are currently 596 dwellings in Sherston so the increase required was calculated as 74 dwellings:

$$596 \times 0.1245 = 74$$

However, oversupply elsewhere in the MCA means that this requirement has been reduced to 9.8%. Therefore, the target for Sherston is:

$$596 \times 0.098 = 59 \text{ units}$$

Furthermore:

- 30 dwellings have been built in the village since 2006
- 13 dwellings have Planning Permission in the village

Therefore the housing requirement in the village is further reduced:

$$59 - (30+13) = 16 \text{ units}$$

The Neighbourhood Plan cannot promote an amount of development smaller than that identified in the Core Strategy.

Therefore, 16 units is considered the minimum number of units that must be built in Sherston between now and 2026.

To put this in context—between 1999 and 2014 about 80 dwellings were built in Sherston.

How many homes should be built in Sherston?

Although the Core Strategy has determined that Sherston must find room for at least 16 new homes by 2026, this is a minimum target rather than a maximum.

Should the Community deem it desirable, the Neighbourhood Plan could plan for a greater number of homes. There are of course advantages and disadvantages of doing so, some of which are addressed below:

Advantages

- Sherston has an ageing population meaning people stay in their homes longer. Building new homes may enable local young people to stay in the area who otherwise may not be able to find a house here.
- If the village does not grow the percentage of the population in work will decrease as the number in retirement rises. The local economy could suffer and the village stagnate.
- Encouraging new development will ensure that local facilities & services are well used and less likely to be closed.
- New housing development could deliver new facilities such as sport and recreational facilities.

Disadvantages

- New development will bring with it associated problems such as increased usage of roads and the problems associated such as congestion and wear and tear.
- Sherston has limited brownfield or previously developed land to build on so greenfield sites will likely have to be developed.
- The whole of Sherston is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty so any new development will impact upon the AONB.
- The relationship between the village and the countryside could be altered where new housing is built.

Two separate displays completed the exhibition. The first of these was an explanation by the local surgery as to why they consider that it would be prudent for the Neighbourhood Plan to consider identifying a site for a potential new surgery. (N.B. Copies of the explanatory leaflet prepared by the surgery are available at the surgery). The second display sought to deal with the question 'how many houses should be built in Sherston over the remaining plan period'.

It was explained that whilst there was a minimum number of houses that we really ought to be seeking to accommodate in the village (to ensure conformity with the Wiltshire Core Strategy) there was the opportunity to consider a higher number if it was felt that village services and facilities might benefit from limited further development. As anticipated, the issues raised by the second part of the exhibition were those most discussed during the two hour long workshops held on the Saturday.

A second questionnaire was issued to those who attended asking people to indicate levels of support for the provision of any or all of the following services/facilities – all of which would require land to be identified and safeguarded for such development in the emerging plan:

- A new GP surgery
- A pre-school facility
- Additional allotments
- Room for the future expansion of the Primary School
- Community Orchard

The questionnaire then asked individuals to indicate how many new homes they considered ought to be planned for over the remaining plan period (to 2026) – taking into account the information contained on the display boards - and to identify which (if any)

of the option sites that had been tabled they would prefer to see developed (depending of course on the level of development selected). A specific question was raised about the likely level of support for a mix of potential land uses on Site 1A (i.e. to the rear of the new school). Finally, respondents were asked to indicate which of the two option sites they favoured for a possible relocation of the "football field" (i.e. Sites 6 or 17) should that option be favoured and/or alternatively, on the assumption that there proved to be no local support for the relocation of these sports facilities whether they considered that some additional land situated to the west of the existing football field (i.e. Site 3) should then perhaps be safeguarded to allow for its future expansion.

As mentioned right at the beginning of this article, copies of all of the exhibition boards and related material are now available for viewing online on the Sherston.org website. In addition, it is intended that the exhibition will be on display (albeit at different times) at both the GP surgery and in the church in the period leading up to the conclusion of this informal round of consultation. Copies of the questionnaires will be available for collection at both of these sites as well as the Post Office & Stores but must be returned there by midday on Saturday 11 October at the very latest.

The next step will be for the Steering Group to consider and analyse all of the responses received before determining how best to progress to the next stage of the plan – which will be to firm up some or all of these various policies and proposals before re-presenting them to the village in the form of a final set of options.

We will endeavour to report back on the outcome of this round of consultation in the next copy of the Cliffhanger. Watch this space.

News from Holy Cross Church

We have run several events to commemorate the beginning of the First World War. Sherston Lady Chapel hosts a reflective station, and at the beginning of September a wreath was laid on the grave of Private Neale, the first Sherston casualty of the conflict. The bells were tolled half muffled and this act of remembrance will be repeated many times as the centenaries are marked.

By the time you read this, the Archbishop of Canterbury will have visited Bristol and Malmesbury, but hopefully the excitement will have not died down! One follow-on event is through the Agnostics Anonymous group which has been meeting about once a month in a local pub. Genial conversation about matters of belief follows over a slow pint. It has been enjoyable and stimulating, so I've put another couple of dates in the diary: 14 October and 11 November, both at 8.00pm in the Star Inn, Hullavington. There might be scope to run a similar event in Sherston if there was enough interest ...

Children's work often goes to sleep during holidays, but Little Lights carried on running over the summer, sometimes with large numbers of children. This group for 0- to five-year-olds and parents/carers is restarting every Thursday at 10.30am in Hullavington Church.

Holy Cross celebrates Harvest on 5 October with a Family Communion at 9.30am. In the evening, at 6.00pm, there is a Harvest Festival service with a guest speaker, followed by a Harvest Supper. Another special service happens as we observe All Souls and remember those we have loved who have died. This will be on 2 November at 6.00pm. Please put the names of anyone you would like remembered on the list in church.

Meanwhile, in the Deanery, new Priests-in-charge are beginning their ministries in Cricklade and the Draycot Group. This only leaves the Braydon Brook Group vacant, which we hope will be filled this autumn.

Finally, we welcome James Harris, an ordinand on placement, to our group during October and November. James currently works as the assistant to the Archdeacon, and is completing a part-time course at Cuddesdon. He is interested in finding out more about rural ministry and especially how we live and work together as a team of eight parishes.

American Cinema Course from WEA runs in November

Following on from his enjoyable European Cinema course last autumn, Dr Tim Hammond returns with a new WEA offering 'US Cinema from its origins to the end of the Studio System in 1947'. It will explore the 'language of film', developing an understanding of the tools to talk confidently about how films 'work', and critically evaluates the role of key films, directors, actors, studios, technical advances and what has become known as the 'Golden Age of Hollywood'. With WEA courses being discontinued in Hullavington, Sherston becomes the only location in the Malmesbury area for courses from the UK's largest voluntary providers of adult education. The course will operate over six Fridays between 10.00am and 12.15pm from 7 November to 12 December at the British School Room in Cliff Road. The fee, payable on the first day of the course, is £40. To reserve a place or for more information, contact Warwick or Pat Jones on 840764 or on warwick.jones@btinternet.com.

Luckington Gift Night – Have you got your ticket yet?

This year Luckington School Gift Night is on Friday 17 October from 7.00pm to 10.00pm. The popular annual event is organised by the Friends of Luckington School to raise funds for the School. This year there are fantastic new stalls to tempt you and lots more, selling toys, cards, local crafts, original gifts, jewellery, beauty products and clothing. Great for birthday presents or a little early Christmas shopping!

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Her breakfast has won a Breakfast Award with Enjoy England for three years in a row and features some wonderful local produce. This ranges from the Shipton Mill flour used to make the daily bread to the tasty Tuck's sausages, bacon, hams and Sherston salamis which feature heavily. Not forgetting the delicious golden-yolked eggs laid by her brood of hens. Following the seasons with homemade preserves, a homemade marmalade and jam are offered every morning. Even the apple juice on offer is local, courtesy of Sherston Apple Juice. Guests can also enjoy Fiona's homemade cakes and cookies.

Carriers' is now welcoming many guests back for their second and third visits. Many enjoy great meals up at The Rattlebone and always comment on the vibrancy of the village.

Tracklements seek medlars for charity



This autumn Tracklements is once again appealing to the local community to donate medlar fruit to make their special edition medlar jelly. This year, Tracklements have partnered with Westonbirt Arboretum to raise money for their chosen charity, The Westonbirt Project. For every jar of medlar jelly sold, 50p will be donated to the charity.

The Westonbirt Arboretum charity plays a vital role in improving visitor experience of the Arboretum and sustaining its unique, world-class collection of trees.

The medlar tree is known for its beautiful blossom, whilst the unusual looking medlar fruit is often compared to a 'dog's bottom'. However, despite its appearance and tart flavour if eaten raw, medlars make delicious medlar jelly which is both sharp and sweet and compliments roast meats (especially hot or cold pork), ham and pork pies.

If you have any medlars you won't be using and would like to support The Westonbirt Project at Westonbirt Arboretum, Tracklements would love to put them to good use! All you need to do is drop them off at Tracklements or at the Westonbirt Arboretum from the first frost until Friday 31 October.

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North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club: September Report

As I write this report, autumn is fast approaching. The leaves on the trees are already turning colour and berries are prolific on the bushes; a wonderful time of year for flower arrangers. Our club, held at Crudwell Village Hall, has a demonstration planned for 15 October, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, to be given by Eileen Gill - 'When Summer's Over' and a competition for members and visitors of a foliage only arrangement.

Tickets are now on sale for the club's Christmas event on 19 November at the Sundial Theatre, Cirencester GL7 1XA, when International Demonstrator Jonathan Moseley will demonstrate 'A Christmas Cornucopia'. Tickets are £10 for flower club members and £12 for visitors. Please contact Sue on 577125. There will be various stalls and refreshments and raffle of the demonstrations at the end of the evening. Everybody is welcome and there is plenty of parking and a good view for all in the theatre.

A really good programme of demonstrations and events has been planned for 2015 and I do hope that anybody thinking about visiting the club will come along and not miss out. The club meets every third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start unless notified differently on the programme. Annual Membership £27 and visitors £5 a meeting. As I am standing down from the Committee, this will be my last report and someone else will be keeping you informed of the club's activities.

Thanks to all.

by Pamela Loftus

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Matthew's programme will include works by Nicholas Bruhns, Johann Pachelbel, J.G. Wather, Kenneth Leighton, Matthew Owens, Cesar Franck, Pierre Cochereau and Louis Vierne.

Don't miss this concert if you would like to hear a very varied programme played on a splendid organ in a truly beautiful setting. It's sure to be a wonderful recital.

Tickets for the concert are priced at £12, or £5 for students, and can be obtained from the Abbey bookshop, Joy Smith on 840865 or the MAMS Ticket Secretary David Barton on 824924. As always, tickets will also be available on the door.

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Local artist's exhibition at Malmesbury

Local artist Gill Ashley is holding an Art Exhibition in The John Bowen Gallery, Town Hall, Malmesbury from 6 to 24 October. For more information, please email gill.ashley1@btinternet.com or call 840993.



Gill Ashley, Artist

Having enjoyed studying Art at A level, Gill decided that her vocation was in teaching Business Studies in the Midlands and South West for 20 years! She then moved, with her husband, to Dyrham Park to work for the National Trust. To help raise funds for educational activities there, she organised several art exhibitions which renewed her own interest in painting. She subsequently attended courses in the area with various locally known artists. She has sold work in Australia, Canada and Turkey. Gill has another exhibition at The Great Oak Hall, Westonbirt Arboretum from 14 to 19 October. Examples of her work are on www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk or visit her studio in Sherston, call 840993.

Stuart Kettle, Artist

Born in Nottinghamshire in 1947, Stuart trained in Fine Art at the Nottingham School of Art and later in Illustration and Graphic Design at the City of Leicester Polytechnic. Having worked in television as a designer for both the BBC and ITV for over 20 years, he started painting full time in 2001 from his studio in Stroud. Stuart exhibits in UK galleries and has also sold work in both Europe and America. To see more of Stuart's work, visit his website: www.stuartkettleartist.com or contact him via email info@stuartkettleartist.com

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Sherston Market - One year old!

The next market is Saturday 18 October at Sherston Village Hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm. This will be the market's first birthday and the hall will be packed to bursting with stalls. If you haven't visited the market before this will be a great opportunity to see what it's all about.

At all markets a free stall is offered for a charity or voluntary group to raise funds. Anyone interested in running such a stall should please use the contacts below. All these stalls have done well to date so don't be shy in booking one! At October's market Sherston Busy Hands Pre School will be having the free stall so please come along to support them.

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

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@theawkwardsquad.co.uk

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Walk on the wild side - The Holly and the Ivy

Autumn has well and truly arrived, with many trees dropping their leaves and the bird migration in full flow.

Most of our summer residents have gone, such as the house martins and swallows, while not many of the winter migrants, like the redwing (a bit like a thrush), have departed their breeding grounds in Northern Europe.

Believe it or not, but some of our butterflies also migrate. The red admiral butterfly, which is quite common here in the summer, migrates north in May and then goes south again in September. In early September, I was fortunate to spend a week on a small island off the coast of Wales and there were literally thousands starting to move south across the Bristol Channel.

Even more amazing is the migration of a closely related butterfly - the painted lady - which is also quite common here in the summer. Not only does this small insect migrate from tropical Africa to the Arctic Circle, which is a feat in itself, but it takes six generations of them to achieve this. Each generation migrates only part of the way, with the following generation continuing the circular journey. This was only discovered fairly recently using, amongst other things, radar data. This just goes to show how little we know about even common insects that we take for granted.

The ivy growing over walls and up trees is another part of our natural habitat that's easy to overlook. It flowers in October and November and has flower buds that are greenish-white, often look like small drumsticks and are in little groups. The buds open to display tiny little

green flowers that smell like elderflower and produce pollen and nectar, so are a really important late autumn food source for many insects. By December, the ivy is covered in black flat-topped berries which are a really important source of food for the winter bird visitors, such as redwings and fieldfares, as well as our resident birds.

This warm, reasonably wet summer has been fantastic for many birds and insects, so we may see larger-than-normal numbers of migrant birds arriving here in the next few weeks so a large food supply over the winter is really important.

Ivy and other berry-producing plants often grow in hedgerows and consequently hedgerows are a major source of food. These, however, are often trimmed/flailed in the autumn by farmers to keep things tidy which can be a disaster for wildlife - taking away important food sources just when they are needed. As a plea, is it possible to trim the hedgerows every few years rather than every year? It will start to look messy but nature really needs messy.

Finally, it's time to get the bird feeders out with a variety of seeds, fats, etc. Please do wash them out on a regular basis as there are some quite nasty diseases that spread from bird to bird. Last winter my feeders weren't used much (aside from the jackdaws and wood pigeons) as it was quite mild. This winter may be harder so please keep the feeders topped up!!

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

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

Gauzebrook Church for Children

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

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

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

Little Lights

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

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

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

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

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

Drawing Classes in Sherston

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

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

Footpaths group

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

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

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

Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

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

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Malmesbury Community Choir

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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.

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Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

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

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

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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

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

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Sherston Badminton Club

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

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact 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 Drama Group The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Richard Skeffington (Chairman) richard.skeffington@virgin.net Tel. 840092 or Graham Instrell (Vice Chairman) ginstrell@hotmail.co.uk Tel. 840978

Sherston FC

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

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

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

Sherston's Living Churchyard

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

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sherston Tennis Club

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

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

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

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

Sherston Village Hall

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

Sherston W.I. Meetings in the Village Hall March – October Meetings for Nov, Dec and Feb each 1st Thurs

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

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

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

WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses

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

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

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

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

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

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WHAT'S ON

What's on in 2014

Dates for your diary

November

29 Oct-1 Nov Pantomime

8 1016 Fireworks

9 First World War memorabilia Exhib - BSR Remembrance Parade

29 Sherston Skank Off

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

Sherston

Boules and Carnival handover meeting for 2015

Anyone interested in helping for Boules and Carnival 2015 is invited to come along to the Rattlebone, back restaurant on Mon 6 Oct at 8.45pm to see how they can help make next year's event happen. Contact Sharon Doyle if you are interested but can't attend on sharon.doyle@sjpp.co.uk 07912 365513

The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7:30pm Free entry and prizes for the winning team
Sunday Nights Bingo & Pizza every Sunday evening from 6pm
Halloween Party Fri 31 Oct starting with a children's party from 4pm with a Pumpkin carving competition, fun games, fancy dress. Main party from 7pm with music from one of Worcester's finest Live Bands, The Delray Rockets, Fancy dress (prizes to be won!), scary Cocktails and Roger's famous curry
Check boards for more details of events
 For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter #GavinHunt@Therattlebone or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk/

Sherston Market

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

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

Sat 18 Oct Sat 15 Nov 10am-2pm

Village hall For further details call 840348 or visit <http://sherstonmarket.weebly.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sherston-Market/195319400641324>

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

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

Sherston WI Talks

'Yeoman of the Guard' with Shaun McCormach Thur 6 Nov 2.30pm in the BSR £3 to include refreshments. (Note change of time and venue for autumn/winter meetings.)

Table Top Sale Sat 8 Nov 10am - 12 noon To reserve your table at £10 call Alison 07909 737096

Minety Hand Bell Ringers with Festive Refreshments 4 Dec at 2.30pm

Late Christmas lunch 8 Jan

AGM followed by talk on Wood Turning with Derek Edwards 2 Feb at 2.30pm

For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Sue's Strolls

Sun 5 Oct Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return just around 12noon. 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 a place – just turn up on the day. This is a PHEW! event see www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk

Sun 16 Nov For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk

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Friends of Sherston School Apple Day

Fri 17 Oct 3.10pm An apple drop-off point will be provided from Mon 13 Oct, and we hope to organise children to help pick and gather apples. open to everyone in the village. You can bring your own apples to be pressed at a cost of £1.50 / litre if you use your own bottles or £2.50 / litre if you use a bottle provided by the FSS. You can also contribute apples for the children to make their own juice.

For further details call *Fi Picton, FSS Chair*, via fi.parsons@which.net, or 841012

Harvest Supper

Sun 5 Oct immediately after the Harvest service at 6pm Bring and share supper and drink - see church board for tickets and food to bring. We provide cold meats, cheese and baked potatoes. Tickets £4 from the Post Office or Church - all proceeds to Christian Aid. You are welcome to come to just the meal at about 7pm at Church of the Holy Cross

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

Church events

Harvest Festival Service Sun 5 Oct at 6pm Talk by a representative of Christian Aid

Remembrance Service Sun 9 Nov 10.45am Please be seated by 10.40

Church Bazaar Sat 6 Dec 11am in the Village Hall More details next month

Church of the Holy Cross

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

Annual Mangold Hurl

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

For further details call *To enter a team, call Paul Ormiston 840694* or pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk

Sherston Drama Group

Half-term Pantomime: Dick Whittington Wed 29 Oct – Sat 1 Nov 7.30pm with Sat matinee at 2.30pm Please contact Richard should you want to help out back stage or front of house £7.50 adult £6.50 children / OAP

For further details call *Early October tickets go on sale at the Post Office or from Richard Skeffington 840092* or richard.skeffington@virgin.net

Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

Painting Workshops - Beginners and Intermediates

Wednesday 10.30am - 12.45pm Beginners -materials provided for the first few lessons thereafter bring your own preferred paints, brushes and supports

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

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

Knockdown

The Holford Arms Live Music every weekend.

Check boards for more details of events

For further details call *01454 238669* or info@theholfordarms.co.uk

Badminton

Rotary Horseless Team Event

Sun 5 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

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For further details call Mary 07779 299224

Westonbirt The Arboretum

Guided walks every Wed at 11 and Sat, Sun and BH at 2pm Mar- 29 Oct Free after admission. Meet at the entrance Sorry no dogs Sep - Nov admission prices Adults £9 Concs £8 Children £4

Specialist Wood Sales 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA RSPB bird event Wed 1 Oct

Walkies - dog walk with Maisie Sat 11 Oct 11am meet at the Welcome building, free after admission, no need to book

Family Event: Autumn Art Attack Mon 27 - Fri 31 Oct 10.30-4pm at the Learning Centre free after admission

RSPB event: Spooky Creatures! Sat 18 - Sun 19 Oct 10am-4pm Find out about the more scary species of our wildlife like snakes, lizards, spiders, newts, frogs and toads! Fun and games to be had at the Bird Viewing Area! Free after admission

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

Easton Grey Whatley Manor

Thursday evening cinema Thurs 16 Oct Captain Phillips; Thurs 30 Oct The Butler; £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.

Sunday Cinema 12:00:00 AM Sun 12 Oct Captain Phillips; Sun 26 Oct The Butler;

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

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

Malmesbury MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP 12 noon - 1pm Sat 4 Oct Sat 15 Nov Sat 6 Dec

Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall

For further details call www.jamesgray.org or email jamesgraymp@parliament.uk for online surgeries

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Organ recital in Malmesbury Abbey by Matthew Owen, the organist and Master of Choristers at Wells Cathedral Wed 15 Oct 7.30pm £12/ £10 members/ £5 student or chd. Season tickets are also available for only £55. For further details call David Barton 824924 d.barton763@btinternet.com or visit www.malmesbury.com/mams

Malmesbury Film Society

Showing world and classic films every 3rd Sun of the month at 7.30pm. Tickets £5, no booking required. Autumn 2014 films: The Monuments Men - 19 Oct, Kuma - 16 Nov, The Bishop's Wife - 21 Dec St. Mary's Hall, Malmesbury

For further details visit www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk

Art Exhibition by local artists

Gill Ashley and Stuart Kettle 6-24 Oct Gill has another exhibition at The Great Oak Hall, Westonbirt Arboretum from 14-19 Oct and examples of her work are on www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk or visit her studio in Sherston - 840993

To see more of Stuart's work, visit his website: www.stuartkettleartist.com or visit him via email info@stuartkettleartist.com John Bowen Gallery For further details call Gill Ashley 840993

Philosophytown Festival

- A Festival of History and Ideas Thurs 9 - Sun 12 Oct For a full programme of events and ticket prices, please visit www.philosophytown.co.uk

The Old Bell and the Abbey House Library and gardens For further details philosophytown@yahoo.co.uk or visit www.philosophytown.co.uk

Tetbury

Tetbury Music Festival

Daily concerts & performances Thurs 2 - Sun 5 Oct £7 - £15 St Mary's Church Tetbury

For further details call Box office: Tourist Information centre 503552 or info@tetburymusicfestival.org.uk or visit www.tetburymusicfestival.org.uk

Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

The Book Thief Fri 10 Oct Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door Didmarton Village Hall For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@virgin.net

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Rural Arts Wiltshire

Horse+ Bamboo Theatre Company present Hansel and Gretel With succulent music and film, puppets and masks, Horse and Bamboo have baked up a delicious treat of a show Fri 14 Nov at 7pm . Grittleton Village Hall
For further details call Jan Jeffcoate 01249 782798 or dandjjeffcoate@btinternet.com or visit www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk

Hawkesbury Flower festival

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Musical preview evening on Fri 3 Oct at 7pm Tickets for the preview £7.50 each to include light refreshments

Communion Service for Peace and Reconciliation Sun 5 Oct at 5.30pm

Hawkesbury Parish Church

For further details call or to book tickets for the Preview Evening call 01454 238553 or 01454 238508

Hawkesbury Upton Pre-School

Open Morning

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Hawkesbury Upton Village Hall

For further details call Enquiries to: Louisa Tooker 07989 484 / email enquiries@hawkesburypreschool.org.uk or visit www.hawkesburypreschool.org.uk

Cirencester

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Jonathan Moseley will demonstrate 'A Christmas Cornucopia' Wed 19 Nov 7.30pm (doors open 7pm) Tickets £10 for members and £12 for non members, available from early September from members and Committee.

Sundial Theatre at Cirencester College

For further details call Tickets from Sue 577125

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month's Live screenings: The Hundred-Foot Journey; If I Stay; Pride; A Most Wanted Man; NT Encore Frankenstein - Cumberbatch Thur 30 Oct; check website for details

Films: The 100 year old man who climbed out of the window and disappeared; Hermitage Revealed; Wakolda; Two days, one night; In order of Disappearance
The Electric Picture House For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoneph.co.uk

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