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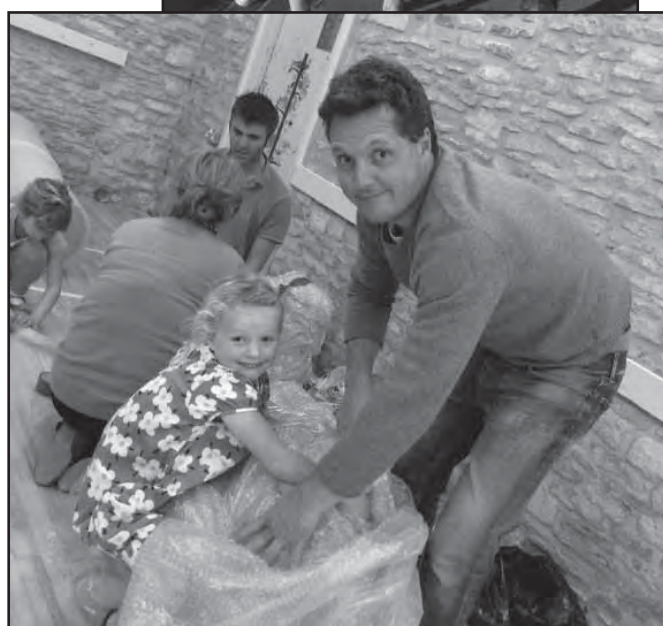
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## Looking forward to 2016

The members of Sherston 1016 held another very successful book sale on 19 September in the village hall. It was the usual social mix of finding bargains to read and meeting up with village friends for a chat, and it was enjoyed by all concerned.



There was a raffle to raise funds, or Danegeld, for the organisation of the re-enactment of the Battle of Sherston next year, 2016. Sherston 1016 takes its name from the year of the local battle between Edmund Ironside, whose army included John Rattlebone, and the Viking King Cnut.

Thanks are due to Jill Caaney and Shane for donating the hamper prize for the raffle, which raised just over £130 as geld for next year's event.

All contributions towards the cost of staging the event are very welcome, as are ideas on how to raise funds. If you have any suggestions, please contact Richard Langley on 840112 or 07879 612776 or Paul Ormiston on 841304/840694.

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## Parking Problems

A number of residents in Cliff Road and Silver Street did not have their green waste collected (a paid for service) over the summer as the recycling van could not access the streets due to parked cars. Wiltshire Council have confirmed that the non-collection of rubbish was because parked cars had blocked the access to the street at both entrances to Cliff Road from Court Street and via Silver Street, from the High Street.

These ongoing problems highlight the congested parking on Cliff Road and Silver Street. While this does mean that rubbish is not collected, leading to an unsightly mess and health concerns, the fact that delivery lorries and more critically emergency vehicles have been unable to gain access due to parking on both sides of the road is a far more worrying concern.

The parish council will raise these parking issues with Wiltshire Council, who have assessed the Cliff Road issue before, and with the Malmesbury area board to investigate if parking restrictions need to be applied and enforced in Silver Street and Cliff Road. In the meantime residents should think carefully about where they park their car to ensure that access to emergency vehicles and recycling/rubbish trucks is maintained at all times.

## Does the countryside make you happy?

Living in our countryside has its challenges and benefits and the Wessex BESS (Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services for Sustainability) project is a research project run by Wiltshire Council, a number of universities and the RSPB that is investigating the benefits and well-being that people get from nature and the local countryside. If you can spare 10-15 minutes to complete an online survey for research on how nature and the countryside affect your well-being please visit: <http://www.sherston.org.uk/cliffhanger.html#wiltshire-countryside-survey>

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# Clean for the Queen

Clean for The Queen is a campaign launched by Country Life magazine in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy to clear up Britain in time for The Queen's 90th official birthday on 11 June 2016.

Thirty million tons of rubbish are collected from England's streets each year. That's enough to fill Wembley Stadium four times over and we know that there is a problem with rubbish and dog fouling in Sherston.

If every adult in the UK picked up just one piece of litter and put it in a bin, that would be more than 50 million pieces of rubbish disposed of. Imagine if everyone picked up at least one piece of litter every day for the next nine months the difference it would make to the country.

There will be a special clean up weekend on 4-6 March 2016, so look out for information on how you can take part in Sherston in the New Year or visit

[www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk/home/2365#home](http://www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk/home/2365#home) to register your group to do your bit.

It would be great if the 1700 people in Sherston all picked up a piece of rubbish every time they saw it and put it in a bin (or took it home and put in a bin) as it would give us a chance to improve the quality of our community in time for the special village events occurring in June and July 2016.

# Allotments – very short waiting list

All the plots at the allotment have now been taken up and there is only one family on the waiting list. If you have ever considered growing your own fruit, flowers and vegetables and would like an allotment now would be a good time to go on the waiting list.

Contact Sarah Wood, Parish Clerk 840197

# Coming to you at the end of October ... Sherston Drama Group's pantomime Cinderella



Tickets go on sale at the beginning of October for Sherston Drama Group's family pantomime, Cinderella, by Ben Crocker. You know the story, and the familiar characters are all there: sweet Cinderella; handsome Prince Charming; energetic Buttons; and two dreadful Ugly sisters. Not to mention Dashing Dumpling the racehorse; Baron Hardup and his fearsome wife, Devilia; Snitch and Snatch the brokers men; and a full supporting cast. There will be song and dance from the young people of Sherston and surroundings, and a few modern twists to the story.

Performance dates are 28-31 October in Sherston Village Hall, and tickets (£6.50 / £8.00 including refreshments) will be on sale from the beginning of October at Sherston Post Office Stores or from the Box Office via [r.a.skeffington@gmail.com](mailto:r.a.skeffington@gmail.com) or 840092 (evenings).

Performances at 7.30p, also with 1.00pm matinée on Saturday 31 October (note change of usual time by special request of rugby fans).



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# Sherston W.I.



Mr John Sylvester told members about the Gloucestershire Constabulary which opened its police station in Tetbury in 1839, when the requirements of its police officers was that they were all of 'sound body and under 40 years old'. Women were not accepted until 1917. John is now a volunteer at Tetbury Police Museum in Tetbury. He finished his talk with a quiz just to make sure that members had been listening!

Two Sherston members joined with others from Wiltshire Federation to attend the Centennial Fair in Harrogate which was run over four days. This fair was one of the key events to celebrate the wonderful achievements of the WI over the past 100 years.

Sherston has celebrated the anniversary of the founding of the WI in England in its own small way by hosting a tea party when members from two local WIs joined with us. The photographs and records of the WIs going back several years were on display, together with special celebratory cakes and flower arrangements.

Sherston WI celebrates its 75th anniversary with a tour of Bath, followed by lunch in the Pump Room and a week later with a dinner at The Rattlebone.

In November, December and February the meetings will be held in the British School Room at 2.30pm.

## Sherston Church Bazaar

The Church Bazaar will take place on Saturday 5 December in the village hall. Details will be announced in November but if there is anyone who would like to offer help or to make items to sell on the day (Christmas gifts), please get in touch with Pat Whitehouse (840640) or Heather Martin (840375).

This is one of the main fundraising events to pay for Church running costs, so please support it and put it in your diary.

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## Lemonade Sale Success



Libby Howells and Lara Boldy, both age 10, thank all the Sherston school children and parents who supported their homemade lemonade sale after school on Friday 4 September. Their lemonade stand at the park raised £25 for ME Research UK.

## New: After-school Friday Games Club

As the evenings draw in and the weather turns colder, after-school playing at the Rec becomes less of an option ... but, thanks to two Sherston School mums, there will still be an opportunity for children to play with their friends and for parents to catch up with each other - on a Friday anyway! From Friday 6 November, a games club (board games, card games, etc) will be running for children from 3.15pm-5.15pm in the Scout Hut. £1 per child, to include squash and a biscuit. More details next month!

## Meeting of the parish council

The parish council will next meet on Thursday 8 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](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk). You can also contact the council via the response form on [www.sherston.org.uk](http://www.sherston.org.uk) where minutes of meetings can also be read.



# A big thank you from the Friends of Tetbury Hospital

The Friends of Tetbury Hospital's recent annual door-to-door collection has so far raised a total of just over £9,000. As just over half of the money collected will benefit from Gift Aid, the taxman will also contribute over £1,000.

Last year the Friends bought two pieces of optical equipment enabling many more patients to receive treatment in Tetbury in the new One Stop Eye Clinic.

This year, with the money raised, the Friends will purchase:

- A replacement 'stack' for the theatre, containing a range of clinical gadgets used to perform keyhole surgery; in particular, a camera and screen to enable the surgeon to have a clear image of what is going on inside the patient during surgery
- A phototherapy booth to treat patients with a variety of skin conditions. These patients often need regular treatments so this new local service will avoid having to travel to other hospitals

Comments John McGrath, chairman of The Friends of Tetbury Hospital, 'We are delighted with this result and thank all who donated in Tetbury and surrounding villages for their generosity. Also, a huge thank you to the volunteers who tramped the streets knocking on doors.

The support of the town and surrounding villages is hugely appreciated and vital, enabling the hospital to provide the very best range of services supported by modern medical equipment'.

Tetbury Hospital Trust is a charity established in 1991 which receives payment from the NHS for patient treatments though not for new or replacement equipment. The Hospital's survival depends on local fund-raising and the generosity of local people. In addition, local people donate money through their wills and over recent years income from legacies has grown.

Since the recent NHS re-organisation, the Hospital serves both Gloucestershire and Wiltshire with more than 20 consultants from both counties holding regular clinics there.

The Friends of Tetbury Hospital run many fund raising events each year, all locally based; these are publicised in the Tetbury Advertiser and on the Friends page of the hospital's website [www.tetburyhospital.co.uk/friends](http://www.tetburyhospital.co.uk/friends).

## Sherston Market

The next market is on Saturday 3 October at Sherston village hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm. We have a full market lined up for you, and the café will be serving up some enticing and delicious food to tempt you both to eat in or to take away. Not only will we have our very popular vegetarian curry with naan bread but also our sought-after bacon butties, as well as a delicious homemade soup.

At all markets, at least one free stall is offered for a charity or voluntary group to raise funds. Anyone interested in running such a stall should please use the contacts below. All these stalls have done well to date so don't be shy in booking one! October's stall is being run by Anthea Young in aid of the Radiotherapy Department at Bath RUH. Please come and support her.

For those on Facebook, there is an active Sherston Market page with lots of information about our stallholders and their products. Please also visit our new website [www.sherstonmarket.co.uk](http://www.sherstonmarket.co.uk) which lists details of which stallholders are attending the next market.

If you are a local maker, baker, grower or producer and are interested in taking a stall please get in touch via the contact form on the website, by phone on 07887 814843 / 07769 613627 or by email at [info@awkwardsquad.co.uk](mailto:info@awkwardsquad.co.uk)

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# News from Holy Cross Church

The Light Bites Lunch Club is a new idea which has grown out of the success of the Lent Lunches. People really enjoyed eating a simple meal together and then ending with a spiritual reflection. So we thought we would try some more of these, using the themes from our popular 'Foundations Course'. We hope this will be particularly helpful for anyone who hasn't been able to come to Foundations because it has been held in the evening, and also anyone who would prefer to explore topics of faith in a reflective way rather than through study. It will begin at midday at 55 The Tartars, every other Wednesday from 7 October.

'Cover Up, Con or Canon?' will be the second of our 'In Depth' events, being held on 6 October at 7.30pm in Hullavington church. It will explore the controversial issue of why some writings about Jesus were excluded from the New Testament. 'In Depth' is a chance to think about a topic quite deeply. It involves an illustrated talk or lecture, followed by questions and answers. The third event will be on 12 November in Sherston Holy Cross. All welcome.

With the technological advances in farming, the beginning of the Harvest gets earlier with the passing years. Nowadays the church celebrations of Harvest emphasise the 'Harvest Home' when all is safely gathered in. It is a lovely time of year in our rural churches, and important to remember that we all depend on the land and the work of the farmers. Harvest is also a time to remember and help those in need, whose harvests have been poor or who do not receive their fair share. Harvest will be in Holy Cross Sherston on 4 October at 6.00pm with Supper (All Age at 9.30 am) and at Easton Grey on the 11 October at 9.30am.

After Harvest comes All Souls, and the 6.00pm Sunday service on 1 November is dedicated to all those we have loved and who have died. It is a special time to remember with thanksgiving, to light a candle and say a prayer, and to be aware of our loving God.

Everyone is welcome to this service, and we shall be sending out special letters of invitation to the families of those whose funerals have been taken by our ministry team this year. If you would like the name of a loved one to be remembered at this service, please let me know on Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com

Finally, advance warning for Remembrance Sunday which is on 8 November this year. It is a good idea to arrive early for this event, which begins at 10.45am.

Christopher Bryan

## Sherston Harvest Supper: Sunday 4 October

This will take place in church after the Harvest Service at 6.00pm. It is a 'Bring and Share' meal and all are very welcome to join in, whether you are a regular churchgoer or not. Tickets are £5 per person, on sale in church or from the Post Office and this covers the cost of cooked meats and cheese and jacket potatoes. We would also ask you to sign the list in church to indicate what contribution you are bringing, such as a salad or a pudding.

You also need to bring your own choice of drink but plates, cutlery and glasses are provided. The surplus funds are donated to charity. If you want to bring gifts of food, fresh or canned, these will be donated to the Sisters of Mercy charity for the homeless in Bristol. We look forward to welcoming even more to our Supper this year as we have so much more space in the North Aisle.



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# Sherston Church Christmas cards

Once again, we are selling Christmas cards to help raise vital funds to keep our village church going. This year we are making an early start, after feedback last year that we came to the market too late and that many people had already got their Christmas cards, although we're still not as early as some who have been selling cards since the end of August!

Cards are on sale in packs of six - each of two designs - for £5, or singly for £1 each. Prices are unchanged from last year. They will be available in church and at Sherston Market on 3 October and 14 November.

Please consider including some of these cards in your Christmas planning and help us in the continuous work needed to find the funds to keep Holy Cross Church up and running at the heart of our community.

Thank you for your support.

Sue Robinson, Churchwarden



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# Fireworks help

Sherston 1016 are holding a meeting in the Carps on Tuesday 6 October at 8.00pm to discuss the future of the Sherston Bonfire & Fireworks event. Anyone who wishes to help is courteously invited to attend. We do need several more people during & after the day to make it viable. Thank you.

## Warning! Soul Destroyers @ Fiddlers in Bristol: Saturday 17 October

Why a warning? Well, you don't want to miss it!

The mighty Soul Destroyers are playing a rare home fixture in Bristol so trickle along to Fiddlers in Bedminster on Saturday 17 October and get yourself belly full of boogie, a sack full of soul, a pot full of pop, a face full of funk., a ... you get the idea!

Tickets from Ents24.com (<http://excessallareasevents.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=833b6929394e3bb051ebac31&id=23babe8229&e=e441a5fc7e>), support from The Black Crash and reasonably priced drinks from Dan and Joe... sounds good to me

More info @ Fiddlers.co.uk (<http://excessallareasevents.us3.list-manage.com/track/click?u=833b6929394e3bb051ebac31&id=dab9a4e749&e=e441a5fc7e>)

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## SOSCIC AGM



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On behalf of the board of SOSCIC we would like to notify Cliffhanger readers of our next Annual General Meeting.

The AGM will take place on Tuesday 3 November at 7.30pm in the British School Room, Cliff Road. Both members and non-members alike are invited to attend.

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



# Explorers go to Iceland

Explorer Scouts (aged 14 - 17) from Sherston joined other Explorers from the local area for a nine-day trip to Iceland.

The trip started on Friday evening with us meeting at Corsham Scout hut to get 'checked in' and ensure that we all had everything we needed and nothing important had been forgotten, like a passport or wet weather gear.

Saturday started early with a 5.15am wake up and the first of many coaches, this one to Heathrow Airport. After successfully navigating Heathrow, we had a three-hour flight to Iceland, landing at Keflavík at 3.00pm. Time for our second coach of the day: a two-hour ride from Keflavík to the Úlfjótssvatn Scout Centre, where we would be based for our time in Iceland. The coach ride gave us our first real glimpses of the country, from the flat plains which would make Holland look hilly to the rugged mountains, topped with snow and the sulphur-smelling steam just coming out of the ground. Once at the Scout Centre we unloaded the Explorers and their luggage, well almost all the luggage; we soon realised that someone had left their bag still going round the carousel ...

Sunday was a day to recover and get to know our surroundings with a few on-site activities; hiking up the local mountain and the chance to get wet on the water assault course.

Monday was an early start to catch the boat at Reykjavik for a whale-watching trip. The trip out into the bay was a bit choppy with a few of the Explorers turning green, but once out there it calmed down and we did manage to catch a few glimpses of a dorsal fin of minke whale and a white-beaked dolphin, although you had to be very quick and lucky to get a picture. The best part was watching the little puffins half-flying and half-running out of the way of the boat (one Explorer did request, "They are soooo cute can we take one home please?"). We spent



the afternoon exploring the beautiful capital city of Reykjavik and then finally back onto another coach.

Tuesday and, yes, you've guessed it, another coach ride, this time to the Solheimajokull glacier. Forty-eight Explorers all with crampons and ice axes (I hope someone has done a risk assessment for this). A fantastic time was had exploring the glacier in the brilliant sunshine, learning all about how the glacier is shrinking and all about troll poo. On the way back we stopped off at some of the best waterfalls we had ever seen.

Wednesday and the glorious sunshine we had up to now turned to rain. Our group split up, some going horse riding and the remainder off white-water rafting. On arrival at the rafting, we spotted two old American school buses and on the trailers behind them rafts made at Avon Rubber in Melksham! We got kitted up in wetsuits, buoyancy aids, helmets and into the buses we go. The 10-minute bus ride turned out to be just as bumpy as the rafting. As we arrive at the starting point, rafts were unloaded, safety briefings were done and the Explorers were split into five groups. Onto the river Hvítá and most of the leaders were in the last raft acting as the rescue boat. Five minutes in and we are going through our first white water, no one is dry now, after about half an hour of navigating our way down through the white water the river calms down a bit and our guide tells us about the river and the geology of the area. He also provides some potential life-saving advice about what to do if we get lost in an Icelandic forest - 'stand up' as most trees in Iceland don't grow higher than three foot. Once finished, it's back onto the buses for another bumpy ride back. The leaders had spotted a couple of hot tubs on arrival and were looking forward to a warm up, only to find out they had broken down six months earlier, but never mind as there was a sauna we could all use. Interesting fact - you can fit 23 Explorers into a really small sauna. Once changed it was back onto the coach (fourth of the day) and home.

Thursday and it's hike day, we had even checked the forecast the evening before: '50% chance of a light shower'. Well, it turns out Icelandic weather forecasting is about as accurate as ours. According





to our guide, the plan was to hike over a couple of hills to some hot springs, which we could bathe in if we wanted and then on to a small town for hot chocolate. After sending a few Explorers back to get their waterproofs, it's 8.30am and the rain starts. The hike would best be described as 'character building', it turns out it did only rain once during the hike, the problem was it started at 8.30am and finished at 3.00pm, yes our estimated hike times. Along with winds gusting up to 30-40 mph, it made for an eventful hike, but it was great to see the older Explorers helping the younger ones up the slopes and everyone keeping an eye on each other to make sure



they were all warm enough. When we got to the hot springs most people decided they didn't really want to get into their swimming costumes and go for a dip; though a few went in the fully dressed, 'we can't get any wetter'. It was then a 'short' hike to the café for copious amounts of hot chocolate. All in all this will be one hike that no one will forget in a hurry.

Friday and it is time to be real tourist and go on the Golden Circle tour, first stop is Þingvellir National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site and place of the world's first parliament. Next it is on to Gullfoss waterfalls, located in South Iceland on the Hvítá (White) river which is fed by Iceland's second biggest glacier, the Langjökull. The water plummets down 32 metres in two stages into a rugged canyon where



the walls reach up to 70 metres. Back into the coach to visit the Geysir hot spring, this is the original spouting hot spring all the others are named after, although Geysir itself does not spout any more. Its neighbour Strokkur spouts every few minutes to a height of 40 metres; after watching the geysers spout it was time for lunch and a bit of retail therapy. Guess what? We were back onto a coach, this time off to visit the Fontana geothermal baths and relax in hot springs. After a dip in the hot spring we persuaded the coach driver take us on a slight detour to a range of extinct volcanoes before heading back to the Scout Centre. Our Icelandic experience was not over yet, in the evening we held mystery Icelandic food tasting, including Sýr (Icelandic soft cheese now advertised in the UK), Svið (singd and boiled sheep head) and Hákarl (four-month old cured shark). Let's hope they've all done their creative cooking badge ...

Saturday and the trip is nearly over, where has the last week gone?! Time to relax with some on-site activities, climbing, venturing onto the lake in canoes or pedalos or if you're the organised type, time to start packing up.

Sunday, and the long trip back home. Up, breakfast, finish packing and on the coach by 9.30am for Keflavík airport. Through passport control and time to have lunch. On to the plane double-checking we have everyone. We are at last back in the UK, but to a different airport - Gatwick. Collect all the luggage, yes we actually had it all this time so onto the last coach trip, arriving back at Corsham at

around midnight. Time for our goodbyes and plenty of hugs and kisses (and that was just among the leaders!).

So that was it, two years in the planning, 48 Explorers, 14 leaders, 9 days, 18 coach rides, 2 areoplanes, 1 boat, 15 horses, 5 rafts, 2 trips to hospital and 1,045 kg of luggage. Time for a rest - or to start organising the next international trip ... where do you want to go in 2017??? (Sorry 2016 skiing is already fully booked!)

*Ewan Blair*

*Explorer Scout Leader*

*Sherston Whitewall Explorers*



# Tolsey News

*Judy Sharp Practice Manager*



## It's flu season

If you haven't booked your flu vaccine yet, do it now! Call the surgery to check clinic times and book an appointment or come to one of our three 'drop-in' clinics.

## Meningitis

You will have heard a lot about the new meningitis vaccines now available. Meningococcal disease can affect all age groups, but the rates of disease are highest in children under five years of age, with the peak in babies under one year. There is a second peak in cases in young people aged between 15 and 19. The disease tends to strike in winter. Meningitis is an infection that can lead to serious damage to the nerves and brain. If you think your child has symptoms of meningitis, it is vital to seek immediate medical attention.

Babies are now routinely offered the Men C vaccine as part of the NHS childhood vaccination programme at three months of age. A second dose of Men C is offered at 12 months in a combined vaccine (Hib/Men C booster) given at 12 months.

We are also now inviting teenagers and first-time university students to have a combined Men ACWY vaccine. It is important that students going to university for the first time have the vaccine BEFORE they go! It is available to patients aged 18 on 31 August 2015 (in school year 13).

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## Friends of Tolsey Surgery (FOTS)

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Once again the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds, which covers Malmesbury, Tetbury and the surrounding villages, is holding its annual running (or walking) event on the Badminton Estate.

The Badminton Horseless Team Event, on Sunday 4 October, is a unique event which enables you to run over some of the world-famous Badminton Horse Trials obstacles. This annual event, which has been organised and hosted by the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds since its inception, is now in its 32nd year. It is held by invitation of the Duke of Beaufort and is held on his estate, Badminton Park. The all-terrain course takes the runners and canicrossers (runners with dogs) along country tracks in sight of the deer herds, and through fields and woods.

Adult runners can enter as individuals or in teams for the five- and nine- mile events, or as individuals for the 13-miler. Juniors, aged 15 or under on 4 October 2015, may enter the five-mile event as individuals or in teams. The Horseless Team Event can be an excellent event for friendly team rivalry or for a family day out.

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# Art and Pottery Exhibition

The Oak Hall, Westonbirt Arboretum: Tuesday 27 October - Sunday 1 November

The Eeles family of potters from Mosterton, Dorset, again meet up for an autumn exhibition with Gill Ashley, Sherston artist. The title of the exhibition this year is 'Seasons' and there will be a mixture of paintings covering the four seasons as well as associated topics - an eclectic mix, as ever, in style and finish! The pottery also reflects those lovely autumnal colours in the Eeles raku pots. They also produce some beautiful large plates and table lamps and have a regular following who collect their work. We hope to see you there!

## Small Ads

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# Walk on the wild side

It's early autumn now and the seasons are changing. Most of the house martins, which seemed to be very numerous this year, will have cleared off to warmer and more insect rich climates in Africa while the inbound migrants from northern Russia and Scandinavia, such as the fieldfare and redwing, haven't yet arrived. The fieldfare is similar to a song thrush and you can see lots of them in the trees along hedgerows, often in flocks. The name dates back to at least the eleventh century and probably derives from the Anglo-Saxon word feldefare which may have meant traveller through the fields. You can learn things reading this column.

## Starting to new new things....

Work on Project SHRIMP (SHerston River Improvement Project) has started with some 440 square metres of meadow seeds being sown together with hundreds of plugs. By the time this is published the next phase should be well underway near Stretchline to improve the river flow and the banks for water voles amongst other things. If you fancy a walk to Grove Wood you should see some of the results by a team of local people and volunteers from the Bristol and Avon River Trust (BART) and the Area of Outstanding Natural Board.

BART provide training to local people who want to understand more about the river and how to monitor it's health. For example, they run Riverfly monitoring training sessions - to help monitor the number and variety of insects in the river - they are a great indicator of the health of a river. The next one on 16 October in Sherston is full but they will be running more - have a look at their web site [www.bristolavonriverstrust.org/what-we-do/riverfly\\_monitoring/](http://www.bristolavonriverstrust.org/what-we-do/riverfly_monitoring/) or contact [harriet@bristolavonriverstrust.org](mailto:harriet@bristolavonriverstrust.org)

As you may recall we have otters living in the river and due to the interest in these iconic animals we have

arranged a talk! Tony House from Somerset (who describes himself as an otterhollic and has strong village connections) has kindly offered to share his insights and experiences about otters in a talk on the 12 November at 7.30pm in the village hall. We will also have a talk from BART about the river project. This is some way off but do make a note.



FEMALE OTTER.  
Tony H. Offerholic. 16th Nov, 2012

As a taster this is one of Tony's photographs (it wasn't taken in the village though....)

Any interesting bird/insect/plant sightings etc please do let me know. A couple of people found hawk moth caterpillars in the past month which are really quite amazing large insects - and they pupate into (for the UK at least) very large moths which you may find in the garden.

I have been experimenting with a wildlife camera (the ones you leave out overnight etc) and have some interesting film on muntjac and roe deer amongst other things - more next month.

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## SHERSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Meeting in the British School Room

### October Services

4th October	4.00pm	Communion Service
11th October	9.30am	All Age Service
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25th October	11.00am	All Age Service (Ray Avent)

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# Westonbirt Arboretum teams up with Tracklements to support tree collection

The Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum charity has teamed up with local award-winning condiment-maker Tracklements for a second year to raise funds for the tree collection.

Joining forces for the production of special edition Medlar Jelly, 50 pence from the sale of each jar will go directly to the Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum Charity, whose role is to support the development and long-term future of the arboretum.

Thanks to donations from in and around the local community, over 270kg of medlars were collected in the 2014 season and Medlar Jelly has sold out.

Visitors to Westonbirt Arboretum are invited to drop off their medlars at the collection point outside the front of the Welcome Building between 1 October and 16 November. A drop-off point for medlars is also available just two miles from Westonbirt at Tracklements' Head Office based in Easton Grey.

The medlar tree is known for its beautiful blossom, whilst the unusual looking medlar fruit is often compared to a 'dog's bottom'. Despite its appearance and tart flavour if eaten raw, medlars make delicious jelly which is fruity and sweet - the perfect accompaniment for roast meats, ham and pork pies or your table for Christmas lunch!

Lorraine Jones, Fundraising Manager at The Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum said: 'After a successful partnership last year, we are really pleased to be working with Tracklements again. We hope to make even more Medlar Jelly this season, but we can't do it without your help! If you have or know of a medlar tree near you, please donate the fruit! Your involvement will directly support and care for the amazing tree collection here at Westonbirt, for future generations to enjoy.'

Harriet Dawson, Marketing Coordinator at Tracklements commented: 'The team at Tracklements are really excited to be supporting such a good cause for a second year. We're dedicated to using only the best, natural ingredients and it's wonderful to be able to use the products of nature's larder which may otherwise go to waste.'



*Medlar tree at Westonbirt Arboretum.*

*Photo: Westonbirt Arboretum, Forestry Commission*

There are three medlar trees within the collection at Westonbirt which visitors can find using the online interactive map ([www.westonbirtmap.co.uk](http://www.westonbirtmap.co.uk)).

At each tree, visitors can learn fun facts about medlar trees and their fruit, as well as more information about the partnership.

Medlar Jelly will be available in speciality delis, butchers and farm shops nationwide or online from November.

For more information please visit [www.fowa.org.uk](http://www.fowa.org.uk) or [www.tracklements.co.uk](http://www.tracklements.co.uk)

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# North Wilt's Villages Flower Club

## August meeting

Due to wet weather conditions our Strawberry Tea was held in Crudwell Village Hall, however spirits were not dampened and the evening was still a great success with all enjoying the scones, strawberries and cream. We hope that next year we will be able to visit the garden that had kindly been offered for this year's event. A substantial amount was raised during the evening which will go to the prostate cancer charity.

Our AGM was held on 16 September, after which David Martin (Area Demonstrator and Florist) talked on staging the Chelsea 2015 SW Area NAFAS exhibit which was also a Gold medal winner.

On 21 October Ann Anson will demonstrate under the title of 'Towards Autumn'. For those wanting to enter the competition, the theme will also be 'Towards Autumn'.

On 18 November, see Nick 'Floral Event 'Bah Humbug' at the Sundial Theatre, Cirencester. This is always a wonderful evening, and we look forward to fabulous floral art created by Nick Grounds who is a National Floral Demonstrator and Horticultural Auctioneer. Admission is by ticket only; these will be available at the September and October meetings, from any Committee Member or contact on the number below. The cost to members is £10 and £12 for guests. All are welcome.

## Looking Forward

Tuesday 13 October – 'Ideas for Christmas'. This is a day workshop led by Jonathan Moseley. There are still a few places left. Please contact the number below if you are interested.

Wednesday 14 October Jonathan Moseley – Raising Funds for Charity at Country Baskets, Nova Way, Avonmouth, Bristol BS11 9DJ. For the last few years we have organised this event, this time the proceeds will go to Breast Cancer Care and Prostate Cancer UK. Jonathan, an International Demonstrator and Florist, will produce an astonishing variety of arrangements using a wonderful array of their products. Time will be available to look around and shop. Please contact the number below for more information.

Flower club meetings take place at Crudwell Village Hall (SN16 9HB) on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. If you enjoy flowers, come and join us, visitors and new members are welcome.

For more information please contact Margaret on 01285 770 639.

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Wednesday 28 October

Mr Holmes [PG]

This mystery from director Bill Condon takes a sympathetic look at the agonies of old age, as it finds one of the great fictional minds failing. Based on Mitch Cullin's novel *A Slight Trick of the Mind* and set in 1947, it imagines Sherlock Holmes (Ian McKellen) as a frail 93-year-old retiree and enthusiastic beekeeper living with his housekeeper (Laura Linney) and her young son (Milo Parker). Haunted by scattershot memories, Holmes pieces together the fragments of his final case, in a story told partly in flashbacks.

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## Five years on ...



It's amazing to believe that I started the role of 'Good Neighbour Co-ordinator (GNC)' five years ago this month. Like all good projects, it started small, with myself and two others recruited to cover three small areas of Wiltshire. Building on our success, we soon grew to cover the whole of Wiltshire, and I could give you a load of statistics with client numbers etc. Boring, just believe me, it runs into thousands of people benefiting from the service.

Perhaps a recap of what I and my colleagues actually do. The whole concept was to be the person in the community who could help and support older and vulnerable people to live happy, healthy and fulfilling lives in their own homes. There are lots of organisations out there now doing something similar – GPs, Social Services, etc, plus organisations such as Carers Support, Alzheimer's Society, Stroke Association, etc. All of these help and support people who meet their specific criteria; many would ask why the GNC role is needed! The difference is that we get to know the person rather than their medical condition and so support all elderly people. As we get older, we often need to modify our lives in tune with changing abilities (prime example being that I now need to use reading glasses – but I don't admit to getting old!!!!).

So, GNCs offer information on a huge range of topics and, if we don't know the answers, we try to find out. We can provide information on health and home safety, finances and benefits, transport and mobility, befriending and social groups within your community. Our service is free and confidential and we only visit when asked, we don't 'cold call'.

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The Fair takes place at The Old Airfield at Newton Dairy Farm, Brokenborough, Wiltshire SN16 0SR near Tetbury on Tuesday 24 November and this year has a new start time of 10.00am, with the Fair closing at 8.00pm.

This year's event, which will be held in a slightly bigger marquee, will feature 150 stall holders, 30% of which are new for this year, so there will be plenty of great ideas for Christmas gifts. All stall holders are carefully selected throughout the year to ensure that a balanced, high quality range of products is on offer, including locally sourced food and drink, artwork, presents and decorations.

Along with lots of wonderful gift ideas, there will also be a café serving refreshments, lunch and afternoon tea, along with a fully licensed bar. There will also be entertainment on hand to keep all visiting school children busy so that their parents can get on with the Christmas shopping. Please visit our website [www.beaufortchristmasfair.co.uk](http://www.beaufortchristmasfair.co.uk)

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# Sherston Arts Festival 2015: 9 to 18 October

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We start on Friday 9 October at 7.30pm with the Preview Evening in the church. Tickets are £5 to include a glass of wine – come along to have first choice of the wonderful selection of paintings, drawings and prints by local professional and amateur artists, many of whom will be there. The Festival will be opened by Claire Inskip who will also be exhibiting her work.

On Saturday 10 October the Festival really starts with the Scarecrow Trail – please note that there was an incorrect date for this in the printed leaflets. From 10.00am, you can buy the Trail Map for £2 from the British School Room and set off round the village to find and identify the scarecrows, this

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year on the theme of Art and Animation. Great fun for all the family and we can guarantee there will be challenges! Prize-giving will be on Sunday 11 October at 4pm, prizes will be for the most correct answers and the best scarecrows.

Also in the British School Room will be the Young Artists Exhibition and 'Sherston Rocks!' – come and see what wonderful imagination our youngsters have. Open 10.00am to 5.00pm on both Saturdays and 11.00am to 5.00pm on both Sundays, with prize-giving on the Sunday 18 October at 4.30pm. Free entry.

The Art Exhibition in Church continues every day during the Festival from 10.00am to 5.00pm, apart from Sundays when it opens at 11.00am. Do pop in to see over 100 pictures displayed in the newly open North Aisle and also flower displays on the theme of World War I. You might find an original work of art you want to take home. Free entry.

On Saturday afternoon our Young Musicians Concert takes place in the Village Hall from 4.00pm to 6.30pm. Soloists and small ensembles on all kinds of instruments will perform in this tea-time concert.

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Rural Arts Wiltshire present Tony and Mike (or the country owl and the city squirrel) on Sunday 11 October in the village hall at 2.30pm. Suitable for families with children aged 3 +, the show features puppetry, live music and a squirrel flying machine, and is inspired by the tale of the Town Mouse and the Country Mouse. Tickets are £18.50 for a family (2 adults and 2 children), £7 for adults, £6 for concessions and £4.50 for a child. No unaccompanied small children, please.

On Sunday 11 October at 6.00pm in the church there will be a special 'Celebration of the Arts' Service. This will include musical pieces performed by some of the children, hymns and poetry. All welcome.

We have invited local cartoonist Oliver Preston to give a talk on Thursday 15 October at 7.30pm in the village hall. He will entertain us with 'History of Cartooning' and his experiences as a cartoonist. Tickets are £8 to include a glass of wine. He will have copies of his books for sale – his humorous greetings cards are on sale in the Post Office.

On the second weekend of the Festival, we present the hugely popular Photographic Exhibition in the village hall from 11.00am to 5.00pm on both Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 October. Entries are from Sherston and the surrounding area, some of them are for sale, and a selection of them will be

chosen to form a Sherston calendar for 2016. Vote for best in show. Prize-giving will be at 5.00pm on Sunday 18 October. Free entry.

Our Festival Concert on Saturday 17 October at 7.30pm in the church will be by Opera Sulis, a quartet of professional singers from Bath. They will perform popular arias from well-known operas, and songs from the shows. They entertained us so well last Festival that we decided to book them again – don't miss it. Tickets are £11 in advance and £13 on the door. Enjoy a glass of wine in the interval and also have a look round the art exhibition (licensed bar).

Refreshments are available in the church on weekday mornings and in the British School Room or the village hall both weekends.

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# Heroes All

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The 23rd Northumberland Fusiliers was a Pal's battalion made up of Tyndside men with either Scottish ancestry or a yearning to wear a kilt. His regimental number of 23/804 shows John Causon would have been one of its original members.

His date and place of death would indicate he died of sickness or injury prior to the battalion leaving for France. This battalion would go on to suffer 80 per cent casualties on the opening day of the Battle of the Somme.

## Rifleman S/3420 Frederick Saunders

12th Battalion Rifle Brigade

Died Saturday 25th September 1915

Son of Mr S Saunders

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Aubers Ridge British Cemetery, Aubers, Nord, France

September 25 1915 is remembered as the opening of the Battles of Loos.

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The casualties that day were heavy. The 12th Rifle Brigade alone lost seven officers and 332 men including Frederick Saunders.

## Second Lieut Percy Vincent Nigel Neems

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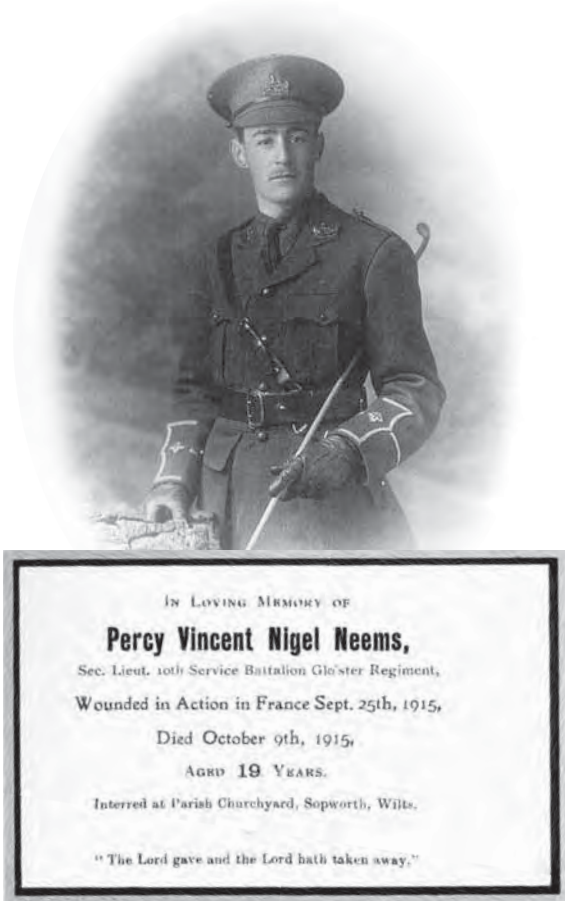
Percy Vincent Neems was the only commissioned officer from Sherston to have fallen in the Great War. The 10th Gloucestershire was one of the first battalions of Kitchener's army to arrive in France and take part in a major battle. The Battle of Loos opened on 25 September 1915 and was the largest offensive staged by the British Army in the war until that point. Although the town of Loos was captured on the first day, the advantage could not be exploited. There were insufficient shells to break through all the defensive German lines. As a result, battalions hurled themselves against uncut wire as, following a failed gas attack, the wind suddenly changed direction.

Few battalions lost more men than the 10th Gloucestershire that day in their attack on Long Tree Ridge. They lost 90 per cent of their attacking force which left only 60 survivors. Nearly 3,000 of the 10,000 New Army men fell in just under four hours. The defending Germans reported no Casualties. Even they were sickened by the 'corpse-fields' of Loos.

Percy Neems was one of the 60 survivors. He was brought back to Sherston where he later died of his injuries.

The Lone Tree was reputedly a single flowering cherry that blossomed in profusion between the lines in May 1915 and gave the area its name. Following the capture of Loos, the tree became a rendezvous

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for British Army units until it was realised that the tree acted as a perfect registering mark for German artillery.

It is not known what happened to the original tree: whether it was cut down by the British or destroyed by German shells. In the 1990s, as a private endeavour, another flowering cherry was planted in approximately the same spot by a party of British pilgrim to the Loos battlefield.



# Women of World War One



At 7.30pm on Saturday 7 November in Malmesbury Abbey the Malmesbury Abbey Music Society (MAMS) presents a tribute by Trio Paradis. Women's stories told in their own words through letters diaries and poetry. Music by female composers writing during the war. A specially commissioned film in words, music and images.

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# Cricket

On 29 August a buoyant Sherston Magna Cricket Club (SMCC) side made the shortish trip across to Barnsley (not the Yorkshire one) to see if they could make it three wins in a row and disrupt Barnsley's title bid!

A wet green pudding greeted the two sides therefore the toss was crucial. The SMCC skipper lost the toss (again) and we were unsurprisingly asked to bat. It was hard going and some poor shot selection meant that SMCC were struggling at 34-3. A good partnership from Lovell (32) and Dickenson (24) looked to put SMCC back on course until some late wickets meant Sherston were bowled out for 143.

On a small ground 143 was always going to be a tough total to defend. A great opening spell from Pegg unluckily produced no wickets and Barnsley were able to make a steady start. Wickets were needed for SMCC and in desperation the skipper decided bring himself on to bowl and it had the desired effect with two wickets in his second over. A wicket from Kutchera brought some more hope but one less player with Paul Shortridge rupturing his achilles and hobbling off.

SMCC huffed and puffed and despite another wicket for Harmer who finished with 3-17 and Pegg, Barnsley got home with plenty to spare. A frustrating day for SMCC but a result that meant that Barnsley went in to the league title deciding match with Avening and Cherington the following week at the top of the league and Barnsley Beeches did go on to win that game and the title.

## A Win to end the Season

On 5 September the visit of Oakridge usually means a stern test and usually a Robbins hundred in double quick time and an early visit to the pub. But this visit was rather different... the skipper lost the toss (as usual) and SMCC were asked to bat. A good start from Kutchera and Cartwright, thanks in part to an injury to the Oakridge opening bowler before Kutchera was caught (again!) for a decent 36. Harmer

supported Cartwright to his 50 before going to lose leg side shot. Contributions from one and all down the order followed, with Cartwright eventually going to a chanceless hundred, his second of the year. He was eventually out for 114 and SMCC posted 233-6 from their 40 overs.

After an excellent Pritchett tea, the quick scoring Oakridge openers strode out to the middle. What followed was one of the best opening spells of bowling SMCC have produced all season. After 35 deliveries, no runs had been scored and there had been a number of near misses. Even after a run had been scored, Hulance and Pegg kept the openers under pressure and this told when Hulance bowled Robbins. Even the introduction of 'part-timer' Harmer, the runs still only dribbled and when he got the other opener caught in the deep, Oakridge were well behind the scoring rate. The introduction of Dickenson brought some quick breakthroughs (2-27) so when after 30 overs and over 150 required, the skipper spread the bowling around so all 10 outfield bowlers ended up being used, with wickets for David Fitch-Peyton (DFP) and Kutchera.

Unsurprisingly Oakridge finished around 80 short leaving SMCC finishing in a credible fifth place in the league this year with eight wins and seven defeats and a tie! Thanks to all who played, supported or even just thought nice things about us!

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## A Great Day for A Great Cause



On Sunday 6 September SMCC took a trip to the picturesque ground of Purton CC to take part in a charity match for 'Ainslie's Ashes'. Ainslie Duffell was the wife of former SMCC cricketer Phil who sadly passed earlier this year. As a tribute to Ainslie and to support the development of a new pavilion at Purton, Phil invited SMCC to take part in the inaugural 'Ainslie's Ashes' match on a glorious sunny afternoon. It was a great day, with some old faces playing for both sides and also turning up on the sideline! A 25 over game was won by Purton's much younger side with Sherston valiantly coming up short in the last over! The main part of the day was to raise money

for the Pavilion Appeal and over £1,600 was raised on the day! A great effort. SMCC look forward to the return fixture and it being in the calendar for years to come.

There is one anecdote that needs to be told. As described above, Sherston came up short in the last over (Dan Pritchett's lack of running ability was a factor), so with two balls to go the skipper sacrificed himself to allow Jed Pitman, retired Sherston dynamo, face the last ball. He was bowled off the last delivery to cue pandemonium from the all present only for DFP, who was umpiring at the time, to have called a no ball. Once the laughter had died down, Jed faced the last ball again, missed it and the ball rolled to the leg side, unfortunately

Jed had wandered from his crease and was run out. So in his last innings before his second retirement he was out twice in one ball! At least Jed had the honour of walking off with his good mate, Purton captain and Ainslie's husband Phil! It rounded off a great day.

### Indoor league

With the end of the league season comes a few weeks' break before the Chippenham indoor league starts in October. If you are interested in playing indoor cricket this winter please contact Andy Pegg at [cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](mailto:cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk) More details at [www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](http://www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk).

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**The Coffee Shop** - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits biscuits and brownies - Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 9.30 am - 12 noon

**Sunday services** 8.00am Holy Communion; 9.30am Holy Communion (3rd Sunday 9.30am Family Service); 6pm Evensong (3rd Sunday Evening Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer)

See the Parish Life for more details

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

## Congregational Church - in The British

**Schoolroom** 1st Sun we visit local Churches together. 2nd Sun 11am. Visiting Speaker. 3rd Sun 4pm Family Friendly Service. 4th Sun 4pm Children's Church. 5th Sun we worship elsewhere. All services are led or hosted by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 (or find us on Facebook.).

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

## Gauzebrook Church for Children

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

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

**Little Lights** Every Thurs, 10.30 am in Hullavington church.

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

## Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

## Sunday Newspapers

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

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

## Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers

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

## Busy Hands Pre-school

Meets 9.10am - 12.10pm everyday in the village hall for 2 3/4 - 5 year olds. Lunch Club Mon to Fri until 1pm and exciting new outdoor free flow area. All childcare vouchers welcomed. For further details call Henry Crawford on 841065 www.sherstonbusyhands.org.uk or email us on chair@sherstonbusyhands.org.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** Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays Feb to June and Sept to Dec 2.30pm - 4 pm in the British Schoolroom (alternating with the Senior Club). All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat.

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

## Drawing Classes in Sherston

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

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

## Malmesbury Community Choir

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

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

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

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

**Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides** For details contact the Division Commissioner at [malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk](mailto:malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk)

## North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

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



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

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

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

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

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

**Sherston 1016** Fundraising for local good causes and charities. Contact [sherston1016@gmail.com](mailto:sherston1016@gmail.com) or Martin Jacques 07717 424619

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

**Sherston Brownies** Meet every Wednesday during term time 5.45 - 7pm in the Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://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](mailto:nicky.gray@btinternet.com)

### 1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact Greg Hughes, Baghera, Cub Scout Assistant Leader, [greghughes\\_2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:greghughes_2000@yahoo.co.uk) to obtain an application form

### 1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of 10 ½ to 13 ½. We meet at the Scout hut on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm to 9.00pm during school term times. To join contact Riaan van Rooyen [riaan@pulse-software.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ann.bye@virgin.net)

### Sherston Drama Group

The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Richard Skeffington (Chairman) [r.a.skeffington@gmail.com](mailto:r.a.skeffington@gmail.com) Tel. 840092

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

Contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or [peter.brock666@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.brock666@btinternet.com)

### Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

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

### Sherston's Living Churchyard

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

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

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

**SH.O.C.C.** The choir meets at 7.30pm each Wednesday in the British Schoolroom £3 per session - New term starts Wed 9 Sep refreshments 50p. Further information from Lucy Lawrance on 840778 (evenings) or [lucy@sherston.plus.com](mailto: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](mailto:nholland63@btinternet.com)

**Sherston Pilates** Classes held on Wednesday afternoons and evenings in the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739552336 or [sherstonpilates@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://www.communigate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/) or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or [helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com](mailto: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](mailto:sophcheetham@gmail.com) 07786 990045 or alternative like us on Facebook for regular updates [www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers](http://www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers)

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

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

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

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:warwick.jones@btinternet.com).

**Village Hall 300+ Club** For an annual subscription of only £0, give yourself the opportunity of winning a cash prize in every monthly draw whilst supporting the Village Hall. If you would like to join, or need more information, contact the coordinator, Lin Prior on 840846.

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

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

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

# WHAT'S ON

## What's on in 2015 Dates for your diary

### November

#### 7 Sherston 1016 Grand Fireworks Party

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](mailto:info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk) to add the event to this list. Everyone will then know what's occurring in good time and it will help prevent events clashing.

## Sherston

### The Carpenter's Arms

Sunday Night Quiz 8pm start

Check boards for details of events

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

Live Music : check boards for details

Check boards for more details of events or call 840871

or follow on Twitter #GavinHunt@Therattlebone or

visit [www.therattlebone.co.uk/](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk/)

### Sherston Market

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

Every month a free stall in the lobby is made available to local charity or voluntary group to raise funds.

October's stall is being run by Anthea Young in aid of the Radiotherapy Department at Bath RUH. Please come and support her.

Sat 3 Oct Sat 14 Nov Sat 12 Dec Village hall 10am-2pm

For further details call 07887 814843 or 07769 613627 or email [info@awkwardsquad.co.uk](mailto:info@awkwardsquad.co.uk) or visit [www.sherstonmarket.co.uk](http://www.sherstonmarket.co.uk) or <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sherston-Market/195319400641324>

## Upcoming events at Holy Cross Church

Harvest Festival Service Sun 4 Oct at 6pm followed by supper – see below for details

**In Depth events – an illustrated talk or lecture, followed by Q&A 'Cover Up, Con or Canon?' - exploring the controversial issue of why some writings about Jesus were excluded from the New Testament** 6 Oct at 7.30 pm in Hullavington church

Next In Depth event - 12 Nov in Sherston Holy Cross

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

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

**Church Bazaar** Sat 5 Dec 11am in the Village Hall Details next month but if there is anyone who would like to offer help or to make items to sell on the day (Christmas gifts), please get in touch with Pat Whitehouse (840640) or Heather Martin (840375). This is one of the main fundraising events to pay for Church running costs so please support it and put it in your diary

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

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### Harvest Supper

Sun 4 Oct immediately after the Harvest service at 6pm  
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For further details call Pat Whitehouse 840640, or Heather Martin 840375

## Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

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

## Sherston Senior Club

Outing to Outing to Moreton-in-the-Marsh Market and Bourton-on-the-Water on 13 Oct Departs 9.15am from The Carpenters and 9.30am High St. Cost members £15 visitors £17

Autumn Sale in the British-School-Room 27 Oct 2.30pm Various stalls, raffle and refreshments

For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

## Sherston WI Talks

75th Birthday Dinner

Thurs 8 Oct 7.30pm Rattlebone Inn

18th Century Bath -

Judi Wray-Bliss Thurs 5 Nov 2.30pm in the BSR Visitors always welcome - £3.50. If new to the village come and make new friends. Mar-Sep in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and Nov/Dec/Feb in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. No meeting in Oct or Jan. For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

## Sue's Strolls

Sun 11 Oct Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return Rattlebone Inn just around 12noon for seasonal refreshments. As ever children and well behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there is no need to boo This is a PHEW! event.

For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk or visit [www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk](http://www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk)

## Friends of Sherston School AGM

Fri 16 Oct 3.10pm An apple drop-off point will be provided from Mon 12 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

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

## Sherston Arts Festival

9 -18 Oct Ten days of arts events suitable for all ages including art and photography exhibitions, concerts, lectures and the ever popular scarecrow trail

**Art Exhibition Preview** Fri 9 Oct 7.30pm Church of the Holy Cross £5 inc glass of wine Have first pick from the collection of work by local artists. The Festival will be opened by Claire Inskip who will also exhibit Art Exhibition then opens 10am - 5pm (Sundays 11am) - free entry  
**Scarecrow Trail - Theme Art and Animation** Sat 10 Oct from 10am Trail map £2 from BSR Prizegiving on 11th at 4pm

**Young Artists Exhibition and Sherston Rocks** BSR 10am till 5pm both Saturdays and 11am till 5pm on Sundays

**Young Musicians Concert** Sat 10 Oct 4pm-6.30pm £6/£2 - incl tea and cake



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#### Celebration of the Arts Service

Sun 11 Oct at 6pm in the Church there will be a special Celebration of the Arts Service. This will include musical pieces performed by some of the children, hymns and poetry. All welcome.

#### Talk by Cartoonist Oliver Preston

We have invited local cartoonist Oliver Preston to give a talk on Thurs 15 Oct at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. He will entertain us with History of Cartooning and his experiences as a cartoonist.

Tickets are £8 to include a glass of wine. He will have copies of his books for sale – his humorous greetings cards are on sale in the Post Office.

#### Photographic Exhibition

The hugely popular Photographic Exhibition in the Village Hall from 11am to 5pm on both Sat 17 – Sun 18 Oct.

Entries are from Sherston and the surrounding area, some of them are for sale, and a selection of them will be selected to form a Sherston calendar for 2016. Vote for best in show. Prize giving will be at 5pm on Sun 18. Free entry.

#### Opera Sulis in concert

Our Festival Concert on Sat 17 Oct at 7.30pm in the Church, will be by Opera Sulis a quartet of professional singers from Bath. Tickets are £11 in advance and £13 on the door. Enjoy a glass of wine in the interval and also have a look round the art exhibition (licensed bar).

#### Refreshments during the Arts Festival

Refreshments are available in the Church weekday mornings and in the British Schoolroom or the Village Hall both weekends.

Please see the website [www.sherston.net](http://www.sherston.net) for any further information. Tickets are on sale in the Post Office or from [artsfestival@sherston.plus.com](mailto:artsfestival@sherston.plus.com)

## 'Sherston Brick Club'

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Friday 2nd & Friday 23rd October

5.30 to 6.30pm - Junior Brick Club:  
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6.30 to 8.00pm – Brick Club:  
8 years upwards

## Sherston Drama Group Half-term Pantomime: Cinderella

Wed 28 Oct – Sat 31 Oct 7.30pm with matinee at 1pm matinee on Sat (note change of usual time by special request of Rugby fans). Tickets go on sale at the beginning of Oct. £8.00 adult £6.50 children / OAP including interval refreshments

*For further details call Early October tickets go on sale at the Post Office or from Richard Skeffington 840092 or [r.a.skeffington@gmail.com](mailto:r.a.skeffington@gmail.com)*

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

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

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

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## SOSCIC Annual General Meeting

Both members and non-members alike are invited to attend. Tues 3 Nov 7.30pm in the British School Room.  
*Further details <http://www.sherston.org.uk/oldschoolproject.php>*

## 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](mailto:info@theholfordarms.co.uk)*

## Luckington

### Luckington Gift Night

Friends of Luckington School organise this annual fundraiser Lots of fantastic new stalls selling toys, card, books, local crafts, jewellery, tasty foods and much, much more Fri 16 Oct 7pm - 10pm Entry £3 includes a glass of sparkling wine - all proceeds



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## Badminton

### Rotary 32nd Horseless Team Event

Sun 4 Oct 11am start - fun run or walk in aid of charity 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 - team or individual.

*For further details [www.hte-rcsc.co.uk](http://www.hte-rcsc.co.uk)*

## Westonbirt

### The Arboretum

Art Exhibition - Seasons featuring Sherston artist Gill Ashley The Eeles family of potters from Mosterton, Dorset together with Gill, present a mixture of paintings covering the four seasons as well as associated topics - an eclectic mix, as ever, in style and finish! The pottery also reflects those lovely autumnal colours in the Eeles raku pots Tues 27 Oct - Sun 1 Nov The Oak Hall - free after admission Sep - Nov admission prices Adults £9 Concs and those arriving by bike or public transport £6 Children (5-18) £5 under 5s free

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

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*For further details call 880220 or visit [www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt)*

## Westonbirt School

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*For further details call Tania Warner on 880333 or [twarner@westonbirt.org](mailto:twarner@westonbirt.org) or visit [www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk)*



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## Easton Grey Whatley Manor

**Thursday evening cinema** £23 includes a choice of either a glass of wine, a bottled beer or soft drink. A small tub of delicious ice cream (choice of flavour) and of course popcorn. Must be prebooked 8.30pm start Woman of Gold starring Helen Mirren 22 Oct A Little Chaos starring Kate Winslet, Alan Rickman 12 Nov

**Sunday Cinema** £8.50 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn. In addition, on the day, choose one, two or three courses from the a la carte lunch menu in 'Le Mazor' brasserie The Sunday Cinema Screenings must be pre-booked and at least one course must Woman of Gold starring Helen Mirren 18 Oct A Little Chaos starring Kate Winslet, Alan Rickman 29 Nov

**Films coming soon:** Dec: Focus; Jan Mr Holmes

For further details call 834026 or visit [www.whatleymanor.com](http://www.whatleymanor.com)

## Malmesbury

### MP's Surgery

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

Sat 24 Oct Sat 21 Nov Sat 19 Dec

Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall

For further details call [www.jamesgray.org](http://www.jamesgray.org) or email [jamesgraymp@parliament.uk](mailto:jamesgraymp@parliament.uk) for online surgeries

## Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

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

For further details call David Barton 824924

[d.barton763@btinternet.com](mailto:d.barton763@btinternet.com) or visit

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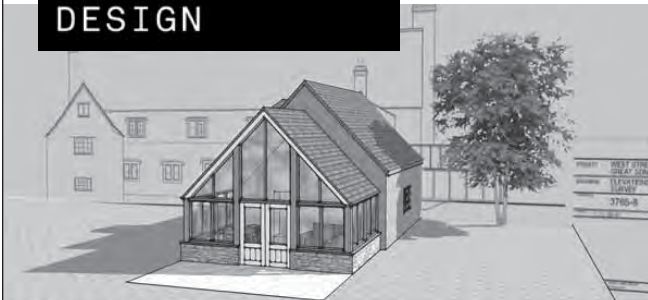
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## Music for Autism Day at Malmesbury Abbey

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**20th Century Western Art** by Paul Deacon Thurs 22 Oct

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

Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall

For further details call Membership Secretary Julia Batty on 01249 720327 or visit [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk)

## Tetbury

### Tetbury Music Festival

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For further details call Box office: Tourist Information centre 503552 or [info@tetburymusicfestival.org.uk](mailto:info@tetburymusicfestival.org.uk) or visit [www.tetburymusicfestival.org.uk](http://www.tetburymusicfestival.org.uk)

### The Friends of Tetbury Hospital Fundraising Events

**The Alligators in concert** The band will be playing their wide selection of 60s and 70s music to raise funds for Tetbury Hospital Sat 17 Oct 8-11.30pm There will be a raffle on the night. Tickets cost £10 either from Tetbury Hospital or the butchers Jesse Smith, Long Street

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## Didmarton

### Flicks in the Sticks

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Didmarton Village Hall

For further details call Jenny Body

01454 238358 or [jenny.body@virgin.net](mailto:jenny.body@virgin.net)

## Grittleton

### Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

**MR HOLMES [PG]** - Wed 28 Oct Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door

No film as Panto week in Nov in Grittleton VH

**Cinderella** Wed 2 Dec

Grittleton Village Hall

For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email

[l\\_palmer@btinternet.com](mailto:l_palmer@btinternet.com) or visit

<http://www.moviola.org/>

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For further details call Netia Walker

[netia@netiahibbert.com](mailto:netia@netiahibbert.com) or visit

[www.beaufortchristmasfair.co.uk](http://www.beaufortchristmasfair.co.uk)

## Crudwell

### Dorothy House Hospice Quiz Night

Sat 14 Nov 7pm for 7.15pm start Teams 4-6. £9pp to include Ploughman's, tea & coffee. BYO alcohol and glass.

Crudwell Village Hall

For further details call For tickets call 577 370 or email

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## North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Flower club meetings take place on the 3rd Wed each month, 7 for 7.30pm. If you enjoy flowers come and join us, visitors and new members are welcome.

**Workshop - "Ideas for Christmas"** led by Jonathan Moseley  
Tues 13 Oct must be booked

Ann Anson will demonstrate under the title of "Towards Autumn". For those wanting to enter the competition the title will also be "Towards Autumn". Wed 21 Oct

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