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Tickets go on sale at the beginning of October for Sherston Drama Group's family pantomime, *Camelot the Panto*, by Ben Crocker. This year we visit the legendary land of Camelot, where the young Prince Arthur is head over heels in love with the beautiful Princess Guinevere. Meanwhile, the villainous Morgan Le Fay enlists the help of two knights, one of whom is invisible, to prevent the marriage, and to put her own candidate, Valerin the Vicious, on the throne of Camelot instead.

Merlin's magical powers are fading, so who can rescue Guinevere from Valerin's clutches? Could it be Arthur's friends, who include Laughalot the Jester, a sweet teddy bear and a band of rather cowardly knights?

Buy your tickets now so as not to miss out on this stunning spectacle of acting, singing and dancing by the young and not so young people of Sherston and the surrounding parishes. Performances from Wednesday 26 to Saturday 29 October in Sherston Village Hall, at 7.30 pm with a Saturday matinée at 2.30pm. 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 or 840092 (evenings).



Come join us in celebrating your village firework display on Saturday 5 November

Sherston's spectacular bonfire and fireworks event falls on the actual day this year!

The evening starts at 6.30pm at Lower Farm, Easton Town, thanks to the continuing generosity of the Hillier family.

There will also be a barbecue as well as soft drinks and hot soup. Sparklers are not permitted at the display for safety and insurance reasons, but safe light-sabres and light-ropes will be on sale. Dedicated first aiders will be on site.

The existing members of Sherston 1016 are pleased to welcome some new volunteers this year, and are grateful for their support in making the event possible. As a result of our training, Pains Fireworks underwrite our event insurance.

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

This is excellent value-for-money for everyone in the village, who get to see a quality display of over £1500 worth of fireworks.

Please wear sensible footwear, with wellingtons

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

Please note that there is no car parking available on site or on the road approaching the field. All profits from the event go towards worthy local causes.

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

There's one very important quality to note about Sherston's event: safety. We buy a professional pack of fireworks from Pains Fireworks near Salisbury. The firing team from Sherston 1016 attends an annual day's training session to catch up on the latest developments and safety features for displays, as well as the latest directives from the Health and Safety Executive.

The prime consideration of all our fireworks operators is always the safety of our spectators and of our fellow operators.

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Environment Agency – Groundwater Flooding

Following the groundwater flooding in 2013/2014, the Environment Agency has developed 22 community-based groundwater flood warning areas across the following areas:

Bourne Valley, River Till and Chitterne, Ebbles, Vale of Allen, North Winterborne, Frome and Piddle and South Winterborne Valley.

With the help of vital local knowledge, the Environment Agency is keen to extend the groundwater flood warning service to areas that currently do not benefit from this service. Any historical information that is held by individuals would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any historic reports, photos or local knowledge of groundwater issues, please contact the Environment Agency: floodwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Copy deadline: 10th of the previous month.
Send to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk
or hard copy to Sherston Post Office Stores.

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

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

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

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B4040 Pinkney: 10 October, 7.00pm-midnight

B4040 (Part), Pinkney; From its junction with C27 Tetbury Road (Tetbury crossroad in Sherston) to its junction with Bransdown Hill (the crossroad just before the 50mph sign leaving Pinkney). For one night only, to repair potholes.

The official diversion is via ActonTurville, the A46, A433, Didmorton, Westonbirt and Easton Grey (via Shipton Moyne!), however for local vehicles there are a range of back lanes.

LoCATE Sherston

Following the release of our 'Eel in the Classroom' eels this Summer, BART is continuing its work to get the residents of Sherston and surrounding villages out exploring their river. Most recently, we have been out with the Brownies group river dipping and we will soon be taking a local school out to spread the message about the link between storm drains and our rivers and pollution with the Yellowfish project. We are glad to be raising awareness and interest in the river alongside our ongoing river restoration works in the area. Thanks to the Halpin Charitable Trust for funding this project.

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council will next meet on Thursday 13 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.

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The law makes no distinction between air rifles and more powerful guns for which you need a licence: they are all classed as firearms and must be used in a safe and responsible manner.

It is an offence to fire an air rifle pellet beyond the land where you have permission to shoot, unless the person holding the shooting rights of the neighbouring land has given you permission. Where someone under 14 is shooting, both the young person and the supervising adult can be prosecuted.

It is also against the law to discharge any firearm (including air rifles) within 50 feet of the centre of a highway (which consists of or comprises a carriageway). If a user of the highway is injured, interrupted or endangered, the shooter (and supervisor) could be prosecuted. These offences could be committed, for example, when someone is shooting in their garden close to a public highway and the pellets ricochet onto the highway injuring someone.

If you do want to practise on your own premises, you must have an effective backstop to halt the pellet/bullet. This may be an adequate soft soil bank, without stones, or a brick wall on which an old piece of carpet can be hung to prevent ricochets. Do not use chipboard, plywood or any thick composite material with a polished surface, as there is a risk of ricochet.

The British Association for Shooting and Conservation have the following 'Golden Rules':

- Always know where the muzzle of your air rifle is pointing and NEVER point it in an unsafe direction.
- The safe conduct of air rifle shooting must meet the standards described in this code, show respect for the countryside, due regard to health and safety and consideration for others.
- Before you shoot, make sure that a safe backstop is present to capture the pellet.
- Consider live quarry; do not shoot beyond the bounds of your ability. Do not take chance shots.
- REMEMBER – ignorance of the law is no excuse. If in doubt, always ask.

Following the incident in Sherston, the police were called, and the gun was confiscated and destroyed.

For more information on safe shooting, please visit: <https://basc.org.uk/>

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Staving off the winter blues

Hello! As I write this, it is a beautiful day and the sun is shining, but it won't be long until the days get shorter as the nights draw in. Sorry to bring the subject up, but winter is coming! How about trying something different this year to stave off the winter blues? Here are a few ideas to think about:

Using your computer? Thinking about buying a tablet? Would you like to 'Skype' your family? Then the Digi Champion group could be for you! A very friendly group meet at Malmesbury Library every Wednesday between 3.00pm and 5.00pm and are happy to help and support anyone who is struggling to get to grips with the technology. Why not pop along to see if they can help you? Of course, if you are a whiz with technology, perhaps you could support others to learn? Drop in to find out more.

Time to spare? Could you help someone who has been in hospital? The Royal Voluntary Service is looking for people who could spare an hour per week to visit someone who has recently come home from a stay in hospital. The duties may be to check all is well and perhaps fetch a little shopping, run the vacuum around, pop the washing out or just be there to show someone cares. The commitment lasts for six weeks to support that person get back into the normal routine of life at home. If you can help, call Emma Dowie on 07766 473267.

Area Board. Ever wondered what an 'Area Board' is? Did you know that it can offer financial support to local groups and projects? Why not pop along to the next Area Board meeting on 9 November in Malmesbury Town Hall? The meetings are friendly and informal and there is chance to meet and talk to the councilors, as well as people from all around our community area. For more information, call Ollie Phipps on 01249 709404 email: ollie.phipps@wiltshire.gov.uk

Extra cash for you?

Do you receive Pension Credits and receive your water services from Wessex Water or Bristol Water? If so, you may be entitled to a 20% discount on your charges. Give me a call to find out more.

Benefit cap is coming ...

Just a reminder – please, don't ignore any letters about this! We may not like or agree with the changes, but the rules are changing and you will receive a letter if it affects you or your household. There is always help available, so call me or pop into the Citizens Advice office if you need some help.

As ever, I am around for general help and support on a wide variety of issues, including transport, mobility and safety around the home, and reducing the feeling of loneliness. Give me a call on 07557 922020 and leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Ellen Blacker

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3rd	157	Josephine Brant	£11
4th	17	Carol Gray	£10
5th	42	Tony Towle	£9
6th	92	Lesley Waite	£8
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Malmesbury Concert Band's musical extravaganza: Saturday 29 October

The Malmesbury Concert Band's annual musical extravaganza will be held on Saturday 29 October in Malmesbury Town Hall.

The concert, now in its ninth consecutive year, includes light classics, marches, much-loved tunes from famous films, popular and big band numbers, and some quality original music for concert wind band.

The concert will again be under the direction of Tony Fleming, its conductor and musical director, now in his tenth year leading the band.

Mr Fleming said: 'We have put together a programme which will have something for everyone. The band includes some excellent musicians and I can promise a wonderful evening.'

Tickets, which cost £8, or £6 for the usual concessions, are available from A4 Stationers, in Malmesbury High Street, or Michael Thomas Butchers, in the Triangle, Malmesbury.

More information from: www.freewebs.com/malmesbury/concertband



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October Services

2nd October 4.00pm	All Age Service
9th October 11.00am	Communion Service
16th October 11.00am	All Age Service
23rd October 11.00am	All Age Service
30th October 11.00am	All Age Service

Roll Up for the 1016 Book Sale

It will be standing room only in the Village Hall on Saturday 15 October.

On that day, there will be a giant book, CD and DVD sale taking place at Sherston Village Hall, between 9.00am and 1.00pm. Here you'll have the chance to top up your library at a fraction of the normal price.

The sale is organised by Sherston 1016, the village-based group which runs a number of annual events for the community. Profits from the sale go towards worthy local causes.

If you have any books, CDs or DVDs to donate, just turn up by 9.00am on the day, leave them at Gray's Garage in Sherston, or ring 840112 as soon as possible to arrange collection.

So if you like to spend your Saturday morning browsing, just come along!

Sherston Church Harvest Supper

Sherston Church Harvest Supper will take place after the 6.00pm Harvest Service on 9 October. Details can be found on notices at church and you will be made very welcome, whether you have been before or not. It is a 'Bring and Share' event, the idea being that you can bring along any contribution of food (for example salad or a dessert), we provide cold meats and jacket potatoes. You need to let us know that you are coming (for seating arrangements) so, as well as buying a ticket from the Post Office, please sign the list in the church. Any surplus money will be donated to charity, along with goods that are given at the Harvest Services.

Looking forward to seeing new faces as well as the usual ones. For details, please phone Heather (840375) or Pat (840640)

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This year, the Westonbirt Charities Fair will be bigger than ever. Taking place at Westonbirt School on Tuesday 25 October (10.00am-7.00pm) and Wednesday 26 October (10.00am-5.00pm), there will be 130 stalls full of exciting, unique products, including fashion, accessories, jewellery, homeware, gourmet food, stocking fillers and gifts for children. There will be a new large restaurant serving delicious hot food, salads, soups and sandwiches.

Upstairs in the school, we will be having demonstrations on Making Christmas Wreaths, Caring for Orchids and Exciting Gift Wrap which will be free to our visitors. Not only that, we have an Art Exhibition, a Reindeer Hunt and displays of some amazing costumes loaned to us from the Wearable Art Festival. The beautiful gardens of the school will be open – these are stunning in October. We also have some fantastic prizes to win in our tombola and raffle – and there will be the chance to win a drive in an Aston Martin.

The Fair will also be hosting a Gala Dinner on the Tuesday night, with Dr Dawn from TV's Embarrassing Bodies speaking. Tickets for this (£60) and entry to the Fair (£7.50) are available from our website www.westonbirtfair.org. The Fair is not-for-profit and the charities we are supporting this year are Home-Start Stroud, the Nelson Trust, Acorns, National Star and Riding for the Disabled.

Further information and tickets can be found on www.westonbirtfair.org.



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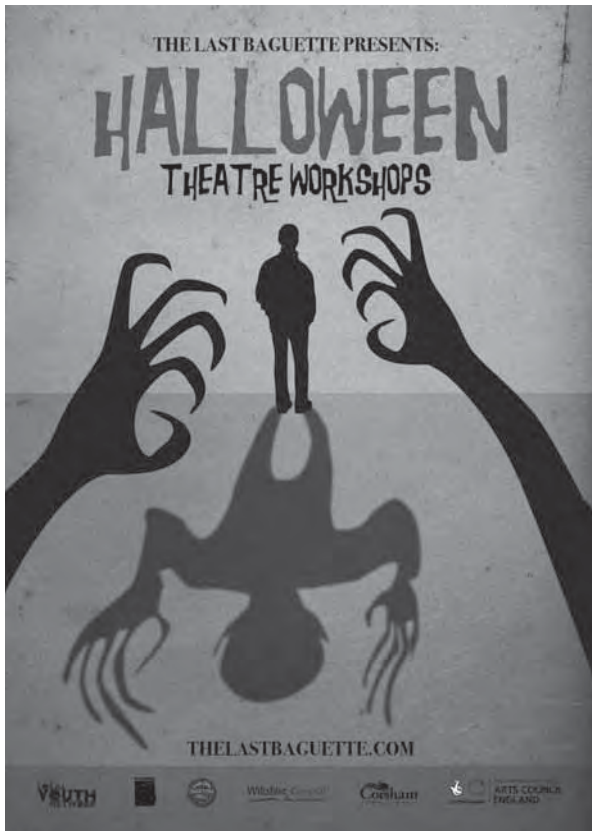
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Halloween Theatre Workshops



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Using theatre techniques we will create blood-curdling characters and scary scenes; expect vampires, zombies, werewolves and worse ... Tell a ghost story and create a deathly atmosphere ... You will have the chance to develop Halloween characters, trying out costumes and makeup to chilling effect. We will also bring a healthy dose of comedy to the proceedings, finding out if you can be scary and funny at the same time!

The Last Baguette is an international theatre company, making fast-paced, irreverent physical comedy. The

company was formed in Paris in 2009 by graduates of the Philippe Gaulier and Jacques Lecoq schools, out of a shared love of comedy, bakery and horror. After performing in France, Switzerland and Canada, we are now company in residence at the Pound Arts Centre in Corsham. We run weekly workshops for young people at the Pound, and regularly create performances.

These special Halloween Theatre Workshops for ages 11 to 18 accompany our production *Dracula – A Terrifying Comedy*, touring the South West in October.

Workshop dates:

Corsham

Tuesday 11 October: 4.00pm – 6.00pm (Corsham Community Campus)

Tuesday 18 October: 4.00pm – 6.00pm (Corsham Community Campus)

Malmesbury

Wednesday 19 October: 4.00pm – 6.00pm (Town Hall in the Hub)

Saturday 22 October: 1.15pm – 3.15pm (St Mary's Hall)

Participation is free, but limited workshop places are available – reserve your place by contacting Sidney on 07597 601589 or email us at thelastbaguette@gmail.com. Includes free ticket to see *Dracula - A Terrifying Comedy* at a venue near you.

Supported by Malmesbury and Corsham Local Youth Networks, Arts Council England, and the Wallace Curzon Charitable Trust.

Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 2 October. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am, with a return to the Rattlebone Inn around 12.00noon. As ever, children and well-behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there's no need to book a place – just turn up on the day!

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Telephones

We have recently changed the options on our telephone system and would ask that patients telephoning the surgery listen carefully to ensure they select the correct option.

Flu Vaccination

It's time for your free annual flu vaccination at the surgery if you are 65 years or over, aged 2 to 4 years, pregnant or in one of the 'at risk' groups. We will not be writing to our over 65 year olds who have previously been invited, but we will write to all others who are eligible. We are also holding clinics for those patients eligible for the shingles vaccine as well, who we will be writing to. Please bring your letter to your appointment.

The Adult clinics are for 18 years and over only, and the children's clinics are for children 17 years and under only.

Judy Sharp
Practice Manager

DATE	TIME	ADULTS OR CHILDREN	APPOINTMENT OR DROP IN
7 October	2.00pm-4.00pm	Adults – 18+ only	Appointment only
15 October	9.30am-12.00noon	Adults – 18+ only	Drop in– no appointment needed
20 October	5.00pm-7.00pm	Adults – 18+ only	Drop in– no appointment needed
21 October	1.00pm-3.30pm	Adults – 18+ only	Appointment only
6 October	5.00pm-7.00pm	Children	Appointment only
13 October	5.00pm-7.00pm	Children	Appointment only
28 October	3.00pm-5.00pm	Children	Appointment only
12 October	1.30pm-3.30pm	Shingles & Flu	Appointment – invitation only
19 October	1.30pm-3.30pm	Shingles & Flu	Appointment – invitation only

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Pots and Paintings: 7-13 October



The Eeles family of potters return to the Great Oak Hall at Westonbirt from Friday 7 October until Thursday 13 October. They make a wide range of ceramics by hand. These are individually decorated with a variety of clay slips with glazes that are prepared by themselves, with extensive testing and firing, to produce the complete range of textures and patterns that makes the Eeles pottery so sought-after. They create stoneware, porcelain and raku using basic ingredients, such as ball clay from near Poole,

china clay from South Devon, fine alluvial sand from West Dorset and granite from Cornwall. Their kiln holds up to 3,000 pieces, takes two days to reach the required temperature and then an agonising wait of four days to cool down!

Gill Ashley, artist, has normally exhibited with the Eeles on her own but this year is joined by three others from Sherston: Julia Leyden, who has produced a body of work in multi-media on the theme of bridges; Heather Martin, a textile artist, who has a broad range of approaches which will include a small selection of mixed media drawings; and Jenny Riley, who works in oils and mixed media but also takes commissions for dog portraits. Gill works mainly in acrylics and watercolour but will also show some mixed media paintings. Her paintings are in collections in Canada, USA, Australia and Europe

The exhibition runs from Friday 7 October (from 12 noon-ish) until Thursday 13 October, 10.00am – 4.00pm (3.00pm on closing day).

For further information on pottery: www.eelespottery.co.uk 01308 868257

For the group of artists: gill.ashley1@btinternet.com 840993

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It's not often we hear that something that someone once hated has turned into a passion but that was the case for our speaker at our September meeting – Ellie Dickens. Ellie is the immediate Past President of the Society of Shoe Fitters and spends a significant amount of her time lecturing and training others to ensure a better understanding of the importance of well-fitting shoes.

Ellie came to speak to us about 'The Relationship between Feet and Shoes', telling us how frustrating her experience of shoe shopping had been before she opened her own shoe shop in Hungerford some 17 years ago. Whilst lots of us would agree with that sentiment, being 6'2" tall with size 11 feet at age 13, as Ellie was, is probably a challenge most of us have never experienced.

We were given an insight into how shoes had changed from the very early Roman sandals through to the arrival of fashionable, rather than purely functional, shoes for everyone in the 1960s. Well-fitting shoes are, as we all know, the key to happy feet and we were guided through some factors to consider when

buying our shoes, including having our feet measured regularly. The lovely shoes Ellie had brought with her, ranging in style from pumps to boots, were used to illustrate how shoes should fit the feet and also to show us the different types of materials used for shoes – so many types of finishes for leather, as well as the very good range of hi-tech manmade materials. It was comforting to know that there are nice looking shoes to fit any shaped foot, and it is possible you may soon see some of our members heading to Hungerford for their next pair of shoes.

Our Open Meeting is on 6 October at 8.00pm in the village hall when Jess McKillop of Aardman Animations will be speaking about the making of Wallace and Gromit and other award-winning animated films. Everyone is welcome and tickets are £7.50 to include refreshments. Tickets can be purchased from the post office or from the WI. Please contact Jill Woodward on 840578 or by email at jillwoodward222@btinternet.com for more information.

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An Evening of Songs and Music: Saturday 12 November

In aid of the Syrian Refugees and organised by the St Aldhelm's Refugee Action Group, An Evening of Songs and Music will take place on Saturday 12 November, 7.30pm to 10.00pm, at Malmesbury Town Hall.

The acts planned so far include: The Long Players; The Minuettes – nine local girls singing popular songs a cappella; Phil and Catherine – a totally amazing duo on voice / ukulele / tin whistle / guitar; Lily Peers Dent – a local 17-year-old girl with a beautiful voice singing 'songs from the shows'; and Off Piste – a local barber shop group.

The cost is £10 per head including a ploughman's supper; drinks will be available to purchase.

Tickets are limited and are available from David and Chris Boyle (841587; djboyle@hotmail.com).

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

On 19 October it is our AGM and there will also be a talk by Sue Carter, Head gardener for National Trust Lacock. (Gardening for Bees).

On 16 November, bring your friends and families along to the Sundial Theatre in Cirencester for Deck the Halls, an evening with demonstrator Nigel Whyles. This is sure to be a flower-filled amusing evening. Tickets are now available at £10 for members and £12 for guests. Please call Gill on 824813 to book tickets.

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 always welcome. For more information, please contact Margaret on 01285 770639.

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Sherston Market

The next market is on Saturday 8 October at Sherston Village Hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

The café will be serving up some enticing and delicious food to tempt you – both to eat in or to take away – including our sought-after bacon butties. With the cooler weather, vegetarian curry and hot soup will also be back on the menu.

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!

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

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News from Holy Cross Church

Autumn is a time of new beginnings. We welcome Joel Faulkner as our Youth Work Trainee. He will be working alongside Becky Fisher in schools, supporting our church children's and especially youth work, and building up contacts with young people. He is helping our Toast youth group as several of their members prepare for confirmation on Wednesday 2 November in Malmesbury Abbey.

Little Lights has got off to a great start again in Hullavington on Thursdays at 10.30am. This friendly group is a great way to continue with the journey that was begun at baptism, introducing babies and children to church, prayers and familiar Bible stories. Chantal (837522) would be very pleased to hear from anyone who'd be interested in coming.

Messy Church has also restarted and the next one will be on Sunday 9 October at 3.30pm in Hullavington Village Hall. It's a great way for the whole family to have fun and food together and engage with the Christian story in a more informal way than can sometimes be possible in church. Another great piece of news is that Elveen Mead will be joining us as our Curate in July 2017. More about her soon!

At the time of writing, a Foundations course looks like a possibility on Thursday evenings in Foxley, from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. By the time you read this, it

won't be too late to join, so if you'd like to find more about the central building blocks of the Christian faith, why Christians believe what they do, or if you're an adult wanting to be confirmed, then please do be in touch with me as soon as possible.

Holy Cross will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 9 October. The 9.30am Worship Together service will be a Harvest service for all ages, then at 6.00pm there is a traditional Harvest Evensong followed by Harvest supper (see page 6 for more details). All welcome.

At the end of this month, we hold our annual Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for those who have died. All the names of those whose services have been conducted within the Gauzebrook Churches are automatically included but if you'd like someone else's name to be mentioned then please let me know on Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com. The peaceful service includes an opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones and starts at 6.00pm on 30 October.

Finally, although Advent seems a long way off, we will be recruiting for our Advent choir soon!

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Never heard of The Benevolent Confraternity of Dissectologists? Well, it's the name given to a group of enthusiasts enjoying the hobby of doing jigsaws.

A Jigsaw Fest is a great way to show the beautiful results obtained when a jigsaw is finished, it is relaxing and excellent for the brain in those dark winter months when we sit by a fire wanting something other than the TV to stimulate us.

The Fest to be held next September will showcase the results of the puzzles done in the winter months and will hopefully prove to be (with your help) a great fundraiser for the Village Hall Improvement project.

We have boards and boxes of puzzles to complete and would love your help in making this fundraiser a success. We have 120 already completed and stored, we are looking to have several hundred for sale at the event which will be widely advertised. If you have any puzzles to donate or want to join in please phone Marion on 841147 for details or email me at mamddgee@btinternet.com.

Please join in, it will be a fun event!

Sherston Senior Club

Members had a very enjoyable outing on the Mystery tour on 6 September. It's a pity more people don't take the opportunity to have a half-day out – or a full day for that matter – as we go to various destinations. The trips are open to anyone who would like to go.

On 20 September, we had our Harvest Auction and raised £100 for the Sisters of the Church in Bristol, who do such good work for the poor and needy. Rev. Susan Harvey conducted a short service and ran the Auction. Our thanks to her, as always.

Looking forward

On 18 October, Brinkworth Cheesemakers will be giving a talk which should be most interesting.

On 1 November, our Autumn Sale takes place – why not spend a half-hour? You may find an early Christmas present or a decoration, and you can enjoy a cup of tea whilst looking.

Malina's Dream; Sunday 6 November

Malina's Dream, a Rural Arts Touring show for children and families, will take place at Sherston Village Hall at 2.30pm on Sunday 6 November. Malina's Dream is a spell-binding tale about friendship and finding the way between two worlds. Malina is a young Inuit girl who lives with Grandpa in the land of the midnight sun.

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Sherston Market celebrates Apple Festival in Brinkworth: Saturday 22 October

The organisers of Sherston Market, Jane and Martin, along with the 'cheese lady', Sophie Scruton, are running an Apple Festival at Sunday Hill Farm in Brinkworth (SN15 5AS) on Saturday 22 October. The Festival, to be held in the orchard at the home of Roger and Sophie Scruton, will be a celebration of the apple harvest. Gates open at 10.30am, with free entry to the farm.

'Sherston Market' will be held on site in the old dairy. There will be apple presses and an Apple Expert to tell you about trees and their unusual and sometimes rare fruit.

In the afternoon, Newton Country (do you see the connection?) from Bath University – and recently featured on Radio 2 – will be playing live.

There will also be an author's tent, rather like a literary festival, and the programme is as follows:

11.30am: Sir Roger Scruton, writer and philosopher, 'Beauty and Landscape'

12.30pm: Elizabeth Hodder, artist and writer, 'Old Tarts'

2.30pm: Rose Prince, food writer for the Telegraph Magazine 'Cooking with Apples'.

Tickets for the author's tent, which includes a lovely ploughman's lunch, are available in advance from Eventbrite (www.eventbrite.co.uk).

In addition, there will be an apple-themed cookery competition, sponsored by Tracklements, and we will be donating crab apples to Tracklements for their jellies. The competition classes are:

1. Most innovative preserve
2. Most innovative apple jelly
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Future speakers:

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We are in the process of finalising the menu but it is normally about £30 for three courses. If you would like to attend, please let us know as soon as possible as we need to give the Rattlebone an indication of numbers. Final confirmation, including any menu choices, will be required by the 3 October. Please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk (cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk) to reserve your place.

Hope to see you all there, for an enjoyable evening.
Thank you from everyone at SMCC

I would just like to say Thank You to all our friends in Sherston for all the support and kindness given at the loss of Neil.

The Reverends Susan Harvey and Christopher Bryan both gave a lovely Memorial Service, and provided so much support to me.

Jason gave a lovely send off at the Rattlebone, with the Tomlinson's donating food and wine.

Sarah and Piers Lavan and James Pike provided gorgeous, beautiful Blossom trees, Olive Trees, Rose Bushes, Framed Box Bushes, you name it, it was there!

Alison Murrey Wells provided the gorgeous Delphiniums, and to Pat Whitehouse for the beautiful basket of Red Roses.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed Neil's Memorial Service. It was a special turnout in more ways than one!

How kind of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall to attend as they are both so busy. What support, simply the best.

At these emotional times I wished Neil could have been there. I am sure he was.

So many Thank you's to all and I am sure everyone has been enjoying Cricket at Pinkney Park. Thank you to John and Matilda Mathews.

Last but not least, thank you to my sister Jane for finding the fantastic musicians and organising me. And for such brilliant support from my family. Thank you Best Love Penny Forster.

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I have been researching my family of Palmer and Wallis, who were from the Sherston/Luckington area. The photo above shows the gravestone of Walter Palmer whose name appears on the War Memorial Plaque at the entrance to Sherston Parish Church. The grave is in Vlamertinge New Military Cemetery, near Ypres in Belgium. At the time of his enlistment, Walter lived at 23 Brook Hill, Sherston.

If there are any family members in the area who would be interested in a copy of the photo and possibly a couple of other photos of the cemetery itself, please contact me at jones.beryl@sky.com I would be happy to share them.

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In fact they had a relatively quiet tour - spending time at the front, support and reserve lines aiding other units in the area.

However, retaliatory shellfire, sniping and other attacks still caused casualties among the Wiltshires. It is not known when Herbert received his wounds but he would have been taken back down the lines and would have died of his injuries while cared for by the 49th and 9th casualty clearing stations then located in the village of Contay. There are 1,133 such burials in this cemetery.

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Future dates for your diary

30 November: Our Kind of Traitor

7 December: Finding Dory [after Christmas Tree event at the Neeld Arms]

Malmesbury Community Trust

The Malmesbury Community Trust is a registered charity that was originally set up privately with significant help from the former Wiltshire County Council and Malmesbury Town Council. It built on the pioneering work of the Barnes Trust – a council trust which administered the money bequeathed by the late Mr C H Barnes. Mr Barnes, a Malmesbury man, died in 1978. His trustees raised further money for many local purposes, including the first minibus for the disabled. After complying with lengthy legal requirements, the residue from the trust funds formed the opening balance of the new charity – Malmesbury Community Trust.

The trust is administered by nine trustees and the Clerk to the Trustees. The trustees meet normally four times a year to discuss policy and consider bids for grants from the charity.

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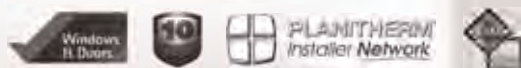
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Most plants and animals don't survive as it's too cold or wet, etc while some thrive and cause all kinds of problems. Examples include Himalayan balsam infesting river banks, grey squirrels pushing out our native red squirrels and the American crayfish killing our native crayfish. Tetbury made the headlines this week with the first Asian hornet discovered in the UK.

The Asian hornet (*Vespa velutina*), which is up to 2.5cm (1in) long, is now common across Europe after being accidentally introduced to France in 2004 in a shipment of pottery from China – and now it's here, although Defra are trying to locate the nest and eradicate it before it gets established. While its sting is only as bad as a bee, the real danger is to our honey bees as the hornet can cause serious damage to colonies.

Moving on to migrants that we do expect, it's almost time for the redwings and fieldfares to arrive from Scandinavia and Russia. These are quite similar

to song thrushes and tend to live in flocks in open countryside; we get lots around the village.

Our swifts have long gone while our house martins and swallows are leaving about now. In the past few weeks, the numbers of these birds around the village and along the Cliff, catching insects on the wing, has been remarkable. On some days, there have been hundreds!!

These birds have declined in part due to drought in north and west Africa during migration, but also due to a lack of nesting sites. House martins and swallows can make a real mess so, understandably, not everyone enjoys having them. The city of Oxford has just announced a project to become the first 'Swift City' in the UK by putting up lots of nest boxes in places where no-one minds. Could Sherston become the first 'Swift Village'? It can be if we want it to be? Let me know ...

The need for providing nesting sites for birds was brought home to me recently talking to someone from the Owl and Hawk Conservancy. Apparently, 85% of barn owls in the UK nest in nest boxes; only 15% nest in hollows in trees, etc. Little wonder there are only 5,000 pairs left. There are a few barn owl boxes around the village – maybe we should put up more ...

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POP into Film Night at Brick Club!

Join us at Brick Club (in the British School Room) on Friday 7 October, 5.30pm-7.00pm, for the premiere of the POP film! For those of you who don't know, Oscar Power, Grace Pettit and Max Owen worked really hard to create and produce the first ever film on POP. From lugging around green screens to the film editing, the team put so much time into catching the spirit of the weekend and indeed the can-do attitude of Sherston. With over 200 hits on YouTube, we hope you will join us to celebrate the work of this talented group. We will be showing the film around 6.30pm but do POP in to play with the bricks – both the young and the young at heart are very welcome!

Shear Class Art Display

Local artists are invited to show their work in the entrance lobby of Shear Class. The display changes every two months, work can be for sale and there is no charge. Please get in touch with Heather Martin heather@geoffmartin@plus.com



Noah's Ark Day Nursery

Providing a nurturing and stimulating environment for babies and children aged 3 months to pre-school.

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New street dance classes in Sherston!

The hottest new dance club has hit the streets of Sherston this month. Bristol's Pumped dance school is running classes in Sherston Village Hall every Thursday. It's a fun, high energy dance class for girls and boys. It also means you don't need to leave the village on these dark winter nights! The 4-6 year old class will run from 4.30pm to 5.15pm, with 7-11 year olds from 5.15pm to 6.15pm. You can drop in for £5 per class, £16 if you pay monthly – or two siblings for £9 per week.

Pop Claire an email to register your interest at info@dancepumped.co.uk or just pop in on a Thursday. Check out www.dancepumped.co.uk to see what it's all about.

Sherston Church Bazaar

Sherston Church Bazaar will be on Saturday 26 November in the Village Hall. More details next month.

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Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Holy Cross Church

The Coffee Shop - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits biscuits and brownies - Open 3 mornings a week - Tues, Wed and Thurs 9.30 am - 12 noon till end of Oct. Nov till Easter Thurs only
Sunday services 1st and 4th Sundays - Holy Communion, 2nd Sunday Worship Together - a service for all age groups preceded by breakfast at 9am, 3rd Sunday - Family Service preceded by breakfast at 9am See the Parish Life for more details

Mustard Seeds is a Saturday morning club for children aged 4 and over, from 10am - 12noon twice a month. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk.

Congregational Church - in The British

Schoolroom Services at 11am apart from 1st Sun 4pm. Brick Club alternate Fridays 5.30 - 6.30 / 6.30 - 8pm All services are led or hosted by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling. Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 (or find us on Facebo.

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 term time, 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, prospective volunteers can contact Link co-ordinator and volunteer support officer Fee Knowles on 837967 or feeknowles@btinternet.com

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.

Ashtanga Yoga class

Fridays 10.30-11.15am in the village hall. Contact Stuart for more information or to book a place on 07986 003602 or stuart@pulse4life.co.uk. Starts 9 September 2016.

Castle Combe Colts Football Club Join a charter standard club with CRB checked FA qualified coaches, fantastic playing & training facilities and a healthy inclusive culture - take a free 4 week taster session. Currently recruiting for the following age groups: Mini-Kickers (Rec/Y1) U10 (Y5) U11 (Y6). Tel 837286 or secretary@cccfc.co.uk www.cccfc.co.uk

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

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

Clem's Club 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

Classes are held in the British Schoolroom during term times Weds either 10am to 12noon or 1.30 to 3.30pm. Students have individual attention and the classes are friendly and welcoming. We work on observational drawing in a range of media, pencil, watercolour crayon and pastel; subjects include plants and flowers, natural objects and still life groups. For further information please contact Heather Martin heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or phone 840375

Eudo Tae Kwon Do

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

Footpaths group 'Sherston Walks - a 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@harriespartnership.com Now online @ www.sherstonwalks.org.uk

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

Fresh Air Fitness A bootcamp-style, fun outdoor workout suitable for all levels. Sherston Rec Fridays 9-10am Book with Stuart 07986 003602 or stuart@pulse4life.co.uk

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

Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Concert Band

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

Malmesbury Community Choir

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

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

Malmesbury Luncheon Club

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

Malmesbury Film Society

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

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

For details contact the Division Commissioner at malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

(affiliated to National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies - NAFAS) meets at 7.30pm on the third Wed evening of most months of the year at Crudwell Village Hall. Join members come from the surrounding villages to hear speakers and enjoy floristry demonstrations and do workshops and competitions. Call Margaret Stanford on 01285 770 639 to answer any queries or give information about forthcoming events.

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

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

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

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

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

Sherston Badminton Club We play every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from September to the end of May. - New members welcome. For more information contact David Boyle 841587 or email djboyle@hotmail.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 email sherstoncubsandscouts@gmail.com to obtain an application form

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

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

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

Sherston Drama Group

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

Sherston Town FC The club play in the Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Saturday afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. Contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or peter.brock666@btinternet.com

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

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

Sherston Magna Cricket Club Junior nets and Senior nets at 6.30pm on Tues nights at Pinkney Park. If you would like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the website www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk

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

SH.o.C.C. The choir meets at 7.30pm each Wednesday in the British Schoolroom £3 per session - All welcome. Further information from Lucy Lawrance on 840778 (evenings) or lucy@sherston.plus.com or have a look at our Facebook page.

Sherston Photography Forum

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

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

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

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

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

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

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

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

Sherston W.I. Meetings on first Thursday of month Mar - Sept in the Village Hall (except Apr due Spring Play) at 7.30pm and Nov/Dec/ Feb/Apr in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. No meetings Oct or Jan. New programme in Mar. 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

Street Dance classes in Sherston Bristol's Pumped dance school is running classes in Sherston Village Hall every Thurs. It's a fun, high energy dance class for girls and boys. The 4-6 year old class will run from 4.30pm to 5.15pm, with 7-11 year olds from 5.15pm to 6.15pm. Drop in for £5 per class, £16 pay monthly - or two siblings for £9 per week. Email Claire to register your interest at info@dancepumped.co.uk or just pop in, more details www.dancepumped.co.uk

Tetbury Camera Club Meets every Tues evening from Sept to end of May at 7.30pm in The Priory Inn, Tetbury. For more information and current programme visit <http://tetburycameraclub.org.uk/> or call Liz Cooper 840482. Visitors welcome.

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 warwickandpatjones@gmail.com

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

Wiltshire Walks The walk lasts approximately 45 minutes and often ends with a cup of tea or coffee. Further information contact Sarah Sims 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. Contact Theo 07818 401110 or theo@wildyoga.co.uk

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

WHAT'S ON

Dates for your diary 2016

October

26-29 Sherston Drama Group Panto

November

5 Sherston 1016 Bonfire 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 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

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. 10am-2pm **Sat 8 Oct** **Sat 12 Nov** **Sat 17 Dec** Village hall For further details call 07887 814843 or 07769 613627 or email info@awkwardsquad.co.uk or visit www.sherstonmarket.co.uk or www.facebook.com/pages/Sherston-Market/195319400641324

The Angel

October Happy Hour 8-9pm every Saturday night in Oct all pints just £3 (Peroni, Stowford Press, Doombar and Pravha) Prosecco - buy a glass and get one free

Halloween Night - Mon 31 Oct Kids margarita pizza and chips just £4.95 with free lemonade

For further details call 840039 or visit www.sherston-angel.co.uk/

The Carpenter's Arms

Check boards for details of events

For further details call 840665 or visit

www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston

The Rattlebone Inn

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

Live Music from Lady & The Tramp featuring Kelly Griggs

Fri 30 Sep

Acoustic Night with Gouldie Thur 13 Oct

Live Music: The Del Ray Rockets Rocking into Halloween

Sat 29 Oct

For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter

#GavinHunt@Therattlebone or visit

www.therattlebone.co.uk

Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

Call in and see a selection of paintings by local artists Anyone can call in to see them - you don't have to be attending the salon.

Church events

Messy Church Sun 9 Oct 3.30pm Hullavington Village Hall It's a great way for the whole family to have fun and food together and engage with the Christian story in a more informal way than can sometimes be possible in church.

Harvest Supper, after the 6pm Harvest Service Sun 9 Oct It is a 'Bring and Share' event, the idea being that you can bring along any contribution of food (e.g. salad or a dessert), we provide cold meats and jacket potatoes. You need to let us know that you are coming (for seating arrangements) so sign a list in Church, please, as well as buy a ticket from the Post Office. You are welcome to come to just the meal at about 7pm. For further details call Pat Whitehouse 840640, or Heather Martin 840375

Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance The peaceful service includes an opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones and starts at 6pm on 30 Oct

Confirmation group If you did decide to be confirmed, the service is at Malmesbury Abbey on Wed 2 Nov at 7.30 pm.

Church Christmas Bazaar

Sat 26 Nov Sherston Village Hall - details to follow

Desi Curry Kits Tasting

The Taste of India at Home Sharon and Sam Doyle's delicious traditional Indian food tasting of their Desi curry kits - Fri 14 Oct at Sherston's own award winning Post Office Stores. Check boards for timings.

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Sherston Drama Group

Half-term Pantomime: Camelot Wed 26 to Sat 29 Oct 7.30pm with matinee at 1pm on Sat Tickets go on sale at the beginning of Oct. £8 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 email r.a.skeffington@gmail.com

Sherston WI Talks

Talk by Jess McKillop of Aardman Animations Jess will talk all about Wallace and Gromit, Shaun the Sheep etc. Jess is head of 20 creative and technical artists as well as production staff in the CGI (Computer Generated Imagery) department 6 Oct NOW SOLD OUT

Gardening for Wildlife with Paul Jupp

3-Nov British School Room

A musical entertainment with Nicola Clark 1 Dec 2.30pm BSR If new to the village come and make new friends. Visitors always welcome - £3.50

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

Sue's Strolls

Sun 2 Oct Please assemble at the village hall for 10am with a return Rattlebone Inn just around 12noon for seasonal refreshments. As ever children and well behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there is no need to book a place – just turn up on the day. This is a PHEW! event see www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk

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

1016 Book Sale

Sat 15 Oct 10am - 12 noon village hall - free entry Donations of books, videos, DVDs and CDs gratefully received. Please deliver to Mike Tarrant at Grays of Sherston. Our books are very reasonably priced with 99% being only 25p each or 5 for £1. We always have a massive selection including a children's section. DVDs and CDs are £1 each. All proceeds go to funding the fireworks and other village causes. For further details call 840611

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 33rd Horseless Team Event

Sun 2 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. You can enter on the day, but entries received before the end of September (on-line or by printing and posting the entry form from the web-site) will be Emailed a free car parking pass

For further details visit www.bte-rcsc.co.uk

Sherston, Grittleton & Bradford-On-Avon

Rural Arts Wiltshire

Malina's Dream Children's show Sun 6 Nov 2.30pm A spell-binding tale about friendship and finding the way between two worlds. Malina is a young Inuit girl who lives with Grandpa in the land of the midnight sun. Sherston Village Hall Tickets from Sherston Post Office from mid October, adults £8, concessions £7, child £5, family (two adults and three children £20)

May Contain Food, May Contain You Award-winning dance company Protein is coming to you with a playful yet thought-provoking evening of dance theatre around our relationship with food and eating. Your hosts, Sonya and Carl, will welcome you into a dining area filled with themed tables and serve you a show that brings food to life Bring some food that you have made, grown or bought - something with sentiment that you wish to offer and share.....Fri 7 Oct Grittleton village hall doors open 7.45pm for 8.00pm start. Tickets - Jan on 01249 782798 dandjeffcoate@btinternet.com Adults £8, Concs £7, Children (under 16) £5, Families (2 adults & 2 children) £21 Target audience Ages 12+ Bring your own drinks Limited tickets available so book early!

Shappi Khorsandi: Oh My Country! from Morris Dancing to Morrissey Shappi is the star of Live At The Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Friday Night with Jonathan Ross, Have I Got News for You and Q.I. Sun 27 Nov 8pm Wiltshire Music Centre BA15 1DZ £15 Call 01225 860100 for info and tickets (16+)

For further details visit www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk



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

WEA Courses for 2016-17 New Literature and Art courses from the Workers Educational Association return to Sherston for the Autumn and Winter. The courses offer the opportunity to learn more about interesting topics from expert tutors in an informal and convivial setting.

Dr Tim Hammond presents Homer's Illiad an exploration of the epic tale of the tangled affairs of gods and men and the brutal conflict of the Trojan War. The Illiad has inspired the imagination for more than 2000 years and many think it is European literature's greatest work. There are 6 meetings from Fri 4 Nov to Fri 9 Dec, 10am - 12.15pm £50

Paul Chapman presents the intriguing Down Under: The Art of Australia an introductory look at how art in Australia developed from European painting in the early days of the colony towards the modernist painters of an independent nation in the 20th century. This course has 6 meetings from Fri 6 Jan to Fri 10 Feb 2017, 10am - 12.15pm £50

British Schoolroom. For further details call Enquiries and bookings contact Warwick or Pat Jones on 840764 or warwickandpatjones@gmail.com or visit www.wea.org.uk/

Luckington

Luckington Firework & Bonfire Night

In aid of Luckington Children's Playgrounds Charity Sat 5 Nov. Hot dogs, mulled wine, bar, raffle and hot chocolate from 6.30pm. Under 5's fireworks at 6.45 pm. Fireworks at 7pm. Free Luckington Playing Field. Please do buy tickets to support the charity: all proceeds go towards funding the event and to Luckington Children's Playground Charity.

Luckington Playing Field

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

Luckington Gift Night

Friends of Luckington School organise this annual fundraiser. Lots of fantastic new stalls with toys, card, books, local crafts, jewellery, beautician and much, much more. Ideal opportunity to start Christmas shopping or just treat yourself. Fri 14 Oct 7pm - 10pm. Entry £3 includes a glass of sparkling wine - all proceeds to the school. Tickets available on the door.

Luckington School. For further details call Mary 07779 299224

Luckington Community School

Open Morning: Wed 12 Oct 9.30 - 11.30 am. Are you looking for a fantastic school for your child for September 2017?

For further details call 840297 or visit www.luckingtonschool.co.uk

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

STIHL Treetop Walkway The main walkway is step-free, making it accessible to visitors on foot, using mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs and to those with dogs on leads. It is 300m long and gradually rises on gentle inclines to a height of 13m. Scramble up to the crow's nest viewing platform; cross the rope bridge; Peer through the mesh-floored section.

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

Autumn Family Trail through Sep and Oct in Silk Wood and the old Arboretum - free after entry

Pots & Paintings - Eeles Family exhibition with local artists Gill Ashley, Julia Leyden, Jenny Riley and Heather Martin Fri 7 - Thurs 13 Oct 10-4. Gill Ashley - acrylics, Julia Leyden - multi-media;

Heather Martin, a textile artist and mixed media drawings and Jenny Riley - oils and mixed media and also takes commissions for dog portraits in watercolour. The group can be contacted on 840993.

Awesome Autumn- Guided Walk Every Friday in Sep & Oct 11am from the Welcome Building. Free after admission, sorry no dogs as in the Old Arboretum.

Sep - Nov admission prices Adults £9, Concs and those arriving by bike or public transport £6, Children (5-18) £3, under 5s free.

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

Westonbirt School

Westonbirt Charities Fair 2016 130 stalls full of exciting, unique products including fashion, accessories, jewellery, homeware, gourmet food, stocking fillers and gifts for children. new large Restaurant serving delicious hot food, salads, soups and sandwiches. Head upstairs for demonstrations on making Christmas Wreaths, Caring for Orchids and Exciting Gift Wrap which will be free to our visitors. Tombola and Raffle - and there will be the chance to win a drive in an Aston Martin. Tues 25 Oct 10am - 7pm Wed 26 Oct 10am-5pm £7.50 - all proceeds to charities including Home-Start Stroud, the Nelson Trust, Acorns, National Star and Riding for the Disabled.

For further details visit www.westonbirtfair.org

Long Newton

Beaufort Hunt Christmas Gift Fair

A large assortment of Christmas foods, wines, ladies and gents fashion, fashion accessories, jewellery, pictures, interior designs, gardening, equine & pet supplies & gifts - over 100 stall holders. A cafe serving lunch and afternoon tea. Tues 22 Nov 10am - 8pm £5 entry. Children free. All proceeds to charities Hope for Tomorrow and Youth Action Wiltshire.

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david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk
 or visit <http://www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk/>

Easton Grey Whatley Manor

Master Class with Martin Burge Cookery Masterclasses with Michelin two-starred chef - next available course 23 Jan 12 Jun
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 Joy' starring Jennifer Lawrence, Robert De Niro and Bradley Cooper - Thurs 20 Oct
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 Mazot' brasserie
 The Sunday Cinema Screenings must be pre-booked and at least one course must be booked Joy' starring Jennifer Lawrence, Robert De Niro and Bradley Cooper Sun 16 Oct
 For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

Malmesbury

St Aldhelm's Refugee Action Group Fundraiser

An evening of songs & music Sat 12 Nov 7.30pm £10 including a ploughman's supper. Drinks available. In aid of the Syrian Refugees living in and around Chippenham
 Town hall For further details call David and Chris Boyle 841587 or djboyle@hotmail.com

Exhibition: Wiltshire At War

Wiltshire Does Its Bit includes many interesting stories of local nurses, dairymaids, small businesses, and local people providing comfort to soldiers of WWI- all doing their bit for the war effort. The museum will also have a display commemorating local soldiers and sailors who lost their life on the Somme and Jutland
 free entry Open Summer: Mon to Sun 10.30am to 4.30pm
 Winter (from Oct to Mar) : Mon to Sat 10.30am to 4.30pm, Sundays: 11.30am to 3.30pm.
 For further details call or visit www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Malmesbury & District University of the Third Age

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people to come and learn together, drawing upon the knowledge, experience and skills of their own members to organise and provide interest groups in a very wide range of subjects. Now with over 350 members in the Malmesbury group Meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10am for refreshments 10.30-11.30 speaker close by 11.45 Charge 50p
My Life in Russia Before and After Perestroika' - Marsha Lees
 Thurs 27 Oct
Angela Grist - 'Mercy Ships' Thur 24 Nov
 Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall
 For further details call Membership Secretary Ann Roberts-Phare on 823971 or visit
www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Singing for the Brain

Singing sessions are led by a trained Singing for the Brain leader Every other Monday 1.30-3pm a free service (funded by Wiltshire council) is designed to be a fun, stimulating and social activity for people with a diagnosis of dementia and their family/friends or carers. For session dates and to book your place please call Pam Ollis at our Chippenham office on 01249 443469
 Malmesbury Activity Zone, Bremilham Road
 For further details call 01249 443469 or
 e-mail nwilt@alzheimers.org.uk or visit www.alzheimers.org.uk

Malmesbury Concert Band at Market Cross

Annual Concert - Musical Extravaganza Sat 29 Oct 7.30pm £8 (£6 concs) from Michael Thomas Family butchers
 Christmas carols and medleys Sat 19 Dec 11am at Malmesbury Market Cross with funds raised supporting the Malmesbury mayor's charities
 Malmesbury Town Hall
 For further details call Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or tony@jacfleming.plus.com or visit www.freewebs.com/malmesburyconcertband

Tetbury Tetbury Music Festival

Daily concerts & performances Thurs 29 Sep - Sun 2 Oct
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Flicks in the Sticks

Florence Foster Jenkins Fri 14 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@btconnect.com

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Florence Foster Jenkins [PG] Wed 26 Sep Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com or visit <http://www.moviola.org/>

Grittleton Baptist Chapel

Victorian Harvest Festival & Exhibition of Victorian farm tools & animals 1 Oct 2.30pm with Pastor Jonathan Hunt
Monthly service 3rd Sunday each month at 2.30pm
Victorian Carol Service 17 Dec 2.30pm if anyone would like to join the choir for this or any other of our costumed events, please get in touch on the number below
Grittleton Chapel For further details call Facebook - Grittleton Baptist Chapel Friends or grittletonchapel@gmail.com or Sue on 822730

Brinkworth

Brinkworth Apple Festival

Sherston Market celebrates Apple Festival in Brinkworth The organizers of Sherston Market, Jane and Martin, along with, the 'cheese lady', Sophie Scruton are running an Apple Festival at Sunday Hill Farm in Brinkworth Sat 22 Oct 10.30am The Apple Festival to be held in the orchard at the home of Roger and Sophie Scruton will be a celebration of the apple harvest. 'Sherston Market' will be held on site in the old dairy.

Authors' Tent

11.30 am Sir Roger Scruton, writer and philosopher, 'Beauty and Landscape'

12.30 pm Elizabeth Hodder, artist and writer, 'Old Tarts'

2.30 pm Rose Prince, food writer for the Telegraph Magazine 'Cooking with Apples'.

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Crudwell

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.

AGM and talk Gardening for Bees by Sue Carter, head gardener for National Trust Lacock. Oct-19 Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB

Deck the Halls - Christmas event with Demonstrator Nigel Whyles 16 Nov Sundial Theatre, Cirencester, £10/ £12 non members For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

Nailsworth

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Wotton-Under-Edge The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Bridget Jones's Baby; Pete's Dragon; ulietta; The Australian Ballet: The Sleeping Beauty Tues 4 Oct; The Beatles: Eight days a week - the touring years; RSC Live King Lear Wed 12 Oct; Asterix and the Mansion of the Gods; Miss Saigon: 25th Anniversary Performance; Silent film with live music: Hitchcock's The Lodger; Kubo and the two strings; Kenneth Branagh Theatre - The Entertainer; Britain on Film: the Railways check website for details For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com

Wotton Bridge Club

Bridge lessons on Tues and Thurs evenings in the Wotton Civic Centre, from Oct onwards. £6 per lesson. Complete beginners welcome. For further details call Ian Cooke on 890261 or email tresham.bridge@gmail.com

Bath

Bath Food & Drink Festival

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Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

Jill Cainey

841380

3 Noble Street

emergency@sherston.org.uk (only during an incident)

Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100

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www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm

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www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack for a map of faults

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WATER – Bristol Water

www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

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www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

BBC Wiltshire can be heard via:

West Wilts area

(Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge): 104.3FM

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