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Sherston Parish Council has published the Cliffhanger for ten years now. All non council articles are submitted by readers, local organisations and groups, so please keep sending your news in to make the publication as interesting and useful as possible.

The Cliffhanger's primary role is to inform all residents and businesses within the Sherston Parish Council area of council activities and notices.

It is a great space for publicising local fundraising events and any new local businesses within in the Council area are offered editorial space as a one-off introduction.

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Over a 1000 copies are printed each month and distributed to all residences and businesses within the Council's boundaries. Each edition is also available online at www.sherston.org.uk

The first edition in October 2008 is reprinted on page 15. Note how familiar the articles are ten years on!

How it works

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Submitted articles are edited for spelling, date format and comprehension. The articles are then reviewed for relevance and the edition is artworked.

Once proofed and approved, the final artwork is sent to a local printer for production. The printed copies are then sorted and distributed to the volunteer 'deliverers' who drop them through your door.

If you'd like to get involved in any aspect of the Cliffhanger's production, please contact Caroline Moore at info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk or 841405.

A few stats

10 years, 120 issues, 2948 pages, appx 130000 copies printed and distributed.

R&B Vehicle Services have advertised in every issue!

April Fools issue titles:

The Coathanger, Chinwagger, Chaffingler!

A quiz has been devised to test your memory of the Clanger over the last decade, see page 12.



Sherston Post Office Stores

If you are not already aware, we are pleased to confirm that from Monday 1 October, the new owners of the shop and Post Office will be The Midcounties Co-operative Society who we feel are ideal to take good care of our business for the foreseeable future and indeed improve the overall service provided.

Whilst similar in name, the locally owned Midcounties Co-operative Society should not be confused with the Co-operative Group - they are completely separate organisations.

Please note that to allow for a Post Office audit, a full stock check and essential changes to be put in place, the shop and Post Office will be closed on Monday 1 October and Tuesday 2 October.

We will be open as usual up to 5.00 pm on Sunday 30 September when we will shut our doors for the last time; the business will then re-open under the new ownership of the Midcounties Co-operative Society on Wednesday 3 October at 9.00 am.

It has been a fantastic experience since we took over the shop and Post Office 14 years ago way back in November 2004; from our early days of fear and

trepidation having never run a business before; to making the major decision to risk all and putting everything on the line to take the business to the Old School (which was seven years ago!) before finally seeing both the shop and Post Office fulfilling all our dreams by providing a comprehensive service to the village and receiving recognition of such by receiving a number of prestigious awards.

None of the above would have been possible without the tremendous support we have received from everyone over the years which gave us the continued motivation and confidence to try out new things and re-invest to provide improved facilities. We are truly grateful to you all, thank you. Paul and Gail 24/9/2018

Paul and Gail Mather

There will be many in the village who will wish to acknowledge the huge contribution to Sherston that Paul and Gail have made.

Arrangements for this will be made by the Parish Council, in conjunction with SOSCIC, over the coming weeks culminating in a gathering for them around Christmas.

More parking problems



As a follow-up to the article in the September edition, residents should be aware that parking problems are not confined to Sherston High Street. The parking situation in Willesley has recently become a major issue and, from time to time, makes life a total misery for residents. Thoughtless excess parking

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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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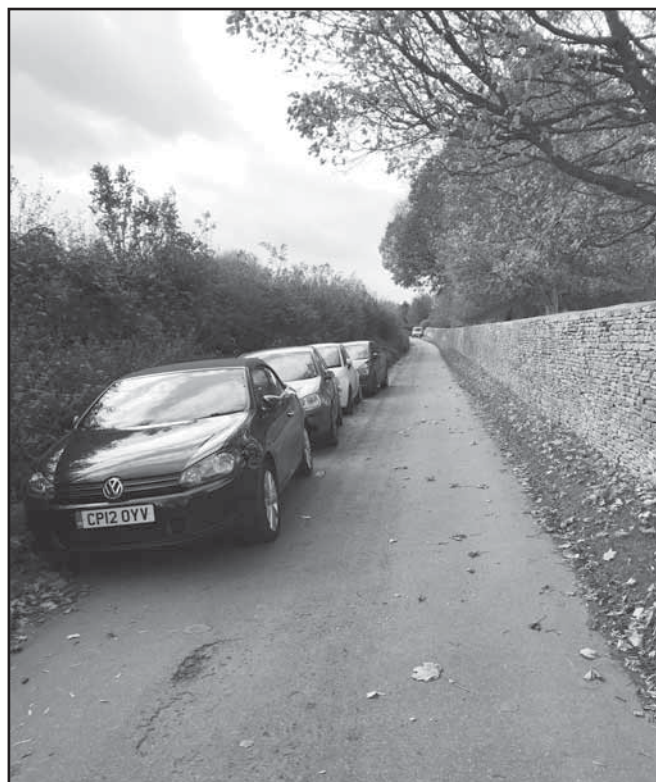
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has destroyed the verges in wet weather, restricted or prevented residents' access to their own properties, damaged drains or manhole covers, restricted traffic flow and generally made life difficult. In some cases, residents have even been subject to verbal abuse. Please have consideration for other residents.

The photos show just one example of poor parking and volunteers after spending time and money to restore verges destroyed by parking damage last winter.

Sean Magee

Willesley resident and parish councillor

Walk with Sue

Join Sue McKechnie for a walk on Sunday 21 October. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return at the Rattlebone Inn around 12.00noon for seasonal refreshments. 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.

Short Mat Bowls returns to Sherston

Following a number of years' absence, we have returned to the village hall. We meet every Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Please come along and give it a try. We are a very friendly club and we need more players. We have equipment for your use.

Midcounties opens store in Sherston

The Midcounties Co-operative Food is coming to Sherston this month following the purchase of Sherston Post Office Stores. The store will close for two days on 1 October while it's brought into The Midcounties Co-operative family, and will re-open to the public at 9.00am on 3 October. From then on, opening hours will be as follows:

Monday- Friday: 7.00am–7.00pm

Saturday: 8.00am–5.00pm

Sunday: 9.00am–5.00pm

The retailer will continue to provide services, including the Post Office, dry-cleaning and paypoint facilities for residents to enjoy. Products from local businesses, such as Tracklements and Hobbs House Bakery, will also continue to be stocked as part of

Midcounties' Best of Our Counties range, alongside new food and drink suppliers from Wiltshire and neighbouring counties. Best of Our Counties champions more than 2,500 products locally-sourced from the counties that the Society trades in.

Darren Adams, Head of Convenience – South at The Midcounties Co-operative Food, said: 'Sherston Post Office Stores has undoubtedly been an important part of the village and our new store will continue to meet the needs of customers. As part of our commitment to supporting local businesses and the community, we'll be stocking a wide range of locally produced food and drink and creating new job opportunities for residents. We're looking forward to meeting customers on 3 October.'

Coming to you at the end of October:
Sherston Drama Group's Pantomime

**SHERSTON
DRAMA
GROUP**

Rapunzel

Princess Rapunzel has been cursed by the evil witch Gothel so she can never laugh or feel happiness. Her father King Richard employs no less than 10 jesters to make her laugh, but to no avail. But then along comes the handsome Tom, and Rapunzel falls in love with him. King Richard promises Tom her hand in marriage if he can make her laugh, but unfortunately Tom is no good at jokes, and moreover, Gothel imprisons her on top of a tall tower with no door. But Rapunzel does have long hair...

Rapunzel is a brand new pantomime, based on the traditional story by the Brothers Grimm, written and directed by Katie Skeffington especially for the Sherston stage. There are all the usual panto characters, including Dame Tabitha Topknot, handymen Ready, Steady and Go, a dancing horse, a monkey, jesters, goblins, sea creatures, and more.

And of course loads of jokes and thrills as Tom and his friend Kazam try to rescue Rapunzel from Gothel and her henchmen, and song and dance from the young people of Sherston and surrounding villages.

Performance dates are
31 October – 3 November
in Sherston Village Hall,
with a matinee at
2.30pm on
Saturday 3 November.
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).



Sherston's Spectacular Bonfire Party

'Save the Date'

- Sat 3 November -

volunteers needed

Anyone who came to the firework display last year will know what a great evening this is.

This year profits will again go to the Village Hall Fund, the Friends of Sherston School and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

The event cannot take place without the efforts of volunteers from the village, we especially need help on the Sunday morning to clear the site. Anyone interested in helping can turn up on each day at 9.00am but would be most welcome to attend a meeting at the Carpenters Arms at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9 October to meet the team and see how they may be able to help.

Feel free to contact Martin Jacques on 07717 424619 or email reply@sherston1016.org to get more info.

On 3 November the event starts at 6.00pm at Lower Farm, Easton Town, thanks to the continuing generosity of the Hillier family. At 6.30pm the bonfire will be lit and the firework display starts at 7.00pm.

This year there is a cash bar to warm up the adults with mulled wine, soft drinks for the kids and adults, hot drinks and toffee apples. The kids' tent is back with UV paint, music and of course, lightsabers!

Friends of Sherston School will be providing the BBQ and Sherston Scouts, the Guys.

In preparation for the bonfire, please take any combustible material you may have to the site from October 22 and put it over the wall into the bonfire field, which is on the right as you approach the farm buildings.

Putting the ground to bed

While the cricket season has sadly come to an end, there are some jobs to be carried out at the ground. These jobs are crucial for keeping things we have spent lots of money on in the best condition and also for getting us the best possible wicket for next year.

As there is quite a lot to do, we are going to have two sessions: Saturday 6 October and Saturday 13 October, both at 10.00am for a couple of hours.

I would hope and expect all those who have played this year or intend to play next year to make themselves available for one if not both of these sessions.

To ensure that we have the right equipment to do the right jobs on the right weekend, please let me know which weekend you can make or, even better, say that you can do both.

Many thanks JK cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk

New Chair for Sherston School's Friends

The Friends of Sherston School (FSS) is looking for a new Chair as Sophie Cheetham finishes a busy and successful two years in the role and steps down at the AGM in October.

The chair position is a very rewarding role as the FSS organises some fantastic fundraising events such as the annual Quiz night, the Christmas Fair and Olympic Day. Last year, the charity raised more than £9,000 for the school which, among other things, helped pay for school trips, Art Week, equipment for the classrooms and for each class to have two outdoor learning sessions.

If you are interested in the role - and you do not need to be a parent at the school to volunteer - then we would love to see you for a drink at our AGM on Thursday 11 October at 8.00pm at The Angel. You will meet the rest of the committee and other FSS volunteers, and will be joining a fun and productive team. If you'd like any further information about the role, ahead of the AGM, please contact FSS Chair Sophie Cheetham on 07786 990045 or sophiecheetham@gmail.com

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Private 45029 Daniel Niblett Neal

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(Royal Berkshire Regiment)

Who died aged 19 on 14th October 1918

Son of Daniel Niblett Neal and Ann Neal of
Willesley, Wiltshire

Remembered with Honour,
Sherston Magna Parish Church

Military Funeral

The funeral of Pte Daniel Niblett Neal, Royal Berks Regt son of Mr Daniel Neal of Willesley, at Sherston on Saturday, was a military one and was witnessed by one of the largest crowds seen in Sherston for some time.

At the corner where the Tetbury Road joins Easton Town the cortège was met by a party of volunteers from the Malmesbury Detachment, first VB Wilts (Duke of Edinburgh's) Regt who, with reversed arms, marched preceding the hearse to Sherston parish church.

The clergy officiating in the church and at the graveside were the Rev Alan Leslie (vicar) and the Rev T Puxly (Westonbirt). The surpliced choir attended and the hymns sung in the church were Soldiers of our Christ Below and Peace Perfect Peace.

As the coffin, which was covered by the Union Jack, was borne out of the church the organist played Oh Rest in the Lord. When the grave side service was concluded the firing party, which was commanded by Segt T H Sandy, fired three volleys over the open grave and presented arms when buglers Bailey and Prior sounded the Last Post.

The mourners included Mr and Mrs D Neal (parents), Mr E Neal (brother), Miss Jane Neal, Miss Evaline Neal, Miss Mabel Neal, Miss Freda Neal, Miss Alma Neal, Miss Gurtrude Neal - all sisters. Miss G Merchant, Sherston, and Mrs Neal, Sopworth, aunts. Mr and Mrs Merchant, uncle and aunt. Mrs Tavender, Didmarton. Miss G Clifford and Miss Elsie Clifford, cousins, Mr J J Minett and others.

A large number of floral tributes were sent. Much sympathy is felt for the parents in the loss of their

young son. He was only 19 and was the second of the family to give his life for his country. Pte Algernon D Neal, Gloucester Regt, died aged 21 in hospital at Bristol early in the war. Most of the several sisters of the deceased had been engaged in war work. Three of them joined the WAAC on the day of his death and another has won a brassard with the VAD.

Young Daniel Neal was a brave boy and volunteered with a good heart. "I am bowled out", he said. "It is a good cause". Although many soldiers from Sherston and district have been killed in the war, Pte Neal was the first to be brought home for burial with military honours.

North Wilts Herald, October 1918.

The bells of Holy Cross Church will be rung from 8.50am on 14 October.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Private 320959 Oliver Clark

12th Battalion Norfolk Regiment
(Norfolk Yeomanry)

Who died aged 32 on Monday 21st October 1918

Son of John and Susan Clark, Tan House,
Tanners Hill, Sherston, Wiltshire
and husband of Annie Clark

Remembered with Honour, Kezelberg Military
Cemetery, Wevelgem, West Flanders, Belgium

Oliver Clark died in the final advance from the Ypres salient towards the Belgo-German border.

As a member of the cavalry unit, he would have been in the front of any advance. The cemetery lies just outside the town of Menin that had been behind German lines for nearly all the war.

The bells of Holy Cross Church will be rung from 8.50am on 21 October.

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News from Holy Cross Church

Despite much hard work over the summer, unfortunately we have not been able to recruit a Youth Work Trainee to replace Joel, who qualified in July and got a job in Fishponds. There has been a national shortage of trainee youthworkers this year, and our partner organisation will be working with us to try and recruit a trainee for 2019. In the meantime, our work with young people continues: Toast will be meeting on most Sunday evenings in term time from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in Hullavington church, doing a Youth Alpha. This involves good food, a video, games and discussion. All secondary school age young people are welcome. The Luckington Youth Club will continue, and we are grateful to members of Malmesbury churches who are carrying on the work of the Christian Union in the secondary school, under the leadership of Andrew Beebee. Offers of help for any of these activities would be most welcome! We need adults who can be DBS checked to help out with practicalities and to ensure the adult/teen ratio is appropriate.

Becky Fisher's work is also evolving, with Mustard Seeds becoming an after school club at Sherston and Stanton. It's great to see Little Lights beginning again on Friday morning at 10.00am in Hullavington, alongside the Coffee Shop. We also have some exciting plans for Adventure Church on the fifth Sunday of the month - watch this space.

This year the confirmation service will be held in Cricklade at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7 November. Young people are being prepared at a course held jointly with other parishes in Hankerton on Tuesdays in the early evening. Any adults who are considering confirmation would be very welcome to join the Foundations course, which is being held in Sherston on Friday evenings at 7.30pm by kind invitation of Shirley and Tony Wood. There will be tea/coffee, some input such as a video, discussion and it will finish at 9.00pm. The other dates will be: 5 October, 19 October, 9 November, 16 November, 23 November. All welcome, please let the Rector know if you are planning to come.

October includes our Harvest Festivals. Sherston's will be on 7 October at 9.30am with a Harvest Family Communion and 6.00pm Harvest Evensong and Supper. On the first Sunday of November we hold our annual Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for those who have died. All the names of those whose funeral, burial or memorial 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 4 November. Christopher Bryan, Rector.

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Tracklements Seeks Crabapples for the Community

Malmesbury-based condiment maker, Tracklements, is once again appealing to the local community this September to don their wellies and take a walk in the countryside to start collecting crabapples for a terrific cause!

This year, Tracklements has partnered up with Sherston Brownies & Guides who are collecting crabapples which Tracklements then turn into English Crabapple Jelly. Beautifully golden, rich, and fruity – it's the perfect partner for strong cheddar cheese and divine in a roast pork roll!

As well as using up fruit which may otherwise go to waste, the Crabapple Project is also a great way to teach children about the provenance of their food by showing them the process from tree to jar. Remember, crabapples are 'wild' apples and can often be found in British hedgerows, nestled amongst other trees. So, why not pick a few on your weekend walk?

For every kilogram of crabapples donated, 50p goes directly to Sherston Brownies & Guides and for every jar of English Crabapple Jelly sold nationwide, 25p is given to the Brownies & Guides to spend or donate to a charity of their choice. If you donated crabapples or bought a jar of English Crabapple Jelly last year, you helped raise over £700! Thank you very much!

If you have any crabapples you won't be using and would like to support Sherston Brownies and Guides, Tracklements would love them! All you need to do is

drop them off at Tracklements, Whitewalls, Easton Grey, SN16 0RD (827044, open 9.00am-5.00pm Monday-Friday) from now until Friday 19 October.

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For many months we, like many other settings nationally have had recruitment difficulties, finding staff who are able to offer the high standards of care has proved impossible, and unfortunately the introduction of the 30 hours free entitlement by the Government for eligible three- and four-year-olds last year was the final nail in the coffin.

We would like to thank all our parents for their understanding. Also the local nurseries, preschools and childminders who have been as supportive as possible to our families, for trying to ensure that the transition (for the children) to their new settings is as smooth as possible.

It has been an absolute delight to be a part of this wonderful community and we thank you all for the care and support you have given us over the years. We would particularly like to thank Becky Fisher from the church, and the staff from the mobile library bus who have regularly helped to enrich the children's learning and development.

We will be closing our doors on Friday 28 September. For those families, children and staff (both old and current) who are able to join us for a cup of tea and a piece of cake, please come back and share some memories. Ideally Friday afternoon, but anytime that final week would be lovely.

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Dorothy House Hospice Tea Party: Sunday 28 October



John Davies, the CEO of Dorothy House, is walking for 21 days with his dog around the whole area covered by DHH and on Sunday 28 October, he will arrive at the Riverside Community Centre, Malmesbury (SN16 9JS) at around 3.30pm.

Do come and join our Welcome Party for him and Myrtle, his springer spaniel, and also meet members of the Friends in Grief (FIG) team (both volunteers and those who visit) and other Dorothy House supporters from the Malmesbury area.

FIG is a free community-based drop-in café where anyone bereaved is most welcome - where you can talk with others experiencing similar thoughts and feelings in an informal and supportive setting. FIG meets every Tuesday, 2.00pm-4.00pm at the Riverside Community Centre.

Tricia Lawrence, who lives in Cliff Road, will be joining John with her springer spaniel, Ben, for the final miles from Chippenham. Ben is a Pets as Therapy (PAT) dog who visits Dorothy House (and also Beaufort House in Hawkesbury Upton) regularly. Tricia is also one of the FIG volunteer team.

Hope to see you there!

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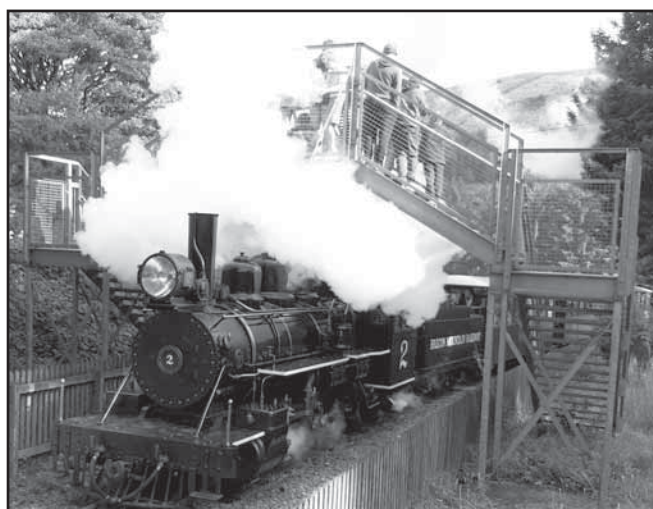
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Wet and windy in the Brecon Beacons

Our Cubs, Scouts and Explorers spent the equinox weekend in the heart of the Brecon Beacons. Often we have good weather, but this year we had to brave strong winds and driving rain. It did not dampen the spirits and our young members hiked over the hills on Saturday and, on Sunday morning, used kayaks, canoes and sailboards to explore one of the local lakes. With good food, cooked by some volunteers, a great time was had by all.

Our Scout group welcomes young people to join as Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. Contact the leaders, either directly or via email at sherstoncubsandscouts@gmail.com to obtain an application for the waiting list. As well as welcoming young people, we would like to hear from any adults who would like to volunteer as helpers, leaders or to join our executive committee. Please contact the Group Scout Leader, Anthony Price anthony@sherstonscouts.org.uk or telephone 840041 for more information.



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This month our W.I. speaker was Roger Heafield who spoke about the Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Roger started with a short history lesson telling us that the first Air Ambulance in the UK, a small airplane, started in 1933 in The Orkneys, with the first helicopter being in Cornwall in 1988. The first air ambulance in Wiltshire started in 1990 when a police helicopter, which had been monitoring activities at Stonehenge, spotted an accident on the way back to their base and stopped to see if they could help. They had to remove the seats from the helicopter to accommodate the patient for transport to hospital. For a while the Air Ambulance used the police helicopters but they eventually had to purchase their own vehicle. The helicopter contains more equipment than a land ambulance and, as well as the pilot, has two paramedics who are trained to critical care standard. Their HEMS Bell 429 helicopter can fly anywhere in Wiltshire in 11 minutes and is available 19 hours a day for 365 days a year. In 2017 the helicopter answered 875 call-outs, and when speed can mean the difference between life and death it plays an important role in the ambulance service. The cost of running the service is £3,250,000 a year and, with no government funding, all the money needed has to be raised by the generosity of the people and businesses of Wiltshire.

Our October meeting will be a lunch at The Angel to celebrate our W.I. 'birthday' and, on 1 November, our speaker will be Barry Edwards who will talk about the Early History of Penguin Books, this will be in the British School Room at 2:30pm. New members and visitors are always welcome.

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Cliffhanger Quiz

1. In December 2008, who won sales assistant of the year?

- (A) Gail Mather (B) Rachel Moody
(C) Anthea Young (D) Janet Platts

2. In March 2009, which distinguished local poet wrote these lines?

*Pour the wine and carve the chicken
Celebrate! The clock is tickin'
Once more Sherston's clock will chime
And everyone shall know the time*

- (A) Matilda Matthews (B) Phil Moore
(C) John Burgess (D) Frank Hatt

3. In March 2009, it was reported that a workman had lost something in Sherston church. Was this:

- (A) His watch (B) A tooth
(C) His false leg (D) A winning lottery ticket

4. In April 2009, who shaved off his hair and eyebrows to raise money for a stairlift in the Tolsey surgery?

- (A) Rob Strong (B) Simon Watkins
(C) Jock Walker (D) Jason Read

5. In September 2009, which special dish appeared on the Rattlebone menu, priced at £8.95?

- (A) Mangold and chick pea curry, basmati rice and a poppadum
(B) Alderton duck rillettes served with sourdough toast and mango chutney
(C) Jason Read's pea & pigeon pie
(D) Huw Bowles' magic mushroom risotto

6. In March 2010, which unusual event did Sherston School organise to raise funding for the Haiti earthquake appeal?

- (A) A pyjama day
(B) An egg and spoon race
(C) A fancy dress netball game
(D) A sponsored magic mushroom collection

7. In July 2010, Prince, Monty, Max and Percy appeared on the front page of the Cliffhanger. Were they

- (A) Cruft's contestants from Sherston?
(B) The Jarvis's prize piglets?
(C) Wadworth shire horses?
(D) Canadian sheep on an exchange visit?

8. In November 2010, which Keeper of the Technique was praised for her 'stem-gripping exercise' by victorious Mangold hurling captain, Kevin Smith?

- (A) Caroline Moore (B) Bonamy Smith
(C) Amalie Smith (D) Jennie Lamont

9. What was the theme of the fancy dress party at the Rattlebone to celebrate Will & Kate's wedding in April 2011?

- (A) Wonky Wills and Kinky Kates
(B) Naughty Royals and their lovers
(C) Punks and Princesses
(D) Buck House beaus and belles

10. What was the name of Sherston's first ever vegetable purgatory announced in May 2011?

- (A) Turnip torture (B) Squash slaughter
(C) Pumpkin hell (D) Celery carnage

11. In November 2011, who cut the ribbon at the official opening of the new Post Office?

- (A) Doris Cooper (B) Christine Hamilton
(C) Prince Charles (D) David Cameron

12. In May 2012, it was announced that Sherston's Lucy Driver would play which instrument at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee?

- (A) Flute (B) Harpsichord
(C) Viola (D) Trumpet

13. In November 2012, what did Anne Parkes announce she would be doing at her wedding?

- (A) Sing a solo of 'Get me to the church on time'
(B) Ring the bells in the church tower
(C) Walk down the aisle wearing a Manchester City scarf
(D) Play the spoons



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14. In March 2013, Josh Connor set a new record for pancake eating. How long did it take him to scoff four pancakes?

- (A) 19 seconds (B) 38 seconds
(C) 1 minute, 11 seconds (D) 1 minute, 29 seconds

15. In August 2013, the Cliffhanger was made available at which new venue?

- (A) The toilets at Whatley Manor
(B) The main stand at Forest Green Rovers
(C) A decommissioned phone box in Sopworth
(D) The Go-Karting track at Hullavington

16. In January 2014, it was announced that a market was returning to Sherston for the first time since which year?

- (A) 1411 (B) 1511
(C) 1611 (D) 1711

17. In December 2014, which two 'Hairy men' stopped shaving to raise money to beat bowel cancer?

- (A) James Pyle & Cliff Metcalfe
(B) Andy Tremellen & Kevin Smith
(C) Jim Robinson & Paul Rutter
(D) Bill Breakspear & Rian van Rooyen

18. In June 2015, who scored a record 188 when Sherston's cricket team clocked up 308-4 against Oakridge?

- (A) James Harmer (B) Will Matthews
(C) Chris Lovell (D) Paul Jarvis

19. In May 2016, Tom Langley appeared on the front page of the Cliffhanger dressed as what?

- (A) A dalek (B) A Viking
(C) An elf (D) Darth Vader

20. In June 2017, the Forest Green Rovers team were pictured on the front page of the Cliffhanger celebrating their promotion to Division 2. Who had they just beaten at Wembley?

- (A) AFC Wimbledon (B) Macclesfield Town
(C) Tranmere Rovers (D) Aldershot

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All pupils had a part in the play with older pupils taking on major roles, including some challenging solos and harmonies and Years 2 to 6 having speaking roles. Both performances were greatly appreciated by a full house of families and friends and it was apparent how much hard work and dedication had gone into making the production such a success by all the staff and pupils involved.

If you are considering primary places for 2019 then Luckington Community School

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THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



OCTOBER 2008

In a different league



Forget KP's hand-switching antics, Michael Vaughan's tearful farewell or Bell's 199. Sherston Magna provided the highlight of the cricketing summer. Here are the recollections of the team's triumphant captain Andy Tremellen.....

At the beginning of the season, we set ourselves the target of promotion from the Cotswold and District League's second division.

The previous year had been woeful; not one player did himself justice and we were relegated with just a single victory. So this season was all about righting the apple cart and nothing but promotion would do.

In my first term as captain, it was a steep learning curve. Juggling trying to give everyone a run as well as gaining maximum points from each game isn't easy.

And you can imagine the egos that need to be protected!

From our allotted 18 games, we won ten and lost four to opposition and four to weather. Early in the season, we felt comfortable that we would be promoted without breaking into too much of a sweat.

But probably the most pleasing aspect of the season is that the performances were shared around the squad and that no-one could be accused of being a passenger.

Having won the league, we'll be in the top division next year where things really count. That's when we sort the men from the boys!

I'd like to thank everyone concerned for their support through the season and hope that next year brings more success.

The players were: *Phil Duffell, Ian Gould, Alan Dickenson, Richard Cartwright, James Vynne, Ben Littlejohns, Dan Pritchett, Chris Lovell, Jamie Turner, Will Matthews, Ollie Cox, Andy Tremellen, Kev Smith, Ollie Moore, Mark Howell, Jed Pitman, Charlie Green, David Fitch-Payton, Phil Milsom, Ben Dickenson, Bob Panayides, Ewan Maskrey, Geoff Goodway, David Sutcliffe and Simon Hulance.*

Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of The Sherston Cliffhanger, the free monthly newsletter for the parish.

Like its predecessor, the Sherston Parish Council Newsletter, its intention is to inform residents about parish news and community activities in the parish and surrounding area. We feel it particularly important that every household and business receives a copy every month.

While the parish council is initially supporting Cliffhanger financially, it is hoped that, by a combination of resources including advertising, it will in time become self-financing. Cliffhanger is produced by a group of local people rather than by the parish council alone. We hope this will result in a true community publication which all feel able to contribute to and identify with.

The size and content of Cliffhanger will depend on the amount of copy we receive from individuals and groups. So, if you feel you have something of interest, don't hesitate to tell us. Copy should be delivered by the 15th of the month before the next edition by email to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk or paper copy can be left at Sherston Post Office Stores. Thank you to Paul and Gail Mather.

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Old School

Following the decision to buy the building on behalf of the community, negotiations are taking place with the vendor on the purchase price.

In the meantime, the parish council has had confirmation of a £50,000 grant towards the project from North Wiltshire District Council. Sherston Parish Council is extremely grateful for this support.

Village hall news

Sea Breeze fish and chips

After problems in August with their van, Sea Breeze is now back in the village hall yard every Friday evening from 5 pm until 9pm.

Bookings

Autumn brings bookings for jumble sales, bazaars and parties as well as the fantastic annual panto from the drama group. If you're thinking of booking the hall in the run-up to Christmas, do it now to avoid disappointment. Contact Gail Hayman on 01666 840068 or gail.hayman@btinternet.com to check availability and make that booking.

Dark nights bring dark deeds

Dark nights lead to dark deeds among dog-owners.

A minority of dog owners exploit the extra hours of darkness to avoid clearing up after their dog.

Some owners simply let the dog out to wander the streets and into gardens. There have been two incidences of Noble Street gardens being fouled.

And already the parish council has had reports of fouling on the recreation ground and sports field. These are both areas where dogs are not allowed and the fact is clearly signed.

At least one parent has had to clean their youngster of dog muck after a visit to the recreation ground while footballers have to clear the pitch of 'deposits' before a match. If anyone has information on who these dog owners are, please inform the clerk to the council on 01666 840351 email clerk@sherston.org.uk for appropriate action to be taken.

Remember, remember the *eighth* of November!

Sherston's bonfire and fireworks extravaganza will be back next month. At 6.30pm on Saturday 8 November, freshly-barbecued sausages and burgers, hot soup and cold drinks will greet the crowds at Lower Farm.

The welcome line-up will also include a motley crew of guys made by the youngsters, there will be prizes for the best ones. Entries should be taken to the field during the day on the Saturday.

'As fireworks and insurance become more expensive, we're only able to keep ticket prices at a reasonable level due to the generous donations from local businesses,' said Richard Langley of organisers Sherston 1016.

John Hillier is, of course, loaning his land. And Stedman Nicholas, of Bear Necessities at Pinkney Park Dairy Farm, is sponsoring the hire of a skip to dispose of rubbish harmful to cattle.

In the week leading up to the Saturday, combustible material should be put over the wall into the bonfire field which is on the right as you approach the farm buildings.

If you can help set up the field during daylight on 8 November, contact Mike Tarrant at Grays Garage (01666 840728) or ring Richard Langley on 01666 840112 and leave a message.

Sparklers are not allowed for safety reasons but light-ropes will be on sale.

Entrance charges on the gate remain £5 per adult and £3 per child. An advance family ticket for two adults and three children costs £12 from Sherston Post Office.

'Unstick our traffic' plea

Lorries rumbling over vulnerable bridges into narrow streets and cavalier drivers on hand-held mobiles continue to plague Sherston.

These were among several traffic matters raised at last month's parish council meeting.

Others included:

- speeding through the village on the B4040
- drivers, especially HGV drivers, using C roads as 'rat runs'
- illegal parking at junctions particularly on Noble Street, Church Street and Court Street and the need to improve the Give Way system in Church Street at The Rattlebone.

'Although some of this is particular to Sherston, much of it's common to villages along the B4040 in the Malmesbury area,' said Sherston Parish Council vice-chairman Martin Rea.

'Perhaps it would be better to tackle it as a whole rather than piecemeal village by village.'

'This is a chance for the new Wiltshire Council to prove its effectiveness.'

From April next year, the five district councils, including North Wiltshire, will disappear and the county will be run by one, unitary, council called Wiltshire Council.

In a pilot scheme, a Malmesbury area board will be set up to tackle local issues. It will have the power to bring together the new council's services and other agencies including the police and health services.

Project manager Miranda Gilmour said: 'One of the tasks will be to test how the authority can work more efficiently to solve 'sticky issues' that have failed to be properly solved over a number of years.'

'Sherston traffic is certainly a 'sticky issue' said Mr Rea.

'Let's hope the pilot Malmesbury area board can free it up.'

Patience Urged On Planning

Patience is urged over planning complaints.

Residents who report suspected breaches of planning law are waiting too long for an outcome, say Sherston parish councillors.

The parish council is only a consultative body for planning purposes but forwards all complaints to the planning enforcement team at North Wiltshire District Council.

They then decide whether a planning breach has occurred and, if so, what action to take.

'Currently this process can take some considerable time which is frustrating not only to those who raised the original issue but also to members of the parish council,' said vice chairman Martin Rea.

'It's hoped this will improve considerably under the new unitary authority.'

In the meantime, residents should continue reporting matters of concern to the parish council or directly to NWDC on 01249 706681 or planning@northwilts.gov.uk

Sinbad

Sherston Drama Group Pantomime

Rehearsals for our 2008 pantomime Sinbad, by Stuart Arden, are underway. There is an assortment of characters including the brave sailor, the beautiful princess, a lovable dame, Eastern potentates, genies, pirates . . . even two stray Aussies!

Come along and enjoy the fun during the autumn half-term break. There will be plenty of chances for audience participation - Oh yes there will!

If you would like to help in any way, contact the chairman Richard Skeffington on 01666 840092 or the secretary Suzanne Price on 01666 840042.

Tickets are £6.50 (£5 concessions) from Sherston Post Office from 1 October or from the box office on 01666 840915.

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Local boules players in national comp

There was local interest in the National Inter Regional Championships organised by Pétanque England held at Hayling Island on 15 and 16 September. The Great Western Region (GWR) joined 16 other regions of England and Wales, each with a squad of about 60 players for a weekend of competitive play. There were about 900 players playing throughout the two days, each region having different coloured shirts, an amazing sight, GWR in bright orange were unmissable!

GWR had a junior team for the first time with two of the team of three being from Malmesbury School, 15- year-olds Lachlann Anderson and James Hughes, along with Loris Sarkissian from Corsham School. They were runners up this year at Sherston Boules Day and the two Malmesbury boys were in the winning team last year.

In one of the 12 adult teams were Rattlebone League players Bob Rumble and Sue McKechnie. Many of the GWR squad are regular players at Sherston Boules Day.

Any local players wanting to be more competitive are very welcome to join Pétanque England and take part in the GWR competitions and Qualifiers for the Inter Regional Competitions. The local registered club is Boules at the Bull at The Red

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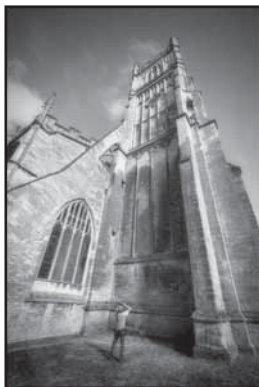


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Great thoughts don't need to be new to have modern relevance or give contemporary inspiration. One conceived about 150 years ago by American philosopher, poet and writer Henry David Thoreau proves this as effectively as any: 'It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.' It is also a good companion to this photograph taken by John Jennings of Tetbury Camera Club.



While it's doubtful that the members of Tetbury Camera Club had philosophy on their mind when travelling around the county, sharing ideas and techniques, on their recent summer location shoots, they do like to come back with shots that look individual and different. That often means looking at the places they are visiting from a new angle or with a fresh eye.

Finding something different to shoot is part of the fun and satisfaction to be found in modern photography. Cameras are now more versatile than ever and creatively using the technology available makes photography today not just stimulating but also challenging. The picture shown here is a good example of that. John took it on a recent visit to Cirencester, when virtually

all of the group found an interesting facet of the town that they hadn't spotted before. To most photographers, the church of St John the Baptist is a heavyweight example of gothic religious architecture. Its position and scale mean that it isn't the easiest place to photograph or depict. John found a fresh way to demonstrate part of its scale by shooting for the sky and, in doing so, he has demonstrated just how apt Thoreau's words can be if you want to photograph a challenging subject in the 21st century. Bear them in mind if you

are ever out with your own camera and wondering how to produce an interesting souvenir of what you are seeing around you.

Tetbury Camera Club is now in full swing again after its summer break, with regular weekly get-togethers upstairs at The Priory Inn at 7.30pm on Tuesday evenings. The club is always happy to welcome new members. If you'd like to know more about its work, there is lots of information about its forthcoming programme on its website. There are also other shots showing further examples of members' work: www.tetburycameraclub.org.uk

SOSCIC General Meeting: Monday 12 November



All existing members of Sherston Old School Community Interest Company (SOSCIC) and anyone having an interest in its activities are invited to the General Meeting on Monday 12 November at 7.30pm at the British School Room, Cliff Road. You will hear the latest report from the chairman, get an update on activities over the last 12 months and have an opportunity to ask any questions you may like. All the formal reports will be available for inspection at the meeting and prior to the meeting on the Old School section of the Parish Council website at www.sherston.org.uk/oldschoolproject.php

Those who are new to the village may not realise that the building now occupied by the Post Office and General Stores as well as Shear Class, James Pyle & Co and a number of other small businesses, was purchased by the village and was developed and is managed by a local group (SOSCIC). Sherston is a vibrant village with great prospects for further positive developments and one of its key buildings at the heart of the village is sure to continue to play a major role in the prosperity of the community.

If you want to play a part and become a member of SOSCIC then come along and find out more. We hope that as many as possible of you will be able to attend.

Huw Bowles, Membership Secretary

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Tickets £6 adults from Lesley on 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com [underscore between l and p]

Doors open 7.00pm, programme starts at 7.30pm

Future dates for your diary

Wednesday 28 November: On Chesil Beach

Wednesday 5 December: Family show TBC

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'Sherston Brick Club' British Schoolroom

Brick Club is open to everyone who is a fan of LEGO, so all children of all ages, with only one rule - use your imagination to the maximum! We meet alternate Fridays (5th and 19th October) from 5.30 to 7.00pm. Free entry.

Bible Study Group

Mondays 1st, 15th and 29th 24th October
from 8pm in the British School Rooms

Prayer Group

Mondays 8th and 22nd October
at 8pm in the British School Rooms

31st October - Pitstop at the British School Room - tea and coffee available all evening!

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North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

The flower club's August meeting took the form of a strawberry cream tea, held by kind invitation of a member, in her garden. A fine summer's evening enabled attendees to enjoy tea served in the summer house, the opportunity to browse stalls, watch a flower demonstration and wander in the spacious garden. All proceeds from the evening donated to Macmillan cancer care.

On 5 September several members and friends enjoyed a visit to Winchester Cathedral flower festival.

Future meetings

Wednesday 17 October: Workshop (Pot luck).

Wednesday 21 November: Christmas Event, 'Magic and Sparkle'.

Wednesday 19 December: Christmas Arrangement Workshop and Bring and Share supper.

Looking forward

This year's Christmas Event on 21 November will take place at the Sundial Theatre, Cirencester GL7 1XA. Elizabeth Gordon and her daughter Emily Broomhead will demonstrate under the title of 'Magic and Sparkle'. Tickets £10 members, £12 non-members. Available from Gill Davie on 824813. Stalls, raffle, light refreshments and a bar will accompany the evening.

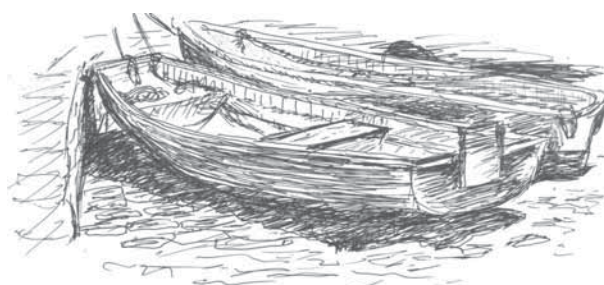
Note

Flower club members are happy to offer their skills and time to any organisation wanting to organise a flower event (festival, wedding, etc). Contact on no below.

Flower club meetings take place at Crudwell Village Hall (SN16 9HB) on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm (unless stated otherwise). We are a thriving, enthusiastic group with plenty of fun and friendship thrown in. Our members and visitors come from throughout North Wiltshire and into Gloucestershire. Some are expert creative flower arrangers, others complete beginners and some just like to spectate. Visitors and new members are guaranteed a warm welcome, helped by free coffee/tea / cake and chat at the end of the evening.

For more information please contact Margaret on 01285 770639.

Tetbury Art Society



Tetbury Art Society (www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk) is holding their Autumn Table Top Sale in Tetbury Market Hall on Saturday 13 and 14 October, 10.00am until 5.00pm. Painted by local artists, paintings framed and unframed, cards and more will be for sale. Why not start your Christmas shopping early!

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Sherston Baby and Toddler Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. Meets at 10 -11.30am each Tues in the British School Rooms with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, and a cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. For further details contact sherstontoddlergroup@gmail.com or like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

Sherston Badminton Club

We play every Tues evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from Sept to the end of May. New members welcome – mixed ages (over 18) and abilities. For more information, contact. David Boyle 841587, 07740 188882 or email djboyle@hotmail.com

Sherston Brick Club

Brick Club is open to everyone who is a fan of LEGO, so all children of all ages, with only one rule - use your imagination to the maximum! We meet on alternate Fridays from 5.30 to 7pm in the Congregational Church, Cliff Rd. Free Entry

Sherston Brownies

Meet every Weds 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

Holy Cross Church

The Coffee Shop - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits and brownies - Open Thurs 9.30 am – 12 noon till Easter then Tues, Wed & Thur till end of Oct – with homemade cake too
Sunday services 8am Holy Communion; 1st and 4th - Holy Communion, 2nd - Worship Together - a service for all age groups preceded by breakfast at 9am, 3rd - Family Service preceded by breakfast at 9am See the Parish Life for more details
Mustard Seeds is a Sat am club for children aged 4 and over, from 10am – 12noon twice a month. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

Sherston Community Choir

The community choir with conductor Trudi Baker meets at 7.30pm each Wed in term time in the British Schoolroom. £3 per session. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cutcher sheilacutcher28@gmail.com or 840067, or on Facebook.

Congregational Church – in The British Schoolroom.

11am Service, Communion every 2nd Sunday of the month led or hosted by Reverend Andrew Williams Tarling. Sunday School 10.15 – 11am use Cliff Road entrance. Alternating Mondays 8pm, Bible Study or Prayer Group Brick (Lego) Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 7pm. Contact Minister - Andrew Williams Tarling -minister4sherstonconchurch@outlook.com /07921 390878 Admin/Bookings - Victoria Meheust - sherstonconchurch@outlook.com Secretary- Candi Williams Tarling - secretary4sherstonconchurch@outlook.com 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

Church bell ringing

Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 – 9 pm. Call Geoff Martin 840375 or come along.

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Junior nets Mon 6pm 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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

Cubs is open to both girls and boys aged between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form

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 Sue Lehrer (Chairperson) lehrer.sue@icloud.com or 07780 661830

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

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

Explorers is open to both girls and boys aged between 14 and 18 years old, you don't need to have previously been a member of Scouts or Guides to join us. We meet at the Scout hut on Friday nights between 8.30pm and 10pm during school term times, if you are interested please email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk to obtain an application form

Sherston Town FC

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

Footpaths Group

'Sherston Walks - a guide to local Rights of Way', featuring 10 local walks is on sale at the Post Office. If you would like to learn more about the Footpaths Group contact Maggie Harries on 841047 or maggie@harriespartnership.com or visit www.sherstonwalks.org.uk

Forest School

Independent sessions led by local outdoor learning specialist Niki Walden, that include an after school club at Sherston Primary School, weekly curricular sessions at Luckington School & Luckington Pre-School and occasional further fun extended sessions during school holidays. For further information please contact nikiwalden-forestschooll@hotmail.co.uk

Fresh Air Fitness

Total body outdoor workout for all levels (beginners to advanced) on Sherston Rec Mon & Fri 9 -10am. Info: www.pulse4life.co.uk Stuart 07986 003602 or stuart@pulse4life.co.uk

Sherston Netball Club

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

Parish Council Meeting

Takes place on the 2nd Thurs each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Minutes of meetings can be read online at www.sherston.org.uk. Further details contact the Clerk at clerk@sherston.org.uk

Sherston Pilates

Daytime and evening classes held in the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739 552336 or sherstonpilates@gmail.com

Rattlebone Boules League

Consists of 48 teams playing in 3 Leagues Playing season Apr – Aug. For more information, contact Tony Towle on 840574.

1st Sherston Scout Troop

Scouts is open to both girls and boys aged between 10½ to 14 years old. We meet at the Scout hut on Tuesday nights from 7pm to 9pm during school term times. There is a waiting list for Scouts, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form

Senior Club

Meets at 2.30pm during summertime 2pm during winter in the British School Room, more details call Helen Quirk 840516.

Sherston Short Mat Bowls

Meet every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. New members welcome – bring flat shoes, we have the woods. For more information contact Tony Weedon 841377 or Anne Andrews 840941

Sherston Tennis Club

The tennis courts are located on Knockdown Road, next to the football pitch. 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.communitate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/ or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com

Sherston Velo

A cycling club formed of enthusiastic road cyclists from Sherston and the surrounding area. There are regular rides each weekend 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

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WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses

The WEA (Workers' 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 warwickandpatjones@gmail.com

Sherston W.I.

Meetings on first Thurs of the month. Mar – Sep in the Village Hall (except Apr due Spring Play) at 7.30pm and Nov/Dec/Feb in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. No meetings but celebration meals Oct and Jan. Visitors always most welcome £3.50. Further information: Secretary 840578.

Sherston Young Craft Group

Every Monday during term time from 6.45 - 8.15pm in the small Village Hall for children aged 9 and above. To join, please email sherstoncraftclub@outlook.com

Yoga for All

Mon evenings 7.45-9.15pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £9 reducing to £7.50 if you take up the course. More details contact Theo 07818 401110 or theo@wildyoga.co.uk www.wildyoga.co.uk

Avonvale Utd FC

The youth section trains at The Recreation Ground, Shipton Moyne every Saturday morning (from 1 Sep – 31 May) from 9.30am, with FA qualified coaches. We welcome boys and girls age 6+ of all abilities and confidences to enjoy the beautiful game, whilst developing at their own pace in a friendly and calm environment. For more details email avonvaleutdfc@outlook.com or call Jo Hargreaves on 07518 017363

Boules at the Bull

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.co.uk

Carer Support Wiltshire - Monthly carers café

4th Thursday each month 10.30am – 12pm at the Kings Arms Hotel, Malmesbury - come along to chat with other carers over a hot drink or two. CSW is a charity with a team of support workers who can provide information and support to carers living in Wiltshire, by phone or face to face, along with counselling and advice relating to your role. Free and confidential for anyone aged 18+. CSW offers the chance to have a break through social cafés, days out, activities, craft groups and complementary therapies. More details or to register for some support, visit www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk, email info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk or freephone 0800 181 4118 (01380 871690 from a mobile).

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Easton Grey Parish Church See Parish Life for details of services

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 at 11.00am now on the first Sunday of each month, except for August. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

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

Link

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 the Link co-ordinator and volunteer support officer on 840861 9am-1pm

Luckington Pre-School

A well-established Montessori inspired Pre-School, for 2½ to 5 years old. Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, during term time. Government funding available and childcare vouchers welcome. Ofsted rated Outstanding For more information, call 840028, email chair@luckingtonpreschool.org.uk or visit www.luckingtonpreschool.org.uk

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 for performances at local bandstands. For further details see our website www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk or contact Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or musdir@malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

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 <https://www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir>.

Malmesbury Embroiderers' 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 pre-booking 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 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 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, apart from during school holidays. £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 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

For details contact the Division Commissioner at malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk or visit www.girlguidingwiltshirenorth.org.uk

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wed evening at Crudwell Village Hall. Members come from the surrounding villages to hear speakers and enjoy floristry demonstrations and do workshops and competitions. Further details call Margaret Stanford on 01285 770639

Rotary Club of The South Cotswolds

Meets at The Horse Guards Inn in Brokenborough each Mon at 7pm, with dinner served at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome to our speaker meetings, as are guests and anyone interested in Rotary and in helping the local Community. Further details at website www.rcsc.co.uk or from Ian Pegg on 840986.

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.

Wiltshire Walks

The walk lasts approximately 30-60 minutes - 3 levels available - and often ends with a cup of tea or coffee. Further information contact Rosie on rosie.golding@wiltshire.gov.uk or 07917 599964. For a full list of walking groups in Wiltshire please visit www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/ walkfinder/get-wiltshire-walking

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 October 2018

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

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

In Sherston Every fortnight on Saturdays 10.30am – 12.45pm
Sep 8 & 22 Sherston High Street For further details call clerk@sherston.org.uk or mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk

The Angel Hotel

Upcoming Gin Finals Tasting Evening Special Guest Barney Wilczak – master distiller of Garden Tiger Fri 5 Oct Tickets on sale now from The Angel or Balcony House Cellars or contact neil@balconyhousecellars.co.uk / dave@sherstonangel.co.uk
For further details of all events at the Angel call 841627 or contact sherstonangel.co.uk or visit www.sherston-angel.co.uk

The Carpenter's Arms

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
Check boards for more details of events
For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk/

Church events

Harvest Festival 7 Oct 9.30am Harvest Family Communion and 6pm Harvest Evensong and Supper
Christian Ethics Course – how moral decisions are made Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Rectory from October. All welcome.
Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance Sun 4 Nov 6pm All the names of those whose funeral, burial or memorial 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
For further details call Rev Christopher Bryan 837522 or Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or twitter @chrisbryanrev // blog <http://revchristopherbryan.wordpress.com/> Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or Susan Harvey susan.harvey055@gmail.com

Sherston Market

In aid of Village Hall repairs Local crafts and produce which vary each market - 2nd Saturday in the month All stall fees will now be going directly into the Village Hall Renovation Fund. You can also enjoy delicious delights from EMMA'S KITCHEN from bacon rolls to pie, mash & peas and beautiful Cakes all freshly homemade.

The food can be eaten in the hall or have as a take away. Free charity table in entrance 10am-4pm

Sat 13 Oct Sat 10 Nov Sat 8 Dec

For further details call Alison on 07909 737096 or pollyatkins59@btinternet.com

Bonfire & Fireworks Extravaganza, Sherston

organised by Sherston 1016 Sat 3 Nov from 6pm Bonfire lit 6.30pm Fireworks from 7pm On entry £6 adult, £3.5 child. Advance family ticket £15 including 2 adults & 3 children only on sale at the PO, Lower Farm, Sherston

Planning meeting 7.30pm on Tues 9 Oct at the Carpenters Arms Any help building the bonfire during the morning most welcome. Bring any combustible material to Lower Farm. And clearing up on Sunday morning at 9am This year there is a cash bar to warm up the adults with mulled wine; soft drinks for the kids and adults, hot drinks and toffee apples. The kids' tent is back with UV paint, music and of course, lightsabers!

For further details call Martin Jacques on 07717 424619 or email reply@sherston1016.org

Sue's Strolls

Sun 21 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.

For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk

Sherston WI Talks

Lunch at The Angel to celebrate the W.I. Birthday 4 Oct Barry Edwards: The Early History of Penguin Books 1 Nov, 7.30pm, Village Hall

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

Sherston Senior Club

Outing to Weston-Super-Mare 2-Oct If space allows, visitors are welcome to come on our outings please contact Helen Quirk 840516 for more information.

Sherston Drama Group

Half-term Pantomime: Rapunzel Wed 31 Oct to Sat3 Nov 7.30pm with matinee at 1pm matinee on Sat Tickets go on sale at the beginning of Oct. £8.00 adult £6.50 children / OAP including interval refreshments

For further details call Katie Skeffington either by email (katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk) or call 840092.

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For further details call cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit <http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk>

SOSCIC AGM

Annual General Meeting Mon 12 Nov 7.30pm All existing members of Sherston Old School Community Interest Company and anyone having an interest in its activities are invited to the General Meeting as above. You will hear the latest report from the chairman, get an update on activities over the last twelve months and have an opportunity to ask any questions you may like. All the formal reports will be available for inspection at the meeting and prior to the meeting on the Old School section of the Parish Council website at www.sherston.org.uk/oldschoolproject.php

Those that are new to the village may not realise that the building now occupied by the Post Office and General Stores as well as Shear Class and a number of other small businesses was developed and is now managed by a local group. If you want to play a part and become a member of SOSCIC to say that you are part of this great venture then come along and find out more.

British School Room

For further details call or visit

www.sherston.org.uk/oldschoolproject.php

Knockdown

The Holford Arms

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Check boards for more details of events

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

Sopworth Ladies Club

Monthly meetings Meetings held at 7.30 pm in Sopworth Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each month Membership Fee: £8 plus £2 payable at each meeting. Visitors: £4 All visitors are welcome.

THE PEDALLING PEDDLER Oct 2 Nick Gibbs recounts his road to recovery from a traumatic injury (sales table will also be available)

ADVENTURES IN WILD PLACES 6 Nov Exclusive talk Nailsworth's intrepid explorer and travel writer, Christina Dodwell, tells of her survival and encounters spanning 20 years in remote places. Interviewed on Desert Island Discs in 1994; she also received a BAFTA for her BBC1 film 'Great River Journeys'

For further details call Jayne Dickenson on 840930

Luckington

Luckington Youth Café

Weekly event for ages 11-16 Saturdays 6-6.30pm Big Questions & Discussions, 6.30-7.30pm Food, games and chill
Luckington Village Hall

For further details call Joel Faulkner joel.p.faulkner@gmail.com

Luckington Community School

Open Morning: Wed 17 Oct 9.15 – 11.30am If you are considering primary places for Sept 2019, then drop in to Luckington Community School to meet students, staff, governors and have a tour of the facilities - Wed 15 Oct, 9.15am - 11.30am. Come and see what opportunities a smaller school can offer your child.

For further details call 840297 or admin@luckington.wilts.sch.uk or visit www.luckingtonschool.co.uk

Luckington Firework & Bonfire Night

In aid of Luckington Children's Playgrounds Charity Mon 5 Nov Hot dogs, mulled wine, bar, raffle and hot chocolate from 6.30pm. Under 5's fireworks at 6.45 pm. Main Fireworks at 7pm Free 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

Beautiful gift ideas and beauty - new stalls with toys, card, books, local crafts, jewellery, beautician and much, much more. This year with an all new Christmas Theme. Ideal opportunity to start Christmas shopping or just treat yourself. Thur 15 Nov 7pm - 10pm Tickets are £3 and include a glass of Prosecco or a soft drink. Tickets available from The Shop and Moor or email friendsofluckingtonschool@gmail.com - all proceeds to the school
Tickets on sale on sale from available from the School, Luckington Post Office and at the door
Luckington School

For further details call Mary 07779 299224 or visit www.facebook.com/Luckingtonchristmasfair/

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POTS AND PAINTINGS 2018 After a year's absence, the Eeles family of potters return for another exciting show of their wide range of handmade ceramics. They are joined by two local artists, Gill Ashley and Jenny Riley. Gill works in acrylics, oil and watercolour, taking the subject matter as her inspiration for the style of representation. She has work in Canada, USA, Australia and Europe. Jenny paints mainly landscapes in a variety of media and also takes commissions for animal portraits. Great Hall - till Sun 8 Oct 10am-4pm Free after admission. You can usually see more of their work at The Angel and book a meal at the same time! Contact gill.ashley1@btinternet.com 840993 or jennyriley571@gmail.com 840682 for further information

Till Nov 2018 admission prices Adults £10, Concs and those arriving by bike or public transport £7, Children (5-18) £4, under 5s free, 1 carer allowed free per paying disabled visitor

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

Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

Sunday Cinema £45 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn and a 3 course lunch or dinner in Le Mazot brasserie. Lunch first from 12 noon with the film starting promptly at 2.30pm. For the dinner screening enjoy the film first starting promptly at 5pm followed by dinner in Le Mazot brasserie from 7.15pm. 14th October 2018 – 'Mission Impossible: Fallout' – Tom Cruise is back to star in this action movie. Ethan Hunt and his IMF team, along with some familiar allies, race against time after a mission gone wrong.

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

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 27 Nov 9.30am - 8pm £5 entry Children free All proceeds to charities: The Grand Appeal, Bristol's Children's Hospitals and Wiltshire Air Ambulance The Old Airfield, Long Newton SN16 9SR

For further details call info@beaufortchristmasfair.co.uk or visit www.beaufortchristmasfair.co.uk

Malmesbury

Movies@Malmesbury

Movies@Malmesbury is run entirely by volunteers. If you would like to help out with the running of Movies@Malmesbury please see a member of the staff at the end of a screening or email us ghcooke@hotmail.com A limited range of drinks and snacks are available for purchase at the bar adjacent to the cinema. A few cushions are available for use during M@M programmes. Please ask for one, remember availability is limited so arrive early if you want one! There is no charge for the cushion. Tickets: 2pm Matinee & 5.30pm screenings: Adults £5. Under 16's £4. 8pm screenings: All tickets £6. Alternative Content (theatre, ballet, opera & art exhibitions) all tickets £10

This month's films include:

Mon, 1 Oct 8pm Swimming with Men

Thursday, 4 Oct 7.15 pm The Winter's Tale Live from The Globe in London *

Fri, 5 Oct 2pm Swimming with Men
 Fri, 5 Oct 5:30 pm Christopher Robin
 Fri, 5 Oct 8pm The Bookshop
 Tues, 9 Oct 7:15 pm Classic Spring: Importance of Being Earnest
 Live from London **
 Mon, 15 Oct 7:15 pm Mayerling Live from The Royal Ballet *
 Fri, 19 Oct 2pm The Bookshop
 Fri, 19 Oct 5:30 pm Christopher Robin
 Fri, 19 Oct 8pm The Festival

Malmesbury Town Hall

For further details call Tickets are available at the Town Hall, on the door or online (a booking fee is payable) or visit www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html

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. There are over 400 members and around 40 different interest groups including arts and crafts, book group, history, gardening, dancing, theatre trips, languages, walking etc. U3A meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Malmesbury town hall from 10- 11.45 for tea/coffee, a chat and to listen to our monthly speaker. Charge 50p
Roger Heafield - 'Wiltshire Air Ambulance' Thurs 25 Oct
 Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall

For further details call Membership Secretary Ann Roberts-Phare on 823971 or visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Riverside Community

Saturday Friends 10.30am - 1.30pm and enjoy a cuppa and a friendly chat Drop in dates Sat 20 Oct, 17 Nov, 8 Dec - for possible transport assistance call 07888 383844

The Last Baguette - Follow Us - a Play in a Week Workshop Join The Last Baguette theatre company for a dynamic, challenging and fun week exploring theatre. Devise your own play, gain skills in acting, writing and directing, leading to a performance on Friday 2nd November at 5pm. Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November

10am to 4pm Monday to Thursday

11am to 6pm on Friday with performance at 5pm

Ages 11 - 18 - Free to join but places must be booked via Sidney on 07597 601589 or email us at thelastbaguette@gmail.com

Friends in Grief (FIG) FIG is a free community-based drop-in café where anyone bereaved is most welcome - where you can talk with others experiencing similar thoughts and feelings in an informal and supportive setting, every Tuesday, 2pm-4pm

DOROTHY HOUSE HOSPICE TEA PARTY Sun 28 Oct around 3.30pm Welcome John Davies, the CEO of Dorothy House, home. He's walking for 21 days with Myrtle, his springer spaniel, around the whole area covered by DHH Tricia Lawrence, who lives in Cliff Road, will be joining John with her springer spaniel, Ben, for the final miles from Chippenham. Ben is a Pets as Therapy (PAT) dog who visits Dorothy House (and also Beaufort House in Hawkesbury Upton) regularly
 Riverside Community Centre

For further details call or visit www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk

Malmesbury Against Plastic (MAP)

The Plastic Unwrapped Festival Sat 4 Nov 9.30am-4.30pm

Our downloadable guide is full of tips, swaps, alternatives and actions that can be taken so you can start to remove SUPs and plastics from your lives!

Town Hall

For further details call malmesburyagainstplastic@outlook.com, Twitter @NoPlasticMalms, Facebook @MalmesburyAgainstPlastic or visit <https://malmsagainstplastic.wixsite.com/plastic>

Wiltshire Council Sunday Lunch Club

Monthly get together for those who'd like some company and a good Sunday lunch Each month 12.30pm for 1pm start. £10.50 pp
 Transport can be arranged if needed

For further details call Ellen Backer 07557 922020

Malmesbury, Chippenham Programmes and Activities at The RISE Trust

FREE Children's Centre activities The RISE Trust supports many projects in North Wiltshire with 6 Children's Centres in Chippenham, Cricklade, Royal Wootton Bassett and Calne. We provide Children's Centre services for the Corsham and Malmesbury areas. We also run Youth services, such as mentoring and youth groups, and provide services to the elderly. The RISE Trust started as an initiative from a local church in Chippenham in 2004.

Seniors' lunches The Rise Trust Volunteers regularly serve a Community Lunch for Seniors at St Paul's Church Hall, Malmesbury Road, Chippenham at 12pm. This is a great way to make new friends and socialise. For more details please contact Vicky Watt on 01249 445288 or email vickyw@therisetrust.org
Youth Club and Youth Café We run lots of activities for young people in Chippenham including a Youth Club and Youth Café
 Gemma Matthews 01249 464008 or gemma@therisetrust.org

For further details call 01249 463 040 or visit www.therisetrust.org/programmesevents/

Malmesbury Concert Band

Autumn Programme MCB is a concert wind band with approximately 35 woodwind and brass playing members. Subject to vacancies, it's always happy to welcome new members. The Band is always pleased to receive requests to play at events in the local area.

Musical Extravaganza, Town Hall, Malmesbury Sat 27 Oct 7.15pm - 9.15pm

Remembrance Service, Malmesbury Abbey Sun 11 Nov 2-4pm

For further details call Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or tony@jacfleming.plus.com or visit www.freeewebs.com/malmesburyconcertband

Leighterton

MAURICE DICKSON in concert Critically acclaimed Irish solo musician Maurice Dickson, fresh from touring in the USA and Europe this year, makes an incredibly exciting one-off "special appearance" courtesy of The Royal Oak and DFP Events & Parties A hugely accomplished musician and guitarist, Maurice plays an array of acoustic instruments and bodhran drums in his own inimitable style that will have one and all reeling and foot tapping, to leave a lasting musical treat for ever. Sun 14 Oct 7.30pm Tickets strictly limited due to venue size to include after show finger buffet £20
 The Royal Oak, Leighterton

For further details call fitch_ Peytondavid@hotmail.com or call 07773-381745 or The Royal Oak 890250

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Journey's End [12A] Wed 31 Oct Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door

Spring 1918 near St. Quentin, France. The war has already dragged out for nearly four years, with millions killed; it will grind on for more than a half-year longer, snuffing out countless lives as it does. The film escorts us into the battle zone following fresh-faced Second Lieutenant Raleigh (Asa Butterfield), who could have done his service in a safer place but instead has gone to some trouble to get assigned to the command of Captain Stanhope (Sam Claflin). Before the war, Stanhope was a senior boy at Raleigh's school and enamoured of his sister; the three spent happy holidays together. But the Stanhope Raleigh encounters is a stiff and troubled officer and hardcore alcoholic... Also starring Paul Bettany and Toby Jones.

Grittleton Village Hall

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Exhibition - Mark Fairhurst - Photography "Deception" Running from through to 27 Oct - Free Entry The exhibition is called 'Deception' for a reason. It is designed to make people think about churches, about architecture, and about religion itself; but the photographs are also there to excite their senses to both dazzle and bemuse, a kaleidoscopic view if you like.

4th October Cinema A Quiet Place (15) Doors Open 7.00pm
Film starts at 7.30pm

5th October Tetbury Music Festival Lecture with Professor Margaret Faultless

Doors Open 3.30pm Talk begins at 4pm

Margaret Faultless, co-leader of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, is one of the most successful baroque violinists of her generation and an expert and educator in the field of historically informed performance practice.

As part of the Tetbury Music Festival 2018, she examines the evolution of performance from the audience's point of view - from the salon to the concert hall, from the pleasure gardens to the summer festival.

10th October Writers at the Goods Shed - Carriage Session - with Eugene Lambert On each of these sessions, we have visiting published writers from various genres who, for the first half of the evening, will present, read and talk about their work. Then, after a break for refreshments, there is an 'open mic' session in which the floor is open to any writers in the audience who may like to share and read a piece of their own work - just sign up to share as you come in. Doors open at 6.30pm. Talk/reading/etc begins at 7.00pm. Entry is just £4.00 on the door.

11th October Cinema Call Me by Your Name (15) Doors Open 7.00pm Film starts at 7.30pm

12th October Dursley Male Voice Choir - Doors Open 7pm Performance starts 7.30pm The Dursley Male Voice Choir with special Guest Star Mezzo Soprano Elisabeth Irvine, will be performing a varied programme that we are sure will please all tastes.

It will include music from West End Shows, including a rousing medley from Paint Your Wagon, together with well-known numbers especially arranged for male voices, including two songs written by Paul McCartney. This will be contrasted with John Rutter's For the Beauty of the Earth and some pieces written especially for the choir. A wonderful classical leaning will come from the accomplished mezzo soprano Elisabeth Irvine, our soloist for the evening.

13th October Creative Corners with Joy Riley - Garden Design - 10am - 4pm Spend a day designing your own garden. Come and have fun designing a new scene for your garden. We do this by giving the space a new lease of life with a planting theme that will last for years of seasonal interest to come. Just bring your measurements, ideas and pictures with you for you to create the garden of your dreams.... no horticultural knowledge needed. Step by step instruction on measuring your own garden will be sent to you prior to the day. You will end the day with a plan of what you are going to do in your garden over the next year, in bite size



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13th October Elvis in Trouble Doors Open 7pm performance starts 7.30pm Join us for an evening with the King! Darren Boyce is a truly talented performer, with vocals to match and that unmistakable Elvis tone. His sound, moves and authentic costumes (made by none other than B & K Enterprises and The Lansky Brothers, tailors to the King himself) are guaranteed to transport you back to some of the greatest moments of the king's career. Performing with his live band 'Trouble', he performs all the classic tracks to 100% authenticity.

17th October Craft @ The Carriage with Beth Jenkins 6.30-9pm

Design and print your own original cushion cover, using plant shapes and a variety of unusual objects. Absolutely no experience or drawing ability necessary, you will be guided at every step of the way to produce your cover, in colours of your choice. Perfect for your home or as a special gift. All material provided including one cushion cover (cushion inners and extra covers available at a modest cost. All this in the unusual setting of a heritage railway carriage, with tea coffee and cake provided. Great for a group of friends and for those who want to meet more people in friendly surroundings.

18th October Cinema Spitfire (PG) Doors Open 7.00pm Film starts at 7.30pm

25th October Cinema - The Happy Prince (15) Doors Open 7.00pm Film starts at 7.30pm


26th October Art Sparks Halloween Children's Workshop in our Train Carriage : "Mexican Day of the Dead Collage on Canvas" 10 - 1pm.

27th October Comedy at the Shed (Adult Humour) Doors Open 7.30 Performance starts 8pm Yet more hilarity, mirth and merriment than you can shake a (rather large) funny stick at!!! The Goods Shed Comedy Club returns with Britains got Talent semi-finalist and comedian of the year 2017 Nick Page, everyone's favourite funny footwear The Scottish Falsetto Sock Puppet Theatre and compered by the delightful James Loveridge

31st October - Vertigo and the Birth of Computer Animation with Richard Stamp Phd.

Doors Open 7pm - Talk begins 7.3pm with Q&A after

How a WWII surplus computer in a Los Angeles garage sparked off today's electronic effects industry. Although a commercial flop on its theatrical release, Alfred Hitchcock's Vertigo is now venerated as



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a classic of Hollywood cinema. This film about romantic obsession has in turn generated obsessive affection amongst subsequent generations of filmmakers and writers; a passion that culminated in 2012 when it was voted to the top spot in Sight & Sound magazine's once-a-decade poll of the greatest films ever made.

This talk will explore a less-well known aspect of Vertigo's importance in film history – its title sequence. The innovative opening credits for Hitchcock's 1958 film features the first use of computer animation in a motion picture, made in a Los Angeles garage by the experimental filmmaker and computer graphics pioneer, John Whitney Sr, under the art direction of the famous designer, Saul Bass.

Lindy Hop & Jive Classes with Jimmy and Sarah every Tuesday from 7pm

How to reach the Shed - use the sat nav postcode GL8 8EY
For further details call info@shed-arts.co.uk or visit www.shed-arts.co.uk

Tetbury Art Society

Autumn Table Top Sale Painted by local artists paintings framed and unframed, cards and more will be for sale Sat 13 & Sun 14 Oct 10am – 5pm
Market Hall
For further details call Gill Ashley 840993 or visit www.tetburyartsociety.org.uk

Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

GOODBYE CHRISTOPHER ROBIN Fri 12 Oct Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door

a rare glimpse into the relationship between beloved children's author A. A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin, whose toys inspired the magical world of Winnie the Pooh. Along with his mother Daphne, and his nanny Olive (Kelly Macdonald), Christopher Robin and his family are swept up in the international success of the books; the enchanting tales bringing hope and comfort to England after the First World War. But with the eyes of the world on Christopher Robin, what will the cost be to the family?
Didmarton Village Hall

For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

Minety

Minety Rugby Club

Mighty Minety Minions Minety Rugby Club is the exciting local rugby club for children aged 5 to 12. We are actively seeking new children to join the club and no prior experience of rugby is necessary to join in any age group. We start with five year olds with gentle games and activities, getting the children used to listening to the coaches and handling the odd-shaped ball As Mighty Minety Minions, the children move up to non-contact 'tag' rugby which involves running around getting some exercise; the children always enjoy the training sessions and we play occasional games with other clubs too. The Under 9s begin with a slow, measured introduction to Juniors' contact rugby

The 2017/18 season begins at 10am on Sun 3 Sep at Minety Playing Fields Sessions last an hour to an hour and a half depending on the age group. You don't need to register in advance, just turn up and if it is something your son or daughter would like to come

back to after trying it out you can register anytime that day or thereafter. Clothing: children can wear shorts/tracksuit/t-shirt/trainers/football boots/whatever they're comfortable in to start with and then purchase club kit thereafter should they want to continue to participate.

Minety Playing Fields, SN16 9QU

For further details call the club secretary, Peter McAllister, on 860281 or email PeterJMcAllister@yahoo.co.uk or visit www.pitchero.com/clubs/minetyjuniorrugbyclub/

Crudwell

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Workshop. (Pot luck) 17-Oct

Christmas Event, Magic and Sparkle 21 Nov at the Sundial Theatre, Cirencester, GL7 1XA Elizabeth Gordon and her daughter Emily Broomhead will demonstrate under the title of "Magic and Sparkle". Ticket prices, £10 members, £12 non-members. Available from Gill Davie on 824813 Stalls, raffle, light refreshments and a bar will accompany the evening.

Christmas Arrangement Workshop and Bring and Share supper 19-Dec

Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB

For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

Chippenham

Just Play Football

Weekly informal football sessions for anyone aged 16 plus Come on your own or with friends. No need to book, just turn up and play! Cost: £3 per session Just Play sessions are being delivered at 8 locations across Wiltshire, including: Friday 6.30 – 7.30pm Theme: Male. 7.30 – 8.30pm Theme: Walking Football Tel: 01249 463905 Stanley Park Sports Ground, Chippenham

For further details call Wiltshire FA's Football Development Officer Chloe Buller on 01793 486047 or email Chloe.Buller@wiltshirefa.com

Neeld Community and Arts Centre

Los Pacaminos featuring Paul Young Fri 5 Oct One of the UK's most popular live touring bands, Los Pacaminos play the very best in Tex Mex Border music from The Texas Tornados and Ry Cooder to Los Lobos and even Roy Orbison.

Chilli Fest Sun 7 Oct The Chilli Fest will host a variety of some of the best chilli producers from around the UK, exhibiting some of the best chilli products like mild to extreme chilli sauces, naga cooking sauces, chilli plants, chilli merchandise and more, which cannot be found in local outlets

All Floyd Tues 16 Oct All Floyd, an eight piece band of accomplished musicians, played their first theatre show in May 2018 to a packed house at the Salisbury Arts Centre, playing tracks from Dark Side of the Moon, Wish You Were Here, The Wall, A Momentary Lapse of Reason and Division Bell to much acclaim.

Whitney & Robbie Fri 26 Oct

A charity tribute evening with Whitney & Robbie, two of the best tribute artists in the business. Presented by ChippenhamFM Community Internet Radio, raising funds for Unity House

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Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator
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
 0800 072 7282 or 0345 072 1905 from a mobile phone
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www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/
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