



# THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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## It's POP time!

Running from 20 to 22 September in houses and gardens around Sherston, the world's first POP up village weekend is almost upon us – and we would love you to come along and be part of it.

With nearly 40 'shops' and experiences for the whole family to enjoy, it will certainly be a jam-packed weekend, including many 'only in Sherston' moments. After all, where else can you try on a tutu at the fancy dress shop, learn how to use a defibrillator, hurl a mangold followed by a swift milkshake before a Horrible Histories experience!

Full details of all the POP ups are available at [www.thepopupvillage.com](http://www.thepopupvillage.com). Take a look at the Visitors Guide to POP and click on the links for full details of each POP. The majority of POPs will run for three hours in different time slots so it's good to plan your day in advance.

The weekend will kick off with an after-school POP up cinema at Sherston School. Later that night the Latin Quarter will open its doors down at Strongs Close for tapas and salsa (this is a ticketed event).

Saturday morning sees a Hobbs House Bakery demonstration at the Carpenters Arms as well as POP up Save a Life, offering guidance on using the newly installed defibrillators in and around Sherston. It is also the start of the Tin Box Treasure trail for all ages (Sherston's answer to geo caching). Joey Ross will be taking professional children's photographs at The Photo Café. Then maybe you can pop in to POP up Pony, Micro Orienteering, Rosie's Homemade lemonade stand, Grace and Kitty's Scottish tablet POP, The Beauty Room@Sherston, The Beauty Room@Sherston Colours, POP it on Fancy Dress, Abracadrama, Cakes 'r' Us, Salad Dressings POP, a mangold hurl demonstration (complete with mangold delicacies and memorabilia), POP up Poppy, The Vintage Book Shop, make a dap bag at Sew Crafty, the Horrible Histories experience at Holy Cross, the Dizzy Cow Milkshake Bar and join a knitting bee. Then get your dancing shoes on for our local legends, The Sherston Village People, down at the Rattlebone for our free gig on Saturday night.

PAUSE, take a breath, that's just Saturday!

On Sunday morning we have the Grove Road Toybox, a lovely children's storyteller, Reduce Reuse and Recycle and the Scrap modelling workshop. The afternoon brings Rejuvenape's handmade gift POP, Dolly's Dress Designs (so sweet, children can come and design clothes for their favourite toy and Kathy



will make them), the Truly Scrumptious Sweetie Shop complete with naughty oompa loompas (Alice, Izzie and Eliza), Brook Hill Burgers and more from The Beauty Room@Sherston. The Rattlebone will be hosting a Chilli Eating competition - who will take Sherston's first chilli eating crown? Then dig out your bike for a trip to the Old School Tea Rooms down at Easton Grey or take afternoon tea at the B&B at Carriers' Farm, with a choice of tea, dainty sandwiches, cakes and home-baked scones. Follow that with a POP up footy match or a visit to Arrangements to Go for demonstrations and tips on creating simple flower arrangements and the Easton Town Curry takeaway and the world's first POP up village weekend is complete!

A handful of the POP ups need to be pre-booked as houses and gardens are only so big so take a look at [www.thepopupvillage.com](http://www.thepopupvillage.com) or like us on Facebook for details on how to book Facebook/thepopupvillage. There will also be a list on the post office notice board showing details on all the POPs along with availability on pre-booked POPs.

Download your POP map on our website or pick one up from the post office or Tucks farm shop from September. They will also be available on Saturday and Sunday of the POP weekend from a small marquee on the High Street where the Brownies will be on hand to help visitors.

Everyone involved is volunteering and all profits go to Sherston Primary School, Busy Hands Pre-School and Sherston Toddlers. Thank you in advance to everyone running a POP. The event has only turned out to be so eclectically cool thanks to all your great ideas.

We hope that you will join us at one or more of the POPs over the weekend for a truly 'only in Sherston' experience.

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# Major road closures

Road closures in our area connected with the electrification of the railway line to South Wales, which began at the end of last month with work to the Badminton Overbridge between Luckington and Acton Turville, really begin to take a grip this month. The Badminton Overbridge will be closed from 26 August, as well as the Fosse Bridge from 2 September, with both not due to reopen until 23 December. Diversionary routes will be in operation.

The parish council has met with representatives of Network Rail to express particular concerns with the diversion route for Badminton Overbridge which takes traffic past Sherston school. Network Rail has taken steps to minimise the impact on the school and its pupils, but the situation is being closely monitored.

**Copy deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.**

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**What's On: contact Caroline Moore on 841405 or [info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk](mailto: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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# Bristol to Bordeaux



This year's Bristol to Bordeaux was a huge success on many levels. Not only is this a crucial fundraiser, but it's the culmination of a health-related fitness programme for our youngsters, and a platform to exercise independent living skills. This inclusive event caters for all. Our top riders take on the elite challenge of a fantastically organised four-day sportif, taking in some of the Tour de France course, whilst our classic riders have an equally differentiated challenge covering the 75 miles a day. Read more on our dedicated site [www.pedalforprops.org](http://www.pedalforprops.org).



## Pedal for Props

Our cycling group are very active all year round, organising a range of events ranging from training programmes to bike servicing classes. We are very proud that we can call upon leaders in the field for training advice, training programmes, nutrition and maintenance. If you would like to find out more about getting bike fit (or just getting fit!) please contact Andy Howe at [andy@propsforward.org](mailto:andy@propsforward.org). Andy can also advise you on the Bristol to Bordeaux 2014. For bike maintenance, please contact Jon McGee at [jon@propsforward.org](mailto:jon@propsforward.org)

## Clem's Club

Clem's Club will start again on Tuesday 24 September. All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat. 2.30pm to 4.00pm (alternating with the Senior Club). In the British School Room, Cliff Road.

# Defibrillator

At the time of writing the first defibrillator has been installed in Sherston by the gates into the village hall and a second in Pinkney (near the junction just a few yards down the road towards the bridge). Willesley are deciding where to mount theirs. Hopefully by the time you read this all will be up and running.

In the event of someone having a heart attack, the first thing to do is to dial 999 for an ambulance. The ambulance service will then give you the opening code. (It is an insurance requirement that access is via the emergency services.) You always need to push the 'C' button first to ensure the lock is clear.

The first thing to is to give the usual First Aid responses - mouth-to-mouth if needed, and CPR.

The defibrillator should then be attached to the patient using the pads connected to it; there is also a protected switch to use if the patient is younger than eight. Then press the 'on' button and follow the instructions.

We have arranged two courses to take place during POP weekend, on Saturday 21 September in the village hall; one from 10.00am to 11.30am and one from 11.30am to 1.00pm. Please let the parish clerk know (email [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk)) if you wish to attend (and which one) so we have some idea of numbers.

*Phil Cletcher*

# On the Buses



Wiltshire Council is undertaking a major review of bus services in our area and have now put its proposals out to consultation until the 7 October. From the look of it, only minor changes are planned on the Malmesbury - Yate service, No 41, which serves Sherston, but there are others that could impact those travelling on from Malmesbury. In addition, the weekly shopping buses on Wednesday to Bath and Friday to Chippenham, which pick up in Sherston, seem to be being cut completely.

For details and for a description of the routes concerned see [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations/consultationbusroutes.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/consultations/consultationbusroutes.htm)

If you don't use the local bus services yourself, please consider letting as many people know about these proposals as possible. They are a lifeline to those without their own transport, especially the elderly.

# Sherston Arts Festival 11 to 20 October – Take part !

You should have your Festival leaflet included in this issue of the Cliffhanger. Keep it safe and look carefully for important dates to take part.

On Saturday 5 October in the village hall there is a family workshop to make your scarecrow, with materials and practical help being provided by Wiltshire Scrapstore (see page 9 for more details and how to book). The Scarecrow Trail takes place over the weekend of 12 and 13 October, prizes will be awarded to best scarecrows and most right answers on the trail. Anyone, individuals, families or businesses can make a scarecrow and if you need help in finding a suitable location, let us know.

Any local artists, amateur or professional, can enter works for the Art Exhibition in the Church, which is open every day during the Festival. There is always a wonderful variety of styles, media and prices to tempt the purchaser.

The very popular Photographic Exhibition takes place over the weekend of 19 and 20 October in the village hall. Photographs need to be submitted by Wednesday 16 October and all the details are on the entry form.

All local children and young people are invited to submit work for the Young Artists Exhibition which is open both weekends in the British School Room (see page 11 for more details).

Entry forms for all exhibitions and scarecrows are available in the post office or can be downloaded from [www.sherston.net](http://www.sherston.net)

On Saturday 12 October there are jewellery workshops for children and adults which must be booked in advance – use the form on the leaflet.

If you would like to help in any way during the Festival – stewarding exhibitions or helping with refreshments for example, phone Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Jones 840764.

Lastly, but very importantly, keep the dates free in your diaries especially for our Festival Concert with Opera Sulis on Friday 18 October at 7.30pm, children's puppet show Peter and the Wolf on Sunday 13 October at 2.30pm, and Art Lecture on Thursday 17 October.

# Sherston Netball Club up and running!

Sherston Netball Club starts training on Monday 2 September at 7.30pm at Westonbirt Leisure Centre. All ages and abilities welcome - the merrier - so come along! £3 per session. For more info, please contact Ailsa (07971 845206), Lauren (07885597429), Saara (07739552336) or Kate (07792064438).



# High Street

The improvement works, essentially for the benefit of pedestrians, started last month and are progressing well. Hopefully they have caused minimal disturbance to local residents and businesses, despite some road closures being necessary for safety reasons.

The works should be completed by the end of the month, including the planting of a new tree opposite the Old School, with the present one – a ginkgo – being relocated to the Rec.

# Great War Centenary

A reminder that there will be an open meeting in the village hall on Tuesday 3 September at 7.30pm to start exploring how the parish can best commemorate this important centenary which impacted on countless lives in so many ways. All are very welcome. However, should you be unable to attend but wish to take part in the future or just have an idea for an event, please contact the parish clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk).

# 20 mph ?

In the past, and on more than one occasion, 20mph limits or zones have been suggested for the village. Wiltshire Council is now consulting on a policy for these throughout its area – so now is the time to have your say now on the proposed criteria. Please see: <http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/s62679/HSB-007-13%20-%20Appendix%201%20Wiltshire%20Policy%20on%2020%20mph%20speed%20limits%20and%20zones.pdf>

Email your comments to: [Integrated.Transport@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Integrated.Transport@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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Wiltshire Council Consumer Protection, in partnership with Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service, will test your electric blanket for free. They will also be on hand to offer advice and support through a free home fire safety visit and will fit free smoke alarms in your home if you are eligible.

The blanket testing is being held in this area between 9.30am and 4.30pm at Malmesbury Fire Station on 23 October by appointment only.

For an appointment please contact: Wiltshire Council Public Protection on 01225 713557 or email: [tradingstandards@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards@wiltshire.gov.uk).

# 1016 Book Sale

The autumn date for our popular book sales for the year is set for Saturday 7 September in Sherston Village Hall from 9.00am to 12.00 noon – free entry. It's always a great village occasion and a good chance for a natter amongst friends and neighbours.

Our books are very reasonably priced with 99% being only 25p each or 5 for £1. We always have a massive selection including a children's section. DVDs and CDs are £1 each.

If you have any books, CDs or DVDs to donate these may be left with Mike Tarrant at Grays of Sherston. All proceeds from the sale go towards the senior citizens' Christmas vouchers.

*Stop press – what do you do with those old pictures and prints which you have accumulated over the years but no longer display? Have you a stash of them in the garage, attic, shed or spare bedroom? If so why not donate them to 1016 for us to sell? Just drop them off at Grays and we'll see how they sell on 7 September.*

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# Sherston Senior Club

I feel the first part of my report must be to offer congratulations and many thanks to all who helped make the Boules Day exhibition such a success - to all who provided sandwiches, cakes and biscuits and raffle prizes for the afternoon. Now on to the boules, thanks must go to Iris and Estelle for the beautiful flower arrangements depicting wedding anniversaries. Thanks are also due to Rosemary Venning, Sue and Tony Hewitt for their displays of Everest and 100 years of the Chelsea Flower Show. Well done and many thanks. Also many thanks to Di Smart for her 175 Years of GWR display.

Thanks must also go to SWP (Senior Working Party) - Pearl, Di, Liz, the two Rosemary's and non-members Sue Morris, Sue McKechnie and Mary Hibberd. Last but not least thanks must go to all who helped clear away afterwards, also those who helped with the raffle, doing a turn on the door and being steward ... well done to everyone.

The next activity, enjoyed by all who attended, was our day trip to Sidmouth. We couldn't have asked for better weather; for the whole day, it was perfect. We were also lucky to have folk music entertainment on almost every street corner, we didn't know it was folk music entertainment week for the town so we were very lucky. Without doubt everything was enjoyed by all.

*Malcolm Hillier, Chairman, 840737*

# Area Board

The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council takes place at Malmesbury Secondary School on Wednesday 4 September 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. This is an opportunity for residents to see their area board in action and to participate in discussions. All welcome

# Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 22 September - her first of the autumn season. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return to the Rattlebone Inn just around 12noon in time for a complimentary snack. As ever, children and well-behaved dogs on leads are very welcome. This is a PHEW! Event - see [www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk](http://www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk)

# Meeting of the parish council

The parish council next meets on Thursday 12 September in the village hall at 7.30pm - there was no meeting in August. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise please contact the clerk Mrs. Sarah Wood on 840197 or email [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk). You can also contact the council via the response form on [www.sherston.org.uk](http://www.sherston.org.uk) where minutes of meetings can be read.

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# Sherston WI

## Report of August meeting

We met on a very warm evening for our August meeting. It was lovely to have the doors open in the village hall.

Our speaker was Rose Woodley from the charity 'Hope for Tomorrow'. Many of us had not heard of it, so we were pleased she could explain its purpose. The charity builds and maintains mobile chemotherapy units—providing them to the NHS to operate with their highly trained staff.

The units can travel to set locations and can treat up to 20 cancer patients a day. The object is to help families cope with cancer and bring treatment closer to home. This should reduce travel, waiting times and the stresses and strains of busy hospitals. They have provided four vehicles in rural counties in southern England with more planned. By the end of 2013, 6,000 patients will have been treated with chemotherapy and radiotherapy in these units. We all agreed that this is a very worthwhile project, especially in rural areas.

After refreshments, our President informed us of forthcoming events and projects.

We are visiting The Yellow Hat Tribe gallery at Chipping Norton and afterwards Bourton-on-the-Water on 12 September. Two members enjoyed a Golf Taster Session at Melksham in May. There is another opportunity in October at Broome Manor, Swindon. Members are also visiting the Palace of Westminster and some going to a Bridge Lunch in November. A Jewellery course is also planned for October. We will be having a Table Top sale on 9 November in the village hall. Tables are £10, sellers arrive at 9.00am, open 10.00am.

Our next meeting is on 5 September, with the speaker Theo Stenning giving us an 'Introduction to Iceland'.

*by Ann Wilcox.*

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## Rock, rhythm and rhyme

Malmesbury Children's Centre is running a free music group - Rock, rhythm and rhyme -for under-fives. This will be held at the Scout Hut on Thursdays from 10.15am to 11.00am, starting on 12 September for six weeks. To book a place, please contact the centre on 825566 or email [malmesburycc@spurgeons.org](mailto:malmesburycc@spurgeons.org).

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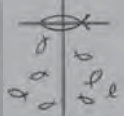




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# Walk on the wild side

We are almost full!

In the UK our bird population reaches its maximum in September when most of the birds hatched this year are still here, together with their parents. When the autumn migrants start to arrive, such as redwings and fieldfares, it's estimated that there will be around 400 million birds here, with some 84 million pairs of breeding birds during the summer. That may sound like a large number but, given we have some 62 million people living in the UK, that's just over one pair of breeding birds per person and about 6.5 birds each in the autumn.

The top 20 most common birds in the UK make up 75% of the total numbers (and I am excluding the chicken here ...) and some may surprise you. Our most common bird, with some 8.5 million pairs, is the wren. This tiny bird is quite hard to spot as it skulks around bushes and undergrowth. There are a few in Grove Wood, as well as in many gardens. The robin – many people's favourite – is the second most common bird with 6.7 million pairs, with the chaffinch following behind with some 6.2 million pairs, although I must admit I haven't seen many chaffinches this year. Other birds on the list include the wood pigeon (of which we have more than our fair share), house sparrow (of which there are some good populations around the village, notably on the High Street), blackbird, blue tit, great tit, dunnoek and willow warbler. While many people may not be familiar with the latter two, they do occur in reasonable numbers locally. The remaining birds on the list are the pheasant, starling, greenfinch, jackdaw (another species we have lots of) and the chiffchaff.

Many of these birds have declined in numbers over the past 50 years for a variety of reasons, some of which we can do something about, others are much harder. Some birds, such as house sparrows, are limited by their ability to find a suitable nesting location with modern houses not having any suitable spaces. House sparrows are social nesters so they need a number of nest boxes together or, even better, a large



one segmented into smaller sections. You can put up special nest boxes under your eaves for house martins and swifts, among others. Barn owls can also suffer from a lack of suitable nesting sites. Some birds, such as the tree sparrows on Salisbury Plain, have been helped with large scale winter feeding through local farmers providing the poor-quality seed at the end of a seed bin for feeding. Other birds, particularly migratory ones such as chiffchaffs and swifts, have problems finding good transit sites during their migrations.

Last week, we had a visit from quite an unusual butterfly - the clouded yellow (the picture doesn't work quite as well in black and white). It's an uncommon summer migrant to the UK and we had a pair flying along The Cliff. Butterfly Conservation advised that this reflects that the plant life there is really good quality!

The Sherston Museum of Natural History received its first (and only) exhibit. A few weeks ago a half decomposed body of a largish animal was found in the river and its skull was kept and cleaned up and passed to me for identification. It's a long time since I had to identify bones (I used to work as a palaeontologist) and it was really fascinating, for me at least, as to how similar a rat skull is to a rabbit or hare. There are some amazing resources on the web! The skull came from a rabbit and it's being exhibited on my window sill. Thank you to Graham and Caroline.

The suggestion for a Wild Sherston event in May

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# Sherston Living Churchyard

It's a few months since I have reported on what is going on in the churchyard and that is because the work of the Community Payback (CP) team there is having two effects that make the volunteers of the Living Churchyard group much less vital than they have been in the past. Firstly, the task of cutting the grass is being admirably done by the CP team and their efforts have attracted quite a few favourable comments, as the churchyard is probably tidier than it has been for quite a few years. Secondly, it's proving difficult to coordinate a regime of wildlife management with the need to provide work for what is often a large number of CP workers, as the PCC agreed to do when arranging for them to work in the churchyard. That is not to say that all efforts to encourage wildlife in the churchyard have been abandoned. It is just that the need for regular monthly work sessions by volunteers has gone.

There are still several areas in the churchyard where grass has been allowed to grow long so that hay meadow flowers can bloom, attract and support insects and set seed. The very poor soil on the sites at the east end of the church, where three large

evergreen trees were cut down several years ago, has proved ideal for this type of flower. If you stand next to one of these patches on a warm day you will see that they are buzzing with a huge variety of insects

The area at the front of the churchyard below the copper beech tree continues to be managed for spring flowers, but as the canopy of the tree gets thicker summer flowers are being shaded out. Sadly, there has been no sign of the pyramidal orchid for the last two years and I think this is due to the changing environment in that area

If you are interested in this work in the churchyard you might want to attend the Wiltshire Living Churchyards Annual Seminar on Saturday 12 October at St Katherine's Church, Savernake. This is taking place later in the year than usual so that it can focus on fungi which should be appearing in October and are often found in churchyards. Please contact me if you are interested in this event or if you would like to know anything else about the churchyard, but for once I am not asking for volunteers to come and work!

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## Calling all young artists

If you are under 18, pick up your pens, paints, pencils or chalks and enter the Young Artists Exhibition. The competition is part of the Sherston Arts Festival and every piece of work entered will be displayed in the British School Room.

This year's themes are 'Best of British', 'A day out', 'The seaside', and 'Flying things'. It is always fun to see how the themes are interpreted and, having asked various children, we have had thoughts on rockets, a swarm of bees, starfish, the Queen, trips to the circus and everything in between! Feel free to use any materials to make your picture or even make a model.

This year, secondary school students may also choose their own subject, allowing work created at school to be entered. Entries should be taken to the British School Room on Thursday 10 October and Young Artists entry forms can be downloaded from [www.sherston.net](http://www.sherston.net) or picked up from the post office.

We will also be creating the first 'art installation' for the festival too. All children attending Sherston Primary School will receive (via book bags) a wooden peg person to decorate in September. The Sherston Brownies and Art group will be making the buildings to house the peg people and the whole village will be displayed in the British School Room. A lovely community project - simply bring your peg person along with your Young Artists entry form and join in the fun!

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# TREEtalk

September 2013

by Irene Johnston



Grove Wood work resumes next month for the fifth season – quite extraordinary how time flies! The Sunday morning gang, nobly forgetting any thought of a Sunday lie-in, will be back in business. We hope new people will join us for a morning of exercise, fresh air and a natter over soup at the bonfire.

Now that all four sections of the wood have been coppiced and cleared once, we have to wait for a year before re-starting the whole process. However, there's plenty to do in the meantime. Some of the activities planned include the creation of a small dam to raise the river bank slightly for our visiting kingfishers, planting more snowdrops in the green along the bank, removing brambles and weeds along the river, grafting an ancient and rare crab apple tree that has been there for donkey's years and planting some of the 100 saplings that we received from the Woodland Trust in 2011. Homes have also to be found for some of the native trees being grown by the children in their nursery at school. We want to carry out a new botanical survey as new plants keep appearing now that light levels have increased throughout the

coppiced wood. This year, so many people commented on the bluebells and wood anemones flowering together to form a stunning carpet of colour in the late spring. We also hope that the Cotswold Rangers, who have proved such a tremendous source of advice and practical help over the years, will provide more bat and bird boxes.

Elsewhere in the village, we're taking advantage of the High Street improvements to introduce a few of our own. A flowering hawthorn (pretty spring blossom and good autumn colour) will be planted opposite the Old School, replacing the ginkgo tree that will be moved to the Recreation ground to join the Jubilee trees. The ginkgo deserves a rest after several hits by motorists. The hawthorn, by contrast is a more robust specimen. Sadly, the false acacia in front of the Tolsey is now beyond saving and we hope to replace it with an ornamental pear tree, conservation area regulations permitting. The other false acacia on the opposite pavement will be treated to some judicious tree surgery and should hopefully perk up.

Remember we are always ready to welcome new volunteers to the Grove Wood gang. It would be great to see new faces when we meet up for the first session from 10.00am on Sunday 6 October.

For further information from Sherston's Tree Wardens, contact Irene Johnston on 841273, email: [Ie\\_johnston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk) or Sue McKechnie on 840601, email: [susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk)

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## Community composting

Following on from last month's article on this subject a local resident has expressed an interest in getting involved in this project but obviously more help is needed to make it happen. As regards initial finance to set it up a possible grant source has been identified which would provide up to £500 which should be more than sufficient to build the necessary compost bays.

Are there any other individuals who might be interested in forming a group to take this idea further – keen gardeners or allotment holders perhaps? If so please contact the parish clerk Sarah Wood on 840197 or email [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk). To find out more about community composting visit [www.communitycompost.org/](http://www.communitycompost.org/) and [www.valuingcommunitycomposting.org.uk/page.cfm](http://www.valuingcommunitycomposting.org.uk/page.cfm)

## Sherston market

With some 7 interested stallholders to date it looks likely that the market will start in November – and thereafter on a monthly basis. Saturday 16 November from 9am to 1pm in the Village hall is now pencilled in.

The market will be primarily, but not exclusively, for local producers of foods and craft items from Sherston and the surrounding villages. Tables /stalls will be available at a reasonable rate - £10 has been suggested. Stallholders could attend on a seasonal basis dependent on their product range rather than every month. If you would like to be added to the initial list of stallholders on a no obligation basis please contact Martin Rea on 840348 email [martdreao@l.com](mailto:martdreao@l.com). Perhaps some of those who are due to take part in the forthcoming 'POP up village' event may wish to take their entrepreneurial initiatives to the next stage?

## Wiltshire Air Ambulance and my mad climb on Mount Toubkal in Morocco 23-27 September

A big thank you to all those who have sponsored me so far via the internet and those who visited me outside the post office. I still need to raise some more money and hope to be outside the Post Office again sometime during September. Anybody who wants to can sponsor me on the link below

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# News from Holy Cross Church

The march to the Brave New World of technological progress has developed a corn on its foot. To be precise: my Twitter account is not as previously described in the Cliffhanger, but is in fact @chrisbryanrev. Some were struggling to find the Facebook Group for Sherston church, so the full address for this is [www.facebook.com/groups/354135188023181/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/354135188023181/) Finally, I now have a blog - <http://revchristopherbryan.wordpress.com/> - which is a way to post musings. Phil is at <http://deaconosity.wordpress.com> and he has pretty pictures too...

I wonder how many readers of the Cliffhanger used to come to church regularly but now rarely do so? I wonder how many of them might be willing to give it a try again if they had the right invitation? If that's you, or someone you know, the opportunity is here: on 22 September we'll have a Back to Church Sunday. The services will be at the usual times, and designed to be comfortable for anyone who is returning. We guarantee the hymns will be well known! Do invite anyone you know who might be open to a welcome back, and do come along yourself.

Roger Whitehouse is collecting photos of memories from the life of Holy Cross Church. These will go in a special album that contains the photographs and signed order of service from Prince Charles' visit a couple of years ago. Roger would be happy to receive original photos, or to be lent them for photocopying after which they will be returned, so please root out those old albums!

Due to popular demand, Little Lights will now be held weekly rather than fortnightly. The first date of the autumn term will be Thursday 12 September at 10.30am in Hullavington church. Children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers come from across the Group, including Sherston, for songs, crafts, activities, Bible stories and snack time. Any questions, contact Chantal on 837522.

During September and October we will be hold a sermon series entitled 'God's Great Idea – the Church'. Many people think of the church as an old building at

the end of the village, but as we shall find out, there is much more to the church than that. Due to the service pattern, the dates are not weekly, but are planned to be 8 and 22 September and 13 and 20 October.

Rev'd Phil Daniels is leading a confirmation group, starting this autumn for people of secondary school age. It's open ended, so you're welcome to come if you're interested but not sure if confirmation is for you. Please get in touch with Phil as soon as possible at [philjdaniels@talktalk.net](mailto:philjdaniels@talktalk.net)

Adults who are interested in finding out more about the Christian faith, or looking at the reasons why Christians hold various beliefs, are welcome to the Foundations course. This starts on Thursday 19 September, 7.30pm, venue to be confirmed. Please get in touch with me on 837522 or Christopher. [bryan123@btinternet.com](mailto:bryan123@btinternet.com) to find out more.

Finally, a big thank you to all those who have supported our funding campaign to support the church's daily work. We have made great progress and are now less than £90 a month short of our target. There are spare leaflets in church if anyone's lost theirs! We'd love to invite you to a service of thanksgiving for people's immense generosity. This will be at 9.30am on 13 October.

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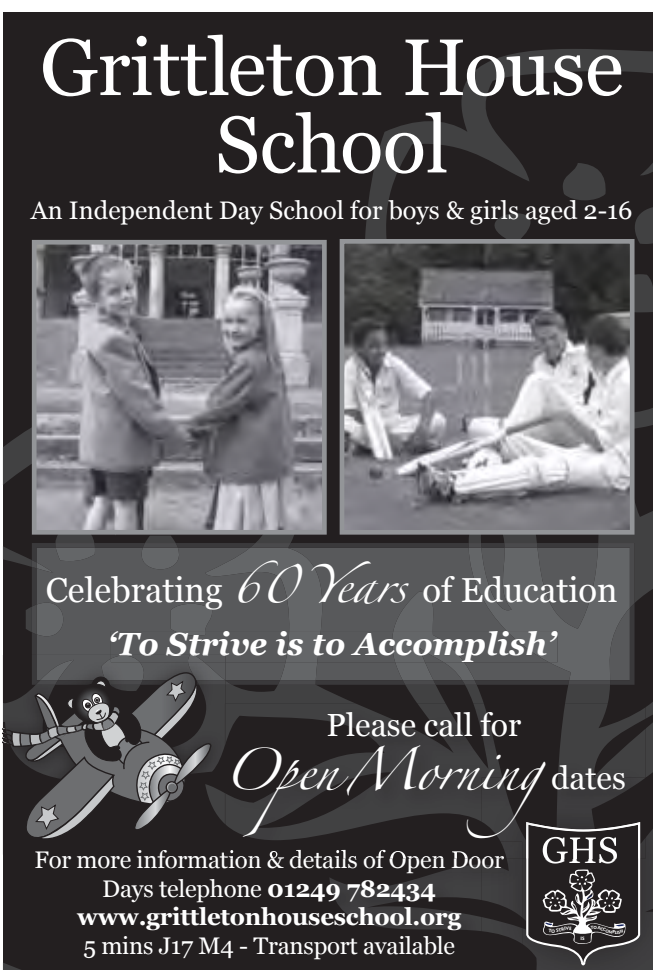
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# SHOCC - Sherston Community Choir News

Thank you to everyone for the hard work last term, singing for our Walk in the Park Concert.

An audience of around 50 enjoyed the summer concert 'A Walk in the Park' presented by SHOCC in the British Schoolroom, Cliff Road on 26 June. Opening with a novelty song by Mozart followed by pieces from 'My Fair Lady' and 'Dream a Little Dream of Me' by the Mammias and Papas a wide range of vocal harmony was displayed. Sandra Cook's rendition of 'Summertime' from Porgy and Bess was both appropriate and professional for the occasion. A duet of 'All in the April Evening' performed by Sue Cook and Nicki Heenan closed the first half.

After a reading and results of the Fun Quiz, the concert restarted with various choral pieces in acapella and gospel songs demonstrating the range of music the choir enjoys. The finale rendition of an arrangement of 'Wherever You Are' as sung by The Military Wives Choir was very moving and contrasted with the audience participation in a version of the John Denver classic 'Country Roads' reset to include the villages of Sherston and Didmarton in the chorus - many thanks to leader Nicki Heenan.

There is another busy term planned for SHOCC with some members joining the Tetbury choir on a visit to their twin town of Zwingenberg in Germany in October where they will be performing a variety of fabulous music from Musicals to Gilbert and Sullivan at a concert to be held in the town hall.

For those not travelling to Germany, rehearsals



start up again on Wednesday 2 October at 7.00pm in the British School Room, preparing for a 'Swingle Christmas'. If you are interested in joining the choir please contact Nicki Heenan (choir director) 840883 or [nicki.heenan@btinternet.com](mailto:nicki.heenan@btinternet.com). I have had many years leading community choirs and provide support for singers at all levels. It is always great to have new members joining our singing community - we are always delighted to welcome new members and are a very friendly and social group.

Please note that rehearsals are on Wednesdays in the British School Room 7.00pm to 9.00pm. New term starting 25 September theme: Swingle Singers Christmas. All ages welcome. Sing for Fun!

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August proved to be a baptism of fire for Sherston Magna Cricket Club (SMCC) with three losses and one abandoned game. So having sat pretty at the top of division two of the Cotswold and District Cricket Association (CDCA) division 2 at the start of the month, Sherston now need two good wins from their final league games to confirm the promotion to division 1.

## Results

**27 July Bibury Match Abandoned**

**3 August Avening & Cherington beat SMCC by 2 wickets**

SMCC 178 all out (40 overs), Avening & Cherington 182 for 8 (37 overs)

Goodwin 49, Matthews 21, Jarvis 19, Lovell 15, Harmer 15, Gould 3 for 31, Kenny 2 for 40

**10 August Poulton beat SMCC by 4 wickets**

SMCC 141 all out (39.3 overs), Poulton 142 for 6 (33.4 overs)

Jarvis 48, Goodwin 20, Kutchera 19, Kenny 2 for 24, Stevens 2 for 47

**17 August South Cerney Match Abandoned**

**24 August Andoversford beat SMCC by 65 runs**

Andoversford 186 for 8 (40 overs), SMCC 119 all out (36.2 overs)

Pegg 2 for 36, Cartwright 2 for 22, T Bourne 23, Goodwin 17

## Remaining League Fixtures

31 August Oaksey (Away) 2.15pm

14 September South Hill (Away) 1.45pm.

## Fixtures at Pinkney Park in August

Saturday 3 August 2.15pm Avening and Cherington

Saturday 17 August 2.15pm South Cerney

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Andoversford CC	16	8	7	0	1	0	43	50	173	11.53
South Cerney CC	16	7	7	0	2	0	43	47	160	11.43
Coates CC	17	6	8	2	0	1	34	58	157	10.47
Oaksey CC	17	6	9	0	1	1	48	54	167	10.44
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# THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

Whilst members around the parish continue to quiver in anticipation as to a possible public Hurl next month the Order's Archivist Cilla Liddington has been earnestly following up rumours of a long forgotten allotment regulation which may assist produce a locally grown crop in future years.

There is no doubt that when Sherston Parish Council came into existence following the Local Government Act of 1894 Mangold Hurling was in a 'golden age' of popularity and influence. It is said that with the Ancient Order having so many members on the Council in its early years many pro mangold resolutions were passed without opposition or indeed discussion. One of these seems to have been a requirement that every parish allotment holder puts down a minimum of 3/28ths of their plot exclusively for the production of mangolds for the Hurl. With the triangle of land between Green Lane, Sandpits Lane and Knockdown Road once being all used as allotments this must have produced an enormous amount of mangolds for many a hurl both in Sherston and surrounding parishes.

The Order will now be entering into discussions with both the parish council and John Knight, the spokesperson for the current allotment holders, as regards reimposing this long ignored regulation. Furthermore the Order is putting forward a suggestion to the Sherston Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for a community mangold field to be an integral part of the final plan. Surely if a community orchard is to be included so should a mangold field?

On a lighter note there seems to be an element of competition entering the mysterious world of mangold recipes particularly muffins. A number of cooks are said to be experimenting with an array of ingredients including chocolate whilst Helen Moody of Amanda's Bistro in Malmesbury is determined to increase the range of culinary delight with her marvellously moist mangold quiche which is indeed a sight to behold let alone taste.

Finally a note for your diaries – on Saturday 21



*Marvellous Mangold Muffins*

September, crop supplies allowing, the Order will have a POP up stall on the Recreation Ground between 3pm and 6pm. We hope to have demonstration hurling with 'hands on' training for those of you have never gripped a root before plus some culinary mangold delights for you to sample as well as having mangold memorabilia for sale. See you all on the 21st – it should be interesting and certainly not to be missed.

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

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[www.greatwarproject.org.uk](http://www.greatwarproject.org.uk) 01666 390110

## Footpaths

The next meeting of the footpaths group takes place on Wednesday 18 September at 7.30pm in the village hall. All welcome.

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See the Parish Life for more details

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## Little Lights

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

## Busy Hands Pre-school

Meets 9.10am - 12.10pm everyday in the village hall for 2 3/4 - 5 year olds. Lunch Club Mon to Fri until 1pm and exciting new outdoor free flow area. All childcare vouchers welcomed. For further details call 07766 714544 any morning or 840232 all day. www.sherstonbusyhands.org.uk or email us on chair@sherstonbusyhands.org.uk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

For details see [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)

## Malmesbury Community Choir

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

## Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

**Malmesbury Luncheon Club** Over 60s meet every Wednesday at midday in the Wesleyan Room of Malmesbury Town Hall for a chat and a 2 course lunch followed by tea or coffee. £3.50. Please call Helen Churchill on 840080 if you'd like to attend. New members most welcome.

## Malmesbury Villages Community

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

## Malmesbury Rangers

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

## Malmesbury Guides - Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

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

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



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

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

**Sherston 1016** Fundraising for local good causes and charities. For further details, contact Eric Thacker on 841344 or [eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk)

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Sherston Magna Cricket Club** Outdoor cricket Juniors training on Monday and Wednesday evening has now finished for the season. Seniors training on Tuesday will finish after 10th Sept. Details at [www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com](http://www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com) Please come and support the Sixes from 11 on Sat 7 September.

**Sherston Drama Group** The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Richard Skeffington (Chairman) [richard.skeffington@virgin.net](mailto:richard.skeffington@virgin.net) Tel. 840092 or Graham Instrell (Vice Chairman) [ginstrell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ginstrell@hotmail.co.uk) Tel. 840978

**Sherston FC** The club play in the Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Saturday afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. For more details contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or [peter.brock666@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.brock666@btinternet.com)

**Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club** Starts back after the Christmas break on 9 Jan. Any ladies from the area can join, just swim at your own pace (there is a lane for fast swimmers) every Wednesday evening at Westonbirt Leisure Pool from 8 to 9pm. For details phone Heather 840375 or Annabel 840592.

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

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

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

## Sherston Tennis Club

The tennis courts are located on Knockdown Road, next to the football pitch. Membership fees for 2013 family £90, adult £50 Club night is Thursdays from 6:30 pm - contact Gemma, and Men's Match tennis on Wednesdays - contact Kim [kim\\_stuckey@btinternet.com](mailto:kim_stuckey@btinternet.com). Junior tennis lessons on Saturday mornings - course of 10 sessions costs £45, plus membership to Sherston Tennis Club. Your committee this year is: Nic Riley - membership, men's matches – 840682; Kim Stuckey - men's matches - 07710 981568; Sophie Cheetham 07786 990045, [sophcheetham@gmail.com](mailto:sophcheetham@gmail.com) - children's coaching - Gemma Bird - club nights 840557

**Sherston Theatre Club** Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. Listings under [www.communigate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/](http://www.communigate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/) or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or [Hjquirk@aol.com](mailto:Hjquirk@aol.com)

## Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. We meet at 10 -11.30am each Tuesday in the Scout Hut with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, not to mention a much-needed cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. Further details contact Cathy 07779 564 716 or Kirsty on 07841 571 943 or alternative like us on Facebook for regular updates <http://www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers>

**Sherston Village Hall** Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, parties etc. For details contact the bookings officer Martin Rea on 840348 or [martdrea@aol.com](mailto:martdrea@aol.com)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# What's on in 2013 Dates for your diary

## October

11-20 2013 Arts Festival

30-2 Nov Sherston Drama Group Pantomime

## November

23 Church Bazaar in Village Hall

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

# WHAT'S ON

## Sherston

### The Carpenter's Arms

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

### The Rattlebone Inn

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

**Check boards for more details of events**

Further details contact 840871 or [www.therattlebone.co.uk](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)

### 1016 Book Sale

Sat 7 Sep 9am - 12 noon village hall - free entry Donations of books, videos, DVDs and CDs gratefully received. Please deliver to Mike Tarrant at Grays of Sherston. Books are very reasonably priced with 99% being only 25p each or 5 for £1. We always have a massive selection including a children's section. DVDs and CDs are £1 each. All proceeds to the senior citizens Christmas voucher fund.

For further details call 840611

### Concert in the Church of the Holy Cross

**Music for Awhile** Bach and his friends - a baroque music concert Fri 13 Sep 7.30pm £15 includes programme and interval refreshments available from Sherston Post Office or by post from Heather Martin, Yew Tree House, Cliff Road, Sherston, Wiltshire SN16 0LN. Please enclose a cheque made payable to Sherston PCC and a s.a.e

### Church events

**Foundations course** for adults who are interested in finding out more about the Christian faith, or looking at the reasons why Christians hold various beliefs, starting on Thurs 19 Sept, 7.30 pm, venue to be confirmed, contact Rev Bryan

**Back to Church Sunday** 22 Sep - designed to be comfortable for anyone who is returning

**Confirmation group** Rev'd Phil Daniels is leading a confirmation group, starting this Autumn for people of secondary school age. It's open ended, so you're welcome to

come if you're interested but not sure whether confirmation is for you. Please get in touch with Phil as soon as possible on [philjdaniels@talktalk.net](mailto:philjdaniels@talktalk.net)

Church of the Holy Cross For further details call Rev Christopher Bryan 837522 or [Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com](mailto:Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com) or twitter @chrisbryanrev // blog <http://revchristopherbryan.wordpress.com/> Phil is at <http://deaconosity.wordpress.com>

## Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

**Painting Workshops - Beginners and Intermediates**

Wednesday 10.30am - 12.45pm Beginners - materials provided for the first few lessons thereafter bring your own preferred paints, brushes and supports **Advanced painters** meet on Thursdays - private lessons, portfolio preparation or workshops by appointment. The Carpenter's Arms, Sherston For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or email [nicki.heenan@btinternet.com](mailto:nicki.heenan@btinternet.com)

## Sherston POP weekend

20 - 22 Sept Entry is £10 per POP location to cover the coordination and marketing (what's POPPING when are the POP-UP map). Then you set and charge your own prices to cover costs but donate all profits to help the next generation of Sherstonians at the Primary School

Entry forms should be handed in by 5 July. Download entry forms at [www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk), [www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk/syhands.org.uk](http://www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk/syhands.org.uk) or [www.thepopupvillage.com](http://www.thepopupvillage.com)

POP's already in we have a Farm Park with Fi and Pete at Carriers Farm, Drama Workshops with Laraine Mahar, The Photo Cafe with Annie Llewellyn Palmer and Joey Moss, The POP it On fancy dress shop with the Goulds, The East of Town Curry Takeaway with Kirstie Blair, Gemma Waldron, Dizzy Cow Milkshake Bar the Evelyn's Ye Olde Sweetie Shop, The Fairy Tale House with Ceri Lewis, a cycle trail to Easington Gray with Carron Underwater's cream teas and a lovely sewing workshop with Shirley Bailey. But it doesn't have to be big to POP - we also have a salad dressin a mini cookery school by the wonderful Hobbs House Bakery. We are very excited to welcome Sally Jenner, the patisserie chef for Hobbs House, who will be teaching us to bread and butter pudding made with the Sherston Overnighter!

Owing to limited numbers some of the POP ups will be pre-book only. POPs which need to be pre-booked will be released via [www.thepopupvillage.com](http://www.thepopupvillage.com) and facebook/thepopupvillage as we get the information. There will also be a POP pre-book list on the Post Office notice board.

For further details call Kirsty Strachan on 07841 571943/ email: [hq@thepopupvillage.com](mailto:hq@thepopupvillage.com) or visit [www.thepopupvillage.com](http://www.thepopupvillage.com). Follow us on Twitter @POP\_up\_village and like us on facebook [www.facebook.com/thepopupvillage](http://www.facebook.com/thepopupvillage)

## Junior tennis coaching back in Sherston!

Saturday morning tennis coaching for school-age children will be running for seven weeks from Saturday 14 September at Sherston Tennis Club. For more information, contact Sophie Cheetham on 07786 990045 or at [sophcheetham@gmail.com](mailto:sophcheetham@gmail.com).

## Sue's Strolls

Sun 22 Sep starting from the village hall at 10am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 12 noon This is a PHEW! event see [www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk](http://www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk) For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or [susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk)

## SHOCC

**Sherston Occasional Community Choir** New term:

Rehearsals Wed 22 Oct with this term's theme a "Swingle Singers Christmas" Meet every Wed in The British

Schoolrooms-7 - 9.15pm 7-9pm each Wed For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or [nicki-heenan@btinternet.com](mailto:nicki-heenan@btinternet.com) or Jill Woodward 840578 or [jillwoodward222@btinternet.com](mailto:jillwoodward222@btinternet.com)



## Sherston Arts Festival

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

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

**Young Musicians' Concert** Sat 12 4pm Village Hall

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

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

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

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

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

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

For further details call Heather Martin 840375 / [heather@geoffmartin.plus.com](mailto:heather@geoffmartin.plus.com) or Pat Jones 840764 / [warwick.jones@btinternet.com](mailto:warwick.jones@btinternet.com) or visit [www.sherston.net](http://www.sherston.net)

## Rock, Rhythm & Rhyme

Malmesbury Children's Centre is offering free music groups for the under 5's in Sherston Village Hall for a 6 week period starting 12 Sep Children can learn action songs, play musical instruments and just have lots of fun. The sessions take place on Thurs from 10.15 - 11am in the Scout Hut

For further details call To book a place call 825566 or email [malmesburycc@spurgeons.org](mailto:malmesburycc@spurgeons.org) or visit [www.malmesburycc.org](http://www.malmesburycc.org)

## Knockdown The Holford Arms

Live Music every weekend. Free house and restaurant

For further details call 01454 238669

## Badminton

### Rotary 30th Horeseless Team Event

Sun 6 Oct 11am start Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead. The course incorporates the world famous Badminton Horse Trials obstacles and goes around most parts of the Badminton Estate Park. For runners there are 5, 9 or the full 13 mile course

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

For further details call or visit [www.hte-rsc.co.uk](http://www.hte-rsc.co.uk)

## Westonbirt The Arboretum

Feed the Birds in association with the RSPB Sun 1 Sep 10am 4pm - drop in event at the bird viewing shelter in Old

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

**Walks:** Free, volunteer led guided walks every Sat, Sun and Bank Holidays at 2pm and Wed at 11am, from 29 Mar (Good Friday) until 3 Nov **Dog Friendly Guided Walk:** Walkies with Maisie. Sun 1 Sep 11-12:30 meet Maisie and owner Dave Lucas at the Skilling Gate Free after admission - book with Dave 07774 711094 Guided Walk : **Guided Walk: Champion Trees** 11am - 1pm Sorry no dogs. Both free after admission Meet at the Great Oak Hall

**Workshops Beginners Digital Photography One Day Course** Fri 20 Sep £55 including entrance to the arboretum Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email [consult@abbey-studios.co.uk](mailto:consult@abbey-studios.co.uk) Advanced Digital Photography Mon 23 Sep 0.30-3.30pm £105  
**Workshops: Make a Windsor Chair** six day course 2-7 Sep 9-14 Sep and 30 Sep - 5 Oct Cost £300 including all tools and materials. Booking essential contact Paul Hayden 01373 836051 or [www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk](http://www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk)

Arboretum Spring and Summer admission till end Sept: Adults £8 / Conc £7 Chd £3 (Half price Wednesdays in Apr & May)

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

## Westonbirt School

**Westonbirt Autumn Fair** in aid of Home-Start and Hope for Tomorrow 29 - 30 Oct 10am - 4pm 120 carefully selected stall holders. £7 entry unders 16s free Details from

[www.westonbirtautumnfair.org](http://www.westonbirtautumnfair.org)

**Open House and Gardens** The House and Gardens will be open Sep 1 and 29 We are offering guided tours of the House and will be guiding with a maximum of 20 visitors per tour. You can wander at leisure around the stunning gardens, including Italian gardens and Camellia House and enjoy the peaceful pleasure gardens, all run by Garden tours £5 Entrance for both House & Garden is £8 (under 12s free), both include a hot beverage and biscuit. No need to book, we welcome all ages and are happy to host dogs on leads for the garden tours!

For further details call Tania Warner on 880333 or [twarner@westonbirt.org](mailto:twarner@westonbirt.org) and Arabella for the open house and garden [aparr@westonbirt.org](mailto:aparr@westonbirt.org) or visit [www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Easton Grey Whatley Manor

**Tuesday Garden Tours** 9 and 23 Sep 11.30 for 12 noon start Garden tour 2.30-4pm Welcome reception and 2 course lunch followed by private tour of the 12 acre garden by Andy Spreadbury gardens & maintenance manager and Lesley Yeo assistant head gardener £42

**Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner**

29 Sep A Royal Affair 20 Oct - The Great Gatsby

£39 includes film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch or dinner

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

## Malmesbury

### Malmesbury Cake Society

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

### Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Peter King, the Director of Music at Bath Abbey, returning to play the Abbey's famous Johnson organ 21-Sep Tickets from the Abbey Bookshop or via website £12/ £10 members/ £5 student or chd For further details call David Barton 824924 [d.barton763@btinternet.com](mailto:d.barton763@btinternet.com) or visit [www.malmesbury.com/mams](http://www.malmesbury.com/mams)

### MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP

Sat 21 Sep Sat 19 Oct 12 noon - 1pm

Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall

For further details call [www.jamesgray.org](http://www.jamesgray.org) or email

[jamesgraymp@parliament.uk](mailto:jamesgraymp@parliament.uk) for online surgeries

### Opening Party of Malmesbury Skatepark

Sat 7 Sep 11am - 5pm come along and see this amazing facility which is now available for young people and the young at heart! There will be: Competitions Prizes Demonstrations Food & drink Music

### Enjoy an Evening of Musical Melodies in the magnificent Malmesbury Abbey

**Big Band Special** followed by Last Night at the Proms Charity Evening featuring The Wiltshire Police Band and 'Ten in a Bar' Sat 28 Sept 7pm for 7.30pm start Tickets: £20.00 Canapés and wine on arrival. Proceeds from the evening will support The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust (Charity No 1073127) to help older, vulnerable and disadvantaged people in Swindon and Wiltshire

For further details call tickets available from Jennie Shaw

Tel: 01249 821998 Email: [jennie@hazelandmill.co.uk](mailto:jennie@hazelandmill.co.uk)

## Hullavington Airfield

### The Emergency Services Show

Fire engine and police car rides, Police Dog trials, Parachute displays, vintage emergency vehicles, fairground, Wiltshire Air Ambulance  
Sun 8 Sep 10am - 4pm £5 chd £2.50 unders 3's free Hullavington Airfield For further details call [enquiries@emergencyservicesshow.com](mailto:enquiries@emergencyservicesshow.com) or 01380 732999 or visit [www.emergencyservicesshow.com](http://www.emergencyservicesshow.com)

## Grittleton

### Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Wed 25 Sep FLIGHT [15] starring Denzel Washington and John Goodman

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £5 in advance £6 on the door Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email [L\\_palmer@btinternet.com](mailto:L_palmer@btinternet.com)

### SIYAYA acapella group direct from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Exciting and up-lifting, Siyaya includes male and female singers, dancers and musicians and is a vibrant fusion of the traditional and the modern. Sun 22 Sep Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Bring your own drinks! Tickets in advance from Jan Jeffcoat 01249 782798 or [dandjjeffcoat@btinternet.com](mailto:dandjjeffcoat@btinternet.com) Adult £7, Concs £6, Chd £4.50, Family (2 adults and 2 children under 16) £18.50. Recommended for 8+ years

## Charlton

### Wiltshire Wildlife Trust –

### Malmesbury Local Supporters Group

Winter Talks Programme 2013-14 Tim Kaye - Moths of North Wiltshire 10-Oct 7.30pm Admission £2.50, children free. Non-members very welcome. Charlton Village Hall

## Wotton-Under-Edge

### The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: The World's End; The Heat; The Conjuring; Dial M for Murder 3D (1954); What Maisie Knew; Red; 2 Guns; Alan Partridge; Percy Jackson; Sea of Monsters 2D; elysium; 5 Broken Cameras check website for details The Electric Picture House For further details call 01453 844601 or visit [www.wottoneph.co.uk](http://www.wottoneph.co.uk)

## Ozleworth, Wotton-under-Edge

### NT Newark Park House and Estate

Tudor hunting lodge, exhibition, shop and plant stall, tea room and 725 acres of parkland open Wed - Sun from Mar - Oct Adult £6.40 / Chd £3.30 / Family £16.10 Free parking. Dogs welcome on leads in the grounds.

50 things to do before you're 11 & ¾ Children have a booklet with 50 things they can do at different NT places. See [www.50things.org.uk/](http://www.50things.org.uk/) for further info. For further details call phone 01793 817666. or visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park/](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park/)

## Nailsworth

### Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Professional football only 20 minutes drive from Sherston. Home matches: Sat 14 Sep 3pm v. FC Halifax; Tues 24 Sep 7.45pm v. Tamworth; Sat 28 Sep 3pm v. Gateshead Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2 Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2 The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth For further details call 01453 834860 or visit [www.forestgreenroversfc.com](http://www.forestgreenroversfc.com)

## Bath

### Bath, Stroud, Bristol

### Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ the cinema

Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the ROH Covent Garden

Ballet & Opera: Live from the ROH 2013/14 season

Turandot 17 Sep, Don Quixote 16 Oct, Les Vèpres Siciliennes 4 Nov, The Nutcracker 12 Dec, Parsifall 18 Dec, Giselle 27 Jan, Don Giovanni 12 Feb, The Sleeping Beauty 19 Mar, The Winter's Tale 28 Apr Manon Lescaut 24 Jun Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and many other Cinemas For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit [www.roh.org.uk/cinema](http://www.roh.org.uk/cinema)

## National Theatre Live @ the cinema

### Live and pre recorded screenings from the

### National theatre:

Othello Starring Adrian Lester and Roy Kinnear Live Thur 26 Sep and Encore Mon 30 Sep

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

Live: Coriolanus 30-Jan-14

2014 - 50 years of the National Theatre; Live screening of War Horse at the National Theatre For further details visit [www.ntlive.com](http://www.ntlive.com)

## Theatre Royal

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

Another Country 4-14 Sep

The Private Ear and the Public Eye 16-21 Sept

Shakespeare's Globe on tour: Henry VI 24-28 Sept

Book ahead for: Harry the Sixth; Henry VI: The houses of York and Lancaster; Henry VI: the True tragedy of the Duke of York; Dunsinane; Daytona starring Maureen Lipman; Our House - the Madness musical; English Touring Opera - Baroque Opera from Venice; Rambert

For further details call 01225 448844 or visit [www.theatreroyal.org.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.org.uk)

## Jane Austen Festival

13-21 Sep All things Austen including Regency costume promenades; guided walks; dances and teas

For further details call Bath Box Office 01225 463362 or email [boxoffice@bathfestivals.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@bathfestivals.org.uk) or online at [www.bathboxoffice.org.uk](http://www.bathboxoffice.org.uk) or visit [www.janeausten.co.uk/festivalhome/](http://www.janeausten.co.uk/festivalhome/)

## World Heritage Day

12-15 Sep Join the celebrations with lots of free activities in Bath and in the Roman Baths 20 venues across Bath & North East Somerset take part in the Heritage Open Days event, including: Bath Jewish Burial Ground, Central United Reform Church, Partis College Almshouses, Roman Baths (Tunnel Tours) St John's Hospital, St John's Store, Cleveland For further details call 01225 477785 or visit [www.bathnes.gov.uk/heritageevents](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/heritageevents)

## Ashton Court

### Brisfest

A not-for-profit celebration of the Best of the South West, showcasing rising stars and future talent from the region alongside international headliners - Music, comedy, street theatre, circus and art 21-22 Sep midday - midnight £30 For further details call 0117 939 4758 or visit [www.brisfest.co.uk](http://www.brisfest.co.uk)

# Useful Numbers

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Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	01249 652851
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Sherston Parish Council	01666 840197
Sherston Post Office	01666 840456
Sherston School	01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings)	01666 840348
Tolsey Surgery	01666 840270
Wiltshire Council	0300 4560100