



# THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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## The Vikings are coming!



*Photos: Paul Ormiston*

Sherston will celebrate the Battle of Sherston millennium on 25 June 2016 and as part of these celebrations Vikings will appear in the village for the weekend to re-enact the Battle. Sherston 1016 inspected the Viking horde in Abbotsbury last month and a ferocious bunch they proved to be! Kids were invited to take part in 'KiddieVik', mini mock battles with wooden swords. We will be having a meeting for

those interested in helping to organise the celebrations on Tuesday 22 September, at 7.30pm in the village hall. Critically we will need to secure funding to cover the costs of the Vikings and other planned activities, so ideas for potential sponsors, grant applications, crowd funding etc would be particularly welcome. If you need further information please email [jill.cainey@gmail.com](mailto:jill.cainey@gmail.com) or call 841380.



*Extract from a contemporary tapestry edition of the Cliffhanger c1016 attributed to James Ormiston of Sherston*



# Parish Councillor Laurance Price



The parish council were saddened to hear that Laurance Price, a councillor for over 14 years, died on 1 August 2015, following a very recent diagnosis of cancer. Laurance, a local lad, was on the planning committee and led on transport for the village. He contributed to many council activities including delivering the Cliffhanger and its previous incarnation. Most of us will remember Laurance through his Sunday paper stall in the village hall and the parish council will miss his support and kindness in representing the community.

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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.

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# The coming of fast fibre



Over the summer some large green cabinets have appeared throughout Sherston. These cabinets are the start of the installation of optical fibre in the village to deliver fast fibre broadband. While the green cabinets are a tantalising hint of what is to come there is much additional work required, including the installation of another cabinet alongside each of the green cabinets (a Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer (DSLAM) box) and the actual arrival of the optical fibre line in the village, before the village will be 'connected'. It may also take 6-12 months for providers to contact residents to offer access to the fast fibre broadband, so while a fast internet connection is on the way, it might take a bit longer for us to be able to download huge files in less than a blink of an eye!

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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 which are now costing some £3000 pa to fund.

During the sale we will be holding a raffle to start raising funds for the Battle of Sherston event next year.

## Drawing Classes in Sherston

The autumn term starts on 30 September in the British School Room in Cliff Road. There are two classes 10.00am to 12.00noon and 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All standards are catered for in both classes and beginners are particularly welcome in the afternoon. The classes focus on observational drawing, subjects include flowers and plants, still life and natural forms, occasional figure drawing and working outside in the landscape in the Summer Term. We work in monochrome and colour, media include pencil, pen, watercolour crayons, pastels and mixed media. Students have individual attention and the classes are friendly and welcoming. The cost of the 10-week term is £80.

There are currently spaces in both classes so please get in touch to find out more.

Heather Martin [heather@geoffmartin.plus.com](mailto:heather@geoffmartin.plus.com) or 840375

# SHERSTON ARTS 20 15 FESTIVAL

You should receive a leaflet with this edition, giving details of all the events in the Arts Festival, but please note these events coming up a little sooner than the main programme.

Scarecrow Making Workshop on Saturday 26 September in the village Hall 2.30pm to 5.30pm. Only £10 per family for a really fun, creative session, materials and expertise supplied by Wiltshire Scrapstore.

Bring along your ideas, the theme this year is 'Art and Animation'. Your scarecrow will then be displayed round the village during the weekend of 10 and 11 October. To book (limited places so please book early) by email [kirstybridge2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kirstybridge2004@yahoo.co.uk)

Fused Glass Course on Friday 2 October 9.30am to 3.30pm or Saturday 3 October 10.00am to 4.00pm. Caroline Lambert a glass artist from Wickwar will be running courses in Sherston in the British School Rooms. Bring a packed lunch, but tea, coffee and home-made cakes are included. A day's course costs £32, materials and firing will cost extra. The cost of materials and firing depends on the size of item made but Caroline will fuse your creation and it will be returned to you a few weeks after the course. Early booking essential Carron Waterhouse [KCUnderwater@hotmail.com](mailto:KCUnderwater@hotmail.com)



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Purchased in 2009 with the help of donations from a number of local organisations including the Malmesbury League of Friends and Malmesbury Carnival, the minibus has been used regularly by many local groups.

But Stan and Judy Paginton, who run the minibus, say that more groups need to use it to ensure its continuing viability.

The minibus is available for hire at any time by any recognised bona fide local group, but not individuals, on a daily or weekly basis at an inclusive charge of just 85p per mile for youth groups and 95p per mile for adult groups. It can be taken to any destination in the UK, but not overseas.

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Mr Paginton said 'With rising costs of servicing and meeting safety regulations, we badly need more groups to use it. We are especially keen to encourage use by groups of young people. At present we have a good team of drivers, but more are always welcome.'

Any local group interested in hiring the minibus should contact Stan or Judy Paginton on 577370 or by email [sw.paginton10@btinternet.com](mailto:sw.paginton10@btinternet.com)

## John Venning

Rosemary and family would like to thank the Sherston Community for their kind and generous support over recent weeks.

*Rosemary Venning*

## Sherston W.I.



At the August meeting we were lucky to have Elise Hoadley, Director of the Sue Ryder Hospice at Leckhampton Court, south of Cheltenham. There are seven hospices in the UK run by the Sue Ryder Foundation so named after the founder, Baroness Sue Ryder who was inspired by the plight of refugees in post-war Europe and who devoted her life to relieving suffering, principally through the homes that now bear her name. We all know of the shops in many towns selling donated items and these are a very important source of income for the hospices. Leckhampton Court is a beautiful mediaeval manor house dating back to 1320 and built by the Giffard family.

On Saturday 26 September the WI is holding a Table Top sale in the village hall from 9.00am to 12.00 noon. Tables at £10 are bookable with Alison Atkins on 07909 737096. It will be a good time to turn out your cupboards after the summer holidays and to make some money for Christmas!

To celebrate the centenary of the founding of the WI, Sherston is hosting a tea party together with members from Lea and Little Somerford Institutes on 16 September where old record books and photographs will be available to bring back many memories of bygone days. There will of course be tea and cake too. Sherston will celebrate 75 years since it was founded with a visit to Bath and lunch in the Pump Rooms, followed a week later by dinner at the Rattlebone.

The meetings in November and December will be in the British School Room at 2.30pm.

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WAA attend all kinds of incidents, from road traffic collisions to horse-riding accidents, child-related emergencies to sporting and cycling injuries. The Air Ambulance also attends medical emergencies such as heart attacks and strokes.

Wiltshire Air Ambulance is very proud to have the patronage of HRH The Duchess of Cornwall.

## A first for Sherston playwright?

The latest work by Sherston author Frank Hatt is probably the first play to take its title from a traffic sign. 'Elderly People Crossing', which Frank describes as a grey comedy, is on in the studio of the Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham, from Wednesday 30 September until Saturday 3 October, including a matinee on the Thursday. This is a professional production by Stroud Theatre Company, featuring Anah Ruddin and Alan Coveney, two fine actors with a wealth of experience. More details can be found online at [www.everymantheatre.org.uk](http://www.everymantheatre.org.uk) together with booking information.



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# News from Holy Cross Church

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: during 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. In particular, the 9.30am at Holy Cross Sherston on 13 September will be a special Back to Church Sunday service. There will also be a picnic afterwards for anyone who wishes to come along. 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.

In fact, the idea of Back to Church Sunday has evolved into 'A Season of Invitation', which recognises that between the summer holidays and Christmas there are monthly special services which have a much broader appeal, including Remembrance and Carol Services. Of course, the first of these is Harvest on 4 October at 6.00 pm with Supper (all Age at 9.30am).

This means it will be a great time to welcome our ordinand on placement, Lynne Godfrey. As Lynne normally worships in St Peter's Chippenham, our multi-parish rural benefice will be a contrasting experience for her. She will be around on Sundays and for some midweek events between 25 September and 20 October, so do make her welcome.

Not many people realise it, but we have some projects in our Group which are virtually unique in rural churches. Little Lights is truly pioneering in combining a group for 0-5 year olds with an activity based exploration of the Christian faith. There are many toddler groups elsewhere, and some end with a story or song or prayer, but the friendly integrated approach of Little Lights is truly special. It happens every Thursday from 10.30am to 11.30am in Hullavington church, during term time.

It is also unusual to have a Rural Schools and

Churches Worker, who combines children's work in local schools and churches across eight parishes. So I'm glad to report that Becky's funding appeal continues to make progress. We still hope to recruit more committed givers to share in this innovative project, so please take one of the leaflets in church.

Due to Becky's talents in training others, I am investigating whether our Group could also be a location for developing a Trainee Youth Worker. This person would study youth work part-time and hone their practical skills with us in the remainder of the working week. It would be wonderful to hear from anyone who might be able to put this Trainee up in an annexe or spare room, and from anyone who has a car they might be able to loan to us!

Finally, it's wonderful to see the progress being made on the North Aisle at Sherston, which will create a much more flexible space for informal worship and social events. Look out for more news on how our services and activities will continue to evolve!

Best wishes

Christopher Bryan, Vicar of Sherston


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## More WEA Art, Literature and Music courses in Sherston

After a very successful programme last year three popular tutors return to Sherston to offer Worker's Educational Association (WEA) Art, Literature and Music courses in the British School Room. With WEA courses being discontinued in Hullavington, Sherston is the only location in the Malmesbury area for courses from the UK's largest voluntary provider of adult education. The WEA has over 500 branches in the UK offering 9,500 part-time courses to 74,000 students each year in England and Scotland and supported by 2,000 tutors and 3,000 volunteers.

Two new courses will run on Friday mornings, each for six weeks. The first is Shakespeare in the Theatre, from Dr Tim Hammond, an exciting course which examines the dramatic work of Shakespeare which runs Friday 6 November to Friday 11 December from 10.00am to 12.15pm. The second is Dutch and Flemish Painting Masters, from Paul Chapman, a comprehensive review of the astonishing contribution of 15th, 16th and 17th century Dutch and Flemish painters including Bosch, Bruegel, Vermeer, Frans Hals, Rubens and Rembrandt running Friday 8 January to Friday 12

February 2016 from 10.00am to 12.15pm. The fee for each of these courses is £48. In addition there is a one-day course on the Three Choirs Festival from Tim Porter which is a comprehensive exploration of the 300 year history and music of the internationally renowned festival being celebrated at Gloucester in 2016. This runs on Saturday 19 March 2016 from 11.00am to 4.40pm with a fee of £25.

Please contact Warwick or Pat Jones on 840764 or at [warwickandpatjones@gmail.com](mailto:warwickandpatjones@gmail.com) for further information and reservations. Alternatively you can reserve your place and pay online on the WEA website [www.wea.org.uk/](http://www.wea.org.uk/) using the Find A Course service using the postcode SN16 0LN to locate all the Sherston courses.

## Meeting of the parish council

The parish council will next meet on Thursday 8 October in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and make comments. If you cannot attend the meeting but have something to raise, please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk). You can also contact the council via the response form on [www.sherston.org.uk](http://www.sherston.org.uk) where minutes of meetings can also be read.



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# Unveiling of the beautifully restored Cliff Road Chapel balcony clock (dating from the 1830's)

A celebration breakfast, followed by a ceremonial unveiling of the newly restored Old Chapel Balcony Clock, was held on Sunday morning on 9 August. Members and friends of Sherston Congregational Chapel met in 'The British School Room' (which is now legally 'The New Chapel') to hear of its history.

The face of the clock has – J. W. Gantlett - Sherston imprinted upon it. John Wadham Gantlett was the first clockmaker in Cliff Road (Back Street) born 1801 in Somerford he is listed in a directory as a Watch and Clockmaker of Great Sherston 1830. By 1851 he was living in Calne and was buried there in 1870. (A second watchmaker in Cliff Road was Zachariah Satteley 1820 – 1897).

Mr Graham Smith (Sherston born and bred) spent hours lovingly restoring the 170+ year old clock, mounting it on a bespoke plinth strong enough to take its great weight, but allowing access to the back for servicing and also to the frontal



*Congregational Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling with Mr Graham Smith.*

winding mechanism. It is now set in a beautifully polished American ash casement with a light oak stain. Due to acclimatisation and experimentation with height of pendulum weight it may be a while before complete accuracy of the time displayed is achieved – so British School Room users please be patient!

Before the unveiling Pastor Andrew thanked Graham on behalf of all members and presented him with a small gift as an expression of gratitude.

The 11.00am Chapel service then followed accompanied once more by that well-remembered warm, mellow, ticking. We hope and pray it may continue for yet another century!

*by Mary Clements*



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Wednesday 19 August 6.00pm. will be the annual strawberry tea evening. This year we will head for Kington St. Michael, where one of our members has kindly offered the use of her garden.

16 September is the date for our AGM after which David Martin (Area Demonstrator and Florist) will talk on staging the Chelsea 2015 SW Area NAFAS exhibit which was also a Gold medal winner.

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

## Other News

In July several members were involved with the Crudwell flower festival which was held in conjunction with their annual strawberry fayre. Crudwell parochial church council have now contacted the club with their thanks as a substantial amount of money was raised for

the church porch repair fund.

On 19 September the club is running a trip to Salisbury Cathedral for the 'Magnaflora' floral festival celebrating 800th anniversary of The Magna Carta.

## Looking Forward

On 18 November we will hold our annual Christmas Event at the Sundial Theatre in Cirencester. This year our demonstrator will be Nick Grounds.

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

For more information please contact Margaret on 01285 770 639

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Date	Time	Who can attend	Appointments
3/10/15	9.30am to 12.00noon	Adults only(18+)	No – drop in
22/10/15	1.00pm to 3.30pm	Adults only (18+)	Yes
24/10/15	9.30am to 12.00noon	Adults only (18+)	No – drop in
15/10/15	5.00pm to 7.00pm	Adults & Children over 12 years	Yes
29/10/15	6.00pm to 7.00pm	Adults & Children over 12 years	No – drop in
14/10/15	3.00pm to 6.00pm	Adults and Children	Yes
13/10/15	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Children aged 12 years and under	Yes
20/10/15	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Children aged 12 years and under	Yes
5/10/15	1.00pm to 2.30pm	Shingles & Flu	Yes
12/10/15	1.00pm to 2.30pm	Shingles & Flu	Yes

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The International Cheese Awards has had a record breaking year. We knew that this year's show was going to be a pretty spectacular affair, but it exceeded all our wildest dreams by breaking a whole string of records. In total, we received an astonishing 4,615 entries (a 3.5% increase on last year's all-time high), from 274 exhibitors (13.5 % up on last year) based in 31 different countries. For a full list of class results and trophy winners, please click on the links halfway down the home page of website [www.internationalcheeseawards.co.uk](http://www.internationalcheeseawards.co.uk)

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# Walk on the wild side - They are out there.... just need to find them

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In early October the work on the river begins. This will involve narrowing the width and speeding up the water flow to ensure it doesn't get clogged up like it is now. The riverbanks will be rebuilt in places to encourage water voles in larger numbers. If you fancy some physical work, probably getting quite wet in the process, please let Harriet or I know.

Last week I was fortunate to attend a talk given by Dr Andy Musgrove who shared the '1,000 species in one square kilometre project' he carried out in 2013. As you may surmise from the title, he set himself a target of identify 1,000 living species in a 1 kilometre square around his home and it included insects, trees, flowering plants, slugs, lichen, fish etc etc – basically

everything! There were some rules such as garden plants not being included unless they were more than two metres outside a garden and everything must be identified to the species level.

In some cases this will be easy (birds, butterflies, trees etc) but some groups will be more challenging such as bees, grasses and lichen. Apparently there are some 300 species of dandelions!! We may be able to call on experts from time to time.

A one kilometre square centred in the High Street would include the river, the cliff, the church yard (always a great place for wildlife) as well as meadows and gardens. All records will be submitted to the Biological Records Centre for Wiltshire.

If anyone is interested in getting involved please let me know. You really don't need any expertise – just a curiosity – maybe just for one group of plants or animals (bats, beetles, fungi, trees etc) and it would run throughout 2016. There are lots of great resources on the web to help.

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| 6th September 4.00pm   | Communion Service             |
| 13th September 11.00am | United Harvest Service        |
| 20th September 11.00am | All Age Service (Mark Taylor) |
| 27th September 11.00am | All Age Service (Pam Dix)     |

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## Songs of Praise on Sunday 27 September

There is a return of the popular Songs of Praise service at 6.00pm in the Holy Cross church in Sherston on 27 September.

If you would like to choose a hymn there is a form in the porch of the church for you to record your name, the hymn your choice and if you would like to, why the hymn is so special to you. There will be the opportunity to share with others at the service why you chose the hymn and why it is so special to you.

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The Sherston Badminton Club has been running successfully for many years. We play in the village hall and welcome all standards of player from beginner upwards. We play badminton just for the enjoyment of it and not in any league. In recent years however we have seen a gradual decline in the number of members and now urgently need new members for the club to continue. We play on a Tuesday evening from 7.30pm between September and May. Our first session of the new season will be on 8 September and then on each Tuesday after that. If you would like to come and have a go at playing badminton then your first session will be free. Just come along on any Tuesday or for more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592.

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## Malmesbury Branch Of The Embroiderers Guild Open Evening

On Tuesday 8 September the Malmesbury branch of the Embroiderers Guild are holding an open evening with guest speaker between 7.00pm and 9.00pm at Malmesbury Town Hall. There will be a small exhibition of work from the various workshops as well as pieces worked on away from the Guild. Refreshments will be provided.

There are workshops and talks, outings and projects throughout the year concerning anything to do with textiles.

If you are a beginner, never picked up a needle and thread, don't worry we don't always use them. We use hot guns, soldering irons, dissolving fabrics, all kinds of mixed media.

The guest speaker is Dr Lynn Hulse talking about 'William Morris and the Rise of Art Embroidery'.

Dr Lynn Hulse has focused on embroidered textiles since 2004 and founded Ornamental Embroidery in 2010. Former archivist at the Royal School of Needlework and editor of The Textile Society journal and a trustee of the Brangwyn Gift at the William Morris Gallery. Lynn is recognised as an expert in the use of embroidery associated with William Morris and the Arts and Crafts movement and has taught, lectured and written books on the subject. For more details contact Ruth Vaughan 826597.



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# Wiltshire Council Review of Passenger Transport

## Pre consultation survey of policies and objectives

This survey is part of the Review of Passenger Transport and seeks to consult widely on the actions, options, opportunities and developments around the public and community transport elements of the review. It is not at this stage a detailed consultation on particular routes, timetables and or destinations. That detailed consultation with the public and stakeholders will occur after this pre-consultation survey has been completed and the results fed into any review plan.

This review will be accompanied by continuing work to identify savings in other areas of passenger transport spending, such as; home to school / college transport, SEND and social care transport as well as the resources available to support public and community transport services.

### POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

**1 There are a number of existing strategic transport objectives held within our Public Transport Strategy. Given that the financial climate has changed markedly and that the Council needs to make large savings to balance the budget which 5 of the following do you think are most important? (YOU MAY TICK UP TO 5 BOXES ONLY)**

- ☐ Support for the vitality, viability and strength of the Wiltshire economy and market towns by providing access to employment, education and training and providing access to shops and services for potential customers
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- ☐ Support for sustainable transport such as walking, cycling, bus and rail rather than just the car
- ☐ To provide access for those without a car to essential services e.g. health related facilities or shops, and to enable them to live independent and active lives
- ☐ To reduce the level of air pollution and climate change emissions
- ☐ To support new growth and mitigate any traffic impacts
- ☐ To reduce barriers to transport for people with disabilities and mobility impairment
- ☐ To reduce the impact of traffic on peoples quality of life and natural environment
- ☐ To improve road safety and reduce road casualties
- ☐ To reduce the need to travel particularly by private car
- ☐ To promote travel modes beneficial to health
- ☐ To improve the resilience of transport to impacts from, for example, adverse weather, climate change and oil use
- ☐ To improve access to the countryside
- ☐ To enhance journey experience for transport users

**2 The pre-consultation document mentions a number of plans, strategies and research documents that it has taken into account. Do you think that there are other documents that should be included? (please say)**

### BUS SERVICES

Last year Wiltshire Council spent £4.65 million on supported bus services.

These are non commercial services that would not be operated without a council subsidy, and account for around 50% of total bus mileage in the county. Of this funding, 43% is spent on 'regular rural' services. These typically operate between two market towns (e.g. Malmesbury - Cirencester, Shaftesbury - Salisbury), although their main function is to provide a service from the intermediate villages to either or both of the two towns. They currently provide at least 4 journeys every weekday in each direction, often running two hourly or sometimes more often in each direction. Town services (for example in Devizes, Trowbridge, Melksham, Warminster etc.) account for the next highest proportion of spend, followed by any non-commercial strategic network inter-urban services, evening services, infrequent rural services (mainly shoppers buses running only on certain days of the week), and Sunday services.

**3 Bus services are currently grouped into a number of categories. Given the financial situation and the need to make substantial cost savings which of the following categories do you feel it is most important for the council to support.**

	Very important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Unimportant	Very unimportant
Strategic network routes linking the main towns within and beyond Wiltshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town/city day time services (running entirely within a town or city linking the main housing areas and the centre)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Evening services (those which operate after 8pm)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday and Bank holiday services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural regular services (linking smaller towns and rural areas and which generally have at least 4 journeys in each direction on 5 days a week)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural infrequent services that serve rural areas generally on only certain days of the week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**4 The following question asks you to agree or disagree to a number of statements about potential changes to bus services based on the financial savings that could be made and the present usage levels.**

	Agree	Disagree
The Council should withdraw support for those work journeys (classed as before 0900 and after 1700 weekdays) that are poorly used	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
On 'rural regular' services it would be better to retain the current frequency but operating only on 3 days a week rather than trying to provide a less frequent service every day of the week	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is better to withdraw evening services (classed as those after 8pm) so as to protect day time services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is better to withdraw or reduce the service on Saturdays so as to protect Mon- Fri services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is better to withdraw or reduce Sunday services so as to protect Mon- Fri services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bus fares should be increased if this would help to reduce the need for service reductions to some extent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If funding is limited, the priority should be to provide services for people who have no alternative rather than to encourage people out of their cars	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**5 Do you have any suggestions as to how we can make better use of what ever funding is available for supported bus services and which services do you think must be protected at all costs?**

### COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEMES

In 2014/15 the Council spent £381,000 supporting community and voluntary transport schemes. There are 15 community minibus groups receiving annual grants, most operating one or two minibuses and providing specialised services in their area for particular groups who are unable to use ordinary bus services. Some other groups are village-based "community buses" and provide a range of services within their village and to nearby towns.

There are currently over 40 Link schemes which, over many years, now cover 98% of rural households in the county, providing transport (in the volunteers' own car) and other 'good neighbour' assistance to those living in their area who need it. Community Transport South Wilts also operate a social car scheme in the Salisbury city area which provides a similar function.



The Wheels to Work scheme operates countywide, and seeks external funding to supplement the relatively small contribution from the council. Its capacity to assist young people needing help with access to work, training and education depends on the success of these bids for external funding as well as continued support from the council

**6 How important do you think it is for the Council to continue to fund the following community based schemes?**

	Very important	Important	Neither important nor unimportant	Unimportant	Very unimportant
Grants for community minibus schemes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grants to Link and social car schemes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grants to Wheels to work scheme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grants to support and develop schemes in local areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If bus services have to be significantly reduced, communities may be able to help reduce the impact by developing or expanding community-operated transport schemes. This could be by expanding the services provided by existing community transport groups and Link schemes, or by developing new schemes or ideas, for example arranging lift sharing for some of the regular journeys previously made by bus. We want your help in identifying workable ideas, and in assessing how far it is realistic to expect these to reduce the impacts of reductions in bus services

**7 How far do you think Community Transport schemes can go to meet the transport needs currently being met by bus services?**

	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Given the right level of support, community transport could meet many of the needs currently met by bus services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Given the right level of support, community transport could meet some of the needs currently met by bus services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Given the right level of support, community transport could meet only a few of the needs currently met by bus services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There is a natural limit to the amount of community transport that any community can organise and we are at or close to that limit in Wiltshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The group I represent would be willing to be actively involved in expanding the provision of community based transport (if you agree please make sure you give your contact details later in the survey at q18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**8 Do you have any suggestions about how community based transport could be expanded in your area?**

**9 What do you think are the barriers to expanding community transport schemes?**

### REDUCING THE NEED TO TRAVEL

Given the financial situation, it is proposed that the review will also be looking for ways, other than by providing transport, of meeting some of the needs that are currently met by transport services. Possible examples might include setting up village 'hubs' for internet shopping and carrying out personal business on line; working with the NHS to reduce the need to travel to access health services; or putting more resources into overcoming loneliness and social isolation in communities; although we are keen to identify any other suggestions that might be practical and affordable.

**10 Do you agree that the review should investigate these and other sorts of alternatives as a way of reducing the impact of any reductions to bus services?**    Agree ☐    Disagree ☐    Don't know ☐

11 How effective do you think the following could be in reducing the need to travel by bus?

	Very effective	Effective in some circumstances	Not very effective	Not at all effective	Don't know
Village schemes to enable and support people without internet access to shop online	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working with the NHS to reduce the need to travel to access health services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Investing in local services to help overcome social isolation experienced by many of the elderly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12 Do you have any suggestions how these ideas might be put into practice, or other ideas you think we should investigate?

13 Would the organisation you represent be willing and able to actively assist developing and investigating any of these ideas? Yes ☐ No ☐

FINALLY

14 This is a challenging review against a backdrop of severe financial constraints. Do you have any further comments or suggestions that will help us?

ABOUT YOU

15 Are you?

- ☐ Answering this survey as a resident/user
- ☐ Answering this survey representing a parish or town or city council
- ☐ Answering as a Wiltshire Council member
- ☐ Answering this survey as a member of the public transport industry
- ☐ Answering this survey as a representative of a voluntary transport group
- ☐ Answering this survey as an organisation representing people who may use public transport
- ☐ Other

If other please say

16 If you are answering representing a group or organisation can you say which?

17 Would you be prepared to attend a group meeting or workshop to look in greater depth at potential solutions?

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Thank you for taking part in this survey. If you need any further information about the survey you can contact Phil Morgan on 01225 713186 or email [Philip.Morgan@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Philip.Morgan@wiltshire.gov.uk) Results will be available on the Wiltshire Council website.

Please pull out this section and send your completed questionnaire by post to the addresses below by mid September:

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# Cricket

On 18 July Sherston Magna Cricket Club (SMCC) found themselves in the top three of the division 1 of the Cotswold and District Cricket Association (CDCA) after a fine ten wicket win against Stow on the Wold, but defeat at the hands of Cricklade, Adlestrop and Oaksey the following three Saturdays ended any thoughts of a title challenge. The season has still gone well with more and more younger players getting a game on Saturday and a strong spirit in the side exemplified by two fine victories in August the first against league leaders Avening and Cherington and then against Nottgrove and Turkdean (NATS).

The remaining two league fixtures of the season are away at title hunting Barnsley (29 August) and at home on the last day of the league season in Pinkney Park to Oakridge on 5 September. Spectators are always welcome.

As well as the league fixtures there are a number of friendly games in September so if you fancy supporting your local side or even playing why not pop down to the outdoor practice nets at 6.30pm on Tuesdays in Pinkney park or contact the club on [cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](mailto:cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk) details at [www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](http://www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk)

## Results

18 July SMCC beat Stow on the Wold by 10 wickets  
Stow 99ao (24.4 overs) SMCC 105 for 0 (11.1 overs)  
Pegg 4 - 19, Hulance 2 - 23, Dickenson 2 - 31,  
Kutchera 60\*, Lovell 30\*

25 July Cricklade beat SMCC by 10 wickets  
SMCC 142ao (40 overs) Cricklade 143 for 0 (28.4 overs)  
Jarvis 41, Harmer 37, Goodwin 19

1 August Adlestrop beat SMCC by 8 wickets  
SMCC 68ao (29.1 overs) Adlestrop 71 for 2 (16.4 overs)  
Pegg 2 - 26

8 August Oaksey beat SMCC by 7 wickets  
SMCC 181 for 5 (40 overs) Oaksey 183 for 3 (29.2 overs)  
Jarvis 81, Goodwin 28, Richardson 26\*, Harmer 16

15 August SMCC beat Avening and Cherington by 52 runs

SMCC 178ao (40 overs) Avening and Cherington 126ao (33.5 overs)

Goodwin 75, Harmer 23, Pegg 20, Lovell 16, Harmer 3 - 16, Pegg 3 - 35, Hulance 2 - 15, Moore 2 - 37

22 August SMCC beat NATS by 10 wickets

NATS 74ao (22 overs) SMCC 77 for 0 (10.3 overs)

Dickenson 4 - 0, Pegg 2 - 25, Cartwright 37\*, Kutchera 31\*

## Sherston defeat table-topping Avening and Cherington



After a couple of tough weeks SMCC got back to winning ways with a stunning team performance away at top of the League Avening and Cherington. The skipper lost the toss on a wet green wicket. Progress from the top order was slow, but thanks to a gritty 75 from Matt Goodwin, supported by help from Harmer, Dickenson and the rest of the lower order, Sherston got up to a competitive 179 all out from the full 40 overs.

The Avening reply couldn't have got off to a more eventful start, Pegg bowled the opening delivery which was top edged and looped to a deep gully..... drop! Later in the same over another slightly false shot and another drop (names have been removed to protect the culprits but they have paid the appropriate fine). So instead of being 0-2, Avening finished on 2-0! Some lusty hitting followed with many Sherston player wondering what could have been, until Moore

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skilfully removed two in the sixth over to leave Avening at 40-2. Some good tight bowling from Moore 2-37, Dickenson 0-17 and Hulance 2-15 brought the run rate down and took key wickets to leave Avening looking in trouble. The introduction of Harmer 3-16 and the return of Pegg (3-35) mopped up the tail with Pegg beginning on a hat trick next week!

### NATS cleaned up by Dickenson



On this particular Saturday the main thing of note was the so called 'Spanish Bloom' making playing cricket a hot and sweaty affair. However with rain forecast later in the day, it was with a torn mind that the Skipper ventured out to conduct the toss, luckily for him no decision was required as he lost (again) so Sherston were in the field. Andy Pegg opened the bowling on a hat-trick.... but no fairytale! However he did produce a great spell of swing bowling to finish with 2-25 from his 10 overs! Ollie Moore and Simon Hulance bowled well from the other end with Simon picking up the other opener. NATS had moved

steadily onto 72-3 when Dickenson was brought into the attack. His first over produced a hat-trick ball but again no fairytale and more importantly no runs. His second over again produced no runs and 2 more wickets, which meant that with NATS only having 9 men that they were bowled out for 74 and Dickenson had the amazing bowling figures of 2 overs 2 maidens 4 wickets for 0 runs.

The Sherston openers (Kutchera and Cartwright) ventured out into the middle to chase down the target and after a professional and fairly laid back chase they walked back 11 overs later, before 5.00pm, with no wickets down and 20 points in the bag. Kutchera 31\*, Cartwright 37\*

So with two games remaining, Sherston are looking to end the season as high as they can. Next up title chasing Barnsley.

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

See the Parish Life for more details

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

## Congregational Church - in The British

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

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

## Gauzebrook Church for Children

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

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

## Little Lights

Every Thurs, 10.30 am in Hullavington church. Children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers come from across the Group, including Sherston, for songs, crafts, activities, Bible stories and snack time. Any questions, contact Chantal on 837522

## Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

## Sunday Newspapers

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

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

## Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers

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

## Busy Hands Pre-school

Meets 9.10am - 12.10pm everyday in the village hall for 2 3/4 - 5 year olds. Lunch Club Mon to Fri until 1pm and exciting new outdoor free flow area. All childcare vouchers welcomed. For further details call Henry Crawford on 841065 www.sherstonbusyhands.org.uk or email us on chair@sherstonbusyhands.org.uk

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

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

**Clem's Club** Meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays Feb to June and Sept to Dec 2.30pm - 4 pm in the British Schoolroom (alternating with the Senior Club). All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat.

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

## Drawing Classes in Sherston

The summer term will start on Wed 30 Sep in the British Schoolroom and new students of all standards are welcome to join. Classes are 10am to 12 noon or 1.30pm to 3.30pm for ten weeks. Students have individual attention and the classes are friendly and welcoming - 10 week term costs £80. For further information phone Heather Martin 840375 or email heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

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

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

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

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

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

## Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

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

## Malmesbury Community Choir

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

## Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

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

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

**Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership** For details contact Woody Allen 390110 [mark.allen@allencan.co.uk](mailto:mark.allen@allencan.co.uk)

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

## North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

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

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

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

### Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

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

### Sherston Drama Group

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

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

### Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

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### Sherston's Living Churchyard

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

### Sherston Magna Cricket Club

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

### Sherston Netball Club

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

### SH.O.C.C.

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

### Sherston Photography Forum

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

### Sherston Pilates

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

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

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

### Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

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

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

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

### WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses

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

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

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

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

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

# WHAT'S ON

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

### October

#### 9-18 Sherston Arts Festival

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

## Sherston

### The Rattlebone Inn

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

Live Music : check boards for details

Check boards for more details of events or call 840871 or follow on Twitter #GavinHunt@Therattlebone or visit [www.therattlebone.co.uk/](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk/)

### The Carpenter's Arms

Sunday Night Quiz 8pm start

Check boards for details of events

For further details call 840665 or like [CarpentersArmsSherston](https://www.facebook.com/CarpentersArmsSherston) on facebook

### Upcoming events at Holy Cross Church

Back to Church Sunday Sun 13 Sep 9.30am There will also be a picnic afterwards for anyone who wishes to come along. We guarantee the hymns will be well known!

**Songs of Praise** If you would like to choose a hymn there is a form in the porch of the church for you to record your name, the hymn your choice and if you would like to, why the hymn is so special to you. Sun 27 Sep 6pm Any queries please contact Revd Susan Harvey on 840 696

Check the Parish Life for details of events and services

For further details call 841263

## Sherston Market

Local crafts and produce which vary each month, cake stalls including Aunt Addie's Farm Project fresh local vegetables and cheeses from Brinkworth Dairy. Hot food and drinks. Every month a free stall in the lobby is made available to local charity or voluntary group to raise funds. 10am-2pm Sat 5 Sep Sat 3 Oct Sat 14 Nov Sat 12 Dec in the Village hall

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

## 1016 Book Sale

Sat 12 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. Our books are very reasonably priced with 99% being only 25p each or 5 for £1. We always have a massive selection including a children's section. DVDs and CDs are £1 each. All proceeds to the senior citizens Christmas voucher fund. For further details call 840611

## Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

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

## Friends of Sherston School AGM

Our first meeting will be straight after the AGM. We always lose some parents when children leave to go to secondary school, so this is a great time to get involved with FSS, and help shape our fundraising plans Tues 29 Sept at 8pm in school, all parents of children at the school are very welcome So if you're interested please email Fi Picton via [fi.parsons@which.net](mailto:fi.parsons@which.net) for a 'no obligation' chat about what's involved

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**Collect Green Tokens for Sherston School!** Waitrose has nominated Sherston School for one of its charity collections in September Please save your tokens for the September collection box The school has grown from 80 children to 190 children in 10 years and we are raising money to extend our outdoor fitness trail. We are aiming to raise £10,000 to create a larger all weather play area with exciting new equipment voted for by the children a **Crabapple project with Tracklements** For every kg of crabapples collected, 50p will go to the school and for every jar of Tracklements Crabapple Jelly sold nationwide; 25p will be given to the school to donate to a charity of their choice. Crabapples are "wild" apples and can often be found in the British hedgerows, nestled amongst other trees; why not pick a few on your Sunday walk? All you need to do is drop them off at Tracklements, Whitewalls, Easton Grey (827044, open 9am-5pm Mon-Fri) from the beginning of September until Fri 23 Oct

## Sue's Strolls

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

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

## Sherston Senior Club

**Outing to Cardiff Bay or shops** on 1 Sept Departs 9.30am from The Carpenters and 9.45am High St. Cost members £15 visitors £17 Contact Pearl Dyer on 840619 to reserve a place

**Harvest Auction** Tues 15 Sept at 2.30pm in the British School Room

For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

## Sherston WI Talks

**The Police in the 19th Century**

with John Sylvester Thurs 3 Sep

**WI Centenary Celebration**

Tea Party Thurs 16 Sep 3pm in the BSR

## Table Top Sale

Sat 26th Sept 9-12 VH

**75th Birthday Dinner**

Thurs 8 Oct 7.30pm Rattlebone Inn

**18th Century Bath -**

Judi Wray-Bliss Thurs 5 Nov 2.30pm in the BSR

Spring/Summer in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and Nov/Dec/Feb in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. Visitors always welcome - £3.50. If new to the village come and make new friends.

For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or [jillwoodward222@btinternet.com](mailto:jillwoodward222@btinternet.com)

## Worker's Educational Association (WEA)

### Art, Literature and Music courses

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

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

**Three Choirs Festival - 1 day course** Tim Porter holds comprehensive exploration of the 300 year history and music of the internationally renowned festival being celebrated at Gloucester in 2016. Sat 19 Mar 2016, 11am - 4.40pm £25

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For further details call Enquiries and bookings contact Warwick or Pat Jones on 840764 or [warwickandpatjones@gmail.com](mailto:warwickandpatjones@gmail.com) or visit [www.wea.org.uk/](http://www.wea.org.uk/)



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## Sherston Arts Festival

9 -18 Oct If you would like to join the planning committee or can offer help in any way, please get in touch with Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Jones 840764. Ten days of arts events suitable for all ages including art and photography exhibitions, concerts, lectures and the ever popular scarecrow trail

**Family workshop to make your scarecrow on the theme of 'Art and Animation'** Sat 26 Sep 2.30-5pm in the village hall. Only £10 per family for a really fun, creative session, materials and expertise supplied by Wiltshire Scrapstore. Bring along your ideas, the theme this year is 'Art and Animation'. Your scarecrow will then be displayed round the village during the weekend of 10th and 11th October. To book (limited places so please book early) by email [kirstybridge2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kirstybridge2004@yahoo.co.uk)

**Fused glass course** Caroline Lambert, a glass artist from Wickwar, will be running courses in Sherston in the British School Rooms. Fri 2 Oct 9:30-3:30pm or Sat 3 Oct 10am-4pm. Bring a pack lunch, but tea, coffee and home made cakes are included. A days course costs £32, materials and firing will cost extra. The cost of materials and firing depends on the size of item made but averages £20. Caroline will fuse your creation and it will be returned to you a few weeks after the course. Early booking essential [Carron Waterhouse KCUnderwater@hotmail.com](mailto:Carron.Waterhouse@KCUnderwater@hotmail.com)

*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). Scarecrow workshop - pick up an Arts Festival form or email [kirstybridge2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kirstybridge2004@yahoo.co.uk) or visit [www.sherston.net](http://www.sherston.net)*

## Sherston Drama Group Half- term Pantomime: Cinderella

Wed 28 – Sat 31 Oct 7.30pm with Sat matinee at 2.30pm  
Tickets go on sale early October at the Post Office or from Box Office 840092

*For further information contact Richard Skeffington on 840092 or [r.a.skeffington@gmail.com](mailto:r.a.skeffington@gmail.com)*

## 'Sherston Brick Club'

Friday 11th & Friday 25th September

5.30 to 6.30pm -  
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6.30 to 8.00pm –  
Brick Club: 8 years -108!

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## Sherston and surrounding villages

### Malmesbury Arts and Crafts Trail

**Comes to Sherston - in aid of WAA** Four local artists from Sherston are the first stop on the Malmesbury Arts Trail on Sat 26 and Sun 27 Sep - Kim Langley (Roki Pottery), Alison Atkins (Jewellery), Nicki Heenan (Artist), Lou Ropner (Mosaics), Arabella Parry (Artist) Come and support us at the British School Room 10am to 5pm and then follow the trail around the area through Pinkney, Foxley and Malmesbury. Trail guides will be available from us at the first venue.

**Roki Pottery Demonstrations & Workshops** Book in advance - Contact Kim 07580128130 or email [kim@rokipottery.co.uk](mailto:kim@rokipottery.co.uk)

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## Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Ride and Stride

The annual Sponsored Ride and Stride in aid of Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and your local church Sat 11 Sep 10am-6pm Ride (cycle or horse) or walk to as many churches as you can manage during the day and get sponsorship for doing so. There are also cash prizes to be won. The money raised is split between Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and your chosen church. Sponsorship forms, a list of participating churches and notes for riders and striders from the website or from Pam Pickthall on 841072 or from Area Administrator Charles Graham at [ctg100@hotmail.com](mailto:ctg100@hotmail.com) or 01672 514301

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**Sunday Cinema** £8.50 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn. In addition, on the day, choose one, two or three courses from the a la carte lunch menu in 'Le Mazot' brasserie The Sunday Cinema Screenings must be pre-booked and at least one course **Second Best Marigold Hotel** 27 Sep **Woman of Gold** starring Helen Mirren 18 Oct  
**Films coming soon:** Nov: A little Chaos; Dec: Focus  
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## Grittleton

### Rural Arts Wiltshire

#### INSTANT WIT -

The quick-fire comedy improvisation show... an evening of sketches, songs and general silliness, all of it based around audience suggestions. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Fri 18 Sept in Grittleton Village Hall Adults £7, Concs £6, Children (under 16) £4.50, Families (2 adults & 2 children) £18.50 Target Audience: Ages 12+

For further details call Jan Jeffcoate 01249 782798 or [dandjeffcoate@btinternet.com](mailto:dandjeffcoate@btinternet.com) or visit [www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk](http://www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk)



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Cinderella Wed 2 Dec

Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email [l\\_palmer@btinternet.com](mailto:l_palmer@btinternet.com) or visit <http://www.moviola.org/>

## Cotswolds Rural Skills

**Cotswolds Photography Competition** What best sums up the beauty and uniqueness of the AONB? Amateur photographers of all ages are being asked to submit their images – of landscapes, buildings, traditions, people – in a brand new competition, with fantastic prizes up for grabs. Entries are invited for two categories, adult and under-16s. Closing date 30Nov All entrants can also claim a 50% discount on getting their images professionally printed at Clifton Cameras new photo print suite First prize for adults is a superb Canon EOS 700D 18-55 IS Kit worth £539 from Clifton Cameras, Dursley, while the under-16s winner will enjoy a full day's photography tuition with Cotswolds-based photographer / filmmaker Nick Turner. Entry forms and more details - <http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/explore-and-enjoy/cotswolds-photography-competition/>

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**Flax Making Workshop** 5 Sep Northleach

**Dry Stone Wallings - Improvers** 7-8 Sept Tetbury

**Cotswold Tile Roofing - Beginners** 19-20 Sep Naunton

For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or [david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](mailto:david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk) or visit <http://www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk/>

## Malmesbury Carnival

**Malmesbury Carnival Procession** 6pm Sat 5 Sep. events including quizzes, historical walks, poetry, music events, race night, bike rides, Various locations in and around Malmesbury For further details call [enquiries@malmesburycarnival.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@malmesburycarnival.co.uk) or call 823921 or 824361 or visit [www.malmesburycarnival.co.uk](http://www.malmesburycarnival.co.uk)

## Embroiderers' Guild Exhibition of work

**Open Evening with guest speaker Dr Lynn Hulse** "William Morris and the Rise of Art Embroidery" All welcome - We have workshops, and talks, outings and projects throughout the year concerning anything to do with textiles. Refreshments provided. Tues 8 Sep 7pm - 9pm Malmesbury Town Hall For further details call Ruth Vaughan 826597

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## Events at Malmesbury

### History Centre

An Audience with Hilary Mantel discussing Seymour family and letters written by Thomas Cromwell that are held in the Archives Hilary is the two-time winner of the Man Booker Prize for her best-selling novels, Wolf Hall and its sequel, Bring Up the Bodies. Wolf Hall was the seat of the Seymour family in Savernake Forest and several Wiltshire locations were used in the BBC/Masterp 10 Sept 6.30pm £10.

For further details call 01249 705500

## Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Carducci in concert Featuring Shostakovich String Quartets No. 6 and No. 3, Beethoven Op. 18 No. 4 Sat 19 Sep 7.30pm £15 members/ £5 student or chd. Season tickets are also available for only £55

For further details call David Barton 824924

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

[www.malmesbury.com/mams](http://www.malmesbury.com/mams)

## Music for Autism Day at Malmesbury Abbey

Gala fund-raising concert brilliant pianist, Derek Paravicini and friends will be performing a concert as part of our Orchestra of St John Music for Autism day Thurs 8 Oct 7.30pm £10

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**The History of the Greener Guns Company** from 1829 By Graham N Greener Thur 24 Sep

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

**The Cotswold Canals: past, present and future** Theo Stenning Thurs 26 Nov

**No meeting Dec**

Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall *For further details call Membership Secretary Julia Batty on 01249 720327 or visit [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk)*

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*For further details call [enquiries@emergencyservicesshow.com](mailto:enquiries@emergencyservicesshow.com) or 01380 732999 or visit [www.emergencyservicesshow.com](http://www.emergencyservicesshow.com)*

## Didmarton

### Flicks in the Sticks

Mr Turner Fri 18 Sep Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door  
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*For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or [jenny.body@virgin.net](mailto:jenny.body@virgin.net)*

## Crudwell

### North Wilts Villages Flower Club

AGM followed by talk by David Martin (Area Demonstrator and Florist) Staging the Chelsea 2015 SW Area NAFAS exhibit - a Gold medal winner. Wed 16 Sep Flower club meetings take place on the 3rd Wed each month, 7 for 7.30pm. If you enjoy flowers come and join us, visitors and new members are welcome

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**Ann Anson will demonstrate under the title of "Towards Autumn"**. For those wanting to enter the competition the title will also be "Towards Autumn". Wed 21 Oct  
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*For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639*

## Kemble

### Didmarton Bluegrass Festival

One of the UK's premier bluegrass, americana and old time music festivals 4-6 Sep Displays, concerts, workshops, food marquee and vintage clothing tents £20 1 day -£60 3 days (incl camping), under 14s free. Advanced sales now closed, tickets available on the door (cash only)

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## 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](mailto:Chloe.Buller@wiltshirefa.com)*

## Wotton-Under-Edge

### The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Manglehorn; Southpaw; Trainwreck; Minions 2D; Rocky Horror Show Live; Paper Towns; Moomins on the Riviera; Dartmoore Killing ; NT Live (Encore) Coriolanus 29 Sep; The Importance of being Earnest (Live) Thurs 8 Oct ; Doctor Proctor's Fart

Powder check website for details

**Films: Amy; Love and Mercy; The Globe on Screen: Comedy of Errors; RSC Live Othello Wed 26 Aug; NT Livr: The Beaux Strategem Thurs 3 Sep; NT Live Coriolanus (Encore)**

*For further details call 01453 844601 or visit [www.wottoncinema.com](http://www.wottoncinema.com)*

## Wotton Bridge Club

**Bridge lessons** on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Wotton Civic Centre, from Oct onwards. £6 per lesson. Complete beginners welcome.

*For further details call Ian Cooke on 890261 or email [tresham.bridge@gmail.com](mailto:tresham.bridge@gmail.com)*

## Nailsworth

### Forest Green Rovers F.C.

**Professional football only 20 minutes drive from Sherston.** Home matches: Sat 12 Sep 3pm v. Southport; Tues 22 Aug 7.45pm v Cheltenham Town; Sat 26 3pm v. Gateshead Adults £17/£15, Concessions £13/£11, under 16s £9/£7 junior £6/£4 Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2

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## Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton

### Covent Garden Royal Opera

#### House and Ballet @ the cinema

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

Live Ballet: Romeo and Juliet 22 Sep 7.15pm

Live Opera: Le nozze de Figaro 5 Oct 6.45pm

Opera:

Cavalleria rusticana / Pagliacci 10 Dec 7.15pm

Ballet: The Nutcracker 16 Dec 7.15pm

Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and many other Cinemas

*For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit*

*www.roh.org.uk/cinema*

### National Theatre Live

Live and pre recorded screenings

The Beaux' Stratagem Thurs 3 Sep

Encore: Coriolanus Thurs 24 Sep

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Live: Of Mice and Men Thurs 19 Nov

*For further details call or visit www.ntlive.com*

## Bath

### Theatre Royal

Mrs Henderson Presents 15 Aug - 5 Sep £15-£33.50

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Book ahead for:

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## Cheltenham

### Play by Sherston playwright

#### Frank Hatt

### Elderly People Crossing

Frank describes the play as a grey comedy and is a professional production by Stroud Theatre Company, featuring Anah Ruddin and Alan Coveney, two fine actors with a wealth of experience.

Wed 30 Sep - Sat 3 Oct,

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Everyman Theatre

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Varied programme of talks and events featuring all

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