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# The Neighbourhood Plan: News of important progress

A meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is to be held at 7.00pm on Monday 4 September in the Village Hall to which everyone is invited.

At this meeting, an update will be given in respect of the work that has been ongoing since the last meeting held in March regarding the means of securing the delivery of certain desired community benefits on the proposed site adjacent to Sopworth Lane.

This follows a series of meetings with the key stakeholders of Wiltshire Council, the GPs and the landowners (and the prospective developer) over the last few weeks to discuss the recently tabled alternative development proposals for that site. Certain key aspects of the alternative proposal that would have been fundamental to enable that proposal to be viable and deliverable have proven problematic. Firstly, Wiltshire County Council advised that the proposed inclusion of an 'independent living' (retirement) scheme on the site was unlikely to be supported as it did not accord with their strategy which seeks to secure such facilities in the larger urban areas. Secondly, the landowner has recently signed an 'Option Agreement' with a developer which meant that an alternative partial development of the site was likely to prove impossible. Thirdly, the requirement to provide 40% affordable housing on the site, when combined with the estimated high cost of infrastructure needed to open up the site, significantly impacted on the overall viability of the scheme.

Agreement has now been reached between those involved in all of these discussions on behalf of the Steering Group (including those who were promoting the alternative proposals) on the principles, scale and type of development that will now be proposed to be incorporated in the draft Neighbourhood Plan in respect of this site. This is likely to comprise a proposal for the allocation of the full site for a mixture of housing (40% affordable) and community development -including sufficient land being set aside to accommodate a new GP surgery, a new pre-school facility and for the future expansion of the primary school - with the proposed GP surgery being fully funded by the proposed development.

At this meeting, the work undertaken by members of the Steering Group over the preceding months will be set out, including the findings of a Traffic Impact Assessment and the principles of the anticipated

community benefits for this site. Some of the potential constraints on and opportunities arising from the proposed development will be set out including: the need to protect and safeguard the surrounding Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; future-proofing for local educational needs; the possibility of helping to resolve existing identified parking issues associated with the school; and the options for using the likely Community Infrastructure Levy money that would be generated by this development.

Finally, the Steering Group will be reminded about all of the other policies and proposals that it has previously considered and indicated that it wishes to support and will be asked to formally re-approve such for inclusion in the Draft Plan.

# Lifesaving First Aid & CPR/AED Session: 11 October in Sherston Village Hall

Do you want to feel more confident about the use of AED/CPR and be more effective for a better outcome in the event of an emergency? Then please consider joining us and improve YOUR effectiveness. This session will last approximately two hours and will include topics such as choking and the unconscious person. Interested? Then join us at 10.30am in the Small Village Hall on Wednesday 11 October.

The session will be relaxed (with no tests) and you can get as involved as you want!

The session is limited to a maximum of 16 people and the cost will be £12.00 per person.

This includes for the venue hire and the training company (plus a tea or coffee!).

The session is being run on a non-profit basis for the local community.

For further details and to book your place contact David Munn on either dtwm@btinternet.com or 840447.

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# Sherston Badminton Club

Our new season starts on Tuesday 5 September! We are a group of mixed ages (over 18) and abilities who all enjoy a friendly game of badminton in the village Hall on Tuesday evenings.

We play from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the main hall and this season we are planning to open up table tennis in the small hall as well. After a very successful and enjoyable 12 months we are challenging at least one neighbouring village to a match - it should be good!

If anyone would like to come along and try your racquet hand, you will be made very welcome.

For more information you can text or call David Boyle on 07740 188882 or email him at djboyle@hotmail.com

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

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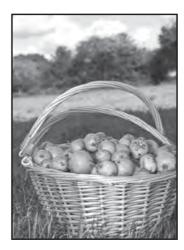
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# Collect crabapples for charity



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

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

If you have any crabapples you won't be using and would like to support the local school, Tracklements would love them! All you need to do is drop them off at Tracklements, Whitewalls, Easton Grey, SN16 0RD (Tel: 827044, open 9.00am-5.00pm Monday-Friday) from the beginning of September until Friday the 27 October.

To view the full range and find out more about the project, visit www.tracklements.co.uk.

# WI Report

'A Decade in Gascogne' - a lovely summery thought on a very wet August day in Sherston. John Clarke came to our August meeting to share with us his love of the area, which is in south-west France close to the Spanish border and known for, amongst other things, its wines and Armagnac.

He bought his cottage in Gascogne in the early eighties somewhat by chance - a browse through the property section of a Sunday paper whilst thinking where to go on holiday led him to Gascogne and, although he didn't buy that particular property, he soon bought another. His affection for the village, the people and the surrounding area was evident in his talk and his slides illustrated the beauty of the medieval village and the countryside. We heard some of the challenges he faced in undertaking renovations to the cottage and we were able to see and admire the end result of those renovations. As he shared his stories of the community and festivals it felt as though we were there too and enjoying the occasions with him.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 7 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, when Peter Nannestad will share 'A Day in the Life of an Hotelier' with us. Our October meeting will be our Birthday Dinner. On 2 November our meeting, which takes place in the afternoon, will be 'Flowers for Christmas' with Rosemary Kerr.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members to our meetings.



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# Snow White and the



Sherston Drama Group's pantomime at Sherston Village Hall this October is Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs with script by Alan P Frayn. The production runs from Wednesday 25 to Saturday 27 October with a matinee performance on the Saturday.

Show times are 7.30 pm evenings with the matinee at 2.30 pm.

Tickets are £8 for adults and £6.50 for children and seniors, this includes refreshments. Tickets available from Sherston Post Office Stores or box office 07970111601.

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# Thank you from The Friends of Tetbury Hospital

A huge thank you to the people of Tetbury and surrounding villages who together gave just under £10,000 during the hospital's recent annual house-to-house collection. Also, special thanks go to an anonymous donor who contributed a massive £5,000 (with Gift Aid) to the collection making a total of nearly £16,000.

This year, with the money raised, the hospital can now purchase an A/B eye scanner, which will enable our patients to have this specialist test carried out at the hospital avoiding the need to travel to Cheltenham. This will enhance our One-Stop eye capability.

Comments John McGrath, chairman of The Friends of Tetbury Hospital: 'We are absolutely delighted with this result and I thank all who donated in Tetbury and surrounding villages for their generosity. Also, a huge thank you to the volunteers who tramped the streets knocking on doors. The support of the town and surrounding villages is hugely appreciated and vital, enabling the hospital to provide the very best range of services supported by modern medical equipment.'

Tetbury Hospital Trust is a charity established in 1992, which receives payment from the NHS for patient treatments though not for new or replacement equipment. The Hospital's survival depends on local fundraising and the generosity of local people. In addition, local people donate money through their wills and, over recent years, income from legacies has grown.

Since the recent NHS re-organisation, the Hospital serves both Gloucestershire and Wiltshire with more than 35 consultants from both counties holding regular clinics there.

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



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# Organ Donation Week: 4-10 September

Yes I donate

This year's Organ Donation Week (previously National Transplant Week) will take place from Monday 4 until Sunday 10 September.

Organ Donation Week provides an opportunity for the organ donation and transplant community to promote organ donation nationally and locally, whilst highlighting the importance of organ donation and celebrating those who have saved lives.

Sally Johnson, Director of Organ Donation and Transplantation said: 'We hope people across the UK will get behind the week and the opportunity it presents to focus people's attention on organ donation. People waiting for transplants depend on people being willing to donate their organs and sadly on average three people die every day across the UK due to a shortage of donated organs.'

We're reminding people that no matter what their age, Organ Donation Week is a great opportunity to chat with their family and let them know whether they want to donate their organs when they die. Making sure your family know your wishes now will protect them from having to make a choice they aren't sure of at a very difficult time.



# WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Private 381007 James Berry

14th Service Batt Hampshire Regiment

Who died 26th September 1917

Son of George and Mary Berry, Rose Cottage, Pinkney, Wiltshire

Remembered with Honour, Tyne Cott Memorial, Zonnebeke, West Flanders, Belgium.

James Berry had originally enlisted in the Worcestershire Regiment having been wounded and subsequently recovered, found himself in the 14th Hampshires, again this was a Pals' battalion.

By late September, the actions in front of the village of Passchendaele were fought in unimaginably horrific conditions. The wounded had little chance of being recovered: many simply drowned in the mud.

There was little chance of a proper burial for the dead.

This and subsequent destruction of graves by shell fire explain why so many of the soldiers, like James Berry, have no known grave and are commemorated on the Tyne Cott Memorial of the Missing.

The bells of Holy Cross Church will be rung at 11.45am on the 26 September.

#### The Duke of Beaufort

David Somerset, the 11th Duke of Beaufort and owner of the Badminton Estate, has died aged 89.

A statement from Badminton House said the Duke died peacefully at home. It said: 'He leaves his widow Miranda and four children Harry, Anne, Edward and John, and is succeeded by his eldest son Harry, the Marquess of Worcester.'

The Duke, 6th cousin once removed to the Queen, was not only a landowner and sportsman, but also a successful art dealer, joining the Marlborough Gallery in Mayfair in 1950 and later becoming its chairman. He had been a president of the British Horse Society, and developed Badminton Horse Trials into one of the biggest and best known horse events in the world. He remained Joint Master of the Beaufort Hunt until his death.







# Sherston Senior Club

Our Boules Tea Afternoon was a great success thanks to Pete Brock and his staff at The Carpenters Arms. Members and visitors enjoyed 'End of the Track' singing and a wonderful tea.

Our next meeting was a demonstration of Optimum Mobility Products. We were given a short introduction and then invited to try various pieces of equipment, including an adjustable chair and a ride in a mobility scooter.

The following fortnight was our trip to Sidmouth. This was folk festival time. With lots of music, stalls and sideshows, even medieval music in the church, it was a good day out by the sea.

On 22 August, Clive Rathband showed slides of his 'Favourite things' (more on this next month).

Looking forward, on Tuesday 5 September we will be going on a half-day mystery trip (£10.00 Members £12.00 visitors). Look out for posters with further details. On Tuesday 19 September we will be having our Harvest Auction in Sherston Village Hall at 2.30pm. Rev. Susan Harvey will act as auctioneer. On Tuesday 3 October, we will be back in the British School Room for a Fashion Shop.



# Steam harvest memories

The combine harvesters and straw balers at long last being able to gather the harvest, and the Dorset Annual Steam Fair once more appearing in local adverts, reminded me of the days when I was taken as a six-year-old to a steam engine owning cousins of ours in North East Yorkshire.

There, three cousins of mine ran a threshing machine business with three grain threshing machines driven by steam engines, working throughout the post-harvest months, covering not only the vast Yorkshire wolds but the highly productive River Humber estuary wheat lands.

I was placed on a very thick sack atop the box containing the coal supply for the steam traction engine, loving every minute of the smoky, noisy ride from Brantingham Village to a farm near Beverley, East Yorkshire, where Cousin Stan had purchased a straw elevator for the forthcoming season. Meanwhile, my cousin described that there was lots of snowfall there during the winter, followed by long, sunny days where he would leave home at 4.30am on horseback, being the only means to get to fire up the traction engines to thresh by 8.00am, using equipment needing to be left by the huge stacks of binder-cut cereal crops in that area for a week or more. Times change! Don't they just?

Eleven years later, things hadn't changed a great deal in North East Yorkshire. The steam traction engines being replaced by huge 'international' internal combustion tractors with self-starters, they too giving way to the combine harvesters.

My first motorcycle bought for £70, Royal Enfield 350 cc Army Surplus, brand new now providing my transport to Yorkshire, being asked by Cousin Stan, 'Pop over and ask Tom Watson can he thresh ye morny on this yer bike Johnny!'.

An ageing farmer, John Hillier

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# News from Holy Cross Church

I hope that you've been able to enjoy a bit of a break for refreshment and renewal over the summer. With a very successful Holiday Club at the end of July, it doesn't feel that long ago that some of the regular activities of the schools and churches took a brief break for the holidays. Now, as September begins, we start afresh with some exciting initiatives.

Firstly, Little Lights will now be on Fridays during term-time in Hullavington Church at the revised time of 10.00am. This will fit in very well with the relaunch of the Hullavington Church Coffee Shop on Friday mornings, making the most of our new facilities. Secondly, any young people who wish to explore being confirmed this year will need to get in touch with me as soon as possible please, as we will shortly begin our confirmation course. Venue and timing depend on the participants – so let me know if you're interested! The confirmation service itself will be on Wednesday 1 November in Malmesbury Abbey.

Adults who wish to be confirmed are invited to do the Foundations course, which is also open to anyone who wants to find out more about the Christian faith. Foundations has been found helpful by many people – whether those who've been coming to church for many years but have questions, or those who wouldn't describe themselves as having a personal faith but are interested in finding out more. I'm offering it on Thursday evenings in Sherston – contact me on 837522, Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com

For those who wish to take their study further, the Exploring Christianity course will be looking at the history of the Christian Church, and how the historic debates still affect us now. This will be on Tuesday evenings, in the Rectory at 1 Rectory Close, SN14 6DT, from 7.30pm.

As Area Dean, I get an interesting insight into how communities and churches across North Wiltshire organise themselves. It's fascinating to see how each village is individual, how varied the history is, and how different aspects of life are given widely different priorities. This means I see the Gauzebrook Group in a fresh light, with a contrasting perspective. For instance,



#### **SHERSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

During renovations to the British School Room, meeting in the Methodist Chapel, Grove Road

#### **September Services**

3rd September 10.30am 10th September 10.30am 17th September 10.30am 24th September 10.30am

Andrew Williams Tarling Lead by Methodists Joint Harvest Service Lead by Methodists the Gauzebrook Group has a very strong emphasis on children's work and adult education, which is excellent. However, we need to put a bit of energy into ensuring we are up to speed with Health and Safety, Fire Risk Assessments and the like. If anyone can offer any skills in this necessary area, please do let me know.

The monthly service at Easton Grey parish church will now be held on the third Sunday of each month (with exceptions for Easter and Christmas). This ensures that there is a 9.30am Communion Service on that Sunday in the Gauzebrook Group, and also means that more ministers will be available to lead worship. However, the September service will be 11.00am for Harvest.

Finally, as the farmers bring in the last of the harvest, our churches are open for services of thanksgiving. Harvests will be held on the following dates: Alderton 1 October 9.30am; Easton Grey 17 September - and please note one-off time of 11.00am; Foxley 17 September 6.00pm; Hullavington 15 October 11.00am; Luckington 24 September 11.00am; Norton 24 September 9.30am; Sherston 1 October 9.30am Harvest Family Communion and 6.00pm Harvest Evensong followed by Supper; Stanton St Quintin 15 October 9.30am.

Best wishes Christopher Bryan, Rector





#### Malmesbury Concert Band plays the Market Cross: 30 September



The Malmesbury Concert Band (MCB) will be playing in the Market Cross in Malmesbury on Saturday 30 September between 10.30am and 12.00noon.

While playing a selection of its usual repertoire of classical, popular and original music, the main purpose of the programme will be to promote and act as a curtain-raiser for its main event of the year, its 10th Musical Extravaganza on Saturday 28 October in the Assembly Room at Malmesbury Town Hall.

Director of Music Tony Fleming said: 'In addition to other entertaining pieces, this will provide an opportunity for the band to play, and the public to hear, some of the music we are planning for the Extravaganza.'

Tickets for the Extravaganza will be on sale that morning at a special 'early bird' discounted price, with £1 off the normal purchase price of £9.

More information on MCB can be accessed on its website: www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

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#### Playing Maggie at Grittleton Village Hall



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Tickets from Jan 01249 782798 dandjjeffcoate@btinternet.co.uk

Adults £8, Concessions £7, Children (under 16) £5, Family (2 adults/2 children £21)

Bring your own refreshments.

# Sherston Boy is a Whizz at Maths

Thomas Hulme from Sherston has aced a maths GCSE at the age of 11. Thomas, who took the exam whilst at Westonbirt School, joins Pate's Grammar School in Cheltenham in September where no doubt his amazing maths abilities will go from strength to strength.

We would like to congratulate all Sherston students who took GCSE and A Levels this summer and wish them well with the next steps of their education!

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# Bath Community Gospel Choir to sing during Sherston Arts Festival

The wonderful Bath Community Gospel Choir will be singing on Saturday 7 October at 7.30pm at the Holy Cross Church in Sherston as part of the Sherston Arts Festival. There will be uplifting classics, thumping anthems, pop, funk, and of course, gospel. Come along and raise the roof! Tap your toes, stamp your feet, dance, release your inner Jake and Elwood and have a drink from the licensed bar!





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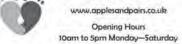
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# Reopening of Sherston Congregational Church, the British Schoolroom



For the past few months a major renovation has been under way in the British School Room on Cliff Road, home of Sherston Congregational Church and venue for a diverse range of community groups and activities for many years.

The new facilities include downstairs: a modern kitchen with a serving hatch through to the main hall, which will be available to all those using the venue, as well as the church fellowship, who also plan to host occasional meals for the community; two new toilets; a 'Quiet Room', a calm space offering peace and a place for respite for anyone in the village who needs it; as well as a redecorated main hall and worship area.

In our new upstairs space, we have an office and further space for letting, which will also host a long hoped-for Sunday school.

The whole building has been re-carpeted and the main entrance - with disabled ramp - will now be off Swan Barton.

In the coming weeks, the building will host, after the Flying Monk Arts Trail on 23-24 September (see page 12), the Sherston Arts Festival itself from 6 to 14 October (see page 14). On Saturday 21 October, there will be a Service of Rededication at 11.00am, which will be followed by a buffet lunch. The building will then remain open for viewing all day for visitors and villagers.

This reopening is the latest stage in the story of Sherston Congregational Church, which dates back to 1822, when a group of Christians met in a house at the end of Cliff Road (off Court Street). As the group grew, a hole had to be made in the ceiling so that those upstairs could hear the preaching downstairs! Eventually one of this group, a farmer, gave his barn which was the Old Chapel on Cliff Road as a meeting place, which was then used by many generations for over 170 years.

By 1844 a Minister's Manse was purchased next to

the Old Chapel and then the British School Room was bought to teach 'children of the poor'. Worship moved from the Old Chapel in 2012 before it had to be sold for residential use in 2015.

Over the years, the British School Room has hosted groups as diverse as TOC H, The British Legion, Young Wives, Mums and Toddlers, Senior Clubs, and has been used regularly by many groups, including Sherston Community Choir and Sherston Drama Group, as well as hosting the Arts Festival for many years. It has also been a base for Operation Christmas Child since 1993, each year sending hundreds of shoeboxes of gifts to children in need in Third World nations.

The Congregational Church would like to take this opportunity to thank the Methodist Chapel on Grove Road with whom we have been meeting for worship since May. We would also like to thank our neighbours on Cliff Road and Silver Street for putting up with any disruptions they might have experienced during the building work.

We are looking forward to welcoming back all those groups who enjoy using the British School Room and we invite everyone to join us at the 11.00am Rededication Service on Saturday 21 October.

We are excited by the opportunities which lie ahead. It is our vision that Sherston Congregational Church in the British School Room will offer the community hospitality, sanctuary, hope, fellowship, teaching, 'good news' and, above all, love.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

'No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.'

Matthew 5:15 (New Living Translation)

Reverend Andrew Williams Tarling 07921 390878

#### Get your bake on and raise some 'dough' for Wiltshire Air Ambulance!

Wiltshire Air Ambulance is encouraging people to get baking and raise funds to keep its helicopter and crew flying and saving lives.

Bake Off for Lift Off is once again the charity's theme for National Air Ambulance Week (11-17 September).

Individuals, groups, schools and businesses can all get involved in the cake-related fun by holding their own bake sales, bake-off competitions, tea parties or picnics.

Wiltshire Air Ambulance is ending Air Ambulance Week with The Great Big Teddy Bears' Picnic on The Small Green, Devizes, on Sunday 17 September, which is also the day when the charity's Big Wheel cycling event takes place.

Kenresa Stratford, Fundraising & Events Coordinator at Wiltshire Air Ambulance, said: 'We were overwhelmed by the public support for Bake Off for Lift Off last year, so we're really excited to continue with the theme for this year's Air Ambulance Week.

'There are so many fun ways to get involved, from holding a bake sale, or having a bake-off with your friends, neighbours or colleagues. We're hoping that communities, businesses and schools across the county will get their bake on and raise money for our essential helicopter emergency medical service to help us to keep saving lives.

'We'd also love people to join us for The Great Big Teddy Bear's Picnic in Devizes on 17 September where there will be cakes and sandwiches on sale from 12.30pm. You can also meet our paramedic bear mascot, Wilber, and help us to celebrate his first birthday.

'The picnic coincides with the Big Wheel cycling event that starts and finishes at The Green in Devizes, and is raising funds for us, so families and friends of riders who are taking part may want to join us and enjoy cake! We'd like to thank Haydens Bakery, based in Devizes, for sponsoring the picnic.'

To take part in Bake Off for Lift Off or for more information email bakeoff@wiltshireairambulance. co.uk or call 01380 739453. For more information or to register for the Big Wheel cycling event email kenresa@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk

## Calling all adventurous people...

Adventure and personal challenge are at the very heart of what we do at the Youth Adventure Trust.

This year, to celebrate our 25th Anniversary, we are looking for 25 intrepid individuals to take on a personal challenge and raise some money to help vulnerable young people climb their own personal mountains.

Run a marathon, do an endurance bike ride, swim the oceans or take to the air - do whatever you fancy and we will support you every step of the way.

Louisa Oldfield would be delighted to talk to you about your ideas, advise you on planning, training and fundraising and be your own personal cheer leader. Email her on louisa.oldfield@youthadventuretrust. org.uk to find out more about joining TEAM 25!

The Youth Adventure Trust is a registered youth development charity working with vulnerable young people aged 11 to 14 years old from across



Wiltshire and Swindon. The Trust was established in 1992 by David Hempleman-Adams and Major Richard Mitchell, both well known for their recordbreaking Arctic, Antarctic and mountain climbing expeditions. They agreed that early experiences in challenging themselves through the outdoors had shown them that they could achieve more than they thought. This idea led to the realisation that many young people, for a variety of reasons, often do not have the opportunity to start the 'believe – achieve' process and make the most of their lives.

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# Do you have a window in Sherston?



No, it's not a new window tax! We need you and your window for the Sherston Arts Festival on the 7 and 8 October! Window Wanderland and Sherston Arts Festival have teamed up and we hope that lots of homes in Sherston will get involved and take part in our exciting new event.

Be part of a magical weekend during the Sherston Arts Festival and have a go at making a display in your window. The best part is that you don't need any artistic skill! All you need is a window and a bit of enthusiasm.

Window Wanderland started in Bristol in 2015 where people just like you made a display for their window or garden forming a walking trail for a Winters evening. We have extended it slightly as we are also running the trail during the day (to coincide with the scarecrow trail) with a special light up trail on the Sunday evening of 8 October 2017 – 6.30pm-9.00pm. Everyone is invited to make a display which can be big or small, from a single candle to a tissue paper cut out on your window - anything goes! It's free to take part in and free to walk around.

Don't worry if you are stuck for ideas - check ideas on www.windowwanderland. com and www.sherstonartsfestival.com - you can use any of them or just take a little inspiration from them! The only information we need from you now is a yes you would like to be involved - simply go to www.windowwanderland.com and click to the Sherston event and sign up online in 1 minute. Or contact Kirsty.strachan@icloud.com and I can put you on the map. You don't even have to tell anyone what you are putting in your window so you can leave thinking about it until October but we do need you to sign up ASAP. It's that easy and we would love to see as many windows taking part as possible. It's all just for fun - and we are looking forward to seeing a different side to our lovely community!



## The Flying Monk Arts Trail

The Flying Monk Arts Trail brings together traditional and contemporary professional artists and craft workers in Malmesbury and its surrounding villages to showcase their creative work.

This is an annual event, privately run and this year it starts on runs from Saturday 23 September to Sunday 24 September. Visitors are invited to step inside studios and other venues to experience a wealth of creative talent. Artworks on show include prints, graffiti arts, ceramics, textiles, photography, sculpture, crafts, jewellery and many more.

Four Sherston based artists - Jenny Riley, Julia Leyden, Heather Martin and Gill Ashley will show at the newly renovated British School Room. So, for a chance to buy original art AND see the building, come along on Saturday 10.00am - 6.00pm and Sunday 12.30pm - 5.00pm.

You could make a weekend of it and cycle/drive around to Malmesbury, Sherston, Easton Grey, Brokenborough, Little Somerford, Lea and Corston!

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# Sherston Arts Festival 2017: 6 to 15 October



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There is still time to put your name down for the Willow Workshop, enter a Scarecrow, enter the Window Wanderland or take pictures for the Photographic exhibition. All entry details are on the website wwwsherstonartsfestival.com and tickets are on sale in the Post Office.

# Young musicians wanted



This year's Young Musicians Concert is being held on Saturday 14 October 5.00pm-7.30pm. We wanted to borrow the Boondocks main stage but unfortunately it will be having its annual rest after a busy summer of festivals! So, we will be holding the concert in the Church of the Holy Cross, where we are less likely to be rained on, which I'm told is not good for cellos, or electric guitars, but apparently trumpets love it. We need all the young musicians we can to make this a great event, so if you play an instrument, sing, or are in a band, we want you to come and make the pews rattle. For more details and registration forms please go to sherstonartsfestival.com

#### Support and Information for Carers of People with Arthritis

We know that living with arthritis and chronic pain can be difficult, not only for the person who has the condition, but also for the people who live with and care for them.

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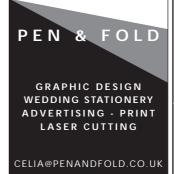
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# Saturday Friends and Sunday Lunch Club

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Malmesbury has a beautiful new refurbished community centre – Riverside. It's just by the Co-op down by the Fire Station and it offers a monthly drop-in for seniors once per month to come and see old friends or make new friends. Every month 'Saturday Friends' has a theme and September's theme is 'Carnival', so if you came to the Malmesbury festivities, or even visited the Rio Carnival or Bridgwater Carnival (obviously the best in the world!), why not come along and join us to share your memories or photos? We open at 10.30am and offer tea, coffee and biscuits and a light lunch at 12.00noon-ish. All free of charge thanks to some generous sponsors (Wiltshire Council Area Board and others). Transport is possible, call me if needed.

The dates again are:

Saturday 16 September - Carnival

Saturday 21 October – Fireworks and Halloween Saturday 18 November (theme to be confirmed)

Saturday 9 December (theme to be confirmed)

OR ... how about joining the successful Sunday Lunch group? Come and enjoy lunch at the Garden Centre Café at a discounted price. We currently hold two meetings per month, but are in desperate need of drivers who can help others who need transport. Could this be for you? Could you volunteer to join and help with this? I'm not expecting you to help every month, but some help is desperately needed before we have to close one session.

For an informal (no commitment) chat about either of these opportunities, call me on 07557 922020. Be aware that I work part time so please leave a message on my answerphone and I will get back to you.

Ellen Blacker

Health and Wellbeing Champion

Tel: 07557 922020 or email ellen.blacker@wiltshire. gov.uk. Please contact me if you think I can help or support you.



#### Moviola @ Grittleton Village Hall: Wednesday 27 September

To commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Partition of India in August 1947, we start our Autumn season with Viceroy's House [12A]. Viceroy's House in Delhi was the home of the British rulers of India. After 300 years, that rule was coming to an end. For six months in 1947, Lord Mountbatten, great grandson of Queen Victoria, assumed the post of the last Viceroy, charged with handing India back to its people. The film's story unfolds within that great House. Upstairs lived Mountbatten, together with his wife and daughter; downstairs lived their 500 Hindu, Muslim and Sikh servants. As the political elite – Nehru (Tanveer Ghani), Jinnah (Denzil Smith) and Gandhi (Neeraj Kabi) converged on the House to wrangle over the birth of independent India, conflict erupted. A decision was taken to divide the country and create a new Muslim homeland: Pakistan. The consequences of this decision reverberate to this day. The film examines these events through the prism of a marriage - that of Dickie and Edwina Mountbatten (Hugh Bonneville and Gillian Anderson) – and a romance – that between a young Hindu servant, Jeet (Manish Dayal), and his intended Muslim bride, Aalia (Huma Qureshi). Tickets: £6 for adults from Lesley on 01249 783157 or email l\_ palmer@btinternet.com [underscore between l and p]. Doors open 7.00pm, programme starts at 7.30pm.





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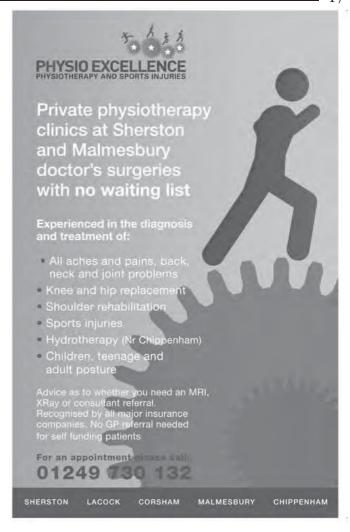
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# **Tolsey News**

Judy Sharp

#### **New Staff**

We are delighted to welcome Jo Missiato Brown, our new Practice Nurse who joins us in September. Jo comes with a wealth of experience in chronic disease management and all aspects of primary care nursing. Jo has been working in Bristol but she has decided that she would prefer to work more locally to where she lives.

#### Flu Season

Watch out for more information later this month on our flu clinics. We will be publishing the full clinic timetable next month. Don't forget, all patients over the age of 65 years are eligible for a free flu vaccine but we will not be writing to you individually again this year. All patients eligible for reasons other than age will receive a personal invitation from the surgery. You may also be eligible for a free pneumococcal vaccine if you have not previously had one. If you are eligible for a free vaccine, you will be able to book an appointment online this year for the first time.

All eligible school age children, except those in 'at risk' categories invited by the surgery, will be vaccinated at school and cannot be vaccinated at the surgery. For more information visit: www.nhs.uk/flu





#### Appointment Booking

We frequently hear patients complaining that they are unable to get an appointment as quickly as they would like. We try to ensure that sufficient numbers of emergency appointments are reserved to book on the day and up to two days ahead to deal with patient needs. It is mainly the responsibility of the patient not to abuse the availability of these appointments. It is also incumbent upon our receptionists to ascertain the urgency or purpose of patient requests, and often, when information is given, the patient can be directed appropriately. Sometimes this is to alternative appointments, perhaps with the nurse or Healthcare Assistant, which in turn can save a GP appointment being wasted. Our doctors ask that patients give the receptionists as much information as possible so that they can be appropriately triaged. Some patients, we know, are uncomfortable about giving clinical information to anyone they perceive to be medically untrained. However, our receptionists are trained for this task and can do a much more efficient job if given the correct information. Ultimately, this will help everybody.



# Malmesbury League of Friends make further £18,000 donations



The Malmesbury League of Friends (MLOF) has made further recent donations, totalling £18,000, following requests from a number of local individuals or organisations:

- Two electrocardiography (ECG) machines for Malmesbury Primary Care Centre (MPCC)
- Three dermoscopes for MPCC
- Special lifting cushions for Athelstan House Care Home, Malmesbury
- Artlift art classes at MPCC for patients with serious mental health issues
- Childcare to support a local resident with a severe disability
- 10 special chairs for Tolsey surgery, Sherston

This latest tranche of financial support follows a recent major donation of £25,000 to Julia's House, a hospice for terminally ill children, which was opened in Devizes in May.

MLOF chairman David Hide said: 'These latest requests are typical of those we receive for support. Although some of them involve quite modest sums, each one will nevertheless make a major difference to the lives of those who will benefit. We are always happy to consider requests for help for those living in the Malmesbury area, who have a special need.'

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### North Wilts Villages Flower Club

July meeting

Once again, Crudwell Village Hall was filled with Flower Club members and visitors, who were entertained by national demonstrator David Martin. David never fails to put on a good show, yet again creating some show-stopping arrangements all connected with the title 'A Celebration' which tied in with the clubs sapphire (45th) anniversary year. For his final arrangement of the evening, David produced a stunning pair of pedestal arrangements in blue as a tribute to our 45-year celebration. All of the evening's arrangements were put into a raffle which saw some very happy winners taking home lovely creations.

**Future meetings** 

Wednesday 20 September: AGM and talk by Mary Hinton – Hedgehog Rescue.

Wednesday 18 October: Demonstration by Sally Taylor entitled 'Harvest Home'. Competition – favorite flower.

#### Looking forward

We will be running a flower-arranging course, consisting of four lessons starting on Wednesday 27 September. Spaces are still available. Contact number below for more details.

Wednesday 15 November: Our Christmas Event with demonstrator Lorena Dyer. This will take place at the Sundial Theatre, Cirencester, GL7 1XA The demonstrations title 'It's Christmas, Let's Sparkle'.

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

For more information please contact Margaret on 01285 770639.



#### Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Holy Cross Church

The Coffee Shop - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits biscuits and brownies - Open Thurs 9.30 am - 12 noon till Easter then

Tues, Wed & Thur till Autumn

Sunday services 1st and 4th - Holy Communion, 2nd Worship

Together - a service for all age groups preceded by breakfast at 9am,

3rd - Family Service preceded by breakfast at 9am See the Parish Life for more details

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

Congregational Church - During renovations to the British School Rooms, the Congregational Church will be meeting in the Methodist Chapel on Grove Road

Services at 11am apart from 1st Sun 4pm. Brick Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 7pm All services are led or hosted by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling. Contact awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878 (or find us on Facebo.

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

Gauzebrook Church for Children

Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them: Junior Church is held at Court House, Hullavington. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

Little Lights Every term time, Fri 10am 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

Link provides a voluntary car service for residents living in the Malmesbury area, taking those in need to hospital, the chiropodist, GPs' surgeries and to visit sick relatives. For further information, prospective volunteers can contact Link co-ordinator and volunteer support officer Fee Knowles on 837967 or feeknowles@btinternet.com

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

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

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

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**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.

Dance classes at The Scout Hut Fun and friendly classes for children to learn ballet and/or jazz on Tuesday afternoons during term time Preschool/infant ballet 3.30 - 4pm, Jazz 4 - 4.30pm. Junior ballet 4.30 - 5pm, Jazz 5 - 5.30pm All abilities

welcome. For more information please call Abigail on 07720 396195.

Drawing Classes in Sherston Classes are held in the British Schoolroom during term times Weds either 10am to 12noon or 1.30 to 3.30pm. Students have individual attention and the classes are friendly and welcoming. We work on observational drawing in a range of media, pencil, watercolour crayon and pastel; subjects include plants and flowers,

natural objects and still life groups. For further information please contact Heather Martin heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or phone 840375

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Concert Band Rehearsals on Fri evenings in Malmesbury, 7.15 – 9.15pm. The band performs at local Bandstand. For further details and to ascertain current vacancies see our website 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 places and info@malmesburycommunitychoir organicity. information please email info@malmesburycommunitychoir.org, visit the website at www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org or www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir.

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild The local branch holds monthly meetings at Little Somerford Village Hall. On alternate months there are Saturday workshops on a wide range of topics, and on the intervening dates there is a Tuesday evening talk at 7.30pm. We always welcome newcomers and occasional visitors, although prebooking is essential for the workshops. Just turn up for the talks – non members £5.

For further information please phone Heather Martin 840375 or www.malmesburyembroiderers.blogspot.com

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

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

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies & Guides For details contact the Division Commissioner at malmesbury@ wncounty.org.uk

Malmesbury Rangers Girls over 14 meet every 2nd Thurs in the month. Further details from Gill Shaw on 825647 or email sgshaw@orchardshaws.co.uk

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club Meets at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wed evening at Crudwell Village Hall. Members come from the surrounding villages to hear speakers and enjoy floristry demonstrations and do workshops can competitions. Further details call Margaret Stanford on 01285 770 639

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

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

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

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

Senior Club Meets at 2.30pm during summertime in the Small Hall of VH, more details call Helen Quirk 840516.

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

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

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

**Sherston Brownies** Meet every Wed during term time 5.45 – 7pm in the Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Tawny Owl (Nicky) at nicky.gray@btinternet.com
2nd Sherston Brownies started in Sept 2016, for details contact Spectacled

Owl (Lara Farahar) at sherston2ndbrownies@outlook.com or call 841085

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 Fri nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should email sherstoncubsandscouts@gmail.com to obtain an application form'

**1st Sherston** (John Rattlebone) **Scout Troop** Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of 10 ½ to 13 ½. We meet at the Scout hut on Tues nights from 7pm to 9pm during school term times. To join contact Riaan van Rooyen riaan@pulse-software.co.uk There is currently a small waiting list to join.

Sherston Whitewall Explorers You don't need to have previously been a member of scouts or guides to join us, just be aged between 13 1/2 and 18 and free between 8.30 and 10pm on a Fri night during term time; for further information please contact Darren Walsh - 841043 or Ewan Blair –840096 – whitewallexplorers@ googlemail.com

Sherston Drama Group The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Sue Lehrer (Chairperson) lehrer.sue@icloud.com or 07780 661830

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

Sherston Swimming Club Our Club is a friendly and sociable group open to anyone of any swimming ability. We swim at Westonbirt Leisure Centre on Wed evenings from 8 – 9 pm. Everyone swims at their own pace although there is a lane for faster swimmers. £45 for 10 weeks. For further information please phone Maggie (840969), Annabel on 840592 or Heather (840375).

Sherston Magna Cricket Club Junior nets Mondays 6pm and Senior nets at 6.30pm on Tues nights at Pinkney Park. If you would like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the website www. sherstonmagnacc.co.uk

Sherston Netball Club Training every Mon 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 Wed Methodist Church, Grove Road £3 per session - Term ends 12 July. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cutcher sheilacutcher28@ gmail.com or 840067, or have a look at our Facebook page.

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

**Sherston Pilates** Classes held on Weds and Thurs daytime and evenings in the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. For more details contact Saara on 07739 552556 or sherstonpilates@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

Sherston Young Craft Group Every Mon 6.45 – 8.15pm in the village hall (children 9+). £3 (fincl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each half term. To join, please contact Minnie Hulme on 841118 or email hulmessherston@sky.com

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

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

WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses The WEA (Workers's Education Association) offers courses on the Arts, Literature and History in the British School Room, Cliff Road. For more information or to book a place contact Warwick or Pat Jones on warwickandpatjones@gmail.com

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

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

**Wild Yoga** from 31 Oct 7.45-9.15pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £9 reducing to £7.50 if you take up the course. Contact Theo 07818 401110 or theo@wildyoga.co.uk

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

# WHAT'S ON

#### Dates for your diary 2017

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

#### Sherston

#### The Carpenter's Arms

Check boards for details

For further details call 840665 or visit www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston

#### The Rattlebone Inn

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

Golf Society The society holds a golf day at top local courses once a month from March through to October. We play at courses including; Castle Combe, the Kendleshire, Stinchcombe Hill and Kingsdown. Prizes on the day are donated by the Rattlebone Inn and include; a fish and chip supper for two (at the Rattlebone), a bottle of wine for longest drive, and a bottle of wine for nearest the pin. Contact Nick on 07745326915 or nick\_brock@sky.com Or ask to join the Rattlebone golf society page on facebook Check boards for more details of events, call 840871, follow on Twitter or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk

The Angel Hotel

Check Facebook or boards for details of events, call 840039 or visit www.sherston-angel.co.uk

#### Sue's Strolls

Sun 3 Sep Please assemble at the village hall for 10am with a return Rattlebone Inn just around 12noon for seasonal refreshments. As ever children and well behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and

there is no need to book a place – just turn up on the day. This is a PHEW! event see www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.legacymalmesbury.org.uk

#### Sherston Senior Club

Half-day Mystery trip 5 Sep £10 Members, £12 visitors. Details will be on the posters nearer the time. Harvest Auction 19 Sep 2.30pm in the Village Hall. Rev. Susan Harvey will act as auctioneer.

Fashion Shop 3 Oct back in the British Schoolroom For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

#### Sherston WI Talks

A Day in the Life of an Hotelier with Peter Nannestad Thurs 7 Sept 7.30pm Village hall

No meeting in October

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

#### Sherston Market

Returns in aid of Village Hall repairs Local crafts and produce which vary each market. All stall fees will now be going directly into the Village Hall Renovation Fund. Hot food and drinks available to buy from a mobile vendor. Free charity table in entrance 10am-4pm, Village hall.

Sat 16 Sep Sat 18 Nov Sat 9 Dec

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

#### Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Senior training every Tues from 6.30pm from Tues 4 April (weather permitting)

Under 9s practice - every Sun am; Under 11s and Under 13s practice - Mon 5.30pm to 6.30pm; Under 15s from Mon 6.30pm to 7.30pm - all from w/o 16 Apr

League fixtures on http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk/matches Pinkney Park Ground

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

#### Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

Exhibition by local artist Jenny Riley on show for June. Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon.

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#### Church events

Harvest Family Communion Sun 1 Oct 9.30am

Harvest Supper, after the 6pm Harvest Service Sun 1 Oct Bring a contribution of food and your own drink and buy a ticket beforehand £4 (so we know how many to cater for). Any surplus money is given to charity. For further details see

posters nearer to the time.

Confirmation group starting this Autumn for young people at secondary school times and dates to be announced Adults who are wishing to be confirmed should contact Christopher Bryan

Church of the Holy Cross

For further details call Rev Christopher Bryan 837522 or Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or twitter @ chrisbryanrev // blog http://revchristopherbryan.wordpress.com/ Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or susan.harvey44@hotmail.com

#### Friends of Sherston School

Crabapple project with Tracklements For every kg of crabapples donated 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. Crab-apples 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 27 Oct

If you donated crabapples or bought a jar of English Crabapple Jelly this year, you helped raise over £700! Alongside making sensational jelly, the Crabapple Project is also a great way to teach the school children about the provenance of their food by showing them the process from tree to jar as well as use up fruit which may otherwise go to waste.

For further details call 827044 or visit www.tracklements.co.uk

#### Sherston Arts Festival

The Sherston Arts Festival has a new home on the net! Check out our new website to get all the news, ticket information and downloadable entry forms for this years festival. Take a look at www.sherstonartsfestival.com for a full line up from author visits to details on our new venture with Window Wanderland. 6-15 Oct Ten days of arts events suitable for all ages including art and photography exhibitions, concerts, lectures and the ever popular scarecrow trail

Scarecrow Workshop Scrapstore are coming to Sherston In September to run a fun, family friendly scarecrow building workshop (Sat 23 Sep, 1pm-4pm, £10 per family in Sherston Village Hall Everyone is welcome, but places are limited and it's filling up fast so book your spot quickly with Kirsty: Kirsty.strachan@icloud.com. You can then display your finished scarecrow in your front garden during the Sherston Arts Festival in Oct

Art Exhibition Preview Fri 6 Oct 7.30pm Church of the Holy Cross £5 inc glass of wine. Have first pick from the collection of work by local artists. The Festival will be opened by Claire Inskip who will also exhibit Art Exhibition then opens 10am - 5pm (Sundays 11am) - free entry Scarecrow Trail - Theme 'Fables and Fairytales' Sat 7 Oct from 10am Trail map £2

'Window Wanderland' Take a sneaky peak at www. windowwanderland.com to get the low down. It's free to take part and it's simply a matter of popping something fun in your window. Free trail which you can pick up during the festival for one weekend only 7-8 Oct

The Bath Community Gospel Choir Sat 7 Oct 7.30pm soulful sound for us all to remember; from spirituals to traditional gospel songs, and from R&B through to funky and pop gospel. Tickets £13/£7

'Shackleton' (an adventurous puppet dog!) Sun 8 Oct at 2.30pm in the Village Hall.

Book event 'Vinegar girl' by Anne Tyler Tues 10 Oct in the Rattlebone Talk by local author Nick Perry Author of Peaks and Trough will discuss his books Thus 12 Oct VH Photography Exhibition Sat 14 -Sun 15 Oct VH -Themes for 2017 – 1. Weather, 2. Black and White, 3. Architecture, 4. Anything with wheels, 5. The British Holiday. Willow Sculpture workshops Course for adults run by Linda Rees - make things like garden angels, dragonflies or plant supports. Sat 14 Oct 10 am- 12.30, or 2pm -4.30pm, £35 inclusive of materials. Sign up to reserve a place, and pay by 14 Sep at heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

Young Musicians Concert Sat 14 Oct 4pm-6.30pm For further details call

Heather Martin 840375 / heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or Pat Jones 840764 / warwick.jones@btinternet.com or artsfestival@sherston.plus.com Scarecrow workshop - pick up an Arts Festival form or email kirstybridge2004@yahoo.co.uk or visit https://sherstonartsfestival.com

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

WEA Courses for 2017-18 New Literature and Art courses

from the Workers Educational Association return to Sherston for the Autumn and Winter The courses offer the opportunity to learn more about interesting topics from expert tutors in an informal and convivial setting Dr Tim Hammond: The Odyssey Tim Hammond's Odyssey course explores Homer's epic poem of Odysseus and his calamitous return from the Trojan war. It is the story of a man who - before he can be re-united with family and homeland – must encounter the conflicting wills of gods, some of mythology's most scary monsters and ultimately himself. The course explores the origins of this foundation text of Western Literature and what its significance has been to the subsequent generations who have continued to read and re-interpret the work. 6 meetings. Fri 3 Nov to Fri 8 Dec 2017. 10am - 12.15pm

Paul Chapman: Introduction to the Art of Spain The course provides a brief overview of the Spain's artistic history, focusing on the paintings from the Middle Ages to the 20th Century. The six sessions will focus on the themes of landscape, war, religion, identity, love and portraits and explore how the painters reveal themselves through their work Narratives from these paintings will also inform us of Spain's history through religion, regional landscapes and through the conflicts that have shaped the nation. 6 meetings. Fri 5 Jan to Fri 9 Feb 2018. 10am - 12.15pm Access the WEA Find A Course service at www.wea.org.uk/ south-west using the postcode SN160LN to locate all the Sherston courses British Schoolroom For further details call Enquiries and bookings contact

#### Sherston and villages Ride and Stride

The annual Sponsored Ride and Stride in aid of Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and your local church Sat 9 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. Plan a route that suits your energy levels or get ideas from www.visitwiltshire.co.uk/things-to-do/activities/cycling.

Last year Ride Stride raised over £51,000 for Wiltshire's churches, and 34 churches benefited from Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust grants, ranging from £400 to £10,000. As ever, Holy Cross Church, Sherston needs help with ongoing maintenance and repairs. Half of all money raised is shared out to go to the church of your choice, the other half is used by the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust to award grants to churches with special maintenance needs.

For further details call and sponsorship forms Pam Pickthall on 841072 or pampickthall@hotmail.co.uk or Charles Graham 01672 514301 or ctg100@hotmail.com or visit www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk

Flying Monk Arts and Crafts Trail

Comes to Sherston - in Aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance Venues open in Sherston, Pinkney and Easton Grey as well as several in Malmesbury, Corston and Lea Sat 23 10am-6pm and Sun 24 Sep 12.30-5pm. 4 Sherston based artists - Jenny Riley, Julia Leyden, Heather Martin and Gill Ashley will show at the newly renovated British School Room. The Flying Monk Arts Trail brings together traditional and contemporary professional artists and craft workers in Malmesbury and its surrounding villages to showcase their creative work. Artworks on show include prints, graffiti arts, ceramics, textiles, photography, sculpture, crafts, jewellery and many more. Details of the whole trail are in a leaflet available from Sherston Post Office, and other local shops and pubs and Malmesbury Tourist Information Office. For further details visit www.flyingmonkartstrail.co.uk

# Knockdown The Holford Arms

Live Music every weekend Check boards for more details of events For further details call 01454 238669 or info@theholfordarms.co.uk

Sopworth

Sopworth Village Hall Fundraiser

Family BBQ and Fun Day Sun 3 Sep 12.30pm-5.30pm Free Entry "The Paddock" (first paddock as you enter Sopworth village from Didmarton) BBQ, Bar, Sweet Stall, Cake Stall, Children's Games, Tombola, Lucky Dip, Welly Wanging and lots more!

All welcome! Come along and enjoy a fun afternoon in the beautiful village of Sopworth! All profits towards the refurbishment of Sopworth Village Hall.

#### **Badminton**

#### The Badminton Ride

10 mile sponsored ride in aid of 'The Great Badminton Church Restoration Fund' and the Duke of Beaufort's Hunt. Badminton Church is the Parish Church for the village and is run and funded by the community and its Parochial Church Council Sun 24 Sep start times 10am - 2pm see website for more details. This is a wonderful opportunity to get that "Badminton" feeling and to enjoy riding round ( with lots of optional jumps) the beautiful Park, the Estate and the famous Lake with the backdrop of Badminton House itself. Visit www.badmintonride.com

#### Luckington Luckington Youth Café

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

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

#### Westonbirt

#### The Arboretum

STIHL Treetop Walkway The main walkway is step-free, making it accessible to visitors on foot, using mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs and to those with dogs on leads. It is 300m long and gradually rises on gentle inclines to a height of 13m. Scramble up to the crow's nest viewing platform; cross the rope bridge; Peer through the mesh-floored section Specialist Wood Sales every Sat 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA Coppice Open Days Join our coppice team on the last Sun each month at the end of the tree top walkway to learn more about woodland coppicing. And pick up some coppice products for the garden 10am-4pm Dogs allowed Mar - Nov 2017 admission prices Adults £10, Concs and those arriving by bike or public transport £7, Children (5-18) £4, under 5s free, 1 carer allowed free per paying disabled visitor For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

#### Westonbirt School

Organ Recital Evening with Jonathan Hope-Assistant Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral Fri 29 Sept at 7pm, The Great Hall Tickets £8 from the school website: www.westonbirt. org or call 880333 Drinks available from 7pm, Recital starts at 7.30pm Come along for an enjoyable evening with acclaimed organist, Jonathan Hope (www.jonathanhope.org)

For further details call Tania Warner on 880333 or twarner@

westonbirt.org or visit www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

#### Cotswolds Cotswold Rural Skills

Introduction to Horse Logging 20 Sep 1 day courses £99 Stone Carving - Beginners 30 Sep - 1 Oct 2 day course £99 Northleach

Hedgelaying - Beginners (Somerset Style) 16-17 Oct £109 Sopworth

Free car-free guide to the exploring the Cotswolds The new look Explore the Cotswolds by Public Transport Guide is an invaluable information resource to traveling around the Cotswolds by bus, bike and train. Produced by the Cotswolds Conservation Board, the guide includes taster walks and cycle rides, attractions and places to visit. To download the 2017 guide click below, alternatively you can pick one up at one of the many visitor information centres in the and around the Cotswolds. http://cotswoldsconservationboard.cmail20.com/t/i-l-uiliudt-uutjhhnr-o/

Cotswold Lion magazine The Spring/Summer issue of the Cotswold Lion magazine is now available to pick up or to view online. www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/userfiles/file/publications/cotswold%20lion/cotswold-lion-36.pdf For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or visit www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk

#### Malmesbury

#### **Exhibition: Wiltshire At War**

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

For further details visit www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

#### Singing for the Brain

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

#### Malmesbury & District University of the Third Age

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people. There are over 400 members and around 40 different interest groups including arts and crafts, book group, history, gardening, dancing, theatre trips, languages, walking etc. U3A meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Malmesbury town hall from 10- 11.45 for tea/coffee, a chat and to listen to our monthly speaker. Charge 50p Howard Robinson - 'Vision, Perceptual and optical illusions - A look at optical illusions Thurs 28 Sep Open Day Retired and semi-retired people are invited to meet new and existing members and find out about interest groups on Sat 14 Oct 9.30am-12.30pm at the Hub (Malmesbury Town Hall)

Bernard Purrier - 'Whales and Dolphins - a look into their world' Thurs 26 Oct
Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall
For further details call Membership Secretary
Ann Roberts-Phare on 823971 or visit
www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

#### Wiltshire Council Sunday Lunch Club

Monthly get together for those who'd like some company and a good Sunday lunch Each month 12.30pm for 1pm start. £10.50 pp Transport can be arranged if needed For further details call Ellen Backer 07557 922020

#### Malmesbury Concert Band

John Coles Park Bandstand, Chippenham 17 Sep 3pm Market Cross, Malmesbury 30 Sep 10.30am Musical Extravaganza 28 Oct at 7.30pm Town Hall, Malmesbury

#### Malmesbury Town Hall

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

#### Malmesbury, Chippenham Programmes and Activities at The RISE Trust

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

Seniors' lunches The Rise Trust Volunteers regularly serve a Community Lunch for Seniors at St Paul's Church Hall, Malmesbury Road, Chippenham at 12pm. This is a great way to make new friends and socialise. For more details please contact Vicky Watt on 01249 445288 or email vickyw@therisetrust.org

Youth Club and Youth Café We run lots of activities for young people in Chippenham including a Youth Club and Youth Cafe Gemma Matthews 01249 464008 or gemmam@therisetrust.org

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

#### **Tetbury**

#### Tetbury Goods Shed

Comedy Night at The Goods Shed This is the first ever stand up comedy night at the brand new arts centre in Tetbury. Featuring five fantastic acts including past and present Tetburians. Sat 2 Sep 7.30pm £10

**George Montague and His Notsobigband** George is a multitalented singer, songwriter and musician playing high octane, "boundless energy" music guaranteed to get you on your feet dancing. Fri 8 Sep 7.30pm £12

Pattern Cutting Workshop with Valerie George Make a pattern in your own size for a garment of your choice. Sat 9 Sept, 10am – 4pm Workshop costs £70

Swing Jive dance classes For beginners or those with some dance experience. No need to bring a partner. Just comfy shoes. Pay on the door, £6 a class. Every Tuesday night from 12 Sept, 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Curious Creatures Squashbox Theatre present their fun, family pupper theatre all about the animal kingdom, suitable for children aged 5 and over. Sun 17 Sept at 2pm, Tickets cost £6 each

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

#### **Tetbury Classic Car Show**

Charity event in aid of Allsorts and other charities Classic Cars, Motorcycles, Light Commercial Vehicles, Buses, Mini Steam Tractor Rides, Bar, BBQ, Lunches, Children's Entertainment, Club Stands, Sideshows, Autojumble, Top dealers from the region, Disabled Parking and Washroom Facilities Sun 3 Sep 10am-4pm Sir William Romney's School For further details call info@tetburyclassiccarshow.org or 07938 523829

#### **Tetbury Music Festival**

Daily concerts, lectures & performances Thurs 28 Sep - Sun 1 Oct £7 - £15

St Mary's Church Tetbury

For further details call Box office: Tourist Information centre 503552 or info@tetburymusicfestival.org.uk or visit www.tetburymusicfestival.org.uk

The Friends of Tetbury Hospital Fundraising Events

Call My Bluff Wine Quiz 6.45pm Thurs 5 Oct at Tetbury Market Hall Get some friends together and bring along a team (any number between 4 and 10) and a picnic supper. A selection of white and red wines will be tasted during the quiz and there will also be wine available to buy on the night. Tickets cost £20 per head and are available from 'Vinotopia', 1-3 Baytree Court,

The Chipping, Tetbury Email: info@vinotopiawine.co.uk Tel: 01666 502262 Tickets are strictly limited.

Tetbury Hospital Trust is a charity established in 1991 which receives payment from the NHS for patient treatments though not for new or replacement equipment. The Hospital's survival depends on local fund-raising and the generosity of local people. Since the recent NHS reorganisation, the Hospital serves both Gloucestershire and Wiltshire with more than 20 consultants from both counties holding regular clinics there.

For further details visit www.tetburyhospital.co.uk/friends

#### **Didmarton**

#### Flicks in the Sticks

HIDDEN FIGURES (2016) – Drama Fri 8 Sep - Doors open 6:30pm for 7.30pm start. Cash bar £3 in advance £3.50 on the door

Cast & Crew: Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe, Kevin Costner, Kirsten Dunst, Jim Parsons As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians that served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in U.S. history. Didmarton Village Hall

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



#### **Venue for Corporate Hire**

Offering a stunning building and location, the Great Oak Hall at Westonbirt, The National Arboretum is available for weekday conferences and meetings. Hire includes a complimentary visit on the day of hire. Proceeds to the charity support the future of this national tree collection. For information and rates; <a href="www.fowa.org.uk/venue\_hire">www.fowa.org.uk/venue\_hire</a>, 0300 067 3301, <a href="mailto:greatoakhall@fowa.org.uk">greatoakhall@fowa.org.uk</a>

#### Grittleton

#### Moviola -

#### the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

VICEROY'S HOUSE [12A] Wed 27 Sep Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door Future dates for your diary 25 Oct Their Finest, 22 Nov Miss Sloane, 6 Dec Beauty and the Beast Grittleton Village Hall

For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l\_palmer@btinternet.com or visit www.moviola.org/

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PLAYING MAGGIE Direct from the Edinburgh Fringe: 'Not merely a reflection on how to portray this lady, but a live audience with Margaret Thatcher. Pip Utton IS The Iron Lady! Saviour or witch? Love her or hate her? Not for Pip to decide, only to portray.... Sat 7 Oct at 8pm (doors open 7.30pm) Grittleton VH Bring your own refreshments Tickets from Jan 01249 782798 dandjjeffcoate@btinternet. co.uk Adults £8, Concessions £7, Children (under 16) £5, Family (2 adults/2 children £21)

For further details visit www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk

#### Minety

Minety Rugby Club

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

The 2017/18 season begins at 10am on Sun 3 Sep at Minety Playing Fields Sessions last an hour to an hour and a half depending on the age group. You don't need to register in advance, just turn up and if it is something your son or daughter would like to come back to after trying it out you can register anytime that day or thereafter. Clothing: children can wear shorts/tracksuit/t-shirt/trainers/football boots/whatever they're comfortable in to start with and then purchase club kit thereafter should they want to continue to participate.

Minety Playing Fields, SN16 9QU For further details call the club secretary, Peter McAllister, on 860281 or email PeterJMcAllister@yahoo.co.uk or visit www.pitchero.com/clubs/minetyjuniorrugbyclub/

#### Crudwell

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

AGM and talk by Mary Hinton – Hedgehog Rescue 20-Sep Demonstration by Sally Taylor – entitled "Harvest Home" Competition – favourite flower. 18-Oct Flower arranging course four lessons starting on 27 Sept, spaces are still available. Contact below for more details. Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639

#### **Dauntsey**

#### The Wiltshire Donkey Show

The Main Show is affiliated to the Donkey Breed Society (DBS) with formal in-hand and driving classes and less formal fancy hat, long reining and dressage classes, the schedule offers something for everyone. Sun 3 Sep Hot drinks and light refreshments will be available for purchase on the day. £3 per adult, children are free. This entitles you to a possible lucky programme. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead at all times and please clean up after your dog.

Scot Smith's farmyard, Dauntsey, SN15 4JA For further details call Sheila Wade 07976 281586 or sheila@greenscapeltd.co.uk or visit www.wiltshiredonkeyshow.co.uk

#### Kemble

#### The Emergency Services Show

Fire engine and police car rides, Parachute displays, vintage emergency vehicles, fairground, Wiltshire Air Ambulance Sun 3 Sep 10am - 4pm £6.50 chd £3.50 under 3s free

Cotswold Airport For further details call enquiries@ emergencyservicesshow.com or 01380 732999 or visit www.emergencyservicesshow.com

#### Bluegrass Festival

Didmarton Bluegrass Festival One of the UK's premier bluegrass, Americana and old time music festivals Check the line up on the website 1-3 Sep Displays, concerts, workshops, food marquee and vintage clothing tents Check website for ticket details

Kemble airfield

For further details visit www.didmarton-bluegrass.co.uk

# Events in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

The Wiltshire Big Wheel/100 event 17 Sep Organised by Bristol-based Bike Events the event starts and finishes at The Green in Devizes. The routes are a 12 mile family challenge through the Vale of Pewsey, 45 miles which goes through Pewsey and Marlborough or 100 miles which extends to the Wylye Valley and Salisbury. Registration costs just £5 for children. Adult entry costs £10 for the 12-mile route, £16.50 for the 45-mile route, and £22.50 for the 100-mile route. Join our team, start raising sponsorship and help us raise enough to pay for a day of life saving missions! Last year more than 400 people took part and raised over £32,000.

For further details call To book a place or for more information call the Charity Team on 01380 739453, email kenresa@wiltshireairambulance.co.uk or visit www. wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events/wiltshire-100-big-wheel

# Wotton-Under-Edge The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community. This month: Final Portrait; Despicable Me 3; An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power; David Gilmour: Live at Pompeii Wed 13 Sep; Carmen on the Lake (Bregenz) Thurs 14 Sep; The Limehouse Golem; Hotel Salvation; The Emoji Movie; Exhibition on Screen:

Canaletto and the Art of Venice. check website for details For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com

#### **Nailsworth**

#### Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Professional League 2 football only 25 minutes drive from Sherston. Home matches: Sat 9 3pm v. Exeter; Tues 12 Sep 7.45pm v. Lincoln City; Sat 22 Sep 3pm v. Swindon Town. Advanced prices: Adults £21/£19/£16, Concessions £17/£15/£12, under 16s £8/£7/£5 junior - u11-£3/£0/£0 - match day prices add £2 per ticket Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2

The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth

The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth For further details call 01453 834860 or visit www.forestgreenroversfc.com

#### Bath

#### Theatre Royal

Driving Miss Daisy starring Dame Siân Phillips 6-9 Sep £15-£33.50

Salad Days 12-16 Sep

The Real Thing - starring Laurence Fox 18-30 Sep

How the Other Half Loves 2-7 Oct

The Best Man - starring Martin Shaw 9 -14 Oct

Book ahead for:

People, Places & Things;

The Railway Children;

The Tiger who came to Tea;

Julius Caesar Part I: The Death of Pompey;

Julius Caesar Part II; Cleopatra's Needle;

For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk

#### Jane Austen Festival

8-17 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 or online at www.bathboxoffice.org.uk or visit www.janeausten.co.uk/festival/

#### 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

**Opera: Die Zauberflöte** Julia Jones conducts The Royal Opera's spell-binding production of Mozart's The Magic Flute with a wonderful cast including Roderick Williams as Papageno. 20-Sep

Opera: La bohème Puccini's passionate opera is conducted by Antonio Pappano and stars a superb young cast including Nicole Car, Michael Fabiano and Mariusz Kwiecień, in a new production by Richard Jones. 3-Oct

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

Follies 16-Nov-17

Young Marx 7-Dec

For further details visit www.ntlive.com

#### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

If you are in immediate danger call 999

The public version of Sherston's Emergency Response Plan can be found on the Sherston website: www.sherston.org/downloads/sherston-parish-council-emergency-plan/Sherston-Emergency-Plan-REDACTED-20-11-2015.pdf

#### **Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator**

Caroline Jarvis

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

#### Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport 24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100 EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk (only during an incident) Floods: 0300 456 0105 or drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk

#### **Useful Information**

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/ roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm

#### Utilities

ELECTRICITY – SSEPD Power track
To report a problem or for information call 105
www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack for a map of faults
0800 072 7282 or 0345 072 1905 from a mobile phone
@SSEPD for updates on twitter

#### WATER - Bristol Water

www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

#### WATER - Wessex water

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

Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

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West Wilts area

(Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge): 104.3FM





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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
Sherston Parish Council	01666 840197
Sherston Post Office	01666 840456
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Wiltshire Council	0300 4560100

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