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Sherston Village Hall awarded £99,000 from National Lottery



We are delighted to report that we have been awarded major funding from the National Lottery to help pay for the proposed rebuilding of the flat-roofed front extension of the Village Hall. This will provide a welcoming, larger, airy entrance lobby, with modern, more spacious toilets. Disability access will be improved. There will also be a small servery, with a sink, to enable interval drinks to be served for productions, concerts and events. A larger storage area will give extra space to store tables, chairs and staging. The design will be more in keeping with the original stone barn which is the main hall, and will feature the existing arched window.

The National Lottery had particular interest in the following proposals and wishes to see evidence when the project is finished:

Increased Use of the Village Hall by all sections of the community.

Accessibility: The layout and fitting of the toilets will be to modern building standards.

Drama Group productions, Rural Touring and other events will be promoted as being 'Wheelchair friendly'.

The Village Hall will be made a welcoming community hub to contribute to addressing problems of social isolation. The village hall will be open more often as a place to drop into, to see temporary exhibitions, local initiatives of interest and to socialise.

While we are extremely grateful to receive this award, we still have some way to go to reach our target to pay for the building work, which has an estimate of £250,000 including VAT. We have submitted several applications to other grant-giving organisations, but it may take some time before we know the results. Local individuals, businesses and families will be approached over the next few months to ask for donations. If you feel you would like to make a donation, please get in touch with those listed below or any member of the Village Hall Committee. You will have the satisfaction that you will have helped make a huge improvement to our Village Hall, the centre of social life in the village. To set the ball rolling, we have received a pledge of £10,000 from Sherston Parish Council via SOSIC (Sherston Old School Community Interest Company).

On 26 and 27 June we hope to hold Information Days when the community will be invited to see the plans, and to 'buy a Butterfly' for £25. These will form part of wallhangings, painted on silk, to be placed in the new entrance lobby, each one to have the name of the donor. Other fundraising events will be held later in the year.

If you have any queries or comments, please get in touch.

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Local Election for The Parish Council: Thursday 6 May

Have your say on what happens in Sherston and join The Parish Council. This is your opportunity. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to apply for a Nomination Pack which is available on Wiltshire Council's Election website. All forms must be submitted to Wiltshire Council by 8 April.

This may look like a somewhat daunting prospect, especially under the current Covid restrictions, but please do not be put off!

Our Parish Clerk, Donna Ford, is there to help and answer any queries, as well as providing elector numbers which are required on the forms.

She can be contacted at clerk@sherston.org.uk. This is an opportunity that may only come round every four years so please go for it!

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info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

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School Days

Back to school bears, the power of kindness, keeping active and Comic Relief



There was a very special surprise waiting for the children on their first back at school in the form of some furry friends! The Friends of Sherston School kindly organised a Sherston School teddy bear for every child to take home as a well done for their tremendous hard work at home and to give them some cuddles and reassurance as they readjust back to a normal school life again.



World Book...Week!

The children enjoyed a whole week of activities to celebrate World Book Day this year. There were author visits, teacher-led story-time sessions and book-themed challenges every day, including sharing their favourite reads and making book characters from potatoes and other household objects!

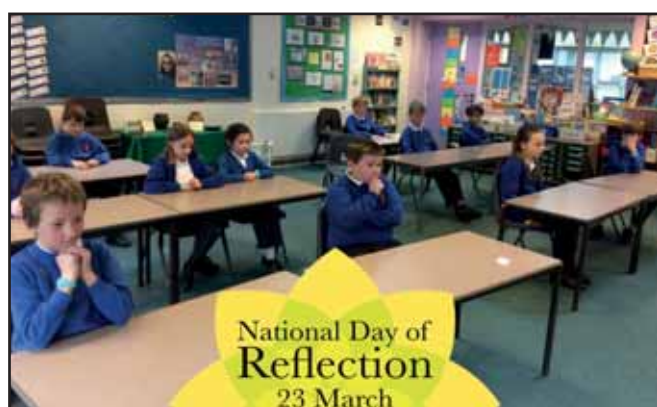


- news from Sherston Primary School



Raising money for Red Nose Day

The school became a riot of colour for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day on 19 March. The children donated to the charity and enjoyed donning something red!



National Reflection Day

The anniversary of the first Covid lockdown was marked with a national day of reflection on Tuesday 23 March. The school held a one-minute silence at midday and the children planted sunflowers as a symbol of hope for the future.

Keep up to date with all the latest school news on the Sherston School Facebook page.

The School of Kindness

The children experienced a very special virtual kindness workshop at the beginning of March with the School of Kindness charity 52 Lives. During the session they learnt about how the little choices they make every day have the power to change people's lives, while improving their own physical and mental health at the same time. They heard about a young woman called Jessica in need of kindness and made cards and gifts which the charity sent to Jessica for her 30th birthday.

Keeping active

To inspire the children to find different ways to keep fit and active, they all received simple step-recording wristbands during their PE lessons this term. The teachers will be setting various challenges over the coming weeks and months, including some involving the whole school and weekend activities too. Watch this space to find out the creative ways the children discover to clock up those steps!

Recycling Solutions



Wiltshire Council collects the majority of our recycling: plastics, cardboard, paper and glass in the blue-lidded wheelie bin and the black box every fortnight, with the lists of acceptable materials given on www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recycling.

But there are a number of difficult-to-recycle materials that the council doesn't collect on the doorstep, so Sustainable Sherston has scoured the local area for solutions. Because of the Covid pandemic, several of the recycling avenues that were available have been temporarily suspended, so you might need to hold on to some of it if you have the space, to keep it out of landfills.

And don't forget, it's best to avoid goods that come with excess plastic packaging in the first place, and try to use the out-of-village recycling points only if you're travelling there anyway, otherwise the carbon emission from the journey will almost certainly exceed the environmental benefit of the recycling!

The information below is the result of our analysis of some local supermarkets and the internet, but feel free to contact us at sustainablesherston@gmail.com if we've got anything wrong or you've found better recycling routes, as we plan to issue an update once we come out of Covid lockdown.



Plastic Bags

There's a lot of different soft plastics that come with the grocery shopping and deliveries. Single-use plastic shopping bags (which are best avoided), the slightly stretchy plastic bags that potatoes, bread, bagel, toilet rolls, etc come in, plastic that holds multipacks of baked beans, cola, etc together, and bubble wrap are usually low-density polyethylene (LDPE). This plastic, along with some polypropylene (PP), such as cereal box liners, is accepted by many of the big supermarkets, and Sustainable Sherston is hoping that the Co-op in the village will start taking it soon.

Tesco stores in Tetbury and Yate are currently part of a southwest group of 10 stores trialling a recycling scheme accepting all soft plastics, including crisp packets and pet food pouches. So at least for now, you can take everything there.

If you never go to either Tetbury or Yate, and your usual supermarket is only taking bags, for a trial period, Sustainable Sherston is collecting all clean soft plastics on Saturdays in a labelled wheelie bin at Joy's house at 3 Sandpits Lane.



Crisp packets

Crisp packets are often made from composite plastic, often with an aluminum foil liner. Walkers are paying Terracycle to manage the recycling of all soft crisp packets and you can look on their website (terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/crisppackets) to see the collection points, the nearest of which is on someone's drive in Nailsworth.

Currently Tesco in Tetbury and Yate are accepting them, and as detailed above for a trial period Sustainable Sherston is collecting clean soft plastics including crisp packets on Saturdays in a labelled wheelie bin at Joy's house at 3 Sandpits Lane.



Pringle Crisp Cans

Pringles are also paying Terracycle to manage the recycling of their cans, by separating out the card, plastic, aluminium layer and metal base. The nearest collection points are shown on the Terracycle website to be in Bisley outside of Stroud, Charfield or Swindon.

If anyone would like to volunteer to be Sustainable Sherston's collection point for Pringles cans who ideally goes past a collection point occasionally, please give us a shout at sustainablesherston@gmail.com.



Plastic Film

Film is made of various materials for varying degrees of permeability for food preservation, ranging from packets holding pitta breads or fresh salad, to films on punnets of grapes or on trays of fish or meat. Unlike carrier bags made from LDPE, supermarkets mark it as 'not yet recycled' and the majority aren't accepting it.

It's usually possible to distinguish film from easily recyclable LDPE, as film is usually crinkly and it splits easily, while LDPE on its own is slightly stretchy.

For now, Tesco in Tetbury and Yate are accepting it in their trial, and as detailed above for a trial period Sustainable Sherston is collecting all clean soft plastics, including film, on Saturdays in a labelled wheelie bin at Joy's house at 3 Sandpits Lane.



Petfood Dry Food Packets and Wet Food Pouches

Cat and dog food plastic packaging and pouches are commonly made from layers of plastic and aluminium,

although there are moves by some manufacturers to remove the aluminium and make them easier to recycle.

Currently, on behalf of several pet food manufactures, Terracycle collects and recycles this packaging which needs to be empty and in the cases of pouches washed thoroughly. The nearest collection points from us, shown on the Terracycle website, are in Cheltenham and Bristol.

For now, Tesco in Tetbury and Yate are accepting them, and as detailed above for a trial period Sustainable Sherston is collecting all clean soft plastics, including thoroughly washed pet food pouches, on Saturdays in a labelled wheelie bin at Joy's house at 3 Sandpits Lane.

Printer Cartridges

The Parish Council is currently collecting printer and toner cartridges in the Sherston phone box outside Shear Class near the post office.



Energy Efficient Light Bulbs

Wiltshire Council will accept low energy light bulbs at the recycling centre in Stanton St Quintin, so store them up at home until you are going anyway.

If you never go to the recycling centre, Sustainable Sherston is trialling collection of low energy compact fluorescent and LED bulbs (less than half a metre in length) on Saturdays in a labelled bin at the side of Ben's house at Dog Leg House, 19a Church Street.



Batteries

It's better to avoid single-use batteries where possible by plugging appliances in or using rechargeable batteries, but if you have spent ones or those that have stopped charging to dispose of, Wiltshire Council will accept them at the recycling centre in Stanton St Quintin.



Many shops and supermarkets that sell batteries often have recycling collection bins, but our recent trips revealed several don't.

Sustainable Sherston is trialling the collection of small used dry cell batteries, the standard 1.5 volt or 9 volt ones, old phone batteries and laptop batteries, on a Saturday in a labelled bin at the side of Ben's house at Dog Leg House, 19a Church Street.



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Clothes, Pairs of Shoes and Textiles

There are lots of opportunities for clothes, shoe and textile recycling locally. If you have a hardly used Vivienne Westward ball gown or other good quality clothing that could be reused, we suggest you take it to a charity shop in Tetbury or Malmesbury!

At the other end of the scale, Wiltshire Council has confirmed they will take completely worn-out, ripped clean clothes, bagged to keep it dry, in the fortnightly black box kerbside collection. Clothes and shoes can also be recycled in the container in the village hall car park, with a small amount of the proceeds going to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Recycling Tips

Did you know ???

Used aerosols can be recycled in your Wiltshire Council blue-lidded wheelie bin;

After rinsing plastic bottles and squashing, lids should to be screwed back on as they are too small to make it through the sorting machine on their own.

Soap pump dispensers containing a metal spring can't be recycled so should be removed before recycling the bottle.

Bubble wrap can often be torn from padded envelopes before recycling the plastic and paper separately.

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Sherston Village Hall 300+ Club: Draw 2

Winners of £20 are:

Eric Hine, Fred Harrison, Marion Outlaw, Paul Robbins

A special thanks to the Village Post Office which has been the major recipient of entries in these lockdown times but with the normal collector unable to be very active, the total number of people who have signed up is considerably down on last year. The Village Hall has had its activities (income) curtailed under Covid but it has not affected the hall's running costs that much. The 300+ Club is currently the only major source of money so we need you to sign up, especially those who have supported the Village Hall 300+ Club in the past but people new to the village and new to the Club will be welcomed. The more in the Club, the more £20 prizes will be awarded.

You can join at the Post Office or by contacting your Collector:

Elaine Scott – Church Street, Easton Town, Green Lane, Sandpits Lane, Woods Close, Holmfield

Jill Woodward – Alderton Road, Church Street, Court Street, Forlorn, Thompsons Hill, Tanners Hill

Judith Woolliams – Easton Town, Gaston Lane, The Tartars

Goug Wilcox – Brook Hill, Cliff Road, Gaston Lane, Pinkney, Silver Street, Tetbury Road, Westonbirt, Willesley

Mike Tarrant – Anthony Close, Carpenter Close, Easton Square, Gaston Lane, Grove Road, Noble St

Rachel Moody – Brook Hill, Silver Street, High Street, Swan Barton

Pat Moody – Court Street, Knockdown Road, Manor Close, Northend Gardens, Saxon Close, Sopworth Road, Strongs Close

More collectors will be needed especially for Pinkney, Westonbirt and Willesley.

If you would like to help out, contact then Eric (0789 280058) or Goug (07788 558035).

If you want to support the Village Hall and what it is to our village life then sign up now – there are still eight draws to go in 2021!



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Lin's 2020 Marmalade: Sold out!

At last, having sold all my homemade marmalade made in January 2020, I have sent donations of £200 each to Sherston Senior Club and Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to these donations.

Lin Prior

Health and wellbeing support

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

Ellen Blacker

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Sherston Old School Project: 10th Anniversary



The Anniversary

Ten years ago this month, Sherston Parish Council completed the purchase of the Old School and granted a long lease to the Sherston Old School Community Interest Company (SOSIC) for the purposes of renovating and converting the building to commercial use. In an ideal non-Covid world, this would be the moment for the village to be able to get together and celebrate and to give thanks to all of those who played a part in the success of the project.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, any such celebrations will have to be postponed for the time being. However, it felt appropriate to mark the occasion with this article and to invite some of those who had a part to play in the success of the project the opportunity to say a few words.

Serendipity?

Looking back, the decision by the Parish Council to purchase the Old School turned out to be far sighted. Just consider:

- If the Old School had not closed.
- If the owners had not been persuaded to withdraw their proposals for redeveloping the site for residential purposes.

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This board has been erected to acknowledge the generous donations of money, ideas and time given by the many supporters of the Old School project between commencement in 2007 and completion in 2013. We thank them and the wider community for all of their support.

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- If the village had not stepped forward with a plan to convert the building to some form of commercial use. If Paul and Gail Mather had not taken the plunge and agreed to relocate their business into larger premises contained within the converted building.

If none of that had happened, how would we have coped in the village over the last 12 months without access to our own large 'general store'? It wasn't just luck. It was forward thinking -following the recognition that one by one we were gradually losing all our facilities and needed to draw the line somewhere. The decision by the Parish Council to purchase the Old School on your behalf drew that line.

Thanks

No progress would have been made without the help of: Sherston Parish Wardens, who helped to persuade the owners to sell the building; Sherston Parish Council which took the decision to purchase the building; the commitment of Paul and Gail Mather as the potential primary anchor tenants; several key individuals, including Wiltshire Councillor John Thomson, Parish Councillor Martin Rea and our former Chairman Peter Sidebottom who pulled together a team of local residents with a range of skills capable of delivering the project.

Amazingly, it took several years to make this happen. The deal was however eventually finalised on 1 April 2011 – an appropriate date!

Fundraising

We must not forget all of those who one way or another helped to raise sufficient funds to enable the Parish Council to purchase the building and subsequently to undertake the necessary renovation and conversion work under the supervision of SOSCIC.

For those who didn't know, the primary donors to this project were:

- The Eleanor Barton Trust and the Sam Thomson Fund – thanks to the efforts of Richard Creed.
- The Prince's Countryside Fund.
- Wiltshire Council and Sherston Parish Council.
- The Sherston Boules and Malmesbury Carnival Committees.
- Four key individuals – namely N Wiles; EA Sells; Christian Landolt; and J Seymour Williams.
- And not forgetting the 280+ Members of SOSCIC.

Then of course there were all of those involved in the many fantastic fundraising events that were held in the village in the years leading up to the start of the building work. These included: the much loved Charity Shop (organised by Marion Gee); the Rude Health comedy show (Dr Phil Hammond); a French Fête (Sue Shortridge); a Winter Ball; and a Garden Day. I am sure there were various other events not mentioned here. My apologies for any omissions as my memory is fading! The village really pulled together at the time to raise a huge amount of money. Thanks to everyone who got involved.



The Construction

Following the grant of planning and listed-building consent, construction work was able to start in July 2011 and the first phase completed by 26 November

2011 when the Sherston Post Office and Stores (Paul and Gail Mather) and Balcony House Cellars (Neil Perry) first took occupation. The excellent building work carried out by Chappell and Dix was brilliantly supervised by our own in house 'Project Manager' John Knight to whom we owe a great deal.

Following a further period of fundraising, and the receipt of a significant grant from the Prince's Countryside Fund, work on the second phase started in February 2012 and was completed six months later. By February 2013 the building was fully occupied.

The building was officially opened by Prince Charles on 25 November 2013 when the new 'school bell' kindly donated by John and Matilda Matthews was rung for the first time.

Our Occupiers

Only three of our original occupiers are still with us. These are: Shear Class Hair and Beauty Salon, Pulse Business Software and Compass Design. Many thanks to all of them for their continued support. The Midscounties Co-op has of course relatively recently replaced the Sherston Post Office Stores and James Pyle & Co (Estate Agents) has replaced Electric Octopus Ltd at the back of the property. One small unit adjoining the Co-op is currently vacant, but we hope to fill that vacancy as soon as reasonably possible post-lockdown. In total, the building currently provides employment for well over 30 local people. A success by any standard. And what would many of us have done if it had not been for the Co-op and the efforts of its wonderful staff over the last 12 months? A vital community service.

Funding Good Causes

SOSCIC is a non-profit making organisation which is run entirely by volunteers on behalf of the village. The rent received is sufficient not only to repay the outstanding Public Works Loan Board Loan (taken out by the Parish Council in 2011 to help fund the purchase of the building) but also to provide sufficient funds to manage and maintain the building in good order, as well as providing a cash surplus that can be given back to the village. This we have started to do. For the last three years, SOSCIC has made substantial donations to the Parish Council to use as deemed appropriate on village 'good causes'. It is our intention to continue to make such payments to the Parish Council whenever our finances permit.

The Future

As for the next 10 years? Well, the first thing for us to do is undertake the repainting of the exterior of the building. This will hopefully be done in the next few months. It will be necessary to erect scaffolding on the pavement for this work. Apologies in advance for any inconvenience caused!

Beyond that – let us hope that the next 10 years proves as successful for the Old School project as it has been over the last 10. All we can ask is that, once lockdown has ended, everyone makes full use of all the facilities on offer in the Old School. As noted above,

the continued success of these businesses provides an income for the village. Whilst most have been able to operate throughout the lockdown, unfortunately Shear Class was forced to close for much of this period. It should hopefully be able to re-open on 12 April. I am sure that many people will be delighted to see it back. I know that my hair is currently looking more 1970s than 2020s!!

Mike Johnson (Chairman SOSCIC)



Sherston Post Office Stores – Paul and Gail Mather

Our association began way back in 2007 when, subject to receiving our outline commitment that we would support the project by moving premises, the feasibility of the Parish Council acquiring the Old School was first mooted.

After four years of convincing ourselves that it would be worthwhile to sink all our savings (and more) into the project and numerous demanding negotiations with a multitude of 'interested parties', we were delighted to open our doors on 26 November 2011.

It is an understatement that the support we received from customers and our staff exceeded all our expectations and we are honoured to have initiated a facility that will continue to serve the village well for the foreseeable future and will provide the foundation for the ongoing success of the Old School project to deliver a lasting benefit to the community.

In stating the above, it is recognised that, without the initial involvement of the Sherston Parish Wardens to persuade the Diocese of Bristol to reconsider the original planning request, commitment of the Parish Council and Wiltshire Council and founders of the SOSCIC Board 'to make things happen' and tremendous support received from everyone who supported and participated in the fundraising exercise, the development would never have happened. We should all be very proud.

Prince's Countryside Fund

The Prince's Countryside Fund's vision is of thriving family farms and rural communities, encouraged and recognised for their role in creating a sustainable future for the countryside and our whole nation. Through our grant-making programme, which to date has invested more than £10 million in over 400 projects across the UK, we were keen to invest in Sherston Old School. Too often, rural communities are without access to

transport, jobs, housing, shops and community spaces. The Prince's Countryside Fund powers community-led solutions through our grants and resources to ensure that they flourish - now and in the future.

The Sherston Old School project stood out to us as it really aligns with our vision – putting the heart back into rural communities by reinvigorating spaces that might otherwise be abandoned. The way in which the community of Sherston came together to create business opportunities in the village – and the success it's had keeping fully occupied to date! – really shows what can be achieved by Britain's rural communities. We were particularly impressed by how many members of the village SOSCIC signed up to support the project, and how the project contributed to the future sustainability of Sherston. Sherston Old School was one of our earliest grant recipients, and, as we celebrate a decade of grant-making, we are delighted to see that the project is thriving.

*Ellie Jesson | Senior Manager,
External Affairs | The Prince's
Countryside Fund*



Sherston Parish Council

To some of us, it seems like a lifetime rather than a decade since Paul and Gail were running the Post Office and Shop from their own house.

The threat of the Old School falling to residential use and a whiff of possible development on the allotments rapidly galvanised a powerful groundswell of opposition.

After initial work by the Parish Council, and especially by Martin Rea, the Sherston Old School Community Interest Company was born in 2010 and flourished under the chairmanship of Peter Sidebottom, whose wide and varied experience in the world of property was invaluable. He was ably assisted by Mike Johnson, Geoff Martin, John Knight and Richard Hulme.

Following extensive fundraising, the project was first opened for business on 26 November 2011 and the opening ribbon was cut by Doris Cooper one of Sherston's eldest residents. It got off to a flying start and continues to flourish.

Since then, Mike Johnson has taken over from Peter Sidebottom as Chairman and the Midcounties Co-operative now run the Post Office and shop. The commercial units at the western end of the building continue to provide valuable services to the local community.

Covid has proved to be a huge challenge but many residents rely on the Post Office and Co-op as their lifeline and it remains the envy of many other local communities from far and wide.

On behalf of the residents of Sherston, the Parish Council offer a huge vote of thanks to SOSCIC for all that it's achieved during the past decade and we look forward to more success in what will hopefully be a Covid-free next decade.

John Matthews, Chairman

Shear Class Hairdressing Salon

Shear Class started providing hairdressing for ladies, gents and children in Sherston over 15 years ago. The hair salon was then operating on the ground floor of a small premises and later we introduced beauty therapy treatments on the first floor. When the Old School units first became available in 2012, Shear Class relocated the salon, bringing hair and beauty together.

Our customers from Sherston and the surrounding villages can now enjoy their experience in a bright and spacious salon which offers a full range of haircuts, styling and treatments to all members of the family, within a warm and friendly atmosphere. As we re-open on 12 April, we will be introducing a loyalty scheme for all existing customers, as well as new customers.

The SOSCIC team has been a massive support to Shear Class throughout the nine years at the Old School. The strong relationship has been built on the joint commitment and priority to serve the local community. During this very difficult last 12 months for the hair and beauty industry, SOSCIC has continued to show its appreciation of how important village businesses are to the whole community. We look forward to continue working with SOSCIC for many years to come.

Pulse Business Software

When Pulse Business Software moved into the newly renovated Old School, we didn't realise the extent of the work SOSCIC had done to acquire the building and make it into offices – we were just so pleased to have an office within walking distance. Together with Paul Ormiston of Compass Graphic Design, we share Unit 1b – what used to be the headmaster's home.

It is one of two offices in our business (the other is in Johannesburg) and we serve customers in the UK, South Africa and several other countries.

What do we do? We make internet-based software for service-delivery companies. Our software enables businesses to get new customers, track their projects, organise their teams and deliver excellent customer service. You can discover more about our business at www.pulse-software.co.uk.

In 2020, Tahiti started her own counselling/psychotherapy practice at the Old School, offering in-person, telephone and video counselling services to adults and young people. You can find out more at www.alliance121counselling.com.

The good infrastructure, peaceful environment and supportive landlord at The Old School have enabled our businesses to thrive and we look forward to many more years as tenants.

Compass Graphic Design

Having closely followed all the efforts that the village had made to realise the project, it was a great to be able to establish an office at the Old School, with the help of Riaan and Tahiti at Pulse.

Mark Plummer and I had set up our graphic design company in 2004, evolving from Compass Solutions which we started in 2002.

We have been able to support many local and national businesses and individuals with our varied skills, including design of corporate identities (logos etc), websites, bespoke wedding stationery, posters etc. We are able to print many items in-house at the Old School, so keeping production local. To find out more visit www.compassgraphicdesign.co.uk

Having supported local events and organisations for many years before occupying our office at the Old School, actually being there has made it easier for groups and individuals to drop in and discuss their projects.

Paul Ormiston, Director



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Happy Easter, folks!


It's been a year now since Covid **hopped** into our lives.
We thank you once again for your support
and hope to keep **delivering** you **egg-cellence**... (eye roll!)

Have some time off with your families & eat as much chocolate as you can handle.

Best wishes from
Mike & Team IND



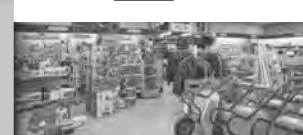







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Malmesbury and District U3A

With spring in the air and some optimism about the end of lockdown, all of us are longing to see our family and friends again. Malmesbury U3A has given us friendship and support over the past long months with zoom talks and coffee mornings and all of us are looking forward to starting up again. If you are retired or semi-retired and enjoy meeting people while learning something new, then Malmesbury and District U3A has around 40 different interest groups to tempt you. We continue to have the following talks online for our 400 members to enjoy. Note the dates in your diary.

If you are not a member, you can still join us. Contact the membership secretary, Elaine Sharpe on 823568, become a member and enjoy the general talks. Then explore all the opportunities and get involved as soon as the present Covid restrictions allow. In normal times, U3A meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at Malmesbury Town Hall from 10.00am until 11.45am for tea/coffee, a chat and to listen to a monthly speaker. The interest groups are wide-ranging, such as learning a language, arts and crafts, science, music appreciation, dancing, walking, cycling, theatre visits, book groups and play readings. You can find more information on our website: www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk.

Thursday 8 April:

Malmesbury in the news from the 1830s by Susan Mockler

Thursday 22 April:

The Work of the Marie Curie Charity by Riona Houghton

Thursday 13 May:

A programme of songs and their accompanying stories by Steve and Carol Robson. Audience participation (even on Zoom) is almost mandatory!

Thursday 27 May:

From wildlife photography to saving the cheetah! by Alison Mees

Thursday 10 June:

Climate Change and Planet Earth by David Head

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Meet the funder: Wednesday 7 April 10.30am – 12noon

Wiltshire Community Foundation Meet the Funder webinars are open to voluntary and community groups and organisations in Wiltshire. The 90-minute session will include two short presentations, themed discussions and time to ask questions about funding applications and grants.

At this event we will be joined by Ollie Phipps, Community Engagement Manager at Wiltshire Council, who will give details about the Area Boards and their grants.

Area Boards work alongside other organisations, including town and parish councils, voluntary and community groups, youth organisations, sports clubs and local charities, helping to bring local decision making back into the heart of the community.

Area boards also provide grants to community groups via three separate funding schemes:

- Youth funding – to provide positive activities for young people in the target age range of 13-19, or up to 25 with SEND
- Health and Wellbeing funding – for services that support older or vulnerable people.
- Capital funding – that can support all types of local group to help purchase equipment, assets, refurbish existing buildings or build new ones

Wiltshire Community Foundation Grants Team will present on our current grant programmes, priorities and application process.

Previously, we hosted our Funder+ sessions in our Devizes office, this session will be held online via Zoom. Book your free place here: <https://bit.ly/2P2C6at>

Could you help keep a family together?



Wiltshire Council urgently needs foster carers to care for teenagers and sibling groups so that brothers and sisters can remain living together. If you have a spare bedroom and want to find out more about fostering call 0800 169 6321, text 'Foster' to 60002 or visit www.fosteringwiltshire.uk

Step it out this Spring to Support People Experiencing Homelessness

This April, Julian House is calling on members of the public to take on its annual walking challenge – The Circuit of Bath Walk.

The sponsored circular walk, now in its 20th year, takes place on Sunday 25 April and will see participants walking around some of Bath's most beautiful local countryside, surrounding villages and taking in spectacular spring views across the historic city itself. While the charity is encouraging people take on the full 20-mile route, participants can choose their own distance and start point thanks to the five checkpoints along the route and a free shuttle bus service between each.

Senior Community & Events Fundraiser, Jess Gay said: 'The Circuit of Bath is a really important event in our fundraising calendar – especially this year. The sponsorship raised by those taking in the event walk will be used to help fund our vital services, including our hostel and domestic abuse refuge, which have been in high demand during the pandemic and will likely continue to be as lockdown eases.

'Due to the success of the walk last September, this year we are holding the event twice - on Sunday 25 April and again on Sunday 26 September. This will give our supporters the chance to see Bath in all of its seasonal glory, from the fresh spring flowers to the stunning autumn leaves.'

Self-care coach and Nordic Walking Instructor, Yvonne Bignall took on the challenge last year. She said: 'We had so much fun and it really is a beautiful circuit of Bath, places I had never seen before with spectacular views that feed the soul. Not to be missed!'

Watch Yvonne talking about the beauty of the walk here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xj5MnVqzNzk

Tickets are on sale now. £12 Adult, £6 Child, £25 Family. Dogs are very welcome.

Jess Gay added: 'While participant's entry fee goes towards the cost of organising the walk, every pound and penny they raise through sponsorship goes towards helping us support vulnerable men, women and children in our care. We hope people will aim to raise as much as possible to help us through this extremely challenging time so we can support as many people as possible.

We are very aware of the situation around COVID-19 and will continue to monitor and follow the advice being issued. The safety of the community, participants, staff and volunteers is and always will be our top priority and thanks to the staggered start points and varied start points, social-distancing can be followed. We would like to reassure anyone who purchases a ticket to the event that they will have the option of a refund if the event has to be cancelled due to COVID.'

Further details and tickets can be found online at www.circuitofbathwalk.co.uk.




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Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Please note all events and groups listed here below might not have started back yet or might be held virtually due to COVID-19 Corona Virus – please check first.

Sherston

Sherston 1016 Fundraising for local good causes and charities. For further details, contact sherston1016@gmail.com or 07717 424619.

Ashtanga Yoga class A strong flowing practice for mind and body (beginners to advanced) Fri 10.30-11.45am Sherston village hall. More info – Stuart 07986 003602 stuart@pulse4life.co.uk or www.pulse4life.co.uk

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

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

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

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

Holy Cross Church The Coffee Shop - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits and brownies Easter-Oct Tues, Weds, Thurs and Nov-Easter Thursday only. Both 9.30am-12 noon Sunday services 8am Holy Communion; 1st and 4th - Holy Communion, 2nd - Worship Together - a service for all age groups preceded by breakfast at 9am, 3rd - Family Service preceded by breakfast at 9am See the Parish Life for more details

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

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

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

Church Bell Ringing Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 – 9 pm. Call Chris Pickthall 841072 or come along.

Sherston Magna Cricket Club See website / facebook for fixtures. If you'd like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the website www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk.

1st Sherston Beaver Scout Colony Beavers is open to both girls and boys aged between 6 and 8 years old. We meet at the Scout hut from 5pm to 6pm on Fridays during school term time. There is a waiting list for Beavers, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form.

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack Cubs is open to both girls and boys aged between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form

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

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

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

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

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

Footpaths Group 'Sherston Walks - a guide to local Rights of Way', featuring 10 local walks is on sale at the Post Office. If you would like to learn more about the Footpaths Group contact Tanya Burgess on 841498 or smythtanya@hotmail.com or visit www.sherstonwalks.org.uk

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

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

1st Sherston Guides Meet every Wed during term time 5.30-7.15pm at Sherston Village Hall. Girls are welcome to join after their 10th 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 Fi Picton via fi.picton@outlook.com

Hatha yoga class Small breath driven relaxing Hatha yoga class Tuesday 6.45 - 8am and Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm. Support for anxiety, depression and quitting smoking offered. Please contact Russ on 07710 170081 or russellhtownsend@gmail.com

The Hygiene Bank Drop-off location in The Co-Op in Sherston and The George Vets, Malmesbury. The Hygiene Bank collects donations of new and unused hygiene products, which are then donated to local charities who are in desperate need of these items, for example, women's refuges and young person's hostels www.thehygienebank.com.

Exercise for over 60s with Synchronicity Fun, social exercise class (no exercises performed lying down) on Mondays at 10.30am in The British School Rooms. Suitable both men & women. All abilities. Everyone welcome. 1st class free. Book your place with Emma: 07843 256081 emmacope@synchronicity.me.uk

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

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

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

Rattlebone Boules League 48 teams playing in 3 Leagues Playing season Apr – Aug. For more information, contact Huw Bowles 07711 473243.

1st Sherston Scout Troop Scouts is open to both girls and boys aged between 10½ to 14 years old. We meet at the Scout hut on Tuesday nights from 7pm to 9pm during school term times. There is a waiting list for Scouts, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form

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

Sherston Sewing School Beginners' Sessions in the British School Room on the 2nd Sat of each month, 10am-4pm with a break for lunch at £65 per day Phone Goug Wilcox on 07788 558035 to book or for further information on the more advanced projects that are planned..

Sherston Short Mat Bowls Meet every Thursday at 2.30 to 4.30pm & 7.30 – 9.30pm. in the Village Hall. New members welcome – bring flat shoes, we have the woods. For more information contact Tony Weedon 841377 or Anne Andrews 840941

Sherston Tennis Club The tennis courts are located on Knockdown Road, next to the football pitch. If you're interested in joining the club or using the courts, please contact Nic Riley on 840682 or nic50riley@gmail.com

Sherston Theatre Club Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. See website for details www.sherstontheatreclub.co.uk 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 contact Margot Holland 841019 mplholland@btinternet.com

Village Hall 300+ Club For an Annual subscription of £10 support the Village Hall and give yourself the opportunity of winning one of the four £20 prizes awarded in 10 draws held throughout 2021. Further information: Eric Meanwell (07789 280058) or Goug Wilcox (07788 558035)

Sherston W.I. (Founded 1940) Meetings on first Thurs of the month May– Sep in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and Nov – Apr in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. Jan & Oct no meetings but lunch/dinner. Visitors always most welcome £4. Further information: Secretary 07940 287249

Yoga for All Mon evenings 7.45-9.15pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £8.50 reducing to £7 if you take up the course. More details contact 07779 600786 after 6pm or leave a message.

Outside Sherston

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

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

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

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Easton Grey Parish Church See Parish Life for details of services

Gauzebrook Church for Children Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them: Junior Church is held at Court House, Hullavington at 11.00am now on the first Sunday of each month, except for August. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

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

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

Junction 17 Recorder Group A mixed ability adult group with recorders of all sizes meet on Tuesdays 7.30-9pm during term-time in Hullavington Church. Occasional concerts throughout the year. New members welcome. Email Janette jctn17recorders@outlook.com or call Heather on 07770 415171

Link - (Malmesbury and District)

Link is a charity run by volunteers to provide transport for people living in the Malmesbury area to hospitals and other health related appointments. Volunteers always needed. More information from the Helpline: 840861 or coordinators@malmesburylink.co.uk

Luckington Mobile-PO Service outside The Old Royal Ship (SN14 6PA) on Wednesdays from 1.30-2.30pm

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Concert Band Rehearsals on Fri evenings in Malmesbury, 7.15 – 9.15pm for performances at local bandstands. For further details see our website www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk or contact Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or musdir@malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

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

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

Malmesbury Film Society

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

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

Check in the main section of the Cliffhanger, their website / facebook / contact details for dates and times and check to see if events are still happening during COVID19 restrictions.

Sherston

The Bridge Restaurant

Indian cuisine to take away daily from 5pm-10pm on the site of The Carps. Call 840665 or email info@thebridge.restaurant

For more details or for the menus, visit www.thebridge.restaurant/sherston/

The Rattlebone Inn

Check boards or website for new opening plans.

Takeaways available including Sunday lunches, weekend Wood fired Pizza Oven, outdoor dining.

Check boards for more details of events

For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk

The Angel Cafe with rooms

Now open for takeaways Wed - Sun 10am-4pm.

Plans to fully re-open (indoor seating and room bookings) from 17 May (8am - 5pm daily).

Call 841627 for more details or for the menus, visit www.angel-sherston.co.uk/menu

The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

Now serving coffees, tea and herbal infusions and homemade cakes in the newly remodelled Tucks Yard with covered seating – takeaways available.

For further details call Lucy on 841433 or visit <https://lucytom.com>

Café at Hortico

Newly remodeled café in the garden centre for tea coffee and cakes 10am - 3.30pm daily - wood burner, fully sustainable off grid, log cabin style café, covered seating in the nursery and amongst the Christmas trees growing for next year - dog friendly

Further details on Facebook or visit www.horti.co.uk

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

In Sherston Every fortnight on Saturdays 10.30am – 12.45pm Sherston High Street

For further details call clerk@sherston.org.uk or mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk or visit <https://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/Library/Stop/65>

Church of the Holy Cross - Church events

Details of this month's events in the main section of the Cliffhanger and on the Church Noticeboard for details of services and events.

For further details call Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or Susan Harvey <susan.harvey055@gmail.com

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend

Gardens open Sat 12 Sun 13 Jun, plant stall and teas and cake served outside the Church of the Holy Cross.

Village Hall Information Days

Buy a Butterfly and learn more about the planned renovations Sat 26 – Sun 27 Jun

Sat 26 - Wildlife Photography Exhibition Nick Holland

Sun 27 - Talk on the history of the Village Hall by Roger Ashley. More details in the main section

Date for your Diary:

Sherston Boules Weekend 2021

More details will be announced in the next months

Sat 10 July - Boules competition on the High St

Sun 11 July – Duck race from Stretchline and Teas in Mill Cottage garden

Luckington The Old Royal Ship

Take away specials 12 noon – 7pm Daily Please order as early as possible 840222

Knockdown The Holford Arms

Check boards for more details of events or call 01454 238669 or info@theholfordarms.co.uk

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

held at the historic Market Cross every Fri from 9am to 3pm with an enticing array of local, fresh and organic produce together with artisan products and gifts at great prices

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

Last Sat every month 11am-3pm - meet unique creatives, creators, makers, designers, producers and bakers. The Hub

Malmesbury and District U3A

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people. There are over 500 members and around 40 different interest groups including arts and crafts, book group, history, gardening, dancing, theatre trips, languages,

walking etc. Malmesbury & District U3A continues to keep in touch with members with regular editions of the Lockdown News and events & talks by Zoom. If you are not a member you can still join us. Contact the membership secretary, Elaine Sharpe 01666 823568, to become a member, £10 for the whole year.

Further details in article in the main section or visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Tetbury Tetbury Goods Shed – café open

The Whistle Stop café remains open for takeaway coffees and takeaway food on Wednesdays 12-4pm and Thursday to Sunday 10am-4pm. We are thoroughly Covid secure and have been certified as such by Visit England : www.shed-arts.co.uk

Vegetables from Aunt Addie's: Spring break will return in May
We are thoroughly Covid secure and have been certified as such by Visit England : www.shed-arts.co.uk

Didmarton Flicks in the Sticks

Will return – tbc Didmarton Village Hall
For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

See main section for this month's film details
Grittleton Village Hall
For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com or visit www.moviola.org/

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community See website for this month's films. Allocated seating, prebooking essential. Face coverings must be worn, though can be removed to consume drinks and snacks bought at the EPH.
For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com



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Cirencester The Barn Theatre

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For further details call Box office: 01285 648255 or boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk or visit <https://barntheatre.org.uk>

Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton-Under-Edge

Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ the cinema

Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the ROH Covent Garden
Stream opera and ballet content online from our house to yours while our stages are closed. 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 from The National Theatre @ the cinema
For further details visit www.ntlive.com

Bath Theatre Royal Bath

Live performances will return with performances in the socially distanced Main House auditorium.
For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk

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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

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)

BBC Wiltshire can be heard via:

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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	0207 219 6237
Sherston Parish Council	07790 883503
Sherston School	01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings)	01666 841019
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