



# THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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## Sherston Cubs, Scouts, Brownies & Explorers Christmas Raffle

Last year, our Christmas Draw raised over £1,100 towards the insurance, maintenance and running costs of the headquarters building in Green Lane. We are fundraising again for next year's costs. Tickets for hampers and other great prizes will be on sale from section leaders and outside Sherston Co-op on Saturday 30 November, Sunday 1 December, Saturday 14 December and Sunday 15 December. The draw will take place on 17 December.

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Each month since the Cliffhanger was first published - over 11 years ago - Beryl Clampton has sorted, bagged up and distributed the issues to a trusty band of over 40 volunteers, who then deliver each copy through letterboxes. After such sterling service and with more trips away, Beryl has decided that the time has come to step down from this vital role, which can only mean one thing: we need a new volunteer! If you have a car and can offer your time each month, we would love to have you onboard. Please contact Beryl to find out more about what's involved: [beryl@clampton.com](mailto:beryl@clampton.com) The role can easily be split so the more, the merrier!

## Charity Christmas Concert: Sunday 7 December

Sherston Community Choir and Sherston C of E Primary School are delighted to present their Charity Christmas Concert on Saturday 7 December, 7.00pm at Sherston Parish Church.

The concert is raising funds for Sherston School's Music Week and cancer charity CLIC Sargent.

Tickets are available from choir members, the school or on the door: adults £5, to include tea/coffee (wine for donation), accompanied children free.

## Local Churches Together Carol Service: Sunday 15 December

Join us in this celebration of Christ's birth at 6.00pm at Holy Cross Church, Sherston. We hope you will be able to stay for mulled wine after the service.

If you have any queries, please contact Reverend Susan Harvey on 840696 or [susan.harvey055@gmail.com](mailto:susan.harvey055@gmail.com)

## Sopworth Christmas Concert: Wednesday 18 December

It gives me great pleasure to invite you and your friends to this year's Sopworth Christmas Concert. Following on from last year's success, Laurie Jones (Musical Director of the Malmesbury Community Choir and son of celebrity Grenville Jones), will bring together a choir of wonderful singers for a special seasonal concert to be held in Sopworth church on Wednesday 18 December. Timings as follows: canapés and drinks with carol singers, 6.30pm in Sopworth Village Hall; concert, 7.30pm in Sopworth church. Tickets £20.00 to include drinks and concert.

The concert will feature a variety of carols and gospel songs (including all our old favourites!) to get you well and truly in the festive spirit.

Important information: Tickets are on sale now! There is limited space, with only 100 tickets available. Last year's event was very popular, so book early!

To reserve your tickets, contact Paul Atwell on [paul.atwell@veritasmanagement.co.uk](mailto:paul.atwell@veritasmanagement.co.uk) or 07966 248468.

All money is donated to the church, village hall and local charities.

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## Christmas and New Year waste and recycling collection changes

There will be no waste or recycling collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day and garden waste collections will be suspended from Monday 23 December for two weeks.

Collection days will change over the festive period, with catch-up collections taking place on Saturday 28 December, 4 January and 11 January. All collections, including garden waste, will return to normal from Monday 13 January.

Please see the revised collection table below so you know which bins to put out when!

### Christmas and New Year waste and recycling collection changes

Changes from  
23 Dec - 13 Jan

Your normal collection day	Household and recycling	Garden waste*
Mon 23 Dec	✓ no change	✗ no collection
Tues 24 Dec	✓ no change	✗ no collection
Wed 25 Dec	Fri 27 Dec	✗ no collection
Thurs 26 Dec	Sat 28 Dec	✗ no collection
Fri 27 Dec	Mon 30 Dec	✗ no collection
Mon 30 Dec	Tues 31 Dec	✗ no collection
Tues 31 Dec	Thurs 2 Jan	✗ no collection
Wed 1 Jan	Fri 3 Jan	✗ no collection
Thurs 2 Jan	Sat 4 Jan	✗ no collection
Fri 3 Jan	Mon 6 Jan	✗ no collection
Mon 6 Jan	Tues 7 Jan	Tues 7 Jan
Tues 7 Jan	Wed 8 Jan	Wed 8 Jan
Wed 8 Jan	Thur 9 Jan	Thur 9 Jan
Thurs 9 Jan	Fri 10 Jan	Fri 10 Jan
Fri 10 Jan	Sat 11 Jan	Sat 11 Jan
Mon 13 Jan	✓ back to normal	✓ back to normal
<b>No collections: 25 December, 26 December, 1 January</b>		

Check your collection dates and household recycling centre opening times at [wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling](http://wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling)

## Help and support available

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, Health and Wellbeing Champion



# Tolsey News



prescribed and dispensed by our staff during May to August and were then not collected by patients, equating to over £600, and you can see that overall the impact on our NHS is enormous.

Don't be one of the statistics burdening our NHS, please cancel your appointment via our cancellation phone line if it is no longer needed, do not order drugs you do not need, and if you have a prescription waiting, please come and collect it on time.

## Equipment

Our porch has become an unwelcome depository for patient equipment. We are now having it removed by the Council at our own expense, once it is clear please DO NOT bring/deposit/offer equipment to the surgery.

As much as we would like it to be, patient-specific equipment is not recyclable, nor can we get it back to the hospital or A&E where it came from. This includes crutches and leg braces (our most recent acquisitions). Clogging up the porch leaves nowhere for our wheelchair users and pushchairs. Thank you for your consideration with this ongoing problem.

## Influenza Campaign 2019

The season is now upon us (highest levels of influenza seen November to February) and by the time this article is published, hopefully most of you will have attended either our drop-in or booked Flu Clinics. However, if you have not, it is not too late.

We always have enough vaccines for all our 'At Risk' patients and will have one for you.

Why risk the devastating effects of flu when a simple vaccine can prevent the worst effects? Please do book via reception for a vaccine appointment.

We wish all our patients a merry Christmas and New Year.

## Christmas and New Year Opening Times

Tuesday 24 Dec (Christmas Eve)	Normal hours (8.30– 6.30)
Wednesday 25 Dec (Christmas Day)	Closed
Thursday 26 December (Boxing Day)	Closed
Friday 27 December	Normal hours
Saturday 28 December	Closed
Sunday 29 December	Closed
Monday 30 December	Normal hours
Tuesday 31 December	Normal hours
Wednesday 1 January	Closed
Thursday 2 January	Normal hours

## Look after your NHS! By Dr Pip Pettit

My task on a monthly basis is to check to see how many appointments have been missed at the surgery. This month, sadly, it has been more than average and with Christmas coming, which is a time patients often DNA (Do Not Attend ) as lives get busy, we would like to remind everyone how much this actually COSTS your NHS !

From NHS statistics 2 Jan 2019: Each appointment costs an average of £30, the total cost to the NHS being more than £216million on top of the disruption for staff and fellow patients that would pay for ... the annual salary of 2,325 full time GPs! [www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-46732626](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-46732626)

So just for the Tolsey surgery, last month, 64 missed GP and nurse appointments equates to nearly £2,000 per month. Add this statistic to the hours in our dispensary wasted due to 269 medications that were

## Sherston village hall - 300+ club November 2019 Draw

1st	56	Anne Dryden	£13
2nd	30	Mark Picton	£12
3rd	22	Phyl Thorburn	£11
4th	167	Jane Milne	£10
5th	140	Tom Langley	£9
6th	44	Jean Poole	£8
7th	24	Jane Thomas	£7

Collectors: Anne Andrews, Mary Goulding, Pat Moody, Rachel Moody, Lin Prior, Margaret Thacker, Jill Woodward, and Judith Woolliams.

For further information on how to join, phone Lin Prior on 840846.

## Time to renew your subscription or sign up!

Now is the time to renew your subscription for the Sherston Village Hall 300+ Club or become a member! We shall be collecting next year's subscriptions this month (December) and in January 2020. Membership remains at £6 per person for the year. Thank you for your support with this fundraiser, and we do hope you will continue your membership. If you are not a member and would like to find out more, please ring me on 840846.

Lin Prior, Coordinator

## Lin's marmalade

All being well, I anticipate my marmalade making will start in early January 2020. Orders are always helpful, as are jam jars (with lids), which can be left outside my front door. Or, if you would like me to collect them, please ring 840846. Lin Prior.

# Why are there buckets in the church?



Do you remember signing a stone tile in 2010 when the church launched its appeal to replace the roof? You'll be glad to know that the main roof is still in great shape and should be for many years to come. However, the roof over the south aisle, which covers the Lady Chapel and the vestry, has reached the end of its life. Our architect tells us that it can no longer be repaired and needs to be replaced. He has recommended that the porch roof be replaced at the same time, to save the extra costs of re-erecting scaffolding. Those who were in church at the start of the Arts Festival would have seen buckets and cloths, not only in the vestry, where we've had trouble for some time, but also over the altar in the Lady Chapel and elsewhere.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is responsible for keeping the church in good repair and must now work out how to raise at least £50,000 needed for this work. Looking after an ancient building is a never-ending task and the PCC, made up of volunteers, has to ensure there is money for the regular bills like electricity, water, heating oil, insurance and routine maintenance, as well as major repairs. We are lucky in having some generous regular donors, but we need YOUR help in paying this huge amount. We know that the church building is highly valued in Sherston. Over 100 volunteers help to make it a special place by cleaning, arranging flowers or helping with Coffee Shop or Stay and Play toddlers group, to mention just some of their work. It is a venue for events like the Arts Festival, concerts and talks and part of the village's heritage - perhaps you have had your child baptised or you were married here or attended the funeral of a loved one.

The Cliffhanger team has generously agreed to distribute donation envelopes with the February 2020 edition of the magazine, so we're hoping that you will respond generously to keep our beautiful ancient building watertight and safe for us and for future generations.

Thank you

Sue Robinson and Pam Pickthall, Churchwardens,  
on behalf of Sherston PCC

## WI Report

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Four members attended the Wiltshire Federation Annual Council Meeting in Salisbury at the end of October. Wiltshire Federation is celebrating its centenary this year and we heard from the National Federation Chair Lynne Stubbings and also from Dame Stella Rimmington DCB MA who is now retired but who was the first woman director of MI5. Dame Stella spoke for 40 minutes with no notes or prompts and was most interesting and amusing.

At the meeting we were delighted to learn that our secretary Alison Swayne was runner up in the Wiltshire Federation needlework competition with her beautiful needle case and last year Alison was highly commended for her hedgehog pin cushion. Congratulations to Alison. During the lunch break we visited Zizzi's which has recently reopened and which was doing a brisk trade.

Six members enjoyed partaking in the well organised Hullavington Bridge Event in October and a Sherston member won the competition with her partner.

On a sunny afternoon in November we welcomed Richard Rickitt who came to talk to us about the amazing honey bee. Richard had been a special effects cameraman in the film and TV world before moving to Wiltshire and taking up bee keeping full time. Richard does not have hives in his own garden but has several in different areas around Wiltshire, some of which are at Westonbirt where you will see them in the Old Arboretum. We were very impressed when we learnt that Richard was bee keeper to HM The Queen until a few years ago and he is also now Editor of the 100-year-old 'Bee Craft' magazine. Richard astounded us with his knowledge and obvious love of these amazing insects and gave us many facts and figures along with an excellent slide show about the workings of the hive.

Some members had enjoyed helping the children at Sherston Primary School during Apple Week and it is hoped that we may be able to assist with future projects.

Christmas will start early when some members attend 'A Victorian Christmas' in St Sampson's Church in Cricklade for carols and readings organised by Wiltshire Federation.

On the first Thursday in December our speaker Lorraine Parslow, who was a supporting actress, will talk to us about 'Only Fools and Corsets' and we shall enjoy a festive tea organised by the committee.

In winter months we meet in the British School Room at 2.30pm. You would be welcome to join us.

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# School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

## Year 4's PGL adventure!



Year 4 finished off last term with an action-packed three-day/two-night adventure at Liddington PGL Centre. Here's what the children had to say about it

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*'At the end of October, Year 4 went to the amazing fun-filled PGL. We did lots of activities, such as abseiling, climbing, aerobat and evening activities. My favourite activity was climbing because I got right to the top!'*  
Lauren, Year 4

*'PGL is a really fun place in Liddington. Some people think it stands for Parents Get Lost but actually it stands for the person who started it! There are loads of activities, such as aeroball, the big swing and a zip wire about 30 feet in the air! We had a perfect leader called Jesse. I shared a room with Olivia, Ciara and Freya. We also had AMAZING food in the cafeteria - there was everything! On my first day, I had four bowls of cereal and two slices of toast with strawberry jam!'*  
Seren, Year 4



## Whole school breaks the rules!

Sherston School had a very fun - and colourful - end to last term with a 'Break the Rules' mufti day in support of the Friends of Sherston School. Children gave a £1 donation for mufti plus 50p for each rule broken. The children raised a fantastic £217.

*'On Break the Rules day, we were allowed to break up to four rules: squash in our water bottles; crazy hair; unhealthy snack; and nail varnish. Everyone had fun and enjoyed breaking the rules.:)' Finn, Year 5*

*'Break the Rules day was really fun because we were allowed squash in our water bottles and an unhealthy snack, which is very unusual! I had a chocolate caramel bar and orange squash. We had Break the Rules day to raise funds for the school to help us pay for school trips and new equipment.'* Chloe, Year 5

*'Camilla in Year 6 won the prize for craziest hair!'* Seren, Year 4

*'For Break the Rules day, I dyed my hair and wore different socks and clothes! It was crazy! Almost the whole school dyed their hair! I also had an unhealthy snack :)'* Freddie, Year 5

*'My favourite thing was having crazy hair.'* Finley, Year 2



## Muddy fun at cross country

Last month, Year 3 and upwards from Sherston School took part in a multi-school cross country event at Malmesbury School. We entered a girls' team and a boys' team from each year. It was very muddy but a lot of fun - and two Year 4 children won medals (George got gold and I got bronze).

By Otilie, Year 4

*'The thing I liked most about the cross country was that no one gave up, even if they fell over in the mud.'* Freddie, Year 4

*'I went to the cross country and it was slippery and cold, but I really enjoyed it.'* George, Year 4

*'I enjoyed running round the course, even though the mud was oozing through my shoes! It was a fun afternoon.'* Finn, Year 5

## Out in spots for Children in Need

Last month, on BBC Children in Need Day, Sherston schoolchildren were invited to come to school out of uniform - and, ideally, in something spotty - to raise money for the charity. They all brought in a donation and managed to raise almost £150.

*'On Children in Need Day, I wore a spotty Pudsey bandana. We all wore our own clothes/spotty clothes - if we didn't have spotty clothes, we just wore what we wanted!:'* Freddie, Year 5

*'Children in Need was really fun because we got to wear spotty clothes. We had to put £1 in a pot when we came into school. We raised £148.'* Chloe, Year 5



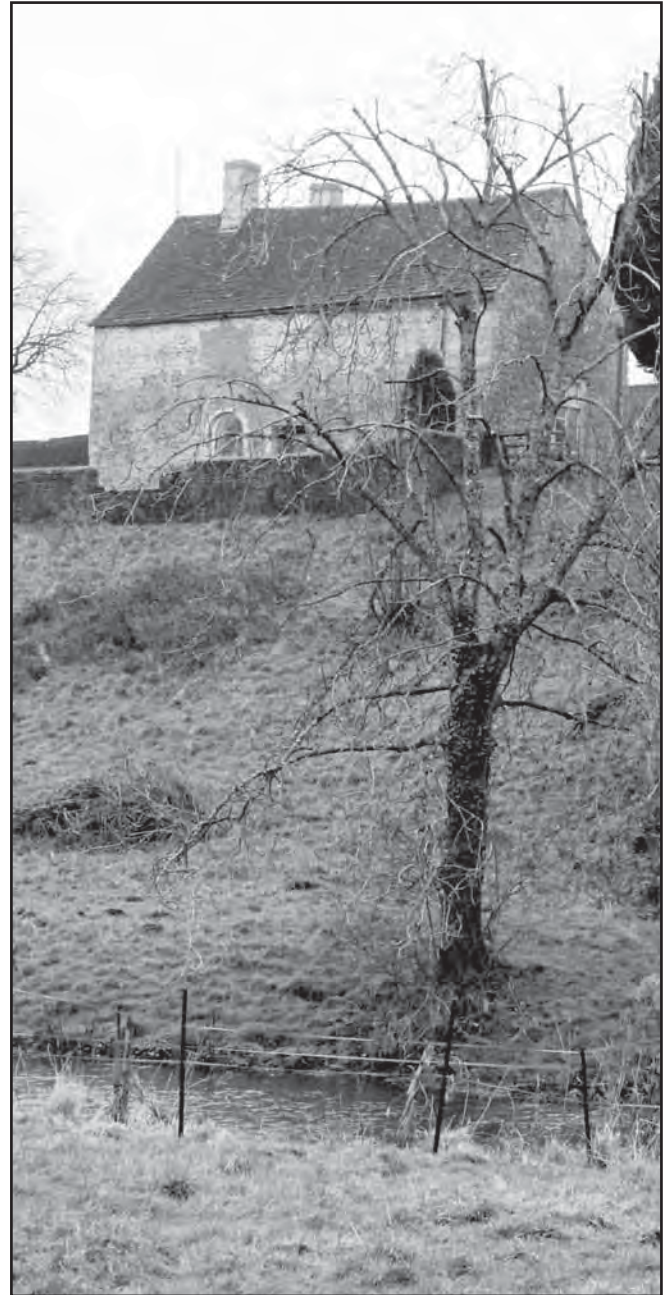
# The Lost Chapel of Pinkney

In January, Wiltshire Buildings Record (WBR) was asked to investigate a stone-lined shaft and tunnel that was recently discovered in the grounds of Pinkney Park Farm. The tunnel led from the farm down to the River Avon and was very likely used during dairying at the farm in the 18th century. However, during examination, an adjacent building appeared to be of great age, and rather older than the mid-17th century farmhouse that it is a part of. This early range was noted by Historic England to have two excessively thick walls of approximately 90cm, inconsistent with the attached farmhouse and walls that were aligned east-west.

Research by WBR in the Wiltshire and Swindon Archives led to the conclusion that it could be the former free chapel of Sherston Pinkney, the site of which is unrecorded. An estate chapel was known to have been funded by a wealthy patron and possibly originally located close to an early 'capital messuage' for the manor of Sherston Pinkney.

Wiltshire Collections by Aubrey & Jackson published in 1862 states: 'Sherston Pinkney had formerly a Free Chapel of its own dedicated to St. John the Baptist. The building has been long destroyed: and the site seems to have been forgotten.' Phillipps' Wiltshire Institutions written by Sir Thomas Phillipps and published in 1825 dates the chapel to 1300 or earlier, with the first incumbent being one William Pykarel, whose patron was Walter Pykarel. It is likely that the chapel of Sherston Pinkney was an estate chapel, constructed and maintained for the benefit of the lord of the manor of Sherston Pinkney and his tenantry. Private chapels, despite attempts by the bishops to limit them, flourished in fairly large numbers up to the Reformation. Often the chapel was attached to the 'capital messuage' within the manor but not always. In the case of the chapel at Sherston Pinkney, it appears it was originally detached.

The chapel seems to have been abandoned around 1640, coinciding with the Civil War and the rise of anticlericalism. Alternatively, since the Reformation, endowed revenues for the benefit of the chapel may have reduced, resulting in the slow decline of the chapel and eventual closure. If we are correct in our assumptions, the former chapel at Pinkney, far from being demolished, was put to a new use. It became incorporated into the 17th century farmstead, then became attached as a range to the farmhouse in the 18th century, the walls being raised twice to accommodate its new functions. The chapel has had several uses after its closure in the mid-17th



century, including as a kitchen, dairy with cheese room over, store room, barn and more recently as a reception room. Today, its thick external walls with signs of many alterations and its large fireplace bear testament to its early history. A footnote to this history was added in August when falling hay bales demolished a wall on the main road in Pinkney, revealing fragments of carved stones thought to be part of statuary depicting Christ in Judgement or Majesty. Had these come from the abandoned chapel?

Dorothy Treasure and Louise Purdy  
Wiltshire Buildings Record



## A Christmas Carol and Community Carols by Candlelight: 5 and 6 December

Join senior drama pupils from Westonbirt School for their Christmas mini-production of 'A Christmas Carol'. This community event, which includes music from the Chamber Choir, tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future. The congregation also have a chance to be part of this famous Dickensian tale by singing well-known Victorian carols by candlelight in Westonbirt's magnificent Great Hall.

Tickets are £10 (to include mulled wine and mince pie) and can be obtained from Eventbrite using the following link: [www.westonbirtcarols.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.westonbirtcarols.eventbrite.co.uk)

Thursday 5 and Friday 6 December, 7.30pm, The Great Hall, Westonbirt School.

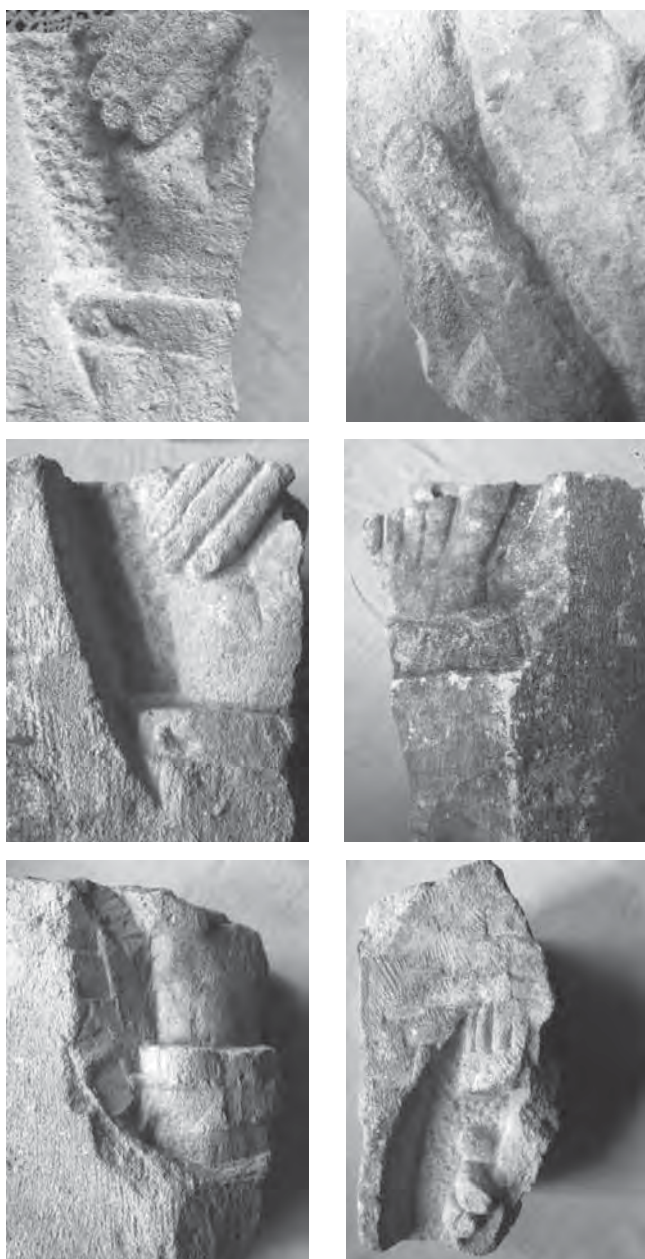
## Community Advent Service: 1 December

Westonbirt Community Choir has been busy rehearsing for its community advent service which takes place on Sunday 1 December at 5.00pm. The community choir, led by Director of Music Nicola Atwell, started in February this year and has quickly become a popular choir for singers of all ages.

The service will include a combination of music from the choir and pupils from Westonbirt School along with readings and prayers, all performed by candlelight in Westonbirt's beautiful chapel.

This is the first service where the school has opened its chapel doors to members of the public and all are invited back to the school for drinks and refreshments after the service. All welcome to attend.

Sunday 1 December, 5.00pm, St Catherine's Chapel, Westonbirt School.



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### December Services

Sunday 1st December, 11.00am - Advent Family Service  
Sunday 8th December, 11.00am - Advent Family Service  
Sunday 15th December, 11.00am - Advent family Service  
Sunday 22nd December, 11.00am - Communion Service  
Sunday 29th December - no service

### December Events

Sun 1st December, 2.00 - 5.30 pm -  
*Christmas Decoration Making, all craft materials provided. Free entry to all.*  
Fri 20th December, 5.30 - 7.00 pm - *Brick Club Christmas Party, please bring a plate of food to share. Fun and party games*  
Sun 22nd December, 6.00 pm - *Christmas Movie. Free Entry to All. Further details to be advertised locally and on 'Sherston, What's Occurring?'*  
Wed 25th December, 2.00pm -  
*Community Christmas Dinner. Further details to be advertised locally.*



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# 1st Sherston Scout Group News

## Scout Group Activities

We were honoured to have taken part in the village's annual Remembrance Day service and to have the privilege of marching with the Royal Logistic Corps (see page 14).

We congratulate our Cub Scout Pack on their success: they were winners in the Wiltshire North Scout District Night Hike! Well done to all who took part.

## Beavers in Sherston!



We intend to open a Beaver Colony in Sherston in the New Year, running on Friday evenings from 5.00pm until 6.00pm. Beaver Scouts are the youngest section in the Scout movement, open to children between six and eight years old.

We already have a number of names on our waiting list, and parents / guardians of those already registered will be contacted shortly to let them know details and dates of meetings. There are only a limited number of places, and places will be allocated in accordance with our group's waiting list policy.

If you would like to place your child's name on the waiting list, please contact us at [sherstoncubsandscouts@gmail.com](mailto:sherstoncubsandscouts@gmail.com)

## Sherston Scouts raise funds for Children in Need



Last month, Sherston Scouts enjoyed a movie night session in their onesies/pyjamas and gave a donation as a fundraiser for BBC Children in Need. The 17 Scouts (and two leaders) raised a total of £50.

Sherston Scouts are still keen to find an extra leader - it's a lot of fun and doesn't have to be a weekly commitment! If you're interested in helping out, please contact Shelley Vickerman on [shelleyvickerman@gmail.com](mailto:shelleyvickerman@gmail.com) or 07949 600012.

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# Balcony House Cellars Wine Shop

Regretfully, I have to announce that Balcony House Cellars Wine Shop, at The Old School, will be closing at the end of this year.

From humble beginnings 10 years ago, with two pallets of imported wine in the dining room at Balcony House, we were the second tenant to move into The Old School development. The staff and I have had a wonderful time building the business and advising customers, not only from Sherston but also weekend visitors from across the UK, France, South Africa, USA and only yesterday another Australian.

We have tried to differentiate ourselves but, after a couple of difficult trading years, find ourselves yet another High Street casualty. Competition is fierce and margins tight, not only from the supermarkets, who have moved ever closer to Sherston, but increasingly from online competition.

With a family base in South West France, I decided 12 years ago to become an 'expert' in the wines from the regions, searching out excellent producers not readily available in the UK and importing directly with a vision of slowly growing the business in Sherston to it becoming my retirement business. I have June Godwin from Sherston Wines to thank for her assistance in the early days; it's not often you

find 'competitors' who are willing to help you out but we agreed a market approach that meant we were not stepping on each other's toes. Early years were promising.

It is therefore with great personal regret that I am now having to close the shop. The issue is that turnover has decreased, though feedback about our wine selection has continued to be excellent. But, like any village concern, if enough support is not there then the outcome is inevitable. One needs turnover to survive.

My thanks to all my customers, many of whom have become more than just a face at a checkout. And to the staff over the years – in particular, Andrew Jarvis, Charlie Green, Freddy Smith and Paul Cuss who prepared some wonderful food for our 'Thirsty Thursday' Club. Finally, my thanks to The Angel and David with whom we held some memorable wine and food tastings, in particular the series of Gin Tastings. Personally, I am now taking a break from the wine business, though I am being encouraged by some of you to start an online offering, we'll see.

I have stock to sell and it is the season of goodwill, so from Friday 6 December we shall be offering a sale across all our product lines as follows. Some of the fixtures and fittings are for sale as well.

- Gins and spirits 25% off, eg Garden Tiger £38 reduced to £29.
- Non-vintage wines 30% off, a few reduced by 50%.
- Over 200 vintage wines and ports 15% off, eg Magnums Ch. Giscours 2009 £120 now £100.

So hopefully we will see you - bag an early Christmas present or that special bottle of wine for the table on Christmas Day!

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Neil Perry, Owner – Balcony House Cellars



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# Sherston Drama Group Celebrate 40th Year with Rollicking Rendition of Aladdin

**SHERSTON  
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by Gemma Waldron



Where else but Sherston would you find a banjo-strumming dame with a five o'clock shadow piggybacking on a South African powerhouse with a Fu Manchu and an evil laugh? The beloved village pantomime, back for its 40th birthday, didn't disappoint, oh no it didn't...

Director Sue Lehrer once again brought together an energetic, naturally funny troupe to brighten a soggy November weekend. Complete with flying carpet, creative set design, and plenty of heart and soul, this year's panto saw Charlie Blows cast as the eponymous Aladdin.



Charlie nailed his principal boy's teenage mooning over unattainable Princess Jasmine, played with poise and spirit by Rosie Shephard, while Richard Warren pulled off the role of Emperor in his inimitable style. Bringing the tone down befittingly was Graeme Strachan as the suspiciously throaty Widow Twanky; decked out in an array of gaudy costumes, and brilliantly channelling the droll delivery of Mrs



Doubtfire, Aladdin's poor old mum had the audience onside from the outset. Loveable Wishee Washee completed the family, as Charlie Brock performed his



lines with seamless comic timing, playing the crowd effortlessly and prompting enthusiastic cries of 'Wash 'em Wishee!' each time he took to the stage.

The story unfolded as the evil megalomaniac Abanazar (gratifyingly mispronounced as 'A Banana') set out to seize the legendary magic lamp. A natural showman, Riaan Van Rooyen fitted in an impressive number of ad libs including, of course, some timely Rugby World Cup banter (received in good humour despite England's only hours-old defeat). Never has casting a South African villain been more apt!

Abanazar was aided by hopeless henchmen Feng



and Shui, a dippy double-act played by Kirstie Blair and Mandi Bailey-Turner. Watching their farcical interactions, it was clear the pair enjoy as many laughs offstage as on, while Fearn Blair gave a comically jaded performance as Slave of the Ring. And what is Aladdin without its genie? Beautifully adorned, Tahiti Van Rooyen played the reluctant Genie of the Lamp, who was notably unflappable despite her husband's best efforts to engage her in some 'domestic' improvisation!

The show's youngest cast members made up a robust chorus with tireless energy and big smiles, executing some truly superb choreography by Sarah Scherer and Helen Fisk that made clever use of props such as UV lights and parasols.



The action throughout was punctuated by brief but on-point deadpan appearances from PCs 27 and 39, played by real-life best mates Barnaby Blows and Ollie Finch.



Compliments must be extended to the front of house and backstage teams who ensured the smooth running of each performance; Sherston Drama Group aren't just a talented bunch of cast and crew – they're good mates who work bloomin' hard at putting on a marvellous show. After a remarkable four decades of pantomimes, they continue to deliver uplifting performances that never fail to be a warming welcome to the festive season.



Don't forget, a read through and audition for Sherston Drama Group's spring production, Cider with Rosie, will be held at the British School Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3 December. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday 7 January, then subsequently every Tuesday and Thursday evening. The production will run from 15 to 18 April 2020.

# The Cared For

## - a book raising money for the NHS



Over the course of the last year, Craig Henry has lost the ability to walk, been addicted to opiate pain killers, had spinal surgery, suffered depression and spent 34 nights living inside a hospital. Craig, who is from Sherston, has experienced a journey through public and private healthcare systems and has noted it all down in a new book.

What started as a twinge in his leg, turned into paralysing him and confining Craig to a hospital bed. The world inside the plain walls of healthcare institutions are a bizarre one, from patients smoking inside the ward to people being told they have days left to live in an amplified fishbowl of pain, confusion and fear. The Cared For gives an insight into the NHS and private healthcare systems from the perspective of the hospital bed and through a patient's vision.

Whilst recovering from his spinal operation, Craig began writing his book at home in Sherston. Having witnessed the mounting pressure on the NHS, he wanted the story to do something positive. In this, he has chosen to donate 50% of proceeds of the book to the hospital ward that took such excellent care of him in a hope that the money can help future patient care in that hospital.

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# Sherston Remembrance Day Service

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Blue skies and a few clouds boded well for this year's Remembrance Service. Leading up to 11 o'clock, over 600 people assembled in Church Street for Sherston's sixth outside Remembrance Service. Led by 90 Squadron Royal Logistic Corps, from Buckley Barracks, followed by Sherston's uniformed organisations, the parade marched along the High Street to take their positions in front of the War Memorial at the lychgate. Before the service, the Sherston Band of Ringers started proceedings by ringing half muffled as the Union Flag flew over the tower. The assistant Minister, Revd Susan Harvey led the service assisted by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling of the Congregational Church and the Revd David Miller of the Methodist Church. Roger Whitehouse, the vergier, carried the cross.

Lieutenant Colonel Nick Grant-Thorold recited The Exhortation and during the laying of the wreaths the Sherston Occasional Community Choir, conducted by Trudi Baker, sang 'Do not be afraid' by Philip Stopford accompanied by Brian Cook.

Wreaths were laid in memory of the fallen by:

Councillor John Mathews,

Chairman Sherston Parish Council,

Captain Wilson on behalf of

9 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps,

Mrs Alison Barnes RAF widow, Holy Cross Church

Lou Ropner, Congregational Church

Rev Janet Evans, Methodist Church

George Breakspear, Scout Group and

Sherston Whitewall Explorer Scout Unit.

Ellie Whatley, 1st Sherston Guides

Annabel Rose and Grace Henshall,

1st Sherston Brownies.



As the choir faded away, the Last Post was sounded which ended just as the chimes of Holy Cross Church marked the beginning of the two-minute silence. This was broken by reveille and Captain Henry Jodrell and Martha Pugh (a member of the Sherston drama group) with Alice Stevens read







names of servicemen of Easton Grey and Sherston who died in past conflicts. Private Harman 9 Regt RLC recited the Kohima Epitaph.

At the end of the service 90 Sqn RLC followed by the youth organisations marched past and Councillor John Mathews, Chairman of Sherston Parish Council, took the salute.

Thanks go to all those who helped to prepare for this village ceremony to honour the memory of those who died for our freedom. The excellent sound system was provided by and operated by Mike Whatley. We thank the 1st Sherston Brownies, 1st Sherston Guides, the 1st Sherston Scout Group and Sherston Whitewalls Explorer Scout Unit, 90 Squadron RLC, the Sherston Band of Ringers, the Sherston Community Choir, the stewards, organised by Sqn Ldr Jim Robinson: Nigel Freeth, Roger and Mary Clements, Lt Cdr Christopher Morgan RN, Wg Cdr Dr Pam Pickthall, Susan Robinson, Graham Instrell and Philip Cutcher. Graham Simpson managed the closure of Church Street and the traffic. Thank you to Paul Ormiston for designing the Order of Service: did you recognise Malcolm Hillier carrying the British Legion Standard?

We gratefully acknowledge the support of Sherston Parish Council and the Clerk to the Council, Ms Donna Ford.

The collection for the Earl Haig Fund Poppy Appeal 2019 amounted to amazing £1,000.

*Chris Pickthall and Anthony Price*

## FSS Quiz Night 2020: Save the date!

The infamous Friends of Sherston School Quiz & Auction Night will take place on ... drum roll ... Saturday 1 February. Get the date in your diaries! More details next month ...

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# Helping Unpaid Carers in Wiltshire Return to the Work

Carer Support Wiltshire (CSW) has launched a new programme that will help unpaid carers in Wiltshire who want to return to work.

Many people give up work when a loved one becomes ill in order to care for them. It can be challenging to return to work once they are ready to go back - carers often feel their skills have become out of date and they lack confidence.

Funding was awarded to the Wiltshire charity by the government and the Returners Fund website is now live at [carersbacktowork.co.uk](http://carersbacktowork.co.uk). Carers can register on the site and will then be able to access support and various tools and resources. There are also small group training sessions and mentoring available.

CSW will also work in partnership with local employers, who will provide mentoring, advice and on-site training. In return they will have access to skilled potential new employees and CSW can help employers to support the carers in their workforces. If you're an employer who would like to find out more, please visit the site or contact the charity on 0800 1814118.

# Time for Carers Appeal 2019/20

Carer Support Wiltshire (CSW), the charity that supports the unpaid carers in our communities, is currently running an appeal to raise £30,000 to spend on carers.

They are looking for local groups and individuals who would like to help fundraise for the Time for Carers Appeal. That could be by holding an event like a raffle or auction, asking for donations at a quiz or bingo night or taking part in a sponsored run or swim. Anything you'd like to do, CSW can support you with.

There are an estimated 47,500 carers in Wiltshire. A carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a family member or friend who could not always manage without their support. They might look after someone with a physical disability, long term health condition, mental health issue or a problem with substance misuse.

It can be an incredibly rewarding thing to do for someone, but can take its toll as well. 40% of carers say they haven't had a day off in over a year, while 25% haven't had a day off in over five years. The effect of not getting a rest from caring is shattering, with carers describing being close to breaking point, desperate for some time to themselves, to sleep, recuperate and see friends and family.

Regular breaks have been proven to combat burnout and stress and money raised by the appeal will directly pay for breaks for carers. Last year's appeal helped over 80 carers take the time they needed to improve their health and wellbeing. It paid for respite care, theatre tickets, yoga classes, counselling sessions and much more.

Claire, a carer who looks after her mother who has dementia, said: 'It wasn't even about being given the money to go away - it was about being seen and valued as a carer and given the recognition and support that enabled me to carry on.'

If you would like to help the appeal and get involved you can find out more by contacting the CSW fundraising team at [fundraising@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk) or phoning 01380 871690. There is also a Time for Carers JustGiving page.



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## North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

October was a busy month, with both a Saturday 'Floral Art Workshop' at Oaksey Village Hall tutored by Pam Lewis, and a Demonstration by Cath Brown at our regular meeting in Crudwell. In a change to our published programme, this Demonstration was entitled 'Fifty things that make you happy', and based on an eclectic list of items put forward by the public in a survey. Cath kept us entertained by sharing some of the weird and wonderful things that made the top 50, and through producing a variety of stunning and sumptuous arrangements to represent some of these in floral form.

Thoughts are turning to the festive season, with our annual Christmas get-together planned for 18 December at Crudwell Village Hall. As well as being a social event with a shared supper, mulled cider and lots of friendly chat and laughter, this evening also provides an opportunity for attendees to make a Christmas arrangement for their home, family or friends. Hopefully our November demonstration by Andrew Baker, 'Ideas for Christmas' will provide plenty of inspiration.

Coming up early in 2020:

- Wednesday 15 January: Demonstration by Marie Mundy, 'Around the World'. Our regular 'Best Bloom' Competition also takes place this evening.
- Wednesday 19 February: Demonstration by Carol Norman, 'Two of a Kind'.
- Wednesday 18 March: Workshop with Sally Taylor, mastering the art of 'Buttonholes'.

Our full programme for 2020 has now been published with interesting and varied events throughout the year, including demonstrations, workshops, talks and visits. For more information, please visit our Facebook page – North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club.

Flower Club meetings usually take place at Crudwell Village Hall (SN16 9HB) on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. We are a friendly, thriving and enthusiastic group with members from throughout the area. Visitors and potential new members are guaranteed a warm welcome at our regular meetings, with refreshments provided at the end of the evening, so do come along if you're interested. We look forward to welcoming more new members in 2020.

For more information please contact Liz on 860888. We can also be contacted by email – [nwvflower](mailto:nwvflower)

## Addressing the Climate Crisis: The Hundred Tonne Diet

'The Hundred Tonne Diet', a talk about the climate crisis by Professor David Waltham from the University of London, will take place on Friday 10 January at 7.30pm in the British School Room.

If you want to understand more about what is happening to our climate, both for yourself and so that you can talk to others about the facts, please join us for this talk. Professor Waltham will be talking about the science behind global warming and what we need to do to limit our emissions to keep global temperature rises below 1.5 degrees. He'll discuss the technical ways we can do this and what needs to happen in our economy, politics and society to make this happen.

This is an opportunity to hear from a climate expert and ask questions to better understand the situation we're all facing and to discuss what we, as a community, can do about it.

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If you would like to support me in my fundraising, then why not kick start the festive season by creating a beautiful and unique Christmas wreath to decorate your door. There will be demonstrations and help on hand to guide you throughout the process; surprisingly simple with easily obtained impressive results! The price of £25 includes refreshments, equipment and demonstrations and of course you will go away with a beautiful, natural Christmas wreath. You will need to bring plenty of foraged greenery and scissors or secateurs. There will also be a second-hand book sale and some further Christmas decorations available to purchase. This is suitable for ALL abilities. If you would like to book a place then please contact either Emily on 07484272384 or emeganss@gmail.com or Alison on 07902832232 or al.ste@btinternet.com. There are limited spaces so book your place now!



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### Sherston Baby and Toddler Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. Meets at 10 -11.30am each Tues in the British School Rooms with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, and a cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. For further details contact sherstontoddlergroup@gmail.com or like us on Facebook for regular updates [www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Tawny Owl (Nicky) at [nicky.gray@btinternet.com](mailto:nicky.gray@btinternet.com)

### 1st Sherston 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](http://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](mailto:fi.picton@outlook.com)

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:minister4sherstonconchurch@outlook.com) / 07921 390878 Admin/Bookings - Victoria Meheust - [sherstonconchurch@outlook.com](mailto:sherstonconchurch@outlook.com) Secretary- Candi Williams Tarling - [secretary4sherstonconchurch@outlook.com](mailto:secretary4sherstonconchurch@outlook.com) or find us on Facebook.

### Methodist Church

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

### Church bell ringing

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

### Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Junior and Senior indoor nets will start 3 Mar. Outdoor nets begin after Easter. If you would like to get involved with local cricket please email [cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](mailto:cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk) or visit the website [www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](http://www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:peter.brock666@btinternet.com)

### Footpaths Group

'Sherston Walks - a guide to local Rights of Way', featuring 10 local walks is on sale at the Post Office. If you would like to learn more about the Footpaths Group contact Maggie Harries on 841047 or [maggie@harriespartnership.com](mailto:maggie@harriespartnership.com) or visit [www.sherstonwalks.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.pulse4life.co.uk) Stuart 07986 003602 or [stuart@pulse4life.co.uk](mailto:stuart@pulse4life.co.uk)

### 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](http://www.thehygienebank.com).

### 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](http://www.sherston.org.uk). Further details contact the Clerk at [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:sherstonpilates@gmail.com)

### Rattlebone Boules League

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

### 1st Sherston Scout Troop

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

### Senior Club

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

### Sherston Short Mat Bowls

Meet every Thursday at 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](mailto: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](http://www.sherstontheatreclub.co.uk) or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or [helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com](mailto: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](http://www.sherstonvelo.cc) or email Mark Walsh at [secretary@sherstonvelo.cc](mailto: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](mailto:dogleg3@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 or [linmaryprior@gmail.com](mailto:linmaryprior@gmail.com)

### WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses

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

**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 £3.50. Further information: Secretary 07388 606785.

**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 Eloise 07779 600786 after 6pm Theo 07818 401110 or [theo@wildyoga.co.uk](mailto:theo@wildyoga.co.uk)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk), email [info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk](mailto:info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk) or freephone 0800 181 4118 (01380 871690 from a mobile).

**Castle Combe Colts Football Club** Join a charter standard club with CRB checked FA qualified coaches, fantastic playing & training facilities and a healthy inclusive culture – take a free 4week taster session. Currently recruiting for the following age groups: Mini-Kickers (Rec/Y1) U10 (Y5) U11 (Y6). Tel 837286 or [secretary@cccfc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@cccfc.co.uk) [www.cccfc.co.uk](http://www.cccfc.co.uk)

**Easton Grey Parish Church** See Parish Life for details of services

**Friends in Grief (FIG)** A community run café where all people who are bereaved are welcome. Every Tues from 2-4pm at Riverside Community Centre (next to big Co-op) in Malmesbury (SN16 9JS). Free of charge and no need to book – come along and meet others experiencing similar thoughts and feelings.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:jctn17recorders@outlook.com) or call Heather on 07770 415171

**Link** Link provides a voluntary car service for residents living in the Malmesbury area, taking those in need to hospital, the chiropodist, GPs' surgeries and to visit sick relatives. For further information, prospective volunteers can contact the Link co-ordinator and volunteer support officer on 840861 9am-1pm

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

### Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

For details see [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://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](http://www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk) or contact Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or [musdir@malmesburyconcertband.org.uk](mailto:musdir@malmesburyconcertband.org.uk)

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

**Malmesbury 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk) or visit [www.girlguidingwiltshirenorth.org.uk](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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

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

## Sherston

### Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

In Sherston Every fortnight on Saturdays 10.30am – 12.45pm  
14 & 28 Dec

Sherston High Street For further details call [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk) or [mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk) or visit <https://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/Library/Stop/65>

### The Carpenter's Arms

Coffee, pastries and cakes open from 8.30am whilst Angel closed - cyclists, dogs and children welcome Quiz night - check boards for details For further details call 840665 or visit [www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston](http://www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston)

### The Rattlebone Inn

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

For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter or visit [www.therattlebone.co.uk](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)

### The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

Newly launched café serving coffees, tea and herbal infusions and homemade cakes in Tucks Yard. Coffee from RAVE roasters in Cirencester, Pukka teas, sandwiches, soup, breakfast bacon butties and lots of homemade cake! Open weekdays 8.30am – 5pm with Sat 9am-5pm Sun 10am-3pm. Free WiFi.

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

### Church events

Advent Service in Sherston Church – one-off choir is being formed, led by Katherine Bennett – Sun 1 Dec

Local churches joint carol service Sun 15 Dec 6pm in the Church of the Holy Cross, followed by mulled wine - see church noticeboard or the Parish Magazine for details of Christmas services

Eco Church is a scheme to help grass-roots church communities improve their environmental impact. The scheme is run by the charity A Rocha UK with the support of the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church, Christian Aid and Tearfund. Bronze, silver and gold awards are available to

those church communities who show that they are working to lessen their environmental impact.

For further details call Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or Susan Harvey <[susan.harvey055@gmail.com](mailto:susan.harvey055@gmail.com)>

## Sherston Scouts & Brownies

### Christmas Post

As part of our annual fundraising Sherston's Cubs, Brownies, Scouts & Explorers will again be delivering Christmas cards to addresses in Sherston and Luckington. Stamps will cost 25p each and will be on sale from Section Leaders and Sherston Co-Op stores from Mon 25 Nov Last date for posting will be the 13th December. Please post your Christmas Cards in the special post box at the Sherston Co-op. Annual Christmas Raffle 17 Dec

### Sherston WI Talks

Only Fools and Corsets – time as a supporting actress: Lorraine Parsloe Thurs 5 Dec 2.30pm British Schoolroom

For further details call Secretary 07388 606785

### Sherston Drama Group

Auditions for Spring Play 2020 - CIDER WITH ROSIE" by Laurie Lee Tues 3 Dec at 7.30pm in the British School Rooms Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday 7th January, then subsequently every Tuesday and Thursday evening. Not all cast will be required for every rehearsal. There are some big roles and some small cameo parts. The play will be performed over spring half term 15-18 Apr. If you are interested but cannot make the 3 Dec, please call Robin Turner on 01666 840703

Our spring production is set in the beautiful Slad Valley just 16 miles from our own village of Sherston. Cider with Rosie is a wonderfully vivid memoir of childhood, in a time before electricity and cars. It was a timeless place on the verge of change. Laurie Lee depicts a world that is both immediate and real and yet belongs to a now distant past.

For further details call [auditions@poodoo.org](mailto:auditions@poodoo.org) or call 840094

### Sherston Theatre Club

Visits to theatres, flower shows, museums, exhibitions and houses and gardens of interest with Sherston High St –to- venue-and return Coach service. Membership £20pa, which gives the member and one guest the opportunity to buy tickets and coach fares for the advertised events, £1 extra for additional guests. Often the tickets are at the group booking discount price.

Upton House at Christmas Mon 9 Dec 9am- 6pm a National Trust property near Banbury, Oxfordshire. Members £18, non-members £30. List open.

Christmas Carol at Bristol Old Vic. 12 Dec Ticket and coach £30.00. Refurbished theatre now has lifts and easy access. 6 tickets available.

For further details call Helen Quirk 840516 [helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com](mailto:helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com) or visit [www.sherstontheatreclub.co.uk](http://www.sherstontheatreclub.co.uk)

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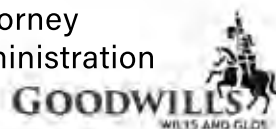
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## Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

**Exhibition by local artists** Drop in and see the local art exhibited in the Salon next to the Post Office. All art is for sale! Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon. There will be details about each artist but all are local and have exhibited in the Sherston Arts Festival

## SHCC Concert

**Sherston Community Choir in concert with Sherston Primary Choir** Sat 7 Dec at 7pm in Holy Cross Church. Tickets will be on sale from the Village Shop during November. Wine and soft drinks will be available for a donation. Come and support the choirs and join in some Christmas carols. Charities to be announced British School Room *For further details call Lucy Lawrance on 840778 (evenings) or lucy@sherston.plus.com*

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

WEA Courses for 2019-20 The Aeneid by Dr Tim Hammond This course is an introduction to Virgil's Aeneid, his epic poem about the mythical Aeneas, the refugee from Troy who founds Rome. The course is suitable for anyone with an interest in literature and history. This six session course will run weekly between 10am and 12.15pm from Fri 8 Nov to Fri 13 Dec 2019. The fee for the whole course is £60. Please be aware that numbers on the course are limited to 35.

Telephone registration on 0300 303 3464; course reference: C3530640. For on-line registration: <https://www.wea.org.uk/find-course> WEA Support Centre on 0300 303 3464 who will be delighted to book your place or alternatively you can book on-line on the WEA South West web site: <https://www.wea.org.uk/south-west> using the post code SN160LN to locate courses in Sherston.

Access the WEA Find A Course service at <https://www.wea.org.uk/south-west> using the postcode SN160LN to locate all the Sherston courses

British Schoolroom *For further details call Pat or Warwick Jones at [warwickandpatjones@gmail.com](mailto:warwickandpatjones@gmail.com) or on 840764 or visit [www.wea.org.uk/](http://www.wea.org.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](mailto:info@theholfordarms.co.uk)*

## Luckington

### Luckington Christmas Party

Everyone welcome. All profits go to the Church Fri 6 Dec from 6.30 - 9pm at Bridges Court, by kind permission of Fiona

## 'Sherston Brick Club' British Schoolroom

Fridays 6th and 20th December from 5.30-7.00 pm  
*On Friday 20th December please join us for fun and party games at the Brick Club Christmas Party. Please bring a plate of food to share.*

### Prayer and Bible Study Group

(At 1 Knockdown Road until further notice)  
Every Monday from 7.00pm

### Other events

1st December, 2.00pm - 5.00pm - Decoration Workshop  
*Make decorations for your tree and ours!*  
4th December, 2.30pm -4pm - Cuppa, Cake and Chat  
15th December, 6.30pm - Christmas Film Night  
16th December, 4.00pm - Children's Carol Service  
18th December, 2.30pm -4pm - Cuppa, Cake and Chat

Melville. Tickets from the Shop or the School, or on the door. The ticket price includes a glass of mulled wine, canapés and mince pies. Cash bar, a raffle and carols. Children most welcome

## Easton Grey

### Festive open day at Tracklements

**Tracklements Open day** There will be factory tours showing how we turn the best, natural ingredients into award-winning condiments. Festive nibbles and of course a chance to do some Christmas shopping in the on-site shop. Sat 7 Dec 9.30am - 1pm, no need to book, free of charge.

*For further details call 827044 or visit [www.tracklements.co.uk](http://www.tracklements.co.uk)*

## Whatley Manor

**Sunday Cinema** £39.50 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn and a 3 course lunch or dinner in Le Mazot brasserie. Lunch first from 12 noon with the film starting promptly at 2.30pm. For the dinner screening enjoy the film first starting promptly at 5pm followed by dinner in Le Mazot brasserie from 7.15pm. Christmas special screenings £29.50 Lunch Showings  
Sunday 8th December – The Santa Clause  
Sunday 15th December – A Christmas Carol  
Sunday 22nd December – The Christmas Chronicles  
Dinner showings

Sunday 1st December – Die Hard

Friday 6th December – Home Alone

Friday 13th December – Elf

Saturday 14th December – Elf – Fully Booked

Friday 20th December – Miracle on 34th Street (1994)

Saturday 21st December – The Holiday – Fully Booked

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**Guided walks and craft skills courses throughout the month** see website for details

Summer concerts – tickets on sale now: Thurs 11 June TBC; James Morrison and Will Young Fri 12 Jun; Sat 13 Jun TBC; Sun 14 Jun Keane

Till Feb 2020 admission prices Adults £7, those arriving by bike or public transport £5, Children (5-18) £3, under 5s free, 1 carer allowed free per paying disabled visitor

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

### Westonbirt Community Choir

Westonbirt Community Choir Westonbirt Schools' Director of Music, Nicola Atwell will be starting a community choir at Westonbirt School. Rehearsals will take place on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm and will cost £4 per session. There is NO audition and NO experience in singing is necessary. Open to local residents, the aim of the choir is to sing, laugh, and enjoy making music! There is no audition and we will cover a variety of styles from Popular Music, Musical Theatre, Film, Jazz, Rock, Gospel, Soul, World and Classical.

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## Sopworth

### Sopworth Ladies Club

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

For further details call Jayne Dickenson on 840930

## Didmarton

### Flicks in the Sticks

**Green Book** Fri 13 Dec Doors open 6.30 and film starts at 7.30pm Tickets £3.50 in advance from [jennybody@btconnect.com](mailto:jennybody@btconnect.com) (01454 238358) or £4 on the night

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## Malmesbury

### Late Night Christmas Shopping in Malmesbury

**Festive street market with Santa's Grotto, carol singers, and late night shopping** Fri 6 Dec 6 - 9 pm Free park & ride from Malmesbury Garden Centre

Late Night Shopping New: some shops will have later night opening till 7pm on Thurs and Fri till Christmas e.g Green & Grey check with individual shops for details. Upper High St, Malmesbury  
For further details call To book a stall call 01249 783434

### Events at Malmesbury School

**Charity Christmas wreath-making sessions** Come and create your own Christmas wreath in one of 4 sessions. Suitable for ALL abilities with complimentary festive food and drinks. Sat 7 Dec 1:30pm – 4:30pm, 6:30pm – 9:30pm Sun 8 Dec 1:30pm – 4:30pm, 6:30pm – 9:30pm £25 Price includes refreshments, equipment and demonstrations. You will need to bring plenty of foraged greenery and scissors or secateurs. There will also be a second-hand book sale and some further Christmas decorations available to purchase. The money raised will go towards several charities in Zanzibar that Emily will be working with in summer 2020 such as Creative Solutions which helps unemployed youth and young orphans, CARE International who work with the local government and villagers to establish forest management programmes to provide income-earning opportunities for local communities, and with a women's cooperative producing Fair Trade handicrafts through sustainable resource management.

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### Events at Malmesbury Children's centre

**Workshops for toddlers, infants and new parents** Free parenting courses for parents with children under 5 - check website for details free crèche. Malmesbury Children's Centre

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

**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. Malmesbury Activity Zone, Bremilham Road

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### 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



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*For further details call 01249 463 040 or visit [www.therisetrust.org/programmeevents/](http://www.therisetrust.org/programmeevents/)*

## 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 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  
**No meeting in Dec**

**Life as an Expedition Doctor – Phil Yates. Thurs 23 Jan**  
 Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall

*For further details call membership secretary Elaine Sharp tel 823568 or visit [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk)*

## Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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## Movies@Malmesbury

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

### DECEMBER:

Mon, 2 Dec	2pm	The Goldfinch
Mon, 2 Dec	7.30pm	42nd Street
Tues, 10 Dec	7.15pm	Coppelia **
Fri, 13 Dec	2pm	42nd Street *
Fri, 13 Dec	5.30pm	Shaun the Sheep 2
Fri, 13 Dec	8pm	The Aeronauts
Tues, 17 Dec	7.15pm	Nutcracker Ballet **
Wed, 18 Dec	7.30pm	Beethoven
Fri, 20 Dec	2pm	The Aeronauts
Fri, 20 Dec	5.30pm	Shaun the Sheep 2

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**Malmesbury Late Night Shopping** Fri 6 Dec 7-7.40pm

**Christmas Music** Sat 14 Dec 11-12noon

*For further details call Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or [tony@jacfleming.plus.com](mailto:tony@jacfleming.plus.com)*

## The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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## Grittleton

### Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

**YESTERDAY [12A]** Wed 4 Dec Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door

From director Danny Boyle (Slumdog Millionaire, Trainspotting), and screenwriter Richard Curtis (Four Weddings and a Funeral, Love Actually and Notting Hill), comes a rock-n-roll comedy about music, dreams, friendship, and the long and winding road that leads to the love of your life. Jack Malik (Himesh Patel) is a struggling singer-songwriter in a tiny English seaside town whose dreams of fame are rapidly fading, despite the fierce devotion and support of his childhood best friend, Ellie (Lily James). Then, after a freak bus accident during a mysterious global blackout, Jack wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed ... and he finds himself with a very complicated problem. Performing songs by the greatest band in history to a world that has never heard them, and with a little help from his American agent, Debra (Kate McKinnon), Jack's fame explodes. But as his star rises, he risks losing Ellie — the one person who always believed in him. With the door between his old life and his new closing, Jack will need to get back to where he once belonged and prove that all you need is love.

## Tetbury

### Christmas Events in Tetbury

**The Christmas Lights Switch-On** Light Switch On at the Market House Fri 6 Dec 5.25pm starting with a torchlit procession from St Mary's Church Santa with elves (visit Santa's grotto in the Market House from 6.15pm – 7.30pm), a Christmas market and stalls from clubs and organisations that are all part of our little town and help make it special all year round, and many of our shops and cafés opening late, to join in the fun.

Road Closure 4-8pm Church Street from Old Brewery Lane to Long Street will be closed to traffic. A traffic diversion will apply.

**Tetbury Community Christmas Carol Service** Sat 7 Dec

Tetbury Market Square

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**Afternoon Piano Recital Every Wed 2.30-4pm Afternoon tea** concerts are back by popular demand. Tickets £2.50

**Film Night (details on the website Every Thursday 7-10.30pm** How to reach the Shed - use the sat nav postcode GL8 8EY For further details call [info@shed-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@shed-arts.co.uk) or visit [www.shed-arts.co.uk](http://www.shed-arts.co.uk)

**2 Dec Tetbury Train Talk 6-8pm** Free Celebrate the 130th anniversary of the first steam train from Tetbury with an exhibition and a specially made film of memories.

**5 Dec Film Night: The Current War (12A) 7.30 £7**

**6 Dec Needle Felt Art Workshop 10-1pm £35** Especially for Christmas the second of two festive felt art workshops

**7 Dec All On a Winter's Night 7.30pm £7.15-£15**

Johnny Coppin Christmas show accompanied by Paul Burgess and Dik Cadbury

**12 Dec Film Night: Transit (12A) 7.30pm £7**

**15 Dec The Spitfire Sisters 7.30pm £14** Start your Christmas the Spitfire Sisters' way. Join them as they perform festive songs both old and new, with their unmistakable vintage styling and extra mirth for good measure.

**19 Dec Film Night: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (PG) 7.30pm £7**

**21 Dec Carols at the Goods Shed 6.30-8pm**

The much-loved Community Christmas Carol Concert returns to the Goods Shed. As always you'll find lots of festive cheer, a glass of mulled wine and maybe even a mince pie! Free Entry

## Dauntsey

### Mrs Scrupp's Christmas Market

**Fundraiser for MND** A selection of stalls selling exciting and original Christmas Gifts. Delicious home-made cakes and biscuits will also be available all day in this stunning setting, so a great venue for your morning coffee or afternoon tea! Mrs Scrupp (alias Susannah Dibben/Tricia Lawrence's daughter) organises this event every other year to raise funds for the North Wiltshire Branch of The Motor Neurone Disease Association, as her father died from MND 5 years ago. Free entrance and plenty of parking.

Tues 6 Dec 10am - 4pm

## Crudwell

### North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Flower Club meetings usually take place at Crudwell Village Hall, SN16 9HB on the third Wednesday of the month, 7pm for 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are guaranteed a warm welcome, with free coffee/ tea/ cake and chat at the end of the evening.

**Workshop: make a Christmas arrangement & bring and share supper 18-Dec**

**Demonstration by Marie Mundy, 'Around the World'.**

Our regular 'Best Bloom' Competition also takes place this evening. 15-Jan

**Demonstration by Carol Norman: 'Two of a Kind' 19-Feb**

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Lacock Abbey

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## Swindon

### Great Western Railway Museum

Christmas stalls @ Steam Sat 30 Nov - Sun 1 Dec 10am-5pm

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