



THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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Christmas sparkle in the village!



The Sherston Arts Festival Advent House trail is back this December! With over 70 families taking part, we can all look forward to an extra sprinkle of magic again this year. From Thursday 1 December, windows and gardens will be lighting up their Christmas scenes from 5.30pm to 8.30pm each night to add a bit of sparkle to the village. The full trail - with everyone lighting up - will take place on 23 December and Holy Cross Church will host number 24! Check out page 9 for the trail map and you can follow along each night. Also, if you fancy having a go but are not on the map - don't worry, just pop something in your window or garden and join in - the more, the merrier!

1st Sherston Scout Group & 1st Sherston Brownies Luxury Hamper Raffle



Scouts



It's time for our biggest fundraiser of the year: our luxury hamper raffle! Funds raised will go towards the running costs of the Scout Hut.

Look out for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Brownies selling raffle tickets outside the Co-op this month - and please buy a ticket! Thank you!

2023 Sherston charity calendar now available!



The Sherston charity calendar is back for another year, raising money for the local community. Last year we raised just over £900 for local causes such as the Friends of Sherston School, Holy Cross Church, the Senior Club and Sustainable Sherston.

If you would like to buy your exclusive 2023 Sherston Calendar, they are just £10 and available from The Courtyard Café and The Angel. They will also be on sale at the Christmas Fair at Sherston School on Friday 2 December.

This year we have only 100 calendars to sell - and once they're gone, they're gone! We expect to sell out before Christmas, so don't hang around too long ...

And finally they are available to be ordered online to be delivered directly to your door. Simply email your request with your address to Calendar@teasmart.co.uk. Payment is done on your doorstep, with cash and card accepted. We can also post worldwide with additional shipping costs.

Thank you for your support,
Your local photographer, Tea Smart

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No dogs allowed!



Hopefully, by now, you will all have seen the new 'No dogs allowed' signs on the Rec. In case it's not clear, it means that no dogs are allowed on the Rec! (Apparently, some dog owners are still letting their dogs on the Rec.)



Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 3 December



A last-minute reminder - come to the village hall to enjoy homemade soup, a bacon or cheese roll, raffle, tombola and stalls. All starts at 12.00noon. Please bring any donations for the stalls, cakes, bric-a-brac or raffle at 10.00am. Thanks for your support !

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Send to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk
or hard copy to Sherston Post Office Stores.

What's On: contact Caroline Moore at
info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

The size and content of the Cliffhanger depends entirely on the amount of copy we receive from individuals and groups. So, if you feel you have something of interest, please don't hesitate to tell us. Around 400 words would be a maximum but the shorter the better and less editing would be needed.

Top tip: if you're telling us of an event coming up, write a short piece about it rather than just supply basic details or a poster. You will then get a short article published to help boost interest as well as a mention in our What's On section. Don't forget to tell us how your event went, with a photo if possible.

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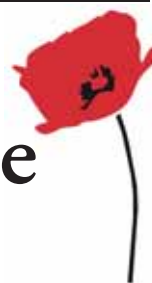
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Sherston Remembrance Service 2022



Blue skies and warm weather boded well for the 2022 Remembrance service, the first full event since 2018. Leading up to 11 o'clock, 630 people assembled in Church Street for Sherston's ninth outside Remembrance service. We welcomed back a full contingent of 90 Squadron Royal Logistic Corps, from Buckley Barracks, commanded by Major Alex Nicholas, and Sherston's uniformed youth organisations returned in good spirits. Before the service, the Sherston Band of Ringers started proceedings by ringing half muffled as the Union Flag flew over the tower. The Rector, Revd Adam Beaumont, led the service assisted by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling of the Congregational Church and Revd Janet Evans of the Methodist Church. Roger Whitehouse, the vergier, carried the cross.





After the two-minute silence, Air Commodore Paul Rose recited The Exhortation, and Captain Henry Jodrell and Amélie Méheust read the names of servicemen of Easton Grey and Sherston who died in past conflicts. Private Fryer of 9 Regt RLC recited the Kohima Epitaph.

Wreaths were laid in memory of the fallen by:
Councillor Tanya Burgess,

Chairman, Sherston Parish Council,

Lieutenant Luke Guzkowski,

9 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps,

Suzanne Price, Church Warden, Holy Cross Church

Philip Springate, Congregational Church

Roger Evans, Methodist Church

Otilie Vickerman, 1st Sherston Beavers,

and Ollie Brushneen, 1st Sherston Cubs

Izzie Brushneen, 1st Sherston Guides

Izzy Burton Dury, 1st Sherston Brownies

Stephen Hawkins,

Bristol Coldstream Guards Association

The Sherston Occasional Community Choir, conducted by Trudi Baker and accompanied by Brian Cook, sang 'Abide with me' during the laying of the wreaths.

The address was given by the Rector Revd Adam Beaumont and prayers were said by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling and Revd Janet Evans.

At the end of the service, 90 Sqn RLC followed by the youth organisations marched past and Councillor Tanya Burgess took the salute.

Thanks go to all those who helped to prepare for this village ceremony to honour the memory of those who have gone before us. The excellent sound system was provided and operated by Michael Whatley. We thank the 1st Sherston Brownies, 1st Sherston Guides and 1st Sherston Scout Group for the parade, which was organised by Scout Leader Shelley Vickerman with WO2 (SSM) Matty Wallwork of 90 Sqn RLC. Thanks also to the Sherston Band of Ringers, the Sherston Community Choir, the stewards, organised by Sqn Ldr Jim Robinson: Lt Cdr Christopher Morgan RN and Claire Morgan, Wg Cdr Dr Pamela Pickthall, and Julian and Susan Squire. Nigel Freeth managed the closure of Church Street and the traffic diversions. Paul Ormiston, Compass Graphic Design, designed the Order of Service, and Alison Withers printed the copies. Nick Burrige for taking the photos and Kevin Noble for assisting me for the first time.

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

We will be sending £920.00, which was collected during the service, to the Earl Haig Fund Poppy Appeal 2022.

Chris Pickthall and Kevin Noble



Raise funds for Sherston Village Hall at the Co-op

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VILLAGE HALL



Great news: Sherston Village Hall has qualified to be one of the Co-op Group Community Fund's local charities for the next 12 months.

So, whenever you shop in a Co-op Group store and scan your blue and white membership card, it will raise funds for our Village Hall. This won't work in the Midcounties store in the village but will in the two Co-op's in Malmesbury, the one in Tetbury, and those further afield.

When you buy selected Co-op products and services in a Co-op Group store, 2p for every £1 you spend

goes into your Co-op Group Membership account for you, and the Co-op will give the same amount to support community organisations and local causes, including a minimum of £1,000 over the year to our Village Hall.

If you don't have a blue and white card, you can get one by joining this Co-op either online or in store for £1. Please log in to your account at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/> and select Sherston Village Hall as your cause to increase the funds we receive.

Ben Smee

The 300+ Club

The 10th draw £20 winners of 2022 are:

1	Nigel Ind
109	Jane Harden
277	Robert Palmer
301	Kerry Munson
314	Lisa Priest
300+ Club	Christmas Bonus £215:
251	Maggie Harries

The 300+ Club 2022 is now closed – please sign up for 2023 ...

THE SHERSTON VILLAGE HALL 300+ CLUB

What the 300+ Club Does

The Village Hall is a marvellous asset for many activities in Sherston.

The Village Hall provides a centre for drama, games like badminton, dance classes, yoga, dog training, bowls, musical events, weddings and elections and more.

The Village Hall is here for the Community.

The Village Hall is a Charity: it is there to provide a service and a centre for Sherston.

The 300+ Club exists to help with the day to day running of the hall.

It contributes to the cleaning, electricity, water rates, insurance, general maintenance and improvements.

The format of the 300+ Club is to give half the money donated back as £20 monthly prizes with a possible larger bonus for the Christmas Draw..

Joining the 300+ Club is supporting the village and we would like everyone in the village to join and you may even win!

SUPPORT THE SHERSTON VILLAGE HALL 300+ CLUB

2023 Membership

If you would like to join or renew membership (£10 for one, £20 for two), please cut out the completed form and return, together with your payment in an envelope to the SHERSTON POST OFFICE or contact your assigned collector. You may win one of the £20 prizes awarded monthly from March 2023 and be eligible for the Christmas Bonus Draw. Half of the monies collected are returned as prizes the rest goes to running the hall.

I/We* would like to join/renew membership of the 300+Club for 2023 and enclose £10.00/£20.00 cash/cheque* (made payable to Sherston Village Hall), being the subscription for 2023.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

*Delete as appropriate – You may have more than one Membership

For help/queries contact Eric Meanwell (07789 280058) or Goug Wilcox (07788 558035)

Thank you for your continued support.

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The Clifton Singers

An afternoon concert of choral music



Our series of musical afternoons continues with a concert given by the Clifton Singers on Sunday 11 December at 3.00pm in the Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston. We are pleased to welcome them back to Sherston. This will mark the 40th anniversary of their first performance: they first performed here in 1982, and then in 1984 and 1987. The concert of unaccompanied sacred choral music includes works by Bruckner, Palestrina and Tchaikovsky. The second part of the concert includes settings of advent and seasonal carols with unfamiliar tunes. The concert will be about an hour long, and a light afternoon tea will be served afterwards. Admission is free, and there will be a retiring collection.

'Warm Space Initiative' by local churches in Sherston



The Congregational Church, Methodist Church and Holy Cross Church are offering the chance for people to join together during the winter on the first Monday of each month. It is a joint initiative and everyone is welcome.

There is no charge and you do not have to book. Soup, bread, pudding, cake and coffee will be offered, as well as companionship and the chance to catch up with friends in a warm place. Monday 5 December, 12.00noon-2.00pm. British School Room. Lifts are available on request.

We will also be meeting in January and February details to follow.

On Saturday 31 December, New Year's Eve, we will be hosting a tea afternoon. The time for this is to be confirmed, so do look out the information on the village noticeboard. Once again, everyone is welcome. However, it would help with catering purposes if you could let us know if you would like to join us.

For further information regarding this initiative, please contact:

Candi Williams Tarling (07730 953812)

Revd Janet Evans

Revd Susan Harvey (840 696)



SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

This month's meeting is Friday 9 December: Christmas Wreath-Making & Decorations with Sue Shortridge.

Clippings

Last month, medical herbalist Caroline Sheldrick talked about the history and medicinal properties of familiar garden plants. Did you know that the Romans used healing lavender for marching legions? That cabin crews use echinacea to fight infections? That gargling with a sage leaf benefits sore throats? Lots of good facts and lovely products for sale too!

Cuttings

You'll be amazed at the beautiful results that Sue achieves with pine cones, dried flowers, ribbons and a bit of sparkle! Come and watch her weave her magic on Friday 9 December and enjoy festive cheer, mulled wine and mince pies. Bring some of your own Christmas baubles and blooms to add to the mix, if you wish. Usual start time, details on the Sherston Gardening Club (SGC) Facebook page and posters.

New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are welcome: £15 single, £25 joint, U18s free. For membership form and full programme contact our Secretary: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Concluding

Please join our SGC Facebook page. Questions answered, photos to view and upload. Not quite Gardeners' World yet but we're working on it!

RHS Malvern Spring Show 2023: we've booked a 38-seater coach, leaving Sherston High Street on Friday 12 May. Cut-off date for booking was end of November but we may still have some places left. Worth checking with our Secretary, if interested. A £10 deposit will secure your place on the coach.

The 2023 SGC programme of talks, visits and dates is available on the SGC Facebook page.

A very happy Christmas to all SGC members! Don't forget to look for our Christmas tree in the church!

Irene Johnston

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School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

Waste reduction workshop with Sustainable Sherston

Huge thanks to Sarah Nelson and Joy Smith from Sustainable Sherston who ran a fascinating session all about waste (where it goes, how much it costs and how we can reduce it) with our Year 6 pupils as part of their topic on Climate Change. The class have been rising to the Sustainable Sherston 'How Low Can You Go?' Challenge to reduce the amount of waste they put in their bins at home!



Getting road ready with Bikeability

This term our Y6 pupils took part in Bikeability, the national cycle training programme for children in schools. They completed Bikeability Level 1 & 2 courses, developing their skills and confidence to cycle confidently on the roads. Well done to all of them for their hard work and commitment - and happy cycling!



Marking Armistice Day

We marked Armistice Day with a whole school Remembrance assembly, and poppy and wreath-making. In addition, Sycamore class visited church to observe the two-minute silence and pay their respects to local war heroes.



'Crazy Bear Day' for Children in Need

The children did a fantastic job dressing up their favourite bears in crazy clothes for our 'Crazy Bear Day' fundraising for Children in Need last month. A big thank you to all our families for their donations.



Cross-Country Festival

Congratulations to all our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils who took part in the Malmesbury School Cross-Country Festival – the weather certainly didn't dampen their enthusiasm or competitive spirit! And well done to our Y3/4 and Y5/6 boys' teams who came first in their age groups!



Thank you for your support



Thank you to everyone who bought plants from the stall outside 6 Cliff Road this spring/early summer and during October, raising nearly £400 for Ripple Effect. This will fund four community allotments where groups of farmers can get together not only to grow fruit and vegetables to feed their families, but also run a nursery where they can raise plants to sell on for income.

Will you give a Christmas gift that will grow - and help a family fight hunger and the climate crisis in Africa? Sustainable, life-changing gifts from £4 available at www.rippleeffect.org/christmas -

Tricia Lawrence

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

In October, we were fortunate to have Pam Lewis as our demonstrator for the evening. Having been to the Club on many occasions before, she did not disappoint with her latest title 'Autumn Opulence'.

The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies has recognised Pam's contribution to flower-arranging by bestowing Associate of Honour 50th Anniversary on her. A well-deserved accolade. We are also especially pleased to have arranged a visit to her home in 2023 for a post-Christmas outing demonstration/garden and with food. Something to look forward to.

On Wednesday 7 December at 7.30pm, we are holding our Christmas night out. It's been brought forward as the third Wednesday of the month was felt to be too close to Christmas Day. A charge of £10 to members and the Club will contribute to the evening at Pettifers Hotel.

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club meets at Crudwell Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start unless there is an outing arranged. Fee for the evening to non-members is £7.50, includes refreshments and then the arrangements are raffled. The 2023 programme is finalised so it is easy to put the dates in your new diary. There is ample car parking at the hall where a warm welcome awaits.



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Greetings Cards: Luckington Church in the snow



Handmade cards featuring Luckington Church in the snow are now available at Luckington Village Shop, packs of five cards with envelopes, blank for your own message. The suggested donation for a pack is £5. Limited supply, so get them while stocks last.

As the materials used to make the cards have been donated, there are no overheads to cover and so every penny made from 'sales' of the cards will count towards the Splash Out project. This will install a water supply and drainage for Luckington Church so that a toilet can be provided and so that there is running water for making refreshments, which will increase the scope for community use of the Church.

Movies@Malmesbury

Monday 5 December 2.00 pm Amsterdam

Monday 5 December 8.00 pm Emily

Tuesday 6 December 7.30pm Cézanne:

Portrait of a Life

Thursday 8 December 7.15pm The Nutcracker
(Live from the Royal Ballet)*

Friday 9 December 2.00 pm Emily

Friday 9 December 8.00 pm Amsterdam

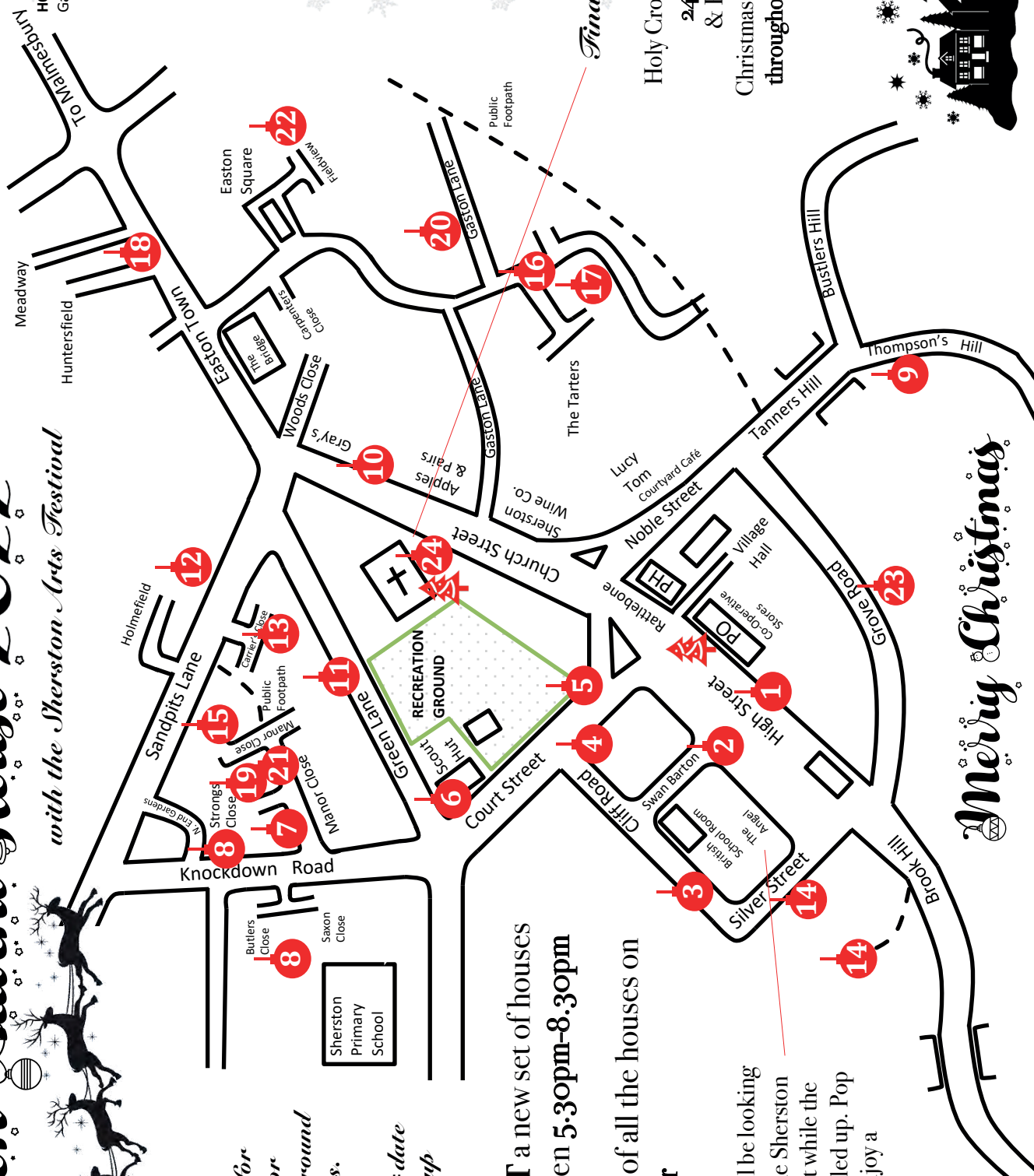
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For all of the latest information, schedules, synopses, trailers etc, check out our Facebook page at: [MoviesatMalmesbury](https://www.facebook.com/MoviesatMalmesbury)



Final Advent
revealed at
Holy Cross Church on
24th December
& Pop-In for the
Christmas Tree Festival
throughout December

EACH NIGHT a new set of houses
light up between **5.30pm-8.30pm**

FULL TRAIL of all the houses on
23rd December

The Angel will be looking after the Sustainable Sherston Ink Recycling Point while the Phone Box is sparked up. Pop in to recycle and enjoy a lovely cuppa and a treat!

Merry Christmas

*Look out for
windows or
gardens around
these areas.*

*Number = date
they light up*

- 
- 1 The Old Pharmacy, High Street
The Telephone Box, High Street
 - 2 15 High Street
17 High Street
The Angel, High Street
37 High Street
39 High Street
 - 3  The Village Christmas Tree, High Street (organised by the Boules Committee, Hortico Garden Centre and Sherston Co-operative Stores)
22 Cliff Road
23 Cliff Road
33 Cliff Road
Cliff View, Cliff Road
 - 4 Yew Tree House, Cliff Road
1 Cliff Road
6 Cliff Road
 - 5 19 Court Street
21 Court Street
Loft Cottage, Flat 2, High Street
 - 6 The Scout Hut created by Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Green Lane
 - 7 4 Strong's Close
6 Strong's Close
7 Strong's Close
 - 8 3 Butlers Close
12 Strong's Close
16 Strong's Close
1 Northend Gardens
 - 9 9 Noble Street
Mill House, Thompson's Hill
1 Thompson's Hill
2 Thompson's Hill
Marden House, Thompson's Hill
Hill House, Thompson's Hill
 - 10 5 Church Street
21 Church Street
 - 11 5 Green Lane
10 Green Lane
14 Green Lane
 - 12 Carinya, Sandpits Lane
Haefen, Sandpits Lane
Lambsgate Cottage, Sandpits Lane
The Hawthornes, Sandpits Lane
Pheasants Crossing, Sandpits Lane
1 Byways Court, Sandpits Lane
 - 13 5 Carriers Close
6 Carriers Close
 - 14 1 Silver Street
5 Silver Street
Silk Mill Cottage, Brook Hill
 - 15 8 Manor Close
35 Manor Close
37 Manor Close
38 Manor Close
 - 16 3 The Tarters
4 The Tarters
23 The Tarters
 - 17 33 The Tarters
49 The Tarters
51 The Tarters
 - 18 Willow Trees, Hunters Field
Rowan Lee, Hunters Field
30 Easton Town
 - 19 17 Strong's Close
18 Strong's Close
20 Strong's Close
24 Strong's Close
25 Strong's Close
 - 20 Midway, Gaston Lane
20 Gaston Lane
 - 21 26 Strong's Close
27 Strong's Close
28 Strong's Close
 - 22 16b Easton Square
5 Field View
 - 23 2 Grove Road
9 Grove Road
 - 24  Holy Cross Church, Church Street

Sherston Advent House 2022

with the Sherston Arts Festival



Sherston Arts Festival 2023

We will start planning events for the next Sherston Arts Festival, which usually takes place in October, in January. Ten days of exhibitions, music and children's events, which is always great fun.

However, we need a new Secretary on the committee. If you would like to help with planning next year's Festival, and have your say in what happens etc, please get in touch:

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And of course there's a chance to enjoy a sausage roll or two whilst you talk to the team about what it means

to be a B Corp Business or get ahead with your Christmas shopping in their onsite shop.

All welcome, free of charge, no need to book. Tours run every 15mins. 9.30 a.m - 1.00 p.m. Saturday 3 December.

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



1st Sherston Guides' Foodbank Fundraiser!



The Guides held a very successful fundraising event in November to raise awareness for The Malmesbury & District Foodbank. This local charity distributes much-needed emergency support and relief to local people.

The Guides asked for donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries instead of money. They held a fun evening of games and activities for 1st Sherston Brownies and their parents, who also donated money for refreshments. A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our event.

Here are some comments from the Guides:

'The Guide fundraiser was incredibly successful. We tried thinking of ideas for our stalls and it really paid off. It was a good laugh and I loved seeing the Sherston Brownies enjoying themselves.' Tilly

'It was cool to host something for the Brownies and to raise money and awareness for a good cause at the same time.' Amelie

'Me and Annabel did a Christmas Song Guessing quiz. The Brownies were really good at guessing things. All the stalls were really fun! (and the cakes were delicious!).' Grace

'It was really good that we made money for the Foodbank.' Annabel

'I made a game called Sweets in a Jar.' Fleur

Sherston Scout Group: Secretary needed!



We're in need of a Secretary for Sherston Scout Group - can you help? It's an important role but won't take up too much of your time. It involves managing the waiting lists for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and, ideally, putting together the agenda for Group meetings (approx three times a year) and taking the minutes. If this sounds like something you could fit in, please contact Beaver Leader Sophie Cheetham (sophcheetham@gmail.com or 07786 990045).

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HEALS 'Big Give' Christmas Challenge 2022

As temperatures drop to a more normal level, many local households will be regretting the passing of our 'Indian Summer'.

This is a time of struggle for many families working out how to afford Christmas. Pensioners starting to debate with themselves about 'heating or eating'. At HEALS, we know all about these conversations. They are happening daily in our office in Malmesbury Town Hall.

As a local community social welfare charity, HEALS is here to help in any way that we can. We are already the largest issuer of Foodbank vouchers. Our part-time staff work long hours to help people to sort out their debts, press landlords to do necessary repairs, help replace essential household equipment, and help vulnerable people (many with physical and mental challenges) to get the support they deserve. These demands are growing fast. We fear that need is going to accelerate very rapidly in the New Year.

We have expanded our winter welfare programme to bring a little more festive cheer to those who are struggling in addition to growing our Hardship Fund. Already the number of families on our HEALS Pantomime trip is up 50%. So is the number of children being provided with a new toy and Christmas goodies this year compared to last.

The same pattern is emerging at the other end of the age spectrum.

This is the sixth year of our Christmas Community

Lunch. The number of diners have grown year on year. This year, over 150 elderly people have been invited. The largest number ever. We also know that for many, this is their main Christmas celebration - and we will make it the best one possible!

None of this is possible without our army of volunteers, generous sponsors and donors who give at every level. But we know we have to do more as we face up to the growing need in our community.

In response, HEALS has stepped up its work. In July, we launched our Community Fridge and Freezer to ensure that perfectly good supermarket food from the Co-op and Aldi did not go to landfill but rather fed local people. For our Christmas Challenge, we found new sponsors to pledge £2,000 which will be doubled by national funding to create a £4,000 war chest. The Big Give will use this to double every donation made through them to HEALS for just one week from Tuesday 29 November to 6 December. Scan the QR code to donate online.

You can help HEALS to help your neighbours this winter by making a donation to HEALS during the Big Give. Every £1 of your generosity will make twice the impact for local people and their families. Thank you.



Malmesbury & District u3a

Retired? Semi-retired? Looking for new interests? Why not join us? We have over 450 members and 40 different interest groups, including history, gardening, dancing, languages, walking and book groups. Check our website for an up-to-date list of groups and other information: www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk.

For more information e-mail membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of the month (10.00am-12.00noon) at Malmesbury Town Hall, with Zoom as an option for those who do not wish to attend in person. The meeting format is kept under review to take account of the Covid situation. Non-members welcome. 50p donation.

Our next meetings are:

Thursday 15 December - at 3.00pm The Fool's Gold Christmas Show! (Zoom) - Carol and Steve Robson's

The Christmas Show has all the usual ingredients of a Fool's Gold Show: the songs, performed live, the fascinating narratives behind the songs, the images to bring it all to life - and, of course, a big

helping of Christmas! You may recognise many of this collection of songs - be warned, it is very hard NOT to join in.

Thursday 26 January 2023 - The English War Bow: a medieval military weapon - Hector Cole.

Hector is a blacksmith and bladesmith, specialising in historic and archaeological ironwork. Many members will remember Hector's very popular talk in 2020 about the work of the village blacksmith. In this second talk, he will tell us about the long bow in medieval England and its place in military history.



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Christmas comedy

Friday 16 December, The Kings Arms

Banish those Christmas blues and kick out the jams, comedy returns to The Kings Arms just in time to energise your Christmas spirit with a belly full of laughs and make this a night to remember. Hosting no less than four comedians plus MC, this will be the hottest ticket in town so be sure to grab yours early ...

Our 2022 comedy headliner is Pierre Hollins who has been an audience favourite on the comedy circuit for many years. In the early days, he worked as a support act to Lenny Henry and Rory Bremner, appeared in the West End with Rita Rudner and toured with The Flying Pickets and Willie Rushton and Barry Cryer. Using his guitar to deliver a host of clever jokes that rhyme, it's easy to see why Pierre has been at the top of the game for so many years. He covers topics from love and hate, to sex and politics with a totally original voice, delivering his material with great charm.

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Xmas Comedy tickets cost £10 are available from:
www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/gloryhole

A baroque extravaganza

Saturday 28 January, Malmesbury Abbey

Still stuck for Christmas presents? This might be just the thing for someone special and something to look forward to as well: 'A break-all-rules, rock-chamber concert approach to early music'.

Red Priest is the only early music group in the world to have been compared in the press to the Rolling Stones, Jackson Pollock, the Marx Brothers, Spike Jones and Cirque du Soleil. This extraordinary acoustic foursome has been described by music critics as 'visionary and heretical', 'outrageous yet compulsive', 'wholly irreverent and highly enlightened', 'completely wild and deeply imaginative', with a 'red-hot wicked sense of humour'.

Founded in 1997, and named after the red-headed priest, Antonio Vivaldi, Red Priest has performed over 1,000 sell-out concerts at many of the world's most prestigious festivals, including the Hong Kong Arts Festival, Moscow December Nights Festival, Schwetzingen Festival, Prague Spring Festival, Ravinia Festival and Bermuda Festival. They have performed in most European countries, Japan, Australia and throughout North and Central America. The group has been the subject of hour-long TV profiles for NHK (Japan) and ITV (UK) - the latter for the prestigious South Bank Show in 2005.

Red Priest will present a thrilling programme of baroque masterworks performed in their inimitable, high energy style. The group - now in its 25th year - is delighted to reunite with founder member and violinist Julia Bishop for this special concert exploring some of the highlights of their glittering international career at the cutting edge of baroque performance.

The programme will include:

Vivaldi - Concerto in G minor 'La Notte'

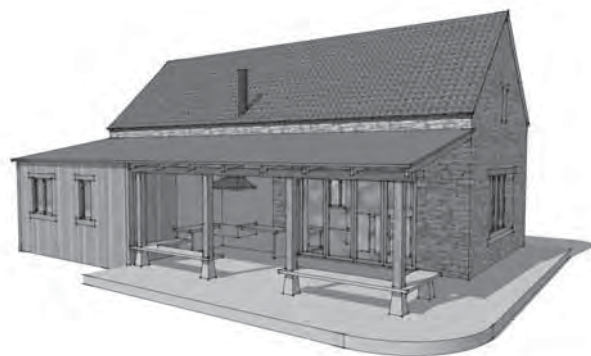
Telemann - 'Gypsy' Sonata in A minor

Bach - Toccata and Fugue in D minor

Handel - The Harmonious Blacksmith Variations

and works by Purcell, Cima, Cazzati, Ortiz and others

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Saturday 10 December: All On A Winter's Night: Johnny Coppin 25th anniversary tour. Local singer/songwriter Johnny returns with a mix of traditional carols and new songs. 7.30pm. Tickets £19/£10 for under-16s.

Wednesday 14 December: Playtime Christmas Special with the Last Baguette Company: A seasonal Christmas theatre session for the children – a chance to play, move and watch. 10.00am. Tickets £5 per child, adults free.

Friday 16 December: Community Carols: Join us for festive cheer with mulled wine and mince pies with the Avening Brass Band. Free (donations accepted!).

Friday 30 December: Dick Whittington: Panto is back with Wonder Pantomimes for this perennial favourite! 2.00pm. Tickets £10/£8 under fours or £30 for a family of four.

For more details and information about cinema nights and talks – and to book tickets visit our website: www.shed-arts.co.uk

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Malmesbury Concert Band to play five times over Christmas

The Malmesbury Concert Band will be playing five times in the town and local area in the run-up to Christmas:

- Friday 2 December – late night shopping – Market Cross, Malmesbury
- Friday 9 December – carols at The Horse & Groom Inn, Charlton
- Saturday 10 December – carols outside Waitrose and the Co-op supermarkets, Malmesbury
- Friday 16 December – carols at Rose & Crown, High Street, Malmesbury
- Saturday 17 December – carols – Market Cross, Malmesbury



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The band's musical director, Art Robb, said: 'Following the band's success at the Platinum Jubilee event in June and our triumphant James Bond Night last month, we've had many requests to play in the run-up to Christmas. We hope that many local residents will come and enjoy them at any of these events.'

More information about the band is available on its website: www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk



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Local recycling and zero waste outlet information

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Kerbside Collection - check the Wiltshire Council website for up to date information of what they do and do not take

The Household Recycling Centre at Stanton St Quinton - take a look at their website to see what they take, you no longer need to book in advance!

Soft plastics and batteries:

Tesco Tetbury and Tesco Yate - collection points available in the stores.

Sherston Co-op's soft plastic recycling scheme is now up and running very successfully so we'd like to wean you off the Sustainable Sherston soft plastics bin and encourage you to use theirs instead. Many thanks. Sherston Co-op are happy to collect the following CLEAN items:

- Bread bags • Produce bags • Ordinary carrier bags
- Wrappers around kitchen towel and toilet roll
- Bags that nappies come in
- Bags from cotton wool • Cereal box liners
- Bags from frozen foods • Bags from ice cubes
- Lids on, yogurts, cream, desserts
- Lids from packs of meat, ready meals
- Lidding film from cheese packs
- Wrapping around chicken
- Fruit and veg flow wrap • Chocolate wrappers
- Croissant, pancake, crumpet, etc wrappers
- Wrappers from cakes, Yorkshire puddings
- Flower wrappers • Biscuit wrappers
- Bags from dried fruit, sugar, pulses, rice and pasta
- Protective wrappers from gift wrap, bags from gift tags
- Bags from household textiles and similar – all-purpose cloths, dusters, dishcloths, rubber gloves, scourers
- Wrappers from pet food • Pastry packaging
- Wrappers from pies, pasties and sausage rolls
- Bagged sweets • Pizza wrappers
- Bags from porridge, muesli pouches
- Packaging from baby wipes and similar
- Crisp packets • Sweet wrappers • Pet Food Pouches

If you have a BIG bag, please hand it directly to a member of staff and they will add it to their big bin at the rear of the shop. Smaller amounts can simply be added to the collection bin just inside the entrance to the shop. PLEASE ... NO compostables, NO hard plastic, NO plastic bottles and NO plastic trays.

Batteries/low-energy light bulbs

Sustainable Sherston Collection Point (Saturdays only) - at Dog Leg House, 19a Church St

Medicine blister packs Sustainable Sherston Collection Point (Saturdays only) - at Haefen, 3 Sandpits Lane

Clothes and Shoes Collection Point :

Wiltshire Air Ambulance - Sherston Village Hall Car Park

Ink Cartridges:

Sherston High Street Telephone Box

Dental items:

(toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, electric toothbrush heads) Barley Mow Dental Practice, Malmesbury

Zero Waste Shops:

Bennett's (Vending) Farm Shop, Tetbury Lane, Lighterton (GL8 8UP) - a self-service retail outlet open 7 days a week 8am-7pm.

Lucy Tom Interiors, Noble Street, Sherston - refills of cleaning materials, beauty products, shampoo and conditioner as well as reusable water bottles, keep cups, beeswax wraps and 'Who Gives A Crap' toilet paper

The Wild Food Company, High Street, Malmesbury - large selection of zero waste and plastic-free goods, liquid refills and loose dry foods, and loose milk

The Grocers on Church Street, Tetbury - large selection of zero waste and plastic-free goods, liquid refills and loose dry foods, and loose milk

Loose, 33 High Street, Stroud GL5 1BB - selling unpackaged foods and other household and personal care items in a largely plastic-free environment. Remember to take your own packaging!

Hobb's House Bakery, Malmesbury and Tetbury - take your own bags!

Allington Farm Shop, Chippenham SN14 6LJ - all manner of fruit and vegetables, butchers, deli counter and a huge set of freezers where you can scoop frozen fruit/veg/pastries/yorkshire puddings/fishcakes into your own containers/plastic bags

Abbey Farm, Burford Road GL7 5HF - brilliant organic farm, farm shop and cafe and a large selection of zero waste and plastic-free goods and liquid refills

Zero Waste online services:

Milk and More (www.milkandmore.co.uk) : milk, cheese, yogurt, fruit and veg boxes and zero waste groceries delivered to your door! Easy online ordering service.

Riverford (www.riverford.co.uk) : organic fruit & veg boxes - zero waste - and lots more delivered to your door (on Wednesdays)

Dizzie (formerly The Good Club) (www.getdizzie.com): online zero waste grocery service

Abel & Cole (www.abelandcole.co.uk) - organic fruit, veg, groceries & household goods delivered to your door with very low plastic use

Local Food Growers

Home Farm, Highgrove, Tetbury - veg stall and loose organic milk

The Goods Shed, Tetbury - locally grown veg sold on Friday mornings

Shipton Mill Flour - locally grown and excellent online shop www.shipton-mill.com

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 every Monday in the British School Room 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 sherstonbabytoddlers@gmail.com or like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

Sherston Badminton and Table Tennis Club We play every Tues evening from 7.30-9.30pm 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 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 Kirsty on Kirsty.strachan@icloud.com

1st Sherston Guides Meet every Wed during term time 5-6.30pm at Sherston Village Hall. Girls are welcome to join after their 10th birthday, no 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

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 6.15pm on Mondays 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

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

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

Holy Cross Church 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 Church of the Holy Cross to allow more space between singers. £3 per person. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cutcher sheilacutcher28@gmail.com or 840067, or on Facebook.

Congregational Church – in The British Schoolroom. 9.30am service every Sun, except last of the month, which is a communion service at 4.30pm. All services can be joined in person or via Zoom. Please contact Rev Andrew who will send a Zoom link.

Alternating Mondays 7.30pm, Bible Study or Prayer Group, also via Zoom. Contacts: Minister - Rev Andrew Williams Tarling - awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878

Brick Club: 3.30-5pm every Thursday during term time. Free entry. All are welcome

Toddlers Club 10– 11.30am every Mon including holidays and half terms except Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Admin/Bookings - Alicja Clark - alicjaclark076@gmail.com Brick Club - Please register your interest with Alicja by email 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. Tower correspondent Graham Morris 07484838330 or Jim Bartlett 07980119320 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.

Sherston Drama Group The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes as well as smaller dramatic and social events in and around Sherston. If you're interested in taking part or helping out contact Katie Skeffington (Chairperson): katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk.

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's Gardening Club Meets in the British School Room 2nd Fri each month apart from Aug, 7pm for 7.30pm start, bring and buy stall, quiz, refreshments, £15pa £25 joint, under 18s free Connections to: Our Church garden, Sustainable Sherston and Sherston Allotments. Contact sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com for more details.

Sherston Town FC The club plays in Division 5 Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Sat afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. Please check our socials as this can sometimes change. If you are looking to join the team or for any information please contact sherstontownfootballclub@gmail.com or 07771515489.

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 smyhtanya@hotmail.com or visit www.sherstonwalks.org.uk

Sherston Shrews - Forest School - Occasional Fun Outdoor Events led by independent outdoor learning specialist Niki Walden. 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

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 russelltownsend@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 Exercise and Movement for over 60's on Wednesday's at 10am Sherston Village Hall. All abilities. Suitable both men and women. Everyone welcome. No exercises performed lying on the floor. First class always FREE. Please contact Emma to reserve a place (small classes) 07843 256081, emmacepe@synchronicity.me.uk, FB: @exercise60plus.

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).

Sherston Nordic Walking classes A gentle full-body workout, accessible for people of all ages and abilities. Fantastic for both the body and mind, as well as being a very sociable activity. For more details, contact Kate on 07792 064438 or katemchardy@hotmail.co.uk

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

Sherston Probus Club Meets on the first Monday in the month at 11am for interesting talks followed by a fine lunch at the Rattlebone. 30 members would welcome enquiries from retired business and professional men in Sherston and the surrounding villages. Contact Secretary Alan Pugh pughaandg@btinternet.com

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

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 friendly village club offering rides and social events for cyclists of all experience levels from beginner to advanced, including families. Regular road, gravel, MTB and virtual rides. Regular ride timetable: Tues- Castle Combe circuit (in season) or Zwift racing Thurs Gravel ride or chain gang (alternate weeks, in season) or Zwift/RGT social ride (winter months only) Sat- Club A, B and cafe rides starting from 8am. Sun- Group ride, cafe ride and beginner rides. More info sherstonvelo.cc or email secretary@sherstonvelo.cc

Sherston Village Hall Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, parties etc. For details contact Margot Holland 841019 mpholland@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 at 7.30pm and Nov – Apr at 2.30pm - all in the British Schoolroom. Jan & Oct alternative arrangements. Visitors always most welcome £4. Further information: Secretary 841421, sherstonwi@gmail.com or facebook [sherstonwi](https://www.facebook.com/sherstonwi)

Yoga for All Mon evenings 7.30pm to 8.45pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £8 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 susanmckechnie@hotmail.co.uk

Carer Support Wiltshire - Monthly carers café 4th Thursday each month 10.30am – 12pm at The Malmesbury Abbey Café - 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).

There is also a Bereavement help point at the Kings Arms, Malmesbury every Monday 2pm–4pm, also run by Carers Support Wiltshire

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 www.cccfc.co.uk

Easton Grey Parish Church See Parish Life for details of services

The Bereavement Help Point (formerly Friends in Grief). A community based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome. Every Mon 2–4pm at The Kings Arms, Malmesbury. Free of charge and no need to book – come along and meet others experiencing similar thoughts and feelings. Visit www.dorothyhouse.org.uk or contact Bereavement Services on 01225 721496 for more info.

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

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 Morris

Meet every Thursday between 7:30pm and 9pm outside in Malmesbury Station Yard Car Park during the summer and in Malmesbury Town Hall during the colder months. Beginners or new musicians always welcome. For more information contact Vicky Muir Tel: 07775 947157 www.facebook.com/malmesburymorris or www.malmesburymorris.org.uk

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

Tetbury Art Society

Meets on the first Wed of the month Feb - Dec with demonstrations or outside painting in the summer months. For more information and the current programme visit <http://tetburyartsociety.org.uk> or call Jenny Riley on 840682. Visitors welcome.

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 due to COVID19

The Angel Café with Rooms

Café open for hot and cold drinks, breakfast, brunch, lunch and freshly made cakes daily 8am to 4pm during winter. All menu items available whether sitting inside or enjoying the lovely courtyard, takeaways also available. Bicycle parking in courtyard. For menus, please visit www.angel-sherston.co.uk/menu and for rooms (always availability midweek), please visit www.angel-sherston.co.uk/your-booking. Call 841627 for more details.

The Bridge Restaurant

Indian cuisine to eat in or 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 <http://www.thebridge.restaurant/sherston/>

The Rattlebone Inn

Indoor & outdoor dining with delicious country cuisine restaurant menu and pizzas from the wood fired oven on certain nights. Check boards for more details, call 840871, follow on Twitter or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk/

The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

Now serving coffees, tea and herbal infusions and homemade cakes in Tucks Yard with covered seating – takeaways available. Bicycle parking. For further details call Lucy on 841433 or visit <https://lucytom.com>

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>

Sherston Arts Festival Advent House trail

With over 70 families taking part, we can all look forward to an extra sprinkle of magic again this year. From 1 Dec, windows and gardens will be lighting up their Christmas scenes from 5.30pm to 8.30pm each night to add a bit of sparkle to the village. The full trail - with everyone lighting up - will take place on 23rd and Holy Cross Church will host number 24. Full trail map in main section.

Church of the Holy Cross - Church events Sherston Church Bazaar

Sat 3 Dec from 12 noon with homemade soups and filled rolls in the Village Hall in aid of the Church of the Holy Cross. Raffle and tombola, also stalls including gifts, cakes and produce. Starts at 12 noon with homemade soup and rolls, raffle and tombola, stalls including cakes, produce and Christmas gifts. Please bring any donations to the Village Hall at 10am.

Advent Service in Sherston Church

Sherston Christmas Tree Festival

Christmas Trees are back again this Advent with our grateful thanks to the team at Hortico, all decorated

in interesting and unique ways (including some very eco decorations from Sustainable Sherston! For more information please email pricesuzanne@icloud.com
An afternoon concert of choral music

The Clifton Singers in concert on Sun 11 Dec at 3pm in the Church of the Holy Cross. The concert of unaccompanied sacred choral music includes works by Bruckner, Palestrina and Tchaikovsky. The second part of the concert includes settings of advent and seasonal carols with unfamiliar tunes. The concert will be about an hour long, and a light afternoon tea will be served afterwards. Admission is free, and there will be a retiring collection in aid of the church.

Sherston Arts Festival 2023

We will start planning events for the Festival, which usually takes place in October, in January. Ten days of exhibitions, music and children's events, which is always great fun. However, we need a new Secretary on the committee. If you would like to help with planning next year's Festival, and have your say in what happens etc, please get in touch. heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

Sherston Congregational Church – Activities in The British Schoolroom

Brick Club: 3.30-5pm every Thursday during term time.

Free entry. All are welcome

Toddlers Club 10– 11.30am every Mon including holidays and half terms except Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

'Angel Teas' are 2- 3.30pm 6 & 20 Dec

Admin/Bookings - Alicja Clark - alicjaclark076@Qmail.com
Brick Club - Please register your interest with Alicja by email or find us on Facebook.

Churches Together 'WARM SPACE INITIATIVE'

The Congregational Church, Methodist Church and Holy Cross Church are offering the chance for people to join together during the winter on the first Monday of each month. It is a joint initiative and everyone is welcome. There is no charge and you do not have to book. Soup bread, pudding, cake and coffee will be served as well as companionship and the chance to catch up with friends in a warm place. 12 till 2pm in the British School Room and each month will support a different charity. Lifts are available on request.

Dec 5 12-2pm – Soup Lunch

New Year's Eve Afternoon Tea, time TBC, please look out the information on the village notice board. Once again everyone is welcome. However, it would help with catering purposes if you could let us know if you would like to join us.

For further information regarding this initiative please contact: Candi Williams Tarling, Revd Janet Evans, Revd Susan Harvey 840 696

Sherston's Gardening Club

Talk: Christmas Wreath-Making & Decorations with Sue Shortridge Fri 9 Dec

Homemade refreshments, Raffle, Plant Sales and Identifications. Gardeners' Question Time etc.

Gardening club meets in the British School Rooms 2nd Fri each month apart from Aug, 7pm for 7.30pm start, bring and buy stall, quiz, refreshments, £15pa £25 joint, under 18s free
Connections to: Our Church garden, Sustainable Sherston and Sherston Allotments.

Date for your diary: **Malvern Spring Show 2023: Fri 12**

May - coach to depart from the High Street. Please let us know if you wish to reserve a seat (£10 deposit will be needed.). Non-members are welcome, first come, first served. sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com for more details.

Sherston WI

Talk: Thurs 1 Dec An afternoon with the author Simon Fairfax: He writes in two different genres: International financial thrillers & medieval fiction.
2.30pm in British School Room Competitions & Refreshments. Visitors always welcome £4. For more information: sherstonwi@gmail.com 841421 or Facebook [sherstonwi](https://www.facebook.com/sherstonwi)

Village Hall Extension Plans

Work well underway. Details on the website www.sherston.net/villagehall

Easton Grey Festive open day at Tracklements

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 3 Dec 9.30am - 1pm, no need to book, free of charge. For further details call 827044 or visit www.tracklements.co.uk

Knockdown The Holford Arms

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

Luckington The Old Royal Ship

The Ship is open for food all-day long, starting with breakfast and morning coffee. Take away specials 12 noon - 7pm Daily Please order as early as possible 840222

Westonbirt The Arboretum

The Enchanted Christmas Set out on the illuminated trail and discover a magical world of breath-taking light spectacles and interactive displays amongst the trees! See website for dates and tickets – advance purchase only
General admission by booked entry slot only even for members till mid Nov For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Christmas Late Night Shopping

Festive fun and entertainment for everyone with; Santa's Grotto, carol singing, rides, food and more...
Enjoy Malmesbury's vibrant High Street with it's many independent shops and 50 stalls, where you will find that special gift for friends and loved ones and treats for yourself too. Opened by Heartbeat actor Jason Durr - Fri 2 Dec from 6-9pm, Malmesbury High Street

Athelstan Museum

Talks and Exhibitions

Please check the Athelstan Museum website for updates. www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

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 See main section for upcoming films showing in the Town Hall or visit our Facebook page at: [MoviesatMalmesbury](https://www.facebook.com/MoviesatMalmesbury) or www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html for schedules, synopses, trailers etc.

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

Malmesbury Live Arts

Xmas Comedy, Fri 16 Dec, The Kings Arms
Red Priest, Sat 28 Jan, Malmesbury Abbey

Malmesbury Concert Band

The Malmesbury Concert Band will be playing five times in the town and local area in the run-up to Christmas:

Fri 2 Dec – Late Night Shopping – Market Cross

Fri 9 Dec – Carols at Horse & Groom, Charlton

Sat 10 Dec – Carols outside Waitrose & Co-op supermarkets

Fri 16 Dec – Carols at Rose & Crown, High Street

Sat 17 Dec – Carols – Market Cross

www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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

Malmesbury Library

Rhyme times for babies and toddlers every Tues and Fri
Tuesday's Public Living Room is an opportunity to pop in and share a cup of tea and a chat

Reading group meets 3rd Wed each month

Repair Café Malmesbury are here to fix your household items on 3rd Sat each month

The Summer Reading Challenge for 4-11 year-olds takes place in all libraries from 16 July – 10 September. The Library offers free wifi, computer and scanner access, daily newspapers to read in the library, plus printing for a small charge, as well as latest bestselling fiction and a wide range of books to borrow.

The Solus app is available to help you search for, renew, and reserve books from across the county. Children's titles can be reserved for free and adult stock for a small charge. For more information please visit our website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries or follow Malmesbury Library on Facebook.

HEALS BIG GIVE CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE 2022

Any donations between 29 Nov - 6 Dec will be doubled by national funding, which provides for the HEALS Christmas Community Lunch, over 150 elderly people have been invited this year, its 6th year. Malmesbury Town Hall. The full details of the Christmas winter welfare campaign can be found at:

<https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk/campaign/a056900002040NFAAZ>

Malmesbury & District u3a

Retired? Semi-retired? Looking for new interests? Why not join us? Many of our interest groups are now meeting once again. We have over 450 members and 40 different interest groups including history, gardening, dancing, languages, walking, book groups etc. Monthly meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of the month (10.00- 12.00) at Malmesbury Town Hall and/or Zoom.

Thurs 15 Dec 3pm - The Fool's Gold Christmas Show! (Zoom) - Carol and Steve Robson

Thurs 26 Jan 2023 - The English War Bow: a medieval military weapon - Hector Cole

Non-members welcome. 50p donation. Up-to-date list of groups and other information at www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

org.uk For more information about membership e-mail membership@malmesbury3a.org.uk

Malmesbury Singers

Christmas concert in Malmesbury Abbey on Dec 3 in Malmesbury Abbey. Email: joinus@malmesburysingers.co.uk

Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

Arthur Christmas Sat 10 Dec 2.30pm doors open for a 3.30pm film Free entry (donations possible). Soft drinks, Tea, Coffee and Cakes and cash bar
The 3D, CG-animated family comedy Arthur Christmas, an Aardman production for Sony Pictures Animation, at last reveals the incredible, never-before seen answer to every child's question: 'So how does Santa deliver all those presents in one night?' The answer: Santa's exhilarating, ultra-high-tech operation hidden beneath the North Pole. But at the heart of the film is a story with the ingredients of a Christmas classic - a family in a state of comic dysfunction and an unlikely hero, Arthur, with an urgent mission that must be completed before Christmas morning dawns.

Fisherman's Friends: One And All (2022) – Drama (12A) Fri 13 Jan 2023

£5 on the door. Hall opens at 6.30pm with a cash bar, film at 7.30pm. Didmarton Village Hall For further details or to book a seat call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

Tetbury

The Christmas Lights Switch-On Light Switch On at the Market House Fri 2 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. Lights switched on at 6pm by Mark Lester (the original Oliver)
Road Closure 4-8pm Church Street from Old Brewery Lane to Long Street will be closed to traffic. A traffic diversion will apply.

Tetbury's First Santa Dash

Come and take part in Tetbury's first ever Santa Dash in aid of Tetbury Hospital!

Put on your Christmas jumper or Father Christmas outfit and we will provide you with a Santa hat. The Santa Dash will start at 11.30am at the Market House, then set off

down Long Street and walk or dash a designated route of the town, that is just shy of a mile.
and there will be mince pies and drinks for all on your return. Entry is £5 per person and includes a Santa hat, mince pies and drinks. Children under 5 are free and they will receive a free Santa hat and a Santa medal! Children under 14 must be supervised by an adult. Dogs on leads welcome too. <https://friendsoftetburyhospital.co.uk/event/tetbury-santa-dash-on-11-december-2022/>

Tetbury Goods Shed

Bath Textile Artists exhibition

This group, which has 12 members from the Bath and North Wiltshire area, will hold an exhibition entitled 'Reflections'. A wide range of textile techniques and subjects will be included and all works are for sale.

Exhibition dates – Wed 2 Nov to Sun 11 Dec 10 am to 4pm, Closed Mon and Tues

Christmas Craft Fair

A wide range of stalls from local artists and craftspeople to help you find Christmas goodies and presents! 3 & 4 Dec 10am-5pm Admission free

All On A Winter's Night: Johnny Coppin 25th anniversary tour. 10 Dec

Local singer/songwriter Johnny returns with a mix of traditional carols and new songs. 7.30pm Tickets £19/£10 for under 16s

Playtime Christmas Special with the Last Baguette

Company: 14 Dec A seasonal Christmas theatre session for the children – a chance to play, move and watch. 10am Tickets £5 per child, adults free.

Community Carols: 16 Dec Join us for festive cheer with mulled wine and mince pies with the Avening Brass Band. Free (donations accepted!)

Dick Whittington: Panto is back with Wonder

Pantomimes for this perennial favourite! 30 Dec 2pm. Tickets £10/£8 under fours or £30 for a family of 4 Thursday cinema

Weekly films 2pm and 7.30pm £7 in advance online See website for details of exhibitions, talks, concerts and films
Vegetables from Aunt Addie's Visit the amazing Ros for all your delicious locally grown vegetables. Adeline Farm is a farming venture with the emphasis on quality, fresh, local and seasonal produce. Every FRIDAY 11am-2pm
The Whistle Stop café open for takeaway coffees and takeaway food on Wednesdays 12-4pm and Thursday to

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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.

Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB For further details email nwvflowerclub@gmail.com or visit <https://northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk> Facebook page – North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club.

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. For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com

Cirencester

he Barn Theatre

The True Adventures of Marian and Robin Hood 21 Nov – 7 Jan

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

Sutton Benger Scottish Country Dancing

Classes in Sutton Benger village hall Sundays 7pm - 8pm. Everybody welcome whether you have danced before or not. Contact : irenew@live.co.uk Tel. 07973 480173

Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton-Under-Edge

Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the ROH Covent Garden

Movies @ Malmesbury, Wotton Picture House Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and many other Cinemas For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit www.roh.org.uk/cinemas

National Theatre Live

Live and pre recorded screenings from The National Theatre @ the cinema

NT Live: The Seagull (15) Thurs 3 Nov 7pm Wotton EPH For further details visit www.ntlive.com

Bath

Bath Christmas Market

20th Anniversary now back with a bang and 170+ wooden stalls between Bath Abbey and York Street Thurs 24 Nov - Sun 11 Dec 10am - 7pm Mon - Wed/ 8.30pm Thurs- Sat/ 10-6pm Sundays. Top Tip: midweek is quieter!

Over 170 stalls in the most magical of settings with 80% of makers local to the region with handmade gifts and products For further details call or visit <https://bathchristmasmarket.co.uk>

Theatre Royal Bath

Comedian ALAN CARR, the West End hit HEATHERS THE MUSICAL, a stage adaptation of the much-loved

film THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION, Mischief's latest show MIND MANGLER, John Steinbeck's classic OF MICE AND MEN, family entertainment DINOSAUR WORLD LIVE and Mark Gatiss's production of Ian Hallard's new comedy THE WAY OLD FRIENDS DO, are all bound for Bath in 2023 'The Score' will have its world premiere at the Theatre Royal Bath starring Brian Cox (HBO's multi award-winning Succession) as Johann Sebastian Bach. Produced by Theatre Royal Bath Productions, this astonishing new play by Oliver Cotton will be directed by Trevor Nunn Thurs 12 – Sat 28 Oct 2023.

See website for details

For further details call 01225 448844 or visit <http://www.theatreroyal.org.uk>

Swindon

Great Western Railway Museum

Christmas stalls @ Steam Sat 3 & 4 Dec 10am-5pm Over 50 stalls £3.5 adult £1 child and entry to whole museum at this price For further details call 01793 466646 or visit www.steam-museum.org.uk

Avon Valley Steam Trains

Santa Express - meet Santa on a 1 hour train ride through the Avon valley Every weekend in Dec - six departures from 10.30 am till 4.30pm An hour-long (six mile) trip in a heritage carriage behind one of our steam locomotives A visit from Father Christmas as he greets each family at their seat. A quality present for each child designed for their age. A mince pie or festive biscuit for everyone

Avon Vally Railway For further details call 0117 932 5538 or visit www.avonvalleyrailway.org/events/santa-special/

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www.sherston.org.uk/application/files/9216/2394/2215/Sherston_Emergency_Plan_March_2020.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:

West Wilts area

(Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge): 104.3FM

Useful Numbers

BT fault line	0800 800151
Wiltshire Highways issues	0300 4560105
Cllr Martin Fausing Smith	01666 840865
Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	0207 219 6237
Sherston Parish Council	07790 883503
Sherston School	01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings)	01666 841019
Sherston CoOp PO Stores	01666 840190
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