



Holy Cross Church Roof Appeal



You probably read about the leaks in the church roof in December's Cliffhanger. Although the main part of the church roof was replaced less than 10 years ago, many of you may not have realised that the south aisle and porch were not done then. Now those parts are in urgent need of re-roofing; water is coming in to the Lady Chapel and vestry and it is certain that once the contractors start work in the spring some of the roof timbers will be found to need replacing.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC), those people elected to care for and run your village church, do save what they can into a fund to repair and maintain the building. However, there are always lots of bills to pay and money is tight. We only have about half what is needed if we use all that has been saved up and leave nothing for other work. We have been applying to groups that give grants for this kind of work and have so far been promised a total of nearly £6,000 - by Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, Allchurches Trust and our local Midcounties Co-operative. We are very grateful for these donations and, with several other applications in the pipeline, hope for more to come.

We still need more than £20,000 though and are asking for your help to raise this. We know that many of you, although you may not be regular churchgoers, would not want to see your village church deteriorating. It is part of our village's heritage and we must pass it on to future generations in good shape. If the building is allowed to become permanently damp through roof leaks, it will not be the warm(ish!) and welcoming place it is today, used by lots of people from our community. Just come in on a winter Thursday morning and you will find

Stay and Play, a thriving carer and toddler group, as well as the Coffee Shop regulars, usually joined by some visiting cyclists or tourists - even at this time of year.

In this Cliffhanger, you will find a yellow donation envelope. Please can you put something in it towards the roof fund? Envelopes can be dropped into the donation box, straight ahead of you as you go into church, or handed to clergy, churchwardens or members of the PCC. If you can Gift Aid your money, and allow us to reclaim the income tax you have paid on it to swell our funds, that would be very helpful. Details about doing this are printed on the envelope. We also have a JustGiving page – justgiving.com/crowdfunding/helen-price-512 (Helen is our PCC secretary). Please use this if you find it the most convenient way to give, although be aware that JustGiving does take part of any donation as an administration fee

Thank you all very much for whatever you can do to keep the church building watertight.

Sue Robinson and Pam Pickthall, Churchwardens,
Holy Cross Church

OBE Congratulations!

Good News! Sherston PCC's Linda Stevens was awarded an OBE in the New Year's Honours list for services to medicine within the Armed Services. As an ENT specialist, she has done a lot of work in restoring the hearing of soldiers who have been involved in conflict. We send her our warmest congratulations.

Rags2Riches: Can you help?

Did you get any new clothes, shoes, bags, etc for Christmas or in the January sales and now you're ready to clear out some old ones? If they are hole-free, clean and wearable, please bag them up and bring them along to Sherston School by 9.00am on Wednesday 26 February as the Friends of Sherston School are having another Rags2Riches collection. Our last collection raised over £250, which was a great boost for our fundraising.

If you have any items that you can't drop off but are happy to donate, please contact Sophie (sophcheetham@gmail.com or 07786 990045) to arrange collection.

For more info on what can/can't be collected, go to: www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/

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

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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Sherston Senior Club

Happy New Year to one and all - and a healthy one, too! We had an excellent Christmas Lunch at the Old Royal Ship, which was a good way to end the year. Our first meeting of 2020, on 7 January, was an afternoon of bingo and a quiz. Our next meeting - on 21 January - was our Annual General Meeting followed by a social afternoon.

Looking forward, at our meeting on 4 February, our speaker will be Spike Palmer from the Designability Charity, which designed the Wizzybug powered wheelchair for under-fives - just one of their designs for the disabled. On 18 February, Laura Heenan will tell us of her 'Adventures in Japan' and, on 3 March, we have a return of 'Bob's Music' - this time country and western. Bob is a very professional entertainer and not to be missed.

Visitors are always welcome to any of our meetings for £2.00, which includes tea and biscuits. If you wish to join us, the membership fee is £15.00 per year. We meet in the British School Room, Cliff Road, every other Tuesday. Please contact Helen Quirk on 840516 for any further information.

Sherston Drama Group's 'Cider with Rosie' needs your help!

**SHERSTON
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GROUP**

We have now cast our production of 'Cider with Rosie', which will be performed at the Village Hall from Wednesday 15 April to Saturday 18 April. The cast comprises 15 actors (both male and female) playing 55 different characters, ranging from young children to 'ancient' grannies. The actors are enjoying the challenge of finding different voices and physical movements to bring to life Laurie Lee's classic story of growing up in the Slad Valley. Our problem is that all these characters need clothes to wear! This is where we hope you might be able to help. We need old plain shirts, blouses, trousers, long skirts and woolly jumpers/tank tops. If you happen to have any of these items that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for them. If you can help, please could you drop items off at the British School Room on Tuesday or Thursday evenings between 7.15pm and 9.00pm or phone 840703 and we can collect locally. Any items we don't use will either be sent to charity or recycled.

Thanks
Robin Turner (Director)



The Rattlebone Boules club plays scheduled games Monday to Thursday evenings throughout the summer. We run three separate Leagues with 16 teams in each. Teams of three play just once a week – with occasional ‘catch-up’ games at the weekend.

Entry forms for the 2020 Season are available in the bar or can be forwarded on request from Graham Hayman on 840068. Closing date for entry is Sunday 1 March.

We have vacancies for three new Teams this year and several Teams would welcome an extra member or two to avoid possible postponements due to work, travel or holidays. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in – especially newcomers to the village and those who have always wondered just what goes on in the pub gardens most weekday evenings during the Summer! Total lack of experience is no handicap!

Over the last 15 years the League has evolved subtly under the stewardship of the late Tony Towle. Things can now get a bit competitive at the top (and bottom!) of League 1 but his general idea was always to have fun, encourage new people to meet up and keep the village pub alive. He succeeded brilliantly and it is now up to us to carry it forward into the new decade.

1016 Pancake Eating Competition

Come and enjoy the best pancakes in Sherston for only £2 entry fee. Who can beat the record of four pancakes in 19 seconds? The fun takes place on Shrove Tuesday 25 February from 7.30pm at The Rattlebone Inn. For further details call Richard Langley on 840112 or 07879 612776.

Book Now for Malmesbury Abbey Skate 2020!

Malmesbury Abbey Skate 2020 will take place from 19 to 21 February. There are sessions for all ages and abilities (unless stated otherwise). If you’ve never scootered, skated or rollerbladed before, there’ll be members of the team who can teach you. Skateboards and helmets can be borrowed for free!

Tickets are available from: www.ticketsource.co.uk/malmesburyabbey

Help tackle potholes by reporting them using My Wiltshire app

The high rainfall and water levels this winter, will inevitably lead to potholes in the roads and Wiltshire Council need your help. Drivers are being asked to report them using the My Wiltshire app so they can be dealt with swiftly by the highways team. The MyWiltshire app can be downloaded on smart phones or accessed on the council website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting

Many thanks to the Boules Committee

Thanks very much to the Boules Committee for the generous donation given to Sherston Church from the proceeds of the day. It’s very gratifying that the contribution church members make to the event has been recognised, and the money is especially welcome this year when we are facing a huge bill for replacing the lead roof over the south aisle. With over £50,000 to find, every contribution is much appreciated (as explained in this month’s front page article). Thanks a lot. Helen Price



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Sherston Village Hall - a bit more news

We have had a fantastic response to last month's call for thoughts on 'What Sherston Village Hall means to me'. The Hall is clearly well loved and valued, going back over generations. We heard about wedding receptions (even had a reply from New Zealand telling us that the 'Rifle Range' was used for their parents' wedding reception in 1936!), children's parties, wakes, drama productions, Arts Festival events, etc. Also there are many regular classes (and of course there were many years of preschool), WI, Young Craft Group, Badminton Club, etc. The Village Hall is at the heart of our village life.

But we obviously need the community to support the plan to upgrade the entrance and toilets to make them match our historic main hall, renovated kitchen and small hall.

Here are a few quotes from the comments we have received so far ...

'The current project which aims to improve the entrance and toilet facilities is vital to facilitate the ongoing vibrancy of Sherston.'

'I would love to see the renovation of the toilets and the entrance take place. They both need tidying up so that they are in keeping with the wonderful hall itself.'

'It's a fantastic space, but parts of the building - in particular the loos - are now in need of investment. A refurbishment would really enhance the space, cementing the village hall as a valuable space for the community.'

'The recently refurbished kitchen and small hall are a great improvement and it would be lovely to have the toilets renovated to match - they very much let the side down at the moment.'

'The Hall itself has been beautifully restored but unfortunately the main entrance has not which detracts from its enjoyment and use.'

Please continue to send messages of support to heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or bensmee@zoho.com.

More information will be available in March, when the community will have the opportunity to join the planned 'Sponsor a roof tile' fundraising effort. Watch this space!

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There was no official meeting in January but members enjoyed a convivial lunch at The Old Royal Ship early in the month with decorations, crackers and mince pies. At the lunch, members raised their glasses in memory of Maureen Joliffe, a past President and long-time member who had recently passed away very suddenly. She will be much missed.

We are pleased to have welcomed four new members since the start of the year and the next meeting, on 6 February, will be the AGM in the British School Room at 2.30pm. At this meeting, the Joyce Butler cup will be presented to the winner of the baking competition - a Swiss roll using Mary Berry's recipe - and the cups will be presented to the winners of the monthly competitions.

Do remember if you have recently moved into the village, joining the WI is a great way to meet people ... see What's On (page 17) for details.

Save the date: Team chasing returns to Sherston



We are looking forward to welcoming back the high-octane world of Team Chasing to Sherston on Sunday 15 March. Entry is free! Come and join us at Manor Farm (SN16 0QA and What3Words: instincts.winemaker.ship) for a great family day out, and watch teams of horses jump around a course of natural obstacles, against the clock. There will be a great selection of trade stands, food, and a bar, along with fun fair rides for the children.

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School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

Young Voices 2020



Wednesday 15 January was our sixth visit to the annual Young Voices concert at the Resort World Arena NEC Birmingham. This amazing concert series never disappoints and all the children involved enjoyed the event. I'm sure the parents in the audience will agree that to hear 6,000 children singing together is a spine-tingling experience. We performed a variety of music - from Disney's Tarzan to Queen, from a 'Frightfest' medley to the latest pop tunes - and supported the guest artists: Tony Hadley, The Shires and 2018 'The Voice' winner Ruti. The Sherston school choir represented the school wonderfully and were an absolute credit to the school. We are very proud of them. Thank you to the Friends of Sherston School for funding our coach and enabling us once again to take part in this fantastic opportunity.

Mrs Berry

'It was my first time at Young Voices. I didn't know what to expect but it was really fun. The lighting was amazing - different coloured lights shone on us at different times. Altogether 6,200 children were there - a lot of children! All the parents seemed to enjoy it too! My favourite song was probably Larger than Life.' Ottilie, Year 4



'Young Voices was amazing. It was so loud! First of all we had a super-quick lunch and went for rehearsal. It was only two hours but it felt like a million! The Year 6s were VERY sad because it was their last Young Voices ever. It was a perfect first Young Voices for me!' Seren, Year 4

'Young Voices was amazing. We all loved it. I am so sad that it's my last time going.' Cerys, Year 6

'You can never get tired of the sight of the arena - it's so massive! It was the perfect last year of Young Voices for me!' Amélie, Year 6

'We met the 2018 winner of 'The Voice' and I really enjoyed dancing with Urban Strides.' James, Year 6

'I really liked Young Voices. It was one of the best experiences I've ever had. I would really like to go again. I loved all the lights and all the songs that we sang. Overall, I LOVED it. I was really tired the next day but it was worth it.' Ciara, Year 4



As promised in last month's issue: Sherston School's fabulous Literary Advent Calendar completed.

Thanks go to Kirsty Strachan for her creative talents!



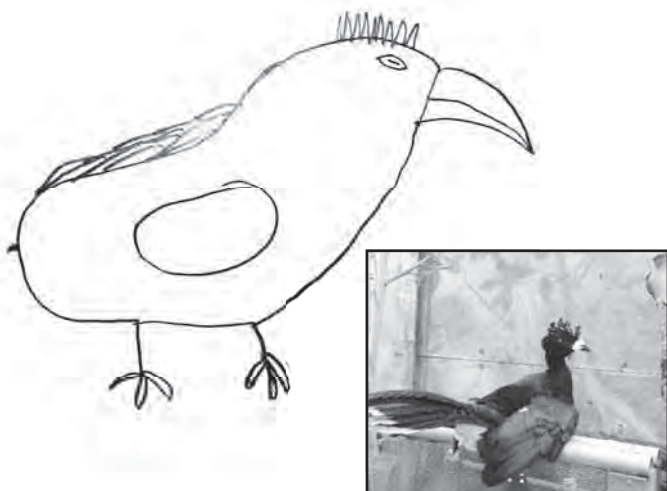
Maple head to The Living Rainforest



On Monday 6 January, Maple Class visited The Living Rainforest in Berkshire. The children had a great day and were able to learn lots about the rainforest. It was an excellent way to start our new topic for the term.

'It was really fun seeing all the animals and learning about them. I liked the Goeldi's monkeys - they could make 40 different noises.' Charlie, Year 3

'It was wet but hot. We were lucky to see the sloth and we saw a snake. There were blue poison dart frogs which are not poisonous themselves (it's the ants they eat!). I liked the Goeldi's monkeys - they were the littlest monkeys.' Annabel, Year 3



'On our school trip, we went to The Living Rainforest. We first put our bags down and then we set off in groups to explore and see the animals, including a toucan, a lizard and a sloth. After lunch, we played in the park. At the end of the trip, we talked about what we'd seen and then went on the coach back to school. My favourite bit was seeing the sloth - and also having lunch!' Eve, Year 2

'I loved the mudskippers. They were really cute!' Reuben, Year 2





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A Jaunt through the Years

Following on from the excerpt published in January's Cliffhanger, the late George Stephens recalls life for his mother and father in Sherston at the end of the 19th century.

The Early Days



Grandmother Harris (below cross mark). Outside Back Street chapel (Cliff Road) c1880. Her sister, Rhoda Dickenson is marked with an I.

The young lady from Sherston that Frederick Stephens married, was born in 1885 at number 20 Gaston Lane. My Mother was the youngest of seven children belonging to Richard Harris and Pamela, nee Wilcox. Her grandfather, William Harris was born in 1801 and died in 1871. He now lies in the eastern side of Sherston Churchyard. Maud's father Richard, worked (as did many) at Westonbirt House, which belonged to Sir George Holford, a local and prominent gentleman who owned a large area of land. Richard Harris was employed at Westonbirt House as a stonemason, but he also took his place some evenings and weekends as a 'flunk' wearing knee-breeches and the customary powdered wig. For this he was paid 12 shillings per week, (60p) and grateful he was for this princely sum. Many local men worked at clearing and keeping in order the great wood near Westonbirt, known as Silkwood. Other men worked on farms, or in the stables as grooms at 'The Big House', there were a number of these in the area.

Mothers were the hub of every family in those days, working from early morning until late at night. The old saying, 'A woman's work is never done' was nearer to the truth than it is today. Her relaxation in the evening was not wasted entirely, but taken

up by darning and mending the family's clothes, thus prolonging their life a little longer, and putting off the expense of buying new. The main meal at home was eaten in the evening, when Father came home from work. The food was always very plain but nourishing, it was cooked in a large iron pot, suspended by a hook in the chimney over a blazing fire. Potatoes, cabbage, meat and pudding, all were cooked together, the pudding separated from the meat and vegetables by only a muslin cloth. The food was always cleared up, and nothing was ever wasted. Any scraps left over were given to the cat or dog, they were lucky to get that.

Some people kept a few chickens, or a pig in a sty at the bottom of the garden. Killing the pig was an important event. The local butcher would arrive in the evening and swiftly dispatch the animal with a knife, amidst a mixed feeling of sorrow at losing what had almost become a household pet, and one



Mum, aged 16, 1901



Carrying water, Back Street (Cliff Road). c1900.

of great expectation at the thought of all the food the animal would provide for the family during the coming winter months. Often friends benefited from a basin of offal or blood for black puddings.

Drinking water came mostly from wells. It was usual to find one in the majority of gardens. Where there were two or three cottages, then a well would be shared. Water for other purposes was also shared when it was fetched from a stream or brook. Here it would be carried in wooden buckets by a yoke across the shoulders. Unlike today, water was used very carefully, the thought of carrying it ensured this.

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Health and Wellbeing

I hope that by the time you read this we will be noticing a little more daylight and that spring will soon be with us? Of course, it's more than likely that winter will still have a sting in its tail. Looking at the storm names for this year, I see that we shall be having (or have had) Storm Ellen! What can I say - except that I hope it's a moderate one!

Anyhow, just a reminder 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

Recycle your un-recyclables!

Malmesbury is leading the way in response to climate and environmental matters with the recent formation of the Malmesbury Climate Action Network. But how can you help to divert waste from landfill and increase recycling of traditionally hard-to-recycle items?

Malmesbury library now hosts a recycling bin for old biro, fountain pens, ink cartridges and correction fluid containers. Just turn up during library opening hours and speak to any staff member or library volunteer about how you can recycle any of these items there.

This recycling scheme is managed by Terracycle, an innovative recycling company that has become a global leader in recycling hard-to-recycle items. For more information, and to find out how and where you can recycle other waste streams such as crisp packets, confectionary wrappers, oral care packaging, coffee pods and much more, visit www.terracycle.com/en-GB/

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Plastic bags, film wrap - soft plastic

And in case you haven't found this great recycling scheme yet: Tesco's at Tetbury, Kate and Cirencester have a drop-off point for all soft plastic – plastic crisp bags, clingfilm, fruit and veg plastic sleeves and film, and all plastic bags.

Would the Swastika have flown over Sherston?

My wife and I moved to Sherston on 16 December 2019, a date that, 75 years ago, had so nearly become one of the blackest dates in Wiltshire's history; 16 December 2019 was the 75th anniversary of a Nazi/Fascist plot intended to exterminate freedom and democracy in Britain. The launch pad had been here in Wiltshire.

On Christmas Eve, we went to midnight mass here in Sherston and, upon leaving, I noticed a crucifix beside the door, with a dedication that reads: 'Italian Soldiers, 2nd World War prisoners, are grateful and thankful for how native English people treated them.' I presume that the crucifix was made by prisoners at Camp 89, Easton Grey, which was a light industrial and agricultural working camp, containing what were known as 'co-operator' Italian prisoners of war.

Elsewhere in Wiltshire, however, the prisoners of war were very far from friendly. Camp 23, Le Marchant Camp at Devizes, contained thousands of hardened and disciplined Nazi frontline troops and 16 December 1944 was the date when it was intended that they would rise up and break out of their camp. In December 1944, there were more than 250,000 German prisoners of war held in camps all over Britain. They were an army in waiting.

Hitler had not forgotten his army in Britain. He planned a major counter-attack through the Ardennes forest that was later to become known as the Battle of the Bulge. It was to be launched on 16 December, and Hitler ordered that there should be a major armed break-out by German troops in Britain at the same time. Two prison camps in particular were to be the centre of the break-out: Camp 23, Le Marchant, Devizes, and Camp 17, Lodge Moor, near Sheffield. Between them, they held over 17,000 German soldiers. The plan was to attack and kill their guards, to break out and seize weapons from nearby military arms stores, and then to attack airfields and military vehicle parks. They would steal planes, tanks and armoured vehicles, and advance on London, with Winston Churchill as their probable target.

Happily, the plot at Devizes was discovered a few

days before it was due to come to fruition, and on 14 December 1944, Camp 23 was taken over by British Paratroops, and 32 of the Nazi ringleaders were arrested. Elsewhere in the country, security was increased, escape tunnels were searched for and found, and planned escapes or break outs were, in the main, prevented.

But what would have happened had the Nazi plot not been discovered? Using iron discipline and considerable military expertise and experience, the Germans would have broken out of Le Marchant camp, would have armed themselves, seized vehicles and would have formed armoured columns. It would have been a total surprise for a Britain that believed the war had been won. Whatever a covert Nazi unit might have achieved in London, here in Wiltshire there would have been chaos and if, suddenly, Britain was being ravaged by up to 250,000 German soldiers, any campaign in Europe would have ground to a halt, as British soldiers were rushed back to Britain to defend its people. If Churchill and leading members of his government had been assassinated, who would have led British resistance to the German army rampaging within this country? Would the Swastika have flown over Sherston? *Brian Lett*

Brian Lett is the author of 'Hitler's Hangmen, The Secret German Plot to Kill Churchill' published by Greenhill Books

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The 100 Tonne Low-Carbon Diet

Last month, over 80 people packed into the British School Room in Sherston to listen to Professor David Waltham's talk, organised by Sustainable Sherston, about climate change and the need to reduce our carbon dioxide emissions.

Since 1880, we have emitted 1.5 trillion tonnes of CO₂. With the emission of other greenhouse gases, the combined effect is equivalent to two trillion tonnes of CO₂. This has produced a 1°C rise in global temperature. The Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) says we must not exceed a further 0.5°C rise and has calculated that 770 billion tonnes of CO₂ will produce this.

Therefore, the world's population of 7.7 billion people can only emit a further 770 billion tonnes of CO₂ before potentially catastrophic and non-reversible tipping points are reached, for example the permanent melting of ice-sheets. This means that, each person in the world should aim to be responsible for no more than 100 tonnes of CO₂. This is the 100 tonne diet.

The average person in the UK emits approximately 13 tonnes of CO₂ per year. If we carry on as we are, we have just seven years before we need to stop emitting CO₂ completely. We therefore need to go on a low-carbon diet. This will prolong the time we have before zero-carbon technology and systems are rolled out.

There are various simple ways you can limit your CO₂ emissions:

- Reduce your intake of red meat, eg one fewer burger a fortnight
- Swap from dairy milk to a plant milk (soya/oat/almond)
- Avoid one European flight per year
- Walk one mile per day instead of driving
- Travel 1,000 miles by train instead of using the car
- Obey speed limits
- Improve house insulation
- Minimise use of your tumble dryer; hang out washing instead
- Fit solar panels
- Make stuff last longer

Doing these things will reduce your emissions by approximately two tonnes per year, but you would still be emitting an average of 11 tonnes per year.

To reduce emissions further is more difficult. The technical solutions are there; the difficulties are financial, social and political. We need much more wind energy, which is now the cheapest way of generating electricity. We need to plant a lot more trees - roughly 200 trees per person. We need farming to get to net zero by 2040 (the National Farmers' Union have a sensible and achievable plan to do just that). We need to implement a system of 'Carbon Fee and Dividend'. More sophisticated than a carbon tax, the idea is supported by many people - including economists, scientists and the Citizens Climate Lobby, a worldwide organisation - and works on the principle that polluters pay a fee proportional to the carbon pollution they are causing, which is collected by the Government and redistributed as a flat-rate dividend, equally to all citizens. This means that low-income, low-polluting people would actually have a net benefit, whilst high-polluting individuals would pay extra. Economic modelling suggests that such a system would reduce emissions by 80%.

To conclude, there is a limit to the CO₂ emissions you can make in your lifetime; your share is 100 tonnes. It's possible to keep below that by making small changes on an individual level and encouraging governments and businesses to drive collective action. We need to get to net zero as early as possible, but definitely before 2045. A fuller report on the lecture is available on the Parish Council website at ([link](https://sherston.org.uk/application/files/4715/7893/0068/100_tonne_diet_report-3.pdf)) https://sherston.org.uk/application/files/4715/7893/0068/100_tonne_diet_report-3.pdf

The next meeting for Sustainable Sherston is on Monday 3 February at 7.30pm in the British School Room. The aim is to reflect on the 100 Tonne Diet lecture and decide on what positive action we can take to address the climate emergency and for more sustainable living.

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Malmesbury League of Friends donates £10,000 towards Fibroscan Appeal



Malmesbury League of Friends (MLOF) has donated £10,000 towards the Brighter Futures appeal to purchase a new Fibroscan machine for the benefit of Great Western Hospital (GWH) patients who have liver disease or are in danger of developing it.

The Fibroscan can assess the degree of liver damage with a non-invasive test which is painless, quick and easy to administer. It replaces the need for an invasive liver biopsy and allows the hepatology unit at GWH to instigate a treatment plan promptly.

In the next few years, liver disease is expected to overtake heart disease as the biggest cause of premature death and is already the largest cause of premature death among 35-49 year olds in the UK. More than 90% of liver disease is due to three main factors: obesity, alcohol and viral hepatitis.

MLOF chairman David Hide said: 'We know that liver disease is increasing, so we are delighted to support this appeal to acquire a Fibroscan which will make diagnosis so much quicker and easier.'

Dr Moby Joseph, the consultant who heads the specialist liver unit at GWH, said: 'This Fibroscan will make a huge difference to the diagnosis of liver disease. We have over 500 patients currently receiving treatment at GWH.'

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Broughton Gifford Piecemakers

The Broughton Gifford Piecemakers are a thriving group of quilters. We meet every third Monday of the month and always welcome new members whether you are a beginner or have been quilting for years. At our meetings, we have a variety of speakers come and tell us about their craft and, sometimes, we have a mini workshop or a sewing evening. Throughout the year, we have workshops related to quilting where you can learn a new skill or technique. We also have workdays where you bring the project you are working on and spend the day sewing. These are my favourite as you can see what everybody is doing, swap ideas and make new friends.

If you would like to see what we do, why don't you come to our exhibition in March and see what we have been making. There will be refreshments, a sales table and trader stand, as well as a raffle in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance (draw 4.00pm Saturday).

Broughton Gifford Piecemakers Quilt Exhibition Friday 27 March (4.00-8.00pm) and Saturday 28 March (10.00am-4.30pm). The Village Hall, The Street, Broughton Gifford SN12 8PN (Behind the former Fox public house). Disabled access. Entrance £3. Contact details 07734 32054 Sue Sunderland

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North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

In the week prior to Christmas, we held our annual seasonal get-together. This was an informal evening which provided an opportunity for members to make a Christmas arrangement and enjoy a shared supper, festive drinks and each other's company. As an added bonus, the evening also incorporated a great demonstration by one of our members who is currently working towards her demonstrator's qualification. It was a relaxed and sociable evening enjoyed by all.

Coming up early in 2020:

Saturday 8 February: Malmesbury Community Day, various venues in and around the Town Hall. Do come along and visit us at our stand in the Wesleyan Room.

Wednesday 19 February: Demonstration by Carol Norman, 'Two of a Kind'. Our regular 'Best Bloom' Competition also takes place this evening.

Wednesday 18 March: Workshop with Sally Taylor, mastering the art of 'Buttonholes'.

Wednesday 15 April: Demonstration by Yvonne Berry, 'Any Old Iron'.

Also 'Save the Date' for Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival coach trip on Tuesday 15 September.

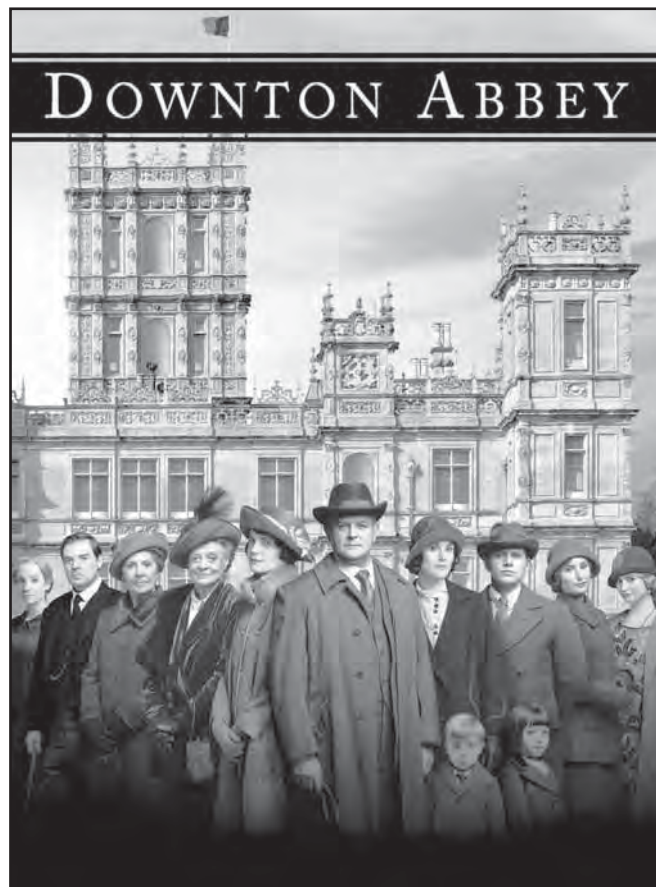
Our full programme for 2020 has interesting and varied events throughout the year, including demonstrations, workshops, talks and visits. For more information, please visit our Facebook page – North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club.

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 – nwvflowerclub@gmail.com



10th Anniversary screening: Moviola @ Grittleton Village Hall



Wednesday 26 February Downton Abbey [PG]

The Crawleys and their intrepid staff prepare for the most important moment of their lives. A royal visit from King George V and Queen Mary will unleash scandal, romance and intrigue that will leave the future of Downton hanging in the balance. Written by series creator Julian Fellowes and starring the original cast.

Tickets £6 from Lesley on 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com [underscore between l and p] Doors open 7.00pm, programme starts at 7.30pm

Future dates for your diary

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Wednesday 29 April: The Good Liar

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Malmesbury Singers Spring Concert: Saturday 28 March

Malmesbury Singers Spring Concert, to be held on Saturday 28 March at 7.30pm in Malmesbury Abbey, celebrates Beethoven's 250th anniversary, as well as bringing together two masters of music writing from the beginning and the end of the 19th century.

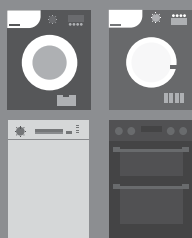
Beethoven's stunning Mass in C minor forms the centrepiece to our Spring Concert. Praised for its directness and emotional content, its dramatic power makes it a long under-rated masterpiece.

Regarded as Brahms's finest choral writing, and from which work alone his reputation would have been justly deserved, the Singers are also excited to be performing the Schicksalslied or 'Song of Destiny'.

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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 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 sherstontoddlergroup@gmail.com or like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

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

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

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

1st Sherston Guides Meet every Wed during term time 5.30-7.15pm at Sherston Village Hall. Girls are welcome to join after their 10th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Fi Picton via fi.picton@outlook.com

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

Holy Cross Church The Coffee Shop - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits and brownies. Easter-Oct Tues, Weds, Thurs and Nov-Easter Thursday only. Both 9.30am-12 noon

Sunday services 8am Holy Communion; 1st and 4th - Holy Communion, 2nd - Worship Together - a service for all age groups preceded by breakfast at 9am, 3rd - Family Service preceded by breakfast at 9am See the Parish Life for more details

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

Congregational Church – in The British Schoolroom.

11am Service, Communion every 2nd Sunday of the month led or hosted by Reverend Andrew Williams Tarling. Sunday School 10.15 – 11am use Cliff Road entrance. Alternating Mondays 8pm, Bible Study or Prayer Group Brick (Lego) Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 7pm. Contact Minister - Andrew Williams Tarling - minister4sherstoncongregation@outlook.com /07921 390878 Admin/Bookings - Victoria Meheust - sherstoncongregation@outlook.com Secretary - Candi Williams Tarling - secretary4sherstoncongregation@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 or visit the website 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 for an application form

Sherston Drama Group

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

Drawing Classes in Sherston Classes are held in the British Schoolroom during term times Weds either 10am to 12noon or 1.30 to 3.30pm. Students have individual attention and the classes are friendly and welcoming. We work on observational drawing in a range of media, pencil, watercolour crayon and pastel; subjects include plants and flowers, natural objects and still life groups. For further information please contact Heather Martin heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or phone 840375

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

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

Footpaths Group 'Sherston Walks - a guide to local Rights of Way', featuring 10 local walks is on sale at the Post Office. If you would like to learn more about the Footpaths Group contact Maggie Harries on 841047 or maggie@harriespartnership.com or visit www.sherstonwalks.org.uk

Fresh Air 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-forestschooll@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

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.

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

Parish Council Meeting

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

Sherston Pilates

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

Rattlebone Boules League

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

1st Sherston Scout Troop

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

Senior Club

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

Sherston Short Mat Bowls

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

Sherston Tennis Club

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

Sherston Theatre Club

Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. See website for details www.sherstontheatreclub.co.uk or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com

Sherston Velo

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

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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

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

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 07779 600786 after 6pm or leave a message.

Outside Sherston

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ingleburn Trefoil Guild Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month,

usually at St. Mary's School Tetbury at 7.30 p.m. Lifts are available for non-drivers in the Sherston/Malmesbury area. Details from Helen Price, 503187 or retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

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

Link 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 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 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, visit the website at www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org or www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir

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

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

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

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

Sherston

The Carpenter's Arms

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

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

The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

Recently 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.

Workshops:

Make your own Pyjama bottoms Sat 8 Feb £35 2-5pm

Make your own stylish and comfortable pyjama bottoms. All materials will be provided and included in the cost. Suitable for all standards

Learn to Crochet Sun 16 Feb 2-5pm Learn how to Crochet and make yourself a face-scrub or granny square.

Make a piped and zipped cushion Sun 1 Mar 2-5pm Learn to make a piped and zipped cushion and go home with your finished product and the skills and pattern to make more.

Make a Wash / Make-up Bag Sat 14 Mar 2-5pm Learn to make a wash bag and go home with your own handmade bag and the skills to keep making.

Learn basic upholstery Learn the basics of upholstery. Bring along a footstool or drop in seat for a dining chair and learn to recover. All other materials and tools can be provided or you are welcome to bring your own tools and fabrics along with you. Sat 28 Mar

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

Café at Hortico

Newly opened in the garden centre for tea coffee and cakes 10am - 4pm daily - wood burner, fully sustainable off grid, log cabin style café amongst the Christmas trees growing for next year - dog friendly

For further details call or visit www.horti.co.uk

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

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8 & 22 Feb 7 & 21 Mar

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>

Sustainable Sherston

Next meeting Mon 3 Feb at 7:30pm in the British School Room. All welcome. Free entry. Refreshments available The aim is to reflect on the 100 Tonne Diet lecture and decide on what positive action we can take to address the climate emergency and for more sustainable living.

For further details call For further information please contact Joy Smith on 840865

Church events

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>

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

Sherston WI Talks

AGM & General Meeting 6 Feb 2.30pm British Schoolroom

"Recreating the Georgians" – Jon & Francesca Caton

5 Mar 2.30pm BSR

For further details call Secretary 07388 606785

Sherston Senior Club

Talk by Spike Palmer from the Designability Charity 4-Feb

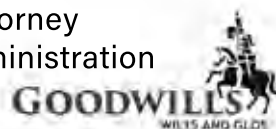
Laura Heenan: Adventures in Japan 18-Feb

Bob's Music presents Country and Western 3-Mar

The Senior Club meets British Schoolroom Cliff Rd every other Tuesday. membership fee is £15 pa - Visitors are always welcome to any of our meetings for £2 which includes tea and biscuits.

For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

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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.

For further details call Helen Quirk 840516 helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com or visit www.sherstontheatreclub.co.uk

Friends of Sherston School

Annual Fundraising Quiz Night Sat 1 Feb Bar opens 7.30pm Quiz starts at 8pm, raffle and auction. Tickets will be available from Sherston Co-op from Monday 13 January - just £25 for a team of four! Tickets are strictly limited so get in quick to guarantee your place on the night!

Sherston Village Hall

1016 Pancake Eating Competition

Shrove Tuesday 25 Feb from 7.30pm £2 entry

The Rattlebone Inn For further details call Richard Langley on 840112 or 07879 612776

Sue's Strolls

Sun 23 Feb Please assemble at the village hall for 10am with a return Rattlebone Inn just around 12noon for seasonal refreshments. As ever children and well behaved dogs, the latter on leads, are very welcome. The walk is entirely free and there is no need to book a place – just turn up on the day. For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk

Beaufort team chase

Team chasing in Sherston in aid of WAA Sun 15 Mar Entry is free! Come and join us at Manor Farm for a great family day out, and watch teams of horses jump around a course of natural obstacles, against the clock. There will be a great selection of trade stands, food, and a bar along with fun fair rides for the children. Various trade stands, a licensed bar and food available throughout the day - Parking is accessed via the B4040 between Luckington and Sherston. Starting at 9am we will have 4 classes running throughout the day with a Hunter trial/pairs class over the novice course, a Novice team chase and an Intermediate speed and bogey class. For those wishing to ride, entries via horse-events

For further details call lottiebostock@gmail.com Facebook page: Beaufort Team Chase, Selina Hopkins - Secretary - 01454 218282 or visit www.beaufortteamchase.co.uk

'Sherston Brick Club'

British Schoolroom

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 alternate Fridays (14th and 28th) from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Free entry

Cuppa, Cake and Chat

Tuesday 11th February, 2.00pm
Tuesday 25th February, 2.00pm

Luckington

Friends of Luckington School

Barn Dance Stetsons and Cowboy boots optional. 2 Feb 7pm - midnight £20 incl food, live music and line dance caller Tickets on sale at the Shop & Moor - buy them quickly to avoid disappointment as they are limited in number. All proceeds to Friends of Luckington School
For further details call friendsofluckingtonschool@gmail.com

Fundraiser for Luckington Village Hall

An illustrated talk on Natural History by Martin Saunders Martin's best pictures from France, Greece, Kazakhstan and South Africa will feature in Martin's talk in Luckington Village Hall on Sat 8 Feb at 7pm - refreshments available Tickets £5 from Sharon Hart 840818

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

Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

Sunday Cinema £39.50 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn and a 3 course lunch or dinner in Grey's Brasserie. Lunch first from 12 noon with the film starting promptly at 3pm. For the dinner screening, enjoy the film first, starting promptly at 5pm, followed by dinner from 7.15pm. **Yesterday** - Sun 16 Feb **Judy** - Sun 15 Mar **Downton Abbey** - Sun 19 Apr

For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

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For further details call 880220 or visit 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.
For further details call natwell@westonbirt.org

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Flicks in the Sticks

Downton Abbey Fri 14 Feb Doors open at 6.30pm with cash bar - Film show starts at 7.30pm Tickets £4 on the door Contact jennybody@btconnect.com (01454 238358) to confirm seat

The beloved Crawleys and their intrepid staff prepare for the most important moment of their lives. A royal visit from the king and queen of England soon unleashes scandal, romance and intrigue -- leaving the future of Downton hanging in the balance Didmarton Village Hall

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

Duke of Beaufort's Hunt Point to Point

First Sat in March – 7 Mar First race starts at 12.30. Countrywear tradestands, refreshments. Wrap up warm against the wind as the course is very exposed. £12.50 entry to the racecourse. Parking on site (chargeable).

For further details call or visit <http://www.pointingwm.co.uk/course-details/didmarton/>

Malmesbury

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
Dickens in Wiltshire - The author's life and times by Dr Keith Hooper Thurs 27 Feb

Wiltshire Citizens Advice Wiltshire 80 years of free confidential advice available to everyone. Thurs 26 Mar Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall

For further details call membership secretary Elaine Sharp tel 823568 or visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

Malmesbury Singers

Spring Concert Malmesbury Singers with the Bristol Ensemble celebrate Beethoven's 250th anniversary as well as bringing together two masters of music writing from the beginning and the end of the 19th Century. Sat 28 Mar 7.30pm Malmesbury Abbey

For further details call or visit www.malmesburysingers.co.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 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. Tickets are available at the Town Hall, on the door or online (a booking fee is payable)

JANUARY:

Mon, 3 Feb	2pm	Mozart *
Mon, 3 Feb	8pm	Cats
Tues, 4 Feb	7.30pm	Kinky Boots *
Mon, 10 Feb	2pm	Cats
Mon, 10 Feb	8pm	Little Women
Fri, 14 Feb	2pm	Kinky Boots *
Fri, 14 Feb	5.30pm	Star Wars: Episode IX The Rise of Skywalker (TBC)
Fri, 14 Feb	8pm	Knives Out
Mon, 17 Feb	2pm	Little Women

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Mon, 17 Feb 8pm 1917
 Tues, 18 Feb 2pm Knives Out
 Fri, 21 Feb 2pm 1917
 Fri, 21 Feb 8pm Star Wars : Episode IX
 The Rise of Skywalker (TBC)

Please Note: "Star Wars: Episode IX The Rise of Skywalker" has yet to be confirmed by the distributor Malmesbury Town Hall

For further details call Tickets are available at the Town Hall, on the door or online (a booking fee is payable) or visit www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html

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

For further details call 01249 443469 or e-mail nwilts@alzheimers.org.uk or visit www.alzheimers.org.uk

Programmes and Activities at The RISE Trust

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

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

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

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

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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

Malmesbury Abbey Skate

Wed 14 -Fri 16 Feb About 600 children and young people took to the ramps in Malmesbury Abbey Skate during the last February half-term Skating, Scooter, Demos, Competitions, Music, Cafe and workshops.

For further details call www.facebook.com/abbeyskate, www.malmesburyabbey.com/skate or email us on john@malmesburyabbey.com or visit www.malmesburyabbey.com/skate/

Wiltshire Council Sunday Lunch Club

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

For further details call Ellen Backer 07557 922020

Charlton Park

WOMAD - World Music Festival

Thurs 23 - Sun 26 Jul Featuring many world musicians and bands and exciting new artists - check website for the line-up Early bird and SN16 3 or 4 day tickets with/without staying onsite More information at womad.co.uk/tickets.

For further details call Reading Box Office on 0118 960 6060 or visit www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park

Tetbury

Goods Shed

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. Although not certified as Organic they are committed to using organic methods ~ and to working with nature and respecting wildlife. They are also totally committed to producing the finest produce possible. Every Sat 10.30/11am-2pm Adeline Farm Community Project offers facilities to the disabled, people with learning difficulties, and other groups in the Wilts. /Glos. area.

Exhibition: Journeys into Abstraction – Laurel Smart 8th-30th

1 Feb Kim Cypher's Jazz Band 7.30pm £14.50

Kim returns to the Goods Shed with material from her new album

6 Feb Film Night:Pavarotti (12A) 7.30pm £7

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8 Feb Jonathan Cohen and Arcangelo 7.30pm £19.50

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13 Feb Film Night: About Time (12) 7.30pm £7
About Time is a romantic comedy about love, life and time travel.

20 Feb Film Night: Judy (12A) 7.30pm £7
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22 Feb London Haydn Quartet 7.30pm £19.50
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23 Feb Absolute Bowie 7.30pm £18.50
Absolute Bowie continue to celebrate the life and music of the Starman with a spectacular show.

27 Feb Film Night: Official Secret (15) 7.30pm £7
The true story of a British whistle blower who leaked information about an illegal NSA spy operation and the Iraq war

29 Feb David Dodds 7.30pm £12.50
Join singer songwriter and master of Celtic rock'n'reel Davey Dodds, for an outstanding night of music. 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 or visit www.shed-arts.co.uk

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme
DOWNTON ABBEY [PG] Wed 26 Feb - 10th anniversary of screenings at Grittleton Village Hall Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door

The Crawleys and their intrepid staff prepare for the most important moment of their lives. A royal visit from King George V and Queen Mary will unleash scandal, romance and intrigue that will leave the future of Downton hanging in the balance. Written by series creator Julian Fellowes and starring the original cast.

Future dates for your diary Wed 25 Mar: **Official Secrets**

Wed 29 Apr: **The Good Liar**

Grittleton Village Hall

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

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.

Malmesbury Community Day Sat 8 Feb Do come along and visit us at our stand in the Wesleyan Room, Malmesbury Town Hall

Demonstration by Carol Norman: 'Two of a Kind' 19-Feb
Our regular 'Best Bloom' Competition also takes place this evening

Workshop with Sally Taylor: Mastering the art of 'Buttonholes' 18-Mar

Demonstration by Yvonne Berry, 'Any Old Iron' 15-Apr
Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB

For further details call Margaret on 01285 770 639 or Facebook page - North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club.

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Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month's films: 1917; StarDog and TurboCat; Kinky Boots - the Musical; Little Women; Bait; Marriage Story; Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show; Portrait of a Lady on Fire; Michael Ball and Alfie Boe: Back Together



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Sunday 1st March
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Basic upholstery skills

Saturday 4th April
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Broughton Gifford

Broughton Gifford Piecemakers

Quilt Exhibition

Fri 27 4-8pm Sat 28 Mar 10am-4.30pm An exhibition of work plus trader stand, sales table and refreshments. Raffle in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance (draw 4pm Saturday) Entrance £3 The Broughton Gifford Piecemakers are a thriving group of quilters and we meet every 3rd Mon of the month. We always welcome new members whether you are a beginner or have been quilting for years. A variety of speakers come and tell us about their craft. Occasional mini workshops or sewing evenings related to quilting where you can learn a new skill or technique and workdays where you bring the project you are working on and spend the day sewing. An exhibition of work plus trader stand, sales table and refreshments. Raffle in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance (draw 4pm Saturday) Entrance £3 The Village Hall

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www.sherston.org/downloads/sherston-parish-council-emergency-plan/Sherston-Emergency-Plan-REDACTED-20-11-2015.pdf

Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator
emergency@sherston.org.uk (only during an incident)

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24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100
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Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm

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