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Grand Opening of the Butterfly Hall, Sherston Village Hall



On Friday 24 February at 3.00pm, there will be a short ceremony to celebrate the completion of the new building. This will be attended by representatives of the National Lottery Community Fund and our local Wiltshire Councillor, Martin Smith. All the trusts, businesses and people who have donated money will have received invitations. Also invited are all those people who bought a butterfly, but although we are sending invitations to those for whom we have an email address, many we do not. So if that applies to you, please come along!

A little light entertainment will be provided by Sherston Community Choir. The hall will be open until 5.00pm.

On Saturday 25 February, we open from 2.00pm until 4.00pm for everyone to come and have a look. Come and see the new facilities, the butterfly wallhangings and consider hiring this wonderful space. As stated last month, the Butterfly Hall can be hired separately for small gatherings, as well as being a welcoming space for parties and wedding receptions, using the whole hall.

Ruddigore by Gilbert and Sullivan: Saturday 4 March



Sherston Village Hall, 7.30pm

We are delighted to welcome White Horse Opera, who will perform this lively operetta with lovely music.

The plot starts

A band of professional bridesmaids are bored and frustrated because no one is getting married. The most eligible couple Robin Oakapple and Rose Maybud would tie the knot, but Robin is too shy and Rose is too obsessed with the advice contained in her book of etiquette.

The Murgatroyd family have a curse: the first baronet used to torture and kill witches, until one put her curse on him and all his descendants. They were to commit a crime every day or die in agony. Robin Oakapple is in fact Sir Ruthven Murgatroyd. Robin is indeed the current bad baronet but he has faked his own death and fled to the village with a new identity, leaving his younger brother Despard to take on the title and the responsibility for the daily crimes. It continues with many twists and turns ...

Come and enjoy an evening which will make full use of our Butterfly Hall for interval drinks (wine and soft drinks).

Tickets: £10 from Sherston Co-op (cash only) or online www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera (with a booking fee)

Malmesbury League of Friends buys asthma machines for Tolsey Surgery



Malmesbury League of Friends (MLOF) has purchased a special machine to treat asthma for patients at the Tolsey Surgery.

The FeNO testing machine measures the level of nitrous oxide in the exhaled breath and provides an indication of inflammation in the lungs. There are approximately 230 asthma patients registered at The Tolsey Surgery.

Practice Manager Sadia Chant said: 'This machine will enable us to make much improved diagnosis and management of asthma. We are extremely grateful to Malmesbury League of Friends for this very generous donation.'

MLOF chairman David Hide commented: 'Our primary objective is always to provide items of medical equipment for the Malmesbury Primary Care Centre and Tolsey Surgery that can otherwise be difficult to access locally.'

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Cliffhanger team news

We'd like to thank Aaron at Sherston Co-op for donating compostable bags under the Midcounties Co-op Community Support Scheme to assist with Cliffhanger distribution. Approximately 1,000 copies of the Cliffhanger are delivered free each month to every home and business in the parish. We use bags each month to distribute copies to our various volunteers who then hand-deliver them locally.

We are still on the lookout for a volunteer to help out with advertising. At the moment, the voluntary editorial team are doing our best to cover this but an extra pair of hands would be a great help. If you could spare some time to help, please drop an email to advertising@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk or phone Sophie on 07786 990045.

Copy deadline: 10th of the previous month.
Send to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk
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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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Sherston WI



Prior to Christmas, the members of Sherston WI were pleased to donate £50 to Heals of Malmesbury's Emergency Hardship Fund. There was no official meeting of our WI in January but several members enjoyed a sociable lunch at The Old Royal Ship in Luckington. After the disappointment of our December speaker being unable to reach Sherston, we are looking forward to Nick King joining us for our meeting on Thursday 2 February when he will be telling us about the history and usages of goat's milk; we all know that one can drink the milk but what other products are made from the milk? Just a month later - on Thursday 2 March - the talk will be a Registrar's Story of Love and Marriage with Anne Ewing and we shall be looking for a romantic item for the competition.

During the winter months, meetings are held in the British School Room at 2.30pm; visitors are always most welcome.

Fairtrade Fortnight - 27 February to 12 March



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If you would like a Traidcraft stand at a forthcoming event or to buy or order some goods through me, please get in touch on pjlawrence46@gmail.com or tel: 840934 or 07778 412604.

Tricia Lawrence



This month's meeting: Friday 10 February, Planting up Pots and other Stories, Mike Hinwood, Foxley Road Nurseries.

Clippings

We have to mention our wonderful January speaker, Professor Nick Wray of Bristol Botanic Gardens. As Curator for the past two decades, there is nothing Nick doesn't know about the evolution of plants. Moreover, he explains complicated concepts in an intelligible way! By popular demand, the Club hopes to organise a guided tour of the Clifton-based gardens later this year.

Cuttings

We will be welcoming Mike Hinwood, owner of Foxley Road Nurseries, to our February meeting. Mike will be talking about ... stuff. At the time of going to press, we're not entirely clear exactly what he'll be covering but we know it will be interesting and practical! As all his long-standing customers know, Mike has decades of experience of raising plants so you'll be getting useful tips from a captive expert!

New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are welcome: £15 single, £25 joint, U18s free. It would be great to see more young people joining the club, starting what we hope will be a lifetime's interest in gardening in a changing climate.

For a membership form and full programme, contact our Secretary: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Connections

RHS Malvern Spring Show 2023: A 38-seater coach will leave Sherston High Street on Friday 12 May, exact

time to be confirmed. An all-in price (bus plus show entry) is £40 per person. Just a £10 deposit secures your place with full amount due by the end of March. There are still some places left so let us know soon if you want to join our away-day to the show. Malvern is one of the nicest RHS venues, without the elbow-jostling and crowds of some of the others.

The Sherston Gardening Club Facebook page is a useful source of information and news. We would love our members to use it more. Ask any question you like, post your garden photos, etc.

Community

Blooming Sherston. By the time you read this, it would be nice to think the floral trough, kindly funded by Sherston Parish Council, is in place by the Post Office. A range of narcissi and tulips will start emerging in the months ahead. We are now applying for other sources of funding so we can continue the aim of enhancing our village. This is a wider community initiative, spearheaded by Sherston Gardening Club, but run by other committed residents. If you are interested in knowing more about future plans or wish to join the committee to develop your ideas, please get in touch in the first instance with our Secretary.

Calendar

Our 2023 programme of talks, visits and dates is now on our Facebook page. Don't forget meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month from May onwards.

Monday 6 February. Visit to Melcourts Compost. 10.30am for 11.00am start. Please car share if possible.

Friday 10 March. 'Three Generations of Women Gardeners at Kiftsgate' talk by Head Gardener, Vanessa Berridge. Kiftsgate Court Gardens are near Chipping Campden with wonderful views over the valley.

Sherston Senior Club

Thank you to all the members who helped to make the Senior Club Christmas tree in the church look so good, particularly Ann Trow and Ann Booth.

We started our year on 10 January with a quiz and bingo followed on 24 January with End of the Track entertaining us. Speakers for February are awaiting confirmation.

We are a relaxed and friendly club. It costs £15.00 to become a member - over the year, that is just 60p per meeting! We meet in the British School Room at 2.00pm in the winter, 2.30pm in the summer. New members are always welcome - please contact Helen Quirk on 840516.

Lin's Marmalade: Back for 2023!

I am making marmalade again this year, and if you would like to place an order, please ring 840846. As in previous years, the proceeds will go to local charities.

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From the archives: Sherston Festival 1970

From May 8-17, 'There will be something of interest for everyone and a warm welcome is extended to visitors from near and far' the programme announced.

Looks like our current Arts Festival, Boules & Carnival Week and Open Gardens all merged into one event.

Programme of Events:

Fri Apr 3rd:

May Queen Selection Dance in The Range

Fri May 8th:

Crowning of the May Queen in the High Street

May Queen Ball in The Range

Sat May 9th:

Bicycle Gymkhana & Children's Sports in the Rec

Trampoline Display

Camp Fire Singing

Morris Dancing in the High Street

Sun May 10th:

Open Air Band Concert

Mon May 11th:

Review of Historical Events at the school

Tues May 12:

Youth 6-a-side and Comic Football at the Rec

Girls Netball at the school

Darts Tournament at The Range

Wed May 13th:

Open Air Service

'Any Questions' in The Range

Thurs May 14th:

Old Time Music Hall in The Range

Skittles Tournament at the Angel

Fri May 15th:

Car Treasure Hunt

Curiosity Hunt

Skittles

Tournament part 2

Sat May 16th:

Grand Carnival

Day

May Queen &

Carnival Procession

Exemption Dog

Show

Toy Balloon Race

Stalls, Sideshows and Refreshments

Tug of War

Whippet Racing

Barbecue

Sun May 17th:

Festival Thanksgiving Service

Daily Attractions:

Art Exhibition in Gray's Garage

Display of Silver, Vestments, Old Documents and floral decorations in the Church

Gardens of Pinkney Court open, teas

Morning Coffee and Ploughman's Lunches available in The Range

Grand festival Draw

Thanks to Alison Chwistek for supplying this information from the archives of her father Chas Glead.



Sherston Village Hall 300+ Club: Please support your Village Hall



Sign up before 8 February to be in all 10 draws this year and the bonus!

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 money collected is 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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Sherston Drama Group



The Spring Play is back! This year, on 12-15 April, just after Easter, Sherston Drama Group will perform Rick Abbot's hilarious mystery-farce 'But Why Bump Off Barnaby?' in the newly refurbished Village Hall. Save the dates! Performances 7.30pm, tickets from Sherston Co-op or Eventbrite from 1 March. More next month...

Sherston Arts Festival 2023



The date for this year's festival has been changed a little and will take place from Friday 3 November to Sunday 12 November. We are looking for new committee members to help plan a varied and interesting programme so if you feel you can offer ideas please get in touch: heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

Online Training Course for Dementia Carers

Learn more about dementia, about looking after someone with memory loss and the legal aspects of caring. Alzheimer's Support's relaxed and friendly online training course for family carers in Wiltshire runs for two hours each week for six weeks on Thursday mornings: 10.00am -12.00noon, 9 March – 13 April. It's informal with plenty of time for questions and discussion. Topics include:

- * What is dementia? - with Sheila Ashley
- * Ideas for managing problems at home - with Sheila Ashley
- * Safer moving and assisting - with Chris Brownfield (Able to Train)
- * Staying healthy – how carers can take care of themselves - with Paul Whitby (clinical psychologist)
- * Care at home and evaluating home care - with Ellen Borthwick
- * Financial & legal aspects of caring - with Maxine Coles (Goughs solicitors)

These introductory courses run several times a year and are aimed at new carers or those who have not yet had the opportunity to take part. They are partly funded by Wiltshire Council. For more information: www.alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk/online-training-course-for-family-carers



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Three years of Sustainable Sherston: What's happened and where we go next



It's been over three years since the founding members of Sustainable Sherston (Joy Smith, Hannah Griffin and Martin Smith) had their first meeting to see what could be done locally to reduce our carbon footprint and improve biodiversity. Three years on, we thought it was a good idea to take a look back at what's happened so far and think about what to do next.

What have we done?

- In March 2021, with the help of many local families, we planted 30 fruit and nut trees, plus wildflowers, to form a community orchard in the Village Hall Field and we planted three trees in Easton Square.



The Community Orchard in March 2021

- In 2020, we set up extra recycling facilities for soft plastics, medical blister packs, batteries and light bulbs (the Co-op has now taken over soft plastics and Wiltshire Council now takes batteries).
- We took over the recycling of printer cartridges which helps pay for defibrillator maintenance.
- We held a retrofit fair which imparted useful information on how people can better insulate their homes.
- We installed 60 swift boxes around the village in the summer of 2021.
- We've held two village-wide garage sales - in September 2021 and 2022 - which helped the reuse of goods.
- We purchased a thermal imaging camera for public use, which has been used by 48 residents to date to highlight where their houses need better insulation.
- We purchased juicing and pasteurising equipment and in 2022 produced 700 bottles of apple juice using apples from around the village; the proceeds



Installing the swift boxes

of which went to the Friends of Sherston School (FSS) and towards our future projects. Note: Final bottles will be on sale on Saturday 11 February, 2.00-4.30pm, Sherston Village Hall.

- We created a carbon footprint calculator so that households can assess their carbon footprint.
- We drafted a Climate Action Plan that was approved by Sherston Parish Council in late 2022.



Sustainable Sherston stall at the Boules Tournament

- We advised the Boules Tournament on how to be more sustainable and provided water stations to avoid single-use plastic bottles.
- We've arranged two Apple Days, numerous talks and articles in the Cliffhanger.



Getting to grips with electric bikes from the Wild Carrot at Chavenage.

What's next?

There are a number of projects in progress:

- working with Wiltshire Highways to get better signage on the Foxley Road to encourage cycling between Sherston and Malmesbury;
- completing the tree planting at Sherston School and Easton Square;
- assisting with refurbishment of the school wild area (with the FSS and Parish Council);
- the installation of public charging points for electric vehicles in the village; and
- sharing the Climate Action Plan with other towns/parishes and the Wiltshire Climate Alliance.

2023 and beyond

Now is a good time to look to the future and consider what we want to focus on in 2023. If you have any suggestions or want to get involved, please get in touch by emailing us on sustainablesherston@gmail.com. In the meantime, we will be deciding what to focus on from the following list:

- monitor water quality in the Sherston Avon;
- devise a plan to increase the biodiversity of Grove Wood;
- work with Wiltshire Council and landowners to increase biodiversity of road verges;
- work towards improved safe pedestrian and cycle routes from Sherston to Westonbirt Arboretum and Tetbury;
- facilitate collection and recycling for wastes that are not collected by Wiltshire Council where this is feasible;
- assist homeowners to be more energy efficient by providing education, access to energy audits and advice;
- assist Sherston School to install better roof insulation;
- investigate installing solar PV on the Old School roof;
- encourage more wildflowers around community orchard and install signboard and seats;
- improve Sustainable Sherston's communications with the public;
- provide Carbon Literacy Training for local businesses and council; and
- adapt guidance from Malmesbury Against Plastics and add to our website.

A big thank you to the rest of the Sustainable Sherston team - Richard Skeffington, Kevin Noble, Sarah Nelson, Tea Smart, Ben Smee and Eleanor Lines - for all of your hard work over the past few years.

We are also grateful to Marion Newton-King, Paul Ormiston, the FSS, Wessex Water, Mid-Counties Co-op, Sherston Parish Council, Sherston Village Hall Committee and the Malmesbury Area Board for all of their help.

And finally thank you to all of you who have got involved with our events and initiatives, and are working to help make our community greener and more sustainable. Here's to 2023!

Cllr Martin Smith

The Steering Committee of Sustainable Sherston enjoying an Indian Christmas dinner at The Bridge. Note the reusable crackers and crowns!



Sustainable Sherston works to increase biodiversity in the village



The Community Orchard was planted on part of the Village Hall Field in 2021, and has continued to thrive in spite of the dry summer last year, which required some heroic watering efforts! In 2022 we concentrated on obtaining more funding for planting of native species, and an opportunity arose with the new sewerage scheme that Wessex Water is constructing behind Easton Town and Sandpits Lane. Inevitably this has meant the removal of a few trees, and to compensate for this Wessex Water has funded 12 rather fine young trees for us to plant: nine at Sherston Primary School (silver birches, rowans, cherries, a willow, a field maple, an oak and a crab apple) and three on Easton Square (a plum, a cherry and a crab apple). In addition the Woodland Trust provided 30 small saplings (rowans, birches and cherries) for community planting at the School and elsewhere, and Mrs Jill Woodward donated a sturdy beech sapling. Next month the school will describe how Willow Class planted all these at the school on a rare fine day in January!

Wessex Water also funded a small wildflower meadow on the school 'roundabout' and some bird and hedgehog boxes around the village. Sustainable Sherston still has some saplings available for planting in public places – if you can suggest a home for them please email me at r.a.skeffington@gmail.com.

Richard Skeffington



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 for 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. Non-members welcome. 50p donation.

Our next meeting is:

Thursday 23 February: The History of Pantomime, Sara Gray

We are lucky to have u3a members with a multiplicity of talents and interests! Most of us are also fortunate to have been welcomed to the Malmesbury & District u3a by Sara Gray or to have attended her drama performances. She is a former primary school and drama teacher. After retirement, she gained a degree and then an MA in English literature.

Although the pantomime season is just coming to an end, maybe you have been to one recently. If so, we hope you enjoyed it! The history of pantomime is fascinating, and in her talk Sara will be providing insights into its development and the careers of many of the stars whose skills have delighted audiences. She will include stories and anecdotes connected with performers and performances across the centuries.

Since their inception, pantomimes have captured the fashion and culture of their times. They are in turns bawdy, anarchic, romantic, patriotic, chaotic and downright weird - as they say, 'All human life is there!' Come and see what pantomime tells us about society and about ourselves.

Movies@Malmesbury

February programme

Mon 6	2.00 pm	Avatar: The Way of Water
Fri 10	8.00 pm	Avatar: The Way of Water
Wed 15	7.00 pm	Barber of Seville (Opera) *
Mon 20	2.00 pm	Empire of Light
Fri 24	8.00 pm	Empire of Light

Tickets: 2.00pm and 5.30pm £5 & £4, 8.00pm £6
Except: * £12

Tickets available from Malmesbury Town Hall or online at <https://cinema.malmesbury.gov.uk/>. Please note: All tickets must be purchased in advance.

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

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Highlights for February

Saturday 4 February Comedy Club:

Tonight Mark Cram and Diane Spencer are compered by cabaret goddess Ada Campe. 8.00pm. Tickets: £12, £10 under-25s.

Saturday 11 February Noasis:

Supergroup Oasis definitive tribute band, touring since 2006 with all the classic songs. 7.30pm. Tickets: £18.

Saturday 18 February Katey Brooks:

Singer-songwriter Katey has featured on radio and on stage around the world and her most recent album, Revolute, included a best album of the year. 7.30pm. Tickets: £14.50, £10 under-25s.

Wednesday 22 February Children's Theatre:

Playtime with the Last Baguette from 10.00am followed by a Theatre Workshop 2.00-5.00pm. Booking essential as spaces are limited. Thanks to Tesco's Community Grants, these sessions are free.

Saturday 25 February Shylock:

The story of Shylock from The Merchant of Venice, written and performed by RSC performer Gareth Armstrong. His performance has won awards around the world. 7.30pm. Tickets: £14.50, £10 under-25s.

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Best party band on the festival circuit heading for Malmesbury



For The Love are hooking up with the Party Not Arty team at Malmesbury Live Arts to bring some summer festival vibes to Malmesbury Town Hall with the bonkers (but brilliant) Imperial Leisure on Saturday 25 February.

You may have seen them headline at the Boondocks Festival a couple of years back (remember the alligator riding and the giant beachball surfing?) or you may have seen them at Glastonbury, or Boomtown or Shambala - but wherever you have seen them, you will know it's going to be a party and a half - and if you haven't seen them, boy have we got a treat for you!

So, c'mon, shake off those winter blues and get a splash of summer on your bucket hat - what else were you going to do on a wet Saturday night in February when even Strictly has finished?!

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And as if that's not enough party from one night, The Arkensaw Jukebox Collective are adding their madness to this winter warmer! You have probably seen them at many a festival but, if not, try to imagine (if you can!) Sex Pistols on a banjo, Stormzy as a bluegrass rapper, Radiohead as a waltz! They find the hidden country heart of any song and play them bluegrass style!

So that's two quality acts on the same night for the price of a pie and a pint (£14), just search for Malmesbury Live Arts on www.eventbrite.co.uk to get your hands on the remaining tickets and, this being For The Love, all the profits from this event go to Malmesbury Live Arts to support their fantastic work bringing top-drawer artists like this into the town.

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Our first meeting of the year in January was titled Language of Flowers with demonstrator Caroline Cooper. It will be commented on in the next issue.

Our meeting this month is on Wednesday 15 February, titled Nature's Winter Palette with demonstrator Coral Gardner. This is a good opportunity to see friends, watch a professional demonstration, have refreshments and to get away from these wet, dark evenings!

Next month, we have a talk/demonstration on the Fairford Flower Collective on Wednesday 15 March.

Our meetings are held at Crudwell Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Fee for the evening to non-members is £7.50, including cake and tea/coffee. Full membership fee is at a very reasonable price and a list of demonstrations and visits are already scheduled for the year. Flower arrangements are raffled at the end of the meeting whereby an opportunity to acquire a gorgeous arrangement is possible for a raffle ticket!

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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
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- Lids from packs of meat, ready meals
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- Flower wrappers • Biscuit wrappers
- Bags from dried fruit, sugar, pulses, rice and pasta
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- 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

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 1stsherstonbrownies@gmail.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 smythtanya@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-forestschoool@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 russellhtownsend@gmail.com

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

Exercise for over 60s with Synchronicity 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, emmacope@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 Boules 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 mplholland@btinternet.com

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

Sherston W.I. (Founded 1940) Meetings on first Thurs of the month May-Sep 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

Sizes 17 Recorder Group A mixed ability adult group with recorders of all ages 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.mamesburymorris.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 Catherine Doody 07588 695847 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.

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 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.

Quiz & Burger Night Quiz starts at 8pm Mondays Check boards for more details, call 840871, follow on Twitter or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk

Rattlebone Boules League 2023 - PRIZEGIVING EVENING

2022 Prizegiving Evening in the Rattlebone Inn on Thurs 16 Feb

As usual there will be a splendid buffet available from 7pm followed by the presentation of the Trophies for the 2022 League Season and the inaugural Tony Towle Trophy Competition.

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 :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 :services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/Library/Stop/65

Sherston Village Hall – Grand Opening of the Butterfly Hall

Official Opening of the Butterfly Hall (the renovated entrance annexe) Fri 24 Feb at 3pm, we warmly invite anyone who has donated to the project, including all those who have 'bought' a butterfly. On Sat 25 February, the Village Hall will be open 2-4pm Come and see the new facilities, the butterfly wall-hangings and consider hiring this wonderful space. The Butterfly Hall can be hired separately for small gatherings, as well as being a welcoming space for parties and wedding receptions, using the whole hall.

White Horse Opera perform Ruddigore by Gilbert and Sullivan: Sat 4 March

Sherston Village Hall, 7.30pm Tickets: £10 from Sherston Co-op (cash only) or online www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera (with a booking fee)

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.

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

Sherston's Gardening Club

Talks: **10 Feb** 'Planting up Pots and other Stories' by Mike Hinwood of Foxley Road Nurseries

10 Mar - 'Three generations of gardeners at Kiftsgate' by Vanessa Berridge

14 Apr - AGM (including dahlia sales and bulb photographic competition)

2 May 'Where the Wild Flowers Grow: My botanical journey through Britain & Ireland' by published author, Leif Bersweden

All talks 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.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 6 Feb Visit to Melcourts Compost. 10.30am for 11.00am start. Please car share if possible
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, total cost £40 includes entry ticket and return trip). Non-members are welcome, first come, first served. sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com for more details.

Sherston WI

Talk: The history and uses of goat's milk Nick King. **Thur 2 Feb**

Talk: Love & Marriage-A Registrar's Story Anne Ewing **Thurs 2 Mar**

Both 2.30pm British School Room Visitors welcome £4

Competitions & Refreshments. For more information: sherstonwi@gmail.com 841421 or Facebook sherstonwi

Sherston Drama Group Spring Play 2023

The next production will be a play in Easter 2023 (April 12th-15th), and we're keen to hear from anyone who'd like to take part. Reading/audition evening in early Jan after which rehearsals will begin on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the British School Room. To help us choose a play it helps to have an idea of who's interested in being in the cast so please email us asap if you are (contact details below) and we'll send you the details of the audition evening.

Off-stage roles available include a lighting technician, a prompter, make costumes, paint scenery, or help run Front of House. Get in touch to discuss how you could be involved! We're

also on the lookout for someone to be Assistant Director for this production. Directing is a really rewarding process requiring a mix of creativity and organizational skills, and this is a chance to learn how it's done – just bring enthusiasm and we'll teach you what you need to know! If you're interested in taking part in any way, onstage or off, please email the Director, Richard Skeffington (r.a.skeffington@gmail.com). Both new and past members extremely welcome!

Sherston Arts Festival 2023

Planning events for the festival underway, this year the dates are: Fri 3 - Sun 12 Nov. 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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Malmesbury

Harpist at Malmesbury Abbey

Come and enjoy the wonderful sounds of the harp played live by Bristol performer Emmy Broughton – Sat 4 Feb 11am to midday. This is a free concert organised by Celebrating Age Wiltshire. No booking required – just come along

Athelstan Museum

Talks and Exhibitions

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

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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](http://www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html) for schedules, synopses, trailers etc.

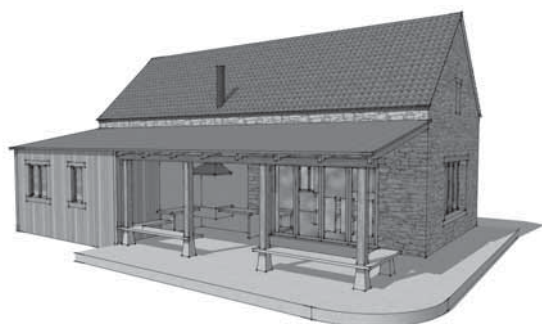
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Long Players – Sat 25 Mar Town Hall
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www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whatson

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.

Malmesbury & District u3a

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Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

Operation Mincemeat (2022) – Drama Fri 10 Feb 2023 Starring: Colin Firth, Johnny Flynn, Kelly Macdonald, Matthew MacFadyen
£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

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Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB For further details email nwvflowerclub@gmail.com or visit [:northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk](http://northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk) Facebook page – North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club.

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See website for details or call 01225 448844 www.theatreroyal.org.uk

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