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Sherston Village Hall - a new beginning



The New Year will see us being able to use our wonderful new annexe to the Village Hall. There may well be a few details to complete but largely it will be up and running for use this month. After much discussion amongst the Village Hall committee, we have decided to call it The Butterfly Hall and it will be available to hire as a separate space.

It will be limited to being hired when the main hall is not being used but available slots would probably be mid- to late afternoon, early evening on weekdays. It has its own servery so is suitable for drinks parties, tea afternoons or small groups. It will also come into its own for interval drinks during performances and wedding receptions.

We also plan to run 'drop-in' sessions when you can come for a cup of tea and meet or make friends. This has not been organised yet, but look out for further details.

The official opening will be on Friday 24 February at 3.00pm. We warmly invite anyone who has made a donation to the project, including all those who have 'bought' a butterfly. On the following day, Saturday 25 February, the Village Hall will be open to anyone (times to be decided) who would like to come along and see the new extension. More details in next month's Cliffhanger.

Moving forward, there are more things that we would like to do. We plan to have curtains and a blind on the inner arched window and door for blackout and privacy when events are happening in the main hall. Funding for this is partly coming from the sale of the photobook 'Sherston Life', so do carry on buying the book.

We would like to replace the kitchen door and window, and small hall window, to match the new big windows and for improved insulation.

We would also like to have a website for the Village Hall, to show our facilities and make bookings easier.

Finally, we would like to spend some money on servicing and improving the present heaters. (Apologies to users who have found the halls very cold over the last few weeks.)

So, if you are someone who would like to carry on helping our Village Hall, or perhaps have not donated yet, maybe think of these specific items. Please get in touch:

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Sherston Magna Cricket Club County Success



Sherston Magna Cricket Club is pleased to announce that three of its junior players have been selected by Wiltshire Cricket for its Talent Pathway Winter Coaching Programme.

Henrietta Butler has been selected for the County Girls U13 programme, Harris Heathcock for the County Boys U13 programme and Max Tremellen for the County Boys U10 programme.

They will be attending a 12-week winter indoor coaching course in preparation for the 2023 playing season.

We wish them all the best in this next stage of their cricketing development.





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Sherston Community Choir (SHoCC)

After a bit of a break, we have been delighted to be able to perform in public again. It was an honour to be able to sing at the Remembrance Sunday ceremony. We have taken part since the service was moved out of the church to the lychgate in 2014, and it was good to be able to re-turn to normal after a two-year break.

December's performance was very different, Christmas jumpers and Santa hats were in evidence as we sang at the Westonbirt Enchanted Christmas trail on 9 December. If you cast your minds back, that was the very cold spell (about -2°C) and yes we were outside! As usual though, this was a really enjoyable evening. We sang a range of music, from the beautiful Angels' Carol by John Rutter to Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer via A Winter's Tale and many traditional carols. We also had our first bilingual carol with Nataliya singing the Ukrainian words to what we know in English as the Carol of the Bells, which is a traditional song from Ukraine.



After which, we were able to visit the illuminated trail. This year our charity collection was in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

So we now look forward to another year of singing together, and would love more people to come and join us. There is no audition, and you don't need to be able to read music. We range in age from 13 to 'we don't talk about it'! We meet at 7.30pm on a Wednesday evening, at present in the parish church, and we would love you to join us. Just call in, or contact us via our Facebook page. Our new term starts on Wednesday 11 January. Hope to see some of you then.

Copy deadline: 10th of the previous month. Send to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk or hard copy to Sherston Post Office Stores. What's On: contact Caroline Moore at info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

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

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Boules Festival fund update - and help needed!



Happy New Year from the Boules Festival committee. We are pleased to announce that following a marvellous festival last July, we managed to raise £8,000 for local groups and causes including:

Sherston Parish Church, Village Hall, Cricket Club, Football Club, Netball Club, 922 Squadron ATC, Friends of Sherston School, Senior Club, Sherston Scouts Group, Sherston Brownies, Drama Group, Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Friends of Luckington School, Guides, Congregational church, Sustainable Sherston and Minety Rugby club.

Thank you everyone for your support.

We are already gearing up for this July's festival (15th - save the date!) but we really need more volunteers to get involved and join, or at least help, the committee organise the biggest event in the village calendar! This is a great opportunity to give something back to the community and bring a fresh perspective to the committee.

Please email sherstonboules@gmail.com to register your interest.

Sherston WI

the WI

December Report

(apologies from the Cliffhanger team that this was not included in the December issue)

Unfortunately, the sugar craft workshop was not able to take place last month due to unforeseen circumstances at the last moment but a member of Sherston WI, Goug Wilcox, stepped in with a fascinating talk on her life in fashion.

Goug was born in Silver Street and then moved into one of the council houses in Easton Square. These six houses were a gift from Sweden after the Second World War (each county got six houses). Goug attended the local schools and then had a year at Chippenham College followed by Dartington College. A year waitressing to make some money was followed by a year in Rome where she was an au pair to three boys and learnt Italian. This was followed by three years at Bristol College of Art studying fashion. Goug returned to Rome where she worked as a designer/ sketcher before moving to London to design evening wear and she bought her first studio flat in St Johns Wood. At this point, she found herself out of work and so began her own company, Keturah Brown Ltd, designing lingerie. (Keturah was the name of Goug's grandmother.) The first collection was sold to Harrods and featured in Vogue. After 10 years of designing and making lingerie, Goug received her first British fashion award and she was able to buy her own shop in Primrose Hill and live in the flat above, before returning to live in Sherston some years later. Members were able to see some of the designs and to feel the fabric samples that Goug brought to show us.

Sherston WI is very pleased to have been able to donate £50 to the Malmesbury Food Bank this Christmas and a quantity of warm clothes and toiletries to The Sisters of the Church in Bristol to

Sherston Senior Club

On 22 November, we had our last coach outing for 2022 going to Cribbs Causeway. On 29 November, we welcomed back The Jaybirds, a harmonious singing group. They also play unusual instruments, including 'the handbag' a sort of squeezebox. We had a lovely afternoon being entertained by them, followed by warm mince pies and tea and coffee. Alison Atkins brought her jewellery for last-minute presents.

Our next meeting, on 6 December, was our Christmas lunch at The Royal Ship. Members were able to enjoy their meal for half price thanks to the generous donations we have received this year.

Our next meeting is on 10 January at 2.00pm for a quiz and bingo and renewal of membership, held at £15 per year. We are a relaxed and friendly club and new members are very welcome. Finally, we wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

be distributed where needed.

January Report

It was with anticipation that we were looking forward to our December talk with author Glenn Salter who writes under the pen name of Simon Fairfax but very unfortunately it was a foggy day and Glenn, who was travelling from Worcestershire, was held up in traffic on the motorway and was unable to make it to Sherston.

Some committee members enjoyed decorating the WI Christmas tree in Holy Cross Church with the theme of Jam and Jerusalem. We have to thank our Secretary Alison Swayne for making the decorations and member Helen Quirk for the fantastic cup cakes.

This month, instead of our normal afternoon meeting, we shall be gathering at The Old Royal Ship for a post-Christmas lunch for members.

Raffle fundraising success!



Thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket from a half-frozen Beaver, Brownie, Cub or Scout outside the Co-op last month, and thank you to the Co-op and Tracklements for supporting the raffle with hamper donations. We raised over £1,400 which is fantastic and will be a great help towards the Scout Hut running costs for this year.

Happy New Year to all - and congratulations again to the hamper winners!



Footpath Group Update



Things have been a little quiet of late, but we are now starting to pick things back up again, or maybe we should say we are 'warming things up'.

You may recall that, during the spring last year, a number of residents volunteered to help with the renovation of the steps at the far end of Grove Wood. We had plans to undertake similar work early this year on the steps at the Stretchline end, and are pleased to be able to announce that, with the help of the wonderful Cotswold Warden Volunteer Group, we were able to start that earlier than expected, with works getting off to a great start prior to the period of poor weather at the end of last year. The wardens were able not only to sure up the steps to stop walkers slipping and sliding, but they also surprised us by adding a handrail!

We are hoping to complete the steps themselves, together with addressing issues with the top and bottom paths (assuming we can convince some volunteers to help) by spring this year. Watch this space ...

What else is planned?

The second phase of the eight annual planned phases of the coppicing of Grove Wood has been scheduled in for 29 January. We have a couple of people with both the skills and equipment to undertake the cutting, but really could do with four or five additional people to help with the tidying up of the cuttings themselves. The works will start at 9.00am on 29 January, with volunteers being asked to meet at the far end of Grove Wood. If you do have two or three hours to spare that morning, we really could do with some help!

If you are able to spare some time, please could you email either Nigel.Freeth@Sherston.org.uk or Tanya. Burgess@Sherston.org.uk. Thank you!



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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.

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This month's meeting is Friday 13 January: The Evolution of Flowers, An illustrated talk by Nick Wray, Curator Bristol Botanic Gardens.

Hope you all had a happy festive season. A big thank you first of all to Sue Shortridge for some fantastic creative ideas at our last meeting! We start the New Year, using the quiet month of January to plan ahead for warmer days in the garden. It's a time for ordering seeds and shrubs, whilst awaiting a burst of colour from spring bulbs and foliage.

Cuttings

Our first talk of the year should get you in the mood. If you've visited Bristol Botanic Gardens, you'll know of the unique plant collections and glasshouses. Over 4,500 species of plants in beautiful displays are designed to tell the story of plant evolution. Nick Wray comes with extensive knowledge and interesting facts and stories. Definitely worth coming along.

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

Community

RHS Malvern Spring Show 2023: The coach will leave Sherston High Street on Friday 12 May, exact time tbc. An all-in price (bus plus show entry) is £40 per person. Just a £10 deposit secures your place with full amount due by end of March. Please let us know quickly if you'd like to come aboard.

Please join our Sherston Gardening Club Facebook page. Questions answered, photos to view and upload. Designed for our members, it's your forum for tapping into years of collective wisdom!

Blooming Sherston. Tulip bulbs have arrived and we are now awaiting the lovely big trough to be sited opposite the Post Office. We want to make a brighter village so let us know if you are interested in helping, either manually or creatively!

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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. Here's how the year is shaping up so far, though some dates may be subject to revision:

- 13 January 'The Evolution of Flowers' by Nick Wray (Curator of Bristol Botanic Gardens)
- 10 February 'Planting up pots/Pruning' by Mike Hinwood of Foxley Road Nurseries.
- 10 March 'Three generations of gardeners at Kiftsgate' by Vanessa Berridge.
- 14 April 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.
- 12 May Malvern Spring Flower Show.
- 6 June 'The Art of Plant & Seed Hunting' by Penny Jones, Chief Propagator at Westonbirt Arboretum.
- 7 July Summer Social at the Garden House, Westonbirt (courtesy of Mr & Mrs Turner).

No Meeting in August, though NGS visits will be organised nearer the time.

5 September (prov) - 'Propagation: everything you need to know' by expert guide, Penny Jones of Westonbirt Arboretum.

Happy New Year to all present and future members!



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School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

Happy 2023 from everyone at Sherston School! Here's a few highlights from the last term of 2022 ...

Super Swimmers

Congratulations to all our pupils who took part in the Year 5/6 Malmesbury Swimming Gala. They scooped three first places in the individual races and third place overall!



Christingle in Church

We enjoyed a very special morning celebrating Christingle in church last term. Thank you to Revd Adam Beaumont for a lovely service, and to all our children (and families!) for their beautiful singing!



Taking to the stage ...

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils took to the stage for the Willow class assembly on Roman Society and the Sycamore class assembly about Britain's former empire and diversity in multicultural Britain. Particular mentions go to Willow class for their lovely singing and Sycamore class for their ukulele rendition of Bob Marley's 'Three Little Birds'.





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Magical Nativity

Our reception, Year 1 and 2 pupils treated us to a magical nativity performance of 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'. Thank you to all our Oak and Rowan class families who came to watch the show – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Festive Fun

We had lots of festive fun in the run up to Christmas, from the Friends of Sherston School (FSS) Movie Night and Christmas Fair to our Christmas lunch, class parties and an all-school festive quiz and sing-a-long!





A very big thank you to...

Hortico plant centre for donating a lovely Christmas tree to the school from its sustainable plantation.

A very big thank you also to Aaran and the team at Sherston Co-op for all their incredible support and donations - which included everything from supplying all the snacks and drinks for the FSS Christmas Movie Night, to mince pies and sellotape for the Christmas Fair.





Festive Fundraising

Thank you to the wonderful FSS for the array of festive fundraising events last term. The Christmas Fair raised a fantastic £850+ for the school! A special thank you to all the local businesses that generously donated items for the raffle hampers and to everyone who donated gifts for the fair, volunteered to help and came along on the night.

Keep up to date with all the 2023 school news at Facebook.com/sherstonprimaryschool and www. sherstonprimary.co.uk

Sherston Drama Group



It was a busy autumn for Sherston Drama Group (SDG)!

Youth Theatre Workshop

In October, a group of our young members enjoyed a one-day drama workshop held jointly by SDG and 'The Last Baguette' theatre group from Malmesbury. We played games, did some improvisation and devised our own scenes. We learnt a lot and had loads of fun, hopefully we can do it again sometime!



Murder is Served

On 19 November, SDG presented its first ever murder-mystery evening, 'Murder is Served' by Jo West. The audience was invited to Chez Lindsay restaurant (which had popped up in the Village Hall for an evening), where they were welcomed by the manager, the charmingly arrogant Toby Lindsay (Graeme Strachan). The audience were there to celebrate the 80th birthday of their friend, cantankerous Clarissa Hopgood (played by newcomer to the group, Sheelagh Hudleston), who was accompanied by her companion, Alice Roper (portrayed perfectly downtrodden by Mandi Bailey-Turner). The audience were served with platters of cheese, meat and biscuits which went down well, though they may later have felt concerned when it was revealed that Toby's new Spanish chef had been responsible for poisoning a large number of guests in her previous job (Nic Pearce-Smith enjoyed revising her Spanish and waving a large knife around in this part).







As the evening wore on, nothing was going right for poor Toby. First, one of the diners col-lapsed after sipping a sangria and had to be removed by ambulance - newcomer Judith Woolliams made the most of this part by thoroughly milking her own collapse. Meanwhile, the chef was becoming drunker by the minute and Toby was also struggling to conceal the fact that he was having not one but two affairs one with Alice and one with the waitress, Delilah, played by Katie Skeffington (who also directed). Add in a family argument when Clarissa's son Clive (played with subtle comedy by Chris Fisk) made a surprise appearance with his feisty wife Gloria (Sue Ormiston, who managed multiple accents with ease). And just when it seemed the evening couldn't get any worse, Alice was found violently stabbed to death in the car park!



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At this point, it became apparent that (helpfully) one of the guests was actually a distinguished detective, Sir Percival Greenwood (Richard Skeffington), who swiftly called in his constable, PC Jones (played with great authority by Robin Turner). The audience then eagerly interrogated the cast and many important clues were examined. How did the entertainer hired for the evening (a Tom Jones impersonator acted enthusiastically by Richard Warren) know Clarissa from their younger days? What did the mysterious waitress, Amelia Dagger (played by Karli Jones in her first production with the group), have to do with anything? And so on. The audience were then invited to study some physical evidence before writing down their theories, after which Sir Percival revealed the truth. Of the 12 teams, two deduced the correct answer and the prize was given to the table with the best explanation before the evening was rounded off with a rousing rendition of a Tom Jones classic.











Many thanks to those who made this evening possible by their help behind the scenes and front of house - particularly Simon Durrant, Helen Fisk, Debbie Luter, Vee Skeffington and Kate Smee. Thanks also to Tea Smart who took these great photos of the event!

Spring Play 2023

Our next production will be a play at Easter (12-15 April), and we're keen to hear from anyone who'd like to take part! There will be a reading/audition evening in early January 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.

If acting's not your thing but you'd like to be involved in our fun and friendly group don't worry, there's lots of off-stage roles available too! For example you could be a lighting technician or 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 organi-sational 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!

Advent House Magic!

The Sherston Arts Festival would like to thank all the families who took part in the Advent Trail in December. Along with the snow, everyone's amazing creativity sprinkled an extra special bit of magic over the village - with ballerinas, snowmen, snowflakes, reindeer, elves and so much more, it really was an incredible trail! With so many houses taking part, we have tried to include as many pictures as we can ...

























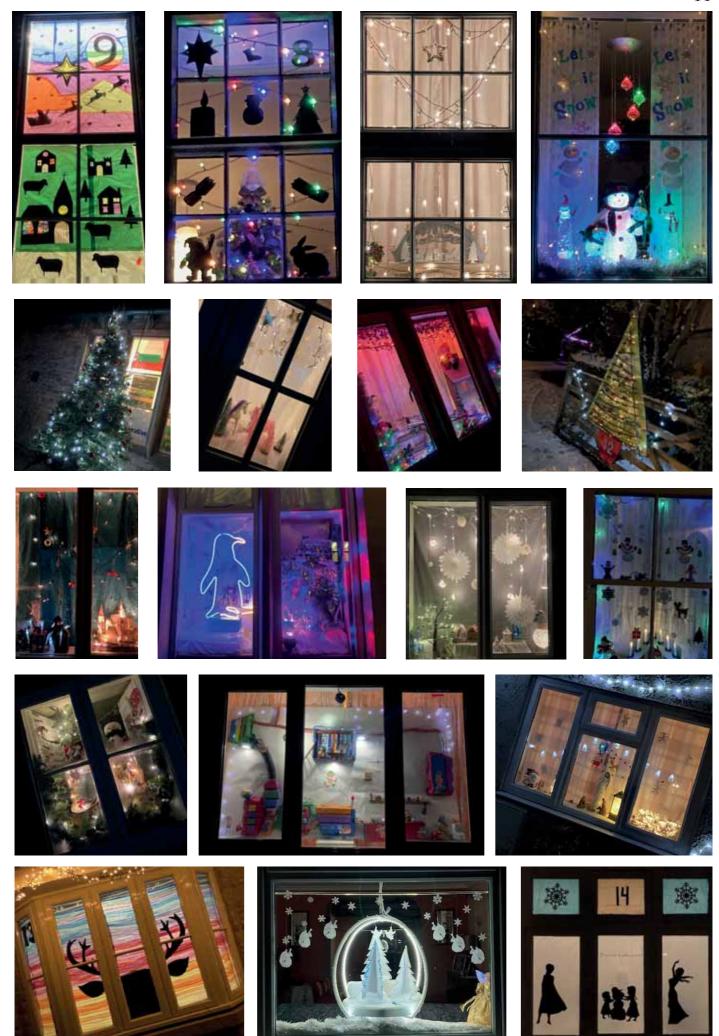




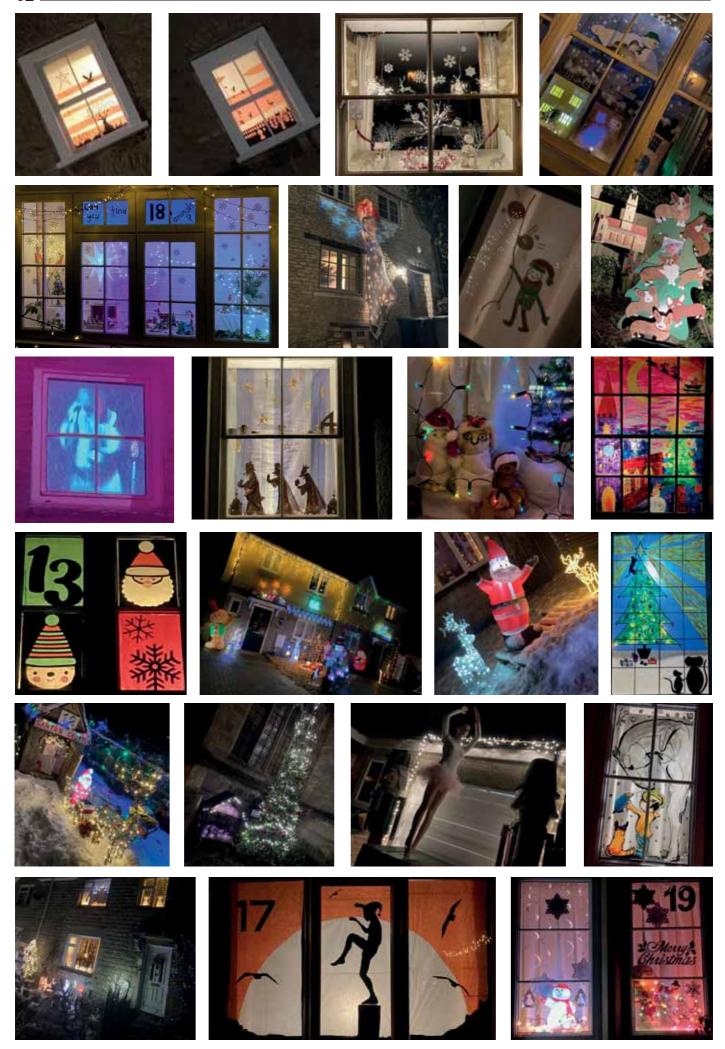




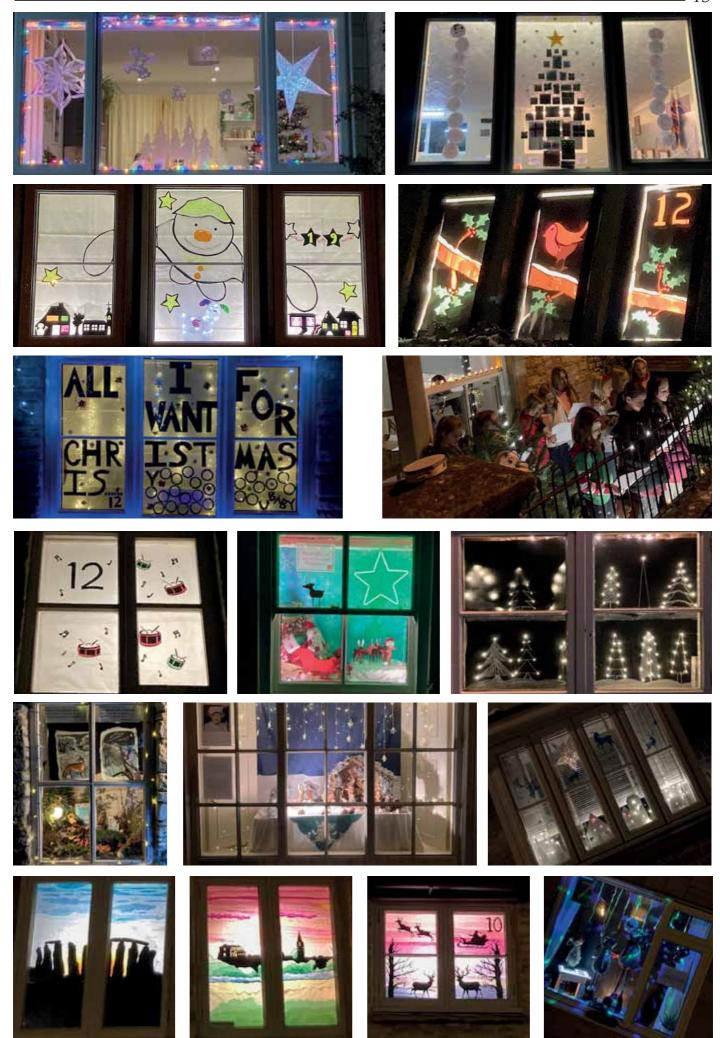
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Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of the month (10.00am-12.00noon) at Malmesbury Town Hall with Zoom as an option for those who do not wish to attend in person. The meeting format is kept under review to take account of the Covid situation.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

Our first meetings of 2023 are:

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

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

Hector has worked in most of the major museums in the country and has an international reputation as an authority on the forging of historic arrowheads. He has enjoyed shooting the long-bow since his youth and until recently was a keen fencer.

Thursday 23 February - The highs and lows of the early days of the Theatre Royal Bristol - A theatre without a door - Sara Gray

We are lucky to have many u3a members with a multiplicity of talents and interests! Most of us are also fortunate to have been welcomed to the M&D 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.

Sara's early working life was spent in an interesting part of Bristol, which she loved, and she has always been fascinated by the city's theatre history. Preparing this talk was a great chance to bring these enthusiasms together and to revisit memories of The Bristol Arts Centre where, with a fantastic teacher, she started to learn the art and craft of acting. The Theatre Royal Bristol is now known as the Bristol Old Vic. It has a rich history to divulge, involving silver tickets, protests, stars, ghosts and an elephant. Something, we hope, for everyone!

Movies@Malmesbury

January programme

Fri 6 2.00 pm Matilda Fri 6 8.00 pm Living Mon 9 2.00 pm Living Mon 9 8.00 pm Matilda Mon 16 2.00 pm She Said

Thurs 19 7.15pm Like Water for Chocolate

(Ballet) *

Friday 20 8.00 pm She Said

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.

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We are very excited to be able to announce that tiered seating will be installed in the Town Hall at the start of April. It will feature 10 rows with eight seats per row and will move out from the rear wall on powered wheels. The seats will have high backs

and will be air sprung (so no more 'numb bums'). The whole unit should be able to be moved into place in five minutes, meaning that the hall will still be able to be used as a flat space for community use (exercise classes etc) but can be transformed into a cinema / theatre / lecture theatre / concert hall in just a short space of time.

Obviously, this will transform Movies@ Malmesbury, addressing two issues that have concerned us over the years - the uncomfortable nature of the existing seats and the difficulty of being able to see the whole screen from the back of the hall.

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Malmesbury League of Friends donates £30,000 to Dorothy House Appeal

The Malmesbury League of Friends (MLOF) has donated £30,000 towards the Dorothy House 'Always Here' Appeal, which aimed to raise £500,000 to help grow and enhance their vital care for local patients and families.

The donation will make a significant contribution to the cost of providing specialist palliative and end-of-life care to patients with life-limiting illnesses in Malmesbury and the surrounding villages. With only 22% of Dorothy House's annual costs funded by the NHS, this type of support from local community groups is absolutely crucial. Dorothy House launched an ambitious fundraising appeal this November to help raise the funds needed to ensure it can continue to care for all those in need of support. This was recognised by the Care Quality Commission in July 2022, when its care was rated as 'Outstanding'.

Thanks to the donations by hundreds of people across the region, the 'Always Here' Appeal successfully raised £450,000 during a 36-hour fundraising effort over the weekend of 5 and 6 November. The MLOF donation played an important role in encouraging others, doubling the impact of their support. It will be used to help fund a newly expanded team of nurses, carers and clinical support assistants, who care for residents in the peace of their own homes.

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said: 'We have been delighted by the support for this appeal. The MLOF donation is much appreciated, and follows many years of their support for Dorothy House. It will make a real difference to our ability to continue to care for local residents facing death, dying and bereavement.'

MLOF chairman David Hide said: 'We are delighted to support his appeal, which will enable Dorothy House to provide even better levels of care to their patients in the local communities where they live, in our case in and around Malmesbury.'



From L-R: MLOF trustee Paul Hewson, MLOF chairman David Hide & DH Philanthropy & Trust Fundraiser Anna Robertson outside the Dorothy House Malmesbury shop.

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

In November, we had a successful workshop using twigs in different ways to make various Christmas arrangements and, in December, we had our Christmas date at Pettifers Hotel for nibbles and chat. Now, we are all ready to welcome in 2023.

Our first meeting is on Wednesday 18 January: 'The Language of Flowers' with demonstrator Caroline Cooper. February's meeting is on Wednesday 15, titled 'Nature's Winter Palette' with demonstrator Coral Gardner. Meetings are held at Crudwell Village Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. The fee for the evening to non-members is £7.50 and includes refreshments and then the arrangements are raffled. There is ample car parking at the hall so please join us where a warm welcome awaits.

Happy New Year. Tina Reynolds 07487 705308



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Local recycling and zero waste outlet information



Recycling Facilities:

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 to book in advance!

Soft plastics and batteries:

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

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

- Bread bags Produce bags Ordinary carrier bags
- Wrappers around kitchen towel and toilet roll
- Bags that nappies come in
- Bags from cotton wool Cereal box liners
- Bags from frozen foods Bags from ice cubes
- Lids on, yogurts, cream, desserts
- Lids from packs of meat, ready meals
- Lidding film from cheese packs
- Wrapping around chicken
- Fruit and veg flow wrap Chocolate wrappers
- Croissant, pancake, crumpet, etc wrappers
- Wrappers from cakes, Yorkshire puddings
- Flower wrappers Biscuit wrappers
- Bags from dried fruit, sugar, pulses, rice and pasta
- Protective wrappers from gift wrap, bags from gift tags
- Bags from household textiles and similar all-purpose cloths, dusters, dishcloths, rubber gloves, scourers
- Wrappers from pet food Pastry packaging
- Wrappers from pies, pasties and sausage rolls
- Bagged sweets Pizza wrappers
- Bags from porridge, muesli pouches
- Packaging from baby wipes and similar
- Crisp packets Sweet wrappers Pet Food Pouches If you have a BIG bag, please hand it directly to a member of staff and they will add it to their big bin at the rear of the shop. Smaller amounts can simply be added to the collection bin just inside the entrance to the shop. PLEASE ... NO compostables, NO hard plastic, NO plastic bottles and NO plastic trays.

Batteries/low-energy light bulbs

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

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

Clothes and Shoes Collection Point:

Wiltshire Air Ambulance - Sherston Village Hall Car Park

Ink Cartridges:

Sherston High Street Telephone Box

Dental items:

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

Zero Waste Shops:

Bennett's (Vending) Farm Shop, Tetbury Lane, Leighterton (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 sherston 1016@gmail.com or 07717 424619.

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

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

Sherston Badminton and Table Tennis Club We play every Tues evening from 7.30-9.30pm in the Village Hall from Sept to the end of May. New members welcome – mixed ages (over 18) and abilities. For more information, contact. David Boyle 841587, 07740 188882 or email djboyle@hotmail.com

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

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

1st Sherston Guides Meet every Wed during term time 5-6.30pm at Sherston Village Hall. Girls are welcome to join after their 10th birthday, no waiting list. Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Fi Picton via fi.picton@outlook.com

1st Sherston Beaver Scout Colony Beavers is open to both girls and boys aged between 6 and 8 years old. We meet at the Scout hut from 5pm to 6.15pm on Mondays during school term time. There is a waiting list for Beavers, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form.

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

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

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

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

Sherston Community Choir The community choir with conductor Trudi Baker meets at 7.30pm each Wed in term time in the Church of the Holy Cross to allow more space between singers. £3 per person. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cutcher sheilacutcher28@gmail. com or 840067, or on Facebook.

Congregational Church – in The British Schoolroom.

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

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

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

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

 $Admin/Bookings-Alicja\ Clark-alicjaclark 076 @gmail.com\ Brick\ Club-Please register\ your\ interest\ with\ Alicja\ by\ email\ or\ find\ us\ on\ Facebook.$

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-forestschool@hotmail.co.uk

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

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

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

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

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 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

Gauzebrook Church for Children Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them:

Junior Church is held at Court House, Hullavington at 11.00am now on the first Sunday of each month, except for August. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

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

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

Junction 17 Recorder Group A mixed ability adult group with recorders of all sizes meet on Tuesdays 7.30-9pm during term-time in Hullavington Church. Occasional concerts throughout the year. New members welcome. Email

Janette jctn17recorders@outlook.com or call Heather on 07770 415171 Luckington Pre-School

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting
For details see www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Malmesbury Concert Band

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

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

Malmesbury Morris

Meet every Thursday between 7:30pm and 9pm outside in Malmesbury Station Yard Car Park during the summer and in Malmesbury Town Hall during the colder months. Beginners or new musicians always welcome. For more information contact Vicky Muir Tel: 07775 947157 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 Helen Churchill on 840080 if you'd like to attend. New members most welcome. Volunteers also needed to prepare and serve lunch, no washing up.

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers For details contact the Division Commissioner at malmesbury@ wncounty.org.uk or visit www. girlguidingwiltshirenorth.org.uk

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

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

Tetbury Art Society

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

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

Wiltshire Walks

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

The Rattlebone Inn

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

The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

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

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

In Sherston Every fortnight on Saturdays 10.30am – 12.45pm Sherston High Street For further details call clerk@sherston.org.uk or mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk or visit https://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/Library/Stop/65

Sherston Village Hall – a new beginning

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 the following day Sat 25 February, the Village Hall will be open to anyone (times to be decided) who would like to come along and see the new extension. More details in February Cliffhanger.

Church of the Holy Cross - Church events 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 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@gmail. com Brick Club - Please register your interest with Alicja by email or find us on Facebook.

Sherston's Gardening Club

Talks: Fri 13 Jan The Evolution of Flowers An illustrated talk by Nick Wray, Curator Bristol Botanic Gardens – 10 Feb 'Planting up pots/Pruning' 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.

Date for your diary: Malvern Spring Show 2023: Fri 12 May - coach to depart from the High Street. Please let us know if you wish to reserve a seat (£10 deposit will be needed, total cost £40 includes entry ticket and return trip). Non-members are welcome, first come, first served. sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com for more details.

Sherston Senior Club

Quiz and Bingo and renewal of membership – Jan 10 2pm

Sherston WI

Lunch for members The Old Royal Ship Thurs 19 Jan Talk: Nick King on the history of goat's milk 2 Feb 2.30pm British School Room Visitors welcome £4 Competitions & Refreshments. For more information: sherstonwi@gmail.com 841421 or Facebook sherstonwi

Grove Wood Coppicing

The 2nd phase of the 8 annual planned phases of the coppicing of Grove Wood has been scheduled in for the 29 Jan. Cotswold Warden Volunteer Group has a couple of people with both the skills and equipment to undertake the cutting, but really could do with 4 or 5 additional people to help with the tidying up of the cuttings themselves. The works will start at 9am on 29 Jan, with volunteers being asked to meet at the far end of Grove Wood. If you do have 2 or 2 hours to spare that morning, we really could do with some help! If you are able to spend some time, please could you email either Nigel.Freeth@Sherston.org.uk or Tanya.Burgess@Sherston.org.uk – THANK YOU

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

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

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

Knockdown The Holford Arms

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



Seasoned Fire Wood,

Qualified Chimney Sweep

Kindling and smokeless Coal

Ontact Steve Thompson on 01454 232941 07974 194012

Lowerkilcottfarm@hotmail.co.uk





Luckington The Old Royal Ship

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

Westonbirt The Arboretum

Summer Concerts – tickets on sale now for: Thurs 8 Jun; Tom Grennan Fri 9 Jun; Jack Savoretti Sat 10 Jun; Sun 11 Jun General admission by booked entry slot unless a member For further details call 880220 or visit www. forestryengland.uk/westonbirt

Malmesbury

Athelstan Museum Talks and Exhibitions

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

Movies@Malmesbury

Movies@Malmesbury is run entirely by volunteers. If you would like to help out with the running of Movies@ Malmesbury please see a member of the staff at the end of a screening or email us ghcooke@hotmail.com See main section for upcoming films showing in the Town Hall or visit our Facebook page at: MoviesatMalmesbury or www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html for schedules, synopses, trailers etc.

Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

Malmesbury Live Arts

Red Priest, A Baroque Extravaganza Sat 28 Jan, Malmesbury Abbey

Gloryhole Comedy Club, Fri 10 Feb, The Kings Arms



Imperial Leisure – Party, Not Arty! Sat 25 Feb Town Hall Instant Wit – a quick fire improvisational comedy theatre show – Sat 4 Mar Town Hall

Chris Wood – Folk Legend – Sat 18 Mar Town Hall Long Players – Sat 25 Mar Town Hall

Gloryhole Comedy Club, Fri 7 Apr, The Kings Arms See website for details and tickets 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

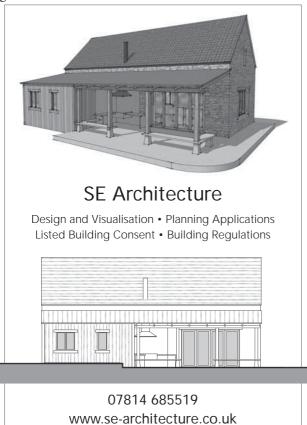
Repair Café Malmesbury are here to fix your household items on 3rd Sat each month

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

Retired? Semi-retired? Looking for new interests? Why not join us? Many of our interest groups are now meeting once again. We have over 450 members and 40 different interest



Pinkney Park. Malmesbury. Wiltshire

groups including history, gardening, dancing, languages, walking, book groups etc. Monthly meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of the month (10.00- 12.00) at Malmesbury Town Hall and/or Zoom.

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

Thurs 23 Feb - The highs and lows of the early days of the Theatre Royal Bristol - A theatre without a door - Sara Gray Non -members welcome. 50p donation. Up—to-date list of groups and other information at www.malmesburyu3a. org.uk For more information about membership e-mail membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Didmarton Flicks in the Sticks

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

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

Tetbury Tetbury Goods Shed

Thursday cinema

Weekly films 2pm and 7.30pm £7 in advance online See website for details of exhibitions, talks, concerts and films Vegetables from Aunt Addie's Visit the amazing Ros for all your delicious locally grown vegetables. Adeline Farm is a farming venture with the emphasis on quality, fresh, local and seasonal produce. Every FRIDAY 11am-2pm The Whistle Stop café open for takeaway coffees and takeaway food on Wednesdays 12-4pm and Thursday to Sunday 10am-4pm We are thoroughly Covid secure and have been certified as such by Visit England: www.shedarts.co.uk

Crudwell North Wilts Villages Flower Club

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

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





Knockdown Stone

Halfway Bush Farm, Knockdown,

Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8QY

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community See website for this month's films. Allocated seating, prebooking essential. For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com

Cirencester The Barn Theatre

The True Adventures of Marian and Robin Hood till 7 Jan AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS – 30 Jan – 11 Mar Three actors play thirteen characters in a laugh a minute family pleaser. Jules Verne's classic features a very English gentlemen and his French valet Passepartout traversing the globe to win a bet, with hysterically funny consequences. Age guidance: 8+

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

Sutton Benger Scottish Country Dancing Classes in Sutton Benger village hall Sundays 7pm - 8pm.

Everybody welcome whether you have danced before or not. Contact: irenew@live.co.uk Tel. 07973 480173

Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton-Under-Edge

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

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



National Theatre Live

Live and pre recorded screenings from The National Theatre @ the cinema Movies @ Malmesbury, Wotton Picture House Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and many other Cinemas For further details visit www.ntlive.com

Bath Theatre Royal Bath

www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Comedian ALAN CARR, the West End hit HEATHERS THE MUSICAL, a stage adaptation of the much-loved film THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION, Mischief's latest show MIND MANGLER, John Steinbeck's classic OF MICE AND MEN, family entertainment DINOSAUR WORLD LIVEand Mark Gatiss's production of Ian Hallard's new comedy THE WAY OLD FRIENDS DO, are all bound for Bath in 2023 'The Score' will have its world premiere at the Theatre Royal Bath starring Brian Cox (HBO's multi awardwinning Succession) as Johann Sebastian Bach. Produced by Theatre Royal Bath Productions, this astonishing new play by Oliver Cotton will be directed by Trevor Nunn Thurs 12 – Sat 28 Oct 2023. See website for details or call 01225 448844







EMERGENCY RESPONSE

If you are in immediate danger call 999

The public version of Sherston's Emergency Response Plan can be found on the Sherston website:

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

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

Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport 24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100 EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk (only during an incident) Floods: 0300 456 0105 or drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk

Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/ roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm

Litilities

ELECTRICITY – SSEPD Power track
To report a problem or for information call 105
www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack for a map of faults
0800 072 7282 or 0345 072 1905 from a mobile phone
@SSEPD for updates on twitter

WATER - Bristol Water

www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

WATER - Wessex water

www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/ Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

BBC Wiltshire can be heard via:

West Wilts area

(Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge): 104.3FM

Grays of Sherston

01666 840728



MOT's and Servicing 5 Church Street, Sherston

01666 840728

Local quality car care

PAWS FOR THOUGHT Professional Dog Walking Service Specialising in group dog walks Canine First Aid Trained Fully insured Countryside walks Sophie Francis 01666 840538 or 07531 057016 www.pawsforthoughtdogwalking.co.uk

Useful Numbers

BT fault line	0800 800151
Wiltshire Highways issues	0300 4560105
Cllr Martin Fausing Smith	01666 840865
Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	0207 219 6237
Sherston Parish Council	07790 883503
Sherston School	01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings)	01666 841019
Sherston CoOp PO Stores	01666 840190
Tolsey Surgery	01666 840270
Wiltshire Council	0300 4560100

