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Sherston Boules 2022



Village life. Outdoors.

Fresh air, music and dancing.

Sunshine, warm beer, Pimm's and French treats.

Catching up with old friends, and new ones.

Fierce competition and old rivalries.

Tea, cakes and duck races.

If you've missed all this since the last festival three years ago, then keep 16-17 July free, and save the flyer inside this month's Cliffhanger.

Entries for the competition are now closed, but there's plenty to come along for - a high street full of things to do, see, and listen to, food tents, live music, entertainment for the kids, and as always the drama that comes with the fierce competition that is Sherston Boules Day. Be part of it. Support our local businesses and charities. Think about helping to sweep up on Saturday as the matches finish. Then on Sunday put your wellies on ready for the legendary duck race to Mill Cottage.

Sherston Boules - back for 2022 - with extra shiny boules and super-yellow ducks.

Full rundown:

We kick off Boules week with the Senior Tea Party at 2.30pm on Tuesday the 12 July. There will be live entertainment and music over at the British School Room. Visitors £5, members £3.

Wednesday will see the Rattlebone host 'Une Soirée Française' a three-course French-inspired dinner!

The Cricket Club will be hosting a small cricket festival aimed at all the family on the Thursday evening, alongside a bar and BBQ - with a chance for everyone to get involved and have a good time.

Saturday it all kicks off at 8.20am with the church bells ringing to signal the start of play at 8.30am for the first boules matches to begin. Then, throughout the day, we have some incredible live acts from Jerri Hart and The Bonsais and - new to Boules 2022 - the incredibly Talented Tannoy Tag Team. From 10.00am, you'll hear your favourite local voices over the tannoy with the latest on match start times, results, entertainment, celebrity visits, lost keys/dogs/children, everything from starters orders to last orders at the bar. And in between you'll be entertained with

the legendary Boules playlist. If you want to find them or have an announcement to make, they'll be based at Boules HQ on the day. Thanks to everyone who's volunteered to keep the tannoy show running this Boules Day: Adam, Alec, Graeme, Mandi, Kev and Rupert.

Not forgetting our brilliant KidZone, this year featuring the always popular bouncy castle alongside an exciting assault course and a tug of war starting at noon. Photoshoots will also be happening between 12.00noon and 2.00pm, and many more exciting activities for all ages.

Then Sunday we are back out on the river once again to watch the duck race, starting around 2.30pm after the blessing of the ducks at 2.15pm. This year, we would encourage you to bring your own chairs and blankets along to enjoy the cakes and teas afterwards, as there will be a limited number of tables and chairs reserved for the disabled.

Sustainability

Limited edition Boules Day Sustainable Cup - protect the planet and save on plastic!

This year, we have a limited edition sustainable Boules Day cup. A cup you can use throughout the day and take home with you to remember the occasion! With only 100 pints and 125 half pints these limited edition cups will sell out fast, so do not delay in getting one at the bar as you ask for your drink! £2 for a pint cup and £1 for a half pint cup.



Alongside our reusable cups, this year our medals will also be sustainable! Created by the team at Eilmer's Bazaar, wooden bespoke medals will help celebrate the winners and runners-up of our boules competitions! Crafted locally, with minimal carbon footprint, out of a regenerative wood material, these are a fantastic addition to our collection.

Free water stations will also be dotted around the village during Saturday to keep everyone hydrated. Look out for these outside The Angel, at the Sustainable Sherston Stall, and at the Village Hall. Please bring your own cup, water bottle or flask to help reduce single-use plastic!

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Urgent help needed

An opportunity to help Sherston Parish Council's newsletter - The Cliffhanger - has arisen. We need urgent help with maintaining the advertising.

Adverts in the Cliffhanger have subsidised the printing costs (the only expense) for the Parish Council for the last 14 years.

The set-up is now in a very tidy state so it would be easy for a new volunteer to take over. You would be given a brief on how it works and be making a great contribution to keeping Sherston and the surrounding villages informed of the Parish Council's activities and all the social events that we are lucky to have nearby.

Please contact info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

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

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

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

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

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Summer Garden Party, Sunday 7 August

Enjoy the beautiful garden at 1 Thompsons Hill, (by kind invitation of Zoe and Cliff Metcalfe) on Sunday 7 August, starting at 5.00pm, including cream tea and cake. Extensive colourful borders, lawns and a wonderful view of the valley. Sit and chat with friends, with the opportunity to stay and watch the sun go down with a glass of something (bring a little extra cash).

Entertainment will be gentle and atmospheric with music by TakeNote, a friendly group of adult musicians who play for fun. Based in Swindon, they play a huge range of music – from early Baroque through to light-hearted music from the 20th century. With a core of descant, treble and tenor recorders, they are fortunate to be able to call upon several basses, sopranino and great bass, creating a diverse range of sound to choose from. Although they primarily play for pleasure, they have also raised money for the NSPCC, Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Rainbow Trust.

Proceeds towards upkeep of the Church of the Holy Cross.

Tickets, limited number, advance only - £10 on sale from Monday 18 July from the Co-op.

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100 Years - What has the WI done for us?



This was the question put to a rather diminished number of members (due to the long-awaited return of the Sherston Theatre Club outing) by the speaker Catherine Knight, herself a member of Box WI. Our brains were taxed trying to remember the dates that various resolutions were passed at the National Federation of WIs Annual Meetings over the years. Each year, resolutions can be put forward by members and adopted at the Annual Meeting. WI members have a unique opportunity to turn a concern into a national campaign every year, backed by the whole of the WI. The WI is democratic and member-led. A resolution is a call for change on a current issue in society. Once a resolution is adopted at the Annual Meeting, the Public Affairs Department turns it into a campaign and, through national and local campaigns, members play a key role in achieving change on important issues. Remember the slogan 'Keep Britain Tidy', 'the mandatory labelling on all meat, poultry and fish products sold in this country,' and 'the deep concern shown over the dangers to marine life of over exploitation and pollution and urges that the effect of these should be more closely monitored and controlled internationally'? Just three of many resolutions over the last 122 years of the WI.

On a lighter note, some Sherston WI members had made Jubilee cupcakes which were offered to visitors to the British School Room enjoying the 70 Years of Sherston Photographic Exhibition arranged by Tea Smart. There were several photos where WI members could see themselves on the back of hay wagons during the Carnival which used to be an annual event in Sherston. A fun time was had by all!

In July, we shall be welcoming Sara Bottomley to our meeting. Sara is an Army wife who travels extensively with her husband and makes patchwork quilts.

Visitors are always welcome to come along.



Save the Date: The Sustainable Sherston Garage Sale is back on Saturday 24 September!

Sustainable Sherston invites everyone in Sherston to join our village garage sale on Saturday 24 September (10.00am-3.00pm) to kick off Sherston's Great Big Green Week. The most effective way to reduce waste is not to create it in the first place so let's all get together to reuse what already exists in the world! Anyone in Sherston can join in and this is a great opportunity to declutter your home over the summer holidays and get your unwanted items ready for the sale.

More details in next month's Cliffhanger so keep your eyes peeled!

Sunday 9 October: Save the Date for Sustainable Sherston's Apple Day!

Sustainable Sherston will be celebrating our own Apple Day in the Village Hall and the Village Hall field on Sunday 9 October. Together with the Friends of Sherston School, we will be hosting lots of fun apple-themed games in the hall and there will be a chance for you to try or watch apple pressing to celebrate different apple varieties and taste them too! Local food and other produce will also be on sale.

We'd love your surplus apples too and we promise to juice them, bottle the juice and then sell it back to you! Please get in touch if you have apples to spare.

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Sherston Senior Club

Our mystery outing on Tuesday 17 May took us through beautiful countryside, ending up at the Leaf & Ground Garden Centre in Dursley. There was a delicatessen to explore, a café and shop, and of course lots of plants. It was a pity we had visited on the day they were giving the kitchen a deep clean, so the food menu was limited. However, it was a beautiful day and we returned to Sherston's Angel for a cold drink or a cup of tea to finish the day.

At our next meeting, we shared our memories of the Queen's reign. Members had brought old newspapers and Coronation mugs for us to see. It's very interesting what comes out of Sherston cupboards!

Coming up we are having a visit from the Malmesbury belly dancers, two of whom are Sherston residents, followed by a tea. The following week, members are invited to Goug and Eric's garden for a strawberry tea.

Our contribution to Boules week is a tea party at the British School Room on Tuesday 12 July. At 2.30pm we are being entertained by 'Bob's music'. Tickets on the door £5 visitors, £3 members. We hope to see you there.

For more information about the Club, please contact Helen Quirk 840516.

Sherston Sights



We all know about the legend that is Rattlebone, but where is he here? (Answer on page 15.)



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Garden party and information evening Saturday 23 July, 7.30pm



Following a tricky couple of years, Sherston Drama Group (SDG) is relaunching itself this summer! We're currently making exciting plans for the autumn and next year, ranging from small dramatic and social events in and around Sherston to our traditional week-long productions.

If you'd like to join a fun, friendly and social group with flexible levels of commitment then SDG is for you! We're always on the lookout for new actors and actresses – whether you've acted before or you fancy giving it a go for the first time, everyone's welcome. But if being on stage isn't your thing, there are still lots of different ways to get involved. Just to name a few, if you enjoy sewing, painting, crafting, technology, dancing, or organising, then you could join our costumes, scenery, props, lighting, choreography or front of house teams!

On Saturday 23 July we're holding a garden party at 7.30pm at Willow Trees, Hunters Field, Sherston to celebrate our relaunch. There'll be refreshments and a play reading session for those who want to take part. Both old and new members welcome! If you'd like to find out more information about the group or if you aren't sure what role you could do, come along and have a chat with us. If you're interested but can't make the date, email the Chair (katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk) to be kept up to date with news and opportunities.



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Protect the environment

- take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit
- do not light fires or BBQs
- always keep dogs under control and in sight, especially when livestock is nearby
- dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do
- care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance

Enjoy the outdoors

- enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory
- criminal damage and threatening behaviour will not be tolerated, and farmers and land managers are advised to contact the police to report any such incidents

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Sherston Open Gardens: Wet but successful!

Eighteen garden owners had worked hard to get their gardens ready to welcome visitors and then (after one of the hottest days so far) ... it rained. A very wet Saturday, although some stalwarts braved the elements, umbrella in hand. After a brighter spell, the heavens opened at 5.00pm, setting in for the evening. Sunday made up for a wet day previously and we had visitors coming from near and far. All in all, it was a successful weekend, with many appreciative comments, wonderful cakes, and a great plant stall.

Last year's event broke all previous records, this year showed how much we depend on the weather. Nevertheless, much enjoyment was had, and useful funds raised for the church.

Thanks to everyone who shared their gardens, and thanks to those who made cakes, served tea, donated and sold plants.



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School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

Performing Arts Week & Jubilee Celebrations

Our Performing Arts Week and jubilee celebrations were a lovely way to wrap up last term. Highlights included the 'Midsummer Night's Dream' Shakespeare workshop, 'Rock the Sport' performance workshop with children's rock band 'Rocktopus', Sherston's Got Talent contest, ukulele and guitar performances and our jubilee street party.

Thank you to the church and Rev'd Beaumont for the commemorative Jubilee books for all the children. And thank you to the Friends of Sherston School (FSS) for funding our Performing Arts Week workshops and for the lovely jubilee decorations for our playground 'street party'.



Y6 Cricket

Well done to our Year 6 cricketing stars who took part in the Malmesbury Cluster Cricket Festival in early June, we couldn't be prouder of you all. And huge congratulations to our team who won the competition and will be competing in the North Wilts County Championships!



Friends of Sherston School Olympic Day

Saturday 11 June saw the annual FSS Olympic Day return after a two-year break for the 10th year of the event. The sun shone and an army of people worked hard behind the scenes to ensure everything went to plan.

The day began with Richard Warren and his Olympic torch leading the competitors on a lap around the Rec. With 11 events to participate in to complete their 'passports' the children, aged from two to 13, spent several happy hours throwing netballs and shot puts, kicking footballs, long jumping, cycling, running, hurdling, trying their hand at golf, archery and nerf gun target shooting, and an obstacle course. In between all the sporting activities, there was a tombola to have a go at and lots of yummy cakes and a mouth-watering BBQ to ensure energy levels were kept high. The day concluded with the medal ceremony which saw bronze, silver and gold medals awarded in each age group. It was a fantastic day, which helped to raise much-needed funds for Sherston school, and lots of people commented on how nice it was to be back attending village events.



The FSS really appreciated everyone's help, contributions and participation both before and on the day, and know that the event couldn't have happened, or have been such a success, without many, many people helping, and so for the thank yous ...

- The team of dads led by Nick Stavri and Mike Glassborow, who set up and ran all the sporting events.
- Richard and Tom Langley, Rob Strong and Graeme Strachan for doing an excellent job of manning the BBQs. Also Richard for use of his trailer for general carting around of various bits!
- Wallace Hibbard for the kind loan of the straw bales for the podium.
- Dave Nelson for organising the sausages, burgers and rolls.
- Carron Waterhouse for loan of the archery target.
- Sherston Cricket Club and James Kutchera for the loan of their BBQ and white-line marker.
- Sherston Football Club for the loan of their respect barrier.
- Andy Tremellen and Malmesbury Youth Football Club for the loan of the football target.
- James Munson, Riaan, Tahiti and Kyle Van Rooyen for the tech and scoring system.
- Dave Shephard and Mike Whatley for setting up the PA and sound system.
- Rupert Evelyn for being a master MC.
- Pumpkins for allowing us to use the building for storage.
- The Co-op for kindly donating ice.
- Tea Smart for photographing the day and helping laminate the signs.
- Richard Warren for use of the Olympic torch.
- Sherston Scouts for use of the hut, mess tent, tables and gazebos.
- Bob Wallace for the amazing assault course.
- Jon at Sherston Auto Services for the tyres.
- All the parents who manned the bar, BBQ, cake tent and tombola - with a particular mention to former FSS parents who came back to help cover the gaps in the rota!

Thank you everyone and we can't wait to welcome you all back, same time next year!

Sherston Gardening Club Notebook

Clippings

We were delighted to be joined by Nicola Hope (RHS Master of Horticulture) at our meeting on 10 June. Nicola gave an inspiring and informative talk about the benefits of organic gardening.

Funds raised by our regular 'Bring and Buy' stall (of anything garden-related) will go towards the purchase of bulbs for 'Sherston in Bloom' next spring.

Our 'Garden Book Lending Library' was launched.

Cuttings

New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are welcome. £15 single £25 joint U18s free.

Meetings will be held at the British School Room, Cliff Road, second Friday of each month, 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.

Calendar

Friday 8 July:

Speaker: Sue Hirst, 'Tetbury in Bloom' at the British School Room, 7.30pm.

Friday 12 August: No Meeting.

Thursday 18 August:

Members, family and friends visit to Charlton Down House, GL8 8TZ. Entrance fee of £6 goes to the National Garden Scheme (NGS) which supports nursing and health charities. Bring a picnic or enjoy teas in the stableyard in aid of Ukraine Refugee Appeal. Extensive garden and rescue animals, bee hotel trail and family picnic area, just 10 miles from Sherston.

We also encourage members to visit local gardens open under the National Garden Scheme. This year the following are included:

7, 14 and 28 July - Charlton Down House, GL8 8TZ.

10 July - Westonbirt School, GL8 8QG.

16 July - Scotts Farm, SN16 0NZ.

17 July - Cherry Orchard Barn, SN14 6NZ.

For membership form and full programme, contact sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

The 300+ Club

The £20 winners of the fifth draw of 2022 are:

179 Mary Johnson
202 Patrick Cooper
251 Maggie Harries
313 Lisa Priest
351 Fiona Picton

We need your support to run the Village Hall – you can still join.

300+ Club Jubilee Christmas Bonus Now £200

There will be a bonus on the tenth draw in addition to the five £20.00 prizes.

The 300+ Club has to return half of the monies collected as prizes and the current bonus is £200. This will grow as more people join.

So sign up now to be in for the bonus and all the other monthly draws.



I/We* would like to join/renew membership of the 300+ Club for 2022 and enclose £10.00/£20.00 cash/cheque* (made payable to Sherston Village Hall), being the subscription for 2022.

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

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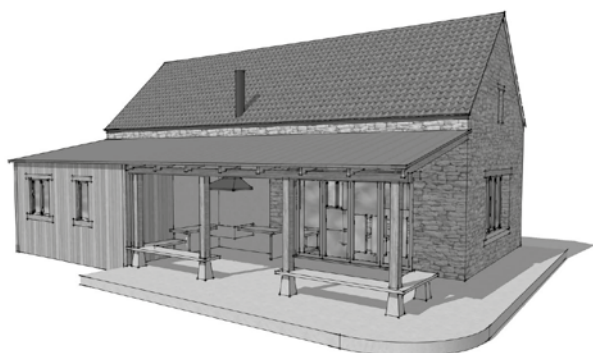
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Rotary Club Closure

It is with great sadness that we report that the local Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds closed with effect from 30 June. The club was chartered in June 1967 and had as its first President Charles Nicholls, the popular manager of Lloyds Bank in Tetbury, who continued to be an active member of the club until his death in December 2020 aged 96.

The club was based on the two towns of Malmesbury and Tetbury, historically great local rivals! Initially the club met weekly with one week in Tetbury and the other week in Malmesbury. Over the years it has met in a number of locations including the Kings Arms in Malmesbury, the Horse Guards at Brokenborough, the Mayfield at Crudwell and finally the Old Royal Ship at Luckington.

Throughout its 55-year history the club has carried out numerous activities raising hundreds of thousands of pounds for both local and national charities. In addition to its fundraising events, community service projects were carried out. A key one for Malmesbury was the annual Santa Sleigh which toured streets in Malmesbury and in a number of the surrounding villages. The most notable for Tetbury was the annual 'Fireworks Spectacular' last held in November 2019. This provided a safe environment for people to enjoy a superb pyrotechnic display at an affordable cost (far cheaper and more spectacular than buying the usual family box of fireworks!). It was visited one year by a certain Mrs Diana Wales and her two sons from nearby Highgrove.

One of the main fundraising events organised by the club was the annual 'fun run' in Badminton Park. This started in 1984 and was originally conceived as a team event - hence its original name 'Horseless Team Event' (abbreviated to HTE) where teams ran over a five-mile or nine-mile course which included some of the obstacles used in the Badminton Horse Trials. Over the years it raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for good causes including the local charity 'Hope for Tomorrow'. It also provided useful activity for the Malmesbury and Tetbury ATCs to demonstrate their communications skills in providing radio cover throughout the park. Among the celebrities who opened the event was the Olympic Gold Medal runner Sally Gunnell. For many years it regularly attracted over a thousand entrants, but over time with the increased popularity of half marathons and park runs it became harder to attract such a large numbers of participants and to raise large amounts of money for charity. In recent years the HTE was opened to a separate category of 'cani-cross' runners where runners harness themselves to one or more dogs to help pull them round the course which proved increasingly popular and attracted entrants from as far away as Kent.

The club also - through the wider Rotary movement - engaged in International Activities. Old tools were collected for the 'Tools for Self Reliance' project in Africa, computers were procured to be sent to South Africa and the Sight Savers initiative was strongly supported with millions of eye patches supplied. More locally, the club made significant contributions to the Brighter Futures project to provide radiotherapy facilities at the Great Western Hospital and to the Life Education Centre mobile classroom that visits many of the primary schools in Malmesbury and the surrounding villages.

When the club was originally chartered most of the members were in their 40s but as with all organisations the members get older and unfortunately we were not able to attract new younger members in sufficient numbers to continue. Times, family priorities and work pressures have changed and the absence of a single geographical focus did not help.

However, we have had a good run and achieved a lot of good over the past 55 years through our enthusiasm, teamwork and capabilities - and lots of fun and fellowship.

Doug Hughes (Club Secretary) and Peter Wyman (Past President)

Movies@Malmesbury: July Programme

Mon 4 July 2.00pm The Outfit

Mon 4 July 8.00pm Riverdance: 25th Anniversary

Fri 8 July 2.00pm Everything Everywhere All at Once

Fri 8 July 8.00pm The Outfit

Mon 11 Jul 8.00pm Everything Everywhere All at Once

Mon 18 July 2.00pm Riverdance: 25th Anniversary

Mon 18 July 8.00pm Top Gun 2: Maverick

Fri 22 July 2.00pm Top Gun 2: Maverick

Fri 22 July 8.00pm Jurassic World

Tickets:

2.00pm and 5.30pm £5 & £4; 8.00pm £6.

Please note: All tickets must be purchased in advance from Malmesbury Town Hall or online at <https://cinema.malmesbury.gov.uk/>. There will be no sale of tickets on the door.

Tel: 822143

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



Highlights for July and August



**Boules Festival
programme on the
next two pages -
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Wednesday 20 July: Shed Talk: Prof David Waltham talks about climate change solutions in conjunction with Greening Tetbury. 7.30-9.30pm. Tickets £8, £5 for under 18s.

Wednesday 27 July: Shed Talk: Oliver Everett on King George IV, the greatest royal collector of art and instigator of architectural projects. 7.30-9.30pm. Tickets £8, £5 for under 18s.

Friday 29 July: A Midsummer Night's Dream: A summer treat for the whole family! Festival Players International is an all-male company of professional actors and they will perform outside, depending on the weather. 7.00-9.30pm. Tickets £16, £10 for under 25s.

Saturday 6 August: Jazz at The Goods Shed: Swing from Paris - 'the finest gypsy jazz in the Cotswolds'. Featuring music by Edith Piaf, Gershwin, Charles Trenet, and the Hot Club de France. 7.30-9.30pm. Tickets £14.50.

Wednesday 24 August: Shed Talk: Andrew Kerr talks about Elvers and Elvering. As Chairman of The Sustainable Eel Group, Andrew Kerr is going to bring us up to date about this iconic species. 7.30-9.30pm. Tickets £8, £5 for under 18s.

Every Wednesday afternoon from 2.00pm, there's music from a range of performers. £2.50. Tea and cake available!

For more details and to book tickets, please see our website: shed-arts.co.uk



Sherston Boules Festival



After three long years we are
your Quick Reference Guide to
of the Sherston Boules Festival

Tuesday 12th

2.30pm **Senior Tea Party** Entertainment and music
British School Room. Visitors £5 Members £3

Wednesday 13th

From 6pm **'Une Soirée Française'** 3 Course French dinner hosted
by The Rattlebone. For booking contact The Rattlebone directly.

Thursday 14th

5pm **Cricket Club Festival** BBQ and bar with fun for all the
family, Sherston Magna cricket ground.

Saturday 16th

8am **Breakfast,** The Rattlebone

8.20am **Church Bells,** to signal the start of Boules
Tournament. (8.30am)

From 9am **Café Velo** sandwiches, teas, coffees, cakes and
croissants, BBQ, High Street

10am **Plate Boules Competition,** behind Co-op

10am **Juniors Tournament** High Street

and Tournament 2022

back! Here's
to all the events
Festival 2022.



11am-3pm **KidZone**, Kids' play area; assault course, bouncy castle, tug of war (12noon), family photo shoots (12-2pm) and other fun activities! Village Hall Field

All Day **Crêpes, BBQ, Bars, Craft Stalls, Boules matches, Duck sales**, High Street

From 12noon **Hog Roast and Pizzas**, The Rattlebone

12noon-1pm **Jerri Hart**, Jazz favourites Music Tent, High Street

1.30pm-2.30pm **The Bonsais**, Pop favourites Music Tent, High Street

3pm-4pm **Jerri Hart**, Jazz favourites Music Tent, High Street

5pm approx **Boules Tournament Prize-Giving**
High Street - Boules HQ

7pm onwards **Full à la carte restaurant menu**, Rattlebone Inn

Sunday 17th

2.15pm **Blessing of the Duck Race & Legendary Duck Race**, Start Line: Brook Hill

From 3pm **Cream Tea, Raffle Draw and Prize-Giving**
Mill Cottage Garden, Thompsons Hill

6pm **Church Service**, Village Hall



Booking now open!



Supported by its Patron HRH The Prince of Wales, Tetbury Music Festival is a local highlight. Concerts range from early to classical to contemporary music, with lectures and interviews to share insight, understanding and new ways of appreciating the context in which these works were written.

Running from Saturday 24 September until Sunday 2 October, the 2022 festival includes performances from one of the world's finest clarinetists, Julian Bliss, alongside pianist Charles Owen, and the innovative saxophonist Manu Brazo with pianist Prajna Indrawati. Performing a programme of Haydn, Mozart and Mendelssohn will be the talented young Consone String Quartet, the first period instrument quartet to be selected as BBC New Generation Artists.

Leading Italian ensemble La Fonte Musica makes a much-anticipated return to the UK, offering a pro-programme of music by Guillaume Dufay under the direction of Michele Pasotti. This performance marks a rare opportunity to enjoy a live UK performance from this world-class ensemble.

Closing the festival will be The Orchestra of St John's conducted by John Lubbock, with a programme of Elgar, Mozart, Walton and Haydn.

In addition to the concert series, Tetbury Music Festival offers a selection of insightful lectures to guide the listener through each evening performance. This year, Tetbury welcomes esteemed author Sarah Dunant for a lecture on the rebirth of creativity in Renaissance Italy, which precedes La Fonte Musica's exploration of Dufay in Italy. Later in the festival, Professor Natasha Loges explores the world of clarinet chamber music before Julian Bliss explores some of this stunning repertoire, and Brian David examines the relationships between Elgar, Mozart, Walton and Haydn, after which The Orchestra of St John's perform some of these composers' works.

The majority of concerts take place in the beautiful parish church of St Mary's. An exceptionally fine example of early Georgian gothic architecture, the church has an acoustic to match which attracts musicians and audience alike.

Booking now open at: www.tetburymusicfestival.org

Malmesbury Morris



Fancy a new challenge that keeps you fit and is great fun? Why not have a go at Morris dancing? New dancers and musicians are always welcome. We're an all-inclusive group of both male and female dancers and members' ages range from those in their 20s to those in their 70s.

Morris dancing in Malmesbury can be traced back to 1641 and, although there have been a few gaps in between, we are proud to keep the tradition going. We perform both traditional and modern dances in Cotswold and Border style.

We dance at fêtes, festivals and carnivals; for care homes, teaching sessions with Brownies and Scouts and this year we even rose early and 'Danced the Sun Up' in Malmesbury at 5.30am on 1 May! During the summer months, we often dance out at local pubs and are sometimes joined by other Morris teams from nearby areas.

There is no obligation to join if you come along for a taster session. You will always be made welcome. We like to practise outside when possible and unless we are dancing out at a pub then we practise every Thursday night between 7.30pm and 9.00pm in the Station Yard Car Park in Malmesbury. During the colder months, we dance at the same time in Malmesbury Town Hall.

For further information, contact our Squire, Vicky Muir, Tel. 07771 947157 www.facebook.com/malmesburymorris

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- Latest bestselling fiction by your favourite authors
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- Free eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines via the Libby app
- Free Wi-Fi, computer and scanner access, plus printing for a small charge
- Staff who can provide basic help and support when using the library computers or your own device
- Bookable digital support sessions to help you learn more about using your smartphone, tablet, laptop or the library computers
- Information books to support hobbies, days out, job seeking and study
- Study spaces
- Free access to Ancestry and British Newspaper Archive on the library computers
- Free access to TheoryTestPro to practise driving theory and hazard tests
- Large print books for people who need a bigger font
- A mobile library service with regular stops
- A Home Library Service taking books to people in their homes who are unable to visit the library themselves
- Seating throughout for you to enjoy a book or read the newspaper

Here at Malmesbury Library, we've returned to pre-pandemic opening hours and host many events and community groups throughout the week. Rhyme times for babies and toddlers take place on Tuesdays and Fridays, and our reading group meets on the third Wednesday of the month. Tuesday's Public Living Room is an opportunity to pop in and share a cup of



tea and a chat, and on the third Saturday of the month, menders from Repair Café Malmesbury are here to fix your household items. Fruitful Malmesbury's community fruit and veg planters are located at the front of the library and in the courtyard for everyone to enjoy. Please ask at the library for more information.

The Summer Reading Challenge for four to 11-year-olds takes place in all libraries from 16 July to 10 September.

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.

If you're not already a member, you can join online or in the library and, if you've already signed up online, don't forget to come in and collect your card.

For more information, 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 as we emerge from the pandemic.

We have over 450 members and 40 different interest groups, including history, gardening, dancing, languages, walking and book groups. Check our website for an up-to-date list of groups and other information: www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk. For more information, email 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.

Please note that no monthly meetings are held during July and August as it is holiday season.

Sherston Sights: Answer



He's on the Sopworth Road near the school, guarding the western approaches to Sherston

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Our Golden Anniversary celebration held on Saturday 28 May was a great success and everything we hoped it would be. Over 50 members past and present attended, along with guests from our National Association (NAFAS). Outside the sun shone, but equally dazzling inside were the 'golden' flower arrangements in the entrance lobby and on tables, as attendees mingled and caught up with old friends over coffee and cookies.

Then to the main event, a tailor-made demonstration by Michael Bowyer MBE, President of NAFAS, international demonstrator, national judge and all round guru of flower arranging. Who better to take us through 'Five Decades of Floral Art', with superb arrangements demonstrating very varied styles and how these have evolved, accompanied by an entertaining and extremely informative narrative. This was followed by an excellent lunch, fizz and celebratory cake. In the afternoon, 20 members participated in a workshop to create their own arrangements reflecting the style of a decade of choice, with encouragement and expert guidance from Michael. Then finally a cream tea to close this very enjoyable day.

At our regular meeting in June, the demonstration was 'This and Tat' by Sally Hardy from Bracknell.

Then, on Thursday 20 July, we will have a long-awaited demonstration by Yvonne Berry, a freelance florist from Bromyard, Herefordshire, entitled 'Any Old Iron'.

We are a friendly and enthusiastic club with a varied programme of workshops, demonstrations, social events and visits, all incorporating flowers in some shape or form. Meetings normally take place at Crudwell Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month (7.00pm for 7.30pm), and include a raffle and refreshments. Visitors and potential new members very welcome.

We can be contacted by email at nwvflowerclub@gmail.com, or for more information visit our website - <https://northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk> - or our Facebook page.

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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 to book in advance!

Soft plastics and batteries:

Tesco Tetbury and Tesco Yate - collection points available in the stores, Midcounties Co-op Sherston also collects soft plastics

Batteries/light bulbs:

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

Soft plastics and 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

Batteries and Brita water jug filter:

Waitrose, Malmesbury - collection points available

Zero Waste Shops:

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 and so much more 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)

The Good Club (www.goodclub.co.uk) : online zero waste grocery delivery service (delivered in reusable pots)

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

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Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Please note all events and groups listed here below might not have started back yet or might be held virtually due to COVID-19 Corona Virus – please check first.

Sherston

Sherston 1016 Fundraising for local good causes and charities. For further details, contact sherston1016@gmail.com or 07717 424619.

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

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

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

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-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 pughandg@btinternet.com

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

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

Sherston Sewing School Beginners' Sessions in the British School Room on the 2nd Sat of each month, 10am-4pm with a break for lunch at £65 per day Phone Goug Wilcox on 07788 558035 to book or for further information on the more advanced projects that are planned.

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

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

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

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

Sherston Village Hall Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, parties etc. For details contact Margot Holland 841019 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 avonvaleutdfe@outlook.com or call Jo Hargreaves on 07518 017363

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

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

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

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

Easton Grey Parish Church See Parish Life for details of services

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

For details see www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

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

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

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

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

Malmesbury Film Society

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

Check in the main section of the Cliffhanger, their website / facebook/ contact details for dates and times and check to see if events are still happening due to COVID19

Boules Festival

After 2 years of cancellations due to Covid the **Sherston Boules Festival** is back for 2022! This year's Festival Competition will take place on **Sat 16 July**, with live music from Jerri Hart (The Crooked Crooner) and Charli Sheppard and kids zone will be back from 11am - 3pm. There'll be a huge variety of stalls from jams and cakes, to jewellery, art and wood work.

Sustainable Sherston will also be setting up water points through out the village, so everyone can access free water, just remember to bring your reusable cup or flask!

A number of other events are planned for Festival week including:

Tues 12 Jul 2.30pm Senior Tea Party – live music in the British School Rooms £5 / £3

Wed 13 Jul: "une Soirée Français" at the Rattlebone – 3 course French inspired dinner

Thurs 14 Jul – Family Cricket Festival and BBQ

Sat 16 Jul – Boules Day 128 teams play boules in the High St with first matches at 8.30am following the peal of bells. Live entertainment, music, and bar all in aid of local charities. Plenty of local stall holders. Kid-zone, this year featuring the always popular bouncy castle alongside an exciting assault course and a Tug-of-War starting at noon. Photoshoots will also be happening between 12-2, and many more exciting activities for all ages.

Free water stations will also be dotted around the village during Saturday to keep everyone hydrated. Look out for these outside The Angel, at the Sustainable Sherston Stall, and at the Village Hall. Please bring your own cup, water bottle or flask to help use reduce single use plastic or better still buy a limited edition sustainable boules day 'glass' and take it home with you to remember the occasion! Ask at the bar as you buy your drink! £2 for a pint cup and £1 for a half pint cup.

Sun 17 Jul: Duck Race starting at Stretchline at 2.30pm followed by Duck race teas in Mill House & Cottage gardens – bring your own rug

More details will be posted as they become available – please check on www.sherstonboules.org, our Facebook page.

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 (summer 8am-5pm). All menu items available whether sitting inside or enjoying our lovely courtyard, takeaways also available. Bicycle parking in courtyard. For our menus, please visit <https://www.angel-sherston.co.uk/menu> and for our rooms (we always have 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 BBQ & 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

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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>

Church of the Holy Cross - Church events

Summer Garden Party in aid of the church upkeep

Enjoy the beautiful garden at 1, Thompsons Hill, (by kind invitation of Zoe and Cliff Metcalfe) on Sun 7 Aug starting at 5pm including cream tea and cake. Extensive colourful borders, lawns and a wonderful view of the valley. Sit and chat with friends, with the opportunity to stay and watch the sun go down with a glass of something (extra). Proceeds towards upkeep of the Church of the Holy Cross. Tickets, limited number – advance only - £10 on sale from July 18th from the Co-op.

Sherston's Gardening Club

July 8th Talk: Sue Hirst, 'Tetbury in Bloom' at British School Room, 7.30pm

August 18 Members, Family and Friends Visit to Charlton Down House. GL8 8TZ. 18 Aug. Entrance £6 to NGS. Bring a picnic or enjoy teas in the Stableyard in aid of Ukraine Refugee Appeal. Extensive garden and rescue animals, bee hotel trail and family picnic area just National Garden Scheme. We also encourage members to visit open local gardens.

All funds raised by NGS go to nursing and health charities.

July 7, 14 & 28 - Charlton Down House. GL8 8TZ

July 10 - Westonbirt School, GL8 8QG

July 16 - Scotts Farm, SN16 0NZ

July 17 - Cherry Orchard Barn, SN14 6NZ

Gardening club meets in the British School Rooms 2nd Fri each month apart from Aug, 7pm for 7.30pm start, bring and buy stall, quiz, refreshments, £15pa

£25 joint, under 18s free Connections to: Our Church garden, Sustainable Sherston and Sherston Allotments. sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com for more details.

Sherston Senior Club

An informal friendly club who meet every two weeks. For further information please contact Helen Quirk 840516

Sherston Tennis Club

Proposed kids' coaching lessons on a Sat morning from May to July, with two groups based upon age/ability. To register your interest and secure a place for your child(ren) or offer to be the coach, please contact David Palgrave on davidpalgrave@hotmail.com.

Sherston WI

Thurs 4 Aug – Quiz 7.30pm
in British School Room Competitions & Refreshments. Visitors always welcome. For more information: sherstonwi@gmail.com 841421 or Facebook sherstonwi

Sustainable Sherston Garage Sale

Sustainable Sherston invites everyone in Sherston to join our village-wide garage sale on Sat 24 Sept 10am - 3pm. The most effective way to reduce waste is not to create it in the first place so let's all get together to reuse what already exists in the world! Anyone in Sherston can join in and this is a great opportunity to de-clutter your home over the summer holidays and get your unwanted items ready for the sale.

Sustainable Sherston's Apple Day

Sustainable Sherston will be celebrating our own Apple Day in the Village Hall and the Village Hall field on Sun 9 Oct. Together with Sherston School (FSS) we will be hosting lots of fun Apple-themed games in the hall and there will be a chance for you to try or watch Apple pressing, to celebrate different Apple varieties and taste them too! Local food and other produce will also be on sale. We'd love your surplus apples too and we promise to juice them, bottle the juice and then sell it back to you! Please get in touch if you have apples to spare.

Village Hall Extension Plans

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

Knockdown The Holford Arms

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

Luckington

The Old Royal Ship

The Pub is now fully open 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

Family Fun Day

After a two-year break the Fete finally returns this year with a fresh new look. The Luckington Family Fun

Day will be held on Saturday 2nd July from 1pm on Luckington Playing Fields. We welcome back amazing Children's Entertainer SuperPirates. There will also be old favourites dog show, tombola, raffle, bar, BBQ and live music in the evening. Profits will be donated to Luckington Charities — School, Church and Playground. luckingtonfete@gmail.com

Sopworth Plant stall in aid of village causes

Open now till Sept for the sixth year. Plants are donated for sale, all proceeds split between Sopworth church and Sopworth village hall. It is open 24/7 during the summer months, and cash payment is made into the money box on a pro-bono trust basis. Located on the main street of Sopworth at the Didmarton end of the village between Bull Park Barn and Hollybush Barn.

Westonbirt The Arboretum

Admission by booked entry slot only.

Outdoor cinema

The Luna Cinema at Westonbirt Arboretum this summer. What better way to catch a recent blockbuster or re-visit your favourite film than on a giant screen in a beautiful forest setting? The Greatest Showman (PG) 12 July; Dirty Dancing (PG) 13 July
For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt

Malmesbury

Athelstan Museum

Teatime Talk: Bill Reed, Malmesbury Voices 20 Jul 2.30pm

Bill presents a selection of stories from the Museum's award-winning collection of spoken memories. 20 Jul - Tea will be served from 2:30 and the talk will start at 3pm £5

Talk: Tythe Barns 21 Sep 7pm

Joseph Rogers will talk about the important role of the tithe barn in medieval England. As well the ecclesiastical history of these amazing buildings, Joe also looks at how they have become relevant today, through conversion to private homes, community centres, restaurants and, of course, high profile wedding venues. £10

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

Movies@Malmesbury

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

Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

Malmesbury Concert Band

The Malmesbury Concert Band (MCB), back in action with a busy schedule for 2022, is keen to welcome new playing members to take part in this year's programme. Sun 17 July – Queen's Park, Swindon
Rehearsing every Friday evening in preparation for

this year's programme after the disappointment of Covid. More members welcome, especially trombone, horn, clarinet and bassoon players. Details: www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk See Recruitment page

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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

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WOMAD 2022

Join us at Charlton Park from 28 - 31 July 2022 and celebrate 40 years of WOMAD Festival! Tickets go on sale on Wednesday 8 December at midday - limited number of tickets remaining due to rolled over tickets from the past two years. <https://womad.co.uk>

Tetbury

Tetbury Goods Shed

Shed Talk: Prof David Waltham talks about climate change solutions in conjunction with Greening Tetbury. 20 July 7.30-9.30 Tickets £8 £5 for under 18.

A Midsummer Night's Dream: 29 July A Summer treat for the whole family! Festival Players International is an all-male company of professional actors and they will perform outside, depending on the weather. 7 - 9.30. Tickets £16, £10 under 25s.

Thursday cinema is back

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 Fri 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.shed-arts.co.uk

Didmarton Flicks in the Sticks

House Of Gucci (2021) – Drama – Fri 8 Jul
Spanning three decades of love, betrayal, decadence, revenge, and ultimately murder, we see what a name means, what it's worth, and how far a family will go for control. £5 Hall open 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

Chippenham

Neeld Community and Arts Centre

Chippenham Kids' Comic Club Tues 26 Jul Come along and create your own comic! We'll supply the paper and pens, you bring your imagination. Bring along an old comic and swap it at the comic 'swap shop'. Meet some real-life artists who can give you tips and advice for your creations. Fancy dress as your favourite comic character is optional. Drop in session (last entry 1.30pm). £1.50 per child.

For further details call 01249 446699 or visit www.neeld.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.

Wotton-Under-Edge The Electric Picture House

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Arts & Science Festivals

2022 dates for your diary:

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The Times and The Sunday Times Cheltenham

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

Wiltshire Council

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