



Sherston Village Hall Information Days

Saturday 26 June (10.00am-4.00pm) and

Sunday 27 June (12.00noon-4.00pm)

After a delay of over a year (this event should have taken place last April), we are inviting the village to come and see the modified plans for the new Village Hall extension. As reported in last month's Cliffhanger, we have received an award of £99,000 from the National Lottery. Further fundraising is going well but we still need your help!

During the weekend, visit the newly planted Community Orchard, planted by Sustainable Sherston (see page 8). The purchase of the trees was funded by Malmesbury Area Board. This area is planned to be accessible by the whole community and, when it becomes mature, will be a quiet space to sit and enjoy the trees and wildflowers. While you are here, you can find out about the group and there will be a representative to answer your questions.

Many community projects like this encourage people to buy a brick, but we are asking you to buy a butterfly. There will be a display to show what we mean but each silk butterfly will have the name of the donor on it, and they will hang in the new entrance lobby. We propose that each butterfly will represent a donation of £25, but of course you can donate more than that if you wish. There will be forms for donation and for Gift Aid if you can.

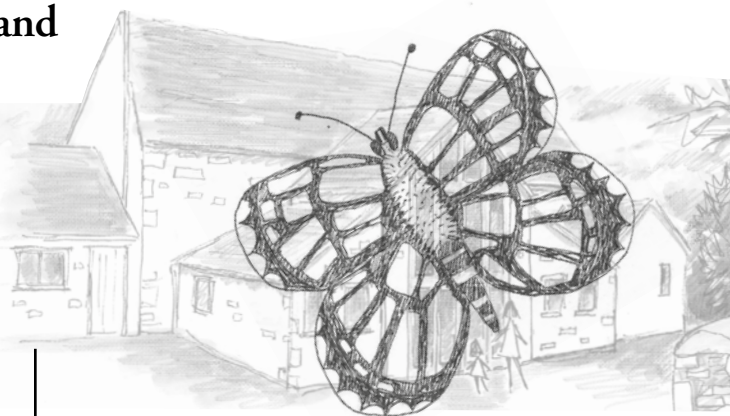
There will be an exhibition of wildlife photography by Nick Holland, who is kindly donating proceeds to the Village Hall Fund (see page 4 for more info).

On Sunday, historian Roger Ashley will give a short talk at 2.00pm on the fascinating history of our Village Hall.

We would like to make a display of photographs so if anyone has pictures of events that have taken place at the Village Hall over the years, please do get in touch. We can copy them for you so you are not lending the originals. So far we have a wedding reception from 1938, but there must be many more happy occasions that have taken place in the Hall.

We have been given a set of illustrations of the village, done in pen and wash, to sell in aid of the Village Hall Fund. These will be available to buy, as prints or originals.

Lastly, because the Village Hall was awarded a Covid-19 Restart Grant to help it get back on its feet, we will be supplying free refreshments. Come along



with a picnic and enjoy the field; teas, coffees, cake and ice cream are on us to say thank you for your support. Please bring reusable cups if possible.

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Open Gardens Weekend: 12-13 June

A good selection of gardens will be open for Sherston Open Gardens Weekend, on Saturday 12 June, 1.00pm-6.00pm, and Sunday 13 June, 1.00pm- 5.00pm. Tickets in the form of a Trail Map cost £6 per person and will be on sale from 10.00am to 12.00noon on Saturday outside the Co-op, then after that from the church. Tickets can be used on Saturday or Sunday. Payment can be by cash or card.

There will also be a plant stall at the church (cash would be useful if you have it).

We will follow last September's very successful formula of serving tea and cake outside the church, at tables. Tea and cake, with free refills of tea, will cost £4, payment can be by cash or card.

As the whole event is outdoors, we will adhere to government regulations in place at the time.

This year we are asking visitors to vote for the garden they enjoyed the most (not the tidiest or biggest!) for a John Knight Memorial Award. This is just a small way to remember a dear friend of our church who was a great supporter of Open Gardens.

If you would like to contribute a cake or have any spare plants, please bring them along on the day. All proceeds will go towards upkeep of the Church of the Holy Cross.

Sherston Church Coffee Shop News

I want to share with all my friends, helpers and former customers, the fact that I have decided to retire from running the Coffee Shop in Sherston Church, so it will not be reopening.

John and I started it in 2002 after John had the original idea. Since then we stayed open until last March when the pandemic forced us to close. John died in 2013 and then I carried on, with help. In those 18 years we raised more than £18,000 for the church.

My grateful thanks to all the customers and helpers over the years.

It was fun!

Pat Smith

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info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

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

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Sherston Boules Festival – 10 & 11 July - we will if we can can!



Preparations continue to increase in readiness for this year's Boules Festival. Subject to the country continuing to achieve the milestones laid out in the Government's 'Roadmap out of Lockdown', we will be holding the annual Sherston Boules Tournament on Saturday 10 July and the Duck Race on Sunday 11 July.

This year we hope to hold an event that will lift the spirits of the village and the surrounding parishes, as well as provide a fantastic pétanque competition. Already sold out, we are expecting a great day with 128 teams competing. If you've missed out on entering a side, please let us know and we'll add you to our waiting list, you can do this by emailing Bob Rumble at bob@ecoservices.com

Whilst we are looking forward to having a great day's competition, and expect to be able to provide a full bar and wide selection of food, in the interests of making sure everyone remains safe, we will be scaling down some of the other attractions in order to minimise congestion on the High Street. We hope that everyone will understand in the circumstances. As we know more about the lifting of the pandemic restrictions, and the UK achieving Step 4 in the unlocking plan, we will publish more details on our Facebook page, website and in next month's Cliffhanger.

Let's hope the sun shines for a wonderful festival weekend. Vive Le Sport!

Sherston Boules Committee

Phonebox Refurbishment Project

You may have noticed recently that our phonebox is looking much fresher ...

A project was initiated by the Parish Council a few months ago to refurbish and repurpose this heritage asset. It was looking a little sorry for itself and we were fairly sure that as a community we could put it to good use. Having taken a look at some of the fantastic things other villages and towns have done with theirs, we thought why not.

As a result of a very kind donation from one of our residents, Maggie Harries, matched by funding from Wiltshire Council, we were able to engage Mark Andrews to do the work. I am sure you will agree he has done a great job and it's looking amazing in its new 'coat'.

So what's next? In recent months, we have been using the 'box' as a temporary store to collect printer cartridges for disposal. We would now like to transform the 'box' into an asset that can be used and appreciated by as many of our residents as possible.

This is where we would like to invite you to suggest how we could now make best use of this asset for the benefit of the wider community. Some early suggestion are:

- a book swap
- a plant seed swap
- a flower arrangement
- a food bank
- re-site the current defibrillator
- an art gallery

Please do send any suggestions you may have for consideration to clerk@sherston.org.uk. Just a little thought to finish with - any finalised suggestion will need to be maintained.

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Wildlife Photography Exhibition



On Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 June, the Village Hall is hosting a Wildlife Photography Exhibition by local photographer Nick Holland. Nick will be exhibiting a collection of his favourite British wildlife images, along with some more exotic species from his travels abroad.

A keen photographer since his early teens, Nick has developed a love and passion for the art, creating images that have been used by national newspapers and wildlife magazines. Finding peace and tranquillity in a bird hide or sitting in a field at dawn or dusk just waiting for the wildlife to appear is a big stress reliever he says and would recommend it to anyone.

Please come along between 10.00am and 4.00pm to support Nick and the Village Hall.

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King Arthur by The Last Baguette coming to Sherston!

A fun and farcical family adventure is coming to Sherston this summer. Somewhere in England, a long time ago, a very, very, very long time ago. So long ago that nobody quite knows whether it happened or not. Or where it happened or not. A boy pulled a sword from a stone and became king. A story of the old world, with knights, wizards, mist and magic. This fun and farcical adventure is deliberately anarchic and anachronistic re-telling of the Arthurian Legend with live music, physical comedy and lo-fi acrobatics. And some silly jokes.

What was Camelot famous for?

Its knight life!

King Arthur, an outdoor performance for families by The Last Baguette, a Rural Touring Show.

This will be on Friday 23 July at 5.00pm on the Village Hall Field. More details next month but put the date in your diary!

Thank you Chairman Chris!

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank Chris Pickthall who has stood down from Chairman after a very productive seven years in the role.

Chris has been a very hands-on Chair, giving a lot of his time to the day-to-day running of the Village Hall and getting involved in many of the projects to improve it, including the new kitchen, as well as working towards the plans for the new extension and renovation of the building that is at the heart of our village.

Thank you Chris and we wish you well in your retirement.

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Sherston Women's Institute



The local WI has been keeping in touch with its members via a bi-weekly newsletter for 14 months, forwarding all news from the Federation Office in Devizes and the National Federation in London. The committee has been holding Zoom meetings and held the Annual Meeting on Zoom for all members in April. We were able to hold the May committee meeting in a garden under a gazebo - in the rain - and it was good to be face to face to discuss the current issues. After the Annual Meeting, we had a Zoom talk by WI member Goug Wilcox who told us about her time in Italy learning dress and lingerie design and the language, prior to having a shop in London.

Before the business part of our May Zoom meeting, we were entertained by Susan Essex who had been a House Mother in a Pestalozzi Village in India in early 2005. Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi, a Swiss social reformer and educator, started these villages in Zambia, Nepal and India to transform the future of bright children from poor backgrounds. He focused on the power of education to help the poor and believed education should develop the power of head, heart and hands. Susan had thoroughly enjoyed her time helping 60 children, and indeed she is now, all these years later, asked to attend the weddings of students that she knew in the early 2000s. Many of her students went on to have very good jobs in different parts of the world.

On 3 June at 7.30pm, when we hold what we hope will be the last Zoom general meeting, our speaker will be someone that you may well know: Sally Little. A daughter of Anne Hillier of Lower Farm, Sherston, Sally will be telling us about 'The BBC to Westminster'. Do join us if you are able to by contacting sherstonwi@gmail.com for the Zoom connection.

We hope that we can see the light at the end of the tunnel and will be able to meet up again once more for our July meeting in the Village Hall when our speaker will be Sara Bottomley telling us about her quilting journey as an army wife. You would be very welcome to join us on 1 July at 7.30pm.

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A message from your past councillor

I started my representation of the Sherston area as a Parish Councillor on Luckington and Alderton Parish Council in 1984. I then went on to be a District Councillor for the Sherston ward in 1995 and elected as County Councillor for Malmesbury in 2001.

When the four district councils and the County Council in Wiltshire were combined into the new Wiltshire unitary council in 2009, I was elected to the new council and made deputy leader, a position I held until 2019 when I stepped down.

In 2021, I decided to retire from being your councillor for the Sherston division and put my feet up and give way to the youth. It is important in life to know when to stop.

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me along that long journey of nine elections and I hope I was able to help lots of you with the many and diverse issues that you raised with me.

As a councillor, you are only as good as the community you represent and the support that I have been given has made it possible for us to deliver some great projects.

I look forward to seeing the much-needed new Sherston surgery being built when Wiltshire Council and the developer get their act together!

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve the community and I am sure Martin Smith will work for you all with due diligence. I wish Martin all the best in his new role.

Big thanks and best wishes to all. *John Thomson*

Bath Textile Artists exhibition

British School Room, Cliff Road: Saturday 17 July, 10.00am-6.00pm; Sunday 18 July, 12.30pm-6.00pm

This group, which includes local textile artists, presents Multi Layered Medley, a selling exhibition including a wide variety of techniques. It features a group project entitled Outside, with each of us having represented what nature, our gardens and the open air has meant to us during the pandemic.



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Sherston's Big Picnic Music Festival: Sneak Peeks

We can now give you a sneak peek at some of the great music the Big Picnic team are lining up for us all at the Big Picnic Music Festival in Sherston on 3 and 4 September.

The full line-up is yet to be revealed but the bits they have let slip so far are looking pretty tasty, so we thought we'd share!

First up we have The Tribe – now the phrases 'über cool hip-hop' and 'from Swindon' are rarely heard in such close proximity but The Tribe make that brush with an oxymoron worth the risk! So yes, ever so cool but also very danceable: we defy you not to get your skank on! Check them out on YouTube (links below)

But if your thing is more 'party' and less 'arty' then The Mighty Soul Destroyers will be right up your street! They describe themselves as a '13PieceSoulFunkPopRockCheesePartyBand Thang' – or you can just go with Venue Magazines verdict of 'The best party band in Bristol – period!' Just think James Brown and Aretha Franklin with the Memphis horns jamming on laughing gas and you are getting close! More of a tribe than a band, they have been playing their brand of horn-filled cheese-tinged soul and funk since Adam was a lad, and it shows, tight as you like with six awesome horns, three singers and a rock solid rhythm section, plus plenty of party of everyone!

Or maybe you like your music low down and dirty? If so, look no further than the delta blues slide-zydeco-americana of True Strays. Festival circuit regulars (BoomTown, Larmer Tree, Shambala, Green Man and many more), check them out here and you'll soon see why The List described them as 'Rising stars of the UK Americana scene'. It's full-on foot-stompin' yee-harrin' good-time grungy delta blues with some nifty slide guitar work and proper old country style vocal harmonies – check them out on YouTube (links below).

More details on music line-up, kids' entertainment, fine dining options, etc will be confirmed in the next few weeks so follow @TheBigPicnicSherston on Facebook to get all the latest news, and grab a ticket while you still can!

Here are the links, folks: ...

Tickets can be bought online at <https://bigpicnic2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

Check out the bands here



The Tribe www.youtube.com/watch?v=do5_Q-Klh9M



The Mighty Soul Destroyers www.youtube.com/watch?v=do5_Q-Klh9M



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What happened to the village badminton club during the pandemic?



We have had an interesting past 12 months with a load of interruptions to our playing due to Covid-19.

To start with, we cancelled our inter-village match last year as the first lockdown was announced and then we kept our heads down until 22 September. We kept to all the rules laid down by Badminton England, who have been really good at keeping us informed of the changes in rules governing play at clubs and societies, and we've kept to the rules laid down by the Village Hall Committee.

Since then, we have adopted the 'rule of six', allowing just six of our members to play together, and we have devised a booking system so that everyone gets a fair chance of playing. We managed to get a few weeks' playing, but we very soon realised that, with only six each session, two hours of running around a badminton court was just too much! We reduced the times to an hour and still got a very good workout. Even with these restrictions, we welcomed two new members to the club!

Lockdown number two kept us apart until the rules allowed mixing in groups of six outdoors and Nigel Freeth offered us the use of his barn (open to the air!) until 17 May when we were allowed back into the Village Hall. Thank you, Nigel!

We are still using the booking system and registering who is playing each week. We provide hand sanitiser and sanitise the chairs and, like many sports, we have abandoned any shaking of hands after a game.

It is likely that some changes will stay, such as sanitising and booking, and we are all looking forward to being able to return to a state where we can safely play for a couple of hours each week in the Village Hall. We will not be having a summer break this year as we have missed our badminton such a lot and, hopefully, we will be able to welcome another couple of members. With three of our lady members retiring/moving away over the past couple of years

and our new members being men, we are becoming slightly unbalanced in our doubles play and hard to get a balanced team to play in any inter-village match.

Both of our new members last year were beginners and declare they enjoy the game – only one of them is now thinking of getting a new hip!

What a wonderful life!

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For more information or to join us please visit www.sustainablesherston.co.uk or email sustainablesherston@gmail.com.

A new community orchard for Sherston



The first trees of Sherston's new community orchard have been planted in the field behind the Village Hall. This initiative, in collaboration with the Parish Council and the Village Hall, was one of the first projects planned when Sustainable Sherston launched in 2020.

During a weekend in March no less than 25 families volunteered to plant the trees. Each family was given a different time slot in order to adhere to government guidelines for social distancing. Tree species planted include apple, plum and pear.

Parish Councillor Martin Fausing Smith said: 'Planting trees is good for the environment, good for people's well-being, and also the fact that it's an orchard means that it produces food that people can eat so it's win, win, win.'

'As the trees mature we will also let the grass grow longer and we're going to have wild flowers underneath them so it's going to be a more biodiverse area of the village. It will be a nice place to relax and take in the atmosphere so it's beneficial on many levels.'

The 25 trees that were planted in March is only the first stage. More trees will be planted in the autumn.



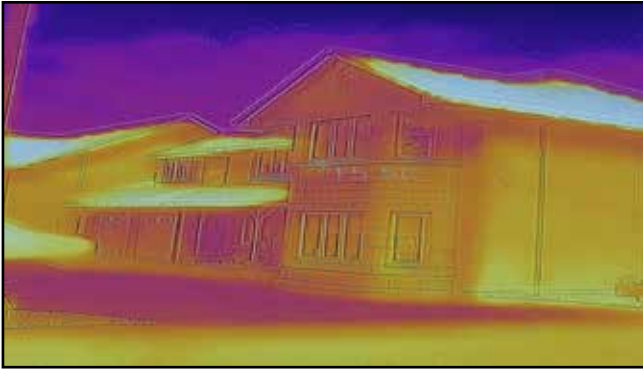
As part of the same initiative, three other trees were also planted in Easton Square as replacements for the large sycamore that came down in 2015. Green Square Group, who are responsible for the green, contributed £250 to the project. Several more small trees/bushes and wildflowers will be planted in the autumn to complete the project.



Energy-saving and cost-efficient home improvements



Most Bang For Your Buck!



Sustainable Sherston felt we should try to reach as many local people as possible, and one way to do that would be a regular article in the Cliffhanger. In this first of a series, I will outline ideas we can all use to save energy - and money - in our homes.

Many recent UK surveys have shown overwhelming public support for Green Measures to mitigate climate change, but also a proportion have significant concerns about the cost: if you are only 'just about managing' day-to-day, how are you to find the money for green home improvements? With this in mind, it is clear that governments will have to assist homeowners in this endeavour. One recent estimate for the investment required for the UK to reach 'Net Zero' by 2050 put it at £50bn per year, or nearly £1bn per week! About a quarter of our UK energy consumption is in the home and 60% of that is for heating (ie about 15% of all UK energy consumption). Around 25 million UK homes will need to be upgraded and do not expect the government to pay for it all any time soon. So what are the most cost-efficient ways to improve our homes' energy consumption?

There are a few simple principles involved here: reducing our energy use is always the winner (way before we go into greener ways of generating and consuming it).

The first cheapest and simplest option is to replace your incandescent (tungsten filament) light bulbs with low-energy ones, usually LED. Until relatively recently, there were many valid criticisms about the colour/intensity and cost of low-energy bulbs, but there are now myriad options out there and costs have rapidly reduced. We used to have around 14 50w halogen (700w total!) bulbs, which I've replaced with 5w (GU10) bulbs for a massive energy (and cost) saving. I estimate these halogens alone consumed roughly 800kwh per year costing around £120 (ie £10/month); this has been reduced by 90%! The LED bulbs now are very similar in price to halogen and come in various powers and light colours. Ours are 3000K, giving a white light indistinguishable from the old halogens and are dimmable. Some of the original halogens were 12v,

so I removed the old transformers (another source of failure) and made them all 240v GU10. In most cases, replacing halogen for LED GU10s are a direct swap, although some dimmers might need replacing. Experts suggest in terms of cost saving and energy efficiency, it's worth swopping to LEDs as soon as you can and not waiting for old incandescent or halogen bulbs to blow.

Turning to heat loss, the first priority here is to minimise draughts, particularly around doors and windows. A typical 5m roll of draught excluder only costs around £6-7 and is generally quick and easy to install. Similarly, have you got old fire places that are seldom used? It's amazing how much



heat goes up there: years ago, I was fixing a chimney stack on our roof in December and was really surprised at the amount of warm air coming up. You can buy inflatable chimney blockers, or if you are reasonably adept at DIY, you can fashion one from a bit of ply with a wooden handle (see photo). However, do tell others in the house and if necessary put a large conspicuous tag on it: lighting the fire with the blocker in place quickly fills the room with smoke (and much shouting/swearing!).

The next simplest and cheapest heat-loss measure is to insulate your loft: typically about 25% of your home's heat is lost up there. Most homes used to have about 100mm/4" of rock or glass wool between the rafters, but now 270mm is recommended. A typical roll of glass wool costs around £4/m². Another more option is to use sheep's wool; it has the advantage that it does not crush down like glass wool and is good where condensation might be a problem, but is considerably more expensive at around £20/m². For loft areas used for storage, a further, but even more expensive option, is to use insulated loft boards (approx £40/m²).

About 40% of home heat is lost through the walls and another 15% through the floors. These are considerably more difficult and expensive to insulate and probably beyond all but the most determined DIYer, so I will discuss those in a later article. Therefore the next simplest option is to replace your incandescent (tungsten filament) light bulbs with low-energy ones, usually LED.

Next month: insulating under a suspended floor.

Kevin Noble

Plants for sale!



From 3 June, home-grown plants will be available for sale from a stall outside Well Cottage, 6 Cliff Road, Sherston. All plants grown in a mixture of peat-free and my own compost and using recycled pots and containers. To see the full range of plants and sundries available in the garden, please knock on the door or contact me on tricia.lawrence@outlook.com or 840934/07778 412604 to arrange a visit. Payment by cash through letterbox, cheque made out to Send a Cow or online www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Patricia-Lawrence - but please fill in the form to indicate what you have taken! All proceeds will go to Send a Cow's 'Gardens for Good' campaign (www.sendacow.org/gardensforgood), raising much-needed funds for tools and training for families in Africa to GROW their way out of poverty.

My garden will also be open as part of Sherston Open Gardens and again in July.

Look forward to seeing you!

Tricia Lawrence

Local Rotary Club helps with Covid Vaccination Roll-Out

Many of us will by now have had either one or both of our Covid-19 vaccinations. Those of you who visited the Malmesbury Primary Care Centre on one of the Pfizer mass-vaccination days will have no doubt noticed the stewards helping out in the car park. Hopefully you found their efforts helpful. These stewards were co-ordinated by the local Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds.

On each of these days, somewhere around 800 people were vaccinated – at a site in no way suitable for that number of people (and their cars) in one day! Each vaccination day needed a crew of at least five outdoor stewards – in all the Rotary Club organised well over 100 steward shifts. This was made more difficult as the Primary Care Centre generally only had a few days' notice of each batch of vaccine and then had to arrange vaccinators and book in recipients in a hurry – and to contact the Rotary Club to ask for car-park stewards!

The stewarding resource required was beyond the capabilities of the South Cotswold Rotary Club alone, so the Club was very pleased to have the support of a number of friends and from the nearby Rotary Club of Royal Wootton Bassett and District. In fact, one of the friends who became a stalwart steward noted what we were doing when he came for his own vaccination and asked to join us!

Being outdoor stewards, we were, of course, subject to the full range of British spring weather, including rain, wind, hail, lightning, occasional sunshine and the coldest April for many a year! However, we received many accolades and thanks from those coming for their vaccinations which reinforced the knowledge we were making a significant contribution to the vaccination effort locally.

Sopworth Village Plant Table

Now in its sixth year, the Sopworth village plant table may be small but it features a surprisingly diverse range of seasonal plants which are regularly changed. Plants are donated, and the money raised from the sale of them is split equally between Sopworth church and Sopworth village hall. It is open 24/7 during the summer months, and payment is made into the money box on a trust basis.

Valerie Edwards started it five years ago and has run it most capably and successfully. Ann Buxton and Jinny Rawlings have this year now taken over the running of it, ably assisted by Isla Casey when back from school. It is now positioned on the main street of Sopworth at the Didmarton end of the village between Bull Park Barn and Hollybush Barn.*

We sincerely thank all those who have supported and continue to support the Sopworth plant table. Gifts of plants and of course purchases of plants are always greatly welcomed.

Joe Buxton

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Movies@Malmesbury relaunch – 7 June

We are delighted to be able to announce that, subject to government guidelines, Movies@Malmesbury will re-open its doors on Monday 7 June.

After what seems like an eternity, Malmesbury's cinema is gearing itself up for a bumper crop of blockbuster films in June and July, with negotiations already at an advanced stage to bring films like *Nomadland*, *The Trial of the Chicago 7*, *The Father* and *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* to the screen in Malmesbury Town Hall.

A spokesperson for Movies@Malmesbury said, 'We have been meeting on a monthly basis to review the situation and can't wait to open our doors to the public in June.'

The cinema will operate along similar lines to when it last opened in autumn 2020: all tickets will have to be bought in advance from either the Town Hall or via the online booking agency, Usheru; the capacity in the hall will be restricted to just 27 per screening, to allow for maximum social distancing, and comfort; chairs will be changed between performances; and all windows will be opened between screenings to ensure maximum ventilation in the hall.

'We know, from many comments made to us, how the people of Malmesbury value their cinema. It's one thing to see a film streamed to your television but it's so much more immersive to see it on a big screen with a full sound system.'

Movies@Malmesbury is operated entirely by volunteers. If you think you would like to join the team, please contact Malmesbury Town Hall on 822143.

For all of the latest news about film and event bookings at Movies@Malmesbury, go to the cinema's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MoviesAtMalmesbury or check out the Movies@Malmesbury display in the window of the Town Hall.

Movies@Malmesbury June 2021

Monday 7 June 8.00pm *The Trial of the Chicago 7*

Friday 11 June 2.00pm *The Trial of the Chicago 7*

Friday 11 June 8.00pm *The Dig*

Monday 21 June 2.00pm *The Dig*

Monday 21 June 8.00pm *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*

Tuesday 22 June 7.30pm Exhibition on Screen:

'Sunflowers – the work of Van Gogh.' *

Friday 25 June 2.00 pm *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*

Friday 25 June 8.00 pm *The Father*

Tickets: 2pm and 5.30pm £5 & £4
8pm £6 Except * £10

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

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Beavers

With an investiture and 11 new joiners, Beavers returned to face-to-face meetings with gusto! Starting with a celebration of St George's Day (St George is not only England's patron saint but also the patron saint of scouting), Beavers have since been busy planting sunflowers and strawberry plants to work towards their gardener activity badge (thanks to local gardener Clare Seymour for assisting with this), completing various challenges to mark 35 years of Beavers, and building truss bridges from cocktail sticks and mini marshmallows as part of their builder activity badge.



Cubs

At long last we are back to face-to-face meetings with the Cubs. We are working on our team challenge badge so have been playing rounders and other new games, we have been building an aerial runway in pioneering, as well as learning our knots (it is Cubs after all) and have planted up radishes and rocket for our gardener badge. We will of course be cooking sausages over open fires at some point, along with getting our cycling badge, going for a night hike and building mini rafts to sail.

After our Group Scout Leader had so much fun helping out with the Cub gardener badge, he was reminded of the time when he was a Cub and had a tallest sunflower competition, and there is even photographic proof !!

So our Cubs are growing Russian Giant sunflowers that can grow up to four metres - we look forward to judging them after the summer holidays.



Scouts

1st Sherston Scouts are so happy to be back to face-to-face scouting. We now operate as an entirely outdoor Scout Group, whatever the weather - that in itself brings lots of fun!

Since being back, we have been working on many activities, including:

Problem-solving skills - tying two scouts together and seeing if they can work as a team to release one another, code-breaking, releasing a ping pong ball from a glass without touching either and solving a verbal problem involving a chicken, a fox and a bag of wheat.

Teamwork - completing a timed inter-patrol obstacle course.

Survival skills - Sending an SOS via morse code using a torch, creating international distress signals using our body, creating ground symbols to alert helicopters to your need and learning how to increase your chance of survival while waiting for help.

Adventure activities - going on a night hike down to Brook End and taking part in a pioneering session to build a structure to allow the Scouts to cross a river - this will soon be tested in real life!



The Scouts work as a patrol to earn patrol points with a prize to the winning patrol at the end of each term. We have had an amazing term and look forward to providing more exciting opportunities to teach valuable life skills and have lots more adventures.

If you feel you could contribute to providing these opportunities for our young people and can volunteer on a Tuesday evening, we would love to hear from you, even if you can only offer one evening a month. Please email sherstoncubsandscouts@gmail.com or call 07949600012.

Explorers

With the Explorer section (14-17 year olds), as long as the activities include either fire or food - or, even better, both - then they are happy! With this in mind, we started this term with a BBQ and planning section.

The Explorers decided that this term they wanted to complete their Expedition Challenge Award so that they could get their Chief Scout's Gold Award, this involves a day hike, camping overnight and a day hike the following day, so lots of hiking and map and compass work this term. Along with the Expedition Challenge, they decided on river crossing, outdoor cooking and rifle shooting



With more kids wanting to join Scouting, the one thing we are in real need of is help. We need outdoor adventurers, craft makers, activity planners and inspiration providers, for as little or as much time as you can spare, please email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk to join the fun.



School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

Summer term trips, clubs galore - art, football, choir and more!

With lockdown restrictions lifting, Sherston School took the first exciting steps back to normality in May with the reopening of school clubs and trips.

Rollercoaster rides and castle adventures

Sycamore Class enjoyed a fantastic trip to Thorpe Park in May. Most of the children had never visited a big theme park before and it was a real treat. Restricted numbers due to Covid and a weekday visit meant there were few queues and the children were even allowed to stay on rides to go round again! All the children (and teachers!) were so brave on some enormous and very fast rides - take a look at the Stealth if you would like an idea! A huge thank you must go to Mr Stewart, Mrs Box and Ms Linda for this very special school trip in the children's last year at Sherston. It was great to see the Year 6 class together again having fun post-lockdown.



Oak and Rowan class stepped back in time and enjoyed a wonderful day out at the ancient fortress of Berkeley Castle. The children had lots of fun touring the castle with 'Queen Katherine', viewing the battlements, dungeon, castle treasures and exploring the walled garden in search of plants and minibeasts.



Art Club in full swing

The children made some wonderful fishy creations inspired by the story 'Only one you' about a small fish learning some big life lessons.

Oak Class teacher and Early Years Coordinator Mrs Redman explains: 'The story holds an important message about how to find our own way in the world and we want to help the children learn about what we have in common being greater than all our differences.'



Lunchtime and after-school fun for everyone

The new lunchtime clubs, run by Kevin Hughes from Grassroots Sports Academy, have given everyone a chance to join in fun games, keep active and try out different sports.

As well as hitting the high notes with Mrs Berry's after-school choir club, the children have been learning new skills and about the benefits of sport at Kevin's weekly football, netball and athletics clubs.



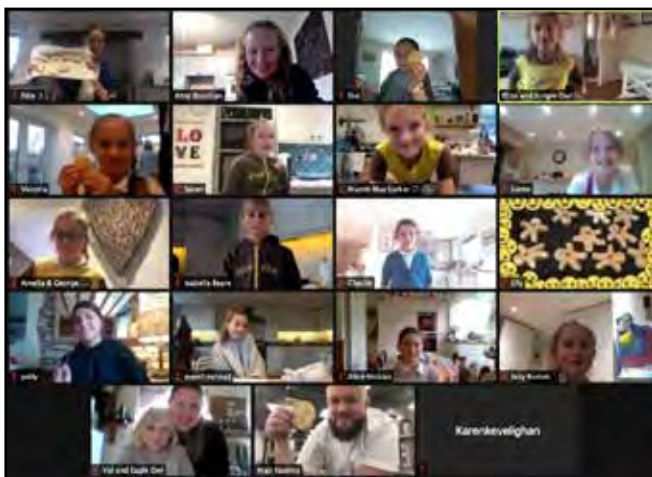
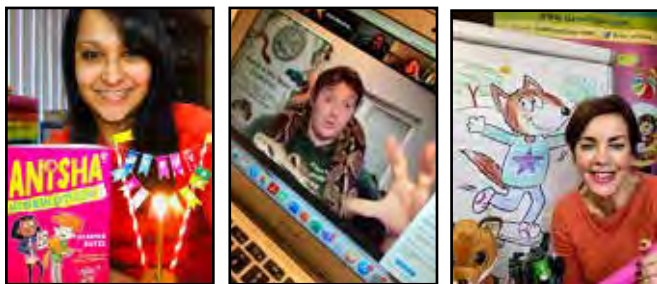
Adventures with the 1st Sherston Brownies

From baking biscuits with a Michelin-starred chef to 'meeting' snakes, it's been a fun-packed time for the Brownies - even if it all had to be on zoom! The last 12 months have seen the Brownies try lots of zoom games too - the challenge of finding the most out-of-date food stuff in their cupboard was very funny - and meet famous authors and illustrators.

We learned to bake Easter biscuits with the legend that is Niall Keating at Whatley Manor. He very kindly spent an hour baking with the Brownies and answered lots of questions about being a chef. He also divulged his lovely biscuit recipe - delicious!

The Brownies also spent a session learning to draw with the very energetic illustrator Liz Million and we had a chat with the talented award-winning author Serena Patel. We also had a go at some very cool Henna designs. The Anisha Accidental Detective books are a brilliantly hilarious read - real page-turners - if your children or grandchildren are looking for a new book. We also loved 'reptile night' (some of us were very glad it was on zoom) and we met everything from giant spiders to a rather large snake.

The zoom sessions have been lots of fun and a whole new way to run Brownies but it is fantastic to be back meeting face to face. This term we have had a go at learning Semaphore, football rounders and football golf, along with lots of other socially distanced games - all enjoyed in the wonderfully erratic British weather!



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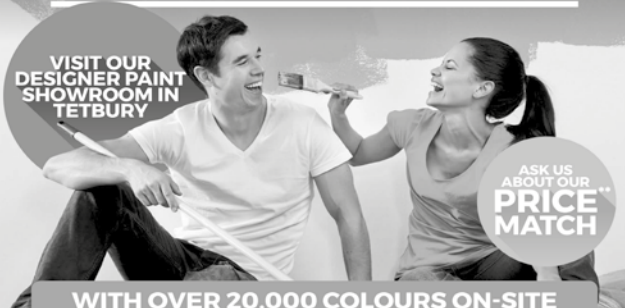
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Local 'Shero' in Great Pacific Race

Four women, 2,700 miles, one rowing boat in a world-record attempt from San Francisco to Hawaii.

Luckington mum Purusha Gordon, who only started rowing for this challenge, will be joined by Bella Collins, Mary Sutherland and Lily Lower from Cornwall, Hampshire and Essex respectively. These women, the Ocean Heroes, will row two hours on, two hours off, 24/7, for around 45 to 50 days from the end of May in conditions that will push them to their limits both physically and mentally.

The Ocean Sheroes have two missions:

1. To inspire other women and mums to find their inner strength and courage and realise anything is possible, however big or small.

2. To encourage people to change their habits and reduce their plastic consumption and raise funds for the Seabin Project which is helping preserve our planet by capturing over 3,000kg of waste every day.

You can follow their journey on Instagram or Facebook @oceansheroes, or visit www.oceansheroes.com to find out further information and help them reach their target of 60K for the Seabin Project

Ocean Sheroes in numbers:

£60,000 target to raise for the Seabin Project

6,500 calories burnt each day

5,000 calories to consume per day

3.6 tonnes of waste collected per day by Seabin Project

2,700 miles to row San Francisco to Hawaii

450 nut butter packs on board

50 days, 8 hours, 14 minutes world record to break

22 teams have ever completed this row

4 inspiring women

2 hours rowing, 2 hours resting 24/7


1 boat 'Fenris'

Luckington Summer Fête: Saturday 3 July, 2.00pm till 8.00pm



Because of enduring Covid uncertainties, we are aiming to hold a smaller fête this year, essentially a village picnic with live music. In the hope that the sun will be shining, please bring your picnic blankets and join us on Luckington's playing field. The committee is holding a sell-in-advance raffle. If you have any ideas or prizes to offer, please call Candy Neale on 840645 or email luckingtonfete@gmail.com

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North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

With spring well under way and so many welcome signs of things coming to life, it is appropriate that the Flower Club too is emerging from the enforced hibernation. We very much look forward to resuming our usual activities shortly, and to welcoming back members, friends and hopefully a few new members. We hope that by the end of summer, the village hall will have reopened and restrictions eased, enabling us to all meet face-to-face indoors and, at that point, we can resume our planned programme of events for the remainder of 2021. Prior to this, in August, we plan to hold an outdoor event at which members can meet as a group and socialise for the first time in almost 18 months. Details are being finalised by the committee as we go to press but it is likely to involve a garden visit.

The committee has continued to work behind the scenes during the pandemic and kept in touch with members through newsletters and technology. Some members have also participated in virtual competitions organised by NAFAS and the South West Area with some success. In April and May we collaborated with Nailsworth and District Floral Art Society on two demonstrations via Zoom, one by Christine Ramsey using dried flowers and foliage, the other by Tracy Johnson using fresh. We are also actively making plans for several special events during our Golden Jubilee year in 2022.

Our programme is always very varied and includes a good mix of workshops, demonstrations, social events and visits, all incorporating flowers in some shape or form. Meetings would normally take place at Crudwell Village Hall on the third Wednesday evening of the month, with visitors and potential new members welcome. We are a friendly and enthusiastic group with members from throughout the area.

If you'd like to get in touch we can be contacted by email – nwvflowerclub@gmail.com and more information can also be found on our Facebook page.

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Malmesbury and District U3A

With spring in the air and some optimism about the end of lockdown, all of us are longing to see our family and friends again. Malmesbury U3A has given us friendship and support over the past long months with zoom talks and coffee mornings and all of us are looking forward to starting up again. We are hoping that all our outdoor activities can start again in June, such as cycling, walking, bird-watching and pétanque. If you are retired or semi-retired and enjoy meeting people while learning something new then Malmesbury and District U3A has around 40 different interest groups to tempt you. We continue to have the following talks online for our 400 members to enjoy. Note the dates in your diary.

If you are not a member, you can still join us. Contact the membership secretary, Elaine Sharpe on 823568, become a member and enjoy the general talks. Then explore all the opportunities and get involved as soon as the present Covid restrictions allow. In normal times, U3A meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at Malmesbury Town Hall, 10.00am-11.45am, for tea/coffee, a chat and to listen to a monthly speaker. The interest groups are wide-ranging, such as learning a language, arts and crafts, science, music appreciation, dancing, walking, cycling, theatre visits, book groups and play readings. You can find more information on our website www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk.

Thursday 10 June: Climate Change and Planet Earth, David Head

Thursday 24 June: Fields of Battle - Lands of Peace, Mike Shiel



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Soft plastics and batteries:

Tescos Tetbury and Tescos Yate - collection points available in the stores

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:

Bridgman's Farm Shop, Sopworth Road, Sherston - all manner of loose fruit and vegetables and all within walking distance of Sherston!

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

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

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

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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 each Tues in the British School Rooms with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, and a cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. For further details contact sherstontoddlergroup@gmail.com or like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

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

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

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

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 British Schoolroom. £3 per session. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cutcher sheilacutcher28@gmail.com or 840067, or on Facebook.

Congregational Church – in The British Schoolroom. 11am Service, Communion every 2nd Sunday of the month led or hosted by Reverend Andrew Williams Tarling. Sunday School 10.15 – 11am use Cliff Road entrance. Alternating Mondays 8pm, Bible Study or Prayer Group Brick (Lego) Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 7pm. Contact Minister - Andrew Williams Tarling -minister4sherstoncongregationalchurch@outlook.com /07921 390878 Admin/Bookings - Victoria Meheust - sherstoncongregationalchurch@outlook.com Secretary.- Candi Williams Tarling - secretary4sherstoncongregationalchurch@outlook.com or find us on Facebook.

Methodist Church Services every Sunday at 10.30am apart from 3rd Sunday in the month when service is held at Luckington. For further details see the Parish Life

Church Bell Ringing Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 – 9 pm. Call Chris Pickthall 841072 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Footpaths Group 'Sherston Walks - a guide to local Rights of Way', featuring 10 local walks is on sale at the Post Office. If you would like to learn more about the Footpaths Group contact 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

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

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 Fun, social exercise class (no exercises performed lying down) on Mondays at 10.30am in The British School Rooms. Suitable both men & women. All abilities. Everyone welcome. 1st class free. Book your place with Emma: 07843 256081 emmacope@synchronicity.me.uk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and Nov – Apr in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. Jan & Oct no meetings but lunch/dinner. Visitors always most welcome £4. Further information: Secretary 07940 287249

Yoga for All Mon evenings 7.45-9.15pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £8.50 reducing to £7 if you take up the course. More details contact 07779 600786 after 6pm or leave a message.

Outside Sherston

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

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

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

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

Easton Grey Parish Church See Parish Life for details of services

Gauzebrook Church for Children Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them: Junior Church is held at Court House, Hullavington at 11.00am now on the first Sunday of each month, except for August. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

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

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

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

Link - (Malmesbury and District)

Link is a charity run by volunteers to provide transport for people living in the Malmesbury area to hospitals and other health related appointments. Volunteers always needed. More information from the Helpline: 840861 or coordinators@malmesburylink.co.uk

Luckington Mobile-PO Service outside The Old Royal Ship (SN14 6PA) on Wednesdays from 1.30-2.30pm

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 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 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 during COVID19 restrictions.

Sherston

The Bridge Restaurant

Indian cuisine to 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

Pub restaurant open again in May following government guidelines. Check boards or website for new opening plans. Indoor & outdoor dining with restaurant menu and BBQ & pizzas from the wood fired oven. Check boards for more details of events or call 840871 or follow on Twitter or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk/

The Angel Cafe with rooms

Café and rooms open again from 17 May following government guidelines, and takeaways. Open for hot and cold drinks, breakfast, brunch, lunch and sweet treats daily. These will all be available whether sitting inside or enjoying our lovely courtyard - (8am - 5pm daily). Call 841627 for more details or for the menus, visit www.angel-sherston.co.uk/menu

The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

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

Café at Hortico

Due to re-open sometime in June after the peak spring plant buying season - . Newly remodeled café in the garden centre for tea coffee and cakes 10am - 3.30pm daily - wood burner, fully sustainable off grid, log cabin style café, covered seating in the nursery and amongst the Christmas trees growing for next year - dog friendly Plant centre and nursery open daily. Online shop with delivery to Sherston (SN16) and Swindon (SN1-5) *Further details on Facebook or visit www.hortico.co.uk or 07887 508880*

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>

Church of the Holy Cross - Church events

Details of this month's events in the main section of the Cliffhanger and on the Church Noticeboard for details of services and events.

For further details call Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or Susan Harvey <susan.harvey055@gmail.com

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend

Gardens open Sat 12 Sun 13 Jun, plant stall and teas and cake served outside the Church of the Holy Cross. If you would like to open your garden, please contact Pat Whitehouse 840640, or Heather Martin 840375.

Village Hall Information Days

Buy a Butterfly and learn more about the planned renovations Sat 26 – Sun 27 Jun

Sat 26 - 10am - 4pm Wildlife Photography Exhibition Nick Holland

Sun 27 - Talk on the history of the Village Hall by Roger Ashley. More details in the main section

Date for your Diary:

Sherston Boules Weekend 2021

More details will be announced in the next months
Sat 10 July - Boules competition on the High St
Sun 11 July – Duck race from Stretchline and Teas in Mill Cottage garden

Bath Textile Artists exhibition

Multi Layered Medley, a selling exhibition in the British School Room, Cliff Road: Sat 17 Jul 10am-6pm; Sun 18 July, 12.30pm-6pm

King Arthur by The Last Baguette

A fun and farcical family adventure coming to Sherston an outdoor performance for families by The Last Baguette, a Rural Touring Show. Fri 23 July at 5pm on the Village Hall Field 6pm; Sun 18 July, 12.30pm-6pm

Sherston Big Picnic Festival 2021

3-4 Sep in Sherston Tickets selling out fast at <https://bigpicnic2021.eventbrite.co.uk> great music on Friday night and all day/night on Saturday and this time with a licensed bar and some stuff to keep the little ones happy (and out of your hair!) during the day!

Sopworth

Sopworth Village Plant Table in aid of Sopworth church and Sopworth village hall – Easter through summer. Positioned on the main street of Sopworth at the Didmarton end of the village between Bull Park Barn and Hollybush Barn

Luckington The Old Royal Ship

Pub restaurant open again in May following government guidelines. The Pub is now fully open inside, with takeaways and outside service also available. 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

Luckington Open Gardens

9+ gardens on show in aid of Luckington Church Sun 20 Jun 2- 5.30pm £5 pp entry tickets and map from Luckington Parish Church from 1.30pm - parking in the Church car park

Luckington Summer Fête

Sat 3 July - 2pm till 8pm - a smaller fête this year; essentially a village picnic with live music - please bring your picnic blankets to Luckington's playing field. Sell-in-advance raffle. If you have any ideas or prizes to offer, please call Candy Neale on 840645 or email luckingtonfete@gmail.com

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@thehofordarms.co.uk

Malmesbury

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 together with artisan products and gifts at great prices

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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

Malmesbury and District U3A

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people. There are over 500 members and around 40 different interest groups including arts and crafts, book group, history, gardening, dancing, theatre trips, languages, walking etc. Malmesbury & District U3A continues to keep in touch with members with regular editions of the Lockdown News and events & talks by Zoom. If you are not a member you can still join us. Contact the membership secretary, Elaine Sharpe 823568, to become a member, £10 for the whole year. Further details in article in the main section or visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Tetbury Tetbury Goods Shed – open

Vegetables from Aunt Addie's Visit the amazing Ros for all your delicious locally grown vegetables. Adeline Farm is a farming venture with the emphasis on quality, fresh, local and seasonal produce. Although not certified as Organic they are committed to using organic methods and to working with nature and respecting wildlife. They are also totally committed to producing the finest produce possible. Every Sat 11am-2pm

The Whistle Stop café remains 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

Will return – tbc Didmarton Village Hall
For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

See main section for this month's film details
Grittleton Village Hall
For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com or visit www.moviola.org/

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community. For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com for upcoming films Planning to re-open from 18 May following government guidelines

Cirencester The Barn Theatre

Live shows with socially distanced seating and ventilation as well as live streamings.
For further details call Box office: 01285 648255 or boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk or visit <https://barntheatre.org.uk>

Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton-Under-Edge

Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ the cinema

Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the ROH Covent Garden

Stream opera and ballet content online from our house to yours while our stages are closed. Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and many other Cinemas For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit www.roh.org.uk/cinema

National Theatre Live Live and pre recorded screenings from The National Theatre @ the cinema For further details visit www.ntlive.com

Bath Theatre Royal Bath

Live performances will return with performances in the socially distanced Main House auditorium. For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk

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

Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

emergency@sherston.org.uk (only during an incident)

Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100

EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk (only during an incident)

Floods: 0300 456 0105 or drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk

Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm

Utilities

ELECTRICITY – SSEPD Power track

To report a problem or for information call 105

www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack for a map of faults

0800 072 7282 or 0345 072 1905 from a mobile phone
@SSEPD for updates on twitter

WATER – Bristol Water

www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

WATER – Wessex water

www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

BBC Wiltshire can be heard via:

West Wilts area

(Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge): 104.3FM

Useful Numbers

BT fault line	0800 800151
CLARENCE (Highway complaints)	0800 232323
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

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