



# THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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## Sherston Neighbourhood Plan



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### – surgery update

#### Background

Following a referendum held on 16 May 2019, 92.6% of our residents voted in support of the Sherston Neighbourhood Plan. This plan formally became part of the Wiltshire Council Plan as of 19 May 2019.

The full plan detail can be found on the Parish Council website under the 'what we do' tab at the top of the home page.



In summary, the plan supported a mixed-use development, with up to 45 homes (40% of which would be affordable) and land set aside for a new GP surgery, a preschool facility and the future expansion of Sherston Primary School.

#### Current status of the Sopworth Road Development

The developers, Acorn Development, submitted an initial planning application in the last quarter of 2020. This was later withdrawn as it was thought that a significant proportion of the application would not be supported by Wiltshire Council or residents. Acorn Development subsequently submitted a pre-planning application, having worked directly with individual planners within Wiltshire Planning to give any application the best possible chance of being approved. The pre-planning application was submitted on 19 February 2023 but Wiltshire Council has yet to respond, despite the developers chasing on numerous occasions. This lack of response has been escalated to our Wiltshire Councillor, Martin Smith, by the Parish Council. We are currently awaiting an update.

#### What's happening with the proposed new surgery building?

There seems to be an understanding in the village that the Parish Council is solely responsible for driving and implementing the surgery new build; this is not the case. It is a joint venture between the NHS, the Parish Council and the developers. The Parish Council's commitment was to ensure that land was set aside in the Neighbourhood Plan and retained for the purposes of a surgery. We also need the NHS (NHS Estates), the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and local Primary Care Network (which includes six other GP practices) to agree to the plans.

That said, we have not been resting on our laurels, and have been heavily involved driving meetings with Wiltshire Council, Acorn Development and representatives from the Tolsey Surgery in an attempt to 'get things moving' for our residents, as well as Martin Smith (Wiltshire Councillor) having previously engaged James Gray (MP) and the Wiltshire Council cabinet member for planning and the Integrated Care Board (NHS) to push things forward.

#### So, what are the issues?

It has been fully acknowledged by all that the current surgery building does not meet the needs of the local population or the requirements for modern healthcare, hence the provision in the Neighbourhood Plan for a new surgery. Against this backdrop, the surgery team have been pushing hard and consistently to get the situation addressed, but continue to struggle to get support from the NHS to drive the new surgery proposal forwards. The implications of the facility not being fit for purpose are evident to all:

- Patient accessibility issues
- Patient privacy and accommodation issues
- Patient queuing at both the dispensary and reception
- Inability to service the volume of phone calls effectively from the growing patient base (one receptionist)
- Cramped working conditions for the surgery team
- Lack of storage or service development space
- No space for the team to have breaks/lunch or adequate toilet facilities
- General run-down nature of the building

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## First Aid and CPR / AED Training Course - spaces left

There are some spaces still available on the First Aid and CPR/AED training course. It will be held at the Tolsey Surgery on Saturday 8 July, 9.45am for 10.00am start. It is expected to last approximately two hours. The cost is £23.00 per person, in cash (correct money, please).

The Tolsey Surgery has kindly offered to provide the free use of their premises and light refreshments at no charge – thus enabling the cost of the course to be kept to a minimum.

To get the best from the session, comfortable clothing and flat shoes are recommended as some physical participation is involved with the CPR training.

To book a place on the course, please email your name and contact details to David Munn at [dtwm@btinternet.com](mailto:dtwm@btinternet.com). Please note all bookings must be made in advance.

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## Fox hunting concerns



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A small number of residents have contacted the Parish Council with concerns about the activities of the Beaufort Hunt in our parish. Issues relate to fox hounds entering private gardens and the Parish Council's sports field, obstruction by the hounds and horses on the public highway, and alleged illegal hunting.

Whilst we appreciate the concerns raised, unfortunately the Parish Council has no jurisdiction with respect to the hunt unless it is impacting Parish-owned land. The recently reported sighting of fox hounds on the sports field will be raised with the Beaufort Hunt directly, given no dogs are allowed on that land for health and safety reasons.

If residents have concerns and are able to evidence issues relating to dangerous obstruction of the highway, trespass on their own land, or illegal hunting, please contact Wiltshire Police's Rural Crime Team by dialing 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non emergency or reporting it online. [www.wiltshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/)

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## Surgery update continued



Whilst this has been acknowledged, the surgery team are really struggling with several moving pieces that are outside their control. The key blocker is how the surgery will be funded – the delay to the application for funding has been aggravated by the hoops the surgery team are needing to jump through to even apply for the funding via NHS Estates, not least of which was the whole application process changing mid-application. Having already completed one application process, the surgery team had to start afresh to submit a further application to the ICB which can approve funding requests. The team have also had to obtain agreement from their local Primary Care Network for North Wiltshire.

It's worth noting that the surgery team are working very hard, and doing what they can under very difficult circumstances, having in effect outgrown the size of the practice (both in terms of building size/set-up and

patient demand). The team are as frustrated as we are, if not more so, given that, under the current circumstances, they are not able to offer the quality of care they would like to or the enhanced level of care they would propose if they had the benefit of a new larger building facility.

## What are we, the Parish Council doing about it?

As a result of further delays, we have asked that Wiltshire Councillor Martin Smith re-escalate this situation to both James Gray (MP) and the Wiltshire Council cabinet member for planning and the ICB (NHS). We will ask them to come and look at the challenging environment the surgery team are having to work in to put it into perspective, and to attend a meeting in the village hall with both the surgery, ICB representation and you the residents to explain why this is so problematic to move forward.

*Tanya Burgess, Chair, Sherston Parish Council*

# Sherston preschool building



## Why is the former preschool building on the Recreation Ground still vacant?



First, a little bit of history on the Recreation Ground on which the preschool is built. The Recreation Ground itself was left in Trust to the village by the Stroud Brewery under the governance of a Trust Deed back in 1934 for the purposes of recreation. This Trust was managed by the original trustees until 1964 when the trustee responsibility passed to the Parish Council with the original requirement of the Trust remaining unchanged.

## Background to the preschool

Following the closure of the previous village preschool, Busy Hands, in the Village Hall, there was significant pressure on the Parish Council at the time to work with residents to help set up a new provision for parents in the village. A service provider was identified and a decision was taken to fund the build of a purpose-built facility on the Recreation Ground, which subsequently opened its doors in November 2019.

## Why is the building now vacant?

Unfortunately, the provider decided to close the business and vacated the building in July last year. Since then, a suitable replacement has not been found and a significant void remains in our community.

## So, what are the next steps?

The Parish Council absolutely recognises the importance of a preschool within the community. Furthermore, as trustees, we appreciate the importance of fulfilling the original intention of the generous donation nearly a century ago.

It is extremely important to ensure we act in the best interest of the beneficiaries, as well as the residents of the parish. Fortunately, these are one and the same. The Parish Council unanimously agrees that the preschool is pivotal in a modern-day society and a key feature of what makes Sherston exceptional.

That said, given the current climate, challenges with funding, recruiting and retaining staff, both the Parish Council and Wiltshire Council have struggled to identify a provider who is able to take it on.

We ask, if anyone has any suggestions to help us with this, please do feel free to contact robin.turner@sherston.org.uk

*Tanya Burgess*

*Chair, Sherston Parish Council*



## Sherston Open Gardens Weekend

Around 14 gardens will be open this year, just a few only open one day, and we have at least three completely new gardens on the trail, so there is plenty to look at and you can enjoy a stroll around our lovely village.

On Saturday 10 June gardens are open from 1.00pm to 6.00pm, and on Sunday 11 June from 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

Trail tickets are £6 per person (for the whole weekend). They'll be on sale outside Sherston Co-op from 10.00am to 12.00noon on Saturday, then from the church.

There will be teas (£4) and a plant stall at the church.

## In Touch



Some of you may remember that, years ago, Sherston Church started the 'In Touch' scheme in the village, whereby each road had a road rep who welcomed newcomers into the village and gave them a bundle containing the Cliffhanger, a map of Sherston and other useful information, and were a point of contact if they needed help or advice. Visits were very much appreciated, but along with other schemes it lapsed when Covid hit.

We are now getting it going again and we're grateful to everybody who has offered to help. However, we still need road reps for Brook Hill, Easton Square, Grove Road, Knockdown Road, Noble Street, Silver Street and The Tartars numbers 41 - 56. This should not be an onerous duty, just keeping an eye open for a removal van, then calling on the new residents with the pack and offering them a welcome to Sherston.

If this is something you feel you could do, please email me, Helen Price via [retreatcottage17@btinternet.com](mailto:retreatcottage17@btinternet.com) or ring 503187.

## Sherston Arts Festival

This year's Sherston Arts Festival runs from 3 to 12 November. We have already announced our two main events: the Blaenavon Male Voice Choir on Saturday 4 November in the church and the Packhorse Ceilidh Band on Saturday 11 November in the Village Hall.

At the heart of the Festival is the Art Exhibition, which runs every day in the church. Anyone is welcome to submit up to five works which must be 2D and be framed or appropriately presented. We include work by professional and amateur artists who come from the local area or have a Sherston connection. So there are several months to prepare!

Please see website for more details [www.sherstonartsfestival.com](http://www.sherstonartsfestival.com)

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## Sherston Senior Club

On 18 April, Goug Wilcox gave us a brilliant talk with props regarding intruders, shoplifters and other curious incidents that happened while running her business in London. It was eye-opening how clever these criminals were. We were fascinated.

On 2 May, we had a 'Show and tell' afternoon where members brought items of Royal memorabilia and told us all about them. Letters from royalty, coronation mugs, even a shaving mug were all on display.

Our next meeting is an outing to Ross-On-Wye outlet centre.

We meet every two weeks in the British School Room, 2.30pm in the summer, 2.00pm in the winter. Visitors are always welcome. Please contact Helen Quirk on 840516 for further information.

## Open air theatre comes to the village: Pandora's Box

Saturday 22 July, 5.30pm Sherston Villlage Hall Field

A riotous and ridiculous retelling by The Last Baguette, written by Sunday Times award-winning playwright Tiff Woodsmith and directed by Susana Alcantud.

Ever wondered what's in the box? The one on the top shelf? Why were you told not to look in it? Could it really be so bad?

Join the Baguettes as they lift the lid on this classic myth. A gallop through Greek mythology featuring goofy gods, hilarious heroines and daft deities with physical comedy, live music and un-Apollo-getically bad puns. A show for anyone aged 6 to 126 who's ever asked why.

The Last Baguette theatre company makes entertaining, accessible and eccentric work for family audiences, and is resident company at Pound Arts, Corsham.

Put the date in your diary! See next month's Cliffhanger for ticket information. Brought to us by Rural Arts.

## Holy Cross Café



Following a positive planning meeting, the 'Coffee Shop' at Holy Cross will now be called Holy Cross Café. It will run weekly, on Thursdays, from 10.00am to 12.00noon. Come and enjoy coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits and meet friends or make new ones. Payment by cash donation towards church maintenance and repairs.

See you there - bring a friend or meet new ones!

# Boules Festival



The committee has been really busy over the last few months putting everything in place ready for this year's Boules Festival. Here is a taste of what's in store ...

This year's festival will kick off on Tuesday 11 July with a new addition this year of French Wine Tasting over at the Village Hall. More information on tickets soon! Then we have a 'French evening' at The Rattlebone which will take place on Wednesday 12 July. Following on from that, we have some fun events over at the cricket ground on Thursday 13 July.

As for Boules Day itself, on Saturday 15 July, we have a jam-packed competition that will see people from far and wide travel to compete. Jerri Hart - aka The

Crooked Crooner - will once again be live on the High Street. Jerri describes himself as 'an internationally obscure performer, musician and comedian with a unique look and sound'. To be honest, you can't argue with that.

We are delighted to say that we have a full house when it comes to stallholders and are so excited to see so much interest and variety coming to the village - from jams and cakes, to jewellery, art and woodwork. Great for shopping and supporting local small businesses.

Don't worry about the kids getting bored - the Scouts and Guides have that covered! They will be running games and stalls on the village hall field to keep everyone entertained. Plus, as in previous years, there will be a junior boules tournament to watch or compete in.

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

Then to round off our fantastic week of festivities, the duck race will take place on Sunday 16 July, with tea and cakes at the finish at Mill Cottage.

Look out for a full breakdown of events in next month's Cliffhanger.

And finally a call for help ... with so much going on, there are a lot of odd jobs to do - and not enough of us to do them! We are looking for volunteers to donate some time to make sure the day runs as smoothly as possible. If you're interested in helping, please do get in touch by emailing the team at: [sherstonboules@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonboules@gmail.com)

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

*Boules Committee*

## Thank you Sherston!

We moved here at the end of June 2021, having searched for houses through the third lockdown. We were juggling the need for good schools, with proximity to two sets of elderly parents - in Cardiff and Bristol - and a desire to be part of a community, while having beautiful countryside on our doorstep. Sherston appeared to tick all the boxes. We took a leap of faith and had a wonderful welcome from so many people during those first few weeks.

Since then, we have made a rather dodgy scarecrow to look like Pippi Longstocking, joined the Advent window 'light-up'; my husband has found a love of bell-ringing, and thoroughly enjoyed playing in the Boules tournament last year. Our girls have painted butterflies for the Village Hall, joined the Brownies and Guides, taken part in Olympic Day, the Duck Race, the Remembrance Day parade, sung at Young Voices with an 8,000-strong choir of schoolchildren and are enjoying everything the school and village have to offer. I am earning my Owl feathers as a Brownie leader and loving singing again after many years with the Malmesbury Singers. We have thrown ourselves into Sherston village life and we love it here.

While our daughters were little, I worked as a childminder but, after our move, I wanted to return to work as a reflexologist. Reflexology is a complementary therapy which aims to treat the whole person by exerting pressure on reflex points of the feet. Its goal is to bring deep relaxation, reduce stress, improve circulation, stimulate the immune system and help relieve pain.

I had just started to treat clients again last spring, when my dear mum became very ill and I had to stop work for several months.

Now, a year later, I have a reflexology business: Grounded Life Reflexology. I work as a mobile therapist, but I also now have a treatment room in Sherston. So, if you are interested in having a treatment or just learning more about Reflexology, do please give me a call or text on 07714 379962 or email [hrlinstead@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hrlinstead@yahoo.co.uk). My website and Facebook page should be up and running soon. Sherston feels like a true community - working together, celebrating together, supporting one another. We are very happy and proud to be a part of that, so thank you Sherston!

*Helen Thomas*





## SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

This month's meeting is Tuesday 6 June: Speaker is Penny Jones. 'The Art of Plant and Seed Hunting'

### Clippings

Our May speaker, Leif Bersweden, gave a wonderful talk based on his book, 'Where the Wildflowers Grow'. His passion for wild plants and their importance to the natural world was infectious and his talk was informative and thought-provoking. It was also very funny as his 'eyes down, bottom up' approach to nature has got him into a spot of bother in several places around the country whilst conducting his research!

Members had a jolly day out at the RHS Malvern Spring Festival later in May. The weather stayed fine and the coach luggage locker was well stacked with plant purchases on the way home. The Malvern show is always popular (a lovely setting without the Chelsea hordes) and we may repeat next year.



Thanks also to Piers at Hortico who treated us to a fascinating 'behind the scenes' tour last month. Late May is slap bang in the middle of their busiest season so the plant centre is brimming with summer colour. Yet again, members left with their arms full ...!

### Cuttings

Our June speaker is Penny Jones. Penny is Head Propagator at the National Arboretum at Westonbirt. There is nothing Penny doesn't know about plants after 20 plus years growing and caring for their magnificent tree collection. Her illustrated talk will be based on her frequent plant hunting trips around the world and comes highly recommended. Visitors and new members also welcome. It will be a good opportunity to renew membership, if you haven't already!



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

Club meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month, in the British School Room, doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

### Connections

Don't forget to click onto the SGC Facebook page for photos, questions, answers (where possible!) and news of meetings and events. Anyone can join the group and submit tips, hints and pics.

### Community

#### Blooming Sherston

Following the public meeting on 25 March at The Angel and the subsequent Parish Council AGM, ideas have emerged to move this initiative forward. You can read more about the plans on the next page.

### Calendar

Tuesday 6 June: 'The Art of Plant and Seed Hunting' by Penny Jones, Chief Propagator at Westonbirt Arboretum.

Friday 7 July: Summer Social at The Garden House, Westonbirt (with thanks to our hosts, Clare & James Turner) Prosecco & Canapés, £10 members, £15 non-members, booking required

No August Meeting! We're all on holiday or gardening ...

## Sherston Village Hall 300+ Club

The Draw 3 winners of £20 were:  
49 Jim McKelvie, 52 Rachel Moody, 92 Deborah Wootton, 250 Margaret Maslen, 292 Paul Nash.

Christmas Bonus currently £170

Do sign up - we still need lots more members!



I/We\* would like to join/renew membership of the 300+Club for 2023 and enclose £10.00/£20.00 cash/cheque\* (made payable to Sherston Village Hall), being the subscription for 2023.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*Delete as appropriate – You may have more than one Membership

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

Thank you for your continued support.

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# Blooming Sherston update

The Blooming Sherston initiative is a celebration of living in our unique village, using the power of plants to enhance that experience. It's about being in a community that enjoys beautiful outdoor spaces. *'The earth laughs in flowers.'*

## Why should we care?

As you're probably aware, research consistently shows that green spaces contribute to the wellbeing of communities. Greener public areas provide numerous benefits, including better mental and physical health, fostering of social connections, protecting the environment, as well as improving visual appeal: so, lots of good reasons to support more 'greening' in Sherston.

## How can I help?

Blooming Sherston is all about individual residents working together, occasionally or regularly, to create something we can all enjoy. Are there parts of the village you would like to look better? What you want to happen, you can help to make happen. Here are just a few ideas for starters:

- Perhaps adding more colour on verges, patches and on our High Street?
- Maybe a general tidy-up around our lanes, drives and roads?
- Or use plants for additional traffic-calming beside main roads into Sherston?
- What about planting bulbs and shrubs in areas such as Anthony Close so that our older residents can benefit?
- Identifying areas where pollinating wildflowers can provide vibrant sustainability?

*'Plants give us oxygen for the lungs and the soul.'*



And the good news is ...

A lot is already happening! There are many organisations involved in 'greening' and environmental improvements around the village: the Parish Council, Sherston Churchyard, Sustainable Sherston, Sherston



School, the Grove Wood team, Sherston Gardening Club, to name a few. The building blocks are already in place. We just need to expand the vision.

*'Every time you plant a flower, you plant a little happiness along with it.'*

## What are the next steps?

### A few suggestions....

- How about weeding or planting outside your garden gate? Talk to your neighbours; maybe organise a working group to tidy up around each other's homes.
- Watch out for regular updates in the Cliffhanger and on individual group websites.
- Let us know what you are most interested in. If you have ideas for sustainable, eco-friendly improvements, tell us and we'll see how we can include them.
- Get the kids involved too. Volunteers don't have to be adults. Children love getting up close to nature and getting their hands dirty!
- Help to make a difference!



For more information, please contact Blooming Sherston co-ordinator, Irene Johnston at [ie\\_johnston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk) or call 841273

*'Flowers are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul.'*

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# The Great Big Green Week: Will you write a Letter to Tomorrow?

Letters to Tomorrow explain your hopes for future generations, if leaders worldwide step up to protect the environment - and your fears about what life could be like if we don't slow down climate change. Your letter can be to anyone - a friend, your children or grandchildren, the Prime Minister or Chairman of BP. It's your choice!

I have written one to my grandchildren, but here is one to readers of Sherston Cliffhanger:

*Like Sir David Attenborough and our new King Charles III, I have been concerned about Climate Change for well over 20 years. As an Ambassador for development charity Ripple Effect (formerly Send a Cow), I have seen first-hand the devastating effects of a changing climate, especially in Ethiopia, which is facing the worst drought for 40 years, resulting in water scarcity, crop failure, famine, livestock deaths and soaring food prices. Sadly, those who have contributed the least to the climate crisis are suffering its effects the most. World leaders must wake up and work together to take action to halt the climate crisis and allow the*

*earth to recover. We must all push them to listen to the science and act today if we want our children to live in a world with enough food and water for everyone and to be able to enjoy the wonders of nature, to hear birdsong and breathe clean air. The Climate Crisis scares me and I implore everyone in Sherston to fight for the future of our planet for our children's sake.*

If possible, write your letter on [www.letterstotomorrow.com](http://www.letterstotomorrow.com) website, share it on social media, including #LettersToTomorrow, and even send a copy to our local MP: [jamesgraymp@parliament.uk](mailto:jamesgraymp@parliament.uk) (attach as a PDF and include your address and postcode to ensure it is not blocked). Finally, bring a copy to our Great Big Green Week Eco coffee morning at Holy Cross Café at Sherston Church on Thursday 15 June, from 10.00am to 12.00noon (or come and write your letter there!). Thank you in anticipation.

Tricia Lawrence

[pjlawrence46@gmail.com](mailto:pjlawrence46@gmail.com)

## Stepping out for MIND



The Cotswold Way Ultra Challenge takes place on 24-25 June - a 100km loop from Cirencester to Wotton-Under-Edge and back again over two days.

Last October, my dear mum passed away. My brother, father and I had spent the previous six months caring for her following a second stroke and we were all with her when she died.

In January, I got an email from my brother entitled 'I had a mad New Year's idea ...' and the seed was sown. A sponsored walk - a distance we both thought twice about even though we have been 'walkers' all our lives. A chance to walk and talk - a thing my mother was very good at - to remember, to grieve, to heal, to challenge ourselves and to celebrate a life well-lived.

Mum was a very generous, loving, warm and kind soul. She grew up in Clevedon and moved back there with my father, 60 years later, to be closer to her children and grandchildren. She was a 'doer' and cared greatly about others, both those she knew - friends and family - but also complete strangers. She cared for many people in her life in many ways, both physically and mentally. So, in Mum's memory I am raising money for the charity MIND.

Mental health is something we all struggle with at times. Sometimes it is stress, sometimes depression or anxiety or loneliness. Sometimes, there are deeper issues. But it is still something we struggle to talk about. That's why I think charities like MIND are so important in raising awareness and giving support to those who are struggling.

MIND works locally and nationally to provide advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. It campaigns to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.

We have done a lot of walking in the past few months, gradually building up our distances and, by the time you read this, we will have done our first 40km in a day. We both have achy backs and bits that hurt and crunch where they have never done before. But we have covered some beautiful countryside and a lot of memories, which have both been very healing. The journey has started.

My heartfelt thanks to anyone who feels able to support me and the important work of this charity. [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/HelenRThomas](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/HelenRThomas)

Helen Thomas



# Coronation camp for Sherston Scout Group



Sherston Scout Group had a great coronation-themed camp last month. Forty-two Beavers, Cubs and Scouts headed to a field on the outskirts of Sherston (thank you Sean Richards!) for a weekend of adventure and activity, including hiking, shooting, pioneering, whittling Dutch arrows and cooking on open fires. They also enjoyed some 'It's a Knockout' style games, complete with custard pies!

If anyone is interested in joining as a Beaver, Cub or Scout - or as a leader! - email [join@sherstonscouts.org.uk](mailto:join@sherstonscouts.org.uk). Scouting is open to all; for anyone worried about the costs involved, please get in touch as funding can be arranged.







# School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

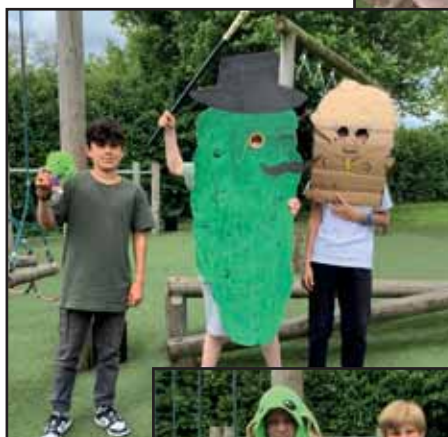
## Coronation celebrations

We had a wonderful day of Coronation Celebrations last month, including our Coronation Procession down the High Street and our very own mock Coronation Ceremony. A huge thank you to all our families and the wider community for coming to our Procession to cheer the children on – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Thank you to Tea Smart for capturing these special moments for us. And well done to all our children for putting on such a good show – we couldn't have been prouder.



## Y6 Eurovision party time!

Following a week of SATs, Sycamore class enjoyed a well-earned day of all things pop and rock at their Eurovision Party. They created their own bands, dressed up, composed and performed their very own Eurovision songs, competed in a Eurovision quiz, party games and more!





## Fundraising news and upcoming events...

Our Rags2Riches4Schools collection raised £209 for the school and sent 418kg of clothing to Ukraine in May. A big thank you to all our families for their donations and to the FSS for organising this.



## Castle Combe Bike Ride

The Castle Combe Bike Ride is back on Monday 12 June when children and adults alike enjoy biking, scooting or even rollerblading their way round the track! More details on our Facebook page.



## Olympic Day

Following hot on the 'wheels' of Castle Combe, it's our much-loved summer event 'Olympic Day' on Saturday 1 July. If you haven't been before, we can assure you it's a fun-filled day for all the family. It's open to all local children (and beyond!) from preschool to Year 8. If your child is at Sherston Primary School, you can purchase their Olympic passport ticket via ParentPay, otherwise just contact the Friends of Sherston School on [fss@sherston.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:fss@sherston.wilts.sch.uk). Tickets are £5 per child.



Keep up-to-date with all our latest school news at [www.sherstonprimary.co.uk](http://www.sherstonprimary.co.uk) or [Facebook.com/SherstonPrimarySchool](https://www.facebook.com/SherstonPrimarySchool)



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Director: Anthony Fabian

'Mrs. Harris Goes To Paris' tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own.

Trailer: [www.filmbankmedia.com/films/archive/details/33649-mrs-harris-goes-to-paris#/video](http://www.filmbankmedia.com/films/archive/details/33649-mrs-harris-goes-to-paris#/video)

Doors open at 6.30pm for cash bar and film show starts at 7.30pm.

£5 on the door – we now have a card machine!

Please advise if attending as it helps for set-up of chairs etc

## Hullavington Church Fête and Dog Show: Saturday 10 June

Come along to Court House, Hullavington (SN14 6DU) on Saturday 10 June, from 1.00pm to 4.00pm for Hullavington Church Fête and Dog Show! There will be: dog show classes and agility; BBQ; cream teas; Pimm's tent; fantastic stalls; pony rides; children's games & races; tug of war; raffle; and silent auction.

We would love to see you there! We would also love to hear from you if you could offer a prize or experience for our silent auction. Donations of bottles, cakes and local produce would be also much appreciated.

Contact: 07375 306881; [admin@clubs4kids.com](mailto:admin@clubs4kids.com).

## Movies@Malmesbury Programme for June

Tues 13 June 7.15pm	Il Trovatore *
Mon 19 June 2.00pm	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
Mon 19 June 8.00pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3
Fri 23 June 2.00pm	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3
Fri 23 June 8.00pm	The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry

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

Please note: All tickets must be purchased in advance from Malmesbury Town Hall or online at <https://cinema.malmesbury.gov.uk/>. Tel: 822143

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

## Malmesbury Singers Concert: A Summer Celebration of Choral Favourites

Malmesbury Singers will be directed one last time by retiring Musical Director Iain Duffin in their summer concert on Saturday 24 June in Malmesbury Abbey at 7.30pm. The choir will perform well-known choruses chosen by Iain. The concert will include works by Handel, Haydn, Brahms, Dvorak, Fauré, Bach and Verdi.

The final performance under Iain Duffin's directorship will give choir members, new and old, choir supporters and the audience an opportunity to celebrate Iain's three decades directing the choir. The Malmesbury Singers, supporters and community thank Iain Duffin wholeheartedly for his commitment and directorship over the years and wish him all the best with his future projects.

Iain comments: 'I've picked a programme for my final concert which looks back over my three decades with the choir. We'll be singing some of the best-loved choruses from our repertoire over many years. It is music that both the audience and choir will be familiar with and will provide us with a memorable evening.'

Thomas Mottershead will join the choir as the new Musical Director in September and will attend the concert in June as a guest.

Iain says: 'I'm thrilled that we've found someone as talented as Thomas to take the choir on the next stage of its journey. After over 30 years, it's a complex decision to step down, but with the baton in Thomas's hand, I'm confident that the choir can look forward to an exciting future. A fresh (and young!) approach is always good, and the choir were enthusiastic in their choice of Thomas from our rehearsal audition sessions.'

Tickets for the summer concert are available on the choir website: <https://malmesburysingers.co.uk>.

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## Malmesbury & District u3a

Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of the month (10.00am- 12.00noon) at Malmesbury Town Hall. Non -members welcome. 50p donation.

Details of our next meeting are below. Please note there are no monthly meetings during July and August as it is holiday season.

### Thursday 22 June: Experiences of a Puppy Raiser with Guide Dogs. Iain Lonsdale.

Iain began working with Guide Dogs in 2001 as a puppy walker and followed this a year later by becoming a fundraiser. Since that time, he has provided basic training for 19 puppies and adopted the role of speaker for the charity.

During Iain's talk, he will give an outline of the history of Guide Dogs before moving on to discuss the phases in training puppies. An essential aim of the charity is to enable blind and partially blind people 'the same freedom of movement as everyone else'. With this in mind, Iain will explain the process of matching dogs and people in order that they can work together effectively. He will also provide information about approaches to retiring dogs and how Guide Dogs are funded. As always, members will have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the talk.

Check our website for an up-to-date list of groups and other information: [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk). For more information e-mail [membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk)

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**Sunday 4 June Gardeners' Questions:** Join our expert panel to sort out your horticultural hassles! Tickets £5. 2.00pm-4.00pm.

**Saturday 10 June Purple Zeppelin:** Come and experience the excitement of Deep Purple and Led Zeppelin in one mesmerising show! Tickets £22.50. 7.30pm-10.00pm.

**Saturday 17 June Julian Bliss: Celebrating Benny Goodman, the 'King of Swing',** the Julian Bliss Quintet brings you the exciting sound of swing from the 30s and 40s. Tickets £25, under 25s £16. 7.30pm-9.45pm.

**Sunday 25 June Gloucestershire Youth String Orchestra:** The GYSO is made up of amazing young musicians drawn from across the county's schools, as we aim to host more and more young performers. Tickets £5, under 18s free. 3.00pm.

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We have been running these sessions, fortnightly, for three months since the official opening of the new Butterfly Hall in February. Planned, as a requirement by the National Lottery Community Fund, to allow people to come and see the improved facilities, there has been a good response, with up to 12 people dropping in for a cup of tea and a chat.

It has also shown what a brilliant, welcoming space the Butterfly Hall is - light and airy, particularly with the afternoon sun. We are going to give it a break for the summer but may run occasional sessions in the autumn. However, we would encourage small groups to book the Butterfly Hall for social or educational events, in the afternoons, when there are currently no hirers in the main hall.

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## Panto is back! Oh yes it is!

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Sherston Drama Group is excited to announce that panto is back! Oh yes it is! And we're on the lookout for people to take part.

The performances will take place in Sherston Village Hall in October half term. To be in the cast, you must be available every evening from Sunday 22 October until Saturday 28 October, as well as on the afternoon of 28 October for the matinee performance. You must also be free for the rehearsals which will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in September and October.

We need children and adults for the cast. Children must be aged at least nine years old as at Friday 1 September in order to take part. An audition is being held for juniors on Tuesday 27 June in the British School Room from 7.00pm until 9.00pm. This is for anyone who will be in school years 5-9 from September and will involve acting, singing and dancing in groups. It's open to all abilities – if you're not sure if you can do any of these things, this is your chance to come and give it a try! We will use the audition to decide who will form the pantomime chorus, and some children in this age group may also be considered for larger roles.

Adults and teenagers who will be starting in school year 10 and up in September should come to a script reading evening, which will take place on Thursday 6 July from 7.30pm at Willow Trees, Hunters Field, Sherston - again, everyone welcome!

If you and/or your child are thinking of auditioning, it would be great if you could let me know by email, [katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk), just so that we have an idea of numbers and because it will help with script selection. Also feel free to contact me if you have any questions, would like any more information, or if you would like to be considered for a part but cannot come to the audition or the read through.

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**The Household Recycling Centre** at Stanton St Quinton - take a look at their website to see what they take, you no longer need to book in advance!

### Soft plastics and batteries:

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

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

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- Lids from packs of meat, ready meals
- Lidding film from cheese packs
- Wrapping around chicken
- Fruit and veg flow wrap • Chocolate wrappers
- Croissant, pancake, crumpet, etc wrappers
- Wrappers from cakes, Yorkshire puddings
- Flower wrappers • Biscuit wrappers
- Bags from dried fruit, sugar, pulses, rice and pasta
- Protective wrappers from gift wrap, bags from gift tags
- Bags from household textiles and similar – all-purpose cloths, dusters, dishcloths, rubber gloves, scourers
- Wrappers from pet food • Pastry packaging
- Wrappers from pies, pasties and sausage rolls
- Bagged sweets • Pizza wrappers
- Bags from porridge, muesli pouches
- Packaging from baby wipes and similar
- Crisp packets • Sweet wrappers • Pet Food Pouches

If you have a BIG bag, please hand it directly to a member of staff and they will add it to their big bin at the rear of the shop. Smaller amounts can simply be added to the collection bin just inside the entrance to the shop. PLEASE ... NO compostables, NO hard plastic, NO plastic bottles and NO plastic trays.

### Batteries/low-energy light bulbs

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

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

### Clothes and Shoes Collection Point :

Wiltshire Air Ambulance - Sherston Village Hall Car Park

## Ink Cartridges:

Sherston High Street Telephone Box

## Dental items:

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

## Zero Waste Shops:

**Bennett's (Vending) Farm Shop**, Tetbury Lane, Leighterton (GL8 8UP) - a self-service retail outlet open 7 days a week 8am-7pm.

**Lucy Tom Interiors**, Noble Street, Sherston - refills of cleaning materials, beauty products, shampoo and conditioner as well as reusable water bottles, keep cups, beeswax wraps and 'Who Gives A Crap' toilet paper

**The Wild Food Company**, High Street, Malmesbury - large selection of zero waste and plastic-free goods, liquid refills and loose dry foods, and loose milk

**The Grocers on Church Street**, Tetbury - large selection of zero waste and plastic-free goods, liquid refills and loose dry foods, and loose milk

**Loose**, 33 High Street, Stroud GL5 1BB - selling unpackaged foods and other household and personal care items in a largely plastic-free environment. Remember to take your own packaging!

**Hobb's House Bakery**, Malmesbury and Tetbury - take your own bags!

**Allington Farm Shop**, Chippenham SN14 6LJ - all manner of fruit and vegetables, butchers, deli counter and a huge set of freezers where you can scoop frozen fruit/veg/pastries/yorkshire puddings/fishcakes into your own containers/plastic bags

**Abbey Farm**, Burford Road GL7 5HF - brilliant organic farm, farm shop and cafe and a large selection of zero waste and plastic-free goods and liquid refills

## Zero Waste online services:

**Milk and More** ([www.milkandmore.co.uk](http://www.milkandmore.co.uk)) : milk, cheese, yogurt, fruit and veg boxes and zero waste groceries delivered to your door! Easy online ordering service.

**Riverford** ([www.riverford.co.uk](http://www.riverford.co.uk)) : organic fruit & veg boxes - zero waste - and lots more delivered to your door (on Wednesdays)

**Dizzie** (formerly The Good Club) ([www.getdizzie.com](http://www.getdizzie.com)): online zero waste grocery service

**Abel & Cole** ([www.abelandcole.co.uk](http://www.abelandcole.co.uk)) - organic fruit, veg, groceries & household goods delivered to your door with very low plastic use

## Local Food Growers

**Home Farm**, Highgrove, Tetbury - veg stall and loose organic milk

**The Goods Shed**, Tetbury - locally grown veg sold on Friday mornings

**Shipton Mill Flour** - locally grown and excellent online shop [www.shipton-mill.com](http://www.shipton-mill.com)

# Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

## Sherston

**Sherston 1016** Fundraising for local good causes and charities. For further details, contact [sherston1016@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:stuart@pulse4life.co.uk) or [www.pulse4life.co.uk](http://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](mailto:sherstonbabytoddlers@gmail.com) or like us on Facebook for regular updates [www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers](http://www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers)

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

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

**Sherston Brownies** Meet every Weds during term time 5.45 – 7pm in the Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact [1stsherstonbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:1stsherstonbrownies@gmail.com)

**1st Sherston Guides** Meet every Wed during term time 5-6.30pm at Sherston Village Hall. Girls are welcome to join after their 10th birthday, no waiting list. Visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Church of the Holy Cross Coffee Shop** Revival of Pat & John Smith's original fundraiser morning coffee starting Thurs 11 May

**Book the Church** The church is often used for community events including concerts, lectures, exhibitions, pop-up cafes and so on. We also have groups (e.g choirs) which use the space for rehearsals. If you would like to use the building regularly or for a particular event, then please contact the Church Warden via [sherston@gauzebrook.org](mailto:sherston@gauzebrook.org)

**Sherston Community Choir** The community choir with conductor Trudi Baker meets at 7.30pm each Wed in term time in the British School Room on Cliff Road. £3 per person. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cletcher [sheilacletcher28@gmail.com](mailto:sheilacletcher28@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](mailto:awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk) or 07921 390878

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

Toddlers Club 10– 11.30am every Mon including holidays and half terms

except Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Admin/Bookings - Alicja Clark - [alicjaclark076@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk) or visit the website [www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:smythtanya@hotmail.com) or visit [www.sherstonwalks.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.pulse4life.co.uk) Stuart 07986 003602 or [stuart@pulse4life.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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, [emmascopes@synchronicity.me.uk](mailto:emmascopes@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](mailto: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](http://www.sherston.org.uk). Further details contact the Clerk at [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:sherstonpilates@gmail.com)

**Sherston Probus Club** Meets on the first Monday in the month at 11am for interesting talks followed by a fine lunch at the Rattlebone. 30 members would welcome enquiries from retired business and professional men



in Sherston and the surrounding villages. Contact Secretary Alan Pugh [pughaandg@btinternet.com](mailto:pughaandg@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 Courts** The courts are available to the village at no charge, with people playing at their own risk. The courts can be slippery when wet. Please look after the courts and nets, take away any rubbish. A men's match team will have priority on Wed evenings over the spring and summer. Knockdown Road, next to the football pitch.

**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](http://www.sherstontheatreclub.co.uk) or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or [helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com](mailto: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](http://sherstonvelo.cc) or email [secretary@sherstonvelo.cc](mailto: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](mailto: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)

**Yoga for All** Mon evenings 7.30pm to 8.45pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £8 reducing to £7 if you take up the course. More details contact 07779 600786 after 6pm or leave a message.

## Outside Sherston

**Avonvale Utd FC** The youth section trains at The Recreation Ground, Shipton Moyne every Saturday morning (from 1 Sep – 31 May) from 9.30am, with FA qualified coaches. We welcome boys and girls age

6+ of all abilities and confidences to enjoy the beautiful game, whilst developing at their own pace in a friendly and calm environment. For more details email [avonvaleutdfc@outlook.com](mailto:avonvaleutdfc@outlook.com) or call Jo Hargreaves on 07518 017363

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

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

**Malmesbury Area Board Meeting** For details see [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)

**Malmesbury Concert Band** Rehearsals on Fri evenings in Malmesbury, 7.30 – 9pm for performances at local bandstands. For further details see our website [www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk) or contact Art Robb, the Musical Director, on 07984 892570 or [musdir@malmesburyconcertband.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:info@malmesburycommunitychoir.org), visit the website at [www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org](http://www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org) or [www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/malmesburymorris) or [www.mamesburymorris.org.uk](http://www.mamesburymorris.org.uk)

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

**Malmesbury Luncheon Club** Over 60s meet every Wednesday at midday in the Wesleyan Room of Malmesbury Town Hall for a chat and a 2 course lunch followed by tea or coffee, apart from during school holidays. £3.50 Please call Catherine Doody 07588 695847 if you'd like to attend. New members most welcome. Volunteers also needed to prepare and serve lunch, no washing up.

**Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers** For details contact the Division Commissioner at [malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk](mailto:malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk) or visit [www.girlguidingwiltshirenorth.org.uk](http://www.girlguidingwiltshirenorth.org.uk)

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

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

**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](mailto: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](http://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder/get-wiltshire-walking)

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

# WHAT'S ON

Check in the main section of the Cliffhanger, their website / facebook/ contact details for dates and times.

## The Angel Café with Rooms

Café open for hot and cold drinks, breakfast, brunch, lunch and freshly made cakes daily 8am to 5pm / 4pm (summer / winter). All menu items available whether sitting inside or enjoying the lovely courtyard, takeaways also available. Bicycle parking in the courtyard, accessed via Cliff Road (our gate is by the big red refuse bin). For menus, please visit [www.angel-sherston.co.uk/menu](http://www.angel-sherston.co.uk/menu) and for rooms (always availability midweek), please visit [www.angel-sherston.co.uk/your-booking](http://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](mailto:info@thebridge.restaurant) for more details or for the menus, visit [www.thebridge.restaurant/sherston/](http://www.thebridge.restaurant/sherston/)

## The Rattlebone Inn

Indoor & outdoor dining with delicious country cuisine restaurant menu and pizzas from the wood fired oven on certain nights.

**Quiz & Burger Night** Quiz starts at 8pm Mondays  
Check boards for more details, call 840871, follow on Twitter or visit [www.therattlebone.co.uk](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)

## The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

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

## Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

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

## Events at the Church of the Holy

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#### Holy Cross Café

This new venture is now up and running weekly. The cafe, with tea, coffee, cake and biscuits, every Thursday from 10am to 12 noon. There is a play area for small children so do come along whatever your age, meet friends or make new ones.

**Great Big Green Week Eco Coffee Morning** at Holy Cross Cafe at Sherston Church on Thursday, June 15 from 10am - 12 noon

**Letters to Tomorrow** explain your hopes for future generations if leaders worldwide step up to protect the environment - and your fears about what life could be like if we don't slow down climate change.

Your letter can be to anyone - a friend, your children or grandchildren, the Prime Minister or Chairman of BP - it is your choice! write your letter on [www.letterstomorrow.com](http://www.letterstomorrow.com) website & share your letter on social media including #LettersToTomorrow & even send

a copy to our local MP - e: [jamesgraymp@parliament.uk](mailto:jamesgraymp@parliament.uk) (attach as a PDF and include your address & postcode to ensure it is not blocked)

## Sherston Congregational Church – Activities in The British School Room

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

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

Admin/Bookings - Alicja Clark - [alicjaclark076@Qmail.com](mailto:alicjaclark076@Qmail.com) Brick Club - Please register your interest with Alicja by email or find us on Facebook.

## Churches Together 'WARM SPACE INITIATIVE'

The Congregational Church, Methodist Church and Holy Cross Church are pausing this initiative which has offered soup, bread, pudding, cake and companionship throughout the winter. It won't run during the summer months, but it will be back on 4th September.

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

## Sherston Community Choir (SHoCC)

Following our Easter break we will be back in the British School Room on Cliff Road on Wed evenings at 7.30pm. See our Facebook page

## Sherston Magna Cricket Club

We currently run an All Stars programme, have a thriving Junior Section with U9s, U11s and U13s teams, a Saturday League side, a Sunday friendly side and a new women's and girls' section

## Sherston's Gardening Club

### Talks:

**Tues 6 June:** 'The Art of Plant and Seed Hunting' by Penny Jones, Chief propagator at Westonbirt Arboretum.  
**Fri 7 July:** Summer Social at the Garden House, Westonbirt (with thanks to our hosts, Clare and James Turner).

All talks in the British School Rooms 2nd Fri each month apart from Aug, 7pm for 7.30pm start, bring and buy stall, quiz, refreshments, \*\* From May onwards, club meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month, British School Room, doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. £15pa £25 joint, under 18s free Connections to: Our Church garden, Sustainable Sherston and Sherston Allotments.

## Calling all Musicians

Recently formed Sherston Band "Old School Blues" are looking for new members. We need a Bass player (and Keyboards and Sax are possible additions too). We enjoy Blues, Rock, Country and more, playing mainly for fun and improvement. If you are interested and would like to come along to one of our regular rehearsals in Sherston, or find out more, then please contact:

Dave Cooper – [dave32cooper@gmail.com](mailto:dave32cooper@gmail.com) Warwick  
Jones – [warwickjones99@gmail.com](mailto:warwickjones99@gmail.com)



## Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: 10-11 June

Gardens are open 1-6pm Sat, 1-5pm Sun. Around 14 gardens will be open this year, just a few only open one day, and we have at least 3 completely new gardens on the trail, so there is plenty to look at and enjoy a stroll around our lovely village. Trail tickets £6 per person (for the whole weekend) will be on sale outside the Co-op from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday, then from the church. Teas ( £4) and a plant stall at the church.. heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

## Sherston Drama Group Pantomime auditions!!

An audition is being held for juniors on 27 Jun in the British School Room, from 7-9pm. This is for anyone who will be starting in school years 5-9 in September and will involve acting, singing and dancing in groups. Performances will take place in Sherston Village Hall in October half term; to be in the cast you must be available every evening between 22- 28 Oct, and 28th afternoon for the matinee performance. You must also be free for the rehearsals which will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in September and October. We need both children and adults for the cast – children must be aged at least 9 on 1 Sept to take part.

Adults and teenagers who will be starting in school year 10 and up in Sept should come to a script reading evening, which will take place on 6 Jul, 7.30pm at Willow Trees, Hunters Field,  
email katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk

## First Aid and CPR / AED Training Course

Sat 8 Jul, 9.45am for 10am start (2 hours) The Tolsey Surgery £23 per person - In Cash Please – (correct money please ). PRE-BOOKED & Confirmed Places ONLY.

Comfortable clothing and flat shoes are recommended as some physical participation is involved with the CPR training. The Tolsey Surgery has kindly offered to provide the free use of their premises and light refreshments at no charge – thus enabling the cost of the course to be kept to a minimum.

To book a place on the course please email David Munn – dtwm@btinternet.com

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## Sherston Primary School

### Castle Combe Bike Ride

The Castle Combe Bike Ride is back on 12 June when children and adults alike enjoy biking, scooting or even rollerblading their way round the track! More details on our Facebook page.

### Olympic Day

Following hot on the 'wheels' of Castle Combe, it's our well-loved summer event 'Olympic Day' on Sat 1 July. If you haven't been before we can assure you it's a fun-filled day for all the family. It's open to all local children (and beyond!) from pre-school to year 8. If your child is at Sherston Primary School you can purchase their Olympic passport ticket via ParentPay, otherwise just contact the Friends of Sherston School on fss@sherston.wilts.sch.uk. Tickets are £5 per child.

Keep up-to-date with all our latest school news at [www.sherstonprimary.co.uk](http://www.sherstonprimary.co.uk) or [Facebook.com/SherstonPrimarySchool](https://www.facebook.com/SherstonPrimarySchool)

## Sherston Boules Day news! Sat 15 July

The countdown is well and truly on! All the cogs are turning at Boules HQ but it is not too late to give us a helping hand! Just send us an email at [sherstonboules@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonboules@gmail.com).

**News update:** Have you seen the new website? Lots of information up there, including last year's pictures! Have a look at [www.sherstonboules.org](http://www.sherstonboules.org)

## Open air theatre on Sherston Village Hall Field: Pandora's Box

A riotous and ridiculous retelling by The Last Baguette, brought to us by Rural Arts Touring

Ever wondered what's in the box? The one on the top shelf? Why were you told not to look in it? Could it really be so bad? Join the Baguettes as they lift the lid on this classic myth. A gallop through Greek mythology featuring goofy gods, hilarious heroines & daft deities with physical comedy, live music and un-Apollo-getically bad puns. A show for anyone aged 6 to 126 who's ever asked why.

The Last Baguette theatre company makes entertaining, accessible and eccentric work for family audiences, and is resident company at Pound Arts, Corsham Sat 22 July 5.30pm See next month for ticket information, put the date in your diary.

## Sherston Apple Day date!

Sat 7 Oct, 10am-2pm, Sherston Village Hall and Field. Free entry! A proper village day out with apple-pressing



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demos on our small and larger presses. Plus local producers - and apple-themed games and refreshments from the Friends of Sherston School in the main hall. Bring your bottles and fill up with fresh apple juice straight from the press! Pasteurised, bottled Sherston apple juice will also be on sale on the day. Pasteurised juice lasts at least a whole year and can make a great mulled drink for the winter.

## Sherston Arts Festival 2023

The Festival runs from 3 to 12 Nov including two main events, the Blaenavon Male Voice Choir on 4 Nov in the church and the Packhorse Ceilidh Band on the 11th in the Village Hall.

At the heart of the Festival is the Art Exhibition which runs every day in the church. Anyone is welcome to submit up to 5 works which must be 2D and be framed or appropriately presented. We include work by professional and amateur artists, who come from the local area or have a Sherston connection. So there are several months to prepare! Please see website for more details [www.sherstonartsfestival.com](http://www.sherstonartsfestival.com)

### Packhorse Ceilidh Band

Save the date! Sat 11 Nov. Sherston Arts Festival is delighted to have the Packhorse Ceilidh Band back in the village hall for a brilliant evening of barn dancing to live music. More details [www.thepackhorseband.co.uk](http://www.thepackhorseband.co.uk)

## Knockdown

### The Holford Arms

Pub restaurant open again Check boards for more details of events or call 01454 238669 or [info@theholfordarms.co.uk](mailto:info@theholfordarms.co.uk)

## Luckington The Old Royal Ship

The Ship is open for food all-day long, starting with breakfast and morning coffee. Take away specials 12 noon – 7pm Daily Please order as early as possible 840222. [www.oldroyalship.co.uk](http://www.oldroyalship.co.uk)

### Family Fun Day

The Luckington Family Fun Day will be held on Sat 1 July from 1pm on Luckington Playing Fields. Children's play area. 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](mailto:luckingtonfete@gmail.com)

## Westonbirt

### The Arboretum

Summer Concerts – tickets on sale now for: Paul Weller Thurs 8 Jun; Tom Grennan Fri 9 Jun; Jack Savoretti Sat 10 Jun; Sun 11 Jun - TBC

General admission by booked entry slot unless a member For further details call 880220 or visit [www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt)

## Malmesbury

### Athelstan Museum Talks and Exhibitions

Please check the Athelstan Museum website for updates. [www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk](http://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](mailto:ghcooke@hotmail.com) See main section for upcoming films showing in the Town Hall or visit our Facebook page at: [MoviesatMalmesbury](https://www.facebook.com/MoviesatMalmesbury) or [www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html](http://www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html) for schedules, synopses, trailers etc.

### Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

### Malmesbury Live Arts

Season Finale! Tankus the henge Fri 16 June Malmesbury Town Hall £15

See website for details and tickets [www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whatson](http://www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whatson)

### The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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

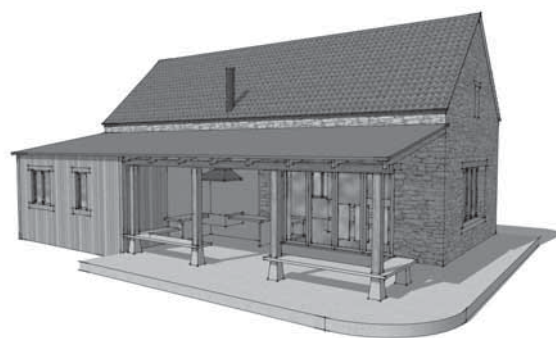
### Malmesbury Library

Rhyme times for babies and toddlers every Tues and Fri Tuesday's Public Living Room is an opportunity to pop in and share a cup of tea and a chat

Reading group meets 3rd Wed each month

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

The Summer Reading Challenge for 4-11 year-olds takes place in all libraries from 16 July – 10 September. The Library offers free wifi, computer and scanner access, daily newspapers to read in the library, plus printing for a small charge, as well as latest bestselling fiction and a wide range of books to borrow.



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### Malmesbury & District u3a

Retired? Semi-retired? Looking for new interests? Why not join us? Many of our interest groups are now meeting once again. We have over 450 members and 40 different interest groups including history, gardening, dancing, languages, walking, book groups etc. Monthly meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of the month (10.00-12.00) at Malmesbury Town Hall and/or Zoom.

**Thurs 22 June:** Experiences of a Puppy Raiser with Guide Dogs Iain Lonsdale

Non-members welcome. 50p donation. Up-to-date list of groups and other information at [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk) For more information about membership e-mail [membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk)

### Malmesbury Singers Concert

'A Summer Celebration of Choral Favourites', includes works by Handel, Haydn, Brahms, Dvorak, Fauré, Bach and Verdi.

Sat, 24 June 7.30pm in Malmesbury Abbey Tickets are available on the choir website: <https://malmesburysingers.co.uk>. The choir will be directed one last time by retiring Musical Director Iain Duffin and will welcome Thomas Mottershead as the new Musical Director taking over the baton in Sept.

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## Sopworth

### Open Gardens

Gardens of all shapes and sizes a well stocked plant and produce stall. Tea & cake in the village hall. You will be helping us raise money for a family garden at the Swindon Women's Refuge and Sopworth Village Hall & Church. Sun 11 June 2023, 2pm - 5pm. Satnav: SN14 6PS Entry: £5 Under 10's Free

## Didmorton

### Flicks in the Sticks

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## Shipton Moyne

**REGENTS OPERA: Mozart's Così Fan Tutti**

2 & 3 June - Shipton Moyne's last opera. The format for the evening is that you arrive at Street Farm, Shipton Moyne any time after 6pm and you will be directed to your table (with chairs, tablecloth, and flowers-all under cover). There is an 80-minute dinner break and a lovely garden to wander around before the opera begins at 7.30pm. More information can be found at [www.smopera.org](http://www.smopera.org) or check with the Box Office at [shiptonmoyneopera@gmail.com](mailto:shiptonmoyneopera@gmail.com) In aid of the Miranda Filmer fund.

## Tetbury

**Tetbury Goods Shed**

**Thursday cinema**

Weekly films 2pm and 7.30pm £7 in advance online See website for details of exhibitions, talks, concerts and films

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## Chippenham

**Neeld Community and Arts Centre**

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**Heritage Book Sale**

Badminton based book dealer Matthew Butler Books, one of the UK's leading sellers of books about architecture, art, archaeology and heritage, will be holding a sale of surplus stock in Lacock Village Hall in East Street on Sat and Sun, 17-18 June, from 9.30am – 4.30am on each day.

Churches, castles, country houses, National Trust and English Heritage Guides, The Buildings of England series – all at bargain prices. Most of the books are good as new. There will also be books and guides from the Library of the late Dr Anthony Emery, the great expert on English and Welsh Castles, who lived in Biddestone.

For further information please contact Matthew Butler on 01666 840354 or e-mail [butler.books@btinternet.com](mailto:butler.books@btinternet.com)

## Wotton-Under-Edge

**The Electric Picture House**

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

## Cirencester The Barn Theatre

**PRIVATE LIVES (15 May – 24 Jun)**

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I Can't Quite Remember will take place this autumn with the production previewing from 25 Sep - 4 Nov. Written and directed by Jonathan Lynn, the cast for this production will be announced at a later date. For further details call Box office: 01285 648255 or [boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk) or visit <https://barntheatre.org.uk>

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## Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton-Under-Edge

### Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet

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

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## National Theatre Live

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

## Bath

### Theatre Royal Bath

Summer holiday treats **Horrible Histories** and **Hey Duggee** go on sale today, alongside classic dramas **Twelve Angry Men**, **And Then There Were None** and **The Woman in Black**, award-winning comedies **Abigail's Party** and **Noises Off**, much-loved musical **Oliver!** and a Halloween spooktacular **Buffy Revamped**, plus **David Morrissey** comes to the Ustinov Studio in Spring 2024. 'The Score' will have its world premiere at the Theatre Royal Bath starring **Brian Cox** (HBO's multi award-winning **Succession**) as Johann Sebastian Bach. Produced by Theatre Royal Bath Productions, this astonishing new play by **Oliver Cotton** will be directed by **Trevor Nunn** Thurs 12 – Sat 28 Oct 2023.

## Bristol

### The Big Bristol Charity Boogie 2023

For The Love have organised a fundraiser that will support some of our fave Bristol charities headline acts: The Mighty Soul Destroyers Sat 10 June JamJar, Bristol. Details on social media.

## Cheltenham Arts & Science Festivals

2023 dates for your diary:

**Cheltenham Science Festival** 6 to 11 June :

[www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science-](http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science-)

**Cheltenham Music Festival** 8 to 15 July :

[www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music](http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music)

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