



## A new pre-school for Sherston ... coming soon!

We are excited to announce that planning has now been submitted for the new Sherston Pre-school.

You will be aware of the North Legacy announced in June 2016, some of which was apportioned to the recently completed playground scheme (see Cliffhanger April 2018). Following a bid process, including a presentation at an open meeting of the Parish Council, we have been lucky enough to have been awarded £140K. We have been fundraising for the remaining projected costs and, whilst our fundraising is still ongoing, we are at a point where we can now proceed with this project.

The building will be owned by the Parish Council and we are delighted to announce that it will be run by Pumpkins nursery, which has a track record of outstanding Ofsted ratings and a wealth of experience from its existing provisions in Badminton, Tormarton and Acton Turville.

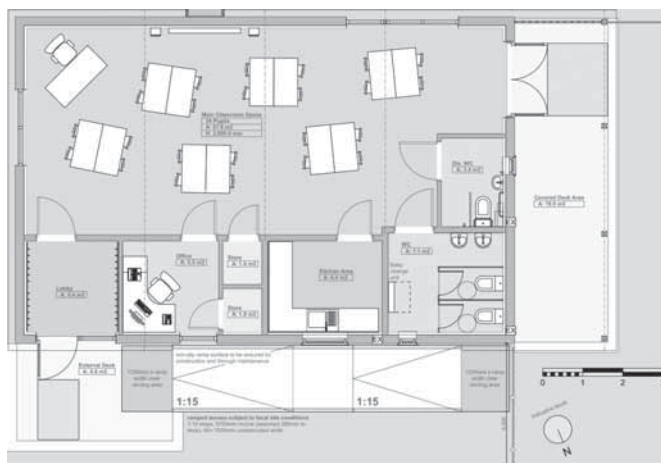
The Pre-school is expected to offer the village:

- A purpose-built facility offering early years education for children of pre-school age, from two to five years. Flexible hours from 8.00am until 6.00pm to accommodate working parents.
- Wrap-around care service for school-aged children from Sherston C of E Primary School, including breakfast and after-school care.
- A pre-school feeder provision for Sherston C of E Primary School.
- An additional space for the various Scout organisations to utilise when the provision is not in use, such as the evenings.

Since we started working on the project nearly three years ago, a vast amount of research has been completed on the possible locations for the pre-school. Both existing buildings and possible land for a build around the village were considered. In conjunction with the Parish Council and the Scout Group, we identified the location next to the Scout Hut on the recreation ground. We feel excited about what this location has to offer – proximity to the school, green space, and the heart of the village.

There will be no change to the new play equipment, but it is likely that we will need to re-locate the older rope climbing frame if planning permission is achieved - the cost of this is included in our budget. We are including provision for fencing to secure the hardstanding area outside the pre-school from the green itself as a safety precaution due to the potential for cars to be turning in this space.

From a shortlist of three, we have awarded the design and build to a specialist company – TG Escapes. This company has extensive experience in educational buildings and, through them, we have now submitted a planning application for a wooden, eco-style build with an enclosed play area. It will tap into existing services from the Scout hut, which will keep build costs down.



We are hoping to be up and running ready for an opening date of September 2019.

If you have further questions about this project, would like to pledge support or even make a donation to this project, we would love to hear from you:

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

Facebook page: 'New Sherston Preschool'

[www.facebook.com/people/New-Sherston-Preschool/100014274258655](https://www.facebook.com/people/New-Sherston-Preschool/100014274258655)

For Pre-school or wrap-around care based queries, please contact Amanda Wallis at Pumpkins: [www.pumpkinsnursery.co.uk](http://www.pumpkinsnursery.co.uk)

Planning Reference number: 19/01692/FUL

## Boules Day entries

*See page 7 for Boules 2019 info.*

# Ladies' Day at the Races

## SHERSTON DRAMA GROUP

Sherston Drama Group would like to take you back to 2005 and invite you to come and spend Ladies' Day with us at York Racecourse. You will be accompanied by Pearl, Shelley, Jan and Linda who have taken the day off from their fish-packing jobs to enjoy the races. They will make you laugh, they will make you cry and they will come across some interesting characters through the day, but we can guarantee you a good time with them.

Ladies' Day will be on at Sherston Village Hall from Wednesday 10 April until Saturday 13 April. The box office will be open soon and tickets will be available from the post office.

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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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# Five Loaves and Two Fishes Project

On behalf of the Five Loaves and Two Fishes Project in St Paul's, Bristol, I would like to thank you all for your generosity towards the project at Christmas time, especially Sherston WI who provided toiletries, socks, hats and gloves to be made up as Christmas presents for the homeless.

A grand total of £45 was raised from the December collection box in Sherston Post Office and individual donations. The money will be used to buy food for people in need.

I would also like to thank Karl, the manager at Sherston Co-op, for allowing the counter box to be displayed and the staff for their individual support throughout the year and over the Christmas period.

For further information about this or anything else in connection with the project, please contact Reverend Susan Harvey ([susan.harvey055@gmail.com](mailto:susan.harvey055@gmail.com) or 840696).

# Sherston Seniors Report

We had our first meeting on 15 January, where we exercised our brains with a quiz and then had a session of bingo. On 29 January, we had a return visit of Laraine (of Laraine Trains) who put us through our paces and was a lot of fun, as well as being good for us.

On 12 February, we welcomed back Arthur Kingdon to show us his stunning photography of Japan and then on 26 February we listened and toe-tapped to Bob's music, as he played 60s, 70s and 80s hits.

Looking forward

On 12 March Hilary Peaston will be telling us about her life in South Africa and on 26 March we will be having our Spring Sale in aid of Club funds. Please come along and support our bring-and-buy, bric-a-brac and nearly new stalls, plus tombola and raffle at 2.00pm in the British School Room, Cliff Road. Tea and Biscuits will be available and it is free entry to the sale.

We are an informal and friendly club with good speakers to entertain us and five or six outings during the year, plus a subsidised Christmas lunch if funds allow. We meet every two weeks in the British School Room which is warm and comfortable and well appointed. All this for just £15.00 annual fee. Visitors are welcome at £2.00 per visit. For further details contact Helen Quirk on 840516.

# Tolsey News



We hope you are all keeping well (and warm) as we struggle through the most difficult months of the year. Luckily we are well past the official 'most depressing day' of the year, which is apparently 21 January.

As you may be aware, especially if you have tried to make an appointment, this is the busiest time of year for general practice, as it is for emergency departments, and we ask you to be considerate when making requests for urgent appointments.

We still cannot treat or cure colds, viral sore throats, or symptoms such as decreased hearing or lack of taste following colds - time and patience are what are needed.

## New Year, New Staff

We are very pleased to welcome Ann into our dispensary. She is an experienced dispenser, having worked in a local dispensing chemist for the last three years. As well as caring for her grandparents, she runs the local bingo nights twice a week, so will know her numbers!

We are grateful for your forbearance in the necessary closure of the dispensary during working hours whilst we have been so short staffed. However, this should be back to normal once Ann has been settled in fully.

## Collecting prescriptions

If you are collecting a prescription on someone else's behalf, even if it is a relative, please make sure we have their permission for you to do so. Furthermore, if you are not sure what you are collecting, or what has been ordered, our dispensers cannot disclose this information due to patient confidentiality, so please do not ask. This can be overcome if we have explicit consent from the patient that this information can be shared.

If your friend/relative is on the automatic repeat system, please let the dispensers know so the collection can be ready for the following month.

## Improved Access

We have joined up with local North Wiltshire practices to help the Improved Access government initiative to increase GP hours. In practice, this means you may request a late (up to 8.00pm) or weekend appointment, but it may be with one of our partner practices, which include Malmesbury, Cricklade and Wootton Bassett. Please make use of these other options and, if you do, can you feed back to us how it went? The former Health Secretary thinks it's a great plan, so do you agree?

*Pip Pettit (Senior Partner Tolsey Surgery)*

# WI Report

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The key business of the February meeting for the WI is the Annual General Meeting, when the president and committee members for the forthcoming year are elected, and the opportunity is taken to review our activities during the year and put forward the annual accounts for review and adoption by members.

During 2018, the WI enjoyed talks on a wide range of topics, details of which you will have seen in the Cliffhanger throughout the year, and held an open meeting when Caroline Lowsley-Williams regaled the audience with tales of life at Chavenage House. A number of our social activities and outings during the year involved food (what's not to like?) - lunches to celebrate the New Year and our WI birthday, cream tea at The Trouble House in Tetbury, and morning coffee at a member's house during the summer. Some members went on a walking tour of Bath and we also fielded a quiz team in one of the local WI events. We held a workshop, when some members did willow-weaving and thoroughly enjoyed making things for their gardens/Christmas decorations. We sold raffle tickets to support Boules Weekend and donated warm scarves, hats, gloves, etc, for the homeless for Christmas.

We have a good programme of events for 2019, copies of which will be available soon, and we already have an outing in the diary to look forward to. There will, as ever, be plenty happening in the WI this year so do come and join us.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 7 March, when Karin Meek will be telling us about The Art of Quilling and there will be an opportunity for us all to have a go at quilling. At our April meeting we will be hearing about The James Dyson Foundation.

## Sherston Arts Festival 2019

Once again as part of Sherston Arts Festival, there will be a Photography Exhibition in the village hall on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October.

There will be four categories this year:

- In the garden.
- Sherston Life
- The Cotswolds
- My family and other animals

The categories will be judged in:

- Adults
- 11-16 years
- Under 11s.

So time to get out there taking those pictures with your camera or phones as long as they can be printed A4 size or smaller.

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# Curry POP thanks!

A cold, dark, wet and windy night at the end of January felt like the perfect night for a takeaway curry. As it turns out - most of the village thought so too!

Emma Whatley created the Curry Pop-up as she was keen to raise money for Sherston Primary school and do something a bit different in the village. Having previously run the Smokehouse at POP and created the delicious food for the Brush Up the Bogs nights at the village hall, Emma was on board with the massive quantities needed.

Weeks of planning went into all the details of how to cook huge quantities of rice (baked rice in several ovens around the village with rice runs!), sourcing coconut milk in litres and working out how many onions to chop!

The scale and scores on the doors are mind boggling with the team filling 540 foil trays, frying 180 parathas, opening 75 tins of tomatoes, chopping 64 chillies and 14kg of onions (ouch!), baking 20kg of rice, dicing 12kg of beef and 22kg of chicken and popping in over 60 chilli bombs. Sherston you like it spicy!

With a massive 74 hours of chopping, frying and stirring, the fantastic team served 180 covers in three short hours (with most people turning up at the same time!). There are so many people to thank, including the 10 children who served and did paratha runs, Emma's dad, Jeff (who got slightly broken but recovered), Mike Whatley for rice and planning, Julie Gaffney for surviving the heat of the kitchen, Lisa Priest for her calmness, Sally Clayton for frying off-site unexpectedly, Dave Shephard (who had only turned up for a bit of set-up) for speedy kitchen work, Graeme Strachan for posters, expert chopping at short notice, and paratha multi-tasking, Alan and Harry Hetherington for, would you believe it, Bohemian Rhapsody on sitar, the Evelyns for stepping in with gas and enthusiasm, the MacLeods for extra beer runs and getting stuck in, Mary Owen for coming to buy curry and stepping in to serve, all the rice cookers, everyone at the British School Room for supporting this event and finally to everyone who came to buy a

curry. We cannot thank you enough for being patient! What a brilliant village we live in. The pop raised over £800 for the school. With one final but very important thanks... Emma Whatley you are a total legend for standing up to do it, pulling it all together and making absolutely delicious food. Thank you!

## Curry POP Baked Rice Recipe (4 people)

Pop 200g Basmati Rice into a dish. Add 400ml of water and a pinch of salt. Cover with foil and bake in the oven for 40-50mins at 180c until dry and fluffy.

Malai murg recipe

1.2kg chicken breast cut into pieces

60ml veg oil

90g finely chopped onions

4 tsp finely chopped garlic

4 tsp finely chopped root ginger

8 green cardamom pods

12 whole cloves

1 cinnamon stick

2 tbsp ground almonds

300ml coconut milk

1/4 tsp turmeric

1/2 tsp red pepper

2tsp salt

4 tbsp cream

coriander leaves to garnish

Cook onions, garlic and ginger until onions are pale and limp. Add cardamom, cloves and cinnamon and cook until the spices are slightly puffed and begin to brown.

Add the almond powder and cook, stirring rapidly for two minutes. Reduce heat and add chicken in one layer. Cool on a low heat until the chicken turns a pale white.

Add the coconut milk and remaining spices, bring to the boil then reduce the heat and simmer, covered, until the chicken pieces are tender (about 30 mins). Check often to ensure the sauce is not evaporating too quickly. When ready to serve, stir in cream and garnish with coriander.

This dish tastes better if made several hours in advance.



# Sherston Neighbourhood Plan: The Final Steps - heading towards a referendum

Can you believe it? It is almost exactly seven years since the Steering Group was formed and work started on preparing the Sherston Neighbourhood Plan. Seven years of hard work but we are nearly there. Thank you for your patience.

A report in the September 2018 Cliffhanger explained that, before the draft plan could be adopted, it had to be formally submitted to Wiltshire Council so that the council could carry out any necessary further consultations and make arrangements for an independent examination prior to a public vote on whether the plan should be adopted and used to determine future planning applications in the Parish.

The draft plan was duly submitted to Wiltshire Council later that month. The final consultation period ran from 1 October to 12 November 2018 after which a copy of the plan, together with a copy of all of the comments received during the publicity period, were sent to the appointed independent Examiner.

The examiner published his report at the end of January, a copy of which can be found on the Sherston Parish Council website (see NHP Stage 4). We are pleased to inform you that the examiner concluded that, 'the Sherston Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions and I recommend to Wiltshire Council that, subject to modifications, it should proceed to Referendum'. The examiner's report and recommendations will now be formally considered by Wiltshire Council, which has until the 11 March to publish a 'decision statement' (ie a decision on the examiner's recommendations as to whether to proceed to referendum). Once the decision statement has been issued, Wiltshire Council has to make arrangements to hold a referendum within 56 working days.

On the assumption that Wiltshire Council issues a positive decision on the examiner's recommendations – and we have no reason to believe otherwise given their clear support for the emerging plan – it is reasonable to expect that the plan will be put to a referendum in about June or July this year. As we say – we are nearly there! All the policies and proposals contained in the plan are as a result of considerable interaction and consultation with the village over the last seven years. Whilst the examiner has suggested modifying various policies to make them clearer and the document more useable, all the policies as set out in the draft plan essentially remain unchanged. A final updated version of the plan will be placed on the website as soon as we have received confirmation that Wiltshire Council has accepted the recommendations of the examiner and that the decision has been made to allow the plan to be put to referendum.

We will of course let you know as soon as the decision statement has been received from Wiltshire Council and hopefully a date set for the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum (as opposed to any other possible referendum!).

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## Come and enjoy the pancake fun on Shrove Tuesday!

For those who aren't aware, Sherston has its own way of marking Shrove Tuesday and the beginning of Lent.

Instead of running down the street with frying pans, we just race to eat a plateful of delicious pancakes prepared by the chefs at the Rattlebone.

This year's event takes place on the evening of Shrove Tuesday, 5 March, from 7.30pm at the Rattlebone. Entries are welcomed on the night: there's no need to book.

The competition will take place in heats, with each competitor paying a £2 entry fee for the whole evening. Each entrant will have four delicious freshly-cooked pancakes to eat in the first heat. Entrants will have time to add lemon and sugar to their taste, then the clock will start, and the first heat will be under way. The winner of each heat will be the first to finish eating all the pancakes on their plate.

This is a really popular family event, with special heats for younger competitors, with fewer pancakes involved. The event will probably finish by 9.00pm approximately, depending on the number of competitors. These winners will then go on to the next heat, again with four pancakes each, and so on until the championship round. The winner will have their name engraved on a Sherston 1016 commemorative engraved frying pan!

Where possible, all ingredients are sourced locally, with eggs coming from Sherston Free Range Eggs and flour from Shipton Mill at Long Newnton. Both companies very kindly donate their products for the competition. All money raised goes to local good causes.

Sherston 1016 strongly advises all entrants not to eat a meal before coming to the competition!

Thanks go to Jason, Mark, Roger and the Rattlebone staff for all their help with the event.





# School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

## Great Fire of London

During Term 3, Birch Class learnt about the Great Fire of London. We discovered how the fire started in the bakery on Pudding Lane and why it spread. To demonstrate to the children how the fire spread and the effect of the wind, we recreated the Great Fire in our playground. All the children made a house that they put together to make a street similar to London in 1666. Even though they knew they would be burnt, the children put a lot of effort into making sure their houses looked like houses from London in 1666. We then set the bakery on fire and watched the fire take its course. The children quickly noticed that the fire spread in one direction more than the other because of the wind.

*'I really enjoyed it, it was fun!'* George

*'I know the wind pushes the fire which is why it spread.'* Felix

*'Six people died in the Great Fire of London. It was really sad.'* Isabella

*'It was interesting to see how far and fast a fire can spread.'* Charlie

*'Oxygen and air help the fire to spread.'* Michael

The children had great fun and it was lovely to hear them using their knowledge from the lessons.

Miss Duddridge Birch Class

## iSingPOP

A huge thank you to Sherston Community choir and the Friends of Sherston School for facilitating yet another fantastic iSingPOP experience. We enjoyed a great week with Sandy, learning all the songs that relate to our school values culminating in two amazing concerts. It is so wonderful to hear the whole school singing in such a joyful way.

*'The songs were: You make me sing, Joy, Fighting for love and Lead me home. My favourite song was Joy.'*

Eva, Year 2

*'iSingPOP is fun because you learn new songs and I really enjoyed it. My favourite song was You make me sing because I liked the chorus and the dance moves. We had a concert in Sherston church and it was really loud.'*

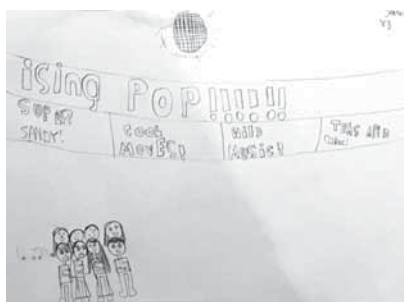
Emily, Year 2

*'iSingPOP was very fun and Sandy was crazy (in a good way!). I really enjoyed performing in the church.'*

Ella, Year 4

*'I liked singing in the church in front of everyone. I shouted "Be bold and be strong".'* Ollie, Year 1

*'My favourite song was Fighting for love.'* Eliza, Year 1



## Cross country

On a beautiful February afternoon, 26 runners from Sherston Primary took part in the Westonbirt Cross Country Competition. There were over 400 participants from 11 different schools and we produced some outstanding personal performances.

All of the children who took part showed great strength and determination to complete the challenging course. They should all be proud of their achievements.

*'On Tuesday 13 February I went to the cross country. It was really fun! We had two gold medals and one bronze medal. Well done everyone!'*

Henrietta, Year 4



## Victorian Day

At the end of January, Year 4 had a Victorian day experience led by historian Sonya Roberts as part of their 'Time Machine- Children in History' topic. With a wide variety of Victorian artefacts to experience, the children enjoyed Victorian lessons (and punishments!) as well as toys and games from the time. The children certainly looked the part dressed up in their costumes and a great day was had by all.

*'Last month Mrs Roberts came to be our Victorian teacher. She showed us how to write with ink, writing on a slate with chalk and our times tables. My favourite part was the slate and chalk. It was really squeaky! I also liked the stick and hoop. It was amazing!'*

Henrietta, Year 4

*'Victorian Day was very fun because we got to use pen and ink.'*

Ella, Year 4

*'My favourite thing about Victorian Day was getting dressed up.'*

Chloe, Year 4

# Boules Day 2019

## – five months to go!



First things first: put this date – Saturday 13 July – in your diary and cancel everything else! This is the date for the 2019 Sherston Boules Competition.

As always, there will be lots of events for all the family in the build-up to the competition itself, with entertainment on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday too.

So what of last year? The 2018 Boules Festival was another amazing success – 128 matches in total played during the day and thanks to all the energetic volunteering and equally energetic supporters, the events, stands and venues raised a fantastic £8,000 for local charities.

Charities who benefitted in 2018 included the Rotary Club, Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Sherston WI, Babies & Toddlers Group, Sherston Brownies and Guides, Crafts Club, SMCC, Cubs, Scouts, Drama Group, Football Club, Friends of Sherston School, Luckington Pre-School, Minety Rugby Club, Sherston Netball Club, Sherston 1016, Sherston Community Church and Choir, Sherston Seniors, our Parish Church, Sherston Velo and the Village Hall.

Thank you again to everyone from those groups who stepped up on the day to help and organise events and stalls. The Boules Committee have already met to start work on the 2019 event and, as always, we are looking for volunteers to help on the day – with set-up, break-down and generally being willing and able on the day. If you're interested in volunteering, just send a message through the Sherston Boules Facebook page.

### Colts need help!

After many successful years co-ordinating the Colts tournament, Huw Bowles has stepped down and this leaves us with a gap to fill. Can anyone – ideally a couple of parents – volunteer to run the Colts competition on Boules Day please? If you can spare a few hours to help out, please email the team. Training will be provided.

### Pop-up Boules?

Yes, you read it correctly!! Last year we had a fair few requests for Boules tuition from people wanting to know more and gain the confidence to enter a team. Well dreams come true here at Boules Centrale – and a first Boules training session has been invented. Look out for information as part of Sherston Pop across the weekend of 17 – 19 May.

All Boules enquiries to [sherstonboules@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonboules@gmail.com). Follow Boules developments via the Sherston Boules Festival Facebook page.

Entries for this year's Sherston Boules Festival will open on 21 March and be exclusive to entrants from the five parishes of Sherston, Easton Grey, Luckington with Alderton, Norton, for a period of one month until 21 April when entries will be open to all comers. Please note that entries will be made online via [www.sherstonboules.org](http://www.sherstonboules.org). Enquiries to 07938 770482.

# Time to POP!



It's getting exciting at POP HQ as the POP ideas are rolling in but we have space for a few more and you have until 27 March to get your form in. If you are wondering if this is for you? Here are three good reasons to have a go:

- Firstly, it's fun for you! Nearly everyone who has run a POP in the past is running one again. There's a reason for that - it's genuinely exciting. We all might feel a bit wobbly about doing something new but at the heart of POP is having fun, sharing your time and enjoying the lovely community we live in. It doesn't need to be super professional - a milkshake bar can just involve finding some cups and creating some yummy milkshakes in your garden - all you need is enthusiasm. It's just three hours of your time and you can then go out and enjoy everyone else's POPs.
- Secondly, it's raising money for two great causes - Sherston Primary School and Sherston Village Hall renovations. You get to feel good about contributing to the community.
- Finally, the POP team will get the customers to you. Our lovely village has turned out to support everyone at POP 2013 and 2016 (we hope you all have the 17-19 May in your diaries!). We will advertise the event, make the POP map and all you have to do is enjoy running your POP.

Now how can you say no after that?! Check out the website ([www.popupsherston.com](http://www.popupsherston.com)) for the entry form or pick one up from the village notice board. There are lots of ideas on the website too but here's a few to get you started ... How about running a splendid afternoon tea, a games café, a chocolate shop or a patchwork knitting club, or getting your teen to set up a helpdesk showing some of us how to set up an Instagram account or other useful apps, or story telling, or putting together a little puppet show for the under 5s, or selling or teaching something crafty, or setting up a bring-and-buy toy sale, an escape room, beer tasting, a mending service or an ice-cream shop? Anything goes!

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# FSS Quiz - result!



The finest brains in Sherston were put to the test once again at the legendary Friends of Sherston School (FSS) Quiz Night last month.

The quiz took a slightly different format this year with a list of rounds including 'Lichen, moss and other plant life related to the tundra' and the Music round (all answers Bryan Adams, Celine Dion or Gordon Lightfoot). There were some worried faces in the audience until quiz host Colin MacLeod (Sherston's most famous Canadian) revealed the proper list of rounds!

There was an eclectic mix of questions from geography to children's literature which called for a wide range of knowledge. The 'colour round' was a particular success and who knew that magenta was actually the name of a battle?

Rupert Evelyn hosted the ever-popular auction and raffle - magnificently keeping control of a rather unruly crowd! Thank you to all our local business owners who so generously donated a prize. We raised just over £2,700 but we could not have managed this without you! The money raised will go to fund additional iPads for all the children to use.

It was a fantastic evening and the quiz was hard fought. It came down to a nail-biting finish with equal points for Green Dot and Never Gonna Quiz You Up, leading to Colin's tie-breaker question: what year did Napoleon become Emperor of France? Never Gonna Quiz You Up came up trumps with the closest answer - 1805 (the answer was in fact 1804). Laura Gould (we know, she is unstoppable), Sally Clayton,



and Graeme and Kirsty Strachan triumphantly lifted the trophy and went home with the winners' wine donated by James Pyle!

A quick list of thank yous ... So take a deep breath and here goes! A huge thank you must go to the FSS team for organising the event (particularly Victoria Méheust, Kate Kuchtera, Muff Douglas and Sophie Cheetham). To all our wonderful local business community who kindly donated raffle and auction prizes, including TH White, Apples and Pairs, Grays of Sherston, The Angel, LucyTom Interiors, The Rattlebone, James Pyle Estate Agents, Dyson, The Holford Arms, The Ship, Scentiments, Shear Class, Red Pepper, Westonbirt Leisure and The Carpenters Arms. Not forgetting those of you who bought raffle tickets, selflessly enjoyed a glass or 10 of wine at the quiz and those who made a bid on an auction prize - thank you. And of course Mike Whatley for sound and lighting, Katie Holman for scoring, bartenders Dave Shephard and Harry Douglas, Rupert Evelyn for fast auction work, Marie Box for opening the school on snow day for last-minute quiz prep and last but not least to the lovely Colin MacLeod (with just a little help from wife Heather!) for working so hard to put together a brilliant quiz. Until next year ...

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# Photosynthesis memories project

This year marks 100 years of the Forestry Commission and we're inviting you to help with the celebrations! Here at Westonbirt, we will be sharing the arboretum's human story by charting its social history through the Photosynthesis memories project. If Westonbirt Arboretum holds a special place in your heart, please join in with the celebrations by sending in photos that represent fond memories of you, your friends and family at the arboretum. Your photos, and related story, could be chosen for display on our summer seasonal trail; and they will all form part of a wonderful digital legacy online.

All photos will be entered into a prize draw, with three winners receiving:

- 1 x adult free Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum membership for a year
- A family ticket (2 x adults and 2 x children) to Enchanted Christmas 2019

Please submit photos by 31 March.

Send any photos (the higher the resolution, the better!) and their accompanying stories to photos.westonbirt@forestryengland.uk or call 0300 0674784 to arrange a visit to scan a non-digital photo and tell us your story.

## Challenge yourself for Wiltshire Air Ambulance



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If an abseil appeals to you, experience the thrill of a controlled descent down Avon Gorge, Bristol, on Sunday 14 April. Or you can explore the stunning landscape of Snowdonia National Park by tackling our triple challenge of cycling, climbing and kayaking on Saturday 8 June. Or, if you want to see Wiltshire from a great height, take part in our skydive at Old Sarum Airfield, near Salisbury, on 2 June. Jumping in tandem with a professional instructor from either 10,000 or 15,000 feet, you can see the sights of Salisbury Cathedral and Stonehenge.

We are a charity and rely on donations to keep saving lives. It costs £3.75 million a year to keep the air ambulance flying and we are not funded directly by the Government and receive no National Lottery grants.

For more information about our events go to our website [www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events/](http://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events/) or call the charity team on 01225 300536.

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# Beaufort Team Chase at Manor Farm

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The day promises to be fun-filled for the thrill-seekers amongst us, with teams of horses (three or four in a team) racing over the countryside, tackling natural fences against the clock. There will be a licensed bar, delicious food, children's rides and a wide range of shops to browse in, whilst you watch this high-octane sport from the comfort of the shopping village.

We are yet again supporting Wiltshire Air Ambulance as our charity partner and look forward to having them on board with us.

The competition will start at 9.00am and will run throughout the day until approximately 5.30pm so do come and join us as you will have plenty of opportunity to witness some of the best teams in the team chasing world show their impressive ability to cross the country with speed and flair.

Please note that, should you wish to walk across Manor Farm on the day of the event, you will need to listen out for the stewards who will blow whistles to alert your attention to oncoming/passing teams. Dogs will be much safer on leads at all times.



The footpath SHER 21, which intersects Manor Farm from Sherston towards Shallowbrook Lane, will be affected by the event so please, if you do decide to use this route, be aware of the fence judges'/stewards' instructions as these teams move at high speeds! We will be placing posters on all access points to the farm nearer the time to remind you of the date.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and we very much hope you will come and enjoy the event with us - entry is free!

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# News from Holy Cross Church

It's interesting to see what captures children's attention. At the moment in my house, astronomy is in, because someone went on a Beaver camp to the Bristol science museum ('We the Curious'). We now have a chart showing exactly what phase the moon is in on any day of the year. It tells me there's a full moon just before the Spring equinox, which means that the new moon of Easter is four weeks later. That means both Easter and Ash Wednesday are late this year: on 6 March, and there will be a service of Holy Communion at 7.30pm in Sherston, with the option of ashing for those who wish to receive it.

The week after Ash Wednesday, our Lent Groups begin. We have groups at various times and days, do look in the church for more information.

Mothering Sunday this year is on 31 March, which is a fifth Sunday of the month. We will have a Group Family Communion at 10.30am in Holy Cross Sherston. There will be an Adventure Church in Court House, Hullavington, at 3.00pm on Saturday 30 which will also have a Mothering Sunday theme - contact Becky Fisher for details.

Holy Week begins on 14 April with the usual service pattern for Palm Sunday. During the week there will be Compline on Monday in Hullavington at 9.00pm and Wednesday in SSQ at 8.00pm.

Our Lent Group Celebration service was much appreciated last year and we shall be repeating it on the Tuesday of Holy Week at 7.30pm in Luckington. Members of different denominations have been meeting together throughout Lent, and our final session will involve gathering into one large group to hear from one another and worship as one community. On Maundy Thursday there will be a communion service in Sherston, followed by an optional vigil in Holy Cross Church from about 9.00pm.

Good Friday, 19 April, traditionally includes a Children's Workshop and this year there will be two: one held in Sherston church from 11.00am and one in

Hullavington. Detailed slips for the workshops will be in all churches or contact [susan.harvey@hotmail.com](mailto:susan.harvey@hotmail.com). Following on from these workshops, there will be a reflective service called The Last Hour at Hullavington and a family-style service at Sherston Holy Cross, both at 2.00pm, after which we'd encourage everyone to join in journeying to Luckington for a service at 3.15pm in the car park, then drinks and hot cross buns afterwards.

On Easter Day itself we are very grateful to the members of the ministry team and retired priests who are making it possible to have a service in every church in the benefice. There are flyers in each church giving more details about the Lent, Holy Week and Easter services, so do please take one for yourself and anyone you know who might be interested.

On the second Sunday of Easter, we have services in Hullavington, Stanton and Sherston, including a 3.00pm St George's Parade involving Sherston uniformed youth organisations.

During that month, most of our churches have their annual meetings. These are important times in the church's life when people are elected to fill roles, and ideas are shared for the future. Please come along to support those who are standing, and to hear updates about your church. Easton Grey will be on 4 April 7.30pm; Sherston 24 March after the 9.30am service; and Stanton St Quintin 28 March 7.30pm. Venues at the church unless otherwise stated.

In preparation for the meetings, Church Electoral Rolls are being revised. This may sound quite obscure but in fact there are several practical benefits. Firstly, being on the Electoral Roll gives you voting rights in church affairs - we can hardly complain about decisions made by the national church if we're not using our vote. Secondly, as Rector, I know that the clergy rely on the electoral rolls as a contact list. It's much harder for us to keep in touch if we haven't got your phone number or don't know where you live! Thirdly, a healthy electoral roll reflects the level of support that is out there in the community for the church. So I'd urge you to pick up a form from your local church and follow the instructions on how to fill it in and return it.

Christopher Bryan, Rector



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Sunday 17th March, 11.00 am - Revd Andrew Williams Tarling

Sunday 24th March, 11.00 am - Revd Andrew Williams Tarling

Sunday 31st March - Revd Andrew Williams Tarling

## Tetbury Music Festival hosts BBC Radio 3's Big Chamber Weekend

Friday 22 March - Sunday 24 March, St Mary's Church, Tetbury

Tetbury Music Festival has teamed up with BBC Radio 3 to present a weekend of Chamber Music from 22 to 24 March, featuring leading chamber ensemble The Calidore String Quartet, alongside world-class soloists violinist Jennifer Pike and pianist Zee Zee. All three concerts will take place at St Mary's Church, Tetbury, and be recorded for broadcast on BBC Radio 3.

New York City based ensemble The Calidore String Quartet opens the Chamber Weekend on Friday 22 March (6.30pm-7.30pm) with a performance of Prokofiev's String Quartet No. 2 and Beethoven's String Quartet No. 10.

The following evening (5.00pm-7.30pm), the Quartet is joined by pianist Zee Zee for works by Schumann, Caroline Shaw, Mendelssohn, Golijov and Beethoven.

The Calidore String Quartet join forces with Jennifer Pike and Zee Zee on Sunday 24 March (5.00pm-

6.00pm), bringing the weekend to a close with Chausson's Concerto in D major, Op. 21 for Violin, Piano and String Quartet.

All the artists performing are former BBC Radio 3 New Generation Artists, now well established in their international careers. The BBC Radio 3 New Generation Artists Scheme holds prestige around the world, and brings some of the most promising new talent to listeners across the UK through BBC Radio 3 broadcasts. Tetbury Music Festival will return in September 2019 with an exciting line-up of world-class musicians. The full programme will be announced soon on the Tetbury Music Festival website.

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Tickets £6 adults from Lesley on 01249 783157 or email [l\\_palmer@btinternet.com](mailto:l_palmer@btinternet.com). Please let me know beforehand if you'd like tickets as we cannot guarantee a seat if the film's very popular and you just turn up on the night. We wouldn't want you to be disappointed!!

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The year began with an exuberant demonstration by Rachel Wilson, with a green and white colour theme and abundant flowers, which showcased 'A Luxury Wedding' through a variety of forms.

In February, a demonstration by Sally Taylor provided an opportunity for members to critique her arrangements, and spot the deliberate but often well-hidden errors that would impact scores if participating in a formal competition, hence the title 'You be the Judge'.

We are holding a 'Pandora's Box' workshop in March, at which 30 members with a wide range of experience, will receive identical containers and bunches of flowers and foliage, and spend the evening creating an Easter arrangement. No doubt a very wide variety of attractive arrangements will be produced.

### Future meetings

Wednesday 17 April: Members' Annual Dinner, Corinium Hotel, Cirencester.

Wednesday 15 May: Summer Celebration at Chavenage House near Tetbury, with a demonstration by Coral Gardiner.

Wednesday 19 June: Workshop, 'Celebrating Summer Flowers'.

We have a full programme of interesting and varied events planned throughout 2019, including demonstrations, workshops and visits. More information can be found on our Facebook page –

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club.

Flower Club meetings usually take place at Crudwell Village Hall (SN16 9HB) on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. We are a thriving, friendly and enthusiastic group with members from throughout North Wiltshire and into Gloucestershire. Visitors and new members are guaranteed a warm welcome at these regular meetings in Crudwell, including coffee/ tea/cake and friendly chat at the end of the evening.

For more information please contact Liz on 860888. We can also be contacted by email: [nwvflowerclub@gmail.com](mailto:nwvflowerclub@gmail.com).

## Two Textile and Embroidery exhibitions locally in March

At Tetbury Goods Shed, Bath Textile Artists show 'Material Goods' open 6 March to 14 April. Wednesday to Sunday only 11.00am to 3.00pm. Free entry.

At Malmesbury Town Hall, John Bowen Gallery, Malmesbury Embroiderers Guild show 'Free Range' Open 30 March to 18 April, every day except Sunday 10.00am to 4.00pm. Free entry.

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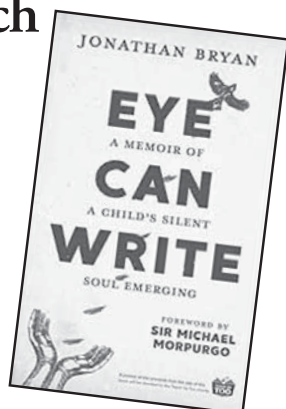
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Although we would have loved to have had everyone to his book launch, numbers were restricted, so we are really grateful to Malmesbury Abbey Books for hosting an event on Saturday 2 March from 10.30am until 12.00noon where we can share a video of Sir Michael Morpurgo reading from Jonathan's book at the launch and give people a chance to ask

Jonathan questions. Poetry forms part of the book, and the event will incorporate a short poetry workshop with a prize for the best poem. The coffee shop will be open throughout. The event is free, but to get an idea of numbers we're asking people to register for a ticket on [Eventbrite.co.uk](http://Eventbrite.co.uk) – search for *Eye Can Write*.

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### 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](http://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

### 1st Sherston Guides

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### Holy Cross Church

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### 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 -minister4sherstonconchurch@outlook.com /07921 390878 Admin/Bookings - Victoria Meheust - sherstonconchurch@outlook.com Secretary- Candi Williams Tarling - secretary4sherstonconchurch@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 Geoff Martin 840375 or come along.

### Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Junior and Senior indoor nets will start 3 Mar. Outdoor nets begin after Easter. If you would like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the website [www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](http://www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk)

### 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 Maggie Harries on 841047 or maggie@harriespartnership.com or visit [www.sherstonwalks.org.uk](http://www.sherstonwalks.org.uk)

### Forest School

Independent sessions led by local outdoor learning specialist Niki Walden, that include an after school club at Sherston Primary School, weekly curricular sessions at Luckington School & Luckington Pre-School and occasional further fun extended sessions during school holidays. 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](http://www.pulse4life.co.uk) Stuart 07986 003602 or stuart@pulse4life.co.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](http://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

Consists of 48 teams playing in 3 Leagues Playing season Apr – Aug. For more information, contact Tony Towle on 840574.

### 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 Short Mat Bowls

Meet every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. New members welcome – bring flat shoes, we have the woods. For more information contact Tony Weedon 841377 or Anne Andrews 840941

### Sherston Tennis Club

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



### Sherston Theatre Club

Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. Listings under [www.communitate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/](http://www.communitate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/) or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or [helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com](mailto: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](http://www.sherstonvelo.cc) or email Mark Walsh at [secretary@sherstonvelo.cc](mailto:secretary@sherstonvelo.cc)

### Sherston Village Hall

Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, parties etc. For details Chris and Tony Weedon 841377 or email [dogleg3@gmail.com](mailto:dogleg3@gmail.com)

### Village Hall 300+ Club

For an annual subscription of only £6, give yourself the opportunity of winning a cash prize in every monthly draw whilst supporting the Village Hall. If you would like to join, or need more information, contact the coordinator, Lin Prior on 840846 or [linmaryprior@gmail.com](mailto:linmaryprior@gmail.com)

### WEA Sherston Arts, Literature and History Courses

The WEA (Workers' Education Association) offers courses on the Arts, Literature and History in the British School Room, Cliff Road. For more information or to book a place contact Warwick or Pat Jones on 840764 or [warwickandpatjones@gmail.com](mailto:warwickandpatjones@gmail.com)

### 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 £3.50. Further information: Secretary 840578.

### Sherston Young Craft Group

Every Monday during term time from 6.45 - 8.15pm in the small Village Hall for children aged 9 and above. To join, please email [sherstoncraftclub@outlook.com](mailto:sherstoncraftclub@outlook.com)

### Yoga for All

Mon evenings 7.45-9.15pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £9 reducing to £7.50 if you take up the course. More details contact Theo 07818 401110 or [theo@wildyoga.co.uk](mailto:theo@wildyoga.co.uk) [www.wildyoga.co.uk](http://www.wildyoga.co.uk)

### 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 [susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](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).

### 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

### 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)

**Link** Link provides a voluntary car service for residents living in the Malmesbury area, taking those in need to hospital, the chiropodist, GPs' surgeries and to visit sick relatives. For further information, prospective volunteers can contact the Link co-ordinator and volunteer support officer on 840861 9am-1pm

### 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, 7.15 – 9.15pm for performances at local bandstands. For further details see our website [www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk) or contact Tony Fleming, the Musical Director, on 575229 or [musdir@malmesburyconcertband.org.uk](mailto:musdir@malmesburyconcertband.org.uk)

### Malmesbury Community Choir

The Malmesbury Community Choir is 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 <https://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](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 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](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

**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](http://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](mailto:rosie.golding@wiltshire.gov.uk) or 07917 599964. For a full list of walking groups in Wiltshire please visit [walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder/get-wiltshire-walking](http://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

## What's On February 2019

If you're planning a community event in the parish why not let the Cliffhanger have the basic details as soon as possible? Email [info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk](mailto:info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk) to add the event to this list. Everyone will then know what's occurring in good time and it will help prevent events clashing.

### Sherston

#### Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

In Sherston Every fortnight on Saturdays 10.30am – 12.45pm

Mar 9, 23 Apr 6, 20 May 4, 18

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)

#### The Angel Hotel

As it currently stands, we'll be serving our last meals on Sunday 3 March. In the meantime our kitchen will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays (coffee & cake available), but will operate as normal from Wednesday through Sunday. Check Facebook or boards for updates

For further details call 841627 or [contact@sherstonangel.co.uk](mailto:contact@sherstonangel.co.uk) or visit [www.sherston-angel.co.uk/](http://www.sherston-angel.co.uk/)

#### The Carpenter's Arms

For further details call 840665 or visit [www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston](http://www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston)

#### The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7:30pm Free entry and prizes for the winning team.

Boules League starts in April - apply via Rattlebone Check boards for more details of events

For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter or visit [www.therattlebone.co.uk/](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk/)

#### Church events

Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion 6 Mar at 7.30 pm in Sherston, with the option of ashing for those who wish to receive it. The week after Ash Wednesday our Lent Groups begin. We have groups at various times and days, do look in the church for more information.

Mothering Sunday Group Family Communion Sun 31 Mar 10.30 am in Holy Cross Sherston There will be an Adventure Church in Court House, Hullavington at 3pm on Sat 30 which will also have a Mothering Sunday theme, contact Becky Fisher for details.

Church of the Holy Cross For further details call Rev Christopher Bryan 837522 or [Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com](mailto:Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com) or twitter @chrisbryanrev // blog <http://revchristopherbryan.wordpress.com/> Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or [Susan.Harvey.susan.harvey055@gmail.com](mailto:Susan.Harvey.susan.harvey055@gmail.com)

#### Sherston WI Talks

The Art of Quilling, Karin Meek Thurs 7 Mar 2.30pm

The James Dyson Foundation - an introduction 4-Apr

For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or

[jillwoodward222@btinternet.com](mailto:jillwoodward222@btinternet.com)

#### Art Exhibition at Shear Class Salon

Exhibition by local artists Drop in and see the local art exhibited in the Salon next to the Post Office. All art is for sale! Anyone can call in to see them – you don't have to be attending the salon. There will be details about each artist but all are local and have exhibited in the Sherston Arts Festival Shear Class, High St

#### 1016 Pancake Eating Competition

Shrove Tuesday 5 Mar from 7.30pm £2 entry

The Rattlebone Inn

For further details call Richard Langley on 840112 or 07879 612776

#### Village Hall AGM

Tues 5 Mar 7.30pm come and support the Village Hall - owned by the village

#### Sherston WI Talks

AGM & Quiz 7 Feb, 2.30pm, British School Room

The Art of Quilling, Karin Meek Thurs 7 Mar

For further details call Jill Woodward 840578 or

[jillwoodward222@btinternet.com](mailto:jillwoodward222@btinternet.com)

#### Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Nets Sherston Magna CC cricket nets will be starting in March with training taking place on Sundays at Westonbirt School Leisure Centre. The sessions are open to everyone whether you are an existing or potential new member. timings on the website

AGM 12 Feb at 7.30pm in the Rattlebone, all members, non-members and parents of junior members are encouraged to attend.

All Starts Cricket programme for years R,1,2,3 is now available for booking. <https://allstarscricket.co.uk/sherstonmagna>

League fixtures on <http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk/matches>

Pinkney Park Ground For further details contact

[cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](mailto:cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk) or visit <http://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk>

#### Beaufort team chase

Team chasing returns to Sherston after 35 years! In aid of WAA

Run over Manor farm and nearby Sandy farm, the course will incorporate timber, walls, hedges and natural obstacles and will be a thrilling adrenaline rush for those wishing to ride, and for those on foot, an exhilarating spectacle! Sun 17 Mar Various trade stands, a licensed bar and food available throughout the day - Parking is accessed via the B4040 between Luckington and Sherston. Starting at 9am we will have 4 classes running

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throughout the day with a Hunter trial/pairs class over the novice course, a Novice team chase and an Intermediate speed and bogey class. For those wishing to ride, entries will be via horse-events and will be available soon.

For further details call [lottiebostock@gmail.com](mailto:lottiebostock@gmail.com) Facebook page: Beaufort Team Chase or visit [www.beaufortteamchase.co.uk](http://www.beaufortteamchase.co.uk)

## Sherston Senior Club

Hilary Peaston - Her life in South Africa 12-Mar British School Room

Spring Sale in aid of Club funds 26-Mar Please come along and support our Bring and buy, Bric 'a Brac and nearly new stalls, plus tombola and a raffle at 2pm in British School-Room Cliff rd. Tea and biscuits will be available and it is free entry to the Sale.

For further details call Helen Quirk 840516

## Sherston Drama Group

Spring Play: Ladies Day at the Races Wed 10- Sat 13 Apr at, 7.30pm, Doors open 7pm Sherston Drama Group would like to take you back to 2005 and invite you to come and spend Ladies Day with us at York Race Course.

You will be accompanied by Pearl, Shelley, Jan & Linda who have taken the day off from their fish packing jobs to enjoy the races. They will make you laugh, they will make you cry and they will come across some interesting characters through the day, but we can guarantee you a good time with them. Tickets (including refreshments) on sale from the beginning of March at Sherston Post Office Stores

If you wish to get involved backstage, with set building or technical lights and sounds effects please call Kirstie Blair on 01666 840096 or email [kirstieblair@gmail.com](mailto:kirstieblair@gmail.com)

## Boules Festival

**Boules Team entries** Entries for this year's Sherston Boules Festival will open on 21 Mar and be exclusive to entrants from the five parishes of Sherston, Easton Grey, Luckington with Alderton, Norton, for a period of one month until 21 April when entries will be open to all comers. Please note that entries will be made online via or payment portal on [www.sherstonboules.org](http://www.sherstonboules.org).

Last year the Boules festival raised around £8000 for local charities.

For those groups that can offer help for 2019 Boules Day and would like to apply for a donation, please email Chair Pip Pettit on [sherstonboules@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonboules@gmail.com)

**Boules Festival dates: Mon 8 - Sun 14 July with the main event, the annual Boules Day on Sat 13 July 2019.**

For further details call Enquiries to 07938 770482 or visit [www.sherstonboules.org](http://www.sherstonboules.org)

## Open Gardens Trail in aid of Sherston Church

10th anniversary open gardens trail in aid of Sherston Church Sat 15 - Sun 16 Jun 2019

If you would like to open your garden (all proceeds go towards the upkeep of Sherston Church), please contact Pat Whitehouse 840640, or Heather Martin 840375

## Knockdown

### The Holford Arms

Live Music every weekend. Check boards for more details of events  
For further details call 01454 238669 or info@thehofordarms.co.uk

## Easton Grey Whatley Manor

**Fine Wine and Drinks Society** The club will meet for tastings once a month and will be held in The Green Room, our brand new dining space. Annual membership £50 per annum. To book contact Daniel Davies on 827076 or email [sommelier@whatleymanor.com](mailto:sommelier@whatleymanor.com)  
**Sunday Cinema** £42 includes your cinema ticket for the screening and popcorn and a 3 course lunch or dinner in Le Mazot brasserie. Lunch first from 12 noon with the film starting promptly at 2.30pm. For the dinner screening enjoy the film first starting promptly at 5pm followed by dinner in Le Mazot brasserie from 7.15pm. 'Mission Impossible Fallout' - Ethan Hunt and his IMF team, along with some familiar allies, race against time after a mission gone wrong. Sun 10 Mar

'A Star is Born' - A musician helps a young singer find fame, even as age and alcoholism send his own career into a downward spiral. Sun 14 Apr

**So, you think you know Rioja?** Wed 27 Mar 7pm Includes: Wine reception with canapes, five-course dinner with accompanying wines, coffee and treats. Price: £95.00 per person

For further details call 834026 or visit [www.whatleymanor.com](http://www.whatleymanor.com)

## Luckington Luckington Youth Café

Weekly event for ages 11-16 Saturdays 6-6.30pm Big Questions & Discussions, 6.30-7.30pm Food, games and chill  
Luckington Village Hall

For further details call Joel Faulkner [joel.p.faulkner@gmail.com](mailto:joel.p.faulkner@gmail.com)

## Westonbirt The Arboretum

**STIHL Treetop Walkway** The main walkway is step-free, making it accessible to visitors on foot, using mobility scooters, wheelchairs and pushchairs and to those with dogs on leads. It is 300m long and gradually rises on gentle inclines to a height of 13m. Scramble up to the crow's nest viewing platform; cross the rope bridge; Peer through the mesh-floored section **Specialist Wood Sales** every Sat 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA

**Photosynthesis - Memories Project** Does Westonbirt hold a special place in your heart? As part of the Forestry Commission's Centenary, we need your help to celebrate the Arboretum's human

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#### Bring a friend on Tuesdays

Member Tuesdays continue until 26 Mar so bring a friend for FREE to Westonbirt Arboretum on Tuesdays. Simply present your valid membership card to Visitor Services at the Welcome Building to obtain a free ticket for your accompanying friend.

**Summer concerts - tickets now on sale** Stereophonics Thurs 13 Jun; Paul Weller Fri 14 Jun Jack Savoretti Sat 15 Jun; HAÇIENDA CLASSICAL Sun 16 Jun

Till end of Nov 2019 admission prices Adults £10, those arriving by bike or public transport £7, Children (5-18) £4, under 5s free, 1 carer allowed free per paying disabled visitor

For further details call 880220 or visit [www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt)

#### Westonbirt Community Choir

Westonbirt Schools' Director of Music, Nicola Atwell will be starting a community choir at Westonbirt School. Rehearsals will take place on a Thursday evening at 7.30pm and will cost £4 per session. Welcome meeting on Thur 28 Feb at 7.30pm in the reading room (main school) and refreshments will be provided. There is NO audition and NO experience in singing is necessary. Open to local residents, the aim of the choir is to sing, laugh, and enjoy making music! There is no audition and we will cover a variety of styles from Popular Music, Musical Theatre, Film, Jazz, Rock, Gospel, Soul, World and Classical.

For further details call [natwell@westonbirt.org](mailto:natwell@westonbirt.org)

#### Sopworth

##### Sopworth Ladies Club

**Monthly meetings** Meetings held at 7.30 pm in Sopworth Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each month Membership Fee: £8 plus £2 payable at each meeting. Visitors: £4 All visitors are welcome.

For further details call Jayne Dickenson on 840930

#### Didmarton

##### Duke of Beaufort's Hunt Point to Point at Didmarton

First Sat in March – 2 Mar First race starts at 12.30. Countrywear tradestands, refreshments. Wrap up warm against the wind as the course is very exposed. £12.50 entry to the racecourse. Parking on site (chargeable).

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##### Jonathan Bryan: Eye Can Write

Malmesbury Abbey Books present: Poetry workshop, Q&A, book signing by Jonathan Bryan: Eye Can Write Sat 2 Mar 10.30am-12 noon Register your free ticket on Eventbrite  
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#### Events at Malmesbury Children's centre

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#### Malmesbury, Chippenham

##### Programmes and Activities at The RISE Trust

**FREE Children's Centre activities** The RISE Trust supports many projects in North Wiltshire with 6 Children's Centres in Chippenham, Cricklade, Royal Wootton Bassett and Calne. We provide Children's Centre services for the Corsham and Malmesbury areas. We also run Youth services, such as mentoring and youth groups, and provide services to the elderly. The RISE Trust started as an initiative from a local church in Chippenham in 2004.  
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## Malmesbury & District University of the Third Age

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people. There are over 400 members and around 40 different interest groups including arts and crafts, book group, history, gardening, dancing, theatre trips, languages, walking etc. U3A meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Malmesbury town hall from 10- 11.45 for tea/coffee, a chat and to listen to our monthly speaker. Charge 50p  
**Susan Poolman - The Cleveland Experience** - the story of Malmesburians who emigrated to Cleveland, Ohio in the 19th century Thurs 28 Mar

**AGM and Caroline Lowsley-Williams "Chavenage House and guests throughout the ages"** - Thursday 25 April  
 Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall *For further details call Membership Secretary Ann Roberts-Phare on 823971 or visit [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.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) A limited range of drinks and snacks are available for purchase at the bar adjacent to the cinema. A few cushions are available for use during M@M programmes. Please ask for one, remember availability is limited so arrive early if you want one! There is no charge for the cushion. Tickets: 2pm Matinee & 5.30pm screenings: Adults £5. Under 16's £4. 8pm screenings: All tickets £6. \*Alternative Content (theatre, ballet, opera & art exhibitions) all tickets £10

### This month's films include:

Mon, 4 Mar	2pm	The Favourite
Mon, 4 Mar	8pm	Mary Queen of Scots
Fri, 8 Mar	2pm	Mary Queen of Scots
Fri, 8 Mar	8pm	The Favourite
Mon, 18 Mar	8pm	Vice
Fri, 22 Mar	2pm	Vice
Fri, 22 Mar	5.30pm	How to train your dragon: The Hidden World
Fri, 22 Mar	8pm	Green Book
Fri, 29 Mar	5.30pm	How to train your dragon: The Hidden World

Malmesbury Town Hall *For further details call Tickets are available at the Town Hall, on the door or online (a booking fee is payable) or visit [www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html](http://www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html)*

## Riverside Community

**Saturday Friends** 10.30am - 1.30pm and enjoy a cuppa and a friendly chat Drop in dates Sat 20 Oct, 17 Nov, 8 Dec - for possible transport assistance call 07888 383844

**Friends in Grief (FIG)** FIG is a free community-based drop-in café where anyone bereaved is most welcome - where you can talk with others experiencing similar thoughts and feelings in an informal and supportive setting every Tuesday, 2pm-4pm

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## Grittleton

### Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

**A Star is Born [15]** Wed 27 Mar Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £6 from Lesley or on the door  
 Grittleton Village Hall *For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email [l\\_palmer@btinternet.com](mailto:l_palmer@btinternet.com) or visit [www.moviola.org/](http://www.moviola.org/)*

## Tetbury Tetbury Goods Shed

2 BJ Big Band A wonderful musical mix of old and new sounds in

Big Band style. Advance TICKETS just £12.50 7.30pm

**5 Jive Lindy Hop Dance Classes** 7&8pm Classes on Tuesdays 5th 12th 19th and 26th March Classes cost £6.00. Pay on the door Learn to Swing Jive Dance at The Goods Shed. Tuesdays Two sessions: Beginners at 7pm and Intermediates at 8pm

**7 Film Bohemian Rhapsody (12A)** 7.30pm a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. TICKETS £7 and £5

**8 Harbottle and Jonas** 8pm Join Harbottle & Jonas for an unforgettable evening of beautiful folk music blending both traditional and contemporary tunes through wonderful vocal harmonies £11.50

**9 Ceilidh - Threepenny bit** 7.30pm Join Celidh Band Threepenny Bit for a night of traditional tunes mixed with some original music guaranteed to get your feet tapping. TICKETS £11

**14 Film - BlackKKlansman (15)** 7.30pm BlackKKlansman is historical drama based on a true story in which an African American cop runs an undercover investigation into the Ku Klux Klan. £7

**15 Rhapsody in Red White and Blue** 7.30pm The idea for this event came out of two concerts in Amsterdam to celebrate Jan Vriend's 80th birthday. It will feature works by Poulenc, Gershwin, Vriend and Debussy. TICKETS £10 - £17.50

**17 Open Mic Sunday** 7.30pm This Sunday is Open Mic at Tetbury Good Shed for singers, musicians and poets. Performers please telephone Heather Bristow on 01666 503 946 to book your time slot. £5

**20 Writers at the Goods Shed- Ann Drysdale** 7.00pm Poet Ann Drysdale discusses and reads from her work. Held in our railway carriage "Mary Jane" behind the Goods Shed. TICKETS £4 on the door.

**21 Film - Distant Voices, Still Lives (15)** 7.30pm A British autobiographical drama, from 1988, which follows a working class family in Liverpool during the 1940's and 1950's. £7

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**27 Talk: Jemima Parry Jones** 7.30pm In March's talk, Speaker Jemima Parry Jones discusses Birds of Prey & Adaptations for Flight & Feathers. TICKETS £5 to £8

**28 Film: - Widows (15)** 7.30pm Widows is a crime thriller in which three widowed women plan to complete the heist in which their husbands were killed. TICKETS £7

**30 Mr Ray's Jazz Band** 7.30pm Join Mr Ray's Jazz Band for a toe tapping evening of traditional and swing jazz music. TICKETS £14.50

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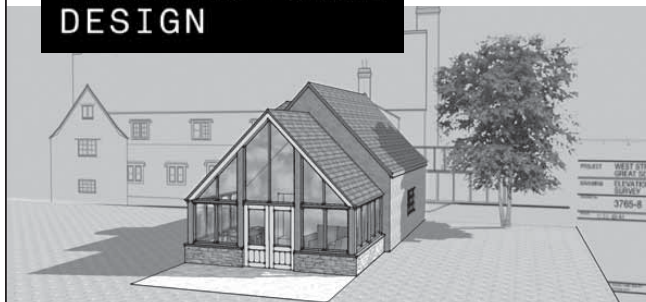
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