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Rattlebone Boules League

The Boules League held its 2022 Prizegiving Evening on Thursday 16 February at The Rattlebone Inn, Sherston.

As usual, the event was very well supported and everyone enjoyed the splendid buffet laid on by Jason and Roger and his team. The evening was compèred by Huw Bowles and the winners were presented with their trophies by Maggie Towle.



After a very difficult year for them, 'Tommy's Tigers', captained by Tommy Dryden took the top honours in League 1. Well done all.

There was no surprise in League 2 where Liam Moriarty's up-and-coming team, 'The Youngsters', powered their way to victory. Having an international player amongst their ranks certainly seemed to help and it's quite an eye-opener to watch how the game is played at the top level.

The League 3 winners were newcomers 'LL Boules J', captained by Nick Stavri. Great to see so many new faces joining in... bringing with them elements of American Rap culture to liven up our otherwise sedate proceedings!

The winners of the inaugural Tony Towle Trophy event were 'Boules Frites' captained by Sharon Morgan, playing alongside David Morgan and Chris Frost. This was a remarkable feat considering they



also managed to get relegated from League 1 the

The leagues play scheduled games Monday to Friday evenings throughout the summer. The three 'pistes' in the pub gardens are generally available for casual use by anyone at weekends and there are usually spare sets of boules available behind the bar. Joining in is a particularly good way to get to socialise and meet people and help to support our local pub. So, if you are new to the village or are just curious to find out about a new pastime, just pop into The Rattlebone Inn one weekday evening to see what it's all about. You will be made most welcome.

If you would like further information, please contact Graham Hayman on 07976 242830.

Important Boules Day announcement!



The Local Team Entry date will be 3 April. The General Entries date will be 24 April. To enter and for more information, go to the website www.sherstonboules.org

Sherston Village Hall New Initiative

Now that our Butterfly Hall has been officially opened, we would like to launch our drop-in teatime. When we were awarded funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, they wanted us to offer our new facility to anyone who wanted to use it, rather than just those people who are members of clubs, or who had booked the hall for a private party. So now, whoever you are, if you are new to the

village and don't know anyone, or have been here for years but have no reason to use the Village Hall, you are invited to 'drop in' and have a cup of tea. You will be VILLAGE HALL made very welcome.



The first sessions will be Thursday 2 March and Thursday 16 March, both from 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

Gilbert & Sullivan's Ruddigore at Sherston Village Hall

On Saturday 4 March, we are delighted to welcome White Horse Opera to Sherston Village Hall, who will perform Ruddigore, a lively operetta with lovely music.

Come and enjoy an evening that will make full use of our Butterfly Hall for interval drinks (wine and soft drinks), cash preferred.

Tickets: £10 from Sherston Co-op (cash only) or online: www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera (with a booking fee)

Performance details: Saturday 4 March, Sherston Village Hall, 7.30pm.

James Frederick Quirk MBE

Helen, Sarah, Frances and Andrew would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards and condolences on the sad death of Jimmy Quirk. Thank you also to Dr Jeffery for her care and concern in the last stages of his life.

Copy deadline: 10th of the previous month. Send to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk or hard copy to Sherston Post Office Stores.

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

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

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overhead' photo shot.



This enthusiastic bunch generously gave up their Sunday morning to help with the second phase of coppicing in Grove Wood.

It was backbreaking, hot, thirsty work which was rewarded with a quick visit to The Rattlebone afterwards!

It was great to see the enthusiasm and teamwork, as well as people making new friends during the course of the morning.

With two coppicing phases completed, building on the original work by John Lloyd and his merry band many years ago, the wood is slowing returning to a more managed state which hopefully will allow the flora, fauna and wildlife to thrive, as well as providing us with a wonderful facility to enjoy.

If you would like to help support future projects please contact either Nigel.freeth@sherston.org or Tanya.burgess@sherston.org and we will pop your name on 'the list'.

Sherston WI



Have you heard of Goats of the Gorge, a family business based in the Chew Valley in Somerset? The business developed quickly whilst founder Nick King was still a full-time policeman. He initially kept goats to provide milk for health benefits but, driven on by an interest in what could also be made from the surplus milk, he learned to make soaps and other toiletries. The business grew and the products, registered cruelty-free and with stringent audit checks, are now stocked in many farm shops and other outlets in this country and abroad. In December 2021, Nick's two sons joined the business and, in January 2022, they moved into purpose-built premises and have recently won the South West Business Award for New startup of the Year. During the Covid pandemic, it was found that Bristol nurses in the NHS benefited from the use of the soap when they were continually having to wash their hands.

Son Danny brought along some samples of the soap, lip balm and face and body cream for WI members to try and many products were sold to interested ladies.

There is a wax cologne for men, a teddy bear shaped soap for children and even shampoo and nose and paw balm for dogs.

West Country Water Buffalo has approached Goats of the Gorge asking if they could make soap for them using buffalo milk and an alpaca farm near Clevedon is interested in making shampoo using keratin, the natural protein found in their skins.

Next month, something completely different ... on Thursday 2 March, our speaker will be Anne Ewing, a registrar, talking about love and marriage. Do join us: British School Room, Cliff Road, at 2.30pm. Visitors £4 to include refreshments.

Floristry Workshop at Sherston Church: Raising funds for church flowers



Come along to Sherston Church on Saturday 1 April, 10.00am to 12.30pm, to create a 'spring living ring' for your door or table. Learn how to incorporate living spring plants into a natural moss ring to make a stunning long-lasting natural eco display. Cost £25 per person.

All materials provided (wire ring, moss, moss wire, viola's, muscari, tête-à-tête, wax flower).

Refreshments included. Please get in touch for more information and to register your interest: jarmstrong58@sky.com/07766 687731.

Sherston Senior Club

At the end of January, singing group 'End of the Track' entertained us, as they always do, with popular songs. Much to everyone's enjoyment.

The following meeting, on 7 February, was a talk by Sherston author Alex Evelyn. Alex told us how long it took to complete her children's book 'The Secret Wild', and all the other various background things she needed to do in order to achieve her goal of publication. This was an eye-opener as to royalties not starting until her advance for the book had been offset by sales. So, not such a money-spinner! Alex said most children's authors have a second job in order to be able to write their books and carry on their love of storytelling. This was a very interesting talk and we all learnt just how complicated being a writer can be.

For our second meeting in February, Lisa Johnson came to tell us all about her time working for the BBC. More on this next month.

Looking forward, on Tuesday 7 March, we have our AGM followed by bingo, and on Tuesday 21 March, Colin Law will speak on 'More tales of a coach driver'.

Visitors are very welcome, £2.00 including refreshments. We meet in the British School Room at 2.00pm winter and 2.30pm in the summer. For further information, please contact Helen Quirk on 840516.

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: 10-11 June

Please put this date in your diary! If you live in Sherston and would like to open your garden, please get in touch (heather@geoffmartin.plus.com). If you are growing plants from seed, you might like to grow a few extra to put on the plant stall. It is always an enjoyable occasion so invite friends to visit too. All proceeds to the Church of the Holy Cross.





This month's meeting is Friday 10 March: Three Generations of Gardeners at Kiftsgate by Vanessa Berridge.

Clippings

We had two enjoyable activities in February ... A site visit to Melcourts Compost followed on from last year's talk by Technical Manager, Nicki Wright. Members were given fascinating insights into the production processes of peat-free compost, as well as a complimentary bag of finest all-purpose.

We also welcomed Mike Hinwood, describing a typical year in the business of growing plants on a commercial basis at family-run Foxley Road Nurseries.

Cuttings

Vanessa Berridge is Head Gardener at Kiftsgate, near Chipping Campden. Three generations of women gardeners from the 1920s to the present have created one of the loveliest gardens in the country with stunning views from the top of the escarpment. Not to be missed!

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

From May onwards, club meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month, British School Room, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Connections

RHS Malvern Spring Show 2023: If you're lucky, there may still be a handful of tickets left for the coach on Friday 12 May. The all-in price (bus plus show entry) is £40 per person. Just contact our secretary to find out if you can join us. An enjoyable day with no parking worries, as well as space for some horticultural purchases.

The Sherston Gardening Club (SGC) Facebook

page is a useful source of information, photographs and news. You can join the group, even if you're not an SGC member (though we hope you'll be motivated to join us!).

Community

Blooming Sherston. We are delighted that the new seasonal planter is flourishing outside the Sherston Co-op. Massive thanks to Sherston Parish Council for the £600 grant towards its purchase and to Melcourts who donated the peat-free compost. We are also pleased to announce a second grant of £500 from the Midcounties Co-op to be used to enhance Sherston with new areas of planting. This is a great start but could become even better with wider community involvement. If you are interested in finding out more about these initiatives and maybe joining a new Blooming Sherston team of greenfingered locals, please come to an open meeting at The Angel on Saturday 25 March at 10.30am. All are welcome - enthusiasm for improving Sherston's appeal is the only requirement!

Calendar

The 2023 SGC Programme of talks, visits and dates can be seen on our Facebook page.

Friday 10 March: Special Plant Fair, Charlton Farm House (SN16 9DS) £6 entrance to garden, fair and refreshments. 10.00am-2.00pm. www. thegenerousgardener.co.uk

Saturday 25 March: Blooming Sherston open meeting, 10.30am at The Angel.

Friday 14 April: AGM. Great opportunity for new members to join.

Tuesday 2 May: 'Where the Wild Flowers Grow: My botanical journey through Britain and Ireland' by published author, Leif Bersweden.

Friday 12 May: Visit to Malvern Spring Show.

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 (Courtesy of Mr and Mrs Turner). There will be no Meeting in August, returning on 5 September.

Sherston Village Hall 300+ Club

There are over 200 already signed up but we need another 200 to help with the financial running of the village hall. If you use the village hall, please join up!

1st draw £20 winners are:

1 Nigel Ind, 86 Lin Prior, 202 Patrick Cooper
238 Frederick Nicolas, 248 Margot Holland

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.

Apple Day Juicing 2023: Saving waste and using local apples!

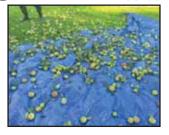




We all know that greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are driving temperatures up. The biggest source of these is burning fossil fuels. But worldwide food production, including transportation and handling, accounts for nearly one third of all GHGs. And nearly one third of all food is wasted.

To keep transport emissions down and to minimise waste, Sustainable Sherston is encouraging the use of our locally grown apples. In 2021 we had our first







Apple Day, bringing together local producers and making a great day out for everyone, with apple-pressing demonstrations and apple-themed games in the village hall.

This year, we have our own apple-juicing presses (thanks to grants from Malmesbury Area Board and Wessex Water's Environment Fund) - and will be demonstrating how to make apple juice - with tastings fresh from the press!

If you have apples ready for the end of September/ beginning of October, please do pick them and there is no need to waste any! We can turn all spare apples into Sherston Apple Juice.

Watch this space for this year's pressing dates and more details on Sherston's Apple Day 2023.

For all apple enquiries - or if you'd like to join in the juice-making - please email sustainablesherston@gmail.com or call 840369.

Eleanor Lines, Sustainable Sherston



'But Why Bump Off Barnaby?' by Rick Abbot



Sherston Drama Group's spring play is a comedy that combines suspense, intrigue and murder with whimsical humour. Baroness LeDuc summons her family to Marlgate Manor for an urgent conference. Most are members of a tontine - a financial arrangement in which a large sum of money is paid out to the last survivor of the group. The temptation to 'bump off' other members of the group is obvious. Barnaby is the poorest family member and not a member of the tontine, so no one has a motive for bumping him off, but he does have a motive for killing most of the others. So when he is in fact dispatched, a bizarre group of characters frantically tries to work out who the murderer is and avoid being bumped off themselves. The suspects include an American police

reporter with a southern accent which outdoes Daniel Craig's, his pretty but dopey fiancée, a glamorous Hollywood movie star, a hearing-impaired aristocrat, a flirtatious fortune-hunter, and a fastidious nanny, not to mention the imperturbable butler and stroppy young maid. Meanwhile, there is poison in the sherry, a mysterious limerick to decode, and the police take forever to arrive before the killer is finally unmasked in a hilarious finale. This is a play to brighten your week and that everyone can enjoy. Performances in Sherston Village Hall take place on 12-15 April, just after Easter, at 7.30pm. Cash or card bar from the new servery! Tickets (£10.00/£8.50) available from Sherston Co-op (cash or cheque only) or online at Eventbrite (small charge applies).

News from Sherston Church of the Holy Cross



'The organ was too loud and the roof fell in!'

It's now a couple of months since part of the ceiling in church collapsed and, at the time of going to press, we are now able to report that repairs to the organ are just about to start. At the beginning of November, some of the lime plaster on the ceiling in church collapsed. Fortunately, there were no injuries, but there was considerable damage to the organ. The plaster fall occurred directly above the great organ pipes. Some of the pipes were filled with debris, and plaster has also gone into the mechanical action of the organ.

By the time you read this, scaffolding will be in place across the organ and North Transept, so that we can further investigate the cause of the ceiling collapse and plan the repairs. (It probably was not acoustic damage!) We will then also be able to safely repair the organ below. We are pleased to report that the church roof itself, which was fully replaced 12 years ago, is in excellent condition and remains watertight.

We are continuing with our services and other church activities as usual, although it may still be several weeks before the organ can be used again during services. At the moment, we do not know the costs of the repairs to the ceiling. If you would like to support us in any way, please contact Suzanne Price, the churchwarden: pricesuzanne@icloud.com.

Charity news

Each year, we support local, national and international charities. During 2022, we made donations to Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Malmesbury Food Bank, HEALS of Malmesbury, Swindon Women's Aid, Christians against Poverty, Royal British Legion, Christian Aid, Tear Fund and the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.

Parish news

If you would like to hear more about our church activities, please come along to our annual parochial church meeting on Sunday 26 March at 11.00am. The

meeting is open to everyone who lives in the Parish of Sherston, or supports church or is on the church electoral roll. Being on the church electoral roll gives you a vote on church matters. You can, of course, be a full and active member of the Church of the Holy Cross without registering. Being on the electoral roll is not an extra commitment but it does help the church show its strength and does help us keep in direct touch with you. To be added to our electoral roll, please complete a form in church or contact the churchwarden. You can also join our mailing list for the weekly Gauzebrook Gazette, which gives details of our weekly and special services, again please contact the churchwarden.

Easter Lilies - Church of the Holy Cross

Our flower arrangements for Easter will include a display of Easter lilies. If you would like to remember a loved one by ordering a lily (at £5 each), please complete the order form in church, which includes a space for name of person to be remembered and details of payment.

Sherston Calendar Success!

I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who purchased a Sherston Calendar this year. Together, we raised an incredible £780! This wouldn't have been possible without our lovely sponsors for covering production costs, as well as The Angel and the Courtyard Café for selling them. The money raised is going to be split four ways between local community groups: Sherston Senior Club, Friends of Sherston School, Holy Cross Church and Sustainable Sherston. Every year, it is a pleasure to use my photography skills to produce something that is appreciated by so many, so until next year ...!

Tea Smart

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

There has never been a better time to be involved in cricket in this country. England are double world champions, the women's game is exploding and Ben Stokes is revolutionising the way the longer form of the game is playing. As we emerge from winter, the days are lengthening, the temperature is warming, cricketers up and down this green and pleasant land are heading into their lofts and sheds and searching for kit jettisoned at the end of the summer.

So, to things closer to home, your local Sherston Magna Cricket Club, based on the edge of the village next to Hortico, is ramping up its plans for its 2023 season and the club continues to go from strength to strength. Before the weather warms up, we have plenty going on:

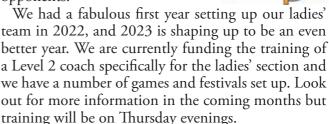
Our winter nets started on 27 February for six weeks (8.45 pm at Wotton Sports Centre, GL12 8RB);

Our indoor team's season continues in the North Wiltshire indoor league in Chippenham every other Sunday; and

Our three junior Wiltshire representatives, featured in an earlier issue, are continuing their winter training programme.

After Easter, on our men's side, we have a Saturday side that play in Wiltshire Cricket League Division 4 under the leadership of Chris Fisk and a Sunday side

that play some great fun friendlies against a number of long-running opponents.



Our junior section goes from strength to strength, and we are planning for the greatest number of junior games Sherston has ever had with two under-13 teams, two under-11 teams, under 9s and another year of the All Stars programme.

We are all looking forward to lots of great cricket down at Pinkney Park this season!

Want to get involved?!

We are always looking for new players so if you are interested in joining the club then get in touch at cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk.

Not sure but want to know more? We are holding an open day at Pinkney Park on Saturday 15 April. This will give anyone the chance to try cricket, meet fellow cricket lovers and have some fun. More details in the next issue!

King Athelstan Statue and Birdcage Walk regeneration project

You are invited to view the proposals for the King Athelstan Statue and Birdcage Walk regeneration project, being held in Malmesbury Abbey on Saturday 4 March, 10.30am to 2.00pm.

As grandson of Alfred the Great, Aethelstan became the first King of All England in 927, and is a figure of historic significance to both Malmesbury and the English Nation. He chose to be buried in Malmesbury Abbey, a place he loved, where his kinsman, Aldhelm had lived. His 14th-century

tomb can be seen in the Abbey today, although this is empty with his remains elsewhere in the wider Abbey precinct, yet to be uncovered. Next year, will be the 1,100th anniversary of King Aethelstan's death and Malmesbury is planning to commemorate this.

At the consultation, information boards and the statue maquette will be displayed, statue designer Paul Deacon will be present and there will be an opportunity to chat to project members.

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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 with Zoom as an option for those who do not wish to attend in person. Nonmembers welcome. 50p donation.

Our next meetings are:

Thursday 23 March: About Chavenage House. Caroline Lowsley-Williams.

In Caroline's talk, we can look forward to a light-hearted account of the history of Chavenage House, an Elizabethan Manor House on the outskirts of Tetbury, and the families that have lived there since the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Caroline will also regale us with stories of recent activities at Chavenage, which hosts weddings, filming, corporate events and vintage car rallies. She will provide insights into plans for Chavenage and the Lowsley-Williams family.

After an early career in the cattle auctioneering world, Caroline returned home in the 1990s to take over the running of events at this historic family home. The house is the focal point of the 2000 acre Chavenage Estate and has been open to the public since the early 1970s, including almost 90 enthusiastic u3a members in the summer of 2022!

Thursday 27 April: Surviving The Great War – The Songs, Humour and Words That Kept The Boys Going. Peter Gill.

Peter's presentation will include words, music and visuals to explore the impact of the Arts on those people embroiled in the devastation of the First World War. He will examine some of the Great War's poetry, the songs that emerged and the wonderful satire which all worked to boost spirits. What part did these play in helping people to survive to the end of the day, or perhaps the week, or even to return home safely?

Peter was born and raised in Cheltenham but now lives in Ross-on-Wye. His first published works were of local, historical interest commencing with Cheltenham at War in 1994. Peter has been writing and producing for the theatre stage for the last 20 years - he has performed in many of his productions and continues to tour with them to great acclaim.

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Highlights for March

Saturday 4 March Tango Siempre: Time to tango to music from the slums of Buenos Aires to the golden age of elegant salons - and if you don't want to dance you can just listen! Tickets £16. 7.30pm.

Wednesday 15 March Playtime: The Last Baguette Company offer 2-6-year-olds a fun mix of play-acting, craft and music. The one-hour sessions are free thanks to Tesco's Community Grants. Booking essential.10.00am-11.00am.

Saturday 18 March TJ Johnson: One of the UK's best blues and jazz singers, backed by his group of top-class London musicians to sing a blend of music combining jazz, blues, soul, country and gospel. Tickets £15/£10 under-25s. 7.30pm.

Saturday 25 March Music for Miniatures: A baby-friendly concert where there's no need to sit still and dancing is encouraged. Enjoy 45 minutes of live classical music with your children. Adults £6/ Children£4/£15 Family of four 10.30am-11.15am.

Saturday 25 March Rautio Piano Trio: One of today's finest chamber ensembles will be playing Beethoven's Pastoral symphony and Schubert's Trout Quintet. Tickets £22/£16 for under-25s. 7.30pm.

For information about our weekly afternoon concerts, cinema showing and talk, and to book tickets, please see our website: www.shed-arts.co.uk

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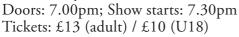
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March Events

Instant Wit

Saturday 4 March Malmesbury Town Hall



www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/instantwit

Instant Wit produces a quick-fire comedy improvisation show packed full of sketches, gags, songs, surreal situations, flying packets of 'Instant Whip' and prizes! Your chance has finally come to put on influence the outcome of a theatre production. Completely improvised and directed by the audience the show is highly addictive, interactive, engaging and fun.

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Participate as much or as little you like, shout out during the show or write down suggestions in the interval to win a prize and the best news is it's for all grown-ups (aged 12+)

We simply can't wait for these crazy dudes to come to Malmesbury.

Chris Wood

Saturday 18 March Malmesbury Town Hall

Doors: 8.00pm Tickets: £14

www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/chriswood

Former BBC 2 Folk Singer of the Year (2017), Chris Wood is something of a national treasure in folk music circles. Wood's approach is that of the impassioned troubadour, and his success comes from the way he meshes the personal with the political in a way that is subtle but often astonishing. Like all the best protest singers, he humanises his subjects' suffering and joy for maximum emotional impact.

Self-taught on guitar and violin, he is a lifelong autodidact — and his independent streak shines through in his composition and studio work. Always direct and unafraid to speak his mind, his song writing has been praised for its surgical clarity. His work is typified by his trust in the space music can create and a gift for lyrical understatement.

This is a rescheduled event and as such most of it is pre-sold but there is limited availability.

The Long Players

Saturday 25 March

Malmesbury Town Hall

Tickets: £5-10 (matinee) / £15 (evening SOLD OUT) www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/longplayers

Get ready to relive the magic of one of the greatest commercial artists of all time as Malmesbury Long Players (LPs) pay tribute to Elton John's iconic 1973 album Goodbye Yellow Brick Road.

Local community rock band the LPs perform two iconic albums back to back each year and this return sees a 70s classic that turns 50 this year!

And an LPs event isn't complete without without tacking on a few extra hits - 10 in this case because Sir Elton has been a busy boy! But of course it's about more than the music ... it's about the experience. We promise dazzling costumes, lovingly crafted set design, and all the energy and showmanship you'd expect from the Rocket Man himself.

If you know the LPs you'll already have your ticket. If you don't then imagine the best party ever with freebie merch and some surprise stuff too!

So, dig out your oversized sunnies and sequinned suits and prepare to celebrate this legendary man and the music he's gifted to the world.

The BJ Big Band returns to Malmesbury

The BJ Big Band is performing again in Malmesbury at the King's Arms, High Street on Saturday 29 April at 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm).

This will be another great evening of big band entertainment where the audience will be able to listen to some of their favourite big band music – and perhaps discover 'new favourites'. The ground floor bar will be open throughout the performance.

The BJ Big Band was formed in September 2009 and is based in Hullavington consisting of players who have a wealth of experience playing in other musical groups from saxophone ensemble, through concert wind bands, military bands and rock combos to symphony orchestra. A swing band with saxes, trumpets, trombones and rhythm section, which is the same formation as Count Basie, Duke Ellington or Glenn Miller, not to mention more recent bands such as the Jools Holland's Rhythm and Blues Orchestra, playing a variety of jazz and swing-style music in the big band style.

The band played at the King's Arms last in 2019 when it was reported that people were dancing in the High Street to the sound of the band.

Tickets are on sale at just £10 via the band's website at bj-bigband.org.uk or from Renew, 24 High Street, Malmesbury.



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Malmesbury Singers concert: Saturday 25 March

Malmesbury Singers will be performing Mozart's Requiem and Solemn Vespers, and Antonio Salieri's De Profundis with The Bristol Ensemble and soloists on Saturday 25 March, 7.30pm, at Malmesbury Abbey. Adults £18, Students/Children £5. Tickets available now from www.malmesburysingers.co.uk, from choir members or at the Abbey.

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

January's demonstrator Caroline Cooper and February's Coral Gardner were extremely enjoyable. This leads on to our next meeting, on Wednesday 15 March, which is slightly different; we have a talk/demonstration on the Fairford Flower Collective.

Meetings are held at Crudwell Village Hall, 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tea/coffee and cake are provided as refreshments. Full membership fee is at a very reasonable price and a list of demonstrations and visits are already scheduled for the year. Flower arrangements are raffled at the end of the meeting whereby an opportunity to acquire a gorgeous arrangement is possible for the price of a raffle ticket!

Have a look at the club's website - www. northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk - for full details.



Local recycling and zero waste outlet information



Recycling Facilities:

Kerbside Collection - check the Wiltshire Council website for up-to-date information of what they do and do not take

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

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

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

- Bread bags Produce bags Ordinary carrier bags
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- Lids from packs of meat, ready meals
- Lidding film from cheese packs
- Wrapping around chicken
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- 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
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Batteries/low-energy light bulbs

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

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

Clothes and Shoes Collection Point:

Wiltshire Air Ambulance - Sherston Village Hall Car Park

Ink Cartridges:

Sherston High Street Telephone Box

Dental items:

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

Zero Waste Shops:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Zero Waste online services:

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

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

Dizzie (formerly The Good Club) (www.getdizzie. com): online zero waste grocery service

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

Local Food Growers

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

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

Shipton Mill Flour - locally grown and excellent online shop www.shipton-mill.com

Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Sherston

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack Cubs is open to both girls and boys aged between 8 and 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form

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

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

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

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

Congregational Church – in The British Schoolroom.

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

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

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

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

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

Methodist Church Services every Sunday at 10.30am apart from 3rd Sunday in the month when service is held at Luckington.

For further details see the Parish Life

Church Bell Ringing Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 – 9 pm. Tower correspondent Graham Morris 07484838330 or Jim Bartlett 07980119320 or come along.

Sherston Magna Cricket Club See website / facebook for fixtures. If you'd like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the website www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk.

Sherston Drama Group The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes as well as smaller dramatic and social events in and around Sherston. If you're interested in taking part or helping out contact Katie Skeffington (Chairperson): katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk.

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

Sherston's Gardening Club Meets in the British School Room 2nd Fri each month apart from Aug, 7pm for 7.30pm start, bring and buy stall, quiz, refreshments, £15pa £25 joint, under 18s free Connections to: Our Church garden, Sustainable Sherston and Sherston Allotments. Contact sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com for more details.

Sherston Town FC The club plays in Division 5 Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Sat afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. Please check our socials as this can sometimes change. If you are looking to join the team or for any information please contact sherstontownfootballclub@gmail.com or 07771515489.

Footpaths Group 'Sherston Walks - a guide to local Rights of Way', featuring 10 local walks is on sale at the Post Office. If you would like to learn more about the Footpaths Group contact Tanya Burgess on 841498 or smythtanya@hotmail.com or visit www.sherstonwalks.org.uk

Sherston Shrews - Forest School - Occasional Fun Outdoor Events led by independent outdoor learning specialist Niki Walden. For further information please contact nikiwalden-forestschool@hotmail.co.uk

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

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

The Hygiene Bank Drop-off location in The Co-Op in Sherston and The George Vets, Malmesbury. The Hygiene Bank collects donations of new and unused hygiene products, which are then donated to local charities who are in desperate need of these items, for example, women's refuges and young person's hostels www.thehygienebank.com.

Exercise for over 60s with Synchronicity Exercise and Movement for over 60's on Wednesday's at 10am Sherston Village Hall. All abilities. Suitable both men and women. Everyone welcome. No exercises performed lying on the floor. First class always FREE. Please contact Emma to reserve a place (small classes) 07843 256081, emmacope@synchronicity.me.uk, FB: @exercise60plus.

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

Sherston Nordic Walking classes A gentle full-body workout, accessible for people of all ages and abilities. Fantastic for both the body and mind, as well as being a very sociable activity. For more details, contact Kate on 07792 064438 or katemchardy@hotmail.co.uk

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

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

Sherston Probus Club Meets on the first Monday in the month at 11am for interesting talks followed by a fine lunch at the Rattlebone. 30 members would welcome enquiries from retired business and professional men in Sherston and the surrounding villages. Contact Secretary Alan Pugh pughaandg@btinternet.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

parties etc. For details contact Margot Holland 841019 mplholland@ Village Hall 300+ Club For an Annual subscription of £10 support the Village Hall and give yourself the opportunity of winning one of the four £20

prizes awarded in 10 draws held throughout 2021. Further information: Eric Meanwell (07789 280058) or Goug Wilcox (07788 558035) Sherston W.I. (Founded 1940) Meetings on first Thurs of the month May-Sep at 7.30pm and Nov – Apr at 2.30pm - all in the British Schoolroom. Jan

& Oct alternative arrangements. Visitors always most welcome £4. Further information: Secretary 841421, sherstonwi@gmail.com or facebook sherstonwi Yoga for All Mon evenings 7.30pm to 8.45pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £8 reducing to £7 if you take up the course. More details contact 07779 600786 after 6pm or leave a message.

Outside Sherston

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

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

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

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

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

Easton Grey Parish Church See Parish Life for details of services

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Malmesbury Concert Band

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

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

Malmesbury Morris

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

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

www. malmesburyembroiderers.blogspot.com

Malmesbury Film Society

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

Malmesbury Luncheon Club

Over 60s meet every Wednesday at midday in the Wesleyan Room of Malmesbury Town Hall for a chat and a 2 course lunch followed by tea or coffee, apart from during school holidays. £3.50 Please call 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 or visit www. girlguidingwiltshirenorth.org.uk

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

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

Tetbury Art Society

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

Wiltshire Walks

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

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

WHAT'S ON

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

The Angel Café with Rooms

Café open for hot and cold drinks, breakfast, brunch, lunch and freshly made cakes daily 8am to 4pm during winter. All menu items available whether sitting inside or enjoying the lovely courtyard, takeaways also available. Bicycle parking in courtyard. For menus, please visit www.angel-sherston.co.uk/menu and for rooms (always availability midweek), please visit www.angel-sherston.co.uk/your-booking. Call 841627 for more details.

The Bridge Restaurant

Indian cuisine to eat in or take away daily from 5pm-10pm on the site of The Carps. Call 840665 or email info@thebridge.restaurant for more details or for the menus, visit 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

The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

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

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

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

Sherston Village Hall

White Horse Opera perform Ruddigore by Gilbert and Sullivan: Sat 4 March



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Sherston Village Hall, 7.30pm Tickets: £10 from Sherston Co-op (cash only) or online www. ticketsource.co.uk/ whitehorseopera (with a booking fee)

Sherston Congregational Church – Activities in The British Schoolroom

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

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

'Angel Teas' are 2-3.30pm 6 & 20 Dec Admin/Bookings - Alicja Clark - alicjaclark076@ Qmail.com Brick Club - Please register your interest with Alicja by email or find us on Facebook.

Events at the Church of the Holy Cross

Sun 19 Mar 9.30am Mothering Sunday Service, accompanied by the Gauzebrook Family Choir Sat 25 Mar 9am Church Spring Clean – bring your dusters and we'll provide the coffee Sun 26 Mar 11am (after the morning service at 09.30) Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sat 1 Apr 10am Floristry Workshop Contact jarmstrong58@sky.net Easter Lilies

The flower arrangements for Easter will include a display of Easter Lilies. If you would like to remember a loved one by ordering a lily (at £5 each), please complete the order form in church, which includes a space for name of person to be remembered and details of payment.

Churches Together 'WARM SPACE INITIATIVE'

The Congregational Church, Methodist Church and Holy Cross Church are offering the chance for people to join together during the winter on the first Monday of each month. It is a joint initiative, and everyone is welcome.

There is no charge and you do not have to book. Soup bread, pudding, cake and coffee will be served

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as well as companionship and the chance to catch up with friends in a warm place. 12 till 2pm in the British School Room and each month will support a different charity. Lifts are available on request. For further information regarding this initiative please contact: Candi Williams Tarling, Revd Janet Evans, Revd Susan Harvey 840 696

Sherston Village Hall Drop in Tea-Time

All are welcome to 'drop-in' and have a cup of tea Thursday 2 and 16 Mar from 3.30 to 5 pm. National Lottery Community Fund helped with the new Butterfly Hall and they wanted us to offer our new facility to anyone who wanted to use it, rather than just those people who are members of clubs, or who had booked the Hall for a private party.

Sherston's Gardening Club

Talks:

10 Mar - 'Three generations of gardeners at Kiftsgate' by Vanessa Berridge

14 Apr - AGM (including dahlia sales and bulb photographic competition)

2 May 'Where the Wild Flowers Grow: My botanical journey through Britain & Ireland" by published author, Leif Bersweden

All talks in the British School 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.

Dates for your diary:

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

sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com for more details.



Sherston WI

Talk: Love & Marriage-A Registrar's Story Anne Ewing Thurs 2 Mar

2.30pm British School Room Visitors welcome £4 Competitions & Refreshments. For more information: sherstonwi@gmail.com 841421 or Facebook sherstonwi

Sherston Drama Group Spring Play 2023

But Why Bump Off Barnaby?

Sherston Drama Group's spring play is a comedy that combines suspense, intrigue and murder with whimsical humour. Baroness LeDuc summons her family to Marlgate Manor for an urgent conference. Performances in Sherston Village Hall take place on 12-15 April, just after Easter, at 7.30pm. Cash or card bar from the new servery! Tickets (£10.00/£8.50) available from Sherston Co-op (cash or cheque only) or online at Eventbrite (small charge applies). For more info please email the Director, Richard Skeffington (r.a.skeffington@gmail.com).

Sherston Arts Festival 2023

Planning events for the festival underway, this year the dates are: Fri 3 - Sun 12 Nov. Ten days of exhibitions, music and children's events, which is always great fun.

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

Knockdown

The Holford Arms

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

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



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

Malmesbury

Athelstan Museum Talks and Exhibitions

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

View the proposals for the King Athelstan Statute and Birdcage Walk regeneration project, being held in Malmesbury Abbey on Sat 4 Mar 10.30am to 2pm. At the consultation, information boards and the statue maquette will be displayed, and statue designer, Paul Deacon will be present. Both media and the public are invited, with an opportunity to chat to project members. info@KABWP.co.uk

Movies@Malmesbury

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

Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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



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Malmesbury Live Arts

Instant Wit – a quick fire improvisational comedy theatre show – Sat 4 Mar Town Hall
Chris Wood – Folk Legend – Sat 18 Mar Town Hall

Long Players – Sat 25 Mar Town Hall

Gloryhole Comedy Club, Fri 7 Apr, The Kings Arms See website for details and tickets www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whatson

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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

Malmesbury Library

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

Reading group meets 3rd Wed each month

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

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

The Solus app is available to help you search for, renew, and reserve books from across the county. Children's titles can be reserved for free and adult stock for a small charge. For more information please visit our website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries or follow Malmesbury Library on Facebook.

Malmesbury Singers in Concert Mozart's Requiem

With the Bristol Ensemble and Soloists – Sat 25 Mar 7.30pm Malmesbury Abbey £18/£5 from the Abbey or www.malmesburysingers.co.uk

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 23 Mar - Caroline Lowsley-Williams - About Chavenage House

Thurs 27 Apr - Peter Gill - Surviving The Great War – The Songs, Humour and Words That Kept The Boys Going.

Non-members welcome. 50p donation. Up-to-date list of groups and other information at www.malmesburyu3a. org.uk For more information about membership e-mail membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

The Lost King (2022) – Comedy, Drama–Fri 10 Mar Starring: Steve Coogan, Sally Hawkins £5 on the door. Hall opens at 6.30pm with a cash bar, film at 7.30pm. Didmarton Village Hall For further details or to book a seat call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

Duke of Beaufort's Hunt Point to Point at Didmarton

First Sat in March – 4 Mar 2023 Gates open 9.30am. First race starts at 12.30. Countrywear tradestands, Horse & Pony Racing, Fun Dog Show, Bucking Bronco, Children's Entertainment, Trade Stands, Food & Bar. Wrap up warm against the wind as the course is very exposed. £12.50 entry to the racecourse. Parking on site (chargeable) GL9 1EA.

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Hullavington

Save the date for Hullavington Church Fete and Dog Show - with BBQ; dog show classes and agility; children's games and races; pony rides; Pimms Tent and Cream Teas. 10 Jun 1pm - 4pm

Weekly Zoom French clubs for children contact Anna-Kate on admin@clubs4kids.com for more details.







Crudwell

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Talk: Fairford Flower Collective Wed 15 Mar Flower Club meetings usually take place at Crudwell Village Hall, SN16 9HB on the third Wednesday of the month, 7pm for 7.30pm Visitors and new members are guaranteed a warm welcome, with free coffee/ tea/ cake and chat at the end of the evening.

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

Chippenham

Neeld Community and Arts Centre

Take The Stage The annual Battle of the Bands, with 12 young music acts across four heats, playing for great prizes. Various Friday evenings | 8:00pm | £5 Codebreakers: The Story of Enigma — Sat 04 Mar | 7:30pm | £15

80s Disco - Sat 11 Mar | 7:30pm | £8

Moments of Pleasure Moments Of Pleasure are considered by many to be the next best thing to listening to Kate Bush herself! Fri 17 Mar | 7:30pm | £20

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Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

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Bath

Theatre Royal Bath

Comedian ALAN CARR, the West End hit HEATHERS THE MUSICAL, a stage adaptation of the much-loved film THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION, Mischief's latest show MIND MANGLER, John Steinbeck's classic OF MICE AND MEN, family entertainment DINOSAUR WORLD LIVE and Mark Gatiss's production of Ian Hallard's new comedy THE WAY OLD FRIENDS DO, are all bound for Bath in 2023

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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.

See website for details or call 01225 448844 www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Cheltenham

The Festival

Tues 14-17 Mar 2023 with Ladies' Day on Wed, St Patrick's Thursday and The Gold Cup Fri Check website for more details. Cheltenham Racecourse For further details call 0344 579 3003 or visit: www.thejockeyclub.co.uk/cheltenham/events-tickets/the-festival/

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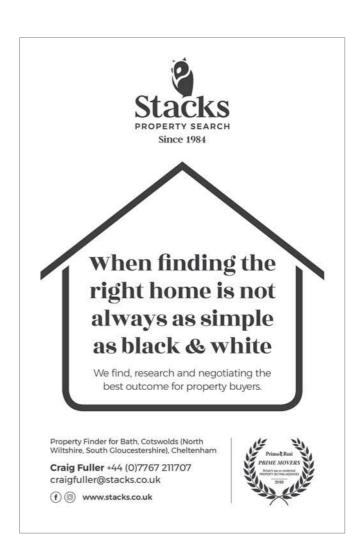
2023 dates for your diary:

Cheltenham Jazz Festival 26 April to 1 May: www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/jazz

Cheltenham Science Festival 6 to 11 June : www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science-

Cheltenham Music Festival 8 to 15 July: www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music

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If you are in immediate danger call 999

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

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

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

Wiltshire Council

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

Useful Information

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www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

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MP James Gray	0207 219 6237
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