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Capt John Matthews

John Matthews, the well-respected and liked Chairman of Sherston Parish Council, is to retire this month before the elections for the new council.

John was appointed some 20 years ago, a remarkably long period in office; his attendance record was exemplary. He has been a most effective chair. Courteous and patient, he always encouraged discussion from fellow councillors and members of the public, reaching a conclusion in a fair and decisive manner. Meetings were conducted in a collegiate atmosphere; the rare confrontational or tense situation was handled tactfully, often with gentle humour. Under John's leadership, the council meetings were the complete antithesis to the acrimonious and hilarious proceedings at Handforth Parish Council. He leaves a united and harmonious council.

He has been involved in all the significant developments in Sherston and was a hands-on chair, although he always delegated where appropriate. There have been many changes of enormous benefit to the village during his chairmanship, ranging from the introduction of The Cliffhanger and the village website to some major construction projects. The first was the building of the new primary school, which then led to the acquisition of the old school building, the formation of a community interest company, the raising of funding of over £900,000 and the conversion

of the building into the Co-op, Post Office and commercial units. This has proved to be remarkably successful and is generating surplus cash for the benefit of the village. Less visible but also significant was the production over several years of the Neighbourhood Plan which will shape the future development of the village.

John led the team responsible for the utilisation of the sizeable legacy from the North family: the instalment of the new playground, the construction of the new pre-school and the renovation of the Scout Hut. All these facilities are for the benefit of the youth of the village in accord with the benefactors' wishes. At the time of writing, plans for the renovation of the village hall are well advanced and the parish council and the Tolsey Surgery are in protracted discussions with Wiltshire Council about a new surgery for the village, planned as part of the new housing estate bordering the primary school.

John will be remembered by such lasting monuments to his time as Chairman of the Parish Council and the village owes him a huge debt of gratitude.

Thank you John



A Poem for Sherston



During the this lockdown, Pound Arts in Corsham selected a few villages to have a poem written about them. Local poet 'Jonny Fluffypunk' - not his real name obviously - was commissioned to write this poem about Sherston using information he gleaned from some of us. He has captured key elements, hopefully everyone will find something in the poem that is significant or amusing to them. If you want to hear Jonny reciting the poem go to: <https://poundarts.org.uk/whats-on/a-poem-for-sherston/>

When The Pound is fully open, do visit; it has so many interesting things happening there, and of course, they bring us Rural Arts Touring which we hope to invite later in the year.

Sherston

*From the Cliff, or so they say
there's tunnels,
that lead all the way back to
the village;*

*and that's Sherston for you,
beneath the lanes and streets a
rich seam of mysteries, of might-have-beens*

*like how Canute, who failed to hold back the tide,
was himself repelled in these very fields;*

*how- before he died- Rattlebone stemmed his mortal
wounds and drove the Vikings out.*

*Nowadays, you'll be pleased to hear we're more about
less hostile things- kids toboggan on The Cliff;*

*locals walk their dogs about the fields, the clash of swords
supplanted now by the gentle crack of Boules;*

*we turn our roads to pistes and welcome in all comers
and Rattlebone's a man of peace who dishes up the drink
and victory's a handshake and a glass's friendly clink.*

By Jonny Fluffypunk



Open Gardens Weekend: 12-13 June

We are assembling a list of gardens to open so if you haven't been contacted but would like to open, please get in touch. All proceeds go towards maintenance of Sherston Holy Cross Church, where teas will be served (outside) and there will be a plant stall. We will need lots of cakes too! More details next month.

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Sherston Village Hall Information Days: 26-27 June

This will be your opportunity to see updated plans for the Village Hall extension, hear the latest news about fundraising, and donate to the Butterfly Fund. More details next month.

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

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Boules Day 2021: 10 July



After the huge disappointment of last year's cancellation, we are delighted to confirm that, subject to the UK continuing to achieve the milestones laid out in the Government's 'Roadmap out of Lockdown' document, we will be holding the annual Sherston Boules Tournament on Saturday 10 July and the ever-popular Duck Race on Sunday 11 July.

Whilst the Government has said that it hopes (by 21 June at the earliest) it will be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact, we will be taking a number of steps to prioritise the personal safety of all participants and spectators.

This means that whilst we will be running the usual 128-team Boules competition there is likely to be some scaling down in the provision of other attractions in order to minimise any congestion on the High Street. This will result in a smaller event this year which, given the circumstances, we are sure everyone will understand.

Full details of the event will be published in next month's Cliffhanger and through our Facebook page (Sherston Boules Festival).

Let's hope the sun shines and we can all enjoy a wonderful festival weekend. Vive Le Sport!

Sherston Boules Festival Committee

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Christian Aid Week: 10-16 May

After a year in which door-to-door collecting for Christian Aid week was not possible because of the pandemic, we are once again embarking on fundraising to help some of the poorest people in the world.

This year, the campaign focuses on the desperate need for better, safer water supplies in Kenya. The growing problems there have been caused by a changing climate which means that water no longer falls reliably as it did in past years and, when it does come, often brings disastrous floods. This problem is not limited to Kenya, however, and affects many countries around the world. I think we can already see changes in our weather here, making it more extreme and erratic. Where people are already poor, the difficulties are magnified, but we are protected by the resources of a rich country and most of us are not directly affected. Like coronavirus, climate change is a crisis destined to affect us all if it is not tackled. We live in one world and need to see everyone as our neighbour in need of our help for the good of the whole world.

You may notice some changes in the way the door-to-door collection is carried out this year. Christian Aid has supplied envelopes for delivery only and some of you may receive an envelope which you are asked to return through a collector's letterbox yourself. Other people may ask you to leave out your envelope at a particular time on a certain day. These changes are designed to minimise contact between people and lessen the risks to all. The Gauzebrook collectors are keen to get back to fundraising this year and would ask you to join them in trying to make a success of our local collection

If you would prefer to donate online you can do so via the Gauzebrook e-envelope on the Christian Aid website: <https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/gauzebrook-churches>

Please also share the e-envelope with your friends and family using social media or email if you can.

Thank you for all the help you can give.

Sue Robinson

Gauzebrook Christian Aid Week organiser

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Tolsey Surgery News



Covid Vaccine Update

The vaccine programme continues to go well, and we are on target to finish the second vaccines on our At Risk and over 50s population by the end of June.

Due to the nature of our lovely Tolsey building, undertaking the clinics 'in house' has meant disruption to our other services, particularly closure of the dispensary to ensure social distancing, and the reduction of staff who are being pulled out of normal duties to invite, coordinate, marshal and vaccinate at the clinics.

It has also meant that our phone lines have been hugely busy as over 90 patients per week phone in to book a vaccine, as well as coping with our normal telephone traffic.

For this we apologise and ask for your understanding through the next few months.

Thanks must go to all our staff who have stepped up, done extra hours, come in at weekends, stayed late and developed new skills in order to help achieve our vaccine targets – well done!

Our Primary Care Network has decided not to take up the project of vaccinating the fit under 50s group, which is the next Government target, because of this disruption, so this is being overseen and coordinated by the larger vaccine centres which have the capacity and do not have to offer any other health services.

Therefore when you are sent a request to book a vaccine in a larger centre, please take it up as we will not be able to accommodate you locally.

Staffing

At the start of this year, Dr Watkins was made an Educational Supervisor by the Severn Deanery. This means the Tolsey can also start having GPs in Training working at the practice, in addition to our continued work with the undergraduate medical students at Bristol University. We are very pleased to welcome Dr Sarah White who joined us in March. She has settled in well and will be with us until at least the end of this year.

We are also pleased to welcome Emma Green to our Dispensary Team who took up her post the week of 26 April. Emma is an experienced dispenser with vast experience, having worked in other dispensing outlets.

Other News

New Surgery - building works

Unfortunately, to date, we do not have any constructive developments to report regarding the starting date for the new GP surgery, despite efforts from John Thompson, our Wiltshire Councillor, and members of the Parish council.

We are of course still pursuing this as a matter of urgency.

The Big Sherston clean-up

Thank you to all involved in the clean-up around the village last month, which included the public area around the Tolsey Surgery. It looks so much better, and our nurse Sue doesn't have to park her bike in a virtual field!

Keep safe, keep well

All at the Tolsey

Tolsey Surgery receives medical equipment from Malmesbury League of Friends

Malmesbury League of Friends (MLOF) has recently paid for two new items of medical equipment for use at the Tolsey Surgery.

MLOF paid approximately £1,000 for an INR machine to monitor the warfarin levels in patients receiving this medication to reduce blood clotting and it has donated £1,500 towards a new defibrillator (the thirteenth it has paid for in local villages).

Automatic external defibrillators have been described as the single most important development in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. Designed for use by untrained lay persons, they have improved the outcomes of literally thousands of people who have suffered from cardiac arrests.

MLOF has previously purchased items of medical equipment not available on the NHS for the Tolsey Surgery, as well as supporting the Malmesbury Primary Care Centre and deserving local charities and needy individuals.

Andrew Kolenda, the Tolsey practice manager, said: 'Once again, we are most grateful for the support from MLOF, whose help is much appreciated by everyone here and by our patients in Sherston.'

MLOF chairman David Hide said: 'We are delighted to have helped towards the installation of a new defibrillator and the INR machine in Sherston. Supporting our two local practices has always been our number one priority.'



MLOF chairman David Hide (right) with, from L-R, Dr Simon Watkins, Dr Philippa Pettit, Health Care Assistant Sally Bishop and Practice Nurse Jo Missiato.

The Angel reopens!



Well, what a year! I know, that's such a cliché now, but it really has been an interesting one for us. There's nothing quite like buying and renovating a café in the middle of a global pandemic, but that's exactly what we've done.

We (Tom and Charlie) have lived in the village for nearly seven years and, with Tom working as a chef, we always hoped we would own our own business one day. When The Angel came on to the market early last year, we decided to take the plunge and it has certainly been an amazing and slightly mad journey ever since.

Many people have asked us of our plans and we are aware of how The Angel is in the heart of the village with countless loyal customers using it as a hub for meeting friends and family, various club get-togethers, or simply a place to grab a coffee as you're passing. With that in mind, it will be a fairly similar format as before, but we wanted to put our own stamp on the business at the same time. A full renovation of the downstairs areas has now taken place, as well as our five bedrooms with ensuite bath/showers upstairs.

The café is run by our Front of House Manager, Sam (Charlie's brother), and will be open for hot and cold drinks, breakfast, brunch, lunch and sweet treats daily. These will all be available whether sitting inside or enjoying our lovely courtyard - when the weather's behaving itself! Takeaways will also be available.

Sam is a perfectionist so we have imported the 'Rolls Royce' of coffee machines and our Brazilian coffee is

roasted less than 30 miles away. Tom is behind the scenes in the kitchen, homemaking all the delicious food available.

So, now for the even more exciting bit – the easing of lockdown! We're incredibly grateful that we have been able to open for takeaways and, more recently, for you to be able to sit outside.

All being well, we will be able to welcome you to sit inside the café from 17 May. From 1 May our online bookings for the bedrooms will be live, ready for guests to stay from 17 May.

Thank you so much to everyone who's supported us so far; it's been wonderful to meet so many people and we can't wait to introduce ourselves to even more.

Please keep up to date with all our latest news through our website – www.angel-sherston.co.uk - and on Instagram or Facebook - @theangelsherston.



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The Big Picnic Music Festival comes to Sherston: 3-4 September

Sherston's very own two-day music festival is set to ride again in September (Friday 3 and Saturday 4).

Last year saw the inaugural event nominated by Wiltshire Council as the best small festival of the year - ok maybe it was the ONLY small festival of 2020 but hey, it happened in Sherston!

Organiser John Burgess explained: 'Last year's event was great, but this year, think less 'boogieing in your bubble' like last year's socially distanced event and a bit more like the SherstonFest/Boondocks Festival of old.'

Co-organiser Dave Shephard added: 'For me, it's about bringing the community together again, that whole festival experience of being in a field with your mates, a couple of ciders, some very cool music, something to keep the kids entertained for the afternoon plus food from Sherston's new favourite takeaway – can't wait!'

It will of course adhere to any Covid guidance in force at the time but, as a small outdoor event, it's intrinsically safer than any of the larger or indoor events being planned, and numbers will be strictly limited to keep it cool and cosy. Also the organisers



have confirmed that if the event has to be cancelled due to any Covid-related guidance from the authorities, refunds of the full face value of the ticket will be given.

More details on music line-up, kids' entertainment, etc ... will be confirmed in the next few weeks (follow @TheBigPicnicSherston on Facebook to get all the latest news) but at the time of writing over half the tickets have already gone so best not to hang about too long!

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

More information is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheBigPicnicSherston

Contact the organisers via email at thebigpicnicuk@gmail.com



Will you join Send a Cow in tackling the climate crisis?



Bath-based development charity Send a Cow has been working for over 30 years with farming communities in Africa facing climate change. This summer, Send a Cow is launching a Climate Crisis Campaign highlighting how its agro-ecological climate positive approach works long term to reverse some of the global harms of the climate crisis, by using sustainable farming practices that support nature.

Local Send a Cow Ambassador, Tricia Lawrence, who lives in Cliff Road, will be promoting this campaign with new talks - for when circumstances allow - suitable for schools, churches, rotary, WIs and other groups, especially climate action ones!

Tricia has been a passionate supporter and volunteer Ambassador for over 16 years and has visited projects in most of the six African countries where Send a Cow works on self-funded study tours, including one to Ethiopia in 2019 with Toby Buckland, Send a Cow Patron, Gardener & Broadcaster. Toby says: 'I've seen the work of Send a Cow first hand and I'm still in awe of what they achieve. By sharing practical advice with farmers and families, they help some of the poorest people in Africa grow their way out of poverty. They in turn share what they've learned with their neighbours and so on, transforming lives, unlocking creativity and the potential of whole communities. I'm proud to support their work.'

Tricia - and Toby - are encouraging people to use their 'Gardens for Good' this summer by holding a garden-themed fundraiser - large or small. Visit www.sendacow.org/events/gardens-for-good for more information and resources available or contact tricia.lawrence@outlook.com for her help organising an event.

Tricia will be opening her own walled garden at Well Cottage, 6 Cliff Road on Friday 21 and Saturday 22 May from 10.00am until 2.00pm with home-made



refreshments available.

Tricia took part recently with other Send a Cow supporters in a virtual Relay for Hope walking 200 miles at Westonbirt Arboretum (see photo)!



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Sherston Footpath Group 2021

Great news ... after a few years of absence the Sherston Footpath Group is back!

Let's start with a bit of history ...

Footpath rights are rooted in English Common Law and some have historically been in use for hundreds if not thousands of years. Often more recent ones were created to allow people to go to work, church and even the pub. Today anyone has a legally protected right to walk on a Public Right of Way such as public footpaths, byways and bridlepaths. Walkers can also use permissive paths where there is no legal right but where the landowner has kindly granted permission.

So, what prompted the revival?

Yes, you've probably guessed - the arrival of Covid-19! This dreadful disease meant that we were all impacted by the various restrictions placed on us and, as a result, had to think about how to make the best of a bad situation. One of the outcomes was that we were all much keener to spend more time in the 'great outdoors' and enjoy more time taking in the world around us. Whilst this was a positive in many respects, the change in our behaviours also had some downsides: more residents walking, more dogs, and more visitors from outside of the village accessing the surroundings. The general increase in 'roaming' subsequently caused concern for our local

farmers and landowners in terms of crop damage, dog poo, gates being left open, rubbish being left from picnics, and damage to fencing, hedgerows and signage.

These concerns ultimately resulted in many of the farmers requesting that residents and visitors stick to the defined Public Rights of Way and Permissive paths around the village, which unfortunately caused some fallout, specifically with residents raising concerns about their access being restricted to the Cliff.

As is fairly typical, what was a negative has turned into a bit of a positive, the Parish Council have revived the Footpath Group which is made up of volunteers from both the farming community and local residents.

What is the objective of the Group?

To provide a forum for landowners and local residents to work together, to provide and maintain a footpath network for the enjoyment of all, whilst ensuring all are fully aware of their responsibilities both when walking and in terms of maintenance. If you do identify any issues, maintenance requirements or just have a general question or suggestion, please email us directly at SherstonFootpathGroup@gmail.com

The first meeting of the Group was held on 15 April and was well attended by representatives from the farming community and local residents. The meeting was very constructive and productive, with several of our local farmers and residents offering their time, equipment and materials to help with maintenance of our Public Rights of Way. (This maintenance is strictly speaking the responsibility of Wiltshire Council, however all attendees were really keen to help where they could to make sure defined footpaths are accessible, safe and fit for purpose.)

On the subject of dog poo

One big issue arising from the first meeting was concern from both farmers and walkers about the amount of dog poo. Please pick up your dog's poo when walking on or near agricultural land. Parasites in some dog faeces have been shown to result in abortions in cattle and death in sheep. (Dog faeces can also cause a parasitic roundworm infection called toxocariasis in humans caused by handling contaminated soil.) With such a large number of dogs now being walked in the locality, it just makes sense to always pick up your dog's mess and keep our



fields clean. And, of course, no one likes dog mess on their shoes! The Countryside Code also requires dogs to be always under control and in sight at all times.

New Initiatives

Grove Wood

Historically, it has been very difficult to create new footpaths and much easier to lose existing ones. In Sherston, we are extremely lucky to have access to our very own Community Wood - Grove Wood, which is leased from a local farmer on your behalf by Sherston Parish Council. One of the group's initial projects will be to freshen up Grove Wood and subsequently maintain it.

SHER22

To widen and level the footpath towards the Brook End end of the path.

So, where can we walk and how should we behave when we do walk?

We are so lucky to have access to numerous walks around the village, 10 of which are circular and were developed by the previous Footpath Group, led by the late Philip Harries, into a beautiful walks booklet which is available to purchase from the Co-op at a cost of £10.



- Public Rights of Way/Bridleways/Footpaths - link here <https://wiltscouncil.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=43d5a86a545046b2b59fd7dd49d89d22>
- Permissive path detail - we also have access to four permissive paths kindly granted by local landowners. One of these permissive footpaths is along by the river from Mill

Cottage to Stretchline, one running out of the back of Grove Wood diagonally left across the field to the road which leads to Brook End. The other two are from Forlorn Bridge - further detail available here www.sherstonwalks.org.uk

Two specific areas to call out relate to Manor Farm ('the Cliff')— there are ONLY two Public Rights of Way on Manor Farm: SHER21 and SHER22. If you are walking, please familiarise yourselves with these paths. Historically, many walkers have assumed that visible footfall denotes a footpath; this is not the case. There are no walks along the riverbank and no access to Manor Farm (the Cliff) from the bottom of Brook Hill over the fencing opposite Stretchline. You will probably have observed that work has been undertaken to replace damaged fencing in that location as a result of people climbing over it and effectively trespassing. Future plans will involve relocating the waste bin and improving the signage in that location.

How can you help?

- Local walkers can do their bit too:
- Please stay on the defined footpaths.
- Please help us to work with landowners and farmers by not trespassing.
- If you do identify any issues, maintenance requirements or just have a general question or suggestion, please email us directly at SherstonFootpathGroup@gmail.com
- Keep to the Countryside Code, help maintain footpaths, pick up litter and dispose of dog poo. The aim is for all to abide by the Countryside Code to protect and respect our countryside and for landowners and the public to collaborate and work together so we can all share and value our natural spaces. To understand more about the Countryside Code please look here: www.gov.uk/countryside-code
- Get involved to help maintain the paths we all enjoy walking - more volunteers are always welcome! Email us at SherstonFootpathGroup@gmail.com

HAPPY WALKING

Tanya Burgess

Parish Councillor

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A Jaunt through the Years

Another excerpt from the late George Stephens' recollections and stories of bygone life in Sherston that he compiled in 1995.

The 1930s

Milk was not delivered in those early days. A jug would be taken to a dairy attached to the old building at the Rattlebone Inn. Some housewives fetched their milk from John Goodenough Hillier at Lower Farm, Fairlawn.

There were two blacksmiths in the village until the 1930s, one in the High Street between what is now a Butcher's shop (The Old Bell Inn) and the renovated 'Olde Church House'. Here lived and worked Harry Merchant, he succeeded his father Edmund who had operated the business from the Tolsey buildings. His advertisement in a church magazine of 1904 read: 'Horses shod on the latest approved principles'. The other blacksmith was opposite the Church on the left of the entrance to Gaston Lane, (It is at present a Bathroom display shop - in 1995). His name was Harry Soden, he was a small man, it was said locally that he was an ex-professional footballer. Harry was always rushing about, and became very breathless.



As a boy of 13 years, I spent many happy hours after school pumping the old forge bellows. There was only half light in the Smithy, the windows smothered with years of coal dust, the uneven floor covered with iron of all shapes and sizes. Dust-laden cobwebs hung like dirty curtains from the apex tiles, obscuring the roof timbers. They were visible only when the fire flared up with each downward push of the large leather bellows. The fire would glow red then white as the required heat was reached. The horseshoe would now be pushed into the centre of the fire with the help of very long tongs. Quickly the horseshoe glowed to a white heat, it was now ready to be beaten into shape. Harry quickly pulled it from the intense heat, it glowed like a bright star. Laying the shoe across the big iron anvil, he pounded it into the shape he wanted with the help of a heavy ball hammer. Only when he was satisfied with the shoe, would he stop and plunge it into a trough of dirty water to cool and to harden



it. The horseshoe hissed amidst clouds of acrid steam as it swiftly changed colour from red to black. Some horseshoes were made and stored, hanging on the black smoky beams. But if a horse was waiting to be shod, the shoe was quickly reheated and placed red hot upon the horse's hoof. With his leg over the animal's leg, Harry held the hoof firmly. As he placed the shoe in position, a thick cloud of yellow pungent smoke arose making me cough and choke, (now I know why Harry was always so breathless).

The help I gave, which was also of great interest to me, and was quite voluntary of course, did very little to preserve the state of my clothes, or the health of my lungs, but these things never crossed my mind then.

Mr Selwood (Alfred to his friends) lived in Back Street. He was a barber, cobbler and bootmaker. He also did quite a good job as a decorator. This latter occupation his son Ernest took on, becoming a full-time painter and decorator. He worked for many of the larger houses in the area.

There was another good shoe maker and mender who carried on his business quite close to Mr Selwood. His name was Percy Setter, and his shop was on the corner of Silver Street and Back Street. When entering his shop, one was aware of the strong smell of new leather and old shoes. Accompanying this was the unmistakable smell of boiled cabbage. It could be seen simmering away each day on a primus stove set upon the edge of the counter. A man of slight build, Percy was overshadowed by his wife, she being very tall, thin and wearing a look upon her face that suggested she carried more than her share of worry. She assisted her husband in the shop, attending to customers while watching over the cabbage. In fact they both spent most of their time behind the counter. The floor was always piled high with boots and shoes. Ladies', gents' and children's. Some were waiting to be repaired, others waiting for collection, but they were always jumbled up together. 'They be here somewhere,' was Percy's most common expression.

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Movies@Malmesbury relaunch – 7 June

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Movies@Malmesbury June 2021

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

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

Friday 11 June 8.00pm *The Dig*

Monday 21 June 2.00pm *The Dig*

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

Tuesday 22 June 7.30pm Exhibition on Screen:

'Sunflowers – the work of Van Gogh.' *

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

Friday 25 June 8.00 pm *The Father*

Tickets: 2pm and 5.30pm £5 & £4

8pm £6 Except * £10

Tickets from: Town Hall or Online at <https://cinema.malmesbury.gov.uk/>. Please note: All tickets must be purchased in advance. There will be no sale of tickets on the door. Tel. 822143

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



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Tetbury Hospital's wonderful HCA/Ophthalmic Technician, Jadie Cotterell, ran the Shepperdine Marathon on Sunday 25 April to fund new medical equipment for the hospital's procedure room. She has already exceeded her target of £1,200 but her JustGiving page remains open for donations: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jadiecotterell?utm_term=N7XnWG6q



Or you can donate to the hospital using the 'Donate' button on the Friends of Tetbury Hospital website: www.friendsoftetburyhospital.co.uk

Tetbury Hospital delivers NHS and private patient care across Gloucestershire and Wiltshire but, as an independent charity, cannot apply for funds from the NHS Charities Together fund and must rely on its own fundraising to purchase new and vital medical equipment.

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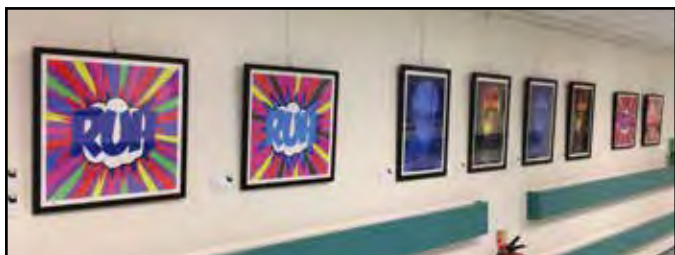
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RUH heroes exhibitions unveiled



Two new exhibitions celebrating the heroes of the RUH have gone on display at the Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust.

The first, called 'Heroes of the RUH' is a legacy of Captain Sir Tom Moore who raised millions for NHS Charities Together and highlighted the incredible work that NHS staff do across the country. It comprises a series of photographic portraits with written stories about the people behind the masks and uniforms.

Rhyannon Boyd, Head of Fundraising said: 'We are proud of all our staff, they are truly inspiring people and are going above and beyond every day to care for their patients. We wanted to show and celebrate our remarkable staff and share their experiences of the pandemic.'

'In this exhibition, you'll read about the nurses who provide care around the clock, the surgeons who save lives, the therapists who help get us back on our feet, the cleaners who keep our hospital clean and the other dedicated staff who are keeping our hospital going, during this difficult time.'

'It also gives patients and staff the opportunity to get to know the people behind the masks, or in our eyes, the hero behind the uniform, no one can resist walking past without stopping to take a look.'

The exhibition has been funded by NHS Charities Together and is just one of the many ways that the RUH's charity is supporting staff and patient wellbeing. The charity has also funded staff care packs, communication devices to help patients stay in touch with loved ones, and longer-term psychological support for staff.



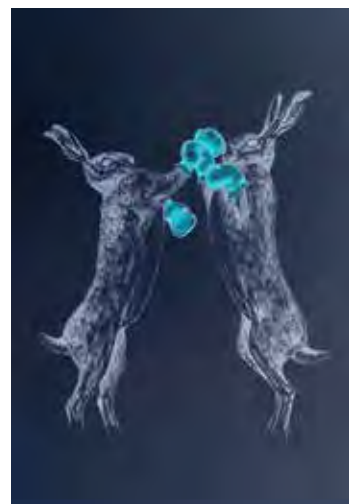
Rhyannon said: 'We're delighted to see the staff photos and stories on display as they originally featured in our Christmas Campaign last year which raised a significant amount and funded many projects at the RUH. It was a colleague of ours, Richard Howman who took these incredible photos.'

The second exhibition is a silent auction, called Art for Heroes. It originated at the Abbey Hotel's Art Bar in the centre of Bath and is a tribute to RUH staff. The hotel's closure during Covid-19 presented an ideal opportunity to transfer the exhibition to the RUH, which the hotel supports.

Tony Smith, Exhibitions Manager, Art at the Heart said: 'The exhibition is a fantastic showcase of work by local artists, including Royal photographer Joe Short and Bath's ever popular "Pete the Street", Peter Brown, together with some new works not seen before. All work is for sale with 40% of all sales donated to RUH staff health and wellbeing projects. There will also be an online catalogue of all the works on display.'

'If you would like to see the work and place a bid, visit: www.jumblebee.co.uk/ruhheroesartauction.'

Both exhibitions are in the main central corridor of the hospital and will be there for three months. As visiting restrictions remain in place at the hospital, only staff and patients who have appointments can visit them. The public are invited to view them on Art at the Heart's website: www.artatruh.org or you read the staff stories in full at www.foreverfriendsappeal.co.uk. For sales and enquiries about the Art for Heroes, please contact Tony Smith, Exhibitions Manager, email: tonysmith3@nhs.net.



Malmesbury League of Friends assists Covid vaccination roll-out at Malmesbury Primary Care Centre

Malmesbury League of Friends (MLOF) has made two donations to enable the roll-out of the Covid vaccination programme at the Malmesbury Primary Care Centre (MPCC) to be sped up.

MLOF has donated £3,000 to install vinyl flooring and a sink in an available ground floor room at MPCC to enable patients with Covid symptoms to be seen in the surgery when there are also vaccinations in progress.

It has also donated £1,000 to purchase 10 double screen monitors to enable vaccinators to have access to two screens simultaneously, checking the vaccine details on one system and the patients' medical notes on the other to ensure the correct vaccine is compatible with each patient.

Lisa Hepworth, Care Co-ordinator at MPCC, said: 'The vaccination programme is going well. We are most grateful for the two generous donations by MLOF which will certainly help to keep it ahead of schedule.'

David Hide, MLOF Chairman, said: 'We were delighted to help. We all have an interest to ensure that as many Malmesbury residents receive their vaccinations as quickly as possible.'

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Sherston

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holy Cross Church The Coffee Shop - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits and brownies Easter-Oct Tues, Weds, Thurs and Nov-Easter Thursday only. Both 9.30am-12 noon Sunday services 8am Holy Communion; 1st and 4th - Holy Communion, 2nd - Worship Together - a service for all age groups preceded by breakfast at 9am, 3rd - Family Service preceded by breakfast at 9am See the Parish Life for more details

Sherston Community Choir The community choir with conductor Trudi Baker meets at 7.30pm each Wed in term time in the British Schoolroom. £3 per session. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cutcher sheilacutcher28@gmail.com or 840067, or on Facebook.

Congregational Church – in The British Schoolroom. 11am Service, Communion every 2nd Sunday of the month led or hosted by Reverend Andrew Williams Tarling. Sunday School 10.15 – 11am use Cliff Road entrance. Alternating Mondays 8pm, Bible Study or Prayer Group Brick (Lego) Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 7pm. Contact Minister - Andrew Williams Tarling -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 Chris Pickthall 841072 or come along.

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

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

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

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

Drawing Classes in Sherston Classes are held in the British Schoolroom during term times Weds either 10am to 12noon or 1.30 to 3.30pm. Students have individual attention and the classes are friendly and welcoming. We work on observational drawing in a range of media,

pencil, watercolour crayon and pastel; subjects include plants and flowers, natural objects and still life groups. For further information please contact Heather Martin heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or phone 840375

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exercise for over 60s with Synchronicity Fun, social exercise class (no exercises performed lying down) on Mondays at 10.30am in The British School Rooms. Suitable both men & women. All abilities. Everyone welcome. 1st class free. Book your place with Emma: 07843 256081 emmacope@synchronicity.me.uk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sherston W.I. (Founded 1940) Meetings on first Thurs of the month May– Sep in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and Nov – Apr in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. Jan & Oct no meetings but lunch/dinner. Visitors always most welcome £4. Further information: Secretary 07940 287249

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

Outside Sherston

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

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

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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

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Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

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

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

Malmesbury Film Society

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

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

For details contact the Division Commissioner at malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk or visit www.girlguidingwiltshirenorth.org.uk

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

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

Sherston

The Bridge Restaurant

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

The Rattlebone Inn

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

The Angel Cafe with rooms

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

The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

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

Café at Hortico

NOTE: Closed until further notice due to car park capacity. Newly remodeled café in the garden centre for tea coffee and cakes 10am - 3.30pm daily - wood burner, fully sustainable off grid, log cabin style café, covered seating in the nursery and amongst the Christmas trees growing for next year - dog friendly. Further details on Facebook or visit www.horti.co.uk

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

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

Church of the Holy Cross - Church events

Details of this month's events in the main section of the Cliffhanger and on the Church Noticeboard for details of services and events.
For further details call Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or Susan Harvey <susan.harvey055@gmail.com>

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend

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

Village Hall Information Days

Buy a Butterfly and learn more about the planned renovations Sat 26 – Sun 27 Jun
Sat 26 - Wildlife Photography Exhibition Nick Holland
Sun 27 - Talk on the history of the Village Hall by Roger Ashley. More details in the main section

Date for your Diary:

Sherston Boules Weekend 2021

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

Sherston Big Picnic Festival 2021

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

Luckington The Old Royal Ship

Pub restaurant open again in May following government guidelines. Take away specials 12 noon – 7pm Daily Please order as early as possible 840222

Luckington Open Gardens

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

Knockdown The Holford Arms

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

Malmesbury

Movies@Malmesbury

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

for schedules, synopses, trailers etc.

Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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

Malmesbury and District U3A

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

Further details in article in the main section or visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Tetbury Tetbury Goods Shed – open

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

The Whistle Stop café remains open for takeaway coffees and takeaway food on Wednesdays 12-4pm and Thursday to Sunday 10am-4pm We are thoroughly Covid secure and have been certified as such by Visit England : www.shed-arts.co.uk

Didmarton Flicks in the Sticks

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

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

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

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

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

Cirencester The Barn Theatre

Live shows with socially distanced seating and ventilation as well as live streamings.

For further details call Box office: 01285 648255 or boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk or visit <https://barntheatre.org.uk>

Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton-

Under-Edge Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ the cinema

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

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

Bath Theatre Royal Bath

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



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

Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

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

Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100

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

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

Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes

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

Utilities

ELECTRICITY – SSEPD Power track

To report a problem or for information call 105

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

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

WATER – Bristol Water

www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

WATER – Wessex water

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

Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

BBC Wiltshire can be heard via:

West Wilts area

(Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge): 104.3FM

Useful Numbers

BT fault line	0800 800151
CLARENCE (Highway complaints)	0800 232323
Cllr John Thomson	01666 840785
Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	0207 219 6237
Sherston Parish Council	07790 883503
Sherston School	01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings)	01666 841019
Sherston CoOp PO Stores	01666 840190
Tolsey Surgery	01666 840270
Wiltshire Council	0300 4560100

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