



THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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The Coronation



You are invited to come to the British School Room in Cliff Road on Coronation Day, Saturday 6 May, from 10.00am, to watch the broadcast of the Coronation service and parade on the big screen. Local Churches Together (the Congregational Church, the Methodist Church and the Church of the Holy Cross) will be delighted to welcome you to share the pageantry and ceremony of this special occasion.

There is no need to book. Refreshments will be served.

Listen out for the Sherston team of bell-ringers who will 'Ring for the King' after the Coronation on Saturday. Our bell-ringers have been practising for this celebratory ring, a very joyous and traditional part of the local celebrations for a new monarch.

There will be a special Coronation Celebration Service in the Church of the Holy Cross on Sunday 7 May at 9.30am. All welcome.

The 'Big Help Out' on Monday 8 May is a community-wide project to volunteer. As there is not a specific activity organised for Sherston for Monday, we suggest that you might like to give our village a good spring clean. Perhaps you could tidy up near to your home? It would be great if you would also help a little further afield, giving the litter and debris on the roads, pavements and open areas of Sherston a farewell.



Sunday 7 May: Community Coronation lunch

SHERSTON



VILLAGE HALL



Sherston Village Hall invites you to bring a picnic to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. The field can be used, or inside if the weather is inclement. Tables and chairs will be available, or bring your own if you have them. Bring food and drink, plates and cutlery, and plan for a great party. Arrive from 12.30pm to start from 1.00pm.

Calling all bell-ringers!



Would you like to ring for the King (and Queen) at Holy Cross on Saturday 6 May?

We are extending an invitation to anyone local who has bell-ringing experience to join us in a celebratory ring after the ceremony - time to be confirmed - but likely early afternoon on Saturday 6 May.

If you would like to join us, please email bartlettjim@btinternet.com

Relaunch of Sherston Church Coffee Shop



We are preparing to start up the Coffee Shop again, which has had a long pause due to Covid. It is planned, initially, to run fortnightly on Thursday mornings from 10.00am to midday, and the first one will be on 11 May, followed by 25 May. It may be a bit experimental at first, while we work out the logistics of it.

Please bring cash to pay. Bring along a friend or meet there and help to get this new initiative off to a good start.

Sherston Arts Festival

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We are excited to have secured the appearance of the Blaenavon Male Voice Choir to sing in Holy Cross Church on Saturday 4 November. Officially formed in 1910, there is evidence to show that men gathered in Blaenavon to sing as far back as 1873.

An evening not to be missed with wonderful voices filling the space!

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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

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

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Drop-in teatime at Sherston Village Hall



When the Village Hall received a large grant from the National Lottery Community Fund towards the renovations, we were encouraged to have a regular session for people to 'drop-in' and see the new facilities. If you haven't yet seen our wonderful Butterfly Hall, do come along to look and have a cup of tea. Time is 3.30pm to 5.00pm, dates this month are Thursday 4 and Thursday 18 May.

If there is anyone who would like to come on a rota and help very occasionally, please come on one of those dates.

Sherston Floristry Workshop

Thank you to all who attended the Spring Wreath Workshop on 1 April to raise funds for the church flower fund; wonderful living wreaths created with fun along the way. Thank you to the flower team volunteers who came along to run, help and support the workshop.

All proceeds of the event will go towards keeping the church in bloom throughout the year. Thank you.



Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: 10-11 June

A selection of gardens will be open in Sherston over the weekend, so please get in touch if you would like to join the list. Large or small, even courtyard gardens would be very welcome.

We will also need plants for the plant stall and cakes for teas in church (bring on the day).

Make sure you keep this date free in your diary and invite friends, it's a great way to discover our lovely village. heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

Sherston Tennis

The tennis club is taking a break, owing to low membership which is insufficient for any organised activities. The courts are available to the village at no charge, with people playing at their own risk. The courts can be slippery when wet. Please look after the courts and nets, take away any rubbish. A men's match team will have priority on Wednesday evenings over the spring and summer.

Boules Day: Speedy sign-up!



Wow, what a sign-up for this year's Boules Day - we sold out in just six hours! A huge thank you for your support and eagerness to take part.

But Sherston Boules is not just about Boules Day itself. As usual, there's also a full programme of events taking place in the week leading up to the tournament - more details to be confirmed next month!

The Boules Committee is always open to new ideas/suggestions and particularly help on the day. We are also still on the hunt for a new secretary to join us. If you think you could help, we would be very pleased to hear from you email sherstonboules@gmail.com or visit the website www.sherstonboules.org for more information.

Boules pitches planned on the Pennymead Recreation Ground



It has long been the desire of the Boules Committee to provide, help finance and build some boules pitches in the centre of the village for everyone to use. As trustees of the Recreation Ground, the Parish Council has agreed to the construction of the pitches as they meet the trust's historical restrictions, namely that the land must be reserved for 'Recreational Use'. In addition, the Parish Council has offered financial support.

Wiltshire Council has been consulted and planning permission is not required as there is no major change of use and the trustees have control of the site.

The plan is to build three full-size pitches on the eastern side between the trees, in line with the boundary wall of the vicarage garden. The Boules Committee is planning to encourage young people to get involved with coaching seminars and matches. It also opens up the prospect of inter-village/town matches as the pitches will meet required competition standards.

Work is due to start mid-May in the hope that the pitches will be ready for use by Saturday 15 July (Boules Day).

Monthly Soup Lunch

The monthly soup lunch is a joint initiative between Holy Cross Church, the Methodist Church and the Congregational Church in Sherston.

Over that past six months, we have provided an opportunity for people to gather together on the first Monday of each month from 12.00noon-2.00pm to share a lunch of soup and pudding, as well as cake with a coffee.

These lunches, which have proved to be very successful, take place in the British School Room, and we have been able to support various charities from the generous donations given by people who have come to lunch.

A different charity is chosen each month. Amongst those chosen was one called Blonde Angels based in Yate and organised by women who support homeless men on the streets of Bristol. We were able to donate enough money for the charity to purchase 60 pairs of underpants, which of course are a vital piece of clothing if you have no access to washing or sleeping facilities.

We would welcome anyone who feels able to volunteer to make soup for lunch. Generally, we offer two options which involves several people making soup for 25 people who join us. However, if making a cake or a pudding is your speciality, please contact us so we can add you to either the soup or cake rota.

There will be a lunch on Monday 1 May from 12.00noon-2.00pm. You don't need to book - please just come along and you would be most welcome. However, we will be taking a break during the months of June, July and August and re-starting again on 4 September.

We look forward to seeing you - or if you need any further information, do contact us.

Revd Andrew Williams Tarling, Candi Williams Tarling, (Congregational Church)

Revd Janet Evans (Methodist Church)

Revd Sharon Gleed (Curate Gauzebrook)

Revd Susan Harvey (susan.harvey055@gmail.com)



SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

This month's meeting is Tuesday 2 May:

Speaker is Leif Bersweden

'Where the Wildflowers Grow'

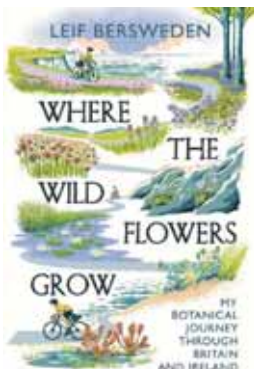
Clippings

After AGM business was dealt with at our April meeting, the guest speaker was Vanessa Berridge who gave her postponed and widely anticipated talk on 'Kiftsgate Court: Three Generations of Women Gardeners'. Accompanied by beautiful images of the gardens, the presentation was peppered with interesting anecdotes about the talented family behind Kiftsgate which is open to the public and well worth a visit. Liz Cooper had also kindly compiled a slide presentation of spring flower photos submitted by members who then voted on an overall winner. This will be shown in the June issue of the Cliffhanger.

Cuttings

Publisher author Leif Bersweden is our guest speaker at our 2 May meeting, the first to be held on the first Tuesday of the month (and from now on). Leif will describe his botanical journey by bicycle around Britain and Ireland, getting up close to wild plants and making some interesting acquaintances on the way! He will be selling signed copies of 'Where the Wild Flowers Grow' at the meeting.

New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are welcome: £15 single, £25 joint, U18's free. For a 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, doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Connections

Gardening Hints and Tips Leaflet. A compilation of member's useful hints and tips will be ready soon.

The SGC Facebook page is full of information, photographs and news of open gardens. Anyone can join the group and submit tips, hints and pics.

Community

Blooming Sherston: Following the public meeting on 25 March at The Angel, ideas have emerged to move this initiative forward.

Calendar

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

Tuesday 2 May: 'Where the Wild Flowers Grow: My Botanical Journey through Britain & Ireland' by Leif Bersweden.

Friday 12 May: Malvern Spring Show Visit. Coach seats now all taken but still worth checking in case of cancellations.

Tuesday 23 May. Visit to Hortico. See behind the scenes with Piers Lavan.

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

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

No August Meeting.

Tuesday 5 September. 'All you need to know about Propagation' by Penny Jones, Chief Propagator at Westonbirt Arboretum.

Tuesday 3 October. Talk by Head Gardener at Whatley Manor (tbc).

Tuesday 7 November. Garden Design by Laura Holmes (working title).

Tuesday 5 December. Christmas Wreath-Making with Julia Armstrong.

Sherston Village Hall 300+ Club

The Draw 3 winners of £20 were:

131 Sally Clayton, 142 Joanne Harmer, 194 David Boyle, 252 Richard Maslen, 354 Andrew Hurcom.

Christmas Bonus currently £160

Do sign up - we still need lots more members!



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

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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

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

Thank you for your continued support.

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Parish Farming

How and why is farming changing?

Farming is at present undergoing a radical change. Since the 1947 Agricultural Act, farming has been subject to some form of external support for produce. By 2028, all area payments will have been phased out and farming will be subject to market forces. To replace the old direct payment, the Government, through the Rural Payments Agency (RPA), is introducing an Environmental Land Management (ELM) policy, along with continuing the Countryside Stewardship (CS) schemes. A large proportion of the ELM money is being restricted to larger projects and various grants, resulting in the ELM schemes for the majority being at a low rate and hardly covering costs incurred. Therefore, at present, a poor take-up.

What Countryside Stewardship (CS) schemes and how do they work?

CS agreements provide financial incentives for farmers to look after and improve the environment by:

- conserving and restoring wildlife habitats;
- managing flood risk;
- managing and creating woodland;
- preserving historical features and incentives for education; and
- keeping the character of the countryside.

Agreements are managed by the RPA. CS is made up of multiple grants; the main elements include: capital grants; higher tier; mid tier; and wildlife offers. The booklet covering the grants with all the rules and regulations is over 800 pages long!

What is the proposed ELM policy and how does it work?

The ELM schemes will have three elements to them:

- Sustainable Farming Incentives (SFI) will pay farmers to adapt and maintain sustainable farming practices. It's these rates that at present are not high enough to attract the majority.
- It now seems that the CS will continue in some form but targeting specific locations, features and habitats.

- Landscape Recovery will pay for bespoke, long-term, large-scale projects to enhance the natural environment, for example, allowing the sea back into low coastal regions in Norfolk and Suffolk.

Why are farmers concerned?

Worryingly, with absolutely no political encouragement to grow food, and with volatile markets and high inflation (Putin effect), many parish farms are going down the CS route to generate a stable income from their land. Under the various schemes, we are planting flower and nectar plots, sowing winter bird food areas, leaving land non-cropped for nine months for wildlife, planting margins and whole fields with grass for birds and insects. This will result in the parish producing approximately 500 tonnes fewer grains and seeds compared with 2020. If you multiply this reduction in production across the country, we could be heading for a problem feeding ourselves. Food security and self-sufficiency needs to be treated far more seriously. We should not be so reliant on imported food that we can grow. UK farming is highly regulated with the environment in mind and produces some of the safest food in the world. Food for thought!

With the above in mind, what will you see the local farmers up to in the next quarter?

The task for the spring is to fertilise the autumn planted crops (wheat, barley, oat and rape) and grass and to keep them healthy and free of fungal diseases. We plant some spring crops, namely malting barley, spring beans and maize, but the recent prolonged wet weather has stopped all land work which could effect our harvest prospects. As mentioned above, we will be planting CS options on at least 30% of parish land.



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School governor vacancies - your chance to get involved!

Sherston School is currently looking for two volunteers to join the school's friendly Governing Body and get involved in the strategic planning and oversight of the school. Being a school governor is a voluntary role and would suit someone who is keen to have a positive impact on the school and outcomes for the children. Governors do not have any involvement in the day-to-day running of the school so experience in the education sector is not essential. If you would like to find out a bit more about the role and what's involved, please email the Chair of Governors, Belinda Robinson, msrobinson@sherston.wilts.sch.uk

Christian Aid Week: 14-20 May



Christian Aid Week (CAW) will be here very soon. Look out for the red envelope coming through your door or find details of other ways to give below. This year CAW is concentrating particularly on Malawi where food, fuel, fertiliser and school fees have doubled in price in the last 12 months. Families have been forced to pull their children out of school, denying them the education that could bring them a brighter future. Climate change is also making farming much more difficult with droughts, storms and floods. You may have seen reports of Tropical Cyclone Freddy which brought devastating floods to Malawi, also Mozambique and Zimbabwe, in March this year. Where people are already struggling, such natural disasters are extraordinarily difficult to recover from.

Closer to home, you may be thinking of the great need in Ukraine. Christian Aid is working there to help refugees. CA's work all over the world is carried out with local partners and relief organisations, such as Hungarian Interchurch Aid, Swiss Church Aid and the Lutheran World Federation. These organisations are helping to target CA help for Ukraine where it is particularly needed.

These are just two examples of the enormous and growing need in many parts of the world. We can help to ease this need by donating to the CAW appeal.

You can give:

- in the CAW door-to-door collection envelope. (Envelopes should also be available in Holy Cross Church.)
- online at give.christianaid.org.uk
- by phone 020 7523 2269
- by post to Christian Aid, 35-41 Lower Marsh, London SE1 7RL.

Thank you for the help you give.

Sue Robinson Gauzebrook CAW organiser

So, who did bump off Barnaby?

The week after Easter, audiences flocked to the newly refurbished Village Hall to find out the answer to the question on everyone's lips – who bumped off Barnaby? Sherston Drama Group's latest production presented the answer to this mystery, alongside others such as 'who is this Barnaby chap anyway?' and 'why would anyone want to kill him?' The play is a murder mystery farce written by Rick Abbot - think Agatha Christie meets *Knives Out* and you're on the right lines.



Barnaby Folcey is one of several family members invited to a gathering at Marlgate Manor by Cordelia Luduc, played by Sheelagh Hudleston with a wonderful mixture of aristocracy and despair. Although his time on stage was short, Chris Fisk's portrayal of Barnaby was memorable, with brilliant timing and facial expressions. As Barnaby lies dying with a dagger sticking out his back, he scrawls B-A-R on a piece of paper, which perplexes the only others in the room, the dimwitted Dora (acted with loveable stupidity by Nic Pearce-Smith) and her fiancé, American Jeff (played by Graeme Strachan with an accent to rival Daniel Craig's). Dora and Jeff argue for several minutes about what this message could mean before it occurs to them to ask Barnaby – but by then of course he's dead.



The cast proceed to mull over what it all means – could B-A-R refer to someone's name (there are several possibilities), the fact that Magnolia the stropmy maid (played by Stella Thacker with an extraordinary amount of attitude) is sitting exams to become a member of the Bar or the fact that Cordelia is a Baroness? The plot thickens as people disappear and reappear (enabled by a masterpiece of rotating scenery), a picture fires gunshots, green poison is slipped into the sherry and Medkins the butler (played with authority by newcomer to the group Clive Whitehouse) struggles to control Magnolia.



It emerges that a financial agreement called a tontine is key to the plot, but while the existence of the tontine gives Barnaby a motive to murder almost everyone else, no-one has a good motive for murdering him. Other members of the tontine include Hollywood actress Cleo Barton (played with glamour by Andrea Sisson), the pernickety governess Miss Barnsdale (acted with suitable fastidiousness by Sue Ormiston) and the deaf Peeress Lady Barbara Fenwick (played by Mandi Bailey-Turner with a hilarious comic delivery). As the cast attempt to find all the lines of a limerick which will surely help to solve the mystery, the party gatecrasher Rosalind Barstow (played with perfect cattiness by Dawn Gibbings) helpfully dishes out



insults at every opportunity until a dramatic twist of events and a profound monologue brings the play to its hilarious conclusion.

Many thanks to everyone who made our production of 'But Why Bump Off Barnaby?' possible, including prompter Richard Warren, backstage manager Debbie Luter, sound and lighting technician Simon Durrant, producer Katie Skeffington and director Richard Skeffington. Many thanks also to Tea Smart who took these brilliant photos of the event! Our thoughts are now turning to our next production (oh yes, they are) – watch this space for announcements!

**SHERSTON
DRAMA
GROUP**



Didmarton Rural Cinema: Wednesday 10 May

Living (2022) – Drama

Cert: 12A – Run time: 1 hr. 42 min.

Starring: Bill Nighy, Alex Sharp, Aimee Wood

Director: Oliver Hermanus

'Living' is the story of an ordinary man, reduced by years of oppressive office routine to a shadow existence, who at the eleventh hour makes a supreme effort to turn his dull life into something wonderful - into one he can say has been lived to the full.

Trailer: www.filmbankmedia.com/films/archive/details/33779-living#/video . Doors open at 6.30pm for cash bar and film show starts at 7.30pm. £5 on the door – we now have a card machine! Please advise if attending as it helps for set up of chairs, etc.

Sopworth Open Gardens

Sunday 11 June: 2.00pm-5.00pm

Come and have a look at some of the amazing (and varied!) gardens in the village. In addition to gardens of all shapes and sizes, there will be a well-stocked plant and produce stall, and tea and cake in the village hall.

You will be helping us raise money for a family garden at the Swindon Women's Refuge and Sopworth Village Hall and church.

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Movies@Malmesbury Programme for May

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| Fri 12 | 2.00pm | Women Talking |
| Fri 12 | 5.30pm | The Super Mario Brothers Movie |
| Mon 15 | 5.30pm | The Super Mario Brothers Movie |
| Fri 19 | 8.00pm | Women Talking |
| Tue 23 | 7.30pm | Tokyo Stories * |
| Wed 24 | 7.15pm | Sleeping Beauty ** |
| Thur 25 | 2.00pm | Tokyo Stories * |

Tickets: 2.00pm and 5.30pm: £5 & £4. 8pm: £6. Except: * £10 and ** £12. Please note: All tickets must be purchased in advance from Malmesbury Town Hall or online at <https://cinema.malmesbury.gov.uk/> .

Tel: 822143

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

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

After our members' evening in April, we are now looking forward to our coach trip on Friday 12 May to visit NAFAS Show at Gloucester Cathedral. We will be meeting at (and return to) Crudwell Village Hall (CVH) with the cost of £35 to members and £42 to non-members. You can pay by cheque to North Wiltshire Flower Club or preferably by BACS: Lloyds Bank 30-91-99 Account No. 02473016 and in the Ref section put your name. It is a 9.30am departure from CVH and we will be leaving Gloucester at 4.30pm to return.

The next meeting at CVH is on Wednesday 21 June which is a tutored workshop on celebration flowers by Anna Steven, 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tea/coffee and cake are provided as refreshments.

Please have a look at the club's website - Northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk - for full details. Tina Reynolds 07484 705308.

Malmesbury Concert Band to play in Cloister Gardens in celebration of King Charles' Coronation



The Malmesbury Concert Band will be playing in the Cloister Gardens, Malmesbury, on Sunday 7 May as part of the town's coronation celebrations.

As well as a selection of the Band's usual repertoire of classical, popular and original music, the programme will include a number of 'coronation specials', including Crown Imperial, originally composed by Sir William Walton for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth in 1953.

Director of Music Art Robb said: 'It's a great honour to be asked to be part of the town's coronation celebrations, for which we have been rehearsing for some time. This is a completely free concert, so we hope that many residents and visitors, with their families, will come along and enjoy some wonderful music.'

Last year, in June, the band played in Cuckingstool Mead to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth, and the programme on 7 May will include appropriate numbers.

Malmesbury & District u3a

Retired? Semi-retired? Looking for new interests? Why not join us? We have over 470 members and 40 different interest groups. Check our website for an up-to-date list of groups and other information: www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk. For more information e-mail membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

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

Our next meetings are:

Thursday 25 May: A Ride Round England: one man, one horse, 2,700 miles and 30 cathedrals

William Reddaway

William's talk focuses on an extraordinary 2,700 mile horse ride that he embarked upon as a retirement project between 10 May and 8 December 2013. In the course of this journey, William, from Cheltenham, raised money for two charities: the Family Holiday Association and the Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre, both of which he continues to support.

Travelling by horse is a form of transport for which the infrastructure has essentially disappeared, thereby providing a variety of challenges for William and a wealth of stories to recount! We look forward to hearing about the adventures of William and Strider and how they overcame the obstacles they encountered.

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

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

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

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The Big Bristol Charity Boogie 2023 Saturday 10 June, JamJar, Bristol

After the success of last year's Big Bristol Charity Boogie, those all-time legends at For The Love are at it again and have organised a fundraiser that will support some of our fave Bristol charities in their epic work in the city.

But this is For The Love so not only will you be doing 'a good thing', you will also be having a cracking night out into the bargain. Because the first act to offer their services (for free, bless 'em) is the self-styled '13PieceSoulFunkPopCheesePartyMachine' that is The Mighty Soul Destroyers.

So we aren't exactly asking you to die for the cause here - all we are asking you to do is come down to the coolest venue in Bristol and have a cracking night out with your mates - so dig deep, you've got this, you can do it!!

Note I said 'the first act' above, that's because there will be more stuff announced for this gig in the very near future - so grab your tickets now before they are all gone. To get your tickets and make sure that 100% of the face value of the ticket goes to charity.

So which epic Brizzle charities are we supporting this year?

- Aidbox Community - 'Providing Support, Supplies and Sanctuary to Refugees and Asylum Seekers'. From their hub on Cheltenham Road, Aidbox uphold the basic human rights of refugees and people seeking asylum in Bristol by providing practical aid, support and community.
- Temwa - 'When Communities Come Together'. Temwa works in remote, rural areas of northern Malawi, where poverty and climate change are a daily reality. Its aim is to develop thriving, inclusive and self-reliant communities that are able to transform their own futures.
- The Grand Appeal, the official Bristol Children's Hospital charity, committed to saving lives and supporting families at the children's hospital. Its mission is to put the hospital at the centre of change - creating pioneering facilities and ensuring the hospital remains at the forefront of children's healthcare, saving lives into the next decade and beyond.

So, who's up for a boogie and saving the world?

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Malmesbury Live Arts



Will Lawton and the Alchemists (Alchemy launch)

Friday 5 May, Malmesbury Town Hall, doors open:
8.00pm Tickets: £12

We start May by opening up the coronation weekend in style. Yep, kick starting the three-day bank holiday weekend is Will Lawton and the Alchemists (www.willlawtonmusic.co.uk/the-alchemists) launching their new EP on Supermarine Records on Friday 5 May!

Will Lawton & The Alchemists play beautiful musical daydreams with forays into jazz with drum and bass beats. Will Lawton is a prolific songwriter-pianist joined, for this release, by the Alchemists featuring Weasel Howlett on drums, Buddy Fonzarelli on bass, Neil Muttock (electric guitar) Amy Kaelyn (vocals and guitar) and Harki Popli (tabla).

'An eclectic band that draws on all genres, from the grace of the classical world to the mathematics of jazz, from the drifts of folk to the ornateness and complex structures of the progressive world, Will's piano leads his musical gang through some gorgeous and glorious sonic pastures.' - The Big Takeover

Snap your tickets up here! (<https://www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/willlawtonandthealchemists>)

Jazz Jazz Jazz ... Blue Tone Sessions presents Kevin Figes' Wallpaper Music II

Saturday 20 May, Kings Arms, Malmesbury, doors open: 8.00pm Tickets: £6

Saxophonist, flautist, composer and founder of Pig Records, Kevin Figes is a leading name in the Bristol music scene. His music is a unique amalgamation of a wide range of influences, including rock, free jazz, contemporary, classical and folk. Saturday 20 May sees Kevin bring his quintet, Wallpaper Music, to Malmesbury. Kevin has had an increasingly prolific presence on the Bristol Jazz scene for the last three decades beginning his career by studying with Elton Dean (Soft Machine) and most notably working

alongside Keith Tippett (Centipede, King Crimson, Mujician) and so was destined to be both inspired by and has pursued a career within the genre of post 70s prog jazz at the heart of his work. His newest ensemble Wallpaper Music explores themes of childhood, objects found in charity shops as well as his love for film and neorealism.

'There are echoes of Zappa in his 1960s Mothers period but the overall sound is very much from the British arm of the European progressive movement: this unique record is packed with character and imagination and effectively reframes a fascinating musical legacy for the 21st century.' - LondonJazz

Thanks to the kind folk of Warden and Freeman of Malmesbury, Blue Tone Sessions have secured some funding for this event to make our ticket price super accessible for our lovely jazz audience and any newbie jazzers out there. Yes you can come along for this one-off price of £6!!! www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/kevinfiges) Come along and give this a bash. You won't be disappointed!

Season Finale! Tankus the henge

Friday 16 June, Malmesbury Town Hall, tickets: £15

I think it's safe to say that ALL of the Malmesbury Live Arts team are stoked to have secured Tankus the Henge (www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/tankusthehenge) for the season finale on Friday 16 June (having tried to get them on numerous occasions for Boondocks)! If you have seen Tankus before, book a ticket (www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/tankusthehenge)! If you haven't seen Tankus before, book a ticket (www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/tankusthehenge)! Musically gifted, original music, quirky and dancy arrangements, incredible showmanship! They will blow your mind!

Join us in celebrating the end of 18 incredible events that was Season 2 as we pave the way for an even more exciting Season 3!

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

Soft plastics and batteries:

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

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

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

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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 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 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 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

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.

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

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

Sherston Community Choir The community choir with conductor Trudi Baker meets at 7.30pm each Wed in term time in the British School Room on Cliff Road. £3 per person. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cletcher sheilacletcher28@gmail.com 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 - alicjaclark076@gmail.com Brick Club - Please register your interest with Alicja by email or find us on Facebook.

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

For further details see the Parish Life

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

Sherston Magna Cricket Club See website / facebook for fixtures.

If you'd like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk 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, emmacepe@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 Bowles League 48 teams playing in 3 Leagues Playing season Apr – Aug. For more information, contact Huw Bowles 07711 473243.

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

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

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

Sherston Tennis Courts The courts are available to the village at no charge, with people playing at their own risk. The courts can be slippery when wet. Please look after the courts and nets, take away any rubbish. A men's match team will have priority on Wed evenings over the spring and summer. Knockdown Road, next to the football pitch.

Sherston Theatre Club Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. See website for details www.sherstontheatreclub.co.uk 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@btinternet.com

Village Hall 300+ Club For an Annual subscription of £10 support the Village Hall and give yourself the opportunity of winning one of the four £20 prizes awarded in 10 draws held throughout 2021. Further information: Eric Meanwell (07789 280058) or Goug Wilcox (07788 558035)

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

Outside Sherston

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

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

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

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 for more info.

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

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

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, 7.30 – 9pm for performances at local bandstands. For further details see our website www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk or contact Art Robb, the Musical Director, on 07984 892570 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 www.facebook.com/malmesburymorris or www.malmesburymorris.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/get-wiltshire-walking

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

WHAT'S ON

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

The Angel Café with Rooms

Café open for hot and cold drinks, breakfast, brunch, lunch and freshly made cakes daily 8am to 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

Events at the Church of the Holy Cross

Church of the Holy Cross Coffee Shop

Revival of Pat & John Smith's original fundraiser morning coffee starting Thurs 11 May fortnightly. If you feel you would like to be involved in this fresh initiative, sign your name on a list in church, look out for further news next month, or just turn up on May 11



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Christian Aid Week: 14-20 May

Once again the churches of the Gauzebrook Group will be holding their annual door-to-door collection during Christian Aid Week in May. Please contact Sue Robinson, Gauzebrook CAW organiser if you can help: Tel. 841263. Email: jimandsue4@btinternet.com

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.

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

Churches Together

'WARM SPACE INITIATIVE'

The Congregational Church, Methodist Church and Holy Cross Church are 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 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 Thursdays from 3.30 to 5 pm. Thurs 4 and Thurs 18 May 3.30pm to 5pm. 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 Community Choir (SHoCC)

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

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The Coronation

You are invited to come to the British School Room in Cliff Road, on Coronation Day, Sat 6 May, to watch the broadcast of the Coronation service and parade on the big screen. Local Churches Together (the Congregational Church, the Methodist Church and the Church of the Holy Cross) will be delighted to welcome you to share the pageantry and ceremony of this special occasion.

Bell Ringers

Listen out for the Sherston team of bell-ringers who will 'Ring for the King' after the Coronation on Saturday. Our bell-ringers have been practising for this celebratory ring, a very joyous and traditional part of the local celebrations for a new monarch.

Sherston Community Coronation Lunch

Sun 7 May The Village Hall and Village Hall Field will be available for anyone to use for a community picnic to celebrate the Coronation. Tables and chairs will be available, although it might be best to bring your own if you have them. Bring your own food and drink, plates, etc, make up a party with friends if you wish. If the weather is inclement, we can use the indoor space. The Platinum Jubilee Party last year was so successful so this will be an opportunity to repeat the fun! More details of timing next month but put the date in your diary. Coronation Celebration Service in the Church of the Holy Cross on Sun 7 May at 9.30am. All will be very welcome. The 'Big Help Out' on Mon 8 May, is a community-wide project to volunteer. There is not a specific activity organised for Sherston for Monday, but we suggest that as many people as possible help to give our village a good spring clean. Perhaps you would tidy up and clean near to your home. It would be great if you would also help a little further afield, giving the litter and debris on the roads, pavements and open areas of Sherston a farewell.

Sherston's Gardening Club

Talks:

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

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

Fri 7 July: Summer Social at the Garden House, Westonbirt

(with thanks to our hosts, Clare and James Turner).

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

Dates for your diary:

Malvern Spring Show 2023: Fri 12 May - coach to depart from the High Street. Fully booked
sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com for more details.

Calling all Musicians

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

Dave Cooper – dave32cooper@gmail.com Warwick Jones – warwickjones99@gmail.com

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend:

10-11 June

A selection of gardens will be open in Sherston over the weekend, so please get in touch if you would like to join the list. Large or small, even courtyard gardens would be very welcome. We will also need plants for the plant stall and cakes for teas in church (bring on the day). Make sure you keep this date free in your diary and invite friends, it's a great way to discover our lovely village. heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

Sherston Boules Day news! Sat 15 July

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

We are keen to hear from parents in the village to help organise the fabulous Kids' Zone on Boules Day, to be held this year on Sat 15 July. We come up with an imaginative theme, and then add crafts, face-painting, games and activities of all kinds to keep the children happy all day on the village hall field. If you'd like to help plan this year's day, please email Tea Smart tea.smart@me.com. The plan is to meet once or twice and then just crack on with it!

But Sherston Boules is not just about Boules Day itself. As usual, there's also a full programme of events taking place in the week leading up to the tournament - more details to be confirmed next month!

The Boules committee are always open to new ideas/suggestions and particularly help on the day. News update: Have you seen the new website? Lots of information up there, including a form for stalls entry enquiries and last year's pictures! Have a look at www.sherstonboules.org

Sherston Apple Day date!

Sat 7 Oct, 10am-2pm, Sherston Village Hall and Field. Free entry! A proper village day out with apple-pressing demos on our small and larger presses. Plus local producers - and apple-themed games and refreshments from the Friends of Sherston School in the main hall. Bring your bottles and fill up with fresh apple juice straight from the



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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

Packhorse Ceilidh Band

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

Knockdown The Holford Arms

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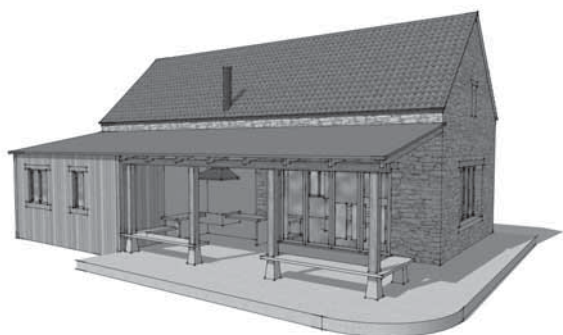
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The Ship is open for food all-day long, starting with breakfast and morning coffee. Take away specials 12 noon - 7pm Daily Please order as early as possible 840222. www.oldroyalship.co.uk

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

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Malmesbury Concert Band - celebration of King Charles' Coronation

The Malmesbury Concert Band will be playing in the Cloister Gardens, Malmesbury, on Sunday 7 May as part of the town's coronation celebrations.

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

Malmesbury Live Arts

Will Lawton and the Alchemists (Alchemy launch) Fri 5 May Malmesbury Town Hall Doors open: 8pm £12

Jazz Jazz Jazz ... Blue Tone Sessions presents Kevin Figes' Wallpaper Music II, Sat 20 May, Kings Arms, Doors open: 8pm £6

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

See website for details and tickets www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whatson

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



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Malmesbury & District u3a

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

Thurs 25 May: A Ride Round England: one man, one horse, 2,700 miles and 30 cathedrals. William Reddaway.

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

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

Sopworth Open Gardens

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

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Wed 10 May £5 on the door – cash or card. 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

Shipton Moyne

REGENTS OPERA: Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutti

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

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

Crudwell North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Fri 12 May is a special coach trip to visit the NAFAS Show at Gloucester Cathedral

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 <https://northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk> Facebook page – North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club.

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