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## We're back!

Along with everything else, Scouting closed down in March. Our new Beaver colony hadn't even met long enough to invest our newest members. Shelley and Ben did a great job holding Zoom meetings for the Scouts but we are now back to meeting in person again, with sanitiser, masks and mainly outdoors.

Hiking was a kick-off point for both Cubs and Scouts with cooking scheduled in. Our Explorer Unit started with cooking and planning how they are going to build a hovercraft ...

The Cubs will be looking at Remembrance on their return after half-term along with some crafts leading up to Christmas. We are also encouraging them to do badges at home around their hobbies and interests.

The Scouts have decided to be an all-year outdoor group, let's hope we don't have too harsh a winter.



Beavers have had a busy return, working on their Experiments and Health & Fitness badges and enjoying a campfire, which is to become a regular feature of our meetings as we also strive to continue to meet outdoors. We have finally managed to invest seven Beavers, with three more scheduled for after half-term.



As many of you will know, we usually hold a luxury hamper raffle in the run-up to Christmas but current restrictions mean we will not be able to do it this year. As this is our biggest fundraiser, bringing in around £1,500 - £2,000 each year, we have had to think of something new SO we are asking all our young people and leaders to WALK AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS. It's only 40,075 by New Year's Eve so it shouldn't be a problem!

We will be setting up a GoFundMe page and will put details of that in next month's Cliffhanger, as well as on social media pages, to keep everyone up to date with how we are doing.



# Cliffhanger advertising volunteer needed

The Cliffhanger is entirely run by volunteers and has a very important role in passing on the Parish Council's news as well as publicising the social activities of the village.

The current advertising volunteer, Tahiti van Rooyen, is 'retiring' after four years in the post so a new volunteer is required.

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

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## Village Hall Vacancy

We are looking for a new Booking Clerk to organise the diary and to liaise with the hirers of the Village Hall. Are YOU a good organiser and would like to become part of the Village Hall team? Maybe you're new to Sherston and would like to become more involved?

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## Sherston Village Hall: Open for business!



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# Sherston School celebrates National Lottery funding



Sherston Primary School is thrilled to announce that it has been awarded a Lottery Grant of nearly £10,000 for an Outdoor Classroom and Sheltered Community Space. The awarded funding, which the school applied for earlier this year, will be used to build an all-weather five-metre gazebo structure on the school field. Not only will this serve as an outdoor classroom, but also as a venue that local community groups can apply to use outside school hours. In addition to the National Lottery funding, the project will be supported by the Friends of Sherston School (FSS). The FSS raised a massive £1,065 contribution towards planning fees and installation through donations to the 'Fab Family Show' event, an annual performance written and performed by parents which was delivered virtually for the first time during lockdown. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Full planning permission was secured on 30 September and building is due to start this month. Even before COVID-19, the school was fully focused on the importance of outdoor learning and creating outdoor social and recreational settings. Now, with the challenges of COVID-19, the need for safe outside social spaces has become even more important so this building comes at just the right time.

Community groups that have expressed an interest in leasing this space outside school hours are the Carers Support Group run by Sherston Surgery, Sherston Senior Club, Sherston Choir, Sherston Brownies, Baby Toddler and Pre-school Group, Forest School and Pumpkins Preschool.

'We're delighted that The National Lottery Community Fund has recognised the importance of this building as a teaching, learning and community space,' says Head Teacher, Mrs Leyden. 'This gazebo will improve a space that matters very much to the community and this would not have been possible without this funding. The school would like to thank all the community groups involved and the Friends of Sherston School for supporting this initiative.'

Once the outdoor classroom is built and COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, Sherston Community groups will be able to apply to use the space outside school hours. Please contact the school if you would like more information.

## Sherston Community Choir: Singing like nobody is listening!

Like many other organisations, Sherston Community choir (SHoCC) has had to adapt rapidly to the coronavirus situation. Early on in the pandemic, choral singing was identified as a particular risk, with people sitting near to each other and singing potentially creating more aerosol. Several choirs abroad had severe outbreaks, and sadly some deaths.

A couple of weeks into lockdown, we did as many others did and turned to Zoom. Thanks to the hard work of Trudi, our musical director, Brian Cook, accompanist, and Alan Heatherington who has produced many of our arrangements and backing tracks, we found a way of making it work, all singing along in the comfort of our own homes with nobody else listening, except the occasional family member.

We had hoped to start 'live' rehearsals in September, and had been planning accordingly, but the introduction of 'The Rule of Six' and the logistics of making the room safe with adequate spacing mean that regretfully we have delayed start until at least January.

In the meantime, we are having a monthly Zoom sing-along to songs we know well. Just as we had a virtual

Boules concert (complete with stripy tops and a glass of Pimm's or whatever), we will be getting together with an online Christmas party on 4 December. If anyone would like to join us, please contact us via our Facebook page or email us at: [shocc1016@aol.com](mailto:shocc1016@aol.com)

We really hope to be back live soon - in the meantime, we will still sing like there is nobody listening!

## The Alternative Christmas Bazaar for Sherston Church: Saturday 5 December

Unfortunately, we can't have our usual melée of folk congregating to start off the festive season in the Village Hall, but we will do our best to hold an event following all the Covid regulations. So, put the date in your diary and wait to see what we will plan. We can still be sociable in a different way, and support our lovely Church of the Holy Cross, which has had a pretty hard time lately. Look out for further details.

# Exhibition Art in Lockdown

Over the last weekend in September, an exhibition was held in the British School Rooms which included the work of local artists, Jenny Riley, Heather Martin, Gill Ashley and Gloria Pugh with invited potter Christopher White from Hookshouse Pottery, near Tetbury. By way of something different, we were lucky to have the expertise of Liz Cooper and Tea Smart with their wonderful photos of the allotments and a video of the village. Both of these 'installations' gave a lot of discussion about who owned what, what had changed in the village and a good game of 'spot the locals'.

Despite the restrictions, we were pleased to see a steady flow of visitors in their masks and keeping to the one-way system! This weekend would normally be part of the Flying Monk Arts Trail but, as this was cancelled, for obvious reasons, our group decided to 'have a go' anyway. However, watch out for it next year!

We had a basket for donations to Wiltshire Air Ambulance and raised £149; thanks to all who contributed to this fantastic cause.



## Health and Wellbeing

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## All Souls Service

We will be holding our annual All Souls Service in Sherston Church, however there is a change to the day. This year it will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 4 November. Sadly, due to the restrictions on church access, it is not open for people to add their loved ones' name to the usual list so that they can be read out in memory during the service. In order to do this, please see contact details below.

We are also limited to the number of people who can attend due to Covid regulations, so it would be really helpful if we knew how many people would like to attend the evening service.

If you would like a name added to the list or to attend the service, please contact: Alison, our, administrator on 825019 or via email [admin@deanery.org.uk](mailto:admin@deanery.org.uk) by Monday 2 November.

## Remembrance: Sunday 8 November

In this challenging year, we have had to forgo so many events in our villages - communities across the world have had few points where they have been able to come together and reflect.

As a group of churches alongside the communities that we serve, we are very much hoping and praying that we will be able to provide such an opportunity on Remembrance Sunday. This will, of course, be subject to circumstances which are beyond our control and so our plans may have to change, but it is our intention that the following will happen for us all to be part of in different ways:

- **Hullavington:** A service of remembrance will take place in church. As spaces are limited, please contact the churchwardens to reserve a space to

avoid disappointment.

- **Luckington:** An act of remembrance will take place on the playing fields, which all are invited to attend. Those in attendance must maintain social distancing and not mingle with others so as to comply with the law.
- **Sherston:** An act of remembrance will take place at the memorial in the church lychgate with a reduced number of representatives. This will be live streamed on the Gauzebrook Group FaceBook page and we hope as many as possible will join in online. We are not encouraging attendance in person.
- **Stanton St Quintin:** An act of remembrance will take place outside at the memorial in the cemetery which all are invited to attend. Those in attendance must maintain social distancing and not mingle with others so as to comply with the law.

We will do our best to keep you informed if anything changes. As I'm sure you realise, we can only organise such events under quite strict guidelines and so will rely on attendees to take responsibility for maintaining social distancing and not mingling with others as otherwise these things can't happen.

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The job holder's main responsibilities include dealing with applications; managing all aspects of the charity whilst ensuring it is fully compliant with Charity Commission regulations. The current clerk will be happy to provide full training for as long as is required.

The job holder should be conversant with most aspects of Microsoft technology.

The charity meets on four Monday evenings a year currently via Zoom.

An honorarium is payable.

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# Tracklements raises money to support Sherston School

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Sherston School's pupils and their families, as well as Sherston's Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides and Brownies, were all encouraged to get out and about to collect these 'wild' apples that are found in hedgerows and nestled amongst other trees.

Thanks to this year's warm weather, more than 1,000kg of crabapples were picked and transformed into delicious jars of jelly which are available to buy now.

For every kilogram of apples picked and for every jar sold nationwide, Tracklements donate money to the community and, recently, their Managing Director, Guy Tullberg, presented a cheque to Sherston Primary School for £782.50 for last year's project.

Afterwards, Mr Tullberg said, 'We're immensely proud to have helped raise this money for Sherston School. The project has been running for 20 years and helps demonstrate to the schoolchildren the



provenance of their food by teaching them about the great British tradition of making preserves.'

Mrs Sue Leyden, the school's headteacher said, 'Not only has the school benefited from this project, but the children and their families have had great fun exploring the local countryside hunting for crabapples, as well as learning about a local industry.'

To view the full range and find out more about the project, visit [www.tracklements.co.uk](http://www.tracklements.co.uk).

## Mary Edwards

As a founder member of Sherston Drama Group, I was saddened to learn of the death of Mary Edwards.

As part of the Bells Appeal in the 1970s, Mary produced and directed a play called 'The Camel's Back'. This was well received and prompted Mary to see if there was any interest in forming a drama group in Sherston.

A meeting was called and, as a result, our first production was 'Fish Out of Water' in spring 1979, most of our rehearsals taking place in Mary and Gordon's sitting room in the Old Vicarage.

Mary appeared on stage in several of our early productions and, in latter years, became one of our most consistently loyal members of our audience.

Over the years, Sherston Drama Group has grown and flourished but, without Mary's foresight, might never have happened. We remain eternally grateful to her. Sadly, no productions this year but, hopefully, 2021 will bring happier times.

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The idea is simple ... it's like an advent calendar but for houses! You decorate a window(s) or garden with a Christmas theme and make it look all twinkly! Anything from paper snowflakes to a giant snowman goes. Each night from 1 December, a house (or a few houses if we get lots of takers) lights up their numbered scene. Then, on 23 December, everything will be lit up so we can take a stroll around our magical village for the full Sherston Advent House Trail. Number 24 will be at Holy Cross Church.

The windows/gardens don't need to be complicated and, as many of us will be putting up fairy lights anyway, adding a few baubles or a jolly Father Christmas to your house would be easy!

Simple is beautiful too but here are some more ideas for you if you would like to add a bit of fun ... why not create a colourful Christmas scene from tissue paper in your window, a toy Father Christmas

and presents with a bit of fake snow on your window ledge, a tiny scene made from children's dolls house furniture or has anyone got a giant snowman or a herd of reindeers for the garden! Taking part is the key and the more, the merrier in these difficult times.

Last entry date will be Thursday 12 November! Please email [kirsty.strachan@icloud.com](mailto:kirsty.strachan@icloud.com) for more information and to sign up so we can get you on the map. It will be really fun and make Christmas in Sherston super special this year ... adding some much-needed magic to 2020.

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# School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

## Maple and Chestnut school trip

Last month, Maple class (Year 3) and Chestnut class (Year 4) went on a school trip to the Corinium Museum in Cirencester to learn more about the Iron Age and the Romans.

*'On the Year 3 & 4 school trip last month, there were a few strange things like a real skeleton! Me and my partner found a cauldron made of iron and copper alloy. We also found a necklace made of glass beads. We had a very fun day and I was very tired by the end of it. The year 3 topic this term is the Iron Age and the year 4 topic is the Romans. I learnt a lot of things at the museum, for example about Roman under floor heating.'*

Eliza, Year 3

*'I saw some Iron Age necklaces and a big Roman pillar and a Roman soldier, but not a real one! I enjoyed having my packed lunch at the museum and chatting with my friends.'*

Owen, Year 3

*'I learnt a lot about the Iron Age, which is our topic this term, but there were also lots of Roman facts. I saw an Iron Age cauldron and an Iron Age roundhouse. We had the whole museum to ourselves.'*

Max, Year 3



## Harvest Festival Assembly

Children, staff and even a piano gathered outside to celebrate Harvest Festival at Sherston Primary School. The local birds must have been surprised to hear the children singing some of the school's favourite songs - Cauliflower Fluffy and Autumn Days. Families brought in donations for the Malmesbury Foodbank. Gill Smith, Project Manager, said: 'Thank you so much to Sherston School for collecting such a lot of wonderful items for the foodbank at your Harvest Festival, everything you have given us will be put to very good use helping people who need it. The collection weighed in at 113.40kg, which is an amazing amount and we are all very grateful for your generosity.'







## Sherston School Sports Update

Whilst sports provision in schools is currently difficult due to Covid restrictions, Sherston School is determined to make sure that the children are enjoying a wide range of sport within the school day, making the most of the school's fabulous outdoor space and spacious hall.

The Keystage 2 sports day was a huge success

and the children all enjoyed taking part and, after a brilliant day of sports, the winning team was the yellow team. Well done the yellows!

During the Keystage 2 Quaddkids festival the children took part in a sprint, stamina run, standing jump and howler throw. The scores have been sent to the local schools cluster and we are awaiting the results ...



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# Sherston WI is 80 years old

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The first few talks taken from the early programmes were on subjects such as wartime cookery, loose covers, folk dancing, fruit bottling and smocking and dressmaking hints. These were the early years of the Second World War.

Over the years our members have taken part in many

carnivals, summer shows, produce shows, table top sales, etc and there are photographs in the scrapbooks to recall the 'good old days'!

We had organised a celebration lunch for this year but due to the various Covid-19 restrictions this was cancelled and pencilled in for 2021. However, each member was given a 'Meeting in a Bag' - the bags were all made by a committee member and filled with various small items, including a pre-decimal coin quiz and a packet of sunflower seeds ready for a competition next summer.

The committee has been holding monthly Zoom meetings and/or garden meetings, but unfortunately it has not been possible since March to gather in the village hall for our usual monthly meetings with a speaker and it is likely to be 2021 before we are safely able to do so under today's restrictions.

In the meantime, we are keeping in touch with all members with a regular newsletter and recognising birthdays.

## Sherston Community Orchard

Ever thought it would be great to have a community orchard located somewhere in the village? A place to enjoy the spring blossom, the summer shade and pick the autumn fruits? Well, there's a joint proposal being worked on by Sustainable Sherston (the local environment group) and the Village Hall Committee. The committee felt that the Village Hall Field was a very much underused community asset. Apart from the very occasional SherstonFest/Big Picnic or private wedding, not much happens there, apart from a lot of grass mowing.

Working with Sustainable Sherston, the proposal is to plant a community orchard (mainly apples, pears, cherry, apricot, blackcurrant, hazel, blackthorn

for sloes, crab apples) on a small strip of the Village Hall Field; underneath will be space for wild flowers so the mowing regime will change to accommodate that. There will also be space for bench seats so that people can enjoy the view (apparently the churchyard has run out of space for commemorative seats so this could provide an alternative location). The other main reason for doing this is that we will be planting 60 new trees and about 40 shrubs in the village, which will play their part in reducing CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere. The proposal will still allow ample space for the big, occasional events that take place there. Funding will be sought from the Area Board for the trees themselves and a group of volunteers will do the planting in the

spring.

A planting plan can be seen left. If you want a more detailed look, the plan can be found on the Sherston Parish Council website <https://sherston.org.uk/notices#notices>. The proposal has the backing of Sustainable Sherston, the Village Hall Committee and Sherston Parish Council. However, if you have any views on this proposal, please contact Martin Smith on 840865 or email: [m.smith@sherston.org.uk](mailto:m.smith@sherston.org.uk). We are keen to receive both supportive and critical views.

Please respond before 6 November.





# North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Sadly, the Flower Club has been unable to meet in person since February, and made the decision over the summer that all future events planned for 2020 would have to be cancelled. The recent resurgence of the virus and increase in restrictions has reinforced this as the right decision. Nevertheless, behind the scenes, work has continued on planning future events for 2021 and beyond, the committee has 'met', and several newsletters have been sent out to keep in touch with members. Our AGM was successfully held in September via Zoom and was followed by video demonstrations by one of our members which featured non-foam designs using seasonal flowers, berries and foliage.

We still hope to actively re-start the Club from January 2021 since a full programme of events for next year has already been arranged, incorporating several originally planned for this year. However, we are conscious that the recent tightening of restrictions may well prevent this happening so soon and could result in further cancellations of planned events. The good news however is that the club remains in a very

strong position financially and continues to have an active committee, so we will weather this storm. As soon as external factors allow us to re-start, we will.

The programme planned for 2021 is very varied and includes a good mix of workshops, demonstrations, social events and visits. Meetings would normally take place at Crudwell Village Hall, SN16 9HB, on the third Wednesday of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm (with some exceptions for social events/visits as outlined in our programme). We are a friendly and enthusiastic group with members from throughout the area. Visitors and potential new members are guaranteed a warm welcome at our regular meetings. We really look forward to welcoming back both our current members and any guests as soon as we can, hopefully at the meeting currently planned for Wednesday 20 January 2021 (regulations permitting).

In the meantime, stay safe and well. If you'd like to get in touch we can be contacted by email: [nwvflowerclub@gmail.com](mailto:nwvflowerclub@gmail.com)

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Popular livestock gifts include chickens, donkeys, goats or a beehive; training and garden-related gifts are also available, together with larger items, such as a bicycle (£135) for peer farmers to get out and train others, or a motorbike (£1,000) enabling Send a Cow staff to visit remote communities.

I have been a Send a Cow supporter, ambassador and/or trustee for the last 16 years and have visited projects on self-funded tours in Uganda, Rwanda & Ethiopia. I have seen how Send a Cow's practical support and training helps families become self-reliant and leave poverty and hunger behind - for good.

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## Covid 19: Update

The current situation has changed very little here since the easing of lockdown in July. Dispensary is still open with reduced hours and social distancing: 10.00am—1.00pm and 3.00pm-6.00pm.

Ordering is undertaken as usual by repeat prescription request slip, or ordering online. You will be sent a text or have a phone call when your prescription is ready to collect.

We are delighted to have a new driver, Clare, who is delivering medications to homes where patients or their relatives/carers cannot collect from us.

We continue with total triage – any request for an appointment with a GP is dealt with by phone initially, and directed appropriately to the right service, be that a community pharmacist, community physio, nursing services or a GP.

However, we continue to see any patients urgent or routine, who need a face-to-face appointment following screening.

**Please do not attend the surgery if you have any symptoms of Covid 19 – please check the NHS 111 advice line if you are unsure .**

## Doctorlink

There has been a national introduction of Doctorlink to try to ease pressures on general practice and minor injury/emergency care.

It is an app that you download on smartphone or computer that can check your symptoms and advise the best route of action. It is quite comprehensive and links into our clinical system, to notify us if you have used the algorithm and need a triage appointment. For further details, please see our website [www.tolseysurgery.co.uk](http://www.tolseysurgery.co.uk)

## Flu Clinics

Our flu clinics, which started last month and continue this month, are by INVITATION ONLY. Due to the constraints of distancing, we are using the Sherston Village Hall this year and will be vaccinating up to 300 people during each morning. Please follow the instructions you have been sent by letter to help us through this new system and keep us all safe.

## And finally...

Thank you to all our patients, and carers, who have generally been very supportive and kind throughout this very tricky period for the NHS. Let's hope good news regarding a safe vaccine is around the corner.

*From all the staff at The Tolsey*



# Sherston Sewing School

The first session took place in Sherston's British School Room in Cliff Road on 3 October. As the School Room is also the Congregational Church, we felt very blessed in this amazing space. Sue Palmer and Goug Wilcox held a 'Meet and Greet' in September to gauge interest and now have a number of lessons planned up to Christmas.

The first session was aimed at beginners, who were masked and socially distanced throughout. Further beginners' sessions are planned for the second Saturday of each month. Entitled 'Learn to Love Your Sewing Machine', students were given confidence to use and understand a machine and all went home having successfully made a cushion cover.

More advanced projects are to come.

The programme for November is:

Saturday 7: The Zip

Saturday 14: Learn to Love Your Sewing Machine

Saturday 21: Making Your Own Block

Saturday 28: To be decided

Sessions are from 10.00am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 4.00pm and the cost is £65 per day.

Phone Goug Wilcox on 07788 558035 to book or for further information on the more advanced projects that are planned.





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# Sherston Old School Community Interest Company :

## Annual report and notification of cancellation of AGM

As many of you will be aware, the Sherston Old School Community Interest Company (SOSCIC) was formed in 2010 for the purpose of renovating and converting the Old School premises so as to provide increased employment opportunities and additional services for the community and to help preserve the character of the High Street. This was in response to the decision by the Parish Council to purchase the Old School premises when they fell vacant. This is an entirely voluntary run organisation with currently over 260 members – all of whom are residents of the village. Everyone who lives in the village is entitled to become a member of SOSCIC without the need to purchase any shares or make a financial contribution. It is managed by five directors who have responsibility for the ongoing management of the project.

The Parish Council completed the purchase of the Old School in April 2011 at which time a long lease was granted to SOSCIC. Restoration work started almost immediately and by November 2011 the first phase was ready for occupation. The first tenants being Sherston Post Office & Stores. The second phase took a further six months to complete, providing space for an additional five small businesses, and, within a relatively short period of time, was fully let.

We are pleased to report that the Old School premises have been fully let for most of the last nine-and-a-half years. There is currently one small unit empty (formerly occupied by Balcony House Cellars) but we are actively seeking a new occupier for this unit and are hopeful that it will not remain empty for very long. The Old School premises provide employment for more than 30 people in the village.

The last 12 months have been difficult for everyone because of COVID-19 – not least for those trying to run a business.

The Midcounties Coop and Post Office has remained open throughout the pandemic and has provided the village with various essential services for which we are extremely grateful. We would like to thank Anthony and his team for all their efforts and for helping us to keep safe by having such a brilliant facility on our doorstep.

All our other occupiers had to close their businesses for a few months during the lockdown period and, as a 'not for profit' Community Interest Company, SOSCIC was able to provide some financial assistance during this period. Whilst this obviously had an impact on our finances, the SOSCIC Board felt it essential that we should do what we could to assist each of these businesses to survive and to reopen as soon as possible. In addition, to enable all of these businesses to reopen as soon as practicable, SOSCIC paid for the installation of hand sanitisers and warning signage throughout the building and introduced a daily cleaning regime for the

public areas. We are pleased to report that at this point in time all of these businesses have reopened. The cost of these actions is of course reflected in our accounts.

Having been virtually fully let since 2013, we are in the happy position to report that our finances are currently in good shape. A copy of our annual accounts (and indeed all previous years since 2011) can be seen on the [www.sherston.org](http://www.sherston.org) website.

The Board has from the outset been mindful of the need to safeguard this important community asset over the long term and hence to create a financial buffer sufficient to cover the cost of any major repairs and/or allowing for any significant vacancies. To this end, two mechanisms have been created as follows.

Firstly, SOSCIC maintains a cash buffer of around £45k to cover the need for large-scale repairs (eg to the roof). Secondly, to provide security for any significant periods when some of the units might lie vacant, the Board decided some years ago to pay accelerated rent to the Parish Council. We have for your information now paid six years of accelerated rent (totalling £72,000). This is considered by the Board to be sufficient to cover us for the foreseeable future. As a result, the Board took the decision a couple of years back to start making financial donations to the Parish Council to be used for 'local' good causes. To date, SOSCIC has donated £10,000 to the Parish Council which we are advised has been used to fund improvements to the Village Hall, the pre-school facility and the recreation ground. A further £5,000 will shortly be donated to the Parish Council. We had hoped to be able to donate more than this amount but, as noted above, some additional unexpected costs have had to be borne this financial year.

In addition to the above, the time has come for us to spend some money on refurbishing the exterior of the Old School premises – it being nearly 10 years since the work was completed. Arrangements are currently being made to repaint the exterior where necessary. This will involve placing scaffolding around the building. It is hoped that this work will be completed by April 2021 – the 10th Anniversary since the building was purchased! Some of our reserves will be used for that purpose.

I would personally like to thank my co-directors (Geoff Martin, Richard Hulme, Jonathan Gould, Huw Bowles) and our caretaker (Nic Fisher) for all of their hard work over the last year – all of which of course is entirely voluntary. Jonathan and Nic in particular have to bear the brunt of the day-to-day problems (including lightning strikes) and do it without complaint. I would also like to thank our cleaner Vicky Saucedo who stepped up immediately when the COVID-19 problem hit. She is doing a brilliant job keeping everyone safe.





## SOSCIC AGM

We normally hold our Annual General Meeting once every year in November in the British School Room. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we have decided that, on balance, it will not be safe or sensible to try and do that this year. We have decided instead to hold a closed Board Meeting on Monday 16 November at which we will discuss any matters raised by our occupiers or members following the publication of this report in the Cliffhanger and online. We would invite any of our members to contact Geoff Martin or Huw Bowles (contact details below) to ask any questions or raise any matters that they consider should be aired. We will consider any/all matters raised and will report back on all such matters in the next published Cliffhanger and online.

As noted above, SOSCIC is run by five directors – each of whom is elected for a period of four years. This year Huw Bowles is due to retire by rotation. Huw has kindly indicated that he is willing to stand for a further term.

Re-election is by ordinary resolution of the members, a process normally carried out at the AGM. This year, we propose that the Board, as members themselves, be empowered to make the decision on behalf of the members generally. Please make any comments you may have about Huw's re-election known to Geoff Martin (contact details below) before 16 November.

As mentioned above, everyone who lives in the village (the Parish) is entitled to be a member of SOSCIC. Not many people who have moved into the village since 2010 have actually joined and indeed many may not even know of our existence. Should you wish to become a member and have an influence on how the company is run then we would invite you to join by contacting our Membership Secretary Huw Bowles (contact details below).

Finally, given that it will be the 10th anniversary of the purchase of the Old School on 1 April 2021, we were wondering if anyone had any ideas how best we might celebrate the event – if we are allowed to do so under whatever COVID restrictions there are at the time. Any suggestions gratefully received.

*Mike Johnson (Chairman SOSCIC).*

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# Sherston Magna CC

## Treasurer's Thank You

Back at the end of March when we were plunged into lockdown, and with the prospect of no cricket being played this year, Sherston Magna CC's financial outlook looked very bleak. Having already spent over £2,000 servicing the mowers and gangs ready for the season, with a commitment of £1,000 for insurance for the year and ongoing maintenance costs in order to keep the ground in stasis for 2021, we were looking at a deficit of at least £4,000. This would have cut heavily in to our reserves and meant plans we had for expanding our junior coaching programme in the future would suffer.

Now, having finished our abridged season, which I am glad to see so many were able to play, I would like to thank everyone, past, present and future members, for your incredible response to paying subscriptions and making donations; we raised over £3,000 this year and had two separate donations from individuals who aren't directly involved in the Club. I am also pleased to announce we were awarded a £2,100 grant from Sport England from their Community Emergency Fund. So once again an enormous thank you to everyone who has contributed this year, it has made a treasurer's job an awful lot easier and means we can start 2021 in a strong financial position so we can begin to implement all the plans we had had for 2020.

*Caroline Dickenson*

## Chairman's Round-up

In the absence of an end-of-season get-together, I would like to add a few comments following on from Caroline Dickenson's Treasurer's report.

## New Private Counselling Practice in Sherston

The last few months have been very different to say the least. It has been a struggle for many of us in different ways whether that be financial, emotional or social. This period might also have brought to the fore longstanding issues in your life or created new tensions and stressors. Perhaps you are feeling anxious, isolated or lacking in motivation. Maybe you are struggling with a particular relationship or you want to make some meaningful change in your life but you are not sure where to start. Counselling can help. I offer private counselling sessions in The Old School, Sherston. This can be face to face, video or phone counselling. I work mainly with adolescents and adults but can accommodate a limited number of younger children.

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*Tahiti*

As she said, in the early days of the Covid crisis, the chances of any cricket looked extremely bleak. The membership soon demonstrated their aspirations in the magnificent way that they responded to the request for subscriptions. In parallel with this in those uncertain weeks, Andrew Jarvis still kept the square and ground ticking over, whilst other clubs just let the sheep graze or the grass grow.

After a fairly frustrating and uncomfortable wait, the Government, at very short notice, allowed the ECB and the Counties to enable us firstly to practise in the nets and hold junior training and then to play matches under the strict Covid rules.

Huge thanks are due to all those on the Committee and others who had to go many an extra mile so that we could 'get the game on'.

It was good to see that in such a shortened season so many Saturday, Sunday and many forms of Junior cricket were played; and the weather was luckily relatively kind to us.

Well done everyone for showing such great commitment to SMCC. Will some of the lessons learnt in the Covid 19 season still be with us in the long term?

I am confident that from the most positive way that everyone in the club has reacted to this season we will take any future regulations in our stride and extract the most out of whatever cricket we shall be able to play.

Looking ahead to 2021, if anyone would be able to help with coaching, administration, fundraising or sponsorship please contact the club at [cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](mailto:cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk)

*John Matthews*

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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 Cutchner 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

**Forest School** Independent sessions led by local outdoor learning specialist Niki Walden, that include an after school club at Sherston Primary School, weekly curricular sessions at Luckington School & Luckington Pre-School and occasional further fun extended sessions during school holidays. For further information please contact nikiwalden-forestschool@hotmail.co.uk

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

**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..

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

**Sherston Velo** A cycling club formed of enthusiastic road cyclists from Sherston and the surrounding area. There are regular rides each weekend morning with a fast paced group leaving first for an hour, followed by a longer club run. For membership and other information about the club, visit the website [www.sherstonvelo.cc](http://www.sherstonvelo.cc) or email Mark Walsh at [secretary@sherstonvelo.cc](mailto:secretary@sherstonvelo.cc)

**Sherston Village Hall** Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, parties etc. For details contact Margot Holland 841019 [mplholland@btinternet.com](mailto:mplholland@btinternet.com)

**Village Hall 300+ Club** For an annual subscription of only £6, give yourself the opportunity of winning a cash prize in every monthly draw whilst supporting the Village Hall. If you would like to join, or need more information, contact the coordinator, Lin Prior on 840846 or [linmaryprior@gmail.com](mailto:linmaryprior@gmail.com)

**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 07388 606785

**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

**Avonvale Utd FC** The youth section trains at The Recreation Ground, Shipton Moyne every Saturday morning (from 1 Sep – 31 May) from 9.30am, with FA qualified coaches. We welcome boys and girls age 6+ of all abilities and confidences to enjoy the beautiful game, whilst developing at their own pace in a friendly and calm environment. For more details email [avonvaleutdfc@outlook.com](mailto:avonvaleutdfc@outlook.com) or call Jo Hargreaves on 07518 017363

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

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

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

**Easton Grey Parish Church** See Parish Life for details of services

**Gauzebrook Church for Children** Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them: Junior Church is held at Court House, Hullavington at 11.00am now on the first Sunday of each month, except for August. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Becky Fisher 07974 030212 or [becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk](mailto:becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk)

**Hogwards** The Help a Hedgehog Hospital charity has a satellite hospital in Tetbury. Mary Hinton 07779 299224 [www.helpahedgehog.org](http://www.helpahedgehog.org)

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

**Junction 17 Recorder Group** A mixed ability adult group with recorders of all sizes meet on Tuesdays 7.30-9pm during term-time in Hullavington Church. Occasional concerts throughout the year. New members welcome. Email Janette [jctn17recorders@outlook.com](mailto:jctn17recorders@outlook.com) or call Heather on 07770 415171

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

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

### Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

For details see [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)

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

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

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

### Malmesbury Film Society

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

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

### Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

For details contact the Division Commissioner at [malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk](mailto:malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk) or visit [www.girlguidingwiltshirenorth.org.uk](http://www.girlguidingwiltshirenorth.org.uk)

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

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

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

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

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

# WHAT'S ON

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

## Sherston

### The Carpenter's Arms

Coffee, pastries and cakes open from 8.30am whilst Angel closed - cyclists, dogs and children welcome Quiz night - check boards for details  
*For further details call 840665 or visit [www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston](http://www.facebook.com/carpenters.armssherston)*

### The Rattlebone Inn

Takeaways available including Sunday lunches, weekend Wood fired Pizza Oven, outdoor dining, socially distanced indoor dining. Check boards for more details of events  
*For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter or visit [www.therattlebone.co.uk](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)*

### 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

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](http://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](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk) or [mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk) or visit <https://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/Library/Stop/65>*

## 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](mailto:susan.harvey055@gmail.com)>*

## Knockdown

### The Holford Arms

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

## Westonbirt

### The Arboretum

Admission by booked entry slot only. Tickets on sale for the Enchanted Christmas trail.  
*For further details call 880220 or visit [www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt)*

## Malmesbury

**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

### Movies@Malmesbury

See article in main section for this month's details Movies@Malmesbury is run entirely by volunteers in Malmesbury Town Hall  
*For further details call For all of the latest information, schedules, synopses, trailers etc. check out our Facebook page at: [MoviesatMalmesbury](https://www.facebook.com/MoviesatMalmesbury) or visit [www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html](http://www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html)*

### 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.  
*For further details call membership secretary Elaine Sharp tel 823568 or visit [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk)*



## WOMAD AT HOME

Welcome to a brand new listening experience. Featuring eight artists from a cross-section of musical genres, 'WOMAD at Home' offers a unique, 360° immersive audio experience designed specifically for headphones. 8 weeks of live music till November <https://athome.womad.co.uk>

## Tetbury

### Tetbury Goods Shed – café 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 Adeline Farm Community Project offers facilities to the disabled, people with learning difficulties, and other groups in the Wilts. /Glos. area.

### Film sessions:

Film sessions on a Thursday are back – limited pre-booked seats - matinee showing at 2pm as well as the 7pm showing. There will be the usual one way systems and hand sanitising equipment etc. and a bar in the railway carriage with covered waiting areas and the toilets will be available.

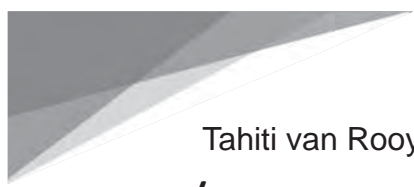
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For further details call [info@shed-arts.co.uk](mailto:info@shed-arts.co.uk) or visit [www.shed-arts.co.uk](http://www.shed-arts.co.uk)

## Didmarton

### Flicks in the Sticks

Will return – tbc Didmarton Village Hall  
For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or [jenny.body@btconnect.com](mailto:jenny.body@btconnect.com)



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07554 830 299

## Grittleton

### Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Will return – tbc to Grittleton Village Hall  
For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email [l\\_palmer@btinternet.com](mailto:l_palmer@btinternet.com) or visit [www.moviola.org/](http://www.moviola.org/)

## Wotton-Under-EdgeThe Electric

### Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community See website for this month's films. Allocated seating, prebooking essential. Face coverings must be worn, though can be removed to consume drinks and snacks bought at the EPH.  
For further details call 01453 844601 or visit [www.wottoncinema.com](http://www.wottoncinema.com)

## Cirencester The Barn Theatre

For further details call Box office: 01285 648255 or [boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.ntlive.com)

## BathTheatre Royal Bath

Live performances will return this Autumn with performances in the socially distanced Main House auditorium.

For further details call 01225 448844 or visit [www.theatreroyal.org.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.org.uk)

### Tetbury Bookkeeper

  
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## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/)  
Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

### WATER – Wessex water

[www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/](http://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

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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
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