



# THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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## Sherston Remembrance Service 2022



This year's Sherston Remembrance Service sees the event return to the full format, not experienced since 2019. We will welcome back, in strength, 90 Headquarters Squadron of 9 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps from Buckley Barracks.

With no Covid restrictions in place, we can welcome a full attendance from the village and we can support the Army and the youth organisations as they march through Sherston.

We are delighted that Sherston Community Choir will lead the singing when it might be the first time for the villagers to sing 'God Save the King'.

Please be in place in Church Street by 10.45am and don't forget to bring some collection money for the Poppy Fund.

## Sherston Life book launch and exhibition



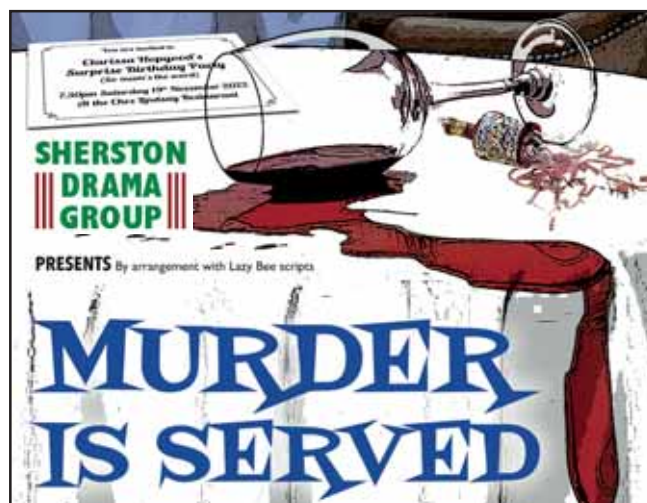
Make sure you don't miss this important weekend: on Friday 25 November, the launch of the book 'Sherston Life' by Nick Burrige between 6.00pm and 10.00pm in the Village Hall. Come along, all welcome, enjoy a glass of wine or beer from the cash bar.

The book will be on sale, priced at £20 (perfect for Christmas presents), alongside an exhibition containing some of the pictures in the book, which will also be available to buy.

The exhibition will also be open over the weekend 10.00am to 6.00pm on Saturday 26 and 11.00am to 4.00pm on Sunday 27 November. Refreshments available.

We guarantee you will either be in the book or know someone who is in the book, which showcases the village and features people in Sherston clubs and groups, and events from long ago to recent times!

Proceeds from the sale of the book will go towards fittings in the new annexe of the Village Hall.



Join Sherston Drama Group on Saturday 19 November as we present 'Murder is Served' by Jo West in Sherston Village Hall at 7.30pm. The audience is invited to Chez Lindsay's restaurant to celebrate the birthday of their friend, Clarissa Hopgood. However, nothing is as it seems, and a brutal murder takes place. As events unfold, the audience will be invited to work with the cast to try to deduce who was responsible. The evening will be thrilling, hilarious and puzzling in equal measures – think Fawlty Towers meets Agatha Christie. Seating will be in a restaurant style with each table forming a team of roughly eight people, you can arrange your teams beforehand or join up with others on the night, there will be prizes for the team that gets closest to the truth! Tickets are £10/£8.50 concessions, with the ticket price including light nibbles. Bring cash or card for the bar! Tickets available from Sherston Co-op (cash only) or by messaging the Box Office on 07876 443269. We're grateful to Malmesbury Area Community Trust for part-funding this event.

## Annual General Meeting



It's that time again!

S.O.S.C.I.C. is holding its AGM and warmly welcomes any members or interested parties to come and join us on Monday 28 November at 7.00pm at the British School Room, Cliff Road, Sherston..

Ten years on and the community investment is going strong and producing good returns which are helping to fund other community projects, like the contribution to the Village Hall project.

If you would like to hear all about what we've been doing this year, please come and join us.

Look forward to seeing you on Monday 28 November at 7.00pm !

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Did you know that it is your responsibility to ensure that highways and public rights of way are kept clear if you have trees, bushes or shrubs overhanging them? I certainly didn't! Of even more of a surprise was when I learnt that the Council can approach you directly to ask that you 'cut back' any foliage causing an obstruction and, on rare occasions, if this does not happen, the Council has the ability to undertake the works and bill you directly for the costs.

This is where the Parish Council may be able to help a little! If you are in this situation and are struggling to engage a contractor to undertake any works, we will shortly have a Parish Council maintenance person who could possibly help out, although this would be at a small cost. Please do contact [clerk@sherston.pc.org](mailto:clerk@sherston.pc.org) if you would like to discuss any requirements.

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## Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 3 December



In aid of the Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston, the Christmas Bazaar takes place on Saturday 3 December in the Village Hall. Starting at 12.00noon, there will be homemade soup and rolls, raffle and tombola, and stalls, including cakes, produce and Christmas gifts.

Please bring any donations to the Village Hall at 10.00am on the day or beforehand to the church.

Come along to support your church and join in with the pre-Christmas spirit.

## Sherston Christmas Tree Festival 2022



Following the fantastic success of last year's Christmas Tree festival in the Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston, Christmas trees are back again this year with our grateful thanks to the team at Hortico.

Ten trees last year – all decorated in interesting and unique ways (including some very eco decorations from Sustainable Sherston!). We will find space for a few more this year.

It's lovely to use our church to share the good news of Christmas with the local community in a positive and exciting way. The church will be open each day during the festival, including a late evening opening on Friday 23 December as part of the Sherston Advent House trail.

You are always welcome to visit the church, but our local businesses and organisations will be decorating their trees from Thursday 1 December to lighten our church during the season of Advent. Make sure you pop in!

For more information please email [pricesuzanne@icloud.com](mailto:pricesuzanne@icloud.com)



# The Tolsey Surgery Dispensary – An important update



The last two years have had an unprecedented negative effect upon the ability of dispensing practices to efficiently provide medication to their patients. Challenges resulting from the pandemic, Brexit and countrywide issues with supply chains have led to many patients choosing to source their medications from elsewhere. The Tolsey, like many rural practices, relies upon the dispensary to generate the income that pays for staff wages and enables us to have a GP surgery in such a small community. We are now facing a situation where our very existence is potentially at threat.

We want to provide the best possible service for our patients. We know that our service has not always been to the standard we expect of ourselves during this difficult time. We understand why sometimes our patients have been upset when some of their medications have arrived but others are out of stock nationwide or have been delayed. The pandemic has been a testing time for so many people and undoubtedly has had a negative effect upon everyone's wellbeing. We have long been proud of the fact that, unlike other surgeries, our staff have always been treated with respect and friendliness by their local community. Unfortunately, over the last few months we have seen a change, and our staff have been exposed to increasing amounts of verbal abuse and aggression. It has had a negative impact on staff morale and we have lost three members of staff as a result. The loss of staff has resulted in further delays in ensuring all the prescriptions are ready to collect. Recruiting new staff has also been challenging during the pandemic.

## What are we doing to try and improve the situation?

- Our staff continue to work very hard every day to try to help our patients. We recently changed our supplier to Alliance Healthcare. It is one of the nation's biggest suppliers and supply to Boots the chemist. We are hoping that this will result in a more predictable availability of stock.
- We are looking to appoint a new dedicated Dispensary Manager.
- We are also actively recruiting to try to further strengthen our dispensing team.
- Our dispensers have been coming in at weekends to try to catch up and prepare any delayed prescriptions.
- We have started a home-delivery service for patients with no transport or family in the area and are unable to collect prescriptions. Although in its infancy, this is something that we would look to expand in the future if possible and practical.

## What can our patients do?

Put simply, we rely on all our dispensing patients to get their prescriptions from us. We appreciate that this is not always possible as many working people struggle to get to the surgery when we are open. However, did you know that you can ask someone else to collect a prescription for you?

We are very grateful for those patients who have stood by us during this difficult time. We also hope that those who might have gone elsewhere would consider giving us another try. We need the dispensary to run successfully to keep the surgery doors open.

# Sherston Gardening Club



Next meeting is 14 November: Medicinal Herbs in the Garden by Caroline Sheldrick MNIMH

## Clippings

At our October meeting, members were treated to a fascinating talk by Vicki Wright of Melcourt Composts. Vicki stressed the benefits of peat-free materials and reminded us that all peat-based products will be banned from 2024. We hope to arrange a group visit to Melcourt's Tetbury site so watch this space!

## Cuttings

At our November meeting, Caroline Sheldrick will be talking about the use of medicinal herbs, drawing on her training in medical science as well as in the uses of plants as medicine. She diagnoses illness in the same way as a doctor but takes a more

holistic approach to treatment. It promises to be a fascinating and informative evening.

New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are welcome: £15 single £25 joint U18s free.

For membership form and full programme contact: [sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com)

## Concluding

Please do join our Sherston Gardening Club Facebook page. Questions answered, photos to view and upload. Good to have your input!

Malvern Spring Show 2023: we are planning to visit on Friday 12 May and we will be booking a coach to depart from the High Street. Please let us know if you wish to reserve a seat (£10 deposit will be needed, please). Non-members are welcome, first come, first served.....

# Sherston Footpath Group Update



We have been a little quiet in recent months which is fairly typical for this time of year, as we are heavily reliant on our local farming community who have all been hard at work harvesting and getting ready for the winter. That said, work has not stopped. We have continued to undertake small bits of maintenance where we can, ie cutting back brambles, replacing the odd sign, with a lot of time having been taken up logging in excess of 25 issues with footpaths on the MyWilts Council site. Don't forget you can also do this yourselves by logging onto the MyWilts site either on the internet at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting) or using the MyWilts App.

In the background, our main focus has been on forward planning for when resources are available to help with the bigger pieces of work. So, what can you expect to see in the coming months?

As part of our plan to regenerate Grove Wood, the Cotswolds Wardens have kindly offered to replace the steps at the Stretchline end of Grove Wood, pretty much in the same way as we did last year at the Luckington end. As well as this, they will be shoring up the path where it is falling away at the top of the woods.

In January, we will be looking to undertake the second phase of coppicing in Grove Wood (four phases are planned in total). This coppicing will allow light to flood into the floor of the wood allowing the underlying flora and fauna to flourish, as well as providing wildlife corridors for some of its smaller inhabitants.

We will be replacing two 'heritage' wooden footpath signs which have deteriorated in recent years to the point they are illegible – one at the bottom of Brook Hill and one on the way down to Forlorn Bridge.

We will be working with Wiltshire Council to shore up the lower footpath along the river, which in some places is collapsing into the river itself.

## What can you do to help?

Whilst it seems a small ask, it really would help if, when you are walking on the public rights of way, you could report any issues you observe

with surfaces, stiles, signage and general access to Wiltshire Council. This would massively take the pressure off our small team, and help us keep on top of maintaining our footpath network - cheekily ... if when you are out and about, you do see the odd bramble or branch obstructing your path, why not lop it off!

Where we would love some help would be four or five volunteers to help with the planned coppicing activity in January – not actually undertaking the coppicing itself, more helping with clearing the cuttings and building the wildlife corridors, which really just means stacking up the cuttings. You would be amazed at what can be achieved in three or four hours. If you are keen to help, please contact Nigel Freeth: [Nigel.Freeth@sherston.org.uk](mailto:Nigel.Freeth@sherston.org.uk)

In summary, we are really pleased with the progress we are making, although we do still have some challenges with walkers straying off the Public Rights of Way in a number of locations around the village. We are hoping that, with improved signage, this number will continue to reduce, although we do have a very small number of die-hard walkers who seem to continue knowingly to walk off the paths (trespass) and, regrettably, in recent months, we even had one incident that resulted in the police being involved after a landowner ended up on the floor, having asked a walker to return to the public footpath. Thankfully, this was a one-off. However, such incidents do make it problematic for us as we are hoping to work with local landowners at some point in the future to try to expand our footpath network.

If you are unsure of where you can/cannot walk, you can access the full footpath network on the internet via [www.wiltscouncil.maps.arcgis.com](http://www.wiltscouncil.maps.arcgis.com). If you fancy more of an informed circular walk, we do have some wonderful circular walks available around the village which can be found either by purchasing a walks booklet from the Co-op at a cost of £10 or directly downloading from the Parish Council Website.

## Sherston WI

Fourteen members of Sherston WI celebrated the Institute's 82nd birthday with a lunch at The Old Ship in Luckington at the beginning of October. It was good to have time to chat and reminisce about times long gone as many members have been residents of Sherston and WI members for several years and remember carnivals, produce shows and the popular jumble sales.

At the meeting in November, our Secretary, Alison Swayne, will be demonstrating the art of sugar craft

just in time for Christmas. It will be a hands-on afternoon and we hope to produce a decoration that will enhance our cakes.

At the December meeting, we shall be hearing about Goug Wilcox's life in fashion and, at that meeting, we will be collecting warm clothing items and toiletries to be delivered to The Sisters of the Church in Bristol. This is something that Sherston WI has been glad to do for many years.

Last year, Sherston WI decorated one of the Christmas trees displayed in church using WI slogans, emblems, photos, etc. This year, we hope that members will be involved in making items to go on the tree and we shall be running a workshop in November.



# Sustainable Sherston: Garage Sale success!



What a great day for our second Sustainable Sherston Garage Sale/Climate Action Fair in September!

Thank you to everyone who joined in for all the sorting/decluttering you did to create your amazing sales! We hope you enjoyed the day, managed to sell some of your preloved belongings and chat to some lovely people in the sunshine or in the village hall. Thank you as well to everyone who came and supported the event and snapped up some bargains.

Sustainable Sherston has had lots of positive feedback and it seems that all sorts of things changed hands again this year ... surf boards, body boards, cake stands, bikes, coats, wellington boots, mini fridges to name a few! Many interesting conversations took place in the village hall too and it was great to have the Centre for Sustainable Energy with us giving great tips on reducing energy costs, Whatley Manor talking about its great steps forward with sustainability, Flight Free UK challenging us to think about flying and Malmesbury Repair Café introducing its amazing local initiative. It was fascinating to see the full range of LucyTom's refills, to buy fresh organic veggies and amazing apple and

beetroot juice from Fred (Close Farm) and also fun to be able to share some of Sustainable Sherston's recent projects.

We're definitely planning to have a regular Secondhand September event but maybe we'll change the name ... 'garage sale' worked for the sale actually in garages but maybe not for those of you who had sales in the village hall! Perhaps 'Community Sale' would be better and we could include sales of homemade things too? If you have any thoughts on



this or any feedback on how we could improve the organisation for another time, please feel free to share it. We'd be delighted to hear from you.

We also thought you might be interested to hear that the garage sale registration money was used to buy bottles for the apple juice produced at Apple Day.

Many thanks once again to all the sellers and buyers and do get in touch if you'd like to find out more about Sustainable Sherston or get involved with the group contact Joy Smith [joyclarksmithsherston@gmail.com](mailto:joyclarksmithsherston@gmail.com)



## London Marathon: Thank you for your donations!



Thank you so much for all your amazing donations to the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group; I managed to raise nearly £4K for the charity and, without your support, this would not have been possible. If you left your email with your donation, I have sent you a personal email but I really hope this message gets to everyone else.

I had a wonderful day and finished in 3.08 hours. I hope this picture gives you an idea of what a brilliant event it was and how much I enjoyed it!

Thank you so much again. *James Hulme*



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## Sustainable Sherston: Thermal camera



Earlier this year, Sustainable Sherston bought a FLIR C5 thermal camera with a grant from WCC Area Board. Now that temperatures are dropping, and especially with rocketing heating costs, now is the time to survey your house to find and eliminate those draughts and cold spots. It is extremely simple to use, just like a normal digital camera, and the thermal images are extremely intuitive to interpret. Many of the areas of heat loss can be relatively simply and cheaply fixed with additional insulation, draught excluder, etc. I can also offer advice if required. A professional survey costs typically £400, but you can rent our thermal camera for just £10 for two days.

Contact Kevin Noble via [kevnoble7@gmail.com](mailto:kevnoble7@gmail.com).

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# School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

## Outdoor Adventures at PGL

Our Y4 pupils had a fantastic time at their PGL residential in October. They enjoyed lots of outdoor adventures from abseiling, aeroball and orienteering, to zip-wiring and campfire activities. Highlights included the climbing wall, where all the children challenged themselves (and loved it), and archery, where a few budding Robin Hoods were spotted!



## Tag Rugby Festival fun!

Well done to all our Y3 and Y4 pupils who took part in the Inter Schools Tag Rugby Tournament at Minety Rugby Club. And a big thank you to all our families who came to support them.



## Harvest Festival and supporting our local foodbank

We had a wonderful morning celebrating Harvest Festival in church. Thank you to Becky Fisher for a lovely service. We were treated to Oak and Rowan class performing 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow', along with harvest prayers from Chestnut class and harvest poems from Willow class all written by the children. Sycamore class talked about the vital work of the Malmesbury and District Foodbank. Thank you to all our families for donating items for our collection to support this important local charity





## Celebrating Friendship Week

The last week before half-term was spent celebrating Friendship Week. The children played lots of team-building games, decorated their classroom doors and had circle time activities on the themes of 'resolving conflict', 'what makes a good friend' and 'sharing acts of kindness'. Different year groups came together to share books, and to play board games and outdoor games. There was a whole school movie on the last day of term and each class came dressed in a 'class colour' to celebrate coming together as a team.

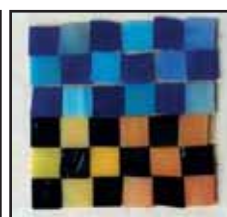


## Exploring Chedworth Roman Villa

As part of their topic on 'Raging Romans!' our Y3, 4 and 5 pupils enjoyed a day out at Chedworth Roman Villa in October with a guided tour of the villa and a mosaic-making workshop.







### FSS Quiz Night thank you!

The FSS held its annual, much-loved Quiz Night in October. The event was held in the school hall and there was a real buzz in the air and a lot of very happy quizzers!

Successfully defending their title for another year, the winners were 'Agatha Quiztie' - made up of the quizzing powerhouses Kirsty and Graeme Strachan, Laura Gould and Sally Clayton!

As always, an army of people helped bring the event together, not only from the FSS but the wider village and community.

Thank you to Rob Martin and Mike Whatley for working tirelessly behind the scenes to put all the rounds together (with some help from 'guest quizmasters'), deliver those rounds and make sure it all went without a technical glitch.

Thank you to Rupert Evelyn for encouraging everyone to keep bidding for the amazing auction lots, were given generously by:

Tea Smart Photography, The Rattlebone Inn, The Bridge, Dyson, Tally Ho Trailers, Coco Bay, James Harris, Truffle & Thyme, Drain Doctor, Hibbard's Turkeys, Sherston Sprouts, Ffion and Wallace Hibbard, Ignition Tennis and Michaels Butchers, Malmesbury.

Thank you to We Meat Again for providing their first-class burgers to the Quiz Night attendees and the wider village - as always they were a huge hit! They also very kindly made a donation to the FSS. Thank you Kate and Ash.

Thank you to Richard Langley and Kevin Noble who made sure all the tables and chairs were delivered to the school and then returned safely to the Village Hall.

The evening itself was held together by a team of parents, who gave up their time ahead of the quiz and then their evening to ensure that everyone had a great night...thank you Gemma and Ell Brushneen, Nick



and Emily Stavri, Will Roberts, Anna Glassborow and Sammy Knight.

And on Sunday afternoon James Kutchera and Andy Tremellen made their way back to the hall to help clear everything away - thank you so much.

Last but by no means least, thank you to each and every one of you who attended Quiz Night, your generosity meant £1,900 was raised to help support the school in a variety of ways - thank you for your support!

### Open Day for Reception 2023 – Thursday 17 November

We are excited to be holding an open afternoon for prospective Reception 2023 parents on Thursday 17 November from 1.30-3.00pm. Please contact the school office [admin@sherston.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sherston.wilts.sch.uk) or call 840237 if you would like to register, or for more information.

Keep up to date with all the latest school news at [Facebook.com/SherstonPrimarySchool](https://www.facebook.com/SherstonPrimarySchool) or [SherstonPrimarySchool.co.uk](https://www.sherstonprimaryschool.co.uk)



# Sherston Senior Club

On Tuesday 20 September we had our Harvest Auction, ably managed by Reverend Susan Harvey and assisted by Curate Sharon Glead. We started the afternoon with a short Service of Thanks for the bounty of the harvest, which was amply evident in the amount of fruit and vegetables donated by members. We raised £126.33 and made this up to £130.00 to be sent to the Sisters of the Church in Bristol for their wonderful work helping the homeless and needy.

Our next get-together on Tuesday 4 October was a mystery trip to see the autumn colours, they were beautiful, ending up at Cotswold Airport for tea and cake. We were lucky with the weather, it was dry and windy, especially at the airfield.

On Monday 17 October, senior club members were invited to a private viewing of Malmesbury Museum as a follow-up to the talk we had on 'The Malmesbury Hoard' and, on Tuesday 18 October, Tony Weedon gave a talk recalling his 'Happy memories of a Holiday in Canada'.

## Looking Forward:

Tuesday 1 November: Graham Morris will continue his talk on his Life and Times.

Tuesday 15 November: Marie Cormack will be relating stories of her time as PA to the Duchess of Kent. Her friend Jo will also tell us about her experiences as an air hostess.

Tuesday 19 November: the Singing Group 'Jaybirds' will be entertaining us.

Visitors are always welcome at a cost of £2.00 per

visit. Please contact Helen Quirk on 840516 for further information. We meet every two weeks at 2.30pm in summer and 2.00pm in winter in The British School Room on Cliff Road.

# The 300+ Club

The ninth draw £20 winners of 2022 are:

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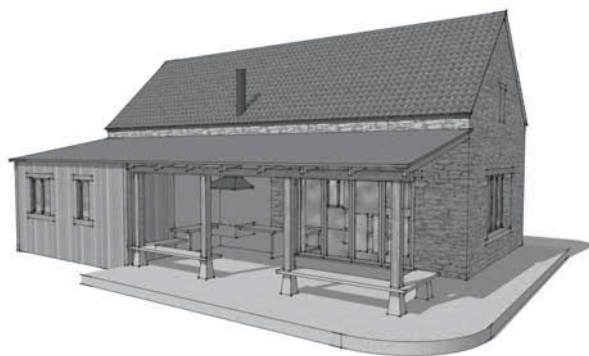
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Exhibition dates: Wednesday 2 November to Sunday 11 December. Opening times: 10.00am to 4.00pm, closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

### November highlights

**Sunday 6 November:**

**The Karski Quartet**

- This multinational quartet from Poland and Belgium will be joined by guest cellist David Waterman from the Endellion String Quartet. Tickets: £23, under 25s £15. Doors open at 7.00pm.



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**Friday 11 November: Wild Light** - An evening with author and print-maker Angela Harding, who will talk us through her new book Wild Light using her lino cuts and pen and ink drawings. Tickets: £8, under 18s £5. Doors open at 7.00pm.

**Saturday 12 November: The Magnificent AKs** - The singing gentlemen of Ashton Keynes perform songs from Georgian choral, Wagnerian opera to less exalted stuff, complete with costumes! Tickets: £12. Doors open at 7.00pm.

**Saturday 19 November: Hauntings** - Gerard Logan, a master of storytelling, performs three tales of the supernatural with a specially commissioned score by Simon Slater. Tickets: £13.50, under 25s £10. Doors open at 7.00pm.

**Saturday 26 November: Suthering** - Julu Irvine and Heg Brignall have a story-telling approach to folk music and this evening combines their musical talents with humour and perfectly matched voices. Tickets: £14.50, under 25s £10. Doors open at 7.00pm.

**Sunday 27 November: Swindon Brass** - The band will be kicking off the festive season with music from the shows, traditional brass band music and Christmas specials. Tickets: £10, under 16s £7. Doors open at 6.00pm.

Check our website for further details of films, Wednesday afternoon concerts and talks and to book tickets [www.shed-arts.co.uk](http://www.shed-arts.co.uk)



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For more information e-mail [membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk)

Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of the month (10.00am-12.00 noon) at Malmesbury Town Hall with Zoom as an option for those who do not wish to attend in person. The meeting format is kept under review to take account of the Covid situation. Non-members welcome. 50p donation.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 24 November when James Rushworth will talk to us about Exploring the Italian Dolomites and Iceland – an unexpected career in photography and guidebook writing.

In this talk, James describes his unexpected and fortuitous journey into outdoor and adventure photography and writing; from first picking up a camera in 2012 to his success at the British and International Photography awards just a decade later. James' transient lifestyle, moving between the pale mountains of the Italian Dolomites to the wilds of Iceland, has led to the creation of three photo-location guidebooks, showcasing his images and providing cultural and local information for visitors to his adopted regions. The presentation follows his natural progression from adventure to landscape

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## Malmesbury Singers

Malmesbury Singers are enjoying polishing the notes of their Christmas carols for their annual concert in Malmesbury Abbey on Saturday 3 December at 7.30pm. They are singing some beautiful pieces, some you will know and some will be new. There is even some audience participation! Also included are four songs by Bob Chilcott, the former King's Singer, who led a workshop in Malmesbury this spring. Songs my Heart has Taught Me are uplifting and passionate and we know you will enjoy these too. Tickets are limited though so we suggest you buy them soon: Adults £15, Students/Children £5, available from [www.malmesburysingers.co.uk](http://www.malmesburysingers.co.uk), choir members or in the Abbey. Please come and join us and get your Christmas season off to a wonderful start!



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# Local recycling and zero waste outlet information

## Recycling Facilities:

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

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

### Soft plastics and batteries:

Tesco Tetbury and Tesco Yate - collection points available in the stores, Midcounties Co-op Sherston also collects soft plastics

### Batteries/light bulbs:

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

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

### Clothes and Shoes Collection Point :

Wiltshire Air Ambulance - Sherston Village Hall Car Park

### Ink Cartridges:

Sherston High Street Telephone Box

### Dental items:

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

## Zero Waste Shops:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Zero Waste online services:

**Milk and More** ([www.milkandmore.co.uk](http://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](http://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](http://www.getdizzie.com)): online zero waste grocery service

**Abel & Cole** ([www.abelandcole.co.uk](http://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

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# Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Please note all events and groups listed here below might not have started back yet or might be held virtually due to COVID-19 Corona Virus – please check first.

## Sherston

**Sherston 1016** Fundraising for local good causes and charities. For further details, contact [sherston1016@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:stuart@pulse4life.co.uk) or [www.pulse4life.co.uk](http://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](mailto:sherstonbabytoddlers@gmail.com) or like us on Facebook for regular updates [www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Kirsty on [Kirsty.strachan@icloud.com](mailto:Kirsty.strachan@icloud.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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:join@sherstonscouts.org.uk) to obtain an application form

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

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

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

Alternating Mondays 7.30pm, Bible Study or Prayer Group, also via Zoom. Contacts: Minister - Rev Andrew Williams Tarling - [awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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 - [alicjclark076@gmail.com](mailto:alicjclark076@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](mailto:cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk) or visit the website [www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [smyhtanya@hotmail.com](mailto:smyhtanya@hotmail.com) or visit [www.sherstonwalks.org.uk](http://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](mailto:nikiwalden-forestschool@hotmail.co.uk)

**Fresh Air Fitness** Total body outdoor workout for all levels (beginners to advanced) on Sherston Rec Mon & Fri 9 - 10am. Info: [www.pulse4life.co.uk](http://www.pulse4life.co.uk) Stuart 07986 003602 or [stuart@pulse4life.co.uk](mailto: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 [russelltownsend@gmail.com](mailto:russelltownsend@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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.sherston.org.uk). Further details contact the Clerk at [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 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](http://sherstonvelo.cc) or email [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 [mpholland@btinternet.com](mailto:mpholland@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)

**Sherston W.I.** (Founded 1940) Meetings on first Thurs of the month May–Sep at 7.30pm and Nov – Apr at 2.30pm - all in the British Schoolroom. Jan & Oct alternative arrangements. Visitors always most welcome £4. Further information: Secretary 841421, [sherstonwi@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonwi@gmail.com) or facebook [sherstonwi](https://www.facebook.com/sherstonwi)

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

## Outside Sherston

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

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](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

**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](http://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](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

### 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](https://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](https://www.facebook.com/malmesburymorris) or [www.malmesburymorris.org.uk](http://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](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

### 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.

**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 due to COVID19

## The Angel Café with Rooms

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## 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](mailto:info@thebridge.restaurant) for more details or for the menus, visit [www.thebridge.restaurant/sherston/](http://www.thebridge.restaurant/sherston/)

## The Rattlebone Inn

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## The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

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## 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

**Remembrance Service** Sun 13 Nov Open air service planned - Please be take your place by 10.45. The service will start at 10.55 with the 2 minutes silence at 11am Those with wheelchairs and mobility scooters should use them. Church Street will be closed to traffic from 10am - 12noon, diversions will be in place along Sandpits Lane, Green Lane, and Court Street.

### Sherston Church Bazaar

Sat 3 Dec from 12 noon with homemade soups and filled rolls in the Village Hall in aid of the Church of the Holy Cross. Raffle and tombola, also stalls including gifts, cakes and produce. Starts at 12 noon with homemade soup and rolls, raffle and tombola, stalls including cakes, produce and Christmas gifts. Please bring any donations to the Village Hall at 10 am or beforehand to the church.

### Sherston Christmas Tree Festival

Christmas Trees are back again this Advent with our grateful thanks to the team at Hortico, all decorated in interesting and unique ways (including some very eco decorations from Sustainable Sherston! For more information please email [pricesuzanne@icloud.com](mailto:pricesuzanne@icloud.com)

## Sherston Life Book Launch

Nick Burrridge's 160 page book featuring just over 700 photographs. All profits from its sale will go to the Village Hall Fund. Friday, 25 6pm -10pm. A cash bar will be available. All are welcome. The Exhibition will continue throughout Saturday and Sunday from 10am until 6pm – please come along.

Activities included in the book - Sherston Boules Days, Sherston Drama Group, Sherston Community Choir, Sherston Velo, Sherston Magna Cricket Club, Sherston Tennis Club, Sherston Arts Festival (Advent Windows and Scarecrow Trail), Sherston Town Football Club, Tug of War, Mangold Hurling, Bell Ringers, Open Gardens, Allotments, Gardening Club, Platinum Jubilee, Re-enactment of the Battle of Sherston, Probus and images of the Church and the Village surroundings.

## Sherston Congregational Church –

### Activities in The British Schoolroom

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

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

'Angel Teas' are 2- 3.30pm 8 & 22 Nov, 6 & 20 Dec Admin/Bookings - Alicja Clark - [alicjaclark076@Qmail.com](mailto:alicjaclark076@Qmail.com) Brick Club - Please register your interest with Alicja by email or find us on Facebook.

## Churches Together Soup Lunch

The Sherston churches (Congregational, Holy Cross and Methodist churches) are hosting a soup lunch on the first Mon of the month from 12 till 2pm in the British School Room and each month will support a different charity.

## Sherston's Gardening Club

**Talk: Medicinal Herbs in the Garden** by Caroline Sheldrick 14 Nov

Homemade refreshments, Raffle, Plant Sales and Identifications. Gardeners' Question Time etc.

Gardening club meets in the British School Rooms 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.

Date for your diary: **Malvern Spring Show 2023:** Fri 12 May - coach to depart from the High Street. Please let us know if you wish to reserve a seat (£10 deposit will be needed.). Non-members are welcome, first come, first served. [sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com) for more details.



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**Workshop: Thurs 3 Nov Sugarcraft**

**Talk: Thurs 1 Dec My Life in Fashion – Goug Wilcox**

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

## Sherston Senior Club

**Talk: Graham Morris, his Life and Times part two Nov 1**

**Talk: Marie Cormack** former PA to the Duchess of Kent recollects her stories

**Entertainment: the Jaybirds** will sing Nov 29

Visitors are always welcome, £2per visit. Please contact Helen Quirk to book a place on the Mystery tour or for any further information. 840516

## Sherston Drama Group

### Murder is Served

Our next production will be a murder mystery evening on 19 Nov, performing 'Murder is Served' by Jo West in Sherston Village Hall. Agatha Christie meets Fawley Towers as the audience find themselves guests at cantankerous Clarissa's surprise party. However all is not as it seems and murder is committed. With excitement, intrigue and foul play - trickery is afoot and the audience must help to solve the mystery. Tickets are £10/£8.50 concessions, with the ticket price including light nibbles. Bring cash or card for the bar! Tickets available from Sherston Co-op (cash only)

## S.O.S.C.I.C AGM

28 Nov 7pm British School Room - 10 years on and the community investment is going strong and producing good returns which are helping to fund other community projects, like the contribution to the Village Hall project.

## Knockdown

**The Holford Arms**

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

## Luckington

**The Old Royal Ship**

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

## Luckington Children's Playground Charity Bonfire Night

Nov 5 Free entrance – Hot Dogs Hot Chocolate Mulled Wine & Beer from 6pm, Bonfire lit at 6.30 Children's fireworks 7pm Main fireworks 7.30pm.

## Luckington Community School Open Morning

Fri 11 Nov 9.15-11.30am If you are considering primary places for Sept 2023 then drop in to Luckington Community School to meet students, staff, governors and have a tour of the facilities - Come and see what opportunities a smaller school can offer your child. For further details contact 840297 or admin@luckington.wilts.sch.uk

**Remembrance Service** for Luckington and Alderton will be held on Luckington Playing Field on Sun 13 Nov from 10:50. All are welcome at this outdoor ceremony. A collection will be taken for the Royal British Legion. After the service there will be a tree-planting ceremony. The tree, dedicated to our late Queen, will form part of the Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy project. A Royal British Legion plaque will be installed next to it.

## Luckington Children's Playground Charity 60th Anniversary Dinner

Luckington village hall on 19 Nov 7pm – midnight. 3 course dinner and all drinks £45 from the Old Royal Ship.

## Westonbirt

### The Arboretum

**The Enchanted Christmas** Set out on the illuminated trail and discover a magical world of breath-taking light spectacles and interactive displays amongst the trees! See website for dates and tickets – advance purchase only

General admission by booked entry slot only even for members till mid Nov. For further details call 880220 or visit [www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt)

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### Movies@Malmesbury

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

### Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

### Malmesbury Live Arts

**Andy Nowak Trio** Fri 4 Nov, The Kings Arms  
**The Long Players Madonna**, Matinee, Sat 25 Nov, 3pm  
**Xmas Comedy**, Fri 16 Dec, The Kings Arms  
**Red Priest**, Sat 28 Jan, Malmesbury Abbey

### 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

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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 24 Nov **Exploring the Italian Dolomites and Iceland** – an unexpected career in photography and guidebook writing (Zoom) - James Rushworth

Thurs 15 Dec 3pm - **The Fool's Gold Christmas Show!** (Zoom) - Carol and Steve Robson

Non -members welcome. 50p donation. Up-to-date list of groups and other information at [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk) For more information about membership e-mail [membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk)

### Malmesbury Singers

**Christmas concert in Malmesbury Abbey** on Dec 3 in Malmesbury Abbey. Email: [joinus@malmesburysingers.co.uk](mailto:joinus@malmesburysingers.co.uk)

### Didmarton Flicks in the Sticks

**Top Gun: Maverick (2022)** – Drama Fri 11 Nov  
£5 on the door. Hall opens at 6.30pm with a cash bar, film at 7.30pm. Didmarton Village Hall For further details or to book a seat call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or [jenny.body@btconnect.com](mailto:jenny.body@btconnect.com)

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**Long Newnton** Beaufort Christmas Fair  
Tues 22 Nov 9.30am-8pm £7.50 children under 16 free.  
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[www.beaufortchristmasfair.co.uk](http://www.beaufortchristmasfair.co.uk)

**Crudwell** North Wilts Villages Flower Club  
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](mailto:nwvflowerclub@gmail.com) or visit <https://northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk> Facebook page – North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club.

**Wotton-Under-Edge**  
The 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. For further details call 01453 844601 or visit [www.wottoncinema.com](http://www.wottoncinema.com)

**Cirencester The Barn Theatre**  
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For further details call Box office: 01285 648255 or [boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk) or visit <https://barntheatre.org.uk>

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### Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

[emergency@sherston.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk) (only during an incident)

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### Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes

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