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Thank you for your patience while The Cliffhanger joined us all in lockdown. It's good to be back!

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Big Picnic Weekend

29-30 AUGUST 2020
ON THE VILLAGE HALL FIELD



August Bank Holiday (29 & 30) Sherston will be home to the Big Picnic Weekend.

An opportunity for people to come out to Thompsons Field, next to the Village Hall, sit out, have a picnic and listen to an eclectic programme of artists.

Using 'socially distanced' bubbles, we will create a relaxed environment where people can be together without being too close. Family groups, social and friend groups up to six adults and four children can use each bubble and if your other friends are happy to do so you can move between bubbles but you have to be aware that many people wish to remain careful.

This is about our village so the Rattlebone and Carpenters Arms are both providing a bar, the Courtyard Café will serve hot drinks and ice cream,

any money left will go to the Village Hall and the Boules Committee.

On a seven metre stage over two days, you could see The Daybreakers, Gouldie, The Tribe, Will Lawton, Barney Kenny, Kim Keeble, Chloe Foy plus many others, but most importantly you could sit outside with your family and have a picnic!

Due to some kind sponsors not taking their bubble allocation, we still have availability on both days.

There will be no 'on the door' sales due to Track & Trace requirements.

If you want to join in the fun, reserve your own private space here: <https://bigpicnic2020.eventbrite.co.uk/>

John Burgess

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: 5-6 September

The event which should have taken place in June has been rescheduled. A number of garden owners have kindly agreed to open their gardens, even though most would say that September is not as good as June for colour and variety. Nevertheless it is great that we can go ahead after such a difficult time for everyone and particularly those who have hardly been out for months. We are all aware of 'social distancing' now and we should keep that in mind while visiting the gardens. Those who wish to bring their own hand sanitiser should do so. Tea and cakes will be available in the church.

Tickets will be in the form of a trail map around the village, which is £6 per person. These will be on sale

outside the Post Office from 10.00am on Saturday morning and from 12.00noon from the church.

There will be a plant stall at the church so if you are dividing perennials, please pot them up for sale and bring them on Saturday morning. If anyone would like to make a cake, please bring on the day.

All proceeds from the weekend go towards maintenance and upkeep of our lovely Church of the Holy Cross. Income has been severely depleted with the loss of collections and fundraising events over the last six months, and we have all missed the opportunities for socialising for which our village is well known.

Tolsey Times

...And what times we are having.

The coronavirus has affected us all, to lesser or greater degrees, and although the burden of illness has been low in this area it has caused a significant increase in anxiety levels and this has sometimes stopped people seeking timely medical help or advice. We ARE still running the usual GP services at the Tolsey and you should still contact us if you have health concerns. Do not put off seeking help until things return to 'normal'.

The surgery, like everyone else, has been affected by new rules and guidance on how to deal with the effects of the pandemic. Thankfully, we are in an area that has seen relatively fewer cases but that does not mean for one minute we should relax our guard. So, what are we doing specifically?

Total Triage

Under current NHS guidance, we are continuing a total triage for GP appointments which means no face-to-face appointments can occur without the prior

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What's On: contact Caroline Moore at
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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.

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

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screening by a GP. This is both for urgent and non-urgent issues.

Many services such as routine blood tests, blood pressures and family planning are being reintroduced by our nursing staff. You may have a screening phone call prior to your appointment to check you are well, with no symptoms of Covid 19 prior to attending the surgery.

What difference does this make? By reducing the footfall dramatically through the surgery, by screening patients, by use of PPE both for patients and staff we are keeping the risk of infection with Covid as low as possible. It also means we have fewer available appointments – we have cleaning between each patient, all the communal areas and changing PPE, all this takes time.

Dispensary

We appreciate your patience in adaptations to the ordering and collecting of medications. If you are happy to be sent a text when your prescription is ready, please make sure we have an up-to-date mobile number; it saves our staff a huge amount of time if they can text rather than phone.

The neighbourhood volunteers have done a fantastic job helping our elderly and shielded patients with medication drops and, as the shielding rules have lifted, many of our patients are now collecting prescriptions themselves. If you are someone who still needs to shield, and do not have a neighbour or relative to collect for them, please let us know.

Staff

Times they are a changing ...

We are very pleased to welcome Melanie and Michelle to our Dispensing and Reception team. They are both undergoing induction and training 'in house' so please give them a big smile especially if they are looking or sounding flustered (we can still smile over the phone, can't we?).

Goodbye to Grace who has worked with us for nearly a year. She is due to start medicine at Sheffield in September so is taking some well-earned time off before she starts.

More Goodbyes

Behind the scenes, for over 10 years, Margaret and Eric Thacker have delivered the monthly medication boxes to our housebound patients. This was a voluntary position, and they have continued through ice, fog and power cuts without a single complaint. We are hugely grateful for their service with a smile, and we will miss them popping in every month.

Flu Clinics in the VILLAGE HALL

The Tolsey is a wonderful, iconic building, but one thing it lacks is space for social distancing.

For this reason, our flu clinics this year are being held in the Village Hall. We have identified three Saturdays in October/November and are working on a simple, safe and swift service for all those eligible for

a flu vaccine. ALL patients eligible will be sent a letter this year, asking them to attend a particular clinic. We are predicting a very high take-up, and we ask please to help us by reading the letter and attending the clinic you are invited to.



The Government still have to come up with a strategy to allow us to vaccinate the new group of people between 50 and 65. We await further details before we can look at how we can deliver this extra service.

Covid 19 Update

As suspected, there are waves of increased cases around the world, and nationally, as rules are relaxed. Figures released from a new study suggest that both swab and antibody testing underestimate the extent of coronavirus infections in the population, with at least one in five people infected not showing any symptoms.

So if you have returned from travel abroad, especially off a flight, be considerate to your friends and neighbours, do not think you haven't got Covid just because you feel well, keep your social distance, keep your mask on and avoid seeing anyone who may be at high risk.

The vaccine promised for autumn has not appeared as yet, and when it does will be available initially to the extremely vulnerable and healthcare workers only until the quantity of vaccine required can be manufactured, which may be some time off yet.

If you have not yet downloaded the Covid-19 study app, we would urge you to do so as it contains a wealth of information about the current understanding about the virus. It also enables the researchers (from King's College London) to accurately estimate the prevalence across the UK and they still need as many respondents as possible to keep using it. The app can be downloaded if you search for the 'COVID symptom study' in your app store, or copy this link: <https://covid.joinzoe.com/>

Finally

We are updating our website with a newsletter regularly, and will publish dates of our flu clinics on there as well.

We have signed up to a new self-help App called Doctorlink, which is a diagnostic flow chart to help patients decide whether they need to see a health practitioner, and if so which one. We are currently attaching this via a link to the surgery system, so that if the algorithm suggests a GP or nurse appointment is needed, that request comes straight to us, rather than going through our reception staff.

Doctorlink is available through the App store and shortly through a link on the surgery website: www.tolseysurgery.co.uk.

Any urgent changes – such as our phones going down last week – we update on the Sherston What's occurring facebook page and on our website.

Keep well, keep safe and carry on
All at the Tolsey Surgery

300+ Club: Five draws

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1st	158	Chris Pickthall	£12
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3rd	294	Nikki Brown	£10
4th	278	Fiona Shipsey	£9
5th	6	Phil Jobson	£8
6th	12	Jenny Griffiths	£7
7th	136	Miles Elwell	£6

MAY

1st	62	Patricia Lawrence	£12
2nd	37	Don Bremner	£11
3rd	197	Margaret Hatherall	£10
4th	160	Marion Gee	£9
5th	326	Paul Robbins	£8
6th	232	Peter Knight	£7
7th	27	Lesley Tarrant	£6

JUNE

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5th	165	Viv Hibbard	£8
6th	253	Eric Hine	£7
7th	30	Mark Picton	£6

JULY

1st	298	J Laddle	£12
2nd	156	Paul Jarvis	£11
3rd	192	Graham Hayman	£10
4th	35	Saara Sharman	£9
5th	126	Dave Shephard	£8
6th	168	Suzanne Price	£7
7th	116	Victoria Meheust	£6

AUGUST

1st	103	Doris Saunders	£12
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4th	41	Maggie Towle	£9
5th	287	Martin Evans	£8
6th	320	Jay Dunn	£7
7th	216	Rosemary Mackey	£6

Any queries, please ring Lin Prior on 840846.

Health and Wellbeing

Just a quick word to remind you all that I am around for general help and support on a wide variety of issues including transport, mobility and safety around the home and reducing the feeling of loneliness. Give me a call on 07557 922020 and leave a message. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Ellen Blacker

Health and Wellbeing Champion

Confessions of a Composting Virgin

It all started a few months ago when we needed some compost for the garden. So I fought my way through the mud and the nettles, clambered over the wheelbarrow and peeled away the ivy to find our compost bin which is 'discreetly hidden' behind the shed. It was practically empty because we can't ever get to it to use it. No problem – despite the lockdown we were able to order some compost online and get it delivered (thank you Hortico!).

All of which got me thinking. We put all our garden waste in our green bin and pay the council £50 a year to take it away. And then in the spring we buy compost! This was an expensive bit of laziness simply because we couldn't access our compost bin ...

There was of course an easy fix. I cleared away the weeds and the ivy, relocated the wheelbarrow and promised myself that walking the extra few paces to the compost bin would be worth the sacrifice.

But what could I put in now that I could actually get to it? A quick Google search later and I discovered that with cold composting I can only dump fruit and vegetable scraps, tea bags, egg shells, etc. Meat, fish and cooked food can only be added if I am hot composting.

So ... hot and cold composting? Another Google search later and it turns out that cold composting is very much a 'dump it in a bin / pile and forget it' method. And in a year's time – maybe longer – you will have compost. But by introducing certain factors, such as aeration and the correct ratio of differing waste product, micro-organisms at the centre of the pile will produce an intense heat which will greatly increase the speed of the whole process - you could have compost in as little as a month.

Wiltshire Council is so eager to cut down on food waste (which goes to landfill) that it is willing to subsidise the purchase of a 'hot' composting bin

for its residents. This led me on to the 'Great Green Systems' website - <https://www.greatgreensystems.com/>. Here, I found that as a Sherston resident (all I had to do was type in my postcode), I could purchase a 'Green Johanna' hot composting bin with a kitchen food waste caddy for £50 (including delivery) instead of £128.

So we have had our 'Green Johanna' for about a month now. I initially filled it with the correct recommended layers and ratios to start the process with the garden waste I had been saving and got it to about the $\frac{3}{4}$ full mark. This worried me. However, despite adding to it constantly - including daily food waste – the level hasn't raised in the slightest. And when I give it a stir I can feel the heat it is giving off, so the hot composting process is definitely working.

We had a minor problem with fruit flies in the bin which was instantly solved by giving it a stir. But other than that all is going well. This will hopefully save some money and although the environmental impact may be minimal it is certainly a step in the right direction ...

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Collecting Crabapples for Charity!

This autumn, Malmesbury-based condiment maker, Tracklements, is asking the local community to don their wellies, take a walk in the countryside and start collecting crabapples for a terrific cause!

Tracklements is partnering with Sherston's Primary School as well as its Guides, Brownies, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers to collect crabapples which the local company then turns into English Crabapple Jelly. Beautifully golden, rich, and fruity – it's the perfect partner for strong Cheddar cheese and divine in a roast pork roll!

Tracklements gives the groups 50p for every kilogram of crabapples donated, and a further 25p from the sale of every jar sold nationwide. If you donated crabapples or bought a jar of English Crabapple Jelly last year, you helped raise over £750 for Sherston School! Thank you very much!

Alongside making sensational jelly, the Crabapple Project is also a great way to teach Sherston's young people about the provenance of their food by teaching them the process from tree to jar, as well as using up fruit which may otherwise go to waste. Crabapples are 'wild' apples and can often be found in British hedgerows, nestled amongst other trees.

If you have any crabapples you won't be using and would like to support the children of Sherston, Tracklements would love them! All you need to



do is drop them off at Tracklements, Whitewalls, Easton Grey, SN16 0RD (Tel: 827044, open 9am-5pm Monday-Friday) between 20 August and 30 September.

To view the full range and find out more about the project, visit www.tracklements.co.uk.



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to worldwide critical acclaim (or at least a half decent review in next month's Clifly) we would love to raise £500 for Sherston School's exciting new outdoor learning area. So dash over to the FSS GoFundMe page (www.gofundme.com/f/sherston-school-outdoor-classroom), spend a few pennies for a wonderful cause, and the minute we reach the £500 mark we will release the footage. You have been warned!

Tetbury Music Festival: Statement from the Chairman and the Festival Director

It is with great regret that the Trustees of the Tetbury Music Festival announce the cancellation of this year's Tetbury Music Festival, 26 September - 4 October.

The continuing impact of the Covid-19 virus and the ongoing uncertainty around government recommendations for concert halls, live performances and social distancing, have forced us to accept that we cannot go ahead as planned with the schedule of performances from Iestyn Davies and Thomas Dunford, Benjamin Grosvenor and Hyeyoon Park, the Eusebius Quartet, Manu Brazo, and the Orchestra of St John's.

This is a great disappointment to us all and especially to our dedicated and supportive audiences.

However, the situation is constantly evolving and Tetbury Music Festival will continue to monitor it closely so as to remain flexible and responsive. Should

restrictions change and live music become possible closer to the autumn, we will make every effort to bring it to Tetbury.

We remain in close contact with the wonderful musicians whose work we are all so longing to hear live again and we are committed to the ethos of the Tetbury Music Festival which is to bring to this part of the world the very finest music.

In the meantime, with the help of our loyal supporters, we are working to offer some financial support to the musicians whose livelihoods have been so impacted by the effects of the Coronavirus.

Plans are well advanced for the Festival in 2021, and we encourage all our supporters to remain in touch with us via our website (www.tetburymusicfestival.org), Facebook and Twitter for updates and news.

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Tetbury Hospital supported the NHS fight against Covid-19 by lending lifesaving equipment to a frontline hospital. Our Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) and X-ray services have remained open as usual, helping take pressure off the major NHS trauma centres.

However, Covid-19 has now pitched us into uncertainty and as we slowly and safely reopen services it is becoming increasingly clear that the protective measures we must take to keep people safe are significant and very costly.

It will not be possible to see as many patients during a clinic as before and the cost of PPE is rising significantly. Additionally, in line with guidance to maintain patient safety and social distancing, we have relocated our MIU to another area of the hospital that has its own entrance. We also need to increase our staffing levels to manage the new clinical processes and to ensure that additional cleaning is undertaken in all areas, and in each consulting room, after every patient.

Funding that was available to us from the NHS before Covid-19 will be insufficient to cover our costs and the funding shortfall is bound to increase. It is vital that we navigate our way through these turbulent times to ensure that we can continue to care for you, your family and future generations.

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Calcot C19 Dinners – Sherston Allocation stats



At the beginning of lockdown, Calcot Manor Hotel decided not to take the opportunity to furlough their chefs but to keep all of them on.

With the hotel and restaurants shut, the chefs' time was spent producing free meals for Malmesbury, Tetbury and some of the surrounding villages, including Sherston.

We were fortunate to receive nearly 500 of these meals over the period. The description below is a fascinating insight into the wide scope of both the recipients and their circumstances.

We owe huge thanks to Calcot, its staff and the generosity of the Stone family, Calcot's owners, as well as to those who administered the whole village scheme and to the volunteers who collected and distributed all the meals.

When

30 days (Monday, Wednesday and Fridays) from 6 April until 12 June

What

The Sherston crate contained 489 dinners for Sherston to allocate

14 meals on 1 day

15 meals on 19 days

19 meals on 10 days

Collected and delivered to the recipients (along with Heal's meals to Shipton Moyne and Luckington) primarily by Nic Fisher, and regularly by Suzie Power and young son Oscar and Martin Smith and once by Caroline Moore.

Who

219 different people in Sherston, Pinkney, Easton Grey, Willesley and an exceptional case in Luckington received a meal from Calcot Manor:

76 single people

45 couples

10 families

Plus 33 dinners to the hard-working staff at the Tolsey and Sherston Stores and two to Sherston Eggs.

Why

On top of the dinners brightening up lives during lockdown for those self-isolating feeling a bit lonely or

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down, those missing their families and friends, those shielding, the Calcot-hug was greatly appreciated at the most opportune moment by:

2 fathers of three whose young wives passed away with cancer during lockdown

5 families or couples caring for a family member undergoing cancer treatment – including one diagnosed with childhood leukaemia just before lockdown

A single parent of two young children, diagnosed with cancer during lockdown

3 elderly single people with a new cancer diagnosis

3 over 75s who broke limbs wrists / arms during lockdown and found cooking hard that week

6 who'd just come out of hospital

5 recently bereaved (in the last four months) and many more widowed in the last year

1 frontline care home worker on 10-day stints and young family to feed

1 self-employed couple with young family, no work, and mother-in-law with terminal cancer care

Some self-employed families waiting to get govt help just needing a little lift

A fit over-70s couple whose beloved dog passed away during lockdown

A couple who'd just moved to Sherston from America and early on in lockdown had their family home broken into.



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And quite a few more positive cases were helped too, including:

A 94-year-old lady doing well with self-isolating, but this would be a treat for her. She has been going to Calcot for years for family parties, lunch, author visits, etc, so it would be the closest thing to getting her there!

Some self-isolating elderly who met friends for meals out / special occasions at Calcot / even one's husband's wake at Calcot – all loving the Calcot-hug

A daughter nominated her Mum for a 70th special meal as her Dad is officially useless – her words

Someone back from working 30 nights solid fitting out the Nightingale Wales hospital – then back to Sherston in seven days self-isolation

A lady who looks after all her neighbours throughout the year and is always to help anyone although she doesn't have good health herself

A 19-year-old training to be a nurse now redeployed to working on COVID19 ward, seeing horrors so young and on minimum wage

2 young couples back from hospital with their first newborns on their first night at home.

Those who can from Sherston have said how much they are looking forward to a celebration meal in the Gumstool or Conservatory.

Thank you all so very much.

Tetbury Bookkeeper

Philippa Lark

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Allotments in Lockdown, by Heather Martin

Open 10.30am to 5.00pm on Saturday and 12.30pm to 5.00pm on Sunday, this event replaces the Flying Monk Arts Trail.

A small group of local artists have been busy during the last several months producing work in a variety of media. Some of this particularly reflects the lockdown, when we were all restricted in so many ways. Some of us were inspired by our immediate locality on our daily walks, others referred to holidays and happy memories.

Showing work are two painters in various media, Gill Ashley and Jenny Riley; Gloria Pugh will show textiles; and Heather Martin will show textiles and drawings.

The allotments have looked better than ever before, as people had so much time on their hands. The season has been captured at regular intervals by photographer Liz Cooper and filmmaker Tea Smart who will show the record they have made.

Guest exhibitor – potter Christopher White

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Sherston Memories

I have just read with interest Cilla Liddington's 'A village history', and found my hardly recognisable mug shot on page 38. It set me thinking. I was 15 when that was taken and it was at that camp that I took decisions that determined the rest of my life.

Post-war Sherston was in many respects a kind of hybrid between Laurie Lee's *Cider with Rosie* and *Under Milk Wood* by Dylan Thomas. It is almost unrecognisable from the village of today. The posh kids all went to private schools and weren't around much. They were all destined to get good jobs anyway and were discouraged from associating with us ruff village erks. The rest of us were either destined for the farms or the building and maintenance trades. If you made grammar school then an engineering apprenticeship was a possibility down at the Echo works in Malmesbury. I never fancied that. Working inside a factory held no appeal. It was Charlie Dyson that pointed me to a way out. If you stay on at school and take your O Levels and then do A's you could apply for training as a teacher. This was not appealing either. I was yet to do my O Levels let alone A's and my school record to date was mixed at best. My parents would let me stay on and do O Levels making great sacrifice but A Level? Charlie's master stroke was standing between us in that photograph on Page 38.

Skipper Charlie asked Alan Evans to join us at camp and he was able to make the experience he got as part of his training as a P.E. teacher at Loughborough College. Over the campfire at night Alan told us of his marvellous adventures whilst at Loughborough. Work did not come into it. It was sport, more sport, parties and girls and a professional qualification at the end of it. So this was the reward for spending two years serving Queen and country after leaving school? So this is how the other half lived I thought, and a job for life too, doing what I have always wanted to do, and one my father unintentionally was doing his best to stop me from. Dad saw me as an apprentice carpenter and a potential Lay Preacher. There was no way I was going down that road. He had been denied a grammar school education himself so he was happy that I could go to the grammar. Returning from camp to Sherston, I spoke to the skipper and he agreed to speak to my parents. My mother became an enthusiastic ally and we would wait to see what kind of O Levels I could get. Now it was up to me. I had one year left and a lot of catching up to do to prove that I was good enough. I resolved to change my ways and take my studies seriously. Thus an unofficial contract was made. I would get my O Levels and if successful go on to A's then apply to Loughborough College. I spent the rest of the summer break working a 52-hour week in the building industry. At last I had motivation to succeed.

Kenneth Wilcox

God Bless the NHS:

The People's Army who defend the sick

The National Health Service is our army to defend the sick, and we rely on it today more than ever before. Everybody knows that it came into existence as a result of the political ideals of Nye Bevan, but most probably do not know how those ideals became a reality. The family history and motivation of the leading medic at the time, Hugh Lett, is one which is particularly relevant in the midst of our present COVID-19 crisis.

Hugh Lett was born in 1876, served as a surgeon in the military hospitals on the Western Front in World War I, and was appointed President of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1938. In 1946, he was appointed President of the British Medical Association, and thus was in office when the extensive work took place to turn Nye Bevan's ideal into an effective health service.

The creation of a People's Army to defend the sick was something very close to Hugh's heart. In 1854, Hugh's grandfather, Dr Richard Lett, aged 39, was the village GP in Silverstone, Northamptonshire, a village not dissimilar to Sherston in those days. He was therefore very much in the front line when the village was struck in that year by a highly contagious illness which the medical profession did not yet understand; its name was cholera. It was brought to the village by a maidservant returning from a distant town to visit her widowed mother. Unknowingly, she was carrying cholera and quickly passed it on to others in Silverstone. The disease swept through the village. There was no vaccine. Dr Lett set about his work with compassion, energy and enthusiasm, hoping to find some cure for cholera. Eventually, Dr Lett caught the disease and died on 12 September, leaving a widow and five young children.

The village recovered and regenerated. Dr Lett's widow brought up his children, and his only son also became a doctor and practised as a GP. He had eight children, the eldest of whom, Hugh Lett, followed his father and grandfather into medicine.

It was against that family background that Hugh Lett worked with the politicians to create the National Health Service. He knew only too well what the consequences of a lethal epidemic could be, and how much the people of this country needed the defence they now have. When Sir Hugh Lett, Bt [as he then was] died in 1964, his obituary included the following: 'His wise statesmanship proved invaluable to the profession and the nation in preparing for the start of the National Health Service.'

The message of history, and that of Silverstone in 1854, is that we will come through this sad and depressing time. COVID-19 is not the first devastating mystery illness to strike us. We will grieve those who we lose or have lost, but life will go on. We must think of the future, and of the hope that our children and grandchildren will grow up, have happy lives, and go on to great things. Richard Lett died on the front line, but his grandson Hugh went on to help to create the National Health Service.



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Please don't worry if you have any borrowed items from our libraries which were due back during this period of closure, they will be renewed automatically, and we will not be issuing any fines or charges.

Wiltshire Libraries very much remain open digitally. If you have internet access you can still access a wide range of online resources, and even join the library. Just visit <https://libraries.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/arena/join-the-library> to find out more.

You can also follow us on Facebook for the latest library news. You'll find so much information and inspiration for all. For children, we have live rhyme times including our new Multi-Lingual Monday sessions and daily bedtime stories. For adults, we have regular quizzes, book reviews and links to library events including Virtual Tea & Talk sessions.

You can also visit our Wiltshire Libraries YouTube Channel for more rhyme times, stories, author interviews and book chat.

If you have any questions, please email us: libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk

Movies@Malmesbury: Reopening in September

We are delighted to announce that, subject to any changes in government advice, Movies@Malmesbury will be back in September, starting on the 1st with the world-famous operatic tenor Jonas Kaufmann presenting a tribute to the music of Vienna.

Amongst the films lined up for September screenings are the new interpretation of Jane Austen's 'Emma' and Rosamund Pike's critically acclaimed performance as Marie Curie in 'Radioactive'.

At the end of the month, we will be screening a very special event: the premiere of David Attenborough's 'A Life on our Planet'.

All screenings will be limited to a maximum of 30 seats and all tickets must be purchased in advance of the event, either through our online ticket agency, Usheru, or from the Tourist Information Desk in the Town Hall.

For more details, follow our Facebook page 'MoviesAtMalmesbury' or visit the Malmesbury Town Hall website.

Didmarton's Open Gardens & village cricket: Sunday 30 August

The event will take place from 2.00pm, with parking available at the village hall. Please join us for our charity fundraiser!

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Exciting times for Luckington Pre-School

Childcare provision in North Wiltshire has been bolstered this summer with news that Luckington Community School has taken over the governance and running of the highly successful and much-loved Luckington Pre-School.

This small rural establishment, which is set within the grounds of Luckington School itself, has long been an important part of this thriving village community and has always enjoyed an excellent reputation. Established over 25 years ago, the pre-school has incorporated a Montessori-inspired ethos to encourage imaginative play and foster resilience and challenge in its children. OFSTED rated Luckington Pre-School as 'outstanding' in its most recent inspection.

Luckington Community School is delighted to be able to secure and consolidate the future of the pre-school which will ensure childcare places for approximately 20 children from September 2020.

Historically, there has always been a collaborative relationship between the two educational settings, with the pre-school children utilising the school's outside space and PE facilities. Many children who attend Luckington Pre-School go on to transfer happily to Luckington School and continue their education in this very successful small school where every child is seen as an individual. Luckington School's headmaster David Cook says:

'We are incredibly excited about this new phase for the school and the pre-school. The pre-school has been an important part of our community for many years and by bringing it under school governance, it will continue to give children a fantastic start to their educational journey for many years to come. We know that by working even more closely together we can ensure the best educational and personal outcomes for the children in our community.'

Luckington Pre-School currently has places from September 2020, Monday to Friday. For more information, please contact Luckington Community School directly: admin@luckington.wilts.sch.uk Tel: 840297

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Cricket – An ideal sport for socially distanced times



By now, cricketers up and down this green and pleasant land should be getting into the final few weeks of the season, seeing who will top the averages, win promotion and looking forward to the end of season bash. However, in these unprecedented times, cricket is both at the start, middle and end of its shortened season and cricketers are getting used to a new normal, no exquisite spreads for teas, no dressing room banter and cleaning hands and the ball every 20 minutes or so!

We are so grateful, however, to have any cricket at all! As a few short months ago, cricket - like lots of other sports - thought a summer would go past without the sound of any leather on willow. That could have meant a loss of hundreds or thousands of adults and more importantly children to the sport. Gladly, we now have the nation's summer sport in a Covid-19 secure form and the sound of 'howzat' can be heard from Pinkney Park once more.

So, what for Sherston Magna CC...? Since 4 July when cricket could return, there has been an explosion of cricket activity at our picturesque ground. Senior cricket has a shortened league season with no promotion and relegation and Sunday friendly matches are played most weekends. Junior matches are in full swing and it is great to see so many children at training nights. On Wednesday 12 August, Sherston hosted its first ever county match where Wiltshire U12s hosted their neighbours Gloucestershire in their season opener. It was a great to see so many junior cricketers enjoying our sport.

Fancy taking part? Then contact cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk for more information or visit our website www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk.



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WI Report

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The local WI, like all those in the country has been unable to meet for its normal monthly meetings with speakers since March. Various Wiltshire WIs that we know about have been holding virtual meetings and, in the good weather, garden meetings with strict social distancing. In Sherston we have several members who have been self-isolating for many weeks but we have been keeping them informed about lectures and talks provided by the Wiltshire Federation and Denman College, the WI's very own college which is closed at the moment but is offering virtual courses, some for as little as £5. On 15 July, it was possible to learn more about Adelaide Hoodless, a Canadian and co-founder of the WI in the 1850s.

Back in May, all WIs in the country should have been voting on which Resolution out of six put forward by different WIs they would like to take forward to put before the Government for action. The final vote normally takes place at the Annual Meeting, which of course had to be cancelled this year and prevented the usual resolution process being completed. The National Federation Board decided that the most democratic way forward, taking into account time and resource constraints, was to adopt the two resolutions – A call to increase potential stem cell donor registration and To End Modern Slavery – that had attracted such a clear majority from members - over 70%.

The Wiltshire Federation Annual Meeting in October is now scheduled to take place as a virtual meeting but we do hope to be able to restart our monthly meetings in the Village Hall before too long. In the meantime, the committee has been holding Zoom monthly meetings and the President has been keeping in touch with our members with a weekly letter.

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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

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

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.

Move it or Lose it! Exercise for over 60s New, fun, social exercise class (no exercises performed lying down) on Mondays at 10.30am from 10 Feb in The British School Rooms. Suitable both men & women. All abilities. Everyone welcome. 1st class free. Book your place with Emma: 07843 256081 emma.cope@moveitorloseit.co.uk www.moveitorloseit.co.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

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

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

Sherston Village Hall Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, parties etc. For details Chris and Tony Weedon 841377 or email dogleg3@gmail.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

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 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

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

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

Easton Grey Parish Church See Parish Life for details of services

Friends in Grief (FIG) A community run café where all people who are bereaved are welcome. Every Tues from 2-4pm at Riverside Community Centre (next to big Co-op) in Malmesbury (SN16 9JS). Free of charge and no need to book – come along and meet others experiencing similar thoughts and feelings.

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

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

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

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

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 or visit www.luckingtonpreschool.org.uk

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

For details see www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

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

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

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

Malmesbury Film Society

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

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

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

Sherston

The Big Picnic Weekend

29-30 Aug A weekend of Covid-safe lazing in the sun on the Village Hall Field, with outdoor bars run by local hostellers The Rattlebone and the Carpenter Arms, tea and cake run by The Courtyard Café and a dazzling array of music from 18 fantastic acts.

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

The Rattlebone Inn

Takeaways available including Sunday lunches, Wood fired Pizza Oven, outdoor dining
Check boards for more details of events
For further details call 840871 or follow on Twitter or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk

The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

Now serving takeaway coffees, tea and herbal infusions and homemade cakes in Tucks Yard. Coffee from RAVE roasters in Cirencester, Pukka teas, sandwiches, soup, breakfast bacon butties

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 outdoor seating amongst the Christmas trees growing for next year - dog friendly
Further details on Facebook or visit www.horti.co.uk

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

In Sherston Every fortnight on Saturdays
10.30am – 12.45pm
Sherston High Street

For further details call clerk@sherston.org.uk or mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk or visit <https://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/Library/Stop/65>

Church of the Holy Cross - Church events

See Church Noticeboard for details of services and events

For further details call Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or Susan Harvey <susan.harvey055@gmail.com>

Harvest Supper usually early Sept in the Church of the Holy Cross

For further details call Pat Whitehouse 840640, or Heather Martin 840375 or visit

Open Gardens Trail in aid of Church of the Holy Cross

Sat 5 – Sun 6 Sept – see main section for details. £6 per person. All proceeds go towards the maintenance of Holy Cross Church.

Further details Heather Martin 840375.

Donations of cakes, surplus seedlings, cuttings or divided perennials most welcome

Art in Lockdown: 26-27 Sept

see main section for details British School Room, 10.30am to 5pm (Sat) and 12.30pm to 5pm (Sun)

Sherston Drama Group

Usually there's a Half- term Pantomime in Oct

For further details email sherstondramagroup1@gmail.com

Ride and Stride

Sat 12 Sep - The annual Sponsored Ride and Stride in aid of Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust and your local church - Last year £62,000 was raised Ride (cycle or horse) or walk to as many churches as you can manage during the day and get sponsorship for doing so.
www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk

Rural Arts Wiltshire

For further details call or visit www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk

Knockdown

The Holford Arms

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

Badminton

The Badminton Ride

Sunday 20 September

For further details call or visit

www.badmintonride.com

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Admission by booked entry slot

For further details call 880220 or visit

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

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

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. How to reach the Shed - use the sat nav postcode GL8 8EY

For further details call info@shed-arts.co.uk or visit www.shed-arts.co.uk

Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

Will return – tbc Didmarton Village Hall

For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Will return – tbc to Grittleton Village Hall

For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com or visit www.moviola.org/

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community See website for this month's films. Allocated seating, prebooking essential.

For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com

Cirencester

The Barn Theatre

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

Bath, Stroud, Bristol

Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ the cinema

Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the ROH Covent Garden

Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and many other Cinemas
For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit www.roh.org.uk/cinema

National Theatre

Live

Live and pre recorded screenings from The National Theatre @ the cinema

For further details visit www.ntlive.com

Bath

Theatre Royal Bath plays host to west end productions

For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk



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If you are in immediate danger call 999

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

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

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

Wiltshire Council

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

Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm

Utilities

ELECTRICITY – SSEPD Power track
To report a problem or for information call 105
www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack for a map of faults
0800 072 7282 or 0345 072 1905 from a mobile phone
@SSEPD for updates on twitter

WATER – Bristol Water

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

WATER – Wessex water

www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/
Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

BBC Wiltshire can be heard via:

West Wilts area
(Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge): 104.3FM

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BT fault line	0800 800151
CLARENCE (Highway complaints)	0800 232323
Cllr John Thomson	01666 840785
Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	0207 219 6237
Sherston Parish Council	07790 883503
Sherston School	01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings)	01666 841377
Sherston CoOp PO Stores	01666 840190
Tolsey Surgery	01666 840270
Wiltshire Council	0300 4560100

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