



# THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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## Sherston Old School Community Interest Company



### New Occupiers:

There have been a few changes in occupation at the Old School over the last few months.

James Pyle has left and relocated to his own office in Swan Barton. His unit has been taken over by James Harris' company Mobile Thinking (South) Ltd. Paul Ormiston (Compass Graphic Design) has taken over the unit formerly occupied by Balcony House Cellars, which has in turn allowed Tahiti Van Rooyen (Alliance 121 Counselling) to make use of the ground floor of Pulse Business Software's unit. The full list of our current occupiers is now therefore:

**East Wing:** Midcounties Co-operative

Post office and general store

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Business software solutions and

Alliance 121 Counselling

**Units 2 & 3:** Shear Class Salon

Hairdresser and beauty salon

**Unit 4:** Mobile Thinking (South) Ltd

Many thanks to all of them for their continued support. It is of course they who pay the rent and who therefore provide all the funding needed to manage and maintain the Old School building and indeed the additional funds that can now be used to help a number of good causes around the village.

Following on from last month's article re SOSIC allowing Shear Class to sublet part of its unit for a range of additional services related to beauty therapy, we are advised that to date Shear Class have made arrangements for two additional services: Chloe will offer gel polish manicures and pedicures on Wednesdays and Thursdays; and Rosie will offer holistic and pregnancy massages on Thursdays. Shear Class is keen to attract an even wider range of services. We would encourage anyone interested in taking up this idea to make contact with the Shear Class Management. We wish them every success.

## Sherston Village Hall Update

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VILLAGE HALL

The building project is going on apace and we can all see now that it is going to be a wonderful addition to our much-loved Village Hall.

The committee has received questions and comments about its completion so we would like to answer some of the queries.

The stonework looks very bright at the moment but it will mellow and weather in time, not to completely match the original tithe barn, at least not for several hundred years, but it is genuine Cotswold stone.

However, using genuine stone tiles on the new roof would have been prohibitively expensive. They will instead be good quality, reconstituted stone tiles, as seen on many buildings in the area.

The original architect's drawings showed that the large windows and doors of the entrance would be oak framed. However, when a new architect was appointed to produce detailed working drawings, he recommended that we have painted aluminium frames, which are low maintenance, lighter and more elegant, and also cheaper than oak. The committee thinks that they will be a great success, draughtproof and easy to look after, and it is hoping to replace the kitchen and small hall windows to match. The same type of windows and doors will be installed into the opening into the main hall, which will make a huge difference to the look and feel of the building.

The committee is aware that these changes may not be what some people were anticipating, however rest assured that every decision has been carefully considered in view of usability, cost and aesthetics, and the result will be a building to be proud of. The project is well on track to be completed by the end of November, and in the meantime, the small hall and main hall can be used pretty much as normal.

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# Urgent help still needed

An opportunity to help Sherston Parish Council's newsletter - The Cliffhanger - has arisen. We need urgent help with maintaining the advertising.

Adverts in the Cliffhanger have subsidised the printing costs (the only expense) for the Parish Council for the last 14 years.

The set-up is now in a very tidy state so it would be easy for a new volunteer to take over. You would be given a brief on how it works and be making a great contribution to keeping Sherston and the surrounding villages informed of the Parish Council's activities and all the social events that we are lucky to have nearby.

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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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# Collecting crabapples for a good cause!



This September, local condiment maker Tracklements is encouraging 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 school and youth groups to collect crabapples which it will then turn 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. Over the last couple of years, this project has helped raise around £2,000 so, if you donated crabapples or bought a jar of English Crabapple Jelly, thank you very much!

Alongside making sensational jelly, the Crabapple Project is 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 9.00am-5.00pm Monday-Friday) between Thursday 1 and Friday 30 September. Alternatively, if you have any crabapples that you are unable to collect but would be happy for some of the local children to come and collect, please contact Sarah Nelson on 07810 511954 or on [sarahjnelson1@outlook.com](mailto:sarahjnelson1@outlook.com)

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

# Reporting issues to Wiltshire Council



The Parish Council is contacted on a fairly regular basis by residents raising issues regarding highways, footpaths and signage, but did you know that you can report issues yourself directly to Wiltshire Council through either online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting) or by downloading the MyWilts App on your smartphone and logging in from there.

## What is MyWilts?

MyWilts is an online tool enabling you to book services and report issues to Wiltshire Council simply, quickly and easily. The services available include reporting road and street issues, fraud and trading standards in the Wiltshire Council area.

## How does it work?

You can choose to set up an account online, or download the app from the App Store. Issues can be logged anonymously if you prefer. Once you have reported an issue, you will be given a reference number and will be able to track progress online.

When reporting, you can provide the location of the issue, a description of the issue and even add a photograph if you have one.

So, what issues can you report? The list is pretty comprehensive and the site will provide you with options. Below are some examples of the type of issues you can report (the list is not exhaustive):

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Parking

- Roads, pavements and footpaths - this includes but is not limited to:-
- Bus Stops
- Materials on roads
- Pavement and kerb issues
- Potholes
- Public rights of way – blocked, inaccessible, issues with stiles, crops or the surface itself
- Road drains or manholes – blocked or broken
- Road markings – faded or illegible
- Road signs, bollards or railings – faded, broken, knocked down
- Street lighting
- Rubbish/Recycling
- Trees, hedges and grass – this is an interesting one. If, for example, one of these is sited on council land and is not being maintained, you can contact the council via MyWilts to ask to them to undertake maintenance. If the item is on private land but causing an issue with a public footpath, you can raise with Wiltshire Council who will make contact with the property owner and ask them to undertake the relevant maintenance.

Having used the site, it is very user-friendly and guides you through the type of information Wiltshire Council needs to address any issues you may have identified. Why not give it a go?

Tanya Burgess  
Chair – Sherston Parish Council

# News from the Church of the Holy Cross



## Summer Garden Party

This was held by kind invitation of Zoe and Cliff Metcalfe at No. 1 Thompsons Hill, on Sunday 7 August. It was a beautiful afternoon, the garden, although dry, still had cool shady areas and looked lovely. The music was provided by TakeNote, a very accomplished group of recorder players, and we thank them for their generosity in coming to play for us. Thanks to the Metcalfes and all those who supported the event, proceeds went to support the Church of the Holy Cross.

## Harvest Supper

An advance notice for Sunday 2 October after the 6.00pm service. All welcome, this is a Bring and Share event, see notices nearer the time and sign the list in church if you would like to come.

## Flying Monk Arts Trail

This features over 30 artists and takes place in over 15 venues in and around Malmesbury over the weekend 24 and 25 September, including at the

British School Room, Sherston.

Heather Martin, Gill Ashley and Jenny Riley from Sherston, Gloria Pugh and Shelly Fraser from Luckington will be exhibiting. Come and browse. Opening times are 10.00am to 4.30 pm on Saturday, 11.00am to 5.00pm on Sunday. See the website for details of other venues in Malmesbury and other villages [www.flyingmonkartstrail.co.uk](http://www.flyingmonkartstrail.co.uk)

## Sherston Harvest Supper on Sunday 2 October

This will take place after the 6.00pm Harvest Service and all are welcome, but we would like to know numbers in advance. Please sign the list in church to say if you're coming and if you are able to bring a contribution. We need salads, puddings or savoury dishes like quiches. We supply cold meats, cheeses and jacket potatoes, as well as all crockery, glasses and cutlery. Please bring your own drinks. If you are a single person, maybe share bringing a dish with someone else or just bring yourself! It's £5 per person, pay on the night.



# Back for 2022: Sherston Garage Sale



The Sustainable Sherston Garage Sale is back and is kicking off Sherston's Great Big Green Week on Saturday 24 September (10.00am-3.00pm), together with a mini climate action fair in the village hall.

Sustainable Sherston invites everyone in the village to join our community garage sale - the most effective way to reduce waste is not to create it in the first place - so let's all get together to reuse what already exists in the world.

## How it works...

Anyone in Sherston can take part. This is a great opportunity to declutter your home!

## If you wish to sell...

All sellers are asked to make a £5 donation which will go to Sustainable Sherston for exciting future projects. In exchange, we will promote the sale by posters, articles in the Cliffhanger, maps and through all the local social media channels.

To register as a seller, please contact Joy Smith on 840865 or email [joyclarksmithsherston@gmail.com](mailto:joyclarksmithsherston@gmail.com). Closer to the sale, all households taking part will be added to a map which will be available to download on your devices, or will be available from the Sustainable Sherston stall in the Village Hall on 24 September. There will also be a large version of the map on the noticeboard outside the village hall several days before the sale.

Please have your stall ready for the event at 10.00am on the day.

You may sell whatever you wish whether it be household/garage items, baked goods or plants. If you would like to have a sale but don't have a garage/drive/front garden please email [joyclarksmithsherston@gmail.com](mailto:joyclarksmithsherston@gmail.com) and we can arrange for you to have a stall on the village hall field.

## If you wish to buy...

Simply download the map (or see the map on the noticeboard/collect a map from the village hall) which detail which houses are taking part and enjoy your shopping day.

## Also in the village hall on the day ...

While looking at the Sustainable Sherston stall, the Sherston Gardening Club stall, the Nearly New Towels and Bedding (fully laundered) stall and various other garage sale stalls in the village hall, why not pop into our mini climate action fair where you can discover how you can really make a difference.

# Sherston WI



Our speaker at the July meeting arrived with three very large suitcases. Sara Bottomley, the wife of an army officer is a quilter. Well, she started making patchwork having spied two small hexagon templates whilst she was a student nurse in London. During her nursing career, she moved to various parts of England and continued to become better at quilting.

At 30, she married her army husband and this led to many moves overseas. The first was Cyprus where she joined a quilting class and whilst there made two quilts. Then there was a posting back to England and three different areas. Whilst in England, Sara was working part-time and she also started a quilt for her parents' ruby wedding. Sara's husband's qualifications as a rugby coach and referee gave them the opportunity to go to Westpoint, USA for three years and this was heaven for Sara with so many fabric shops and much equipment available in the States. Next stop was Kuwait where Sara joined a multinational group and where she became the leader of the group which met in her house. Next it was to be Zimbabwe but unfortunately this did not happen and Sara returned to the UK for a year whilst her husband was posted to Kosovo.

After a year, their penultimate posting was to Nairobi where getting around central Nairobi was alarming, with U-turns on motorways, crazy house numbering, etc. Sara joined a quilting group which was run from her house. When she left, her friends each made a sample square in similar materials so that she could put them together onto a quilt. The last posting was to The Falklands - a land of sheep and wool and knitting - no quilting groups but Sara did make herself a quilt whilst there.

Over the years, Sara's skills have moved on from very basic, strictly following patterns to improvising when not sure what to do, to developing her own skills for choosing materials, mixing patterns to the best effect and perfecting her quilting skills. It was a long time before she moved on from hand quilting to machine quilting. Sara showed us wonderful samples as she shared her story and it was a truly fascinating evening. Sara's husband retired some years ago and they now live in Wiltshire.

At the August meeting, members very much enjoyed an in-house general knowledge quiz and at the September meeting we shall be hearing from Hannah Griffin of Sustainable Sherston prior to the Great Big Green Week which runs from 24 September to 2 October. The National Federation of WIs is a member of The Climate Coalition and it's organising the Great Big Green Week.

# Sherston Apple Day



Sunday 9 October, 10.00am- 3.00pm. Bring your surplus apples!

Apple Day takes place at the village hall and field - by the orchard's young fruit trees. We will be demonstrating apple pressing and inviting everyone to take part. There will also be apple-themed games in the hall (courtesy of the Friends of Sherston School) and local produce and crafts on sale.

We welcome all local surplus apples (eaters and cookers) from your trees! Please deliver to the side of the shed at the front of the village hall any time from 5.00pm on Friday 7 October to 5.00pm on Sunday 9 October.

After the pressing demonstrations on Sunday, we will be juicing the bulk of the apples with our brand new equipment, courtesy of grants from our Malmesbury Area Board and the Wessex Water Environment Fund. The Wessex Water Environment Fund supports charitable and community activities that have a positive impact on the local environment.

The Sustainable Sherston Apple Day and juicing is a celebration of our local produce. It also reduces waste and raises awareness of local apple varieties. By selling the juice locally (via the Courtyard Café, The Angel and outside the Co-op) we will raise funds for the school and for Sustainable Sherston projects, whilst also reducing our carbon footprint by cutting out transportation and packaging. The orchard is a great community space. It is planted and managed to increase biodiversity.

# Sherston Senior Club

On 26 July, we had an outing to Gloucester Quays. It was a lovely day with plenty of different things to do. Some sat by the docks and enjoyed the fresh air, others had a boat trip, some saw the sights, and some hit the outlet shopping centre with lots of bargains.

On 3 August, we were invited to Sue and Pete Thompson's for a Garden Party at their Easton Grey home. Members relaxed in the garden with tea and scones and had a lovely time. Our grateful thanks to Sue and Pete for their hospitality. It was a very pleasant afternoon.

On 9 August, our speakers were Susan and Maria, volunteers at Athelstan Museum, who told us all about the Malmesbury Coin Hoard. The coins were found by a metal detectorist in a field at Milbourne, Malmesbury in 2012. There were 1,266 coins in a broken pot. Some were copper alloy and some had a silver wash. They dated from between 286AD and 317AD, when Roman currency changed. They were minted by various emperors and were minted in five different countries.

With a generous grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, further grants from the Association of Independent Museums and Malmesbury Area Board and donations from the public, volunteers were trained to do the necessary recording and photographing prior to the coins being professionally conserved. The coins are now on display at the Athelstan Museum. A very interesting afternoon.

On 23 August, our speaker was Howard Harding talking about the Royal Observer Corps - more on this next month.

On 6 September, we are off on a Mystery Tour, leaving at 1.30pm from The Bridge (Carps) and returning at 5.00pm. Cost: members £10.00, visitors £12.00.

On 20 September, it's our Harvest Auction.

Visitors are always welcome. For further information, please contact Helen Quirk on 840516.



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## Simon Adams - Sherston's Motorbike Racing Champion?



Sherston's very own Simon Adams has been storming ahead in his first season of motorbike racing. The 39-year-old is currently leading his class at the Metzeler Newcomer 1000 Championship, competing at circuits including Silverstone, Brands Hatch and Donington Park.

He's got his eyes on the prize and is already planning for next year's season. He's intending to form a team for the prestigious ACU National Endurance 1000 Powered By Pirelli championship, and moving up a sprint class to the SBS Brakes Cup 1000 championship. In anticipation of this, he's created a race team brand, T3S Racing, to support his quest for sponsorship for 2023.

The 2022 season has been full of excitement, highs and lows, and battles for every point won.

Moments of high drama include: racing with a fever, his main rival crashing two bikes in two races, missing a race because of a bad Tannoy system, and his contact lenses blowing off mid-race! He's completed six rounds so far with two more rounds in September and October. Simon is ahead by a margin of just 15.5 points. Can he hold the lead?

Simon got into motorbikes through the classic route of childhood indoctrination! Brought up around bikes, he spent his earliest holidays in a sidecar attached to a Vincent. In his teens, he rode a Yamaha YZ 250s, MZs and mopeds. After a detour into cars, he returned to bikes in his late 20s - picking a Ducati 749 as his first road bike (admittedly it was tatty, but full of character). A succession of Pierre Terblanche-era Ducatis followed.

This was when the need for speed really took hold! Simon took his bike off the road to allow a racing-focused setup and hired a racing coach to work with him on track days. Once he committed to racing, he upgraded to an Aprilia RSV4 RF.

As Simon looks towards the 2023 season - his ambitions naturally set high - his race team is seeking sponsorship. It's a fabulous sport to be engaged with, the tension and excitement can't be beaten, and Simon is committed to ensuring that his sponsors get a bespoke and meaningful experience when they support him.

You can follow along with Simon's progress at [www.t3sracing.com](http://www.t3sracing.com), where you will find links to all the social media platforms. You'll also find race reports, team profiles and contact details.

## News from Sherston Drama Group



### Children's drama workshop with *The Last Baguette*

Would your child enjoy a whole day theatre workshop? A chance to devise their own stories, develop new acting skills and play theatre games in a fun and friendly environment? We're excited to be holding a one-day workshop for children on Sunday 16 October 10.00am-4.00pm at the village hall. This is an event run jointly by Sherston Drama Group and 'The Last Baguette' theatre group from Malmesbury. Open to all children and teenagers who are aged 9 (ie: starting year 5 this September) or older. The workshop will cost £10 to take part (subsidised by Sherston Drama Group and a generous grant from Malmesbury Area Community Trust). However we want it to be accessible to everyone so if you would struggle to pay please contact us in confidence.

To book your place email [katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk). Only 20 places on a strictly first come first served basis, so don't delay, book today!

### Our next production – a Murder mystery evening!

We are currently casting our next production – a murder mystery evening on Saturday 19 November. If you're interested in taking part in any way just get in touch. This could include:

- Acting – the cast includes large and small parts for all ages. No prior experience needed!
- Sound technician – running sound effects and music from a laptop
- Costumes – someone (or a team) to help organize and co-ordinate costumes
- Backstage and front of house helpers – getting props in the right place, collecting tickets at the door, running the bar etc.

Rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the autumn (not every Tuesday and Thursday – exact dates to be confirmed). If you're interested or have any questions, or would just like to join our mailing list to hear about future opportunities, email Katie at

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# Sustainable Sherston Home Improvements – Insulation



Continuing the series of Sustainable Sherston Home Improvements, we will briefly conclude the subject of insulation with a quick summary of the last remaining item not already covered in previous articles: wall insulation.

Most old houses (like ours) have solid walls, with cavity walls becoming the norm from the 1920s and cavity wall insulation starting from the 1970s and becoming compulsory from the 1990s. Houses built in the last century with cavity walls but without insulation can be 'retrofitted': this entails having holes drilled into the exterior walls and insulation material injected into the cavity. Typical cost is £400-£800.

Thick solid stone walls may seem to provide good insulation, but in fact they are quite poor, although they do have a high 'thermal mass': in other words they take a long time to heat up and cool down. There are two main ways of insulating solid walls, either internally or externally, and there are pros and cons to both, but if not done correctly damp will become a serious problem, so professional consultation and contractors are generally required. Cost is also significant in the £10,000+ range for a whole property, so will take a long time to pay for itself.

The exponential increase in electricity costs has sparked (sorry!) a corresponding interest in solar panels. There are two main types of solar panels: Photo Voltaic (PV – ie: electrical) and Thermal (ie: hot water). These days, PV are by far the most dominant, principally as their cost has reduced massively (by about 2/3) over the past 10 years whilst Thermal have not, meaning that Thermal rarely makes financial sense. Also, you can use 'spare' PV electrical solar power not being used elsewhere in the home to power an immersion heater in the hot water tank, thus obviating the need for Thermal panels and the associated two-coil tank and extra plumbing.

However, Thermal solar panels can be bought as a kit and installed by a competent DIYer for around £2500. I chose a system with the tubes in a box and automatically operated blinds for safety: the water in your tank cannot be allowed to boil and normally should not exceed 70°C, but on sunny days, if you do not use much hot water, without intervention the solar panels would continue to absorb heat and pump it into the tank. Most systems just turn the pump off when the tank temperature reaches around 70°, but the water in the panels is still heated by the sun and with nowhere for the heat to go, can boil into super-heated steam which did not sound very appealing to me. In the system I chose, the pump is turned off when the tank reaches 70° and the blinds cover the tubes. It also has Holiday Mode on the controller (like on your central heating), to make the blinds cover the tubes for the period you are away when you will not be using hot water.

Returning to PV, any excess power you feed back to the grid from your solar panels typically will earn you only 5p a kWh, whereas you may be paying 40p kWh for power used from the grid, hence it makes sense to use as much of the power you generate as possible and minimise your 'exported' power. An ideal addition to solar panels are batteries: these store the power you generate and don't use during the day for use later (eg in the evening or at night). Unfortunately they are quite expensive, typical batteries will cost around £1000 per kWh capacity, or there are now plenty of adverts for combined solar panel and battery installations (eg 3.8kW panels with a 6.5kWh battery for £10,000). Payback period will obviously depend on the future cost of electricity and how much power you use, but at the moment can be as low as five years.

A cheaper alternative to batteries is to divert your excess generated power somewhere else in the home: a smart power diverter will automatically feed excess power to the immersion (eg Myenergi Eddi for around £400) if you have a hot water tank. Similarly a smart home EV charger will divert excess power to your EV (eg Myenergi Zappi). Our solar panels are just over 3kW and on a sunny day in summer will add about 40 free miles range to our car, in addition to powering the house.

There is a common misconception that solar panels can power your heating in winter etc, but because of our northerly latitude, the great majority of solar power is generated in the summer months and minimal amounts in cloudy or even sunny days in mid-winter when the sun angle is very low. As an example, an 8kW heat pump may use 3kW when heating a house in midwinter, while 3.8 kW panels may only deliver 0.4kW of electricity on a cloudy winters' day.

So in conclusion, if you have a suitable property with southeast to southwest facing roofs, and you have the available capital for the upfront costs, now might be an excellent time to invest in Solar PV. I will cover other aspects of EVs in a future article.

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# Sherston Gardening Club



SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

## Clippings

We all took a summer sabbatical in August! There was no club meeting but members continued to visit local gardens and plant nurseries. Most notable was Charlton Down House, near Tetbury. Stunning late season colour in the Walled Garden gave us plenty of ideas for our own pots and borders. Donations were raised for the Ukraine Refugee Appeal.

Funds raised by our regular Bring and Buy Stall of anything garden-related will go towards Sherston in Bloom next spring. Details about how you can help 'beautify Sherston' will be available at our September meeting.

## Cuttings



Our next Club meeting is on Friday 9 September. Penny Jones has been the Chief Propagator at Westonbirt Arboretum for many years. She has raised generations of trees and shrubs and participated in overseas plant and seed finding trips. Her talk, 'The Art

of Propagation and Plant Hunting' will be a fascinating glimpse behind the scenes. Please join us, 7.15pm for 7.30pm at the British School Room. Homemade refreshments, raffle, plant sales and identifications, Gardeners' Question Time etc. It should be an enjoyable and informative evening!

New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are welcome: £15 single £25 joint U18s free. For a membership form and full programme contact: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

We also encourage members to visit local gardens open for the National Garden Scheme (HGS). All funds raised by NGS go to nursing and health charities. Full details are on the SGC Facebook page, monthly Newsletter and on the NGS website.

## Concluding.....

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

Great Big Green Week: Saturday 24 September. Village hall. SGC will be selling bagged allium and tulip bulbs and old garden-related implements, with all funds going towards Sherston in Bloom 2023.

The visitor to our meeting on Wednesday 14 October meeting will be Vicky Wright from Melcourts, the compost experts.

## The 300+ Club

The sixth draw £20 winners of 2022 are:

30	Mark Picton
109	Jane Harden
278	Fiona Shipsey
337	Graham Hayman
348	Dr Vaux

The seventh draw £20 winners of 2022 are:

52	Rachel Moody
172	David Hibbard
222	Helen Freeth
293	Jill Nash
331	Liz Cooper

300+ Club Jubilee Christmas Bonus - £210

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There will be a bonus on the tenth draw. In addition we will be reallocating numbers that have not been used since 2020 so if you have supported the Village Hall in the past and wish to continue with your number then you need to sign up now. You will be included in the remaining draws for this year and in the 300+ Club Jubilee Christmas Bonus - now £210.

I/We\* would like to join/renew membership of the 300+ Club for 2022 and enclose £10.00/£20.00 cash/cheque\* (made payable to Sherston Village Hall), being the subscription for 2022.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\*Delete as appropriate – You can have more than one Membership

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

Thank you for your continued support.

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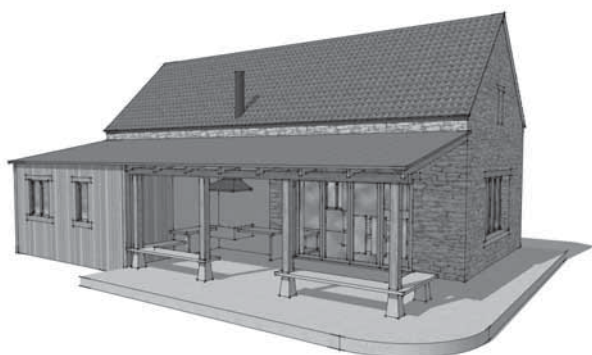
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Mon 5 2.00pm The Railway Children Return  
 Mon 5 8.00pm Benediction  
 Fri 9 2.00pm Benediction  
 Fri 9 8.00pm The Railway Children Return  
 Mon 19 2.00pm Where the Crawdads Sing  
 Thu 22 7.30pm Tubular Bells 50th Ann. Concert \*  
 Fri 23 2.00pm Tubular Bells 50th Ann. Concert \*  
 Fri 23 8.00pm Where the Crawdads Sing  
 Tue 27 7.15pm Madama Butterfly (Live Opera) \*\*

Tickets: 2.00pm and 5.30pm: £5 & £4. 8.00pm: £6. Except: \* Tubular Bells £10 and \*\* Madama Butterfly £12

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

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



### September Highlights at The Goods Shed

**Sunday 4 September Off The Rails:** A free one-day festival for all the family from 11.00am-6.30pm. Live music, activities for children, craft fair. For more details, please see our website.

**Thursday 8: Film Night:** Downton Abbey – A New Era (PG) The Crawley family goes on a grand journey to the South of France to uncover the mystery of the dowager countess's newly inherited villa. 7.30pm. Tickets £7.

**Friday 9 - Sunday 11 The Big Book Festival:** Three days of talks from authors on everything from Eric Ravilious to re-wilding the seas, plus films, shows and workshops. See website for dates, times and prices.

**Thursday 22 Film Night:** Operation Mincemeat (12A) -It's 1943, the Allies are determined to break Hitler's grip on occupied Europe and plan an all-out assault on Sicily. Starring: Colin Firth, Matthew Macfadyen, Kelly Macdonald. 7.30pm. Tickets £7.

Plus our regular Wednesday afternoon tea concerts from 2.00pm-4.00pm.

For more details and to book tickets visit our website: [www.shed-arts.co.uk](http://www.shed-arts.co.uk).

## Volunteer Health and Well-being Champion 55+ and Carers for Malmesbury Community Area

You may well have known Ellen Blacker from Dauntsey who was employed for many years by Wiltshire Council to fill this role and regularly communicated with our Malmesbury and Community Area through the parish newsletter network. Ellen started a well-earned retirement last year and received the British Empire Medal for all her great local work over many years.

I have recently taken on a slightly different role on a voluntary basis in line with other similar roles across Wiltshire Council; my role will now be to represent the views of older people and carers at both a local and countywide level about their experiences of health and social care. In relation to the Malmesbury Area Board, the champion role is particularly relevant in addressing the Board priority of reducing loneliness and isolation and how we can address this. I have a great working link with our area Community Engagement Manager in Wiltshire Council.

A little about me - I retired two years ago after forty years as a social worker in the community and in service management in mental health and adult social care services. Instead of going miles up and down the motorway, I would now like to use this experience in this new role to get to know the views and needs of people where I have lived for more than 35 years (in Corston) - and make sure these are shared. I would like to meet up with people in Malmesbury and the surrounding parishes, both individually and visiting the extraordinary number of different groups in our area. I hope to feed back some of this in the parish newsletters on a regular basis and include useful information from the excellent Wiltshire Money Forum as I attend their updates.

In this first communication I would also like to introduce our new Malmesbury Area Public Living Room in Malmesbury Library every Tuesday from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. We are affiliated to the Camerados network which calls them 'comfortable places where people look out for each other'. The idea for setting this up came from a Community Engagement meeting with Malmesbury Health Centre. I am there every week with Jan Forsyth, Jan is a Community Connector with Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living working across North Wiltshire. Together we visited Devizes Public Living Room, set up initially by her colleague, and we were so impressed by its open welcome that we've set up our own. The Malmesbury Area Public Living Room is in its second month and most weeks new visitors call in, as well as people who come regularly.

You are welcome to contact me with any questions or concerns on my mobile phone 07596 062 705 or by email at [juliedhwc@gmail.com](mailto:juliedhwc@gmail.com)

## Malmesbury Live Arts - back for a new season!



We're back and we are very proud to unveil our season 2 calendar, with tickets now available! Get your diaries out and let's get this season started! In this article we introduce you to our three September acts. To bypass simply head to the What's On on our website here (<https://malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whatson>)

First up is an event that may appeal to our younger audiences, but that can mean young at heart too! Come along for a trilogy of rap, industrial trap and hip-hop presented by Off the Record, our dynamic youth curators. Local duo **Debra** have invited **Tony Bontana** ([tonybontana.bandcamp.com](http://tonybontana.bandcamp.com)) to headline the night along with **Lynx Cane** ([lynxcane.bandcamp.com](http://lynxcane.bandcamp.com))! This is very interesting music and we're proud to be able to support our younger community. There are no age restrictions though Challenge 25 will be in strict operation.

*'We call it Splayed. It's very open. It's like blown apart.'*

Tony Bontana in interview with The Wire 458

**The Gloryhole Comedy Club** hits back big on Friday 23 September with a brilliant international line-up of comics. There's award-winning Dylan Rhymer from Canada headlining, the fabulous Aileen McQueen from Ireland, Scotland's Currer Ball, Alex Milner from an undisclosed area up north, plus Natalie Durkin who will be hosting the whole shebang, and attempting to keep us all in line. Tickets are already on sale at a mere tenner, and will doubtless sell out, as usual, so book now ([www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/event.php?e=18](http://www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/event.php?e=18)) to avoid disappointment.

*'Slightly mental ... very funny'* - The Guardian

Next up we have a little bit of Baroque entering Malmesbury by storm, hair flowing and with instruments afoot (think Boudicca galloping in on horseback). **Red Priest** ([www.redpriest.com](http://www.redpriest.com)) are high-octane and the only early music group in the world to have been compared in the press to the Rolling Stones, Jackson Pollock, the Marx Brothers, Spike Jones and the Cirque du Soleil. This extraordinary acoustic foursome has been described by music critics as *'visionary and heretical,' 'outrageous yet compulsive,' 'wholly irreverent and highly enlightened,' 'completely wild and deeply imaginative,'* with a *'red-hot wicked sense of humour.'* *'a break-all-rules, rock-chamber concert approach to early music.'*

We really hope you'll enjoy our additions for this season. We've been bold and taken a chance so here's hoping you like what you see. Please like and share our Facebook and Instagram posts and we hope to see you at a gig near you soon. *The MLA Team*

What's on - Book here!

[www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whatson](http://www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whatson)

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Check our website for an up-to-date list of groups and other information: [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk). 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-12.00noon) 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 ongoing concerns about the Covid situation. Non-members welcome. 50p donation.

The next monthly meeting will be on Thursday 22 September when Al Sylvester will talk to us about how he led the RAF's first unsupported attempt on the Geographic South Pole. He will describe how he selected and trained his team to survive in tents on Antarctica, and to ski 600 nautical miles to the bottom of the earth. Al provides a personal account of day-to-day living on the ice: of surviving on dried food, the challenges of toilet drills and of skiing in temperatures of -45 degrees!

There is little doubt that Antarctica is one of the most beautiful but most hostile locations in the world. He will conclude his presentation by recounting the effects of frostbite and the mental resilience and determination required to recover, so that he could again lead others to fulfil their dreams.

## Malmesbury Singers: Come and sing the world's greatest music!

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Whether you've sung in a choir before or not, we'd love you to come and sing with us at Malmesbury Singers. A warm musical welcome awaits you at our Monday evening rehearsals in Malmesbury's magnificent 12th century abbey. Whether you like Handel and Mozart, Jenkins and Rutter, romantic, classical or modern, Christmas concerts or larger works, there'll be something for you.

We especially want to welcome more men (tenor or bass) so that we can get back to performing larger works with full professional orchestra. Don't worry if you haven't sung since school or have been wondering if you can do more than sing along to Classic FM, we are offering a free taster month to see if you'd like to join us.

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## 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 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

### Soft plastics and 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

### Batteries and Brita water jug filter:

Waitrose, Malmesbury - collection points available

## Zero Waste Shops:

**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 and so much more 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)

**The Good Club** ([www.goodclub.co.uk](http://www.goodclub.co.uk)) : online zero waste grocery delivery service (delivered in reusable pots)

**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

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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 or 07717 424619.

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

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

**Sherston Badminton and Table Tennis Club** We play every Tues evening from 7.30-9.30pm in the Village Hall from Sept to the end of May. New members welcome – mixed ages (over 18) and abilities. For more information, contact. David Boyle 841587, 07740 188882 or email diboyle@hotmail.com

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

**Sherston Brownies** Meet every Weds during term time 5.45 – 7pm in the Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Kirsty on 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 and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Fi Picton via fi.picton@outlook.com

**1st Sherston Beaver Scout Colony** Beavers is open to both girls and boys aged between 6 and 8 years old. We meet at the Scout hut from 5pm to 6.15pm on Mondays during school term time. There is a waiting list for Beavers, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form.

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

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

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

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

**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 or 840067, or on Facebook.

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

Alternating Mondays 7.30pm, Bible Study or Prayer Group, also via Zoom. Contacts: Minister - Rev Andrew Williams Tarling - awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878

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

**Methodist Church** Services every Sunday at 10.30am apart from 3rd Sunday in the month when service is held at Luckington. For further details see the Parish Life

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

**Sherston Magna Cricket Club** See website / facebook for fixtures. If you'd like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@

sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the website www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk.

**Sherston Drama Group** The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes as well as smaller dramatic and social events in and around Sherston. If you're interested in taking part or helping out contact Katie Skeffington (Chairperson): katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk.

**Drawing Classes in Sherston** Classes are held in the British Schoolroom during term times Weds either 10am to 12noon or 1.30 to 3.30pm. Students have individual attention and the classes are friendly and welcoming. We work on observational drawing in a range of media, pencil, watercolour crayon and pastel; subjects include plants and flowers, natural objects and still life groups. For further information please contact Heather Martin heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or phone 840375

**Sherston's Gardening Club** Meets in the British School Room 2nd Fri each month apart from Aug, 7pm for 7.30pm start, bring and buy stall, quiz, refreshments, £15pa £25 joint, under 18s free Connections to: Our Church garden, Sustainable Sherston and Sherston Allotments. Contact sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com for more details.

**Sherston Town FC** The club plays in Division 5 Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Sat afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. Please check our socials as this can sometimes change. If you are looking to join the team or for any information please contact sherstontownfootballclub@gmail.com or 07771515489.

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

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

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

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

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

**Exercise for over 60s with Synchronicity** Exercise and Movement for over 60's on Wednesday's at 10am Sherston Village Hall. All abilities. Suitable both men and women. Everyone welcome. No exercises performed lying on the floor. First class always FREE. Please contact Emma to reserve a place (small classes) 07843 256081, emmacope@synchronicity.me.uk, FB: @exercise60plus.

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

**Sherston Nordic Walking classes** A gentle full-body workout, accessible for people of all ages and abilities. Fantastic for both the body and mind, as well as being a very sociable activity. For more details, contact Kate on 07792 064438 or katemchardy@hotmail.co.uk

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

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

**Sherston Probus Club** Meets on the first Monday in the month at 11am for interesting talks followed by a fine lunch at the Rattlebone. 30 members would welcome enquiries from retired business and professional men in Sherston and the surrounding villages. Contact Secretary Alan Pugh pughandg@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 [mplholland@btinternet.com](mailto:mplholland@btinternet.com)

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

**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 [susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susannemckechnie@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/areaboard](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard)

**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

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

**Tetbury 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

Café open for hot and cold drinks, breakfast, brunch, lunch and freshly made cakes daily 8am to 4pm during winter (summer 8am-5pm). All menu items available whether sitting inside or enjoying our lovely courtyard, takeaways also available. Bicycle parking in courtyard. For our menus, please visit <https://www.angel-sherston.co.uk/menu> and for our rooms (we always have availability midweek), please visit [www.angel-sherston.co.uk/your-booking](http://www.angel-sherston.co.uk/your-booking). Call 841627 for more details.

## The Bridge Restaurant

Indian cuisine to eat in or take away daily from 5pm-10pm on the site of The Carps. Call 840665 or email [info@thebridge.restaurant](mailto:info@thebridge.restaurant) for more details or for the menus, visit [www.thebridge.restaurant/sherston/](http://www.thebridge.restaurant/sherston/)

## The Rattlebone Inn

Indoor & outdoor dining with delicious country cuisine restaurant menu and BBQ & pizzas from the wood fired oven on certain nights. Check boards for more details, call 840871, follow on Twitter or visit [www.therattlebone.co.uk/](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk/)

## The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

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

## Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

**In Sherston** Every fortnight on Saturdays 10.30am – 12.45pm Sherston High Street For further details call [clerk@sherston.org.uk](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>

## Sherston's Gardening Club

**Fri 9 Sep 7.30pm:** Penny Jones, Chief Propagator at Westonbirt Arboretum presents 'The Art of Propagation and Plant Hunting' will be a fascinating glimpse behind the scenes. Homemade refreshments, Raffle, Plant Sales and Identifications. Gardeners' Question Time etc. 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. [sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com) for more details.

## Sherston WI

**Thurs 6 Oct: Lunch for members at The Old Royal Ship** Competitions & Refreshments. Visitors always welcome. For more information: [sherstonwi@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonwi@gmail.com) 841421 or Facebook sherstonwi

## Sustainable Sherston Garage Sale

Sustainable Sherston invites everyone in Sherston to join our village-wide garage sale on Sat 24 Sept 10am - 3pm. The most effective way to reduce waste is not to create it in the first place so let's all get together to reuse what already exists in the world! Anyone in Sherston can join in and this is a great opportunity to de-clutter your home over the summer holidays and get your unwanted items ready for the sale.

## Flying Monk Arts Trail

This features over 30 artists and takes place in over 15 venues in and around Malmesbury 24 - 25 Sep, including at the British Schoolroom, Sherston. Heather Martin, Gill Ashley and Jenny Riley from Sherston, Gloria Pugh and Shelly Fraser from Luckington will be exhibiting. Come and browse. Opening times 10am to 4.30 pm on Sat, 11am to 5pm on Sun. Visit website for details of other venues in Malmesbury and other villages. [www.flyingmonkartstrail.co.uk](http://www.flyingmonkartstrail.co.uk)

## Sustainable Sherston's Apple Day

Sustainable Sherston will be celebrating our own Apple Day in the Village Hall and the Village Hall field on Sun 9 Oct. Together with Sherston School (FSS) we will be hosting lots of fun Apple-themed games in the hall and there will be a chance for you to try or watch Apple pressing, to celebrate different Apple varieties and taste them too! Local food and other produce will also be on sale. We'd love your surplus apples too and we promise to juice them, bottle the juice and then sell it back to you! Please get in touch if you have apples to spare.

## Church of the Holy Cross - Church events

### Sherston Harvest Supper on Sun 2 Oct

This will take place after the 6pm Harvest Service and all are welcome but we would like to know numbers in advance. Please sign the list in church to say if you coming and if you are bringing a contribution – we need salads, puddings or savoury dishes like quiches. We supply cold meats, cheeses and jacket potatoes, as well as all crockery, glasses and cutlery. Please bring your own drinks. If you are a single person, maybe share bringing a dish with someone else or just bring yourself! £5 per person, pay on the night.

## Sherston Drama Group

### Children's drama workshop with The Last Baguette

A one-day workshop for children on Sunday October 16th, 10am-4pm at the Village Hall, Open to all children and teenagers who are aged 9 (i.e. starting year 5 this September) or older. The workshop will cost £10 to take part (subsidized by Sherston Drama Group and a generous grant from Malmesbury Area Community Trust). To book your place email [katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk)

Only 20 places on a strictly first come first served basis.

### Murder Mystery Evening

We are currently casting our next production – a murder mystery evening on 19th November. If you're interested

in taking part in any way just get in touch: Acting – the cast includes large and small parts for all ages. No prior experience needed; Sound technician – running sound effects and music from a laptop

Costumes – someone (or a team) to help organize and co-ordinate costumes; Backstage and front of house helpers – getting props in the right place, collecting tickets at the door, running the bar etc.

Rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the autumn (not every Tuesday and Thursday – exact dates to be confirmed). If you're interested or have any questions, or would just like to join our mailing list to hear about future opportunities, email Katie at [katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk)

## Village Hall Extension Plans

Work well underway. Details on the website [www.sherston.net/villagehall](http://www.sherston.net/villagehall)

## Knockdown The Holford Arms

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

## Sopworth Plant stall in aid of village causes

Open now till Sept for the sixth year. Plants are donated for sale, all proceeds split between Sopworth church and Sopworth village hall. It is open 24/7 during the summer months, and cash payment is made into the money box on a pro-bono trust basis. Located on the main street of Sopworth at the Didmarton end of the village between Bull Park Barn and Hollybush Barn.

## Westonbirt The Arboretum

Admission by booked entry slot only. For further details call 880220 or visit [www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt)

## Malmesbury

### Malmesbury Carnival – a final fling

Full programme at [www.malmesburycarnival.co.uk](http://www.malmesburycarnival.co.uk)  
Flying Monk 10K Sat 3 Sep 9a.-2pm  
Carnival Procession Sat 3 Sep 6-8pm

### Abbey House Garden Open Days

Over 1,000 years of history, Malmesbury's stunning 12th-century Abbey next door, on-site volunteer guides to take you through each chapter - there's so much to discover about the story of our manor and gardens. Open on 2nd Sat each month May – Oct: Sat 13 Aug, 10 Sep and 8 Oct 10am-4pm Tickets £5 in adv £7 on the day Proceeds to local groups via Malmesbury Carnival. [www.abbeyhousemanor.com](http://www.abbeyhousemanor.com)

### Athelstan Museum Talk: Tythe Barns 21 Sep 7pm

Joseph Rogers will talk about the important role of the tithe barn in medieval England. As well the ecclesiastical history of these amazing buildings, Joe also looks at how they have become relevant today, through conversion to private homes, community centres, restaurants and, of

course, high profile wedding venues. £10

Please check the Athelstan Museum website for updates. [www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk](http://www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk)

### 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](mailto:ghcooke@hotmail.com)  
Visit our Facebook page at: [MoviesatMalmesbury](https://www.facebook.com/MoviesatMalmesbury) or [www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html](http://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 Concert Band

The Malmesbury Concert Band (MCB), back in action with a busy schedule for 2022, is keen to welcome new playing members to take part in this year's programme.

3 Sept Carnival Procession 6-7pm

24 Sep Market Cross, Malmesbury 10:30-12pm

22 Oct The Cabaret, Town Hall Malmesbury 7.30-9.30pm

Rehearsing every Friday evening in preparation for this year's programme after the disappointment of Covid. More members welcome, especially trombone, horn, clarinet and bassoon players. Details: [www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk) See Recruitment page

### The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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

### Malmesbury Library

Rhyme times for babies and toddlers every Tues and Fri  
Tuesday's Public Living Room is an opportunity to pop in and share a cup of tea and a chat

Reading group meets 3rd Wed each month

Repair Café Malmesbury are here to fix your household items on 3rd Sat each month

The Summer Reading Challenge for 4-11 year-olds takes place in all libraries from 16 July – 10 September. The Library offers free wifi, computer and scanner access, daily newspapers to read in the library, plus printing for a small charge, as well as latest bestselling fiction and a wide range of books to borrow.

The Solus app is available to help you search for, renew, and reserve books from across the county. Children's titles can be reserved for free and adult stock for a small charge. For more information please visit our website at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries) or follow Malmesbury Library on Facebook.

### 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. No meetings Aug.

Next meeting Thurs 22 Sep Al Sylvester will talk about



## leading the RAF's first unsupported attempt on the Geographic South Pole

Non-members welcome. 50p donation. Up-to-date list of groups and other information at [www.malmesbury3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesbury3a.org.uk) For more information about membership e-mail [membership@malmesbury3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@malmesbury3a.org.uk)

### Malmesbury Singers

**Come and sing the world's greatest music!**  
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A warm musical welcome awaits you at our Monday evening rehearsals in Malmesbury's magnificent 12th Century Abbey. Whether you like Handel and Mozart, Jenkins and Rutter, romantic, classical or modern, Christmas concerts or larger works, there'll be something for you. We especially want to welcome MORE MEN (tenor or bass) so that we can get back to performing larger works with full professional orchestra. Don't worry if you haven't sung since school or have been wondering if you can do more than sing along to classic FM, we are offering a FREE TASTER MONTH to see if you'd like to join us. Rehearsals start Mon 5 Sep 7.30pm in Malmesbury Abbey. Email: [joinus@malmesburysingers.co.uk](mailto:joinus@malmesburysingers.co.uk)

### Malmesbury Abbey: "A Time to Mourn a Time to Dance" - Springs Dance Company

(A rare opportunity to see two exceptional new dance works performed by a company of outstanding dancers. A stirring yet joyous arts event, it offers the viewer a chance to feel connected to others as they reflect on grief and the joy and celebration of life. Sat 1 Oct 4.30pm Tickets £10 under 18s free includes free refreshments from 4pm.



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## Didmarton

### Flicks in the Sticks

#### Downton Abbey: A New Era (2022) – Drama Fri 16 Sep

The original principal cast have returned for the second film along with new additions Hugh Dancy, Laura Haddock, Nathalie Baye and Dominic West. £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)

## Tetbury

### Tetbury Goods Shed Thursday cinema is back

Weekly films 2pm and 7.30pm £7 in advance online See website for details of exhibitions, talks, concerts and films

**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. Every Fri 11am-2pm

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

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## 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)

## Wiltshire Ride & Stride

This is an annual national sponsored event, organised locally by County Historic Churches Trusts. Wiltshire Ride + Stride (or its predecessor the Great Cycle Ride) has been going since 1984 and has raised over £1.6 million for the county's churches. 50% of the money raised goes to the participant's chosen church and the other half to the County Historic Churches Trust. Participants may be cyclists, walkers, horse-riders or drivers of mobility scooters. They can be of any age, but under-13s must be accompanied by an adult. 2nd Sat in Sept 10am-6pm Sept 10 [www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride/](http://www.wiltshirehistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride/)

## Cirencester The Barn Theatre

**The Girl on the Train** 16 Sep – 29 Oct

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

## Sutton Benger Scottish Country Dancing

Classes in Sutton Benger village hall Sundays 7pm -

8pm. Everybody welcome whether you have danced before or not. Contact : [irenew@live.co.uk](mailto:irenew@live.co.uk)  
Tel. 07973 480173

## Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton-Under-Edge

Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ yours  
Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the ROH Covent Garden

Opera "La boheme" – Thurs 20 Oct

Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and many other Cinemas  
For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit [www.roh.org.uk/tickets-and-events](http://www.roh.org.uk/tickets-and-events)

## National Theatre Live

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

**Much Ado About Nothing** 8 Sep

For further details visit [www.ntlive.com](http://www.ntlive.com)

## Bath

### Theatre Royal Bath

Live performances – see website for details  
For further details call 01225 448844 or visit [www.theatreroyal.org.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.org.uk)

## Cheltenham

### Arts & Science Festivals

2022 dates for your diary:

The Times and The Sunday Times Cheltenham

Literature Festival 7 to 16 Oct

[www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/literature](http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/literature)



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

### Wiltshire Council

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

### Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes  
[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm)

### Utilities

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

### WATER – Bristol Water

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

### WATER – Wessex water

[www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/](http://www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/)  
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### BBC Wiltshire can be heard via:

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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
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