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Grove Wood - we've only gone and done it!



Following a huge push last month, the refurbishment of the steps at the far end of Grove Wood has been completed. This could not have been achieved without the efforts of Nigel Freeth who sourced and organised the materials, as well as providing many of the tools needed for the job. More importantly, he managed to rally the troops to 'get the job done' – thank you Nigel, you are a star!

Massive thanks also go out to the following people who enthusiastically and energetically threw themselves into the task over the course of two

weekends. The teamwork was fantastic and I am sure some new friends were made along the way:

David Hancock, Jane Sharkey, Russ Townsend, Phillip Outlaw, Paul Burgess, Nic Riley, Nigel Ind, Martin Smith, Andrew Hibbard, Tanya Burgess, Richard Morgan.

What an achievement! I am sure you will agree the steps look amazing and will hopefully allow many more residents to enjoy this wonderful amenity.

Tanya Burgess
Chair Sherston Parish Council

Sherston Advent House is back!

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Our community has pulled together again to add extra sparkle to Sherston this December. A fantastic 100 houses and businesses are taking part in the Sherston Arts Festival Advent House trail - see the map on pages 17 and 18 for details.

From 1 December, a different set of houses will light up their windows and gardens each night between 5.30pm and 8.30pm - making chilly evening walks much more interesting! Every house will be illuminated on 23 December for the full Advent House trail. The Courtyard Café at Lucy Tom's will be open late that

night for a hot chocolate and a treat to warm you up on the way around! Holy Cross Church will light up on 24 December. Thank you to everyone creating windows and gardens and we hope everyone has fun out and about during this lovely community event. Merry Christmas!



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Sherston Church Christmas Bazaar: Saturday 4 December

Village Hall, 12.00noon to about 2.30pm

Do come along to enjoy a little festive cheer and support the Church of the Holy Cross. The Bazaar is a bit different this year but we will still have homemade soup and bacon or cheese rolls, served from 12.00noon, a tombola, a raffle and a few stalls. Locally grown sprouts, as usual, will be on sale, as well as a selection of homemade cakes.

There will be table service for lunches in the main hall, so that people can maintain social distancing. Payment can be by cash or card for lunch but cash only for stalls, raffle and tombola. We ask that visitors wear a mask if possible, apart from when they are seated at a table. We look forward to seeing you!

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New Year's Eve 'Tea Party': Friday 31 December

You are cordially invited to afternoon tea on New Year's Eve, 2.00pm-4.00pm, where you will be served dainty sandwiches, cakes and scones. You may think that you are dining at The Ritz, but you will be in the luxurious surroundings of The British School Room.

Everyone is welcome to join in the festivities but it would be helpful for catering purposes if you would let us know if you plan to come (via email susan.harvey055@gmail.com or phone 840696).

Revd Andrew Williams-Tarling and Revd Susan Harvey

News from the Tolsey



Christmas Wishes!

All the staff at The Tolsey Surgery would like to wish our patients a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year!

It has been another very challenging year for everyone involved in healthcare provision with the ongoing pandemic, organising and running the vaccination programme alongside everyday surgeries, difficulties with recruitment of staff, and the increase in workload moved from our local hospitals to primary care.

We would like to thank all our patients for their continued support and understanding of the exceptional demands that have been placed on our small practice and workforce. We hope that 2022 will see a reduction in the pressures and allow everyone the chance to experience normality once again.

Dr White

Our GP registrar, Dr Sarah White, will complete her training in General Practice this December. We would like to wish Sarah all the very best for her maternity leave and future career in General Practice.

Dr Hussaina Imam will join the practice in February 2022 as our new registrar.



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Sherston WI



Imagine if a dog could detect an illness well before one had any idea there was a problem and reduce the need for intrusive, unpleasant and expensive diagnostic tests? This is what the WI learnt about from the talk with slides given by Danielle Mills at our November meeting. For over 10 years now, Medical Detection Dogs has been training dogs to do just that - to save lives using their amazing sense of smell. Using the power of their nose, these assistance dogs can be trained to detect even the faintest changes in the smell of their human partner. The dogs (mainly labradors, retrievers and spaniels but some smaller breeds too) support people, particularly youngsters, with complex health conditions when they are in danger of having a potentially life-threatening medical emergency so they can take the necessary action and prevent hospital admission. (Dogs are now being trained to detect Covid-19.) Read more about these incredible dogs on www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk

At our December meeting early in the month, we shall be asking our members to donate festive food for Malmesbury Food Bank and warm clothes and toiletries for the needy and homeless in Bristol. Our entertainment will be the Malmesbury U3A belly dancing group, ladies who use this form of dance as exercise.

During the winter months, the WI meets in the afternoon which is not always convenient for working ladies, but if you could spare the time it is a very good way of getting to make new friends if you have recently moved to Sherston or one of the neighbouring villages, so do try to join us.

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Sherston Senior Club

Our 'Show and Tell' afternoon went very well. We had stories about an escape from Russia with only a marble egg and the clothes the nanny stood up in; the last pewterer in Bristol with samples of his work; and a replica Sten gun as used in the film with Virginia Mckenna playing Violette Szarbo, the World War Two heroine.

We also heard about life in Hankerton before and during the war: how a Chinese cloisonné vase was made; a seal with initial D found in a charity shop for one shilling and sixpence; a Davy lamp as used in the mines in the Forest of Dean; a silk elephant from Bangkok; a poem re old age; an order of music programme presented to the Prince and Princess of Wales on their visit to Wrexham in 1903 (we were privileged to see the Princess's personal copy); and finally, and, finally, a tiny teddy who had a new set of fur from Mrs Vining's fur coat!

Our next meeting speaker was Tricia Lawrence whose talk was 'Where there's land, there is hope'. This was about the help that Send a Cow has been able to give to Africa. In the following countries, Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda Uganda and Zambia, thousands of rural communities have been helped to become independent and raise their own food. Initially, this was started by a group of farmers in Somerset by sending a cow in calf. When BSE struck this was no longer viable so donations were used to buy cattle in Africa and so it continues today.

Our talk by Howard and Sue Harding re Violette and Etienne Szarbo will be the subject of our next report.

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Church of the Holy Cross: Christmas Bells and Christmas Trees



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On Christmas morning – yes, it's the 25 December! – we welcome you to our Christmas morning service in our village church at 10.00am. We hope that our wonderful team of bell-ringers will be announcing Christmas Day in traditional style, but we can't promise the delight of a white Christmas here in Sherston.

Our rejoicing for Christmas this year will also include our Christmas Tree Festival – come into Church during Advent and see the displays of Christmas trees decorated by the groups and businesses in Sherston.

Every house in Sherston should receive a Christmas Card with details of our services, but as a reminder, our Christmas Carol Service, held with the other churches in Sherston, will be on Sunday 19 December at 6.00pm and our Nativity service will be on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm. This service is especially suitable for families, we will hear the story of the Christmas Nativity, and then go outside the church where our crib scene will be unveiled on the final day of the Advent trail. Of course, all are welcome to the Nativity service – the young, as well as the young at heart.

The first communion of Christmas on Christmas Eve this year will be at 10.00pm. Please note the earlier time. Our church is open every day – it's a place of beauty, of calm, of prayer and worship.

We welcome you to visit the church – and to come to any of our services:

- Sunday 19 December, 6.00pm, Sherston Churches together Christmas Carol Service
- Christmas Eve, 4.00pm, Family Nativity Service
- Christmas Eve, 10.00pm, First Communion of Christmas
- Christmas Day, 10.00am, Holy Communion

Sherston Arts Festival 2021



This was more successful than we could have hoped and we thank everyone for their support. It was a great Art Exhibition with lots of sales, the two concerts were both of a high standard and very enjoyable. Rural Touring show The Grimm Sisters had a laugh a minute, an impromptu Authors Evening drew a large crowd (see page 11), and the Scarecrow Trail and Box of Delights were huge fun (see page 10). Proceeds from the events are divided between the Church, British School Room and Village Hall. Our last event of the Festival will be the Advent House Trail (see page 17 and 18).

The Sherston charity calendar is back!



Last year, we were thrown into a pandemic which shook the village and the world. However Sherston's community spirit shone through and everyone came together (whilst keeping two metres apart!). This inspired me to create the Sherston 2021 calendar to raise money for our local community groups. With the help of incredible sponsors and everyone who bought copies, the locally printed calendars raised £650, which was donated to the Friends of Sherston School, Holy Cross Church Sherston, the Senior Club and Sustainable Sherston.

This year, I'd love to raise even more money! A new Sherston calendar for 2022 is now available to buy for £10 each from The Courtyard Café, The Angel or by emailing me directly at calendar@teasmart.co.uk.

For me personally, this year marks the start of running my own photography business full-time, running workshops, photographing families, selling cards and prints. As a photographer, Sherston and the surrounding areas have so much to offer. With the seasons creating an ever-changing landscape, I am already looking forward to planning next year's calendar.

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Sherston Remembrance Service

- a return to its normal format



A mild, cloudy November day saw nearly 800 people congregate in Church Street for Sherston's Remembrance Service while the bells of Holy Cross Church rang half-muffled. We welcomed back soldiers from 90 Sqn 9 Regt RLC and service personnel from the RAF and other Army Corps. It was especially good to greet 70 members of the Sherston uniformed youth organisations who marched, on their own this year, from the Scout Hut.

The Reverend Susan Harvey opened the service and spoke about the Armed Forces' commitment to our national way of life at home and abroad. Prayers were said and the wreaths were laid, while the Sherston Community Choir sang 'Be Still my Soul' unaccompanied. Following the two minutes' silence, Group Captain Nick Gatenby RAF delivered the Exhortation and Lieutenant Colonel George Clarke T D recited the names of the men of Easton Grey from the Great War. Martha Smee read the names of Sherston fallen in all conflicts. As usual the Kohima Epitaph was delivered by a junior soldier, Private Daniel Abankwa, from Buckley Barracks.

Prayers, readings and hymns followed where Susan Harvey was assisted by Revd Andrew Williams-Tarling (Congregational Church) and Revd Janet Evans (Methodist Church). During the singing of 'Oh God our Help in Ages Past', £1,032 was collected for the Poppy Fund. The service was concluded by a fulsome rendering of the National Anthem by those attending.



In addition to those named above, our thanks goes to the following helpers and participants:

Roger Whitehouse, vergar, for carrying the cross and preparation of the site.

Geoff Martin for conducting the bell-ringers

WO2 (SSM) Craig Jones from Buckley Barracks for arranging the Army participation.

Trudi Baker for conducting the choir.

Ewan Blair, Group Scout Leader, for organising the uniformed youth groups.

The wreath layers:

Tanya Burgess on behalf of the village and the Parish Council.

Major Howley RAMC on behalf of the Armed Forces.

Anthony Price OBE for Holy Cross Church.

Lou Roper for the Congregational Church.

Rev Janet Evans for the Methodist Church.

Lt Cdr Christopher Morgan oversaw the stewards who were; Captain Alex Makey, Phil Cutcher, Julian Squire, Wg Cdr Dr Pam Pickthall and Susan Squire.

The Parish Clerk, Donna Ford, arranged the Road Closure order and Nigel Freeth implemented the closure of Church Street and managed the traffic.

Paul Ormiston produced the artwork and Alison Withers (Parish Office) printed the Order of Service.

The high technical quality of the Service could not have been achieved without the exceptional expertise and state-of-the-art equipment provided by Mike Whatley.

Wing Commander Chris Pickthall retired



School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

From abseiling and creating art exhibits, to fundraising for Children in Need and helping shape the school's values, the children of Sherston Primary share what they've been up to recently. A big thank you to everyone for their contributions.

Y4 & Y5 PGL Residential

'On 18 October, Year 4 and 5 went to PGL at Liddington near Swindon. We were all really excited because we knew it was going to be such a fun experience. The activities on offer over the three days were aeroball, abseiling, raft building, a crate challenge, climbing and zip wiring.'

'My favourite activity was zip wiring because you got clipped onto a rope with another rope over your shoulder and then the bars were pulled back and you had to step out onto a high platform. Then you just jumped! All I could see were the trees rushing past me and feel the wind in my face.'





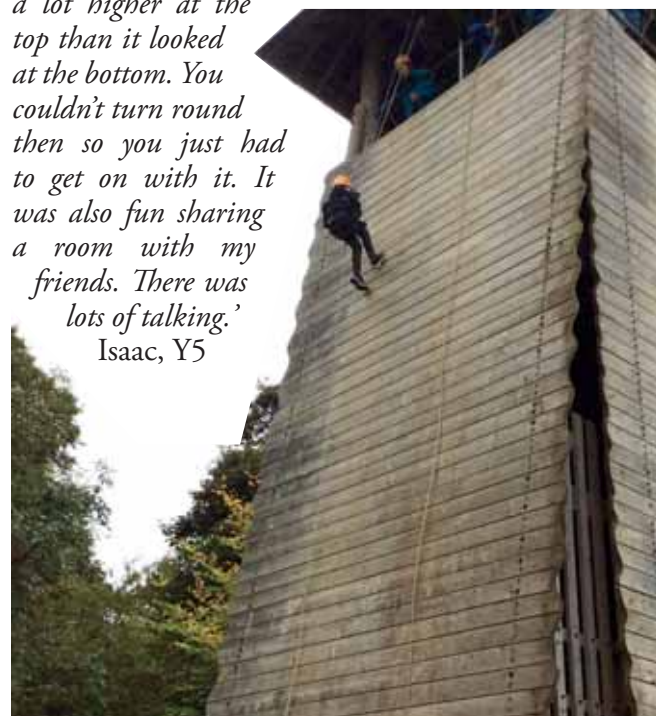
'After our two activities, it was lunchtime! My favourite part of the day! We were given two options of hot food. Then we had pudding (chocolate cake) which was the best! We finally had another two activities before it was time for tea and then bed!

'Those three days were so action packed we were exhausted. In fact Mrs Berry had to wake us all up in the mornings! My best memory was the feeling I got when I jumped off the zip wire platform. I can't wait to visit PGL again.' Amelia, Y4

'My favourite part was the raft building – building the raft and being in the water. The sleeping was fun. The first night I didn't sleep that well but the second night I had to be woken up by the teachers!' Eliza, Y4

'I was really excited about going to PGL. The best bits were the aeroball and the zip wire. The zip wire was probably my favourite. It was 10 metres which was really high. The abseiling was a lot higher at the top than it looked at the bottom. You couldn't turn round then so you just had to get on with it. It was also fun sharing a room with my friends. There was lots of talking.'

Isaac, Y5





School Days - continued

'Box of Delights' Art Exhibition

We were treated to the children's wonderful creations at the 'Box of Delights' exhibition as part of the Sherston Arts Festival in November. Thank you to Sherston Arts Festival for organising and inviting us to take part in creating the exhibition. Well done to all the children whose imaginative ideas for their shoe box delights and firework pictures were very much enjoyed by all the community. Let's hear about some of their creations.

'My box was about nature and animals with a forest theme with help from Jack. The thing I liked most was finding appropriate pictures from the magazines. I based it on nature for awareness of the animals.' William, Y6

'I loved cutting the decorations out for my pretty pink box.' Penelope, Y2

'I liked doing the art work because it was very creative and fun. I did a football box with a football comic in the background with my friend Otto. We chose a football theme because we both love football.' Ben, Y6



Fundraising for Children in Need

Our numbers nearly doubled when we were joined by over 120 'crazy' bears in fantastic fancy dress in honour of Pudsey and Children in Need.

'Usually we dress up ourselves with spotty clothing but we dressed up our bears instead. The mums and dads donated some money for Children in Need so we could bring in our bears in fancy dress. Mine had sunglasses, snow hat, Vans top, and swimming trunks!' Oscar, Y6

'I dressed mine up as Santa. We did a photo with them after lunch. We did art and the teddies had a teddy bear picnic whilst we did art because it was too messy for the teddies on the table. And they came out at break time! snack time.' Grace, Y3



Vision and Values Day

Recently our Year 6 pupils came together with the teachers, governors and some parents to review the vision and values for the school. It was wonderful to hear our pupils' views on what school is for and what is especially important to them. We had a fantastic day exploring the values that we hold as a school and much lively discussion was had.

'Having pupils at the visioning day was really good to get the opinions of the pupils instead of it being just the teachers. We were able to share ideas with the teachers and parents And the biscuits were really good.' Ben

'The visioning day was great as it makes the school more interactive for the younger children.... and the biscuits were amazing.' Adam

By the end of the day we were down to six core values – Friendship, Courage, Curiosity, Respect, Kindness and Ambition. Here's why they are important to our Y6 pupils.

'Courage is really important as you need to face your



fears and take on lots of things. Friendship is important as friends are always there for you if you are upset.' India

'Friendship, as a lot of people are going through a lot so it's always nice to have a friend to cheer you up. I also picked kindness as it is important to be kind as you would expect people to be kind to you.' Olivia

'Ambition, as if you are not ambitious you will not achieve your goals. Curiosity, as if you are not curious you are not discovering new things.' Maddie

'Respect, as you need to respect everything – not just people but nature and objects. For example, you need to respect other people's belongings.' Freya

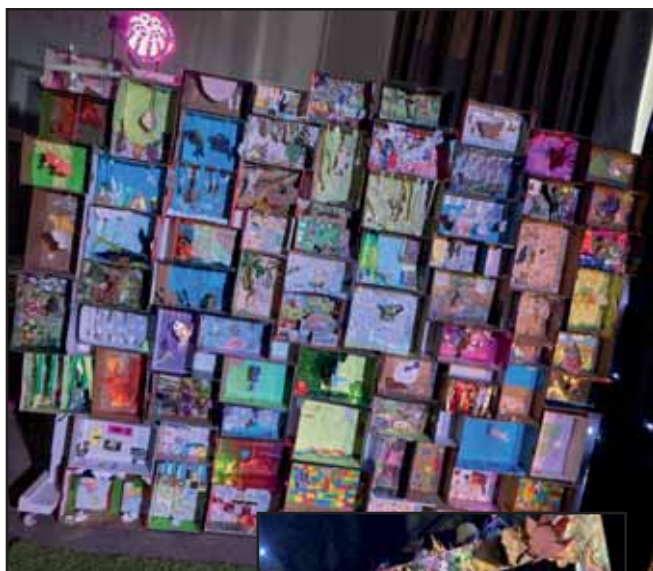


Sherston Arts Festival 2021



The Box of Delights Exhibition

This year's Arts Festival saw young artists creating spectacular fireworks pictures and shadow boxes inspired by the artist Joseph Cornell. Young artists were asked to share what they loved in a shoe box using found paper. They were all displayed in a giant installation in the British School Room and it looked worthy of the Tate with so many different 'delights' - from nature to cars! It was all brilliantly illuminated by Dave Shephard and looked after by the Brownies over the weekend - thank you so much. We hope the young artists had fun creating their pieces. Thank you to everyone who took part, including the Brownies and their magical woodland scene, the Beavers and their atmospheric campfire, Sherston School, and all those who made their boxes at home - we loved each and every work of art!



Scarecrow Winners!

Well done to everyone who made a scarecrow for this year's Arts Festival Trail. Only held every two years, it is a fantastic Sherston tradition and you all deserve a medal! This year we asked those doing the trail to choose their favourite scarecrow. It was so close with only a few votes in it... drumroll please... In third place was Eddie the Eagle (looking ready to take off!) in North End Gardens. Second place went to the very artfully made Paddington Bear created by the Beavers. Such a lovely bear face and very impressively made from straw. With first prize going to the wonderful Miss Trunchball on the High Street - great work on the papier-mâché! Congratulations to the Butlers (and Fiona!), the whole Beaver pack and the Neal family/Skingley-Parkes family. For those asking, the full list of wonderful scarecrow entries (in order) were: Tim Peake, Ferdinand Magellan, Indiana Jones, Charlotte Worthington, Miss Trunchball, Mallory Franklin, Sky Brown, Sky Brown, Tom Daley, Pippi Longstocking, Eddie the Eagle, Eddie the Eagle, Amy Williams, Obi One K'Mooin, Valegro, Neil Armstrong, Gandalf, Andy from Dinosaur Adventures, Paddington Bear, Bear Grylls and Sky Brown.





A night with stars

Three local authors reading from their new books, one starry backdrop and lots of questions from the audience held everyone spellbound on a chilly evening in November. Thank you to Alex Evelyn, Clare Hawken and Lucy Hope for the wonderful insight into the world of words. They took a stroll through everything 'writerly' from where they put pen to paper (sometimes in parked cars!) to how their books got published. If you would like a lovely Christmas present for 'grown ups' and would like to support a local author, we can definitely recommend Clare's book - *Jane's Away* - which can be purchased via Amazon. Lucy's debut novel - *Fledgling* - would make a fantastic stocking filler for 8-12 year olds and is available to buy from the Yellow Lighted Bookshop in Tetbury. Thank you so much to the bookshop for joining us on the evening too. Alex's book will be available to read in May next year and we can't wait to get our hands on it!



Friends of Sherston School Christmas hamper raffle

The Friends of Sherston School (FSS) are now selling tickets for their annual Christmas hamper raffle. Tickets will be on sale from 2.45pm until 3.15pm on Thursdays and Fridays outside school leading up to Friday 10 December.

We rely on your support, certainly now more than ever. Tickets are £1 each or six for £5, both cash and card payments are possible.

As last year, names will be taken and ticket numbers allocated in order. The draw will take place during the last week of term and prizes delivered ahead of Christmas.

We shall have some prizes on display but with the promise of more to come!

Many thanks from the FSS.

Friends of Sherston School Festive Fair

In the absence of being able to hold the Christmas Fair on school grounds, the Friends of Sherston School (FSS) will be holding a smaller Festive Fair at the British School Rooms on Friday 3 December between 3.00pm and 5.30pm. All welcome, but we need your help ...

One of the children's favourite elements of the Christmas Fair is the opportunity to select and wrap a gift of their choice (with the help of some FSS elves!) at the infamous SECRETS ROOM. This is then taken home and placed under the tree (if the secret can be kept!) for a chosen loved one at Christmas. We rely on the donations of unwanted/ unused gifts for all ages and genders ... even something for a pet! Please leave any suitable donations in the green box which sits next to the whiteboard as you enter the school playground. These will be collected and sorted ahead of the fair.

Many thanks from the FSS.

Sherston Drama Group



As many will be aware, unfortunately we had to cancel halfway through our run of 'They Came from Mars'. For those of you who bought tickets and would like a refund, we will be at the Scout Hut from 10.00am until 12.00noon on Saturday 11 December to offer a cash refund.

If you very kindly said you do not require a refund, please note this does not carry your ticket over to our next production; a new ticket will need to be purchased.

Watch this 'SPACE' for news of our Spring production...

DYB DOB Corner



Lest we forget

Sherston Scout Group had a fantastic turnout from all sections at Remembrance Parade on Sunday 14 November. It was especially nice to have Beavers with us for the first time which meant we were able to represent all age ranges from six to 18. All the leaders were very proud of all the young people. The Beavers decorated pebbles with poppies which were placed along the church wall.



Christmas Tree Festival

Our units have all been busy making decorations for our tree at the Christmas Tree Festival at church, please do come along and see it.



Luxury hamper raffle

We will again be holding our hamper raffle which raises essential funds for the running of our Scout hut. As well as the hampers, we have very kindly been donated:

- A Windsor Castle puzzle from Wentworth Jigsaws
- A mini gift set from Tricklements
- A day ticket for Westonbirt Arboretum
- A steak night voucher from The Rattlebone
- Bramley hand sanitisers from The Angel
- Prosecco & Chocolates from the Co-op

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be selling raffle tickets outside the Co-op from 8.00am until 1.00pm on Saturday 4, Sunday 5 and Sunday 12 December. Sherston Brownies will be there on Saturday 11 December. Thank you in advance for your support.



Make your Christmas tree count this Christmas, make it a Refutree!

A Bristol charity supporting displaced people has launched its annual 'Refutree' campaign – where you can buy top-quality Christmas trees, delivered to your door, and 100% of the profits goes to helping people who have arrived in Bristol to start a new life, often with literally just the clothes on their back.

The charity is Aid Box Community (ABC) and over the last few years it has grown to be the largest independent retailer of Christmas trees in Bristol - not least because it only supplies top-quality Nordman Fir, (low drop) trees at great prices but also (to butcher a phrase) because a Refutree is not just for Christmas, as it allows ABC to give hope and love and support for the whole year.

Which is just as well because, as you can imagine, the influx of people fleeing for their lives has put a strain on all the people trying to help, and that, combined with the impact of the pandemic putting a halt on normal fundraising, means your Christmas tree can make a really big difference this year.

The home-delivery option is normally limited to within Bristol but a ABC volunteer from Sherston is offering to deliver trees round the village at the same price as within Bristol.

So, do you want a top-quality tree at a great price and help the displaced, traumatised and marginalised this year? Of course you do!

To get one, just:

- got to www.aidboxcommunity.co.uk/refutrees
- follow the simple instructions
- and put 'Dave Sheps to deliver' in the first line of your address

And, as if by magic, a tree will be delivered to your door! What's more, if you don't like it for any reason, it will be replaced, no questions asked

Or you can of course just go and collect one from the ABC shop yourself at 174b Cheltenham Road, BS6 5RE until 22 December, and you can find out about all the work the charity does at <https://www.aidboxcommunity.co.uk/> or <https://www.facebook.com/AidBoxCommunity>

Any question just drop an email to me dave@aidboxcommunity.co.uk (or grab me in the pub!).

Finally, if you want to get involved, we are looking for a few more volunteers to man the shop throughout December (in fact a group of villagers are running the whole show on 12 December!). So if you can spare a few hours either in the shop or out doing home deliveries just drop me an email (dave@aidboxcommunity.co.uk) and I'll get you signed up. So go for it Sherston – let's spread a bit of hope and love this Christmas!?



Sherston Guides have a go at Tae Kwon-Do!

Sherston Guides recently had a fun evening learning some Tae Kwon-Do, a Korean martial art involving moves using hands and feet. Moves were demonstrated by former Sherston Brownie Martha



Dennis. Martha, who is 12, has been learning Tae Kwon-Do since she was seven and is now a black belt. She has won numerous cups and medals including a lovely shiny gold medal from the World Championships in 2018.

The evening was part of a Guide activity which encourages girls to enjoy self-defence and martial arts. Martha was excellent at demonstrating these moves, which require accuracy and concentration. The girls had a great time trying it out and loved hearing from her about why she enjoys her sport, taking part in competitions and what she gets out of it. It's very popular with girls and boys of all ages and often different generations train together.

Martha currently trains three times a week at Malmesbury TAGB, and coaches the juniors on a Saturday.

Thanks to Martha for leading our evening, and good luck in future competitions, we'll be following you!

Platinum Jubilee Tree for Sherston!

As part of next year's Queen's Jubilee Celebration and the Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) initiative, Sherston now has a new jubilee tree. The tree, a small leaved lime, was planted on the Rec last month by Councillor Tanya Burgess, Chair of Sherston Parish Council, assisted by Kevin Noble, Hannah Griffin and Ben Smee from Sustainable Sherston.

The QGC is a unique tree-planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the UK to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'.

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates are encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October to March. Tree planting will commence again in October 2022, through to the end of the Jubilee year.

With a focus on planting sustainably, the QGC encourages planting of trees to create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the nation, which will benefit future generations.



As well as inviting the planting of new trees, the QGC will dedicate a network of 70 ancient woodlands across the UK and identify 70 ancient trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.



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The Big Picnic Weekend: We only did it again!



For the second year, Sherston came together for one night and one day of food, fun, music and a little magic for the first weekend in September.

This time, there was no need for socially distanced plots, but everyone respected other people's space, and families and friends enjoyed being together outside watching some wonderfully talented performers.

The atmosphere was lovely and, judging by the responses I got walking around the site and talking to attendees, I believe everyone had a good time.

Lucy Tom provided great coffee and hot chocolate, We'll Meat Again sold out of burgers and The Sherston Wine Company provided a great bar.

Yet again you - the villagers of Sherston and surrounding areas - turned out, danced, sang, ran around laughing and generally helped to make this event the happy, fun couple of days we wanted it to be.

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Yes, we've relaunched with a new team, new funding, new venues and a 13-event programme for season one. But, whilst there are a lot of things that are new, we guarantee that the quality, delivery and diversity that we are known for will remain and in, fact, get better!

Brought to you by the original Boondocks, Sherston Fest and Malmesbury Acoustic Sessions teams plus a few additional talented folk, the new gangalang are proud to be pulling this together for our little town and let's face it, with widespread changes to life on varying levels, it's good to choose local!

Whether it's theatre, comedy, rock, jazz, folk, neo-classical, party nights or all of the above combined, this promises to be a season of lively live arts, made possible by funding from the Arts Council of England. Check out the line-up here: <https://malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whats-on.php>

Whilst the arts are important however, so are you. Your opinion matters! We want to shape and bring you what you want as well as throwing in the odd few curve balls of course - so please do take a moment to complete our survey: <https://malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/malmesbury-live-arts-survey.php>

We really hope that you'll hop aboard the MLA Express and help us grow and build a thriving, colourful community arts scene to be proud of, for people like you, with people like us.

See you at a gig near you soon.

Toot toot!

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SAVE THE DATE! Sherston Boules Festival 2022



Next year's week-long festival will run from 11 July with a number of events currently being planned. The 128-team Boules tournament will be held on Saturday 16 with the traditional duck race on Sunday 17.

Keep watching this space - the committee has some exciting news about next year's tournament. We've improved the competition to create even greater excitement and involvement for all (more details to follow in upcoming editions of The Cliffhanger).

As we start planning for next year, we're keen to invite anyone interested in joining our committee. The festival has a long tradition of entertaining Sherston and its surrounding communities and supporting local organisations. Many hands make light work as they say!

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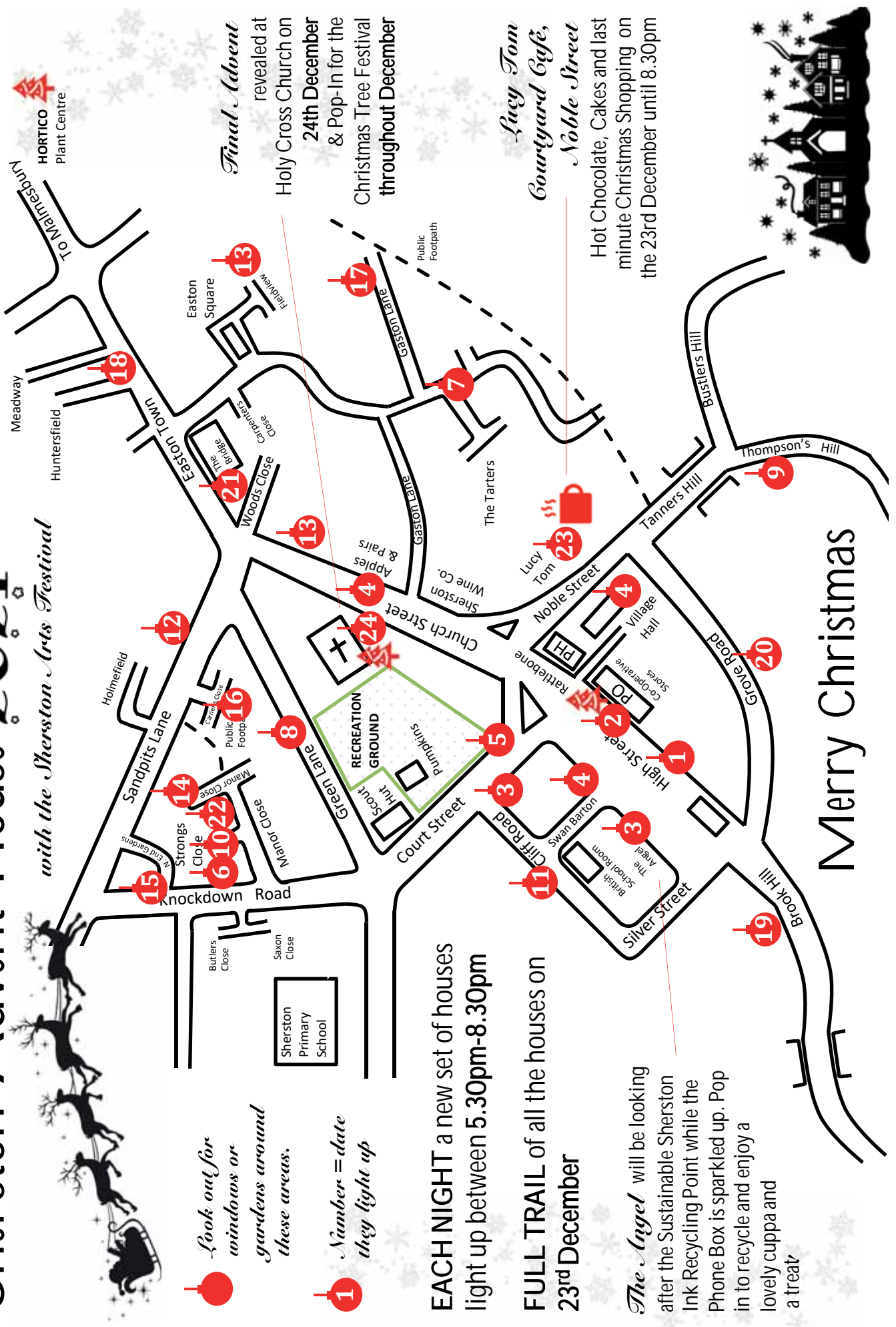
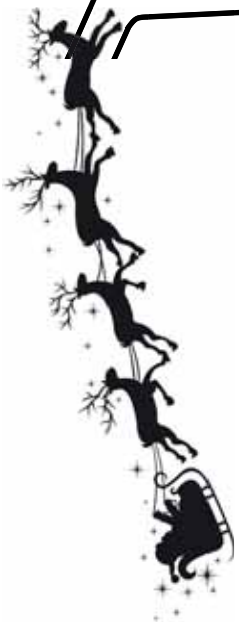
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| December 4/5 | Christmas Craft Fair: Two day Christmas Craft Fair at Tetbury Goods Shed - Open to the public 10.30am to 5.30pm |
| December 10 | Johnny Coppin: All on a Winter's Night: Johnny Coppin is back to presents his annual feast and rich mix of traditional carols and new songs, together with stories, folklore and superstitions. 7.30 Tickets online £17.00 |
| December 17 | Community Carols: Come and join us for this magical start to Christmas. 6.30 |
| December 30 | Panto: Cinderella: We welcome back Wonder Productions and their performance of the timeless story of rags to riches - Cinderella. 2pm. Tickets £10 adults, £8 under 14s |

Details and booking on our website:
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Sherston Advent House 2021

with the Sherston Arts Festival



- Look out for windows or gardens around these areas.
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FULL TRAIL of all the houses on 23rd December

The Angel will be looking after the Sustainable Sherston Ink Recycling Point while the Phone Box is sparkled up. Pop in to recycle and enjoy a lovely cuppa and a treat!

Final Advent
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Merry Christmas



1

High Street
The Old Pharmacy, High Street

2

High Street
The Telephone Box
Village Christmas Tree
(Tree donated by Hortico & Decorated by Boules Committee)

3

High Street
The Angel, High Street
36 High Street
37 High Street
39 High Street

FSS Festive Fair 3-5.30pm
British School Room
(Secrets Room, Tombola, Refreshments and more)

4

High Street/Swan Barton
Apples & Pairs
15 High Street
Old Swan House, Swan Barton
17 High Street
25 High Street

5

Church Bazaar 12-2.30pm
Village Hall
(Stalls, Raffle, Produce, Refreshments and more)

Court Street/Cliff Road
Loft Cottage, Court Street
(Opposite Ivy Cottage)
15a Carpenters Cottage, Court St.
17 Court Street
19 Court Street
21 Court Street
Vew Tree House, Cliff Road

6

Strong's Close/ Butlers Close
4 Strong's Close
5 Strong's Close
15 Strong's Close
16 Strong's Close
31 Strong's Close
3 Butlers Close

7

The Tarters
3 The Tarters
4 The Tarters
11 The Tarters
23 The Tarters
33 The Tarters
46 The Tarters
49 The Tarters
51 The Tarters

8

Green Lane
10 Green Lane
14 Green Lane
Summerstone, Green Lane

9

Noble Street/Thompson's Hill
18 Noble Street
Mill House & Cottage
1 Thompsons Hill
2 Thompsons Hill
Marden House, Thompson's Hill
Hill House, Thompson's Hill

10

Strong's Close
6 Strong's Close
7 Strong's Close
24 Strong's Close
17 Strong's Close
18 Strong's Close
19 Strong's Close

11

Cliff Road
1 Cliff Road
6 Cliff Road
22 Cliff Road
23 Cliff Road
33 Cliff Road
Cliff View, Cliff Road

12

Sandpits Lane/Holmfield
1 Byways Court, Sandpits lane
The Hawthornes, Sandpits Lane
Pheasants Crossing, Sandpits Lane
Lambsgate Cottage, 6 Sandpits Lane
Holmfield, Sandpits Lane
Carinya, Sandpits Lane

13

Church Street/Field View
5 Church Street
9 Church Road
21 Church Street
7 Field View

14

Manor Close
21 Manor Close
42 Manor Close

15

Northend Gardens
1 Northend Gardens
23 Northend Gardens

16

Carriers Close
5 Carriers Close
6 Carriers Close

17

Gaston Lane
20 Gaston Lane
24 Gaston Lane
Midway, Gaston Lane

18

Easton Town/ Meadway / Hunters Field
Three Gables, Meadway
Willow Trees, Hunters Field
Rowan Lee, Hunters Field
30 Easton Town
46 Easton Town

19

Brook Hill/Silver Street
Silk Mill Cottage, Brook Hill
Avondale, Brook Hill
5 Silver Street

20

Grove Road
2 Grove Road
5a Grove Road
9 Grove Road
Honeywell, Grove Road
Taymoore House, Grove Road

21

Carpenters Close/ Woods Close
Carpenters Close - Window near The Bridge
9 Woods Close
12 Woods Close

22

Strong's Close
20 Strong's Close
26 Strong's Close
25 Strong's Close
28 Strong's Close
27 Strong's Close

23

Noble Street
Lucy Tom Courtyard Café,
Noble Street

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Church Street
Holy Cross Church



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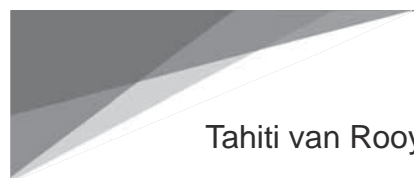
Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of the month (10.00am-12.00noon) at Malmesbury Town Hall. We meet with others for tea/coffee and a chat and then enjoy listening to our monthly speaker. Non-members welcome, 50p donation. It is also possible to enjoy the talk from home using Zoom. Please contact Elaine Sharp for more information on 823568 or email membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

There is no December monthly meeting. Our next monthly meeting is on Thursday 27 January when the Support Officer from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service will talk about The Work of the Fire and Rescue Service.

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Friday 10 Dec 8.00pm	No Time to Die
Wed 15 Dec 7.00pm	The Royal Ballet: Tosca *
Friday 17 Dec 2.00pm	No Time to Die
Friday 17 Dec 8.00pm	Mick Fleetwood & Friends *
Monday 20 Dec 8.00pm	Mick Fleetwood & Friends *

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We are continuing to enjoy our autumn programme, and welcoming both existing members and a few new faces at our regular monthly meetings. It has been great to share our love of flowers and feel that things are almost back to normal.

Our meeting in October featured a demonstration by Jayne Morriss entitled 'Never Ending Circles'. Jayne is a member of our club, but also an experienced demonstrator and a Chelsea medallist, so we were in good hands. It was inspiring to see what beautiful circular arrangements could be produced at relatively little cost using supermarket flowers and foliage from the garden. A wide variety of different styles were featured, utilising baskets, an urn, wreath rings and even a pumpkin!

November's meeting featured a demonstration by Sally Taylor entitled 'Christmas Capers' (more details next month), then to continue in the seasonal spirit we have arranged a Christmas social event for members on Wednesday 15 December. We look forward to our new programme for 2022 commencing in January, which marks the start of our Golden Jubilee year.

Our programme is always very varied and includes a good mix of workshops, demonstrations, social events and visits, all incorporating flowers in some shape or form. Meetings normally take place at Crudwell Village Hall on the third Wednesday evening of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, with raffle and refreshments. Visitors and potential new members very welcome.

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Tescos Tetbury and Tescos Yate - collection points available in the stores

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

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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. 10.45-12.15 every Wed in Sherston village hall 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 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 djb Boyle@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 Tawny Owl (Nicky) at nicky.gray@btinternet.com

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 British Schoolroom. £3 per session. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cutchner sheilacutchner28@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 -minister4sherstoncongchurch@outlook.com /07921 390878 Admin/Bookings - Victoria Meheust - sherstoncongchurch@outlook.com Secretary- Candi Williams Tarling - secretary4sherstoncongchurch@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 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

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 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 smythanya@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

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

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

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

Exercise for over 60s with Synchronicity 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).

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 Probuc 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 Boules League 48 teams playing in 3 Leagues Playing season Apr – Aug. For more information, contact Huw Bowles 07711 473243.

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

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

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

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 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 contact Margot Holland 841019 mplholland@btinternet.com

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

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 841421, sherstonwi@gmail.com or facebook 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 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 Malmesbury Abbey Café - come along to chat with other carers over a hot drink or two. CSW is a charity with a team of support workers who can provide information and support to carers living in Wiltshire, by phone or face to face, along with counselling and advice relating to your role. Free and confidential for anyone aged 18+. CSW offers the chance to have a break through social cafés, days out, activities, craft groups and complementary therapies. More details or to register for some support, visit www.carersinwiltshire.co.uk, email info@carersinwiltshire.co.uk or freephone 0800 181 4118 (01380 871690 from a mobile).

There is also a Bereavement help point at the Kings Arms, Malmesbury every Monday 2pm-4pm, also run by Carers Support Wiltshire

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

Easton Grey Parish Church See Parish Life for details of services

The Bereavement Help Point (formerly Friends in Grief). A community based drop-in service where all people who are bereaved are welcome. Every Mon 2-4pm at The Kings Arms, Malmesbury. Free of charge and no need to book – come along and meet others experiencing similar thoughts and feelings. Visit www.dorothyhouse.org.uk or contact Bereavement Services on 01225 721496 for more info.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting For details see www.wiltshire.gov.uk/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 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 or 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 due to COVID19

Sherston

The Angel Café with Rooms

Café and rooms open following government guidelines, and takeaways. Open for hot and cold drinks, breakfast, brunch, lunch and sweet treats daily. These will all be available whether sitting inside or enjoying our lovely courtyard - (8am - 5pm daily). Call 841627 for more details or for the menus, visit www.angel-sherston.co.uk/menu

The Bridge Restaurant

Indian cuisine to eat in or take away daily from 5pm-10pm on the site of The Carps. Outdoor seating available. Call 840665 or email info@thebridge.restaurant for more details or for the menus, visit www.thebridge.restaurant/sherston/

The Rattlebone Inn

Pub restaurant open following government guidelines. Check boards or website for new opening plans. Indoor & outdoor dining with restaurant menu and BBQ & pizzas from the wood fired oven.

Check boards for more details of events or call 840871 or follow on Twitter or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk/

The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

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

Café at Hortico Newly remodeled café in the garden centre for tea coffee and cakes 10am - 3.30pm daily - wood burner, fully sustainable off grid, log cabin style café, covered seating in the nursery and amongst the Christmas trees growing for next year - dog friendly . Plant centre and nursery open daily. Online shop with delivery to Sherston (SN16) and Swindon (SN1-5) Further details on Facebook or visit www.hortico.co.uk or 07887 508880

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

Details of this month's events in the main section of the cliffhanger and on the Church Noticeboard for details of services and events

Christmas Bazaar

Sat 4 Dec 12noon – 2.30pm Village Hall – stalls , tombola and raffle to support the church, homemade cakes and festive cheer

Church services timings will be delivered to all residents or see church noticeboard or the Parish Magazine for details of Christmas services:

Christmas Carol Service Sun 19 Dec 6pm, Nativity Service on Christmas Eve 4pm , First Communion of Christmas Christmas Eve, 10pm, Christmas Day, 10am, Holy Communion

New Year's Eve 'Afternoon Tea Party'

Friday 31 Dec 2-4pm British School Rooms For further details call Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or Susan Harvey susan.harvey055@gmail.com

SHERSTON WI

2 Dec - Demonstration of Belly Dancing Irene Coleman and her Troupe 2.30pm British Schoolroom
Competitions and refreshments. For more information: sherstonwi@gmail.com 841421 or facebook sherstonwi

Send A Cow Christmas Cards for sale

4 designs - £4.50 for pack of 10 cards available from stall outside 6 Cliff Road, Sherston during November & December – plus plants, seeds & gardening gifts – all in aid of SEND A COW

Village Hall Extension Plans

Look at the website www.sherston.net/villagehall

Sherston Village Hall Butterflies

Decorate the butterfly you have donated - dates tba Materials provided, might take 30- 45 minutes. queries please email heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

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

Luckington The Old Royal Ship

Pub restaurant open again following government guidelines. The Pub is now fully open inside, with takeaways and outside service also available. 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

Westonbirt The Arboretum. Admission by booked entry slot only. Summer 2022 concerts Thurs 9 Jun: Rag'n'Bone Man; Fri 10 Jun: Keane; Sat 11 Jun: Madness; Sun 12 Jun: Jess Glynne For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt

Malmesbury Athelstan Museum

Talk: The Wassail Tradition by Stroud Wassailer Robin Burton Wed 15 Dec 7pm

Talks live in the Rausing Building subject to Covid regulations. Please check the Athelstan Museum website for updates.

Tickets £9 available from www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Malmesbury

Late Night Christmas Shopping in Malmesbury

Festive street market with Santa's Grotto, carol singers, and late night shopping Fri 3 Dec Dec 6 - 9 pm Free park & ride from Malmesbury Garden Centre

Late Night Shopping New: some shops will have later night opening till 7pm on Thurs and Fri till Christmas e.g Green & Grey check with individual shops for details

Upper High St, Malmesbury For further details call To book a stall call 01249 783434

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

Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

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

The next monthly meeting is on Thurs 27 Jan when the Support Officer from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service will talk about The Work of the Fire and Rescue Service.

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. Malmesbury & District U3A continues to keep in touch with members with regular editions of the Lockdown News and events & talks by Zoom. If you are not a member you can

still join us. Contact the membership secretary, Elaine Sharpe 01666 823568, to become a member, £10 for the whole year. *Further details in article in the main section or visit www.malmesbury3a.org.uk*

Malmesbury Singers

The first concert since 2019, Malmesbury Singers are delighted to be performing to a live audience again. What better music to sing in the Abbey than Handel's Messiah, well-loved and popular, to celebrate singing together again at this Christmas season – Sat 11 Dec 7.30pm.

We welcome back our friends from the chamber orchestra, The Bristol Ensemble. Together with our four soloists, come and join us for an uplifting evening of musical celebration.

Tickets are £15 (students/children £5) can be booked now via Eventbrite through our website www.malmesburysingers.co.uk New members are always welcome in all voices, soprano, alto, tenor or bass. Visit www.malmesburysingers.co.uk

WOMAD 2022 Join us at Charlton Park from 28 - 31 July 2022 and celebrate 40 years of WOMAD Festival! Tickets go on sale on Wednesday 8 December at midday - limited number of tickets remaining due to rolled over tickets from the past two years. <https://womad.co.uk>

New Christmas Event at Charlton Park

Join the BBC Countryfile presenters for BBC Countryfile Christmas in the Park. A brand new event jam-packed with festive experiences the whole family can enjoy. 10 -12 December, Charlton Park, Wiltshire. <https://countryfileliveip.seetickets.com/tour/bbc-countryfile-christmas-in-the-park/?src=womad>

Christmas Events in Tetbury

The Christmas Lights Switch-On Light Switch On at the Market House Fri 4 Dec 5.25pm starting with a torchlit procession from St Mary's Church Santa with elves (visit Santa's grotto in the Market House from 6.15pm – 7.30pm), **Christmas market and stalls** from clubs and organisations that are all part of our little town and help make it special all year round, and many of our shops and cafés opening late, to join in the fun Fri 3 – Sat 4 Dec .

Road Closure 4-8pm Church Street from Old Brewery Lane to Long Street will be closed to traffic. A traffic diversion will apply.

Tetbury Community Christmas Carol Service Fri 3 Dec

Family Carol Concert 4 Dec Tetbury Market Square

For further details call Georgina and Tara on 01666 504670 or at <http://tetbury.gov.uk/contact-us/> or visit <http://tetbury.gov.uk/the-community/christmas-in-tetbury/> Tetbury

Tetbury Goods Shed – open

Thursday cinema is back See page 12 or website for details of this months events,

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 Sat 11am-2pm

The Whistle Stop café remains 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

Rural Skills Courses

Further details www.cotswoldsaoib.org.uk/looking-after/rural-skills/ or email ruralskills@cotswoldsaoib.org.uk

Didmarton Flicks in the Sticks

It has been decided NOT to do a Film Show in December and to resume showings in January.

Hall open at 6.30pm with a cash bar, film at 7.30pm.

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 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. Face coverings must be worn, though can be removed to consume drinks and snacks bought at the EPH. For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com

Cirencester The Barn Theatre

Live shows with socially distanced seating and ventilation as well as live streamings. **The Brothers Grimm Present:**

Cinderella – 16 Nov-2 Jan

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

Sutton Benger Scottish Country Dancing

Classes in Sutton Benger village hall Starting Sun 16 January 2022 7pm - 8pm. Everybody welcome whether you have danced before or not. Contact : irenew@live.co.uk Tel. 07973 480173

Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton-Under-Edge

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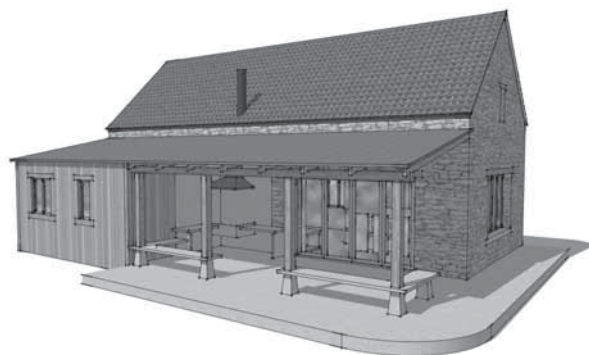
Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and many other Cinemas For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit www.roh.org.uk/tickets-and-events

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

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

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



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EMERGENCY RESPONSE

If you are in immediate danger call 999

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

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

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)

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Useful Numbers

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Cllr Martin Fausing Smith	01666 840865
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
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Wiltshire Council	0300 4560100

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