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Sherston Sparkles for Advent

Here are a few photos of the wonderful Advent House windows and gardens with the Sherston Arts Festival from days 1 to 12. Thank you to every single member of the fabulous Advent House team for making Sherston sparkle this Christmas! More photos from the rest of Advent and a full write-up next month.

More pics on page 11.



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Church of the Holy Cross Christmas Bazaar

Thanks to all who came to support this event, donated prizes, made cakes, soup, etc. It was definitely worth doing, enjoyed by those who came for a homemade soup lunch or had a flutter on the tombola, or picked up a bargain on the bric-a-brac. Maybe next year we won't have to keep the doors open to fight against the spread of infection, it was very chilly! Your financial assistance helps to keep our church warm and welcoming.

Sherston Village Hall Butterflies

About 30 butterflies have already been painted at the last two workshops (out of about 70 people who wanted to paint their own). The next dates to come along to paint your butterfly are Saturday 8 January, Saturday 22 January and Saturday 5 February. All workshops are in the Small Hall, 10.00am to 1.00pm. Each butterfly will take about 45 minutes. Please book your space by emailing heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

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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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Sherston Community Choir

We not only made it through our first term back singing 'live', but we have been joined by lots of new members, which is lovely. We have been revisiting some of the favourites in our repertoire, warming up slightly rusty voices, and just enjoying singing together as a group.

We were honoured to be part of the Remembrance Day ceremony again in November, and look forward to taking part in Boules Day in July, Covid and whatever else permitting!

We will continue to meet in the Parish Church, for the time being, this gives us more space to spread out to maintain a safe distance, and we are keeping rehearsals a little shorter, to ensure we stay safe. Our new term will start on Wednesday 12 January at 7.30pm. As always, there is an open invitation for anyone to come and join us, there is no audition, and you don't have to read music. Singing has been proved to be good for both mental wellbeing and general health, as is laughter, and there's usually plenty of that as well! So please feel free to come along on a Wednesday night.

Hope to see some of you soon, you can keep up with what we're up to via our Facebook page.

Sheila Cutcher on behalf of SHoCC

Sherston Village Hall Grants News

We are delighted to report that we have recently been awarded grants towards the rebuilding of the new entrance lobby and toilets. Westmill Solar Co-operative has awarded £4,946, Malmesbury Carnival has awarded £500, and Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council has awarded £2,500. We are still fundraising so if there are any local individuals or businesses who think they have missed the boat, it is not too late! Please get in touch with Nic Riley via nic50riley@gmail.com



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Sherston Badminton and Table Tennis Club

At the open day for Sherston activities held at the Village Hall in September, we had quite a lot of interest shown in extending our badminton club by including table tennis. (It used to include table tennis some years ago anyway!) We gained some badminton players as well, so we decided to try having both activities on Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

This worked really well – almost too well – for a few weeks, as everyone turned up at once. Then, when things settled down a bit after the post-lockdown chaos, we returned to a steady session of social badminton with the added attraction of table tennis being available in the small hall.

Two new members play only table tennis and some play only badminton. The rest of us can now play either game, depending on how many turn up on the night. These last few weeks have seen a total of eight or 10 people come for an evening of gentle exercise so we have been able to play mostly doubles.

Early in 2022 we will be welcoming back three former members who are now fully recovered (not badminton-related injuries!) so our Tuesday evenings, starting on 11 January will be lively affairs.

Not everyone in the village managed to get to the open day so if you fancy starting 2022 with a new activity, particularly if you just want table tennis, we are happy to give you a couple of free sessions for you to give it a try. We can even provide all the equipment. Just turn up at around 7.30pm at the Village Hall on a Tuesday evening!

Happy New Year!

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Sherston WI



On a cold December afternoon, members of Sherston WI were entertained by a group of six ladies from the Malmesbury u3a belly dancing group. What a colourful entertainment this was. We were introduced to the various movements and 'language' of belly dancing by Irene Coleman who told us why they had joined this form of exercise and what they got out of it. The dancers had bright coloured scarves and long black skirts and we were transported to much warmer climes. After the demonstration, WI members were asked to join in for some tuition, and this resulted in three potential new members for the u3a class.

Sherston WI was delighted to be involved with the Christmas Tree Festival held in Holy Cross Church during Advent. This was the first time the festival had been held and the WI's decorations were made from the various ongoing projects that the National Federation of Women's Institutes is involved in.

There will be no meeting in January but the WI hopes to be able to hold its New Year lunch at The Old Royal Ship without too many restrictions and then in February, a totally different and sobering topic will feature for our next talk, 'Period Poverty - women and girls combating period poverty in India'.

We will meet in the British School Room, Cliff Road at 2.30pm on Thursday 3 February. Visitors are always welcome.

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The Christmas Tree Festival, a Sherston first!



With the generous support of Hortico, our parish church has been hosting Christmas trees decorated by village companies and groups, as well our large Christmas tree on display outside.

Our beautiful church building is an embedded part of our parish life, we use it for our weekly services, as well as weddings and funerals, but it is also a place of calm and peace.

We are so fortunate as a village to have this wonderful building at the centre of the village. Many visitors during Advent have come into our historic church to see the trees – they will remain on display until Epiphany on 6 January.

Our thanks go to Wentworth Wooden Puzzles, Shear Class Hair and Beauty, Midcounties Co-operative, Sherston Church of England Primary School, Pumpkins Nursery, 1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Group, Sherston Guides and Brownies, the Women's Institute, and Sustainable Sherston who have sponsored and decorated their trees. The church's own tree is on display outside the church, together with its nativity scene as a reminder of the wonderful Christmas story.

We have enjoyed this celebration, and we plan to hold a similar festival next year.





Make one resolution this year: learn to Nordic walk!

Does walking out on a cold, crisp winter's day, crunching through ice-kissed grass whilst listening to a cacophony of birdsong sound good to you? Well, this could be part of your exercise routine if you join one of my Nordic walking classes. It's a fantastic full-body, non-impact workout, incredibly social and fun whilst being amazing for your fitness.

I first picked up my Nordic walking poles nearly two years ago and was instantly hooked. I love how it's accessible for people of all ages and abilities, it's great for both the body and mind and it's a fun, sociable activity. I recently went on a Nordic walking course for people suffering from Parkinson's and limited mobility. As well as being beneficial in slowing the progression of physical symptoms, exercise can assist in other areas such as sleep, mental health and mood.

Here's what some of my regular walkers think about Nordic walking:

'Nordic walking isn't just for the summer months. Rather than sitting in front of the telly with a packet of biscuits, Kate has got us striding out in the cold night air, seeing Sherston from a completely different perspective. Good exercise, genial company and great fun.' Sarah, a Tuesday evening walker

'Wanting to get regular exercise in the open air, I started Nordic walking with Kate. It has delivered much more than I had hoped. The benefit of being outside, a good cardiac work out, improved posture, balance and flexibility. Added to this, it is very social and a good way to get to know other people or catch up with people you already know in the group. It is fun and exhilarating and I would recommend it to everyone.' Cheryl, a Tuesday morning walker

Nordic walking classes are held in term time on:

Tuesdays: 10.00am-11.00am: mixed ability,
11.15am-12.15pm: a slower, shorter distance walk,
6.00pm-7.00pm: mixed ability.

Thursdays: 10.15am-11.15am: mixed ability. All start from Sherston Rec.

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100km challenge done - and a huge thank you!

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported my 100km run (4km every hour on the hour for 25 hours) back in September to raise money for Bristol Royal Children's Hospital. We were overwhelmed by the generous donations and the many offers of company for each 4km lap - I was never alone! I was so impressed how some (dare I say it, crazy) friends came out in the middle of the night in the pitch dark to run with me and a trusty head torch. One friend and her daughters even offered up her husband/their dad to run the dreaded 3.00am shift, thank you Team Butler! To every single one of you who ran with me, I really couldn't have done it without you. Also, to everyone who waved, cheered and honked their car horn, that support and encouragement really helped me keep going, so thank you.

Amazingly, I did manage to sleep between some of the laps and ate A LOT (this weirdly continued for several weeks afterwards, I've cut down now...). I had a much-needed shower and a full change of kit every 20km. As expected my legs were definitely the limiting factor and started to get really stiff and sore especially for the final laps. The weather was pretty much perfect, and I was really pleased to run every lap and not need the bike which was my back-up plan.

For the final lap, I had two very special runners joining me: my husband Chris and our wonderful, incredibly brave daughter, Eva. We ran through the village, were met by what felt like at least half the village and finished on the Rec to huge applause and cheers.



A fantastic experience that I will never forget, not just because of Eva's sprint finish and the fact she beat me!

On 2 December, Eva and I were able to present a rather huge cheque to Bristol Royal Children's Hospital for a whopping £5578.94! They were unbelievably grateful and said the money will be really useful. We have decided to split it between the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, Cots for Tots (which provides nearby accommodation for families), the Rheumatology department and the Play Team (who are just all-round amazing).

Sherston is just brilliant for getting behind charity fundraisers (of which there have been several recently) so I want to thank you for donating and supporting these events. It is so very much appreciated and makes the families who are doing these slightly insane challenges actually feel useful. To be able to give something back in return for the wonderful treatment and support that we have been unfortunate enough to need but very fortunate to receive feels good.

So, in summary (especially for those of you, like me, who like numbers): Total distance run - 100km (a little over 62 miles). Average 4km time - 26 minutes 52 second. Total number of steps - 129,451. Calories burnt - 7,429. Calories consumed - approximately 1,000,000, give or take! Total raised - £5,578.94

Laura Edgecombe

Luckington's Secret Spymaster

In Luckington churchyard lies the unassuming grave of Major-General Sir Stewart Menzies, a man who led a very secret life serving his country, and who played a significant role in this country's victory in World War Two.

The grandson of the largest distiller of Scotch whisky, Stewart Menzies grew up within elevated social circles and followed the set pattern of his class - Eton, the Life Guards, membership of Whites and, through his connection to Sir George Holford of Westonbirt House, membership of the Beaufort Hunt. On his marriage, he bought Bridges Court in Luckington from where he could pursue his passion for hunting and he lived there until his death in 1968.

The golden era came to an abrupt end for Menzies in 1914 when, as a cavalry officer, his regiment was among the first to take part in the fighting of the First World War - over the next years there was a devastating loss of life of fellow officers and Etonians but by a miracle Sir Stewart survived - having been highly decorated for bravery - and he moved to become an intelligence officer in the General Staff in 1915.

From those beginnings, he remained in the Secret Service for the next 37 years. In 1939, he became Head of the Secret Intelligence Service and thereby a key adviser to Winston Churchill - they met on over 1,500 occasions over a period of 2,064 days of the war. Menzies was responsible for the code-breaking centre at Bletchley Park and the 'guardian' of the Ultra secret (the decryption of the German Enigma machine). This asset represented the greatest intelligence triumph of the Second World War and is reckoned to have shortened the war by two years.

Sir Stewart has various claims on popular culture. One of these being the inspiration for James Bond's 'M' - Ian Fleming was a Naval Intelligence Officer under Sir Stewart at the time of WW2.

A talk is planned at Luckington School on Friday 21 January at 5.30pm about the life and achievements of Sir Stewart. Co-presenting the event will be Rupert Bell, an accomplished broadcaster and a grandson of Sir Stewart. He will talk about his own memories of his secretive grandfather and answer questions from the floor. Tickets can be reserved by emailing Community Matters cm@tgpf.info

3,000 squats in November for MNDA



A few months ago, my mum, Pat Whitehouse, was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease (MND). Until recently, I - like many others - didn't know too much about MND but was inspired and touched by Rob Burrows' story, the ex Leeds Rhinos rugby player who is also living with the condition. He, and fellow rugby players, have done great things to raise awareness and much-needed funding for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA). I felt compelled to do something, in my own way, to support Mum and the 5,000 other people living with MND in the UK, so when I saw the 3,000 squat challenge, I was eager to sign up and get involved.

Mum and Dad have been incredibly well supported by the MNDA; it's helped with information, provided them with practical and financial support, and has been able to help Mum with home adaptations and equipment to help her speak and get about more easily. Knowing they are there to support and guide is a real comfort to the whole family.

Back to the challenge ... although I do sometimes go to the gym, and have done a few squats in my time, 3,000 is a lot so I broke it down to 100 per day. My family were keen to show their support with the squatting, I my husband and kids involved and my sister, Ann, even did 100 with me in the last week - although she says she couldn't walk for several days afterwards!



We marked the end of the challenge by having a group squat on the last day - the whole family joined in, from the youngest to the oldest, and I was also joined by my Sherston Shooters netball club teammates, and several members of Sherston Town Football Club.

I set out to raise £150 in my challenge but, as it stands today, I have just about raised £3,000 - so £1 for every squat! We have all been blown away by the generosity of our friends.

From all of us, the Whitehouses, Pughs and Simpsons - a huge thank you for your support!

The squat challenge is now finished but if you would still like to donate to the MNDA, please have a look at their website. www.mndassociation.org/donate



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School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

Happy New Year from everyone at Sherston Primary School! The children are looking forward to sharing news from the first term of 2022 over the coming weeks. In the meantime, they've taken a moment to look back on the activities and experiences they enjoyed as we wrapped up 2021 ...

Oak and Rowan class nativities

'Our play was about the first Christmas when Jesus was born. I was an innkeeper and enjoyed the singing the most. We did some singing with Rowan class too and Mrs Berry played the piano.' Orla, YR (Oak)

'I was an innkeeper and singing Silent Night was my favourite song.' Will, YR (Oak)

'Our play was about the birth of Jesus. I was one of the three kings. I enjoyed the little jokes in the play. I felt a bit nervous singing on my own but then I felt happy.' Felix, Y2 (Rowan)

'It was good fun, my line was, "Did I miss anything?" The parents were clapping, it was mummy, daddy and Charlie.' Emily, Y2 (Rowan)

'I enjoyed the singing, my favourite bit was with the kings 'cat nav' joke, it was funny. I enjoyed all the parents watching like an audience, my favourite song was the caretaker's song.' Edie, Y2 (Rowan)



Christmas Jumper Day

'We all wore Christmas jumpers and did some Christmas activities. My jumper had Rudolph on. My friends were wearing a Rudolph jumper with sounds, a snowman one and red and blue Christmas jumpers. We were raising money for the Friends of Sherston School.'
Felix, Y5 (Willow)



Fundraising for The Lunchbowl Network

'We stood outside the school foyer kindly asking for donations to help The Lunchbowl Network, a charity that helps children in different countries who are less fortunate than us. We sold Christmas angels as a decoration, and for every £2 that we received another child was able to have a Christmas dinner. This event makes us realise how lucky we are, and we hope that the amount raised will be enough to provide many full plates and smiles.' Eva, Y5 (Willow)

'The Lunchbowl Network is a charity that donates money to those less fortunate than us. We were selling Christmas angels so other children can have a nice Christmas dinner.' Charlie, Y5 Willow

Well done to all the children involved and for the kind donations from parents and carers – a fantastic £180 was raised for The Lunchbowl Network.





School Days - continued

Christmas dinner!

The children enjoyed a wonderful spread for their Christmas dinner in the last week of term. Thank you to the cooks and helpers and also to the Friends of Sherston School for providing the beautiful handmade goody bags, as a more environmentally friendly alternative to crackers, and to Aldi UK in Malmesbury for their generous donations to these.

'We had turkey, potatoes, sprouts and a chocolate orange cup cake – it wasn't strong, it was nice!' Chelsea, Y6 Sycamore

'Christmas dinner was amazingly presented and so yummy in flavour. It was great to have Christmas dinner at school – it means we are lucky enough to have it twice!' Olivia, Y6 Sycamore



Church Christmas tree decorating

Our Year 4 children in Chestnut class made paperchain and bauble decorations for the church Christmas tree and decorated the tree themselves.

'I enjoyed looking at the different pictures on the baubles.' Saffie, Y4 (Chestnut)

'I enjoyed threading the string through the baubles. We thought the tree was amazing.' Eliza, Y4 (Chestnut)



And finally...

The Sherston Primary School staff enjoyed getting into the festive spirit!



Keep up to date with all the latest news on the Sherston Primary School Facebook page. If you're looking for a primary school place for your child in September 2022, we'd love to tell you more about our friendly, kind and creative school. Please call our school office on 840237.

Sherston Sparkles for Advent



Raffle success!

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket for the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Brownies luxury hamper raffle. It was well worth freezing for two weekends outside the Co-op as we raised a grand total of £1,470.94 which will go towards the running and upkeep of the Scout Hut. Congratulations to our 13 happy winners and thanks again to parents and local businesses who contributed prizes. Happy New Year!



Join the 300+ Club for 2022

Get your entry in by Tuesday 8 February to be in all 10 draws.

Many thanks for your support during 2021.

Happy New Year!

Eric Meanwell

What the 300+ Club does

The Village Hall is a marvellous asset for many activities in Sherston.

The Village Hall provides a centre for drama, games like badminton, dance classes, yoga, dog training, bowls, musical events, weddings, elections and more.

The Village Hall is here for the Community.

The Village Hall is a Charity: it is there to provide a service and a centre for Sherston.

The 300+ Club exists to help with the day to day running of the hall.

It contributes to the cleaning, electricity water rates, insurance, general maintenance and improvements.

The format of the 300+ Club is to give half the

money donated back as £20 monthly prizes.

Joining the 300+ Club is supporting the village and we would like everyone in the village to join and you may even win!

SUPPORT THE SHERSTON VILLAGE HALL 300+ CLUB 2022 Membership

If you would like to join or renew membership (£10 for one, £20 for two), please cut out the completed form and return, together with your payment in an envelope to the SHERSTON POST OFFICE or contact your assigned collector. You may win one of the £20 prizes awarded monthly from March 2022.

Half of the monies collected is returned as prizes the rest goes to running the hall.



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.

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Athelstan Museum Events: January and February

Athelstan Museum Evening Talk
The Rausing Building 7.00pm Thursday 13 January
Ocean Sheroes



In May 2021, Purusha Gordon, as one of four-women rowing team Ocean Sheroes, took part in the Great Pacific Race, a 2,700 mile row from San Francisco to Hawaii. Purusha talks about the project their journey supported, the Seabin Project, to clean-up and prevent marine litter, and shares her experiences in this talk.

This event will be live, subject to Covid regulations.
Tickets £10.

Athelstan Museum Evening Talk
The Rausing Building 7.00pm
Wednesday 9 February

MOD War Detectives - the Joint Casualty & Compassionate Centre Commemorations Team

The Commemorations Team is responsible for undertaking work to identify and bury the remains of recently discovered British service personnel killed in historic campaigns from WW1 onwards. Tracey and Nicola will explain the work of the JCCC supported with case evidence and recovered artefacts to illustrate their work. They will reference the use of DNA



and anthropology, their attempts to trace surviving relatives and arranging the final ceremonies.

This event will be live, subject to Covid regulations.
Tickets £10

Athelstan Museum Teatime Talks
The Rausing Building 2.30pm
Wednesday 16 February
Malmesbury Pubs

Susan Mockler launches our teatime talks with an entertaining account of the pubs of Malmesbury. Tea will be served from 2.30pm and the talk will begin at 3.00pm.

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All tickets are fully refunded in the case of cancellation and are available from the Athelstan Museum shop and athelstanmuseum.org.uk



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Malmesbury Live Arts: What's On



One-off concert of music, light and visuals comes to Malmesbury



On Saturday 29 January, Malmesbury Abbey in partnership with Malmesbury Live Arts will host a unique concert of light and music entitled *The Renaissance of Wonder: A Meeting of Creativity and Splendour*.

Come and join local inventor and artist Tom Lawton and the jazz pianist and composer John Law, who will be accompanied by the saxophonist Jon Lloyd, for a spectacular coming together of creative minds.

Lawton's 'Wonder' sculpture and Law's light and music show 'Renaissance' combine to bring a 'Renaissance of Wonder' exclusively to Malmesbury, accompanied by unique hypnotic visuals from artist Patrick Dunn.

There will be time to view the installation and speak to the artists before the music starts.

Doors open at 7.00pm, viewing 7.00-8.00pm, music 8.00pm, cash bar.

Tickets via www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/renaissanceofwonder

'Playtime' launches

January sees the launch of 'Playtime', a monthly family theatre workshop. Join Sidney and Tristan from *The Last Baguette* for a fun, relaxed participatory theatre session. There'll be silliness, play-acting, games and music...

Expect to play, move, watch and laugh. Sessions last one hour, and are for pre-schoolers and their grown-ups.

There will be one session every month for six months, each with a different theme.

Sessions are at 10.00am at The Old School Room, Malmesbury Town Hall on the following Mondays:

17 January, 14 February, 14 March, 11 April, 9 May, 13 June

Come along as a one-off or to the whole series!

Just email thelastbaguette@gmail.com if you'd like to know more.

The Selfish Giant comes to Malmesbury

Hot off the heels of a season at Bristol's Old Vic Theatre, we are proud to be welcoming *The Selfish Giant*, a beautifully crafted performance by master puppeteers Tessa Bide Productions and Soap Soup Theatre. This tender and enchanting show will delight all children aged three to 93.

Inspired by the touching children's story by Oscar Wilde, Bristol's two leading family theatre experts have combined forces to explore an unusual friendship, and how even the grumpiest giant's heart can melt when Spring finally comes.

'The exceptionally engaged young audience is testament to an engrossing show that is full of compassion and makes siblings of us all.' The Guardian

'A performance for very little ones and older children in whose minds and imaginations the beauty of this play will remain for a long time to come.' Curious Mum

Saturday 19 February, Town Hall, Malmesbury

Doors: 2.00pm Show starts: 2.30pm

To see times, tickets and our full programme of 2022 events head to the website: <https://malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whats-on.php>



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Our next two monthly speaker events are: 'Fool's Gold' – a belated Christmas celebration on Zoom. Songs and stories concerned with all things Victorian, Thursday 6 January at 3.00pm.

'The Work of the Fire and Rescue Service' - Jamie Johnstone, Crew Manager at Malmesbury Fire Station on Thursday 27 January, this takes place at the assembly rooms at Malmesbury Town Hall.

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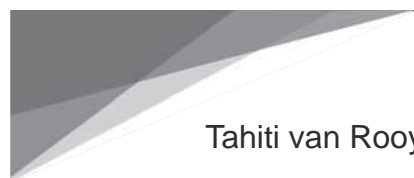
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We are a friendly enthusiastic group, with members from throughout North Wiltshire and into Gloucestershire. Members have a wide range of skills, some are beginners, some are experts, and some just like to watch, but all are welcome. Our programme 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 a raffle and refreshments. Visitors and potential new members very welcome. If you'd like to get in touch we can be contacted by email via nwvflowerclub@gmail.com

More information can also be found on our Facebook page or visit our new website: <https://northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk>


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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 and remember to book a visit in advance!

Soft plastics and batteries:

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

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) : milk, cheese, yogurt and so much more delivered to your door! Easy online ordering service.

Riverford (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) : online zero waste grocery delivery service (delivered in reusable pots)

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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 djbolye@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) Kirsty on Kirsty.strachan@icloud.com

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

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.

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 -minister4sherstoncongregationchurch@outlook.com /07921 390878 Admin/Bookings - Victoria Meheust - sherstoncongregationchurch@outlook.com Secretary.- Candi Williams Tarling - secretary4sherstoncongregationchurch@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.

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 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-forestschool@hotmail.co.uk

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

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 Probosc 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@briinternet.com

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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

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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

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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

SHERSTON WI

19 Jan Luncheon at The Old Royal Ship
Thurs 3 Feb 2.30pm Talk: "Period Poverty in India". Competitions and refreshments. For more information: sherstonwi@gmail.com 841421 or facebook sherstonwi

Village Hall Extension Plans

Look at the website www.sherston.net/villagehall

Sherston Village Hall Butterflies

Decorate the butterfly you have donated – next workshops in the 10am-1pm small hall Sat 8 & 22 Jan, Sat 5 Feb. Materials provided, might take 30- 45 minutes. Queries & to book your place 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

Talk "Luckington's Secret Spymaster"

Sir Stewart Menzies Head of the Secret Service during WW2 and the inspiration for James Bond's Chief "M" Fri 21 Jan at 5.30pm Luckington School Hall Tickets : £10 from Luckington Village Shop or e-mail : cm@tgpf.info

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

Athelstan Museum

Talk: Ocean Sheroes – Thur 13 Jan 7pm

Talk: MOD War Detectives - the Joint Casualty & Compassionate Centre Commemorations Team Wed 9 Feb 7pm

Teatime Talk: Malmesbury Pubs by Susan Mockler Wed 16 Feb 2.30pm tes, 3pm talk

Talks live in the Rausing Building subject to Covid regulations. Please check the Athelstan Museum website for updates. Tickets £10 available from <https://www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk>

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 & 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. Check our website for an up-to-date list of groups and other information at www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk For more information about membership e-mail membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Our next two monthly speaker events are:

'Fool's Gold' - A belated programme Christmas celebration on Zoom. Songs and stories concerned with all things Victorian Thurs 6 Jan 3pm

'The Work of the Fire and Rescue Service' - Jamie Johnstone, Crew Manager at Malmesbury station Thurs 27 Jan Assembly Rooms at the Town Hall.

Malmesbury Live Arts

Malmesbury Abbey in partnership with Malmesbury Live Arts will host a unique concert of light and music entitled The Renaissance of Wonder: A Meeting of Creativity and Splendour on Sat 29 Jan. Doors open at 7pm, viewing 7-8pm, music 8pm, cash bar. There will be time to view the installation and speak to the artists before the music starts. Tickets via www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/renaissanceofwonder

'Playtime' with The Last Baguette

January sees the launch of 'Playtime', a monthly family theatre workshop. Join Sidney & Tristan from The Last Baguette for a fun, relaxed participatory theatre session. There'll be silliness, play-acting, games and music...Expect to play, move, watch and laugh. Sessions last one hour, and are for pre-schoolers and their grown-ups. There will be one session every month for six months, each with a different theme. Sessions are at 10am at The Old School Room, Malmesbury Town Hall on the following Mondays: 17 Jan, 14 Feb, 14 Mar, 11 Apr, 9 May, 13 Jun. Come along as a one-off or to the whole series! Email thelastbaguette@gmail.com

The Selfish Giant comes to Malmesbury

The Selfish Giant, a beautifully crafted performance by master puppeteers Tessa Bide Productions and Soap Soup Theatre. This tender and enchanting show will delight all children aged three to 93. Inspired by the touching children's story by Oscar Wilde, Bristol's two leading family theatre experts have combined forces to explore an unusual friendship, and how even the grumpiest giant's heart can melt when Spring finally comes. Sat 19 Feb Doors 2pm, show starts 2.30pm, Town Hall, Malmesbury. Tickets and our full programme of 2022 events head to the website: <https://malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whats-on.php>

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>

Tetbury Tetbury Goods Shed – open

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 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.cotswoldsanb.org.uk/looking-after/rural-skills/ or email ruralskills@cotswoldsanb.org.uk

Didmarton Flicks in the Sticks

The Courier (2021) 14 Jan 'The Courier' is a true-life spy thriller, the story of an unassuming British businessman Greville Wynne (Benedict Cumberbatch) recruited into one of the greatest international conflicts in history. £5 Hall open 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

Grittleton Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme. Grittleton Village Hall For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com or visit www.moviola.org/

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. Demonstration by Melanie Smith 'Postcards from France' 19 Jan Crudwell Village Hall SN16 9HB For further details email nwvflowerclub@gmail.com or visit <https://northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk> Facebook page – North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club.

Wotton-Under-Edge The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community See website for this month's films. Allocated seating, prebooking essential. 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. **Murder for Two** 4 Feb -5 Mar - The perfect pick me up for a cold wet February, Murder for Two is a high-energy musical whodunit, a zany blend of classical musical comedy and madcap murder mystery with a twist. Two actors play thirteen characters... with a piano For further details call Box office: 01285 648255 or boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk or visit <https://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

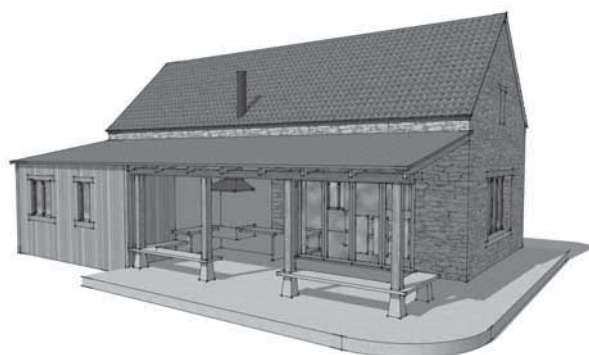
Bath, Stroud, Bristol, Wotton-Under-Edge

Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ yours Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the ROH Covent Garden Stream opera and ballet content online from our house to yours while our stages are closed. Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and many other Cinemas For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit www.roh.org.uk/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. For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk



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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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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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