



THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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A true Sherstonian and his churchyard plan



Many of you who have family members or friends buried in the Holy Cross churchyard will have met Mike Poole there, clipboard in hand, and listened to him explaining how he was making a plan of the graves. He had been slowly and methodically doing this work for more than 10 years and sometimes thought he would never see it completed but, as if by a miracle, he produced a final copy of the last part of his plan just days before he died in September last year.

Mike was my next-door neighbour. He was a fount of village lore and could recount, in great detail, events from before World War II up to the present day in Sherston. He had a remarkable memory and could often list all the occupants of a particular house or road over decades. He and I shared a love of local history and so he enlisted me to help him with the churchyard project. I think I started some seven or eight years ago, but we found it difficult to make progress.

There were a lot of problems with the existing records. Mike thought that all the graves should fall into a neat grid pattern. They do in some areas, but not everywhere, and he found it deeply frustrating that he could not place each grave within a grid and fix it with letter and number coordinates. We also struggled to match the records in the old Burial Register (1877-2011) with the gravestones in the churchyard – some are in one place but not the other.

Then we were told that the old register must be sent to the Diocesan Record Office at the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre for conservation. The only way to keep the information it contained was for me to transcribe all 2,103 entries. We found that the graves, although given plot numbers in the register, were not shown in plan form, so it was difficult to find the position of graves without gravestones. The plots often don't follow each other along the rows in numerical order, so assumptions can't be made about where they lie in relation to each other.

There seem to have been two separate sets of metal plaques used to mark plot numbers. Some of these are oval and some rectangular. Nearly all of them have been removed from the graves they belong to, unless a family has carefully kept it in place. Mike always regretted that he could not find the one belonging to his parents' grave. Unfortunately, they have often been more of a hindrance than a help in drawing up the plans as they are all over the place, many on the wrong graves.

Perhaps five years ago, Terry Ollis, who at that time lived in Manor Close, joined Mike. He had some surveying experience and equipment which proved invaluable in moving things on. Before long, they were also joined by Graham Smith, another person with the skills to keep the project moving. When Terry moved to Sheffield to be near his daughter, Graham was very important in driving the work to a conclusion. The Parochial Church Council is extremely grateful to these three men for all the work they have put in.

The plans and the folder recording facts about who lies in each plot will eventually be kept in the church. If any of you would like information about particular graves in the churchyard, I will be happy to try and help, but just a warning – it has not been possible to pinpoint every plot, especially those without memorials. If any of you have information about unmarked graves, I would very much like to keep updating Mike's work, so please get in touch. In the last few weeks, I have been able to add to the plan having been told by a family member of the position of a grandparent's grave, so I know there are people out there who know facts that the plans do not currently record.

These new plans will stand as a memorial to Mike Poole, a true Sherstonian and a man with a lifelong love of his village and its history.

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Advanced notice of open garden



On Saturday 9 April and Sunday 10 April, the garden of Well Cottage, 6 Cliff Road, will be open to the public. There'll be lots of plants for sale and refreshments in aid of the charity Send a Cow. The garden is open from 11.00am-5.00pm and entry is free. Everyone's welcome. Plants will be for sale from a stall outside.

New club for garden enthusiasts

Would you be interested in joining a garden club in Sherston? If so, what would you like to do? All ideas welcome, including offers to help run the club, of course! If there's enough interest we'll organise a get-together mid-March. Contact tricia.lawrence@outlook.com or 840934

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What's On: contact Caroline Moore at
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The size and content of the Cliffhanger depends entirely on the amount of copy we receive from individuals and groups. So, if you feel you have something of interest, please don't hesitate to tell us. Around 400 words would be a maximum but the shorter the better and less editing would be needed.

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

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Sherston Senior Club

Firstly, we wish to thank Tea Smart for her donation to the club through sales of her calendar. Tea will be our speaker on Tuesday 3 May on the subject of photography.

Our speaker on 25 January was Graham Morris who told us of his much-travelled life and his offbeat travelling companions, once having spent a night with a terrified nun on a long flight. His adventures were so many he only got up to age 35 so Part Two will be later in the year!

On 8 February, our entertainment was billed as a mystery. It was meant to be a film of 'Carve her name with Pride', with Virginia McKenna starring as Violette, a follow-up of Howard and Sue's talk on Violette Szabo. However, this did not occur as the electric was off and when it returned, thanks to Mr Whale's help, the film was sound only. Howard said he had a story to tell instead. This was about his daughter Lydia's cancer and how normal medicine could not help so they raised funds to go to Mexico for an alternative treatment and they stayed in Tijuana for three-and-a-half weeks. The treatment she received, improved her day-to-day life and prolonged her life expectancy. However, it was not treated early enough for a cure and, sadly, she died a week short of her 17th birthday. Howard shared this very personal tragedy in a very dignified way and had everyone's rapt attention.

Looking forwards, on 22 February, the Jaybirds Group will be singing a mix of folk songs and gentle pop, and on 8 March, the speaker is Anna Pearson whose expertise is needlepoint and she has written many books on the subject. On 22 March, it is our Annual General Meeting and social afternoon.

We are an informal friendly club who meet every two weeks. For further information please contact Helen Quirk, 840516.

Floristry Workshop: Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston

Our beautiful parish church provides a wonderful backdrop for some magnificent floral displays and demonstrates the skills of our team of flower arrangers. Julia Armstrong will be leading a floristry workshop in the church on Saturday 19 March from 10.00am until 12.00noon. Julia will be guiding you as you create your own table decoration and learn about the mechanics behind natural-style arrangements. The cost, of £10.00, will be donated to the church's Flower Fund. Please contact Julia Armstrong by email: jarmstrong58@sky.com or call 07766 687731 for more information and to register your interest.

Sherston calendar sales benefit village groups



The Sherston 2022 calendars, featuring photographs taken by Tea Smart, raised an incredible £980 this year. The money will be divided four ways to give £245 each to The Friends of Sherston School, Holy Cross Church, Sherston Senior Club and Sustainable Sherston. Tea said: 'A huge thank you to our sponsors again for helping fund the calendar and an extra thanks to The Angel and The Courtyard Café for selling the calendars. As we look ahead, the Sherston 2023 Calendar is already in the works, thanks to the huge popularity and support from everyone in the village.'

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June

Spring is in the air and many people are out and about starting to prepare for the new growing season. If you would like a challenge to aim for, why not consider opening your garden in aid of our Church of the Holy Cross? It is a really worthwhile cause, our church has lost a lot of income over the last two years, and this is a fun way of raising money. You could also raise some extra seedlings, or divide perennials for the plant stall.

Please do think about it, particularly if you have never done it before. Of course, we would love to welcome back those who have done it many times before - they will know how rewarding it is to welcome appreciative visitors to admire your labours!

Please check the Cliffhanger over the next month or so to find out how to join in.

Sherston WI INSPIRING WOMEN

Wednesday 19 January saw many Sherston WI members gathered together at The Old Ship in Luckington for a long-awaited festive lunch. For some members, it was the first time that they had felt safe to meet up inside, and we all enjoyed a delicious lunch and much chat followed by a short meeting.

At the February meeting, we felt that it was safe to sing Jerusalem once again and did so with great gusto before the talk on a rather sobering subject: Period Poverty. Who would have thought that giving women and girls comfort, dignity and freedom would be such an interesting topic for a cold February afternoon? Sherston WI heard about the 'Women and Girls' charity in a talk by Kathryn Crossweller, co-founder with her father, who, as an engineer, had for 15 years been involved with water and sanitation, firstly, in Eastern Europe and then in India. We were given many insights into what having a monthly period means to girls, particularly of school age.

The charity exists to provide women and girls in India with sanitary protection that is culturally and geographically sensitive, kind to the environment and key to helping women and girls be healthier, happier and free to fulfil their potential. Women and girls are supplied with two types of protection and both are produced in India, meaning that the charity is helping to support the local economy, and both are made of material that is inherently antibacterial, meaning that the protection can be washed and remains clean and hygienic to use.

At each meeting, two members are asked to provide a raffle prize and a floral decoration for the table. This month coincidentally both were identical bowls of three cream coloured polyanthus bought from the village garden centre! One bowl was given to a member who had recently been in hospital.

On Thursday 3 March the talk will be 'Who does your DNA say you are?' in The British School Room at 2.30pm. Visitors very welcome.

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Volunteers needed!

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Now, however, the number of volunteers on the cleaning and brass polishing rotas is being reduced by age and infirmity - so could you offer a couple of hours to help out? People usually clean with a friend as working together makes the task more pleasant. Two people could do the week's cleaning in a couple of hours and all materials and equipment are provided.

You could be on the rota as little as once a year. All offers of help are most welcome and we would particularly like to encourage people from the wider community, who may not feel they have an immediate link with the church, but would still like to see a well-cared for building at the heart of the village

Please get in touch with me or anyone else you know who is involved with the church if you can give us a hand.

Thanks in anticipation of your support.
Sue Robinson 841263 jimandsue4@btinternet.com

Queen's Jubilee main street party: Sunday 5 June



The Jubilee Committee has been investigating holding a Street Party in the High Street on the Sunday afternoon. It has become apparent that it would involve significant cost and complication, in particular to make arrangements for HGVs which would have to be diverted miles away. We have therefore decided that, in order to keep costs down and greatly simplify arrangements, the main Street Party will be held on the Village Hall Field or Rec. This will not of course preclude people having their own local street parties, and we will reserve part of the Rec for parking displaced cars. Further details about the Jubilee Celebrations will be published as plans evolve.

Kevin Noble, Chair, Queen's Jubilee Committee

Boules Day entries to open on 1 April – no joke!

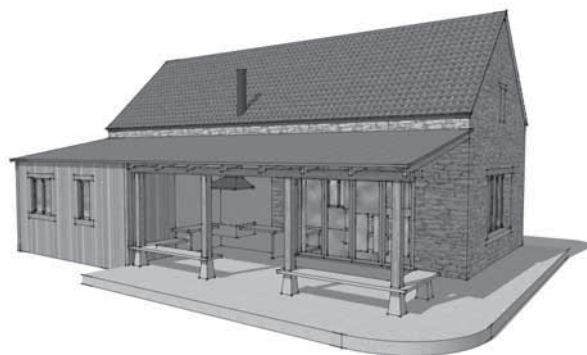


After two years of cancellations due to Covid, the Sherston Boules Festival is back!

This year's competition will take place on Saturday 16 July, with entries for local teams scheduled to open on Friday 1 April via the festival website (www.sherstonboules.org).

A number of other events are planned for festival week, including the ever-popular Duck Race on the afternoon of Sunday 17 July.

More details will be posted as they become available – please check on the website, our Facebook page or of course in future editions of the Cliffhanger.



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Butterfly project – final opportunity to take part!



The butterfly project, to raise funds for the Village Hall extension, is drawing to a close. We have had five Saturday workshops since October and there will be two more - on 5 and 12 March. These are the last opportunities for the remaining people who made a donation for a butterfly to come along to paint them. Those people who have already done it have really enjoyed it, some saying they wanted to paint more, although most have never done anything like it before.

As we are coming to the end of painting 50 panels to hang in the new entrance hall (when it is built!), we are finding a few spaces which could be taken by smaller flowers. These would have the name of the donor, just as the butterflies have. So if you feel you might have missed the boat but would like to have your name on the panels, please get in touch.

Please also get in touch if you would like to book a place at the workshops on 5 or 12 March, between 10.00am and 1.00pm.

If we hear nothing back from you by the end of March, you will still have your butterfly of course, but someone else will decorate it for you.

Thank you very much for your support!
heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

Sherston's history explained – a talk with tea and cake



Richard Stancomb will give a talk on how Sherston has become the village it is today, to raise money for the village hall's extension and for the parish church. With slides, a timeline and maps, our village history will be explained. With no early primary sources, from a time when literacy was the preserve of the clergy and a few aristocrats, much is conjecture, but we have visible earthworks, burgage plots and a fine church. Later written history gives an insight into some of the vicissitudes of fortune that some inhabitants endured. The story of No. 8 the High Street is typical. Find out why history has been kind to us and enjoy a tumble through our history with tea and cake, while supporting the village hall and parish church.

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School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

Sherston School kicked off 2022 with a festival of sporting events and a tropical trip to The Living Rainforest near Newbury. Over to our lovely pupils to share what they enjoyed most about these experiences ...

Exploring The Living Rainforest

'I really enjoyed our class trip to The Living Rainforest. It was so hot it felt like being in a real rainforest, the leaves were humongous, even bigger than my head. You could hear birds squawking and some were on the paths running around near our feet. There were lots of animals there, my favourite were the frogs because they were bright blue. We even saw Cinnamon the sloth high up in the trees, I think she was feeling shy. It was a fun day.'

Kate, Y3

'This was really fun. The big greenhouse was really warm and humid and full of tropical plants. We saw a blue dart frog and some cockroaches inside the greenhouse. My favourite part of the day was seeing a sloth.'

Liam, Y4



Rising to the 'cross country' challenge

'For the cross country, we went to Westonbirt School. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 all took part. There were eight races – two for each year, one for boys and one for girls. I really enjoyed it because I could finally race against other people, not just myself.'

Michael, Y5

'We raced and it was really long. Overall I thought it was really fun and I enjoyed the cookie and drink at the stall.'

Grace, Y3



'To take part in my final Westonbirt Cross Country was so special. The roar of the crowd as we climbed the hill was so electrifying. I sprinted past several of the front runners and finished third. It felt incredible that I had made it onto the podium.' George, Y6



Cricket 'all-rounders'

'At the cricket festival we played teams from lots of other schools. I really enjoyed it even though the umpires were really strict. It was the first time I'd done sport against other schools and I was really pleased we won all our games and the tournament.' Ollie, Y4

'It was an amazing feeling to go in and compete for Sherston School. The team got stuck in straight away. We won all of the rounds which meant that we won the whole tournament. I loved it and we all had great fun!' Maddie, Y3

'I really enjoyed the batting and bowling, everyone tried really hard and showed great team spirit, I couldn't believe it when we actually won! It was also so great to see so many girls playing in the tournament.' India, Y6



Netball ninjas!

'It was great day full of fun. It was great to be part of a team who all worked well together and everyone at the netball tournament was very kind, which meant we could enjoy it because it didn't get too competitive.' Otto, Y6

'I enjoyed taking part in the netball tournament and had lots of fun at Malmesbury. We lost two out of six matches and came second place.' Oscar, Y6



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A festival of gymnastics

'It was really good fun to take part in the gymnastics festival in a team with my friends and I was proud to represent the school.' Lauren, Y6

'I really enjoyed competing with my friends in the gymnastics competition. We all had a routine to learn and it was great fun on the day. I particularly enjoyed the parallel bars.' Finley, Y4



Friendship benches

And last but not least, a huge thank you to the Friends of Sherston School, our parents, carers and local Sherston photographer, Tea Smart, for funding these lovely benches for the children to enjoy!



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 this September, we'd love to tell you more about our friendly, creative and ambitious school. Please call our school office on 840237.

DYB DOB Corner



Sherston Cubs in crisis (and Beavers and Scouts ...)



Sherston Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are all thriving but we're in desperate need of more leaders. Unfortunately, this year we will be saying goodbye to not one, not two but four of our leaders which means all sections will be unable to run unless we find new ones! We hope you can help! (We should point out that none of the leaders are leaving because they don't enjoy the role - they're as sorry to go as we are to lose them!)

No particular skills or experience are required - just enthusiasm! With so many keen young people in each section and waiting lists for each, please do consider if you could spare some time to have some fun and help keep the group running. Even if you can only commit to one session a month, please do still get in touch ... if we have enough offers like this, we can easily run on a rota system. Similarly, if you can't help out at the sessions but could help with the admin side, please get in touch.

Beavers currently runs 5.00pm-6.15pm on a Monday; Cubs 6.30pm-8.00pm on a Friday; and Scouts 7.00pm-8.30pm on a Tuesday.

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Sherston should have a Village Hall that we can all be proud of, one that the whole community can easily access and up to the standard of those in surrounding villages.

February's Cliffhanger explained that escalating costs are threatening the whole project. The shortfall is now £58,000 but we need to sign a building contract, before prices rise further.

Over the years, many people have given generously of their time and money to raise funds and are still giving through the Butterfly Appeal (see page 5). Grant funding is promised but no grants are released until we have raised the full amount required.

It's a BIG ASK for a final push!

Even if you have given support in the past, please transfer or give whatever you can afford. With around 2,000 adults in Sherston, £25 per head of NEW MONEY would bring us close!

Previous donations from individuals have ranged from £10 to a whopping £5,000!

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Carer charity is looking for volunteer befrienders



**Carer Support
Wiltshire**

Carer Support Wiltshire is looking to expand its team of 'Here to Talk' volunteers following a surge in demand from unpaid carers who are experiencing feelings of isolation and need someone to talk to.

Here to Talk volunteers provide regular phone conversations to unpaid carers who feel they would benefit from having someone to chat with. Anyone who is interested in this flexible volunteering role and can commit to the minimum of half an hour every two weeks is encouraged to get in touch, says Volunteer Recruitment Manager Amanda Rothwell.

'Our telephone befriending service has helped to ease feelings of isolation for hundreds of unpaid carers. It's been more in demand since the pandemic began, but unpaid carers are often isolated even when there aren't any restrictions. When you are caring for someone who is ill, or has a condition or disability, it can be difficult to leave the house. If you're the only person in your friendship group who is a carer, it can feel isolating.'

Those who would like to volunteer and who meet the criteria will be provided by Carer Support Wiltshire with full training on subjects such as listening skills, confidentiality, safeguarding, mental health awareness and communication.

Successful applicants will have a friendly approach with good listening skills, be non-judgemental with respect for different lifestyles and empathetic to the needs and concerns of unpaid carers.

If you are interested in becoming a Here to Talk volunteer and being a friend to a carer who is experiencing feelings of loneliness, you can contact Carer Support Wiltshire at volunteer@carersupportwiltshire.co.uk or by calling 01380 908158.

Carer Support Wiltshire is an independent charity that provides free and confidential support to unpaid carers of all ages across Wiltshire.



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Easter lilies at Sherston parish church



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Please see inside the church for more details.

SHERSTON The 300+ Club



VILLAGE HALL

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!

The first £20 winners of 2022 are:

62	Patrica Lawrence
139	Jill Bowyer
228	Benedicte Nicolas
323	Phil Moore
349	Mrs Vaux

We need your support to run the Village Hall – you can still join -

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.

Name(s) _____

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Rattlebone Boules League

The Boules League held its 2021 Annual Prizegiving Evening on Wednesday 23 February at the Rattlebone Inn, Sherston.

The event was very well supported and everyone was treated to a splendid buffet laid on by Jason and Roger and his staff.

The evening was compèred by Huw Bowles and the 2021 trophies were presented by Maggie Towle. The winners in each of the Leagues were as follows:-

League 1

'BOULES FRITES'

Sharon Morgan, David Morgan and Chris Frost.

League 2

'NO SHARKING'

Nick Brock, Chris Gough and Nic Fisher.

League 3

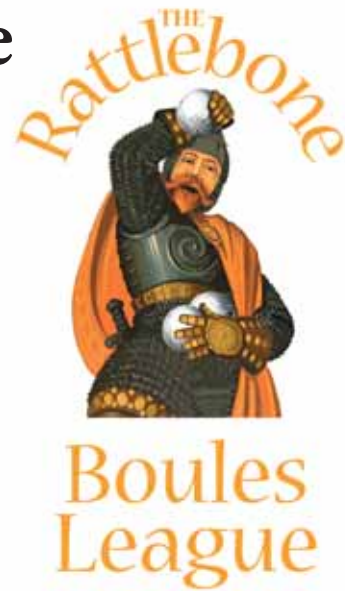
'THE YOUNGSTERS'

Liam Moriarty, Julian Law, Jake Law,
Alex Moriarty, Caroline Law and Kati Moriarty.

The evening also marked the launch of a new annual competition. This has been set up as a tribute to the late Tony Towle who was the founding father of the village Boules League and who ran it for 15 years up until 2019.

The Leagues play scheduled games Monday to Friday evenings throughout the summer. The three 'pistes' in the pub gardens are generally available for casual use by anyone at weekends. Joining in is a particularly good way to get to socialise and meet people. If you are new to the village or are just curious to find out about a new pastime, pop into the Rattlebone Inn one weekday evening to see what it's all about. You will be made most welcome.

If you would like further information please contact Graham Hayman on 840068.



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Home improvements: Thermal camera: Part 2

Following on from last month's article, we now have a thermal camera (right) available to rent for £10, normally for two days. The camera is very easy to use and is essentially just like a conventional digital camera to operate. It takes two pictures simultaneously: an infrared thermal image and a 'normal' daylight image. The latter is helpful in identifying where the picture was taken later, as the thermal image can be a bit blurred. The thermal image is enhanced by technowizardry, combining elements of the visual image onto the thermal one to enhance edges etc, again to aid interpretation. In colour, the images are very easy to interpret with coldest areas in blue, graduating through red to yellow and white for the hottest. I have written a simple set of instructions to follow, although of course there is the full comprehensive set online for the more



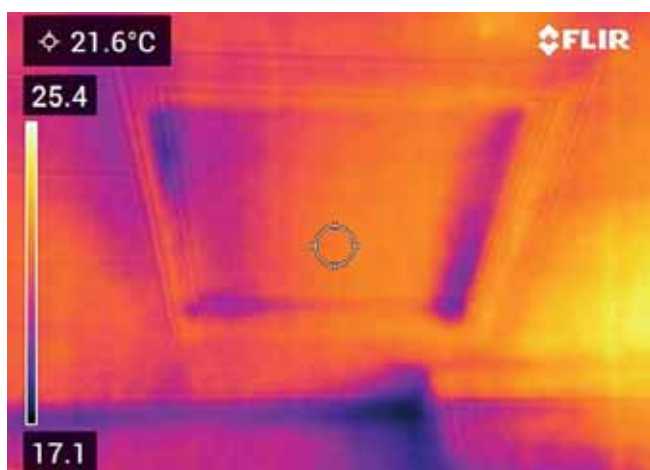
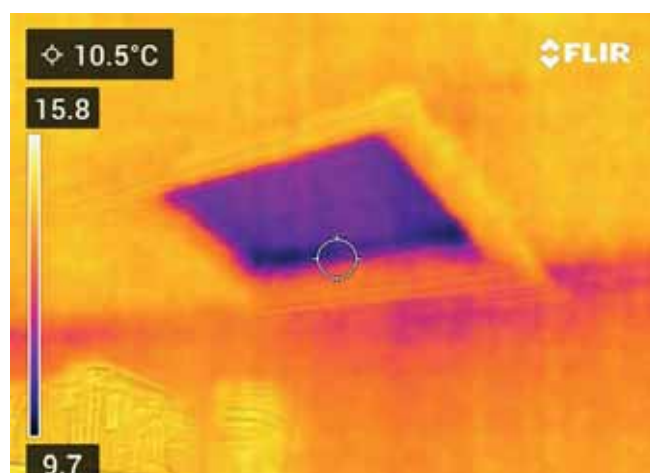
advanced users. The best time to take thermal images is when it's cold outside to get the maximum contrast between the warm interior of your house and the cold exterior, so it needs to be used in winter.

Here are some typical pictures from the inside of my house. (They are much easier to interpret in colour than in back and white - *view a colour version of the Cliffhanger online at www.sherston.org.uk available shortly after distribution*):



This shows the coldest areas around the bottom of the door (so we would need draught excluder here). Also, the panels of the door being thin are cold. Although it is difficult to stop this directly without ruining the aesthetics, a good old-fashioned thick door curtain would work wonders.

The images below show two loft hatches: the one on the top is uninsulated 20mm ply and is obviously much colder than the surrounding ceiling and losing a great deal of heat. The one below that is the same ply, but I have added a 50mm slab of PIR foam (Cellotex) to the back and shows a huge improvement. There are still areas of blue around the edges indicating cold draughts, so I still need to add some thin draught excluder around the edge.



This final image shows a part of a ceiling where the insulation is not good on the right-hand side between the joists, and under the Velux window on the left. Whilst it will be difficult to access the latter, I can add insulation relatively easily to the right side to reduce heat loss.



Another user found a prominent hot spot on an outside roof: this was caused by a hole in the ceiling where a boiler flue had once been (now replaced by an air-source heat pump). The hot air from the house was thus escaping through through this hole to heat the loft space and the roof above. Again, this is relatively simple to fix by bunging up the hole!

In summary, the thermal camera is very simple and intuitive to use and many of the heat losses identified are quick and cheap to fix. This can rapidly save you pounds, particularly now with the soaring cost of energy. In exceptional cases (if you are old or infirm, for example), we could assist and even do the survey for you. If you wish to book our thermal camera, please email me at kevnoble7@gmail.com.

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Events: Athelstan Museum, Rausing Building

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Wednesday 16 March, 2.30pm

Teatime Talk: Tony McAleavy - Malmesbury Castle and the Struggle for the Crown of England

Tony McAleavy will use a range of contemporary sources to tell the little-known story of Malmesbury Castle. Although no trace of the castle remains above ground, it was an extremely important place in the 12th century. The castle was of great strategic significance during the civil war between King Stephen and his cousin, the Empress Matilda (1139-1154). It was besieged on several occasions and the outcome of the siege of 1153 allowed Henry II to come to power. Tea will be served before the talk.

Tickets £5, to include refreshments.

Saturday 2 April, 2.30pm

Teatime Film Show: Brief Encounter

A showing of the 1945 British romantic drama film in advance of our Posting Letters to the Moon Event on 7 April. The film was directed by David Lean from a screenplay written by Noël Coward, based on his

1936 one-act play Still Life. It stars Celia Johnson, Trevor Howard, Stanley Holloway, and Joyce Carey. The film follows a passionate extramarital affair in England shortly before WWII. A wartime-themed tea will be served before the showing.

Tickets £8, to include refreshments.

Thursday 7 April, 7.00pm

Drama: Posting letters to the Moon

A performance of touching and amusing letters between Celia Johnson and her husband telling of their experiences during the war. No tickets are available for this event, as it was postponed from 2020 and sold out at that time. If you have a ticket and we haven't been able to contact you, please email events@athelstanmuseum.co.uk

Wednesday 20 April, 2.30pm Teatime Talk: Anne Goodyear, A History of Malmesbury Market Cross

Discover the history of Malmesbury's famous market cross from when it was built to it being hit by a bin lorry. We hope to have associated artefacts on display from the Athelstan Museum. The talk will also look into the background of some of the carvings and statues on the market cross. You may have walked past it many times but have you ever looked up?

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Our March meetings are as follows:

Thursday 10 March - Art of Deception or Fakes and Forgeries - Marilyn Bishop.

For centuries, objects have been forged in order to deceive the buyer. Marilyn's talk concentrates on the art world and the enormous profits that can be made from forged works.

Thursday 24 March - What can we do about climate change? - David Head.

In a follow-up to last years' talk on Global Warming and Climate Change, David will outline what governments, councils, industry and individuals can do to assist with reducing carbon and methane emissions. He will discuss what Glasgow COP26 meant, what was achieved and how the promises will - or maybe will not - be met. This will be a valuable opportunity for us to focus on the actions we can take to mitigate against climate change, as a nation, as humans and as individuals.

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Wednesday 16 March Playtime: Join the Last Baguette Company for a fun, relaxed theatre session for youngsters. 10.00am. Tickets £5 for two adults and up to four children.

Saturday 19 March Piano Series: The Leonore Piano Trio play Mendelssohn, Dvorak and Matthews. 7.30pm. Tickets £20.

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Wednesday 23 March Shed Talk with Gareth Williams: A monstrous Commotion -The Mysteries of Loch Ness. 7.30pm. Tickets £8.

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Malmesbury Concert Band: New members welcome for 2022 programme



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

The following programme has been announced, so far:

Sunday 29 May – Keynsham Memorial Park

Sunday 26 June – John Coles Park, Chippenham

Sunday 17 July – Queen's Park, Swindon

Saturday 3 September – Malmesbury Abbey grounds, supporting the Carnival procession

Saturday 24 September –
Birdcage Walk/Market Cross, Malmesbury

Saturday 22 October – Cabaret Night, Wesleyan Room, Malmesbury Town Hall

Sunday 13 November –
Remembrance Service, Malmesbury Abbey

In addition, it is hoped that the band may secure another Sunday summer engagement in Stroud. A further band programme in the run up to Christmas will be announced later in the year.

Art Robb, MCB Musical Director said: 'We are already rehearsing every Friday evening in preparation for this year's programme after the disappointment of Covid. But we would warmly welcome more members, especially trombone, horn, clarinet and bassoon players.'

Details are on the website:

www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk.

See Recruitment page.

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Trailer: www.filmbankmedia.com/films/archive/details/32605-little-women#/video

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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

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

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

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

1st Sherston Guides Meet every Wed during term time 5-6.30pm at Sherston Village Hall. Girls are welcome to join after their 10th birthday, no waiting list. Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Fi Picton via fi.picton@outlook.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sherston Short Mat Bowls Meet every Thursday at 2.30 to 4.30pm & 7.30 – 9.30pm. in the Village Hall. New members welcome – bring flat shoes, we have the woods. For more information contact Tony Weedon 841377 or Anne Andrews 840941

Sherston Tennis Club The tennis courts are located on Knockdown Road, next to the football pitch. If you're interested in joining the club or using the courts, please contact Nic Riley on 840682 or nic50riley@gmail.com

Sherston Theatre Club Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. See website for details www.sherstontheatreclub.co.uk 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 mpholland@btinternet.com

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

Sherston W.I. (Founded 1940) Meetings on first Thurs of the month May– Sep 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](https://www.facebook.com/sherstonwi)

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

Outside Sherston

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

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

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

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

Malmesbury Film Society

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

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

Malmesbury Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers For details contact the Division Commissioner at malmesbury@wncounty.org.uk or visit www.girlguidingwiltshirenorth.org.uk

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

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

Tetbury Art Society Meets on the first Wed of the month Feb - Dec with demonstrations or outside painting in the summer months. For more information and the current programme visit <http://tetburyartsociety.org.uk> or call Jenny Riley on 840682. Visitors welcome.

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

Wiltshire Walks The walk lasts approximately 30-60 minutes - 3 levels available - and often ends with a cup of tea or coffee. Further information contact Rosie on rosie.golding@wiltshire.gov.uk 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 open for hot and cold drinks, breakfast, brunch, lunch and freshly made cakes daily 8am to 4pm during winter (summer 8am-5pm). All menu items available whether sitting inside or enjoying our lovely courtyard, takeaways also available. For our menus, please visit www.angel-sherston.co.uk/menu and for our rooms (we always have availability midweek), please visit www.angel-sherston.co.uk/your-booking. Call 841627 for more details.

The Bridge Restaurant

Indian cuisine to eat in or take away daily from 5pm-10pm on the site of The Carps. 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 remodelled 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.horti.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>

Boules Day Entries

After 2 years of cancellations due to Covid the Sherston Boules Festival is back for 2022! This year's Festival Competition will take place on Sat 16 July with entries for local teams scheduled to open on 1 April via the Festival website (www.sherstonboules.org).

A number of other events are planned for Festival week including the ever-popular Duck Race on the afternoon of Sun 17 July. More details will be posted as they become available – please check on the website, our Facebook page or of course in future editions of the Cliffhanger.

Church of the Holy Cross - Church events

Floristry Workshop

Julia Armstrong will be leading a floristry workshop in the church on Sat 19 Mar 10 am - 12 noon. Julia will be guiding you as you create your own table decoration: learning about the mechanics behind natural style arrangements. The cost of £10 will be donated to the Church's Flower Fund.

Please contact Julia Armstrong jarmstrong58@sky.com or 07766 687731 for more information and to register your interest.

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend 18 - 19 June

Spring is in the air and many people are out and about starting to prepare for the new growing season. If you would like a challenge to aim for, why not consider opening your garden in aid of our Church of the Holy Cross. It is a really worthwhile cause, our church has lost a lot of income over the last two years, and this is a fun way of raising money. You could also raise some extra seedlings, or divide perennials for the plant stall. Please think about it, particularly if you have never done it before. Of course we would love to welcome back those who have done it many times before, they will know how rewarding it is to welcome appreciative visitors to admire your labours!
Please check the Cliffhanger over the next month or so to find out how to join the scheme.

Easter Lilies Sherston Church

Would you like to order a 'Lily in Memory Of A Loved One'?

The lily (lillies) will be incorporated in the Church Easter Arrangements & Loved Ones names displayed on a Remembrance List

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

Garden Open

Sat 9 Sun 10 April at Well Cottage, 6 Cliff Road. Lots of plants for sale & refreshments in aid of Send a Cow. Free entry. 11am-5pm. All very welcome Plants will then be for sale from stall outside as last summer.

Would you be interested in joining a garden club in Sherston? All ideas welcome + offers to help run the Club, of course! Please contact tricia.lawrence@outlook.

com or call 840934/07778 412604

If enough interest, we will organise a get-together mid-March.

Sherston Senior Club

Talk: Anna Pearson on Needlepoint 8 Mar

Annual General Meeting and Social afternoon 22 Mar

An informal friendly club who meet every two weeks.

For further information please contact Helen Quirk 840516

Sherston WI

Thurs 3 Mar 2.30pm Talk: Who does your DNA say you are? with Claire Mills

Thurs 7 Apr 2.30pm Annual Meeting with Resolutions discussion followed by Bingo and refreshments British School Rooms. Competitions & Refreshments. Visitors always welcome. For more information: sherstonwi@gmail.com 841421 or facebook sherstonwi

Village Hall Extension Plans

Look at the website www.sherston.net/villagehall Butterflies !

The butterfly project, to raise funds for the Village Hall extension, is drawing to a close. We have had 5 Saturday workshops since October and there will be 2 more, on 5 and 12 March. As we are coming to the end of painting 50 panels to hang in the new entrance hall (when it is built!), we are finding a few spaces which could be taken by smaller flowers. These would have the name of the donor, just as the butterflies have. So if you feel you might have missed the boat but would like to have your name on the panels, please get in touch. Also get in touch if you would like to book a place at the workshops on 5 or 12 March, 10am to 1pm. heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

History Talk With Tea And Cake in aid of the Village Hall and Church

Richard Stancomb, who has researched on how we have become the village that we have today, Find out why history has been kind to us, enjoy a tumble through our history, with tea and cake and support the village Hall and Church.

at The Church of the Holy Cross Sherston Sun 3 Apr 3.30pm, tickets at the door £7. 50. Concessions £10.

Talk: 'Queen Elizabeth I as seen by historians, artists and film-makers' by Roger Ashley in aid of the Village Hall building extension. Fri 8 Apr at 7.30 pm in the British School Room. £10 and you will be able to purchase a glass, or even two, of wine! For tickets contact Gill Ashley 840993 or email gill.ashley1@btinternet.com or, by kind permission, at the Co-op stores.

Queen's Jubilee Celebration -

Main Street Party

Sunday 5 June on the Village Hall Field or Rec Further details about the Jubilee Celebrations will be published as plans evolve.

Further afield:

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

Luckington Village Quiz Night

Fundraiser for the School, always been very popular, most enjoyable. After a long covid absence, it's back; on Sat 2 Apr. 7pm Luckington VH £15 pp Supper is included. Book tickets — ideally as teams of six — through friendsofluckingtonschool@gmail.com.

WestonbirtThe 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: Texas For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt

Malmesbury

Athelstan Museum

Live Concert: Byrdsong Sat 12 Mar 7.30pm A concert of a capella sacred and secular music from the sixteenth century to the present day.

Teatime Talk: Tony McAleavy: Malmesbury Castle and the Struggle for the Crown of England Wed 16 Mar 2.30pm tes, 3pm talk Tony McAleavy will use a range of contemporary sources to tell the little-known story of Malmesbury Castle. Although no trace of the castle remains above ground it was an extremely important place in the twelfth century.

Teatime Film Show:

Brief Encounter Sat 2nd April 2:30pm

Teatime Talk: Anne Goodyear: Malmesbury Market Cross Wed 20 April 2:30pm. Discover the history of Malmesbury's famous market cross from when it was built to it being hit by a bin lorry.

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

Movies@Malmesbury

Movies@Malmesbury is run entirely by volunteers. If you would like to help out with the running of Movies@Malmesbury please see a member of the staff at the end of a screening or email us ghcooke@hotmail.com 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

Malmesbury Concert Band

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

Sun 29 May – Keynsham Memorial Park

Sun 26 June – John Coles Park, Chippenham

Sun 17 July – Queen's Park, Swindon

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

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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

Malmesbury Singers Spring Concert

Eternal Light Howard Goodall

A Little Jazz Mass Aesop's Fables – Bob Chilcott with soloists and the Bristol Ensemble

Sat 2 April 7.30pm Malmesbury Abbey £15 Students/Children £5 Tickets from www.malmesburysingers.co.uk or the Abbey

Malmesbury & District u3a

Retired? Semi-retired? Looking for new interests?

Why not join us? Many of our interest groups are now meeting once again. We have over 450 members and 40 different interest groups including history, gardening, dancing, languages, walking, book groups etc. Monthly meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of the month (10.00- 12.00) at Malmesbury Town Hall and/or Zoom, depending upon the Covid situation. Non-members welcome. 50p donation. 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

Thurs 10 Mar Art of Deception or Fakes and Forgeries - Marilyn Bishop. For centuries objects have been forged in order to deceive the buyer. Marilyn's talk concentrates on the art world and the enormous profits that can be made from forged works

Thurs 24 Mar - What can we do about climate change? - David Head. In a follow up to last years talk on Global Warming and Climate Change, David will outline what Governments, Councils, Industry and individuals can do to assist with reducing carbon and Methane emissions. He will discuss what the Glasgow COP26 meetings meant, what was achieved and how the promises will, or maybe will not, be met.

This will be a valuable opportunity for us to focus on the actions we can take to mitigate against climate change; as a nation, as humans, and as individuals.

'Playtime' with The Last Baguette

'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: 14 Mar, 11 Apr, 9 May, 13 Jun Come along as a one-off or to the whole series! Email thelastbaguette@gmail.com

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

Thursday cinema is back

Weekly films 2pm and 7.30pm £7 in advance online

See website for details of exhibitions, talks, concerts and films

Vegetables from Aunt Addie's Visit the amazing Ros for all your delicious locally grown vegetables. Adeline Farm is a farming venture with the emphasis on quality, fresh, local and seasonal produce. Every 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

Hedgelaying – Mar 5-6 Manor Farm, Sopworth SN14 6PS

Further details of these and more courses further afield in the Cotswolds www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/looking-after/rural-skills/ or email ruralskills@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

Little Women (2019) – Drama, 11 Mar 'U' Saoirse

Ronan, Meryl Streep, Emma Watson

Four sisters come of age in America in the aftermath of the Civil War.

£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

Duke of Beaufort's Hunt Point to Point at Didmarton First Sat in March – 5 Mar Gates open 9.30am. First race starts at 12.30. Countrywear tradestands, Horse & Pony Racing, Fun Dog Show, Bucking Bronco, Children's Entertainment, Trade Stands, Food & Bar.

Wrap up warm against the wind as the course is very exposed. £12.50 entry to the racecourse. Parking on site (chargeable) GL9 1EA.

For further details call or visit www.beauforthunt.com/p2phome

Duke of Beaufort's Hunt FILM NIGHT Thurs 24 Mar
Memories of the Beaufort Hunt, from the 70s to early 80s, footage made by the late Nigel Broom and edited by Tim Sage, at Toad Hall, Trull www.beauforthunt.com/events-beaufort-hunt-supporters-club

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/

Chippenham

Neeld Community and Arts Centre

Neeld Community and Arts Centre For further details call 01249 446699 or visit <http://www.neeld.co.uk>

Crudwell

North Wilts Villages Flower Club

Flower Club meetings usually take place at Crudwell Village Hall, SN16 9HB on the third Wednesday of the month, 7pm for 7.30pm Visitors and new members are guaranteed a warm welcome, with free coffee/ tea/ cake and chat at the end of the evening.

16 Mar Sally Taylor will tutor us in the art of 'Buttonholes'

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.

Nailsworth

Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Professional League 2 football only 25 minutes drive from Sherston. See website for details of matches at The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth For further details call 01453 834860 or visit www.forestgreenroversfc.com

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

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

Live shows with socially distanced seating and ventilation as well as Cinema evenings – see website for listings. For further details call Box office: 01285 648255 or boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk or visit <https://barntheatre.org.uk>

Sutton Benger

Scottish Country Dancing

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