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Sherston Village Celebrations



This series of community events has been planned to celebrate the Queen's 70-year reign; the longest-reigning monarch this country has ever known.

It will also be an opportunity for the whole village to come together again after the last two years of Covid lockdowns.

In this copy of the Cliffhanger, you can find the details of what, when and where all these events are happening (see pages 11-14). This is your chance to meet old friends and make new ones!

Enjoy!

We are grateful for financial support from Wiltshire Council.



Urgent help needed

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

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

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

Please contact info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

Community Speed Watch for Sherston

Some years ago, there was a Community Speed Watch (CSW) scheme in Sherston. However, the group lost enthusiasm, due to the lack of interest from the police in the data that was collected. Now, after lots of pressure on the new Police and Crime Commissioner from your local Wiltshire Councillor and others, the police have been persuaded to take the issue of speeding through our communities more seriously. This includes resourcing more Traffic Management Officers and supporting CSW schemes. There is going to be a relaunch of the CSW schemes across Wiltshire from 1 June; if I can get some volunteers to help out with this, I would like to set one up in Sherston. As a volunteer, it will involve an hour or two of online training and then an hour or two every now and then tracking the speed of traffic at key points in the village. CSW volunteers work closely with community policing teams. Please contact me with offers of assistance at martin.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk

Cllr Martin Smith - Wiltshire Councillor for the Sherston Division

Lorry Watch for Sherston

There have been a number of complaints from residents about the excessive size and number of lorries using the weight-restricted roads in Sherston, such as Sandpits Lane, Green Lane and Noble Street. These roads are limited to vehicles under 7.5 tonnes. There is something we can do about this, as a community. We can set up a Lorry Watch scheme, which requires a number of volunteers to report sightings of vehicles they suspect of infringing a weight limit to Wiltshire Police, who then identify the vehicle's operator and issue a warning. If vehicles receive multiple warnings, Trading Standards investigates and may instigate prosecutions. So, we need a few volunteers willing to spend an hour every so often watching for lorries, and a coordinator to liaise with Wiltshire Police. Please let me know if you are willing help at martin.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk

Cllr Martin Smith - Wiltshire Councillor

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Sherston Gardening Club is coming!

You are warmly invited to attend our inaugural meeting on Tuesday 3 May at the British School Room in Cliff Road. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Over 50 people have indicated they would like to join a Gardening Club, many of whom came to our initial get-together on 6 April. There were lots of ideas generated and offers of help.

There will be a 'bring & buy' sales table, a fun quiz and refreshments. We will confirm our summer programme of garden visits and discuss our aim, 'what needs doing in May' and recommend some May-flowering plants.

We do hope you will come and become a founding member - just £15 single / £25 joint membership per year.

For more information, email:
sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

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Send to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk
or hard copy to Sherston Post Office Stores.

What's On: contact Caroline Moore at
info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

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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Boules Day update



After two years off, this year our Boules Day Festival team spaces were in high demand and spaces filled up fast! Thank you to all who entered, we cannot wait to see you play on the day.

This year, we will be offering up more spaces than ever for local craft stalls - if you wish to find out more about holding a stall, either email Paul at pmather59@icloud.com or get in touch with us through our Facebook page - Sherston Boules Festival.

Sustainability is high on the agenda this year too, we have an exciting announcement with our limited-edition reusable cups! Help us fight back against plastic by purchasing a reusable cup in either a pint or half-pint size to use, reuse and take home once you have finished as a token of the Boules Day Festival 2022. These will be available to purchase on the day.

Marmalade news

Having had a marmalade-making sabbatical last year, I found it quite therapeutic to start again this year.

Being unsure as to how sales would go, I didn't make as much this year. However, I have just sent off a cheque for £150 to both Sherston Senior Club and Wiltshire Air Ambulance. So a huge 'thank you' to everyone who bought my marmalade and your donations. Your generosity is much appreciated by both me and the charities. Thank you., Lin Prior

News from The Tolsey Surgery



It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Pip Pettit, our senior partner here at the Tolsey Surgery. After 29 years of devoted service, her last working day will be Thursday 27 October. Pip wanted to share the below with you all:

'It has been my pleasure and joy to serve our local community for the past 29 years as a GP. I have had the privilege of meeting many people and developing lifelong friendships, as well as bringing up my four children in this wonderful community.

'My retirement will be amongst you all, as I am not planning to move away, and my children would never forgive me, but I feel happy to leave you in the very competent hands of Drs Watkins and Salt, as the next generation of GPs take over.

'I have had a fantastic career and could not think of a better place to be a GP. I thank you for your kindness and loyalty throughout the years both to the surgery and to me personally and I look forward to seeing you out and about, walking the dogs and having a glass of something chilled in the Rattlebone.'

Sherston Women's Institute



Sherston WI (founded in 1940) held its Annual Meeting on 7 April when the President and committee members were re-elected for a further year. President Jill Woodward, Vice President Penny Hutchings, Treasurer Chris Boyle, Secretary Alison Swayne, Social Sue Hancock and Speakers Trish Day.

The annual cups were presented: The Dickenson Cup for most points in the monthly competition went to Di Bush, and Goug Wilcox won the Flower Cup for the most points for the monthly flower competition. The Joyce Butler Cup for the lemon drizzle simnel slices was awarded to Pat Smith. Congratulations to all three members.

Sherston WI holds monthly meetings and, like many organisations, has suffered greatly not being able to meet up for regular monthly meetings between April 2020 and July 2021. Meetings and speakers had been organised on Zoom but many members were not keen to join in this way. It was very good to be able to meet once again with a speaker last July, taking the necessary precautions, and from then on we have more or less been back to 'normal'.

It was decided at the Annual Meeting that the summer meetings from May to September inclusive will take place in the British School Room at 7.30pm instead of moving to the village hall as in recent years. This arrangement is due to several reasons and was voted on by members.

For the Platinum Jubilee weekend, the WI will be offering Jubilee cupcakes which we shall be serving in connection with the photographic exhibition in the British School Room on 4 June - for free! (See page 12 for more details on the exhibition.) Alison, our Secretary, has stitched a beautiful platinum anniversary card which will be sent to Her Majesty from Sherston WI.

Christian Aid Week: 15-21 May – Hungry for Justice Door-to-door collection



People from the parishes of the Gauzebrook Group, including Holy Cross Sherston, will once again be collecting door to door during Christian Aid Week (CAW). Last year, as a group, we raised over £3,000 and it is this level of generosity from our communities that encourages us to keep going each year.

It seems there are more calls than ever for us to help people all over the world whose lives are being disrupted by events outside their control. Only a few months ago, starvation caused by political changes and drought was being reported in Afghanistan. Currently, the war in Ukraine is in the news daily and has such an immediate impact because it seems so close to us. In the experience of people in Ukraine, we can see events that could be happening to us, but Christian Aid is asking that we do not forget other places that have long suffered from poverty and where difficulties are being compounded by the climate crisis. If you are a subsistence farmer, relying on what you grow for what you eat, a year without rain is a disaster. Zimbabwe, the focus of this year's CAW fundraising, is suffering from ever-decreasing rainfall and drought is leading to widespread hunger.

When you see the red CAW envelope come through your door, please think about what you can do to help. Your collector may call back to collect the envelope or you may be asked to return it to a drop-off point such as a home address. In Sherston, envelopes can be put in the collection box in church and will be passed on from there.

Thank you for any support you can give.

Sue Robinson

Gauzebrook CAW Organiser

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(Answers on page 7.)

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Home-grown plants are now available from a stall outside Well Cottage, 6 Cliff Road, Sherston.

All plants grown in a mixture of peat-free and my own compost and using recycled pots and containers. To see full range of plants and sundries available in the garden, please knock on the door or contact me at tricia.lawrence@outlook.com to arrange a visit.

Payment by cash through letterbox, cheque made out to SEND A COW or online www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Patricia-Lawrence - but please fill in form to indicate what you have taken!

All proceeds to Send a Cow.

Sherston Senior Club

On 22 March, we had our Annual General Meeting. Our finances were in good order thanks to our Treasurer, Sue Hewitt, who had been in office for eight years. However, Sue will retire as the Treasurer but wished to remain on the committee. We thanked Sue for all her efforts on our behalf and are now trying to source a new Treasurer. The rest of the committee were returned en bloc. Afterwards we had a quiz and a welcome cup of tea and homemade Easter biscuits.

Our next meeting was a mystery tour which was very enjoyable. The sun shone for most of the day. We toured the Cotswolds and after a circular tour had lunch at the Garden Centre in Cirencester and returned via the route by Cotswold Water Parks.

Our grateful thanks to Lin Prior for her donation of £150 proceeds from her sale of marmalade.

On 19 April we welcomed Holly of The Loaf Shack for a talk on her life and career.

On 3 May, Tea Smart will be telling us about her photography, and on 17 May, we will be having another coach trip.

We are a friendly and informal club - all are welcome. Visitors £2 per meeting. Anyone may join us on our coach trips, space permitting.

Further information, contact Helen Quirk 840516.

Malmesbury Live Arts



Cut Capers and The Makings

Presented by Party Not Arty

Saturday 7 May, Malmesbury Town Hall, 7.30pm

Cut Capers are a nine-piece Bristol band whose energetic live performance and infectious sound have won them a cult following on the British festival scene. Mixing a heavy four-piece brass section with funk, dance and hip-hop. Like all the best bands, their sound is hard to pin down but comparisons have been made to 'Lianne La Havas, Hot 8 Brass Band and The Streets' among many others (The Bristol Magazine).

They have now performed in over 50 cities across eight countries, including Italy, Turkey and Bahrain.

Supporting Cut Capers, we have Bristol-based alt-rock outfit The Makings, with overtones as diverse as jazz and blues, but rooted in soul and pop. With a raw, contemporary edge, brought to life by an evolving portfolio of unique compositions, The Makings offer big, brash sounds that bring something different to the Bristol music scene and beyond.

Tickets £17 available from: www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/event.php?e=10

Village Hall News



By the time you receive this, there may well already be signs that our long-awaited project to rebuild our front extension is about to start. This has been many years in the pipeline, planning and fundraising and now we have 'all our ducks in a row' and we are ready to start.

The project will take quite a few months, and we apologise heartily to anyone who has plans disrupted. We will keep disruption to a minimum and will keep all our hirers informed along the way. Many of the bookings for clubs and classes will still be able to go ahead as the main hall, small hall, kitchen and field will be useable for most of the time. Access will be through the kitchen and small hall and access to the field mainly from Noble Street. Please keep clear of the building works for your own safety.

Although we have raised sufficient funds for the building work to start, we are still hoping for more donations to be made, in order to pay for those extra expenses and finishing touches! There have been a number of donations recently made from businesses and individuals, some of them anonymous, so thank you very much to all.

The Village Hall AGM was on 6 April. There had been no AGM since 2019. Minutes of the meeting are on the website www.sherston.net/villagehall. Much of the discussion was about the building project and all the officers stood for re-election again, although we welcomed a new Drama Group chairperson Katie Skeffington.

During April there have been two talks given to help raise funds for the Village Hall.

Queen Elizabeth I as seen by historians, artists and film-makers was a fascinating talk given by Roger Ashley in the British School Room on 8 April. Alongside the familiar depiction of Elizabeth in all her finery, there were some unusual illustrations and many little-known facts. We thank Roger for his expert knowledge in providing a very entertaining evening.

On Sunday 3 April, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Richard Stancombe gave a very interesting and well-attended insight into how Sherston has become the village that we have today.

A hilltop settlement, bypassed by the Romans, and even today major roads and the M4 and M5, our charm lies with the 13th century layout that a certain Mathew Bezill laid out to make money. Thirty-seven burgrave plots were laid out around a market space, with permission to hold markets and feast days, historical events and developments continued to take place, leaving us the village that you see today.

Richard's extensive research on Sherston and his own house, suggests further work is needed. The fact is that every house has a story to tell. This knowledge is unique to our village and should be explored and preserved.

Thanks go to Richard for giving his time and energy in preparing and delivering his fascinating talk. Those who attended also enjoyed homemade cakes and tea. Donations were split between the church and the village hall extension project.

Sherston Open Gardens: 18 and 19 June

A reminder to put this date in your diary, invite your friends to have a wander around our lovely village. We have several new gardens on the trail this year and are still accepting additions up to the end of May.

Please get in touch if you would like to open your garden to raise money for the Church of the Holy Cross: Heather Martin (heather@geoffmartin.plus.com) or Victoria Méheust (tvmeheust@gmail.com). Gardens are open on one day or both.



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School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

Outdoor adventures by the sea, inter-school sports tournaments and an Easter experience – over to the children of Sherston Primary School to share some of the activities they enjoyed last term



PGL Residential Trip

Our Y6 pupils had a fun-filled (and sun-filled!) week of outdoor adventure activities at their PGL residential in Weymouth.

'PGL was super fun and was packed with exciting and challenging activities – one of my favourites was Jacob's Ladder. It was great to spend so much time with each other and have midnight feasts!' Maddie

'It was AMAZING. Best school trip ever. The giant swing was so funny because when the man said pull the string and I pulled it straight away Olivia's face was so hilariously shocked!' Freya

'A memory that I can look back on throughout my life and a great experience to learn from and to overcome fears.' George



Inter-School Sports Tournaments

Fun, friendly competition and team spirit were high on the agenda at the Year 3 and 4 football and dodgeball tournaments.

'I enjoyed being part of the football tournament and having fun, that's all it's about really, having fun.' Ethan

'It was really fun, we got to play football with friends, it wasn't about winning it was about being together and having fun.' Zoe

'I enjoyed throwing the ball and getting people out and I was the last one in and got everyone out for one dodgeball game!' Angel-Ray

'Once we finished the dodgeball game and we won quite a lot we were very pleased and it was a nice feeling, I also liked the feeling when I caught two balls and got people out.' Amelia



An Easter Experience

During the last week of term, every class enjoyed a special trip to church to learn about the Easter story.

'We learnt about the order of what happened at Easter – first Palm Sunday, then The Last Supper, how Jesus felt and then about how he sacrificed for us. Some of us acted out parts of the Easter story.' James

'During the visit to the church, I learnt about some of the Easter stories from the Bible using playdough and eating grapes, the grapes were yummy!' Ollie



If you're looking for a primary school place for your child in September, we'd love to tell you more about our friendly, creative and ambitious school. Please call our school office on 840237.

A chance to get involved - School Governor vacancies

Sherston School is currently looking for two volunteers to join the school's friendly Governing Body and get involved in the strategic planning and oversight of the school. Being a school governor is voluntary role and would suit someone who is keen to have a positive impact on the school and outcomes for the children. Governors do not have any involvement in the day-to-day running of the school so experience in the educational sector is not essential. If you would like to find out a bit more about the role and what's involved, please email Belinda Robinson: msrobinson@sherston.wilts.sch.uk

Sign up now for children's tennis coaching!

Sherston Tennis Club is looking to provide kids' coaching through the summer, having missed out last year due to Covid. The search is on for a new tennis coach but, as in previous years, we are hoping to offer lessons on a Saturday morning from May to July, with two groups based upon age/ability.

To register your interest and secure a place for your child(ren), please contact David Palgrave on davidpalgrave@hotmail.com.

About Sherston: Answers

We're here in the High Street and were made by Italian prisoners of war in World War II.



Sherston Velo: Belgium trip

Belgium is one of the spiritual heartlands of bicycle racing, and riding the cobbled climbs and lanes of Flanders has long been seen as a rite of passage for many cyclists.

Following a two-year gap, the Sherston Velo Cycling Club annual spring trip saw 10 riders from the club tackle rides based on the route of the iconic Ronde van Vlaanderen (Tour of Flanders) bicycle race. You can't ride far in the rolling hills on the border between Flanders and Wallonia without encountering some of the cobbled lanes that criss-cross the rural landscape, and the riders were soon tackling some of the climbs made famous by the professional races, from the long drag of the Oude Kwaremont and the twisting, narrow Molenberg to the fearsome gradients of the Koppenberg and the Paterburg.

Tired but happy after a long day in the saddle, the group made its way back to the hotel to rehydrate with some of the delicious local beers and to admire the bikes of the Cofidis professional cycling team, who were sharing the same hotel. There was also an opportunity to visit the Centrum Ronde van Vlaanderen museum, which commemorates the race and features exhibits, including racing bicycles and equipment from the past 100 years of the event.

Sherston Velo Cycling Club is always open to new members, regardless of experience, age or ability.

There is a range of rides every week, with the main club rides on weekend mornings catering for all levels of experience and fitness, including families.

As well as road rides, the club organises MTB and gravel rides, virtual rides using the Zwift and RGT online apps, social events, rider safety and bike maintenance training and riding trips to famous cycling destinations in the UK and overseas.

The club is affiliated to British Cycling and has committed to abiding by its code of conduct and policies.

To find out more, including how to join, visit sherstonvelo.cc or email secretary@sherstonvelo.cc.



Greg spinning across the flatlands of Flanders.

One of the many windmills that dot the Belgian landscape.



Kate enjoying the ride in glorious sunshine.

Jim tackles the famous Capelmuur climb in Geraardsbergen



Mark takes on the fearsome cobbles of the steep Koppenberg

Climbing the 20% gradients of the Koppenberg



Regular ride timetable:

Tuesdays - Castle Combe circuit (in season) or Zwift racing

Thursdays - Gravel ride or chain gang (alternate weeks, in season) or Zwift/RGT social ride (winter months only)

Saturdays - Club A, B and café rides starting from 8am.

Sundays - Group ride, café ride and beginner rides starting from 8.30am

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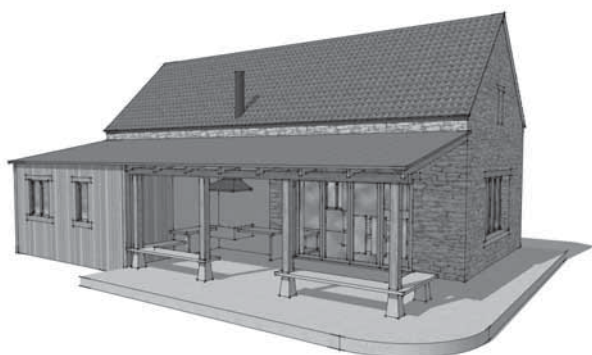
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For more information, email membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of the month (10.00am-12.00noon) at Malmesbury Town Hall and/or Zoom, depending on the Covid situation. Non-members welcome. 50p donation.

Sopworth Village Plant Table



The Sopworth village plant table may be small but it features a surprisingly diverse range of seasonal plants which are regularly changed. It is now open, and is in its sixth year. Plants are donated, and the money raised from the sale of them is given 50% to Sopworth church and 50% to Sopworth village hall. The plant table is open 24/7 during the summer months, and payment is made into the money box on a trust basis.

Ann Buxton and Jinny Rawlings run the stall, with Catherine Coverdale, our new neighbour, making the third member of the team. It is on the main street of Sopworth at the Didmarton end of the village between Bull Park Barn and Hollybush Barn.

We sincerely thank all those who have supported and continue to support the Sopworth plant table. Gifts of plants and of course purchases of plants are always greatly welcomed.

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Our May meetings are as follows:

Thursday 26 May: Alfred Williams and the Folk Songs of the Upper Thames. Martin Graebe.

Alfred Williams was born in South Marston, Wilts, in 1877. He wrote poetry about the people and the area in which he lived, in publications such as A Wiltshire Village, and Round About the Upper Thames. When ill-health forced him to leave his job on the railway, Alfred began cycling around the Cotswolds and Upper Thames to compile an anthology of the songs of local people. In this presentation, Martin Graebe will talk about Alfred Williams' life and work with particular reference to his folk songs. The talk will be illustrated with photographs and performances of some of the songs discovered by Williams.

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Sherston Village Celebrations: Programme of events



Saturday 7 May - Sunday 5 June

Jubilee Puzzle Trail

Have a go at Sherston's free puzzle trail to celebrate the Queen's jubilee! Can you discover the names of three of the Queen's corgis? And how many corgis in crowns will you spot on your way? See page 13 for trail map and clues (extra copies available from the Co-op). Thanks to Sherston's Scouting and Guiding groups for supplying such colourful corgis in crowns for the trail.

Thursday 2 June

A Proclamation

The High Street
2.00pm

The Lighting of the Beacon

atop the church tower
Any viewpoint around Holy Cross Church
The evening commences at 9.25pm
Beacon lighting 9.45pm



Fireworks Display

The Recreation Ground
10.00pm
Entrance Free

Thursday 2 June - Sunday 5 June

Jubilee Flowers



Church of the Holy Cross
10.00am-6.00pm

Friday 3 June

Photographic Exhibition: 70 Years of Sherston



The British School Room
10.00am-12.00noon and 2.00pm-4.00pm
Free Entry

The Bonsais

Social and dance with The Bonsais

Village Hall
8.00pm-11.30pm

The Bonsais are a brand-spanking-new four-piece from right here in the South West. After a chance meeting backstage at Sherston's very own Big Picnic, members from The Soul Destroyers, Wasabi and The Beehives have come together to create the ultimate pocket-sized party-pop-rock covers band. From Stevie Wonder to The Weekend, The Kinks to Taylor Swift, all the bases – and every inch of the dance floor – are covered. Dust off your dancing knickers: the party is back in Sherston!

Tickets £10.

Available from Sherston Co-op (cash only please).
There will be a pay bar (cards only please).

Saturday 4 June

Photographic Exhibition: 70 Years of Sherston



The British School Room

10.00am-12.00noon and 2.00pm-4.00pm

Free Entry

There will be tea and cakes on this day of the exhibition courtesy of Sherston WI.



CALF 2 COW

The Wave

Cue water-fights, flares, floor-stomping, songs and slapstick mayhem!

Village Hall Field

Performances: 2.00pm and 5.00pm

The pirate ship, Wave Goodbye to Your Sanity, has been lost at sea for weeks, or perhaps it is years? The crew - three buffoonish, broken, musical sailors - need your help on a journey of incredible highs and sudden lows as they battle against the stormy seas.

The Wave is a bonkers, riotous, clowning show, brought alive through water-fights, sea shanties, trembling drums, electric guitars, colour bombs, flares, floor-stomping songs and lots of falling over! And watch out for seagulls and mermaids too! Join us aboard as we share a tale of isolation, love, loneliness and hysteria.

We shall celebrate our own unique bonkersness, dance in the field and throw endless buckets of water. A perfect party for big kids and small. Come along, bring your water gun and sing your heart out! Let the mayhem be unleashed!

Tickets: Family £25 / Adults £10 / Concessions £7/ Children £5. Available from Sherston Co-op (cash only please) or at www.eventbrite.co.uk under Sherston Jubilee. Calf2Cow 'The Wave' either 2pm or 5pm. (Please Note: If booking online there will be an additional booking fee.)

Entry for the audience for these performances will be only via the gate on Noble Street to the Village Hall field. Please bring your own folding chairs or picnic blankets if possible.



Silk painted butterflies

The Village Hall

1.00pm-6.00pm

Free entry

The fabulous silk painted butterflies created by over 100 people to raise funds for the Village Hall renovation will be on display. There will be the opportunity to make donations.

Sunday 5 June

Morning Service

Church Street

Holy Cross Church

11.00am



Picnic in the park (AKA The village hall field)

Village hall field

1.00pm onwards

Bring your own blankets, picnic food and drink.

Village Hall tables and chairs available.

Silk painted butterflies

Village Hall

1.00pm-6.00pm

Free entry

See Saturday 4 June for info.



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Puzzle Trail

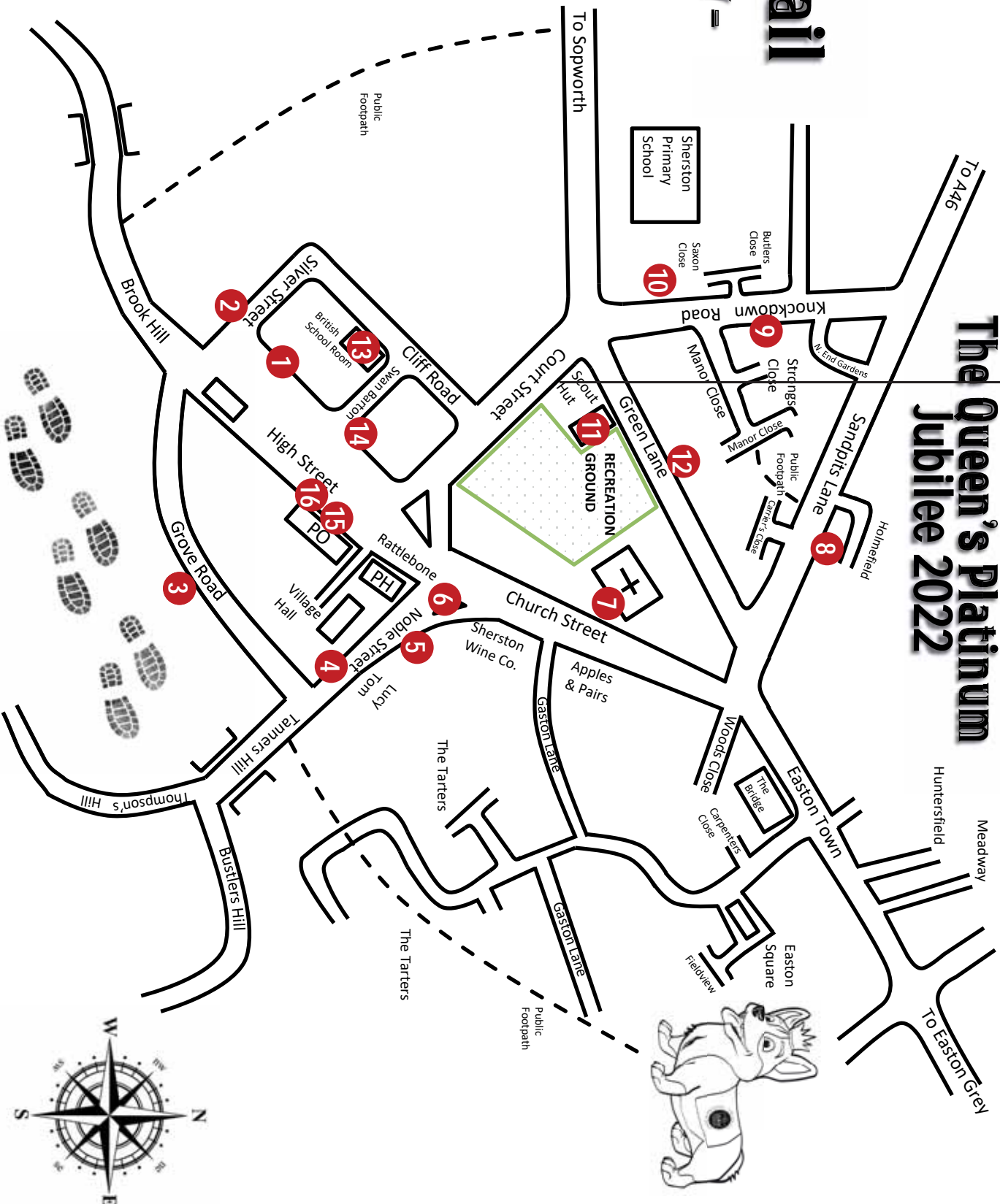
**SATURDAY 7th MAY -
SUNDAY 5th JUNE**

Follow the trail between Saturday 7 May until Sunday 5 June and solve the clues! Write your answers into the correct boxes overleaf (with no spaces) to reveal the names of three of the Queen's corgis.

On your way, keep your eyes peeled for any corgis in crowns - keep count and pop the number in the box overleaf!

Return your completed trail to one of the staff at Sherston Co-op

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022



ANSWERS:

1) What tree is represented above the door of Balcony House where Queen Anne is rumoured to have slept whilst on her way to Bath in 1705?

Clue 6

2) Which festival has been a fixture in the royal diaries since the 1950s? Look at this house name for a clue!

Clue 15

3) The Queen has 12 great-grandchildren. What bird can you find at No. 12?

Clue 16

4) What can you spot above No. 3? (Perhaps one of the Queen's great-grandsons could take him on and win!)

Clue 7

5) Not the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace.

Clue 12

6) The bench under the Jubilee tree is in memory of the comrades of which Royal Sherston branch?

Clue 3

7) Which member of the royal family blessed the church roof?

Clue 1

8) Which member of the royal family might live in the house opposite Carriers Close?

Clue 4

9) As well as its own post office and a cinema, Buckingham Palace has its own station like this! (Look opposite No.1)

Clue 5

10) Which creature is perched on top of the school? (Prince Charles is a big fan of red ones!)

Clue 14

11) Scouts began in Sherston in 1930, the year that Princess Margaret was born, in what month did Mrs Dyson lay the stone at the current Scout headquarters?

Clue 11

12) Maybe you could find a prince here? Pucker up! (10 Green Lane)

Clue 10

13) Add all the digits of the year that the British School Rooms were erected? (It was the year that one of Queen Victoria's sons was born.)

Clue 8

14) Look up! What can you see swinging but not ringing? You'll hear Westminster Abbey's on the Queen's birthday.

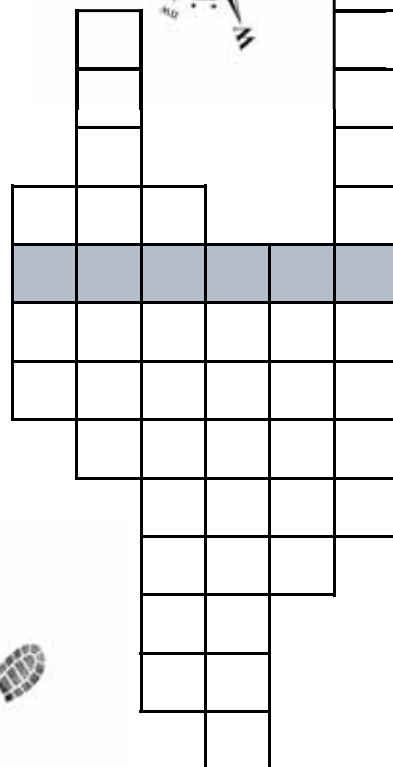
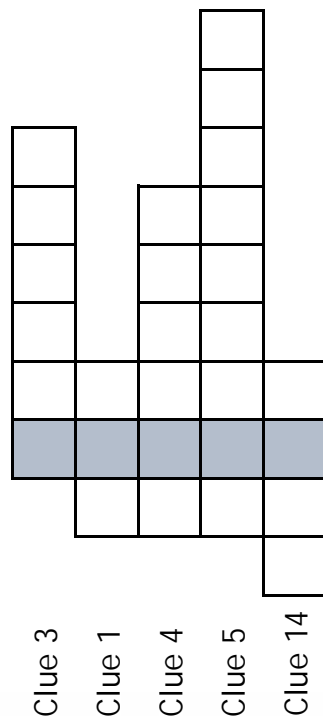
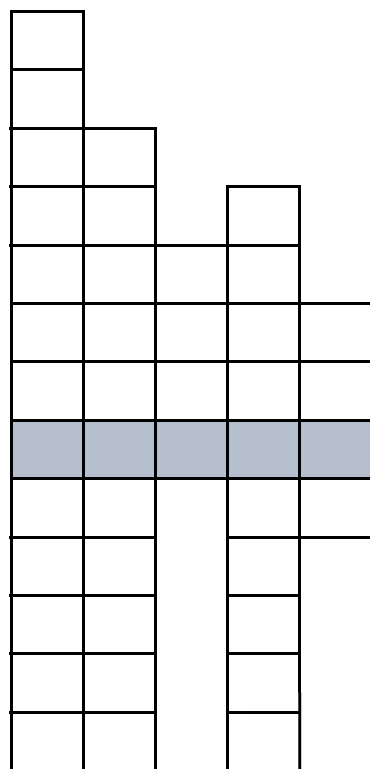
Clue 13

15) In 1986, the year of the Queen's 60th birthday, how many years of Norman Heritage were celebrated?

Clue 9

16) What colour is the royal accessory on the phone box?

Clue 2



NUMBER OF CORGIS SPOTTED

NAME: _____

EMAIL: _____



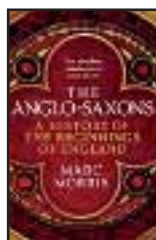
Events: Athelstan Museum, Rausing Building

Saturday 7 May, 3.00pm

Marc Morris: The Anglo Saxons

Historian Marc Morris, presenter of the Channel 4 series, *Castle*, and author of several books, including the recently published *The Anglo Saxons*, shares his insights into the period we call the Dark Ages. That transformation of Britain from a former Roman province, descending rapidly into ruin, to a newly forged kingdom called 'England' - a country of shires, sheriffs, bishops and boroughs, with boundaries much the same as they are today, was caused by the Anglo-Saxons. The story of their tumultuous journey, from warlords to kings, from paganism to Christianity, and from a galaxy of competing peoples to a single, unified nation, is the subject of this talk.

Tickets £10 from Athelstan Museum or athelstanmuseum.org.uk



Wednesday 18 May, 2.30pm Teatime Talk:

Janet Casselden, Women of Malmesbury

Janet Casselden continues our series of teatime talks with a celebration of the women of Malmesbury.

Tea will be served from 2.30pm and the talk will start at 3.00pm.

Tickets £5, to include refreshments, from Athelstan Museum or athelstanmuseum.org.uk



Wednesday 8 June, 7.00pm Bob Weir, Jazz UK

Bob Weir will talk about the origins and development of jazz music in Britain with recorded musical examples.



He will discuss the early influence on home-grown talent from American visitors, including the Original Dixieland Jazz Band (1919/20), Louis Armstrong (1932) and Fats Waller (1938). Post-war expatriate arrivals from the Caribbean and South Africa also made significant impacts.

UK jazz has mostly followed American styles, although the Trad and Skiffle crazes and some more recent occasional fusions with British folk music could be regarded as indigenous genres.

Bob is a veteran jazz journalist and researcher, a columnist and reviewer for *Jazz Journal* magazine for 34 years and the author of a dozen discographical books on leading jazz figures.

Questions and observations will be encouraged throughout the talk.

Tickets £10 from Athelstan Museum or athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Wednesday 15 June, 2.30pm Teatime Talk:

Mike Lewis. Patagonia, a Welsh Journey



Mike Lewis gives a talk about the Welsh migration to Patagonia. Tea will be served from 2.30pm and the talk will start at 3.00pm

Tickets £5, to include refreshments, from Athelstan Museum or athelstanmuseum.org.uk

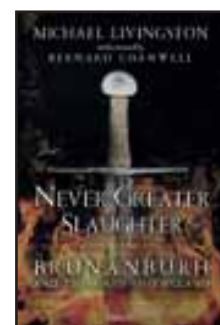
Wednesday 29 June, 7.00pm

Prof Michael Livingston,

Athelstan's Triumph:

Brunanburgh 937

In this talk, Professor Michael Livingston discusses the importance of the fight and the man who won it.



Athelstan has risen from the ranks of relatively little-known royals to be counted today among the most important kings in English history. Many of his remarkable achievements set a new course for England and the English, but none looms larger upon the historical record than his victory over an alliance of Scots, Britons, and Vikings at the battle of Brunanburh in 937.

Prof Livingston is a historian, author of multiple academic works, including *Never Greater Slaughter: Brunanburh and the Birth of England* (Osprey, 2021), and co-star of Discovery Channel show 'Contact'. He is a full professor at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, and at present serves as the Secretary-General for the United States Commission on Military History.

Tickets £10 from Athelstan Museum or athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Wednesday 20 July, 2.30pm

Teatime Talk: Bill Reed, Malmesbury Voices

Bill Reed presents a selection of stories from the Museum's award-winning collection of spoken memories.

Tea will be served from 2.30pm and the talk will start at 3.00pm.

Tickets £5, to include refreshments, from Athelstan Museum or athelstanmuseum.org.uk



North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

It is not long now until the Flower Club's Golden Anniversary celebration on Saturday 28 May. We look forward to welcoming Michael Bowyer MBE, President of The National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS), and national judge, demonstrator, teacher and speaker to this special event at Goss Croft Hall, Seagry. Michael will demonstrate 'Five Decades of Floral Art' during the morning, and tutor a workshop for current members in the afternoon. We invite all former members of North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club to join us for the morning demonstration and the celebratory lunch. Last call for tickets! These are priced at £35, and include refreshments on arrival, a full morning of demonstrations, excellent lunch, glass of prosecco and cake. Any members or former members wishing to book a ticket should email nwvflowerclub@gmail.com or telephone Diana Hodgson (Treasurer) on 577662 or 07817 242888 without delay, as we need to confirm final numbers very soon.

In March, we held a very successful workshop tutored by Sally Taylor, in which attendees made floral buttonholes and corsages to enhance outfits for weddings or other special events; we look forward to having opportunities to utilise these skills for

social functions this summer! Our April event was a demonstration by Katherine Delve from Yatton entitled 'A Walk in the Woods'. Looking further forward, on 15 June, Sally Hardy will join us for a demonstration entitled 'This and Tat'.

We are a friendly and enthusiastic club with a varied programme 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 (visitors and potential new members very welcome).

We can be contacted by email (as above), or for more information visit our website - <https://northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk> or our Facebook page.

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Local recycling and zero waste outlet information



Recycling Facilities:

Kerbside Collection - check the Wiltshire Council website for up to date information of what they do and do not take

The Household Recycling Centre at Stanton St Quinton - take a look at their website to see what they take, you no longer need to to book in advance!

Soft plastics and batteries:

Tesco Tetbury and Tesco Yate - collection points available in the stores, Midcounties Co-op Sherston also collects soft plastics

Batteries/light bulbs:

Sustainable Sherston Collection Point (Saturdays only) - at Dog Leg House, 19a Church St

Soft plastics and medicine blister packs:

Sustainable Sherston Collection Point (Saturdays only) - at Haefen, 3 Sandpits Lane

Clothes and Shoes Collection Point :

Wiltshire Air Ambulance - Sherston Village Hall Car Park

Ink Cartridges:

Sherston High Street Telephone Box

Dental items:

(toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, electric toothbrush heads) Barley Mow Dental Practice, Malmesbury

Batteries and Brita water jug filter:

Waitrose, Malmesbury - collection points available

Zero Waste Shops:

Lucy Tom Interiors, Noble Street, Sherston - refills of cleaning materials, beauty products, shampoo and conditioner as well as reusable water bottles, keep cups, beeswax wraps and 'Who Gives A Crap' toilet paper

The Wild Food Company, High Street, Malmesbury - large selection of zero waste and plastic-free goods, liquid refills and loose dry foods, and loose milk

The Grocers on Church Street, Tetbury - large selection of zero waste and plastic-free goods, liquid refills and loose dry foods, and loose milk

Loose, 33 High Street, Stroud GL5 1BB - selling unpackaged foods and other household and personal care items in a largely plastic-free environment. Remember to take your own packaging!

Hobb's House Bakery, Malmesbury and Tetbury - take your own bags!

Allington Farm Shop, Chippenham SN14 6LJ - all manner of fruit and vegetables, butchers, deli counter and a huge set of freezers where you can scoop frozen fruit/veg/pastries/yorkshire puddings/fishcakes into your own containers/plastic bags

Abbey Farm, Burford Road GL7 5HF - brilliant organic farm, farm shop and cafe and a large selection of zero waste and plastic-free goods and liquid refills

Zero Waste online services:

Milk and More (www.milkandmore.co.uk) : 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)

Abel & Cole (www.abelandcole.co.uk) - organic fruit, veg, groceries & household goods delivered to your door with very low plastic use

Local Food Growers

Home Farm, Highgrove, Tetbury - veg stall and loose organic milk

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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 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.

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

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

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

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

Church Bell Ringing Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 – 9 pm. 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 07771 1515489.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sherston Theatre Club Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. See website for details www.sherstontheatreclub.co.uk or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com

Sherston Velo A friendly village club offering rides and social events for cyclists of all experience levels from beginner to advanced, including families. Regular road, gravel, MTB and virtual rides. Regular ride timetable: Tues- Castle Combe circuit (in season) or Zwift racing Thurs Gravel ride or chain gang (alternate weeks, in season) or Zwift/RGT social ride (winter months only) Sat- Club A, B and cafe rides starting from 8am. Sun- Group ride, cafe ride and beginner rides. More info sherstonvelo.cc or email 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 at 7.30pm and Nov - Apr at 2.30pm - all in the British Schoolroom. Jan & Oct alternative arrangements. Visitors always most welcome £4. Further information: Secretary 841421, sherstonwi@gmail.com or facebook sherstonwi

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

Outside Sherston

Avonvale Utd FC The youth section trains at The Recreation Ground, Shipton Moyne every Saturday morning (from 1 Sep - 31 May) from 9.30am, with FA qualified coaches. We welcome boys and girls age 6+ of all abilities and confidences to enjoy the beautiful game, whilst developing at their own pace in a friendly and calm environment. For more details email avonvaleutdfc@outlook.com or call Jo Hargreaves on 07518 017363

Boules at the Bull Friendly boules club at the Red Bull Inn (Malmesbury Rd) - meets every Thurs at 7.15pm - any level. For the more competitive members, there is a team playing in the Cotswold Pétanque league. To enter, please contact Sue McKechnie on 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk

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

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

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

Easton Grey Parish Church See Parish Life for details of services

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

For details see www.wiltshire.gov.uk/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@malmsburyconcertband.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 Tucks Yard with covered seating – takeaways available. For further details call Lucy on 841433 or visit <https://lucytom.com>

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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

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. 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

Christian Aid Week: 15-21 May – Hungry for Justice
Sherston Open Gardens Weekend 18 - 19 June Spring is in the air, why not consider opening your garden in aid of our Church of the Holy Cross. Invite your friends to have a wander around our lovely village. We have several new gardens on the trail this year and are still accepting additions up to the end of May. You could also raise some extra seedlings, or divide perennials for the plant stall. If you'd like to take part, please contact Heather (heather@geoffmartin.plus.com) or Victoria (tvmeheust@gmail.com).

Sherston's Gardening Club

Inaugural meeting Tues 3 May in the British School Rooms 7pm for 7.30pm start, bring and buy stall, quiz, refreshments, discuss our aims, 'What needs doing in May' and recommend some May-flowering plants. Full programme of events to follow. £15pa Contact Tricia on sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com or 840934/07778 412604 for more details.

Sherston Senior Club

May 3 Tea Smart's Photography talk

May 17 Mystery coach trip

An informal friendly club who meet every two weeks. For further information please contact Helen Quirk 840516

Sherston Tennis Club

Proposed kids' coaching lessons on a Sat morning from May to July, with two groups based upon age/ability. To register your interest and secure a place for your child(ren) or offer to be the coach, please contact David Palgrave on davidpalgrave@hotmail.com.

Sherston WI

Talk: Helping People by Helping Cats with Kelly Matthews Thurs 5 May 7.30pm British School Room
Talk: What did the WI ever do for us?: Catherine Knight Thurs 9 June 7.30pm in British School Room
Competitions & Refreshments. Visitors always welcome. For more information: sherstonwi@gmail.com 841421 or Facebook [sherstonwi](https://www.facebook.com/sherstonwi)

Village Hall Extension Plans

Look at the website www.sherston.net/villagehall
Outdoor theatre comes to the Village Hall
Bath-based production company Calf 2 Cow's new show, 'The Wave', brings to life a weird and wonderful maritime world to the forum of outdoor, garden theatre Sat 4 Jun

Queen's Jubilee Celebration

Sat 7 May until Sun 5 Jun **Jubilee Puzzle Trail**; Thurs 2 Jun **Proclamation** on the High Street at 2pm; **lighting of the beacon** atop the church tower 9.25pm followed by **fireworks** on the Rec at 10pm (free); Thurs 2 – Sun 5 Jun **Jubilee flowers** in the church 10-6; Fri 3 Jun & Sat 4 Jun **Photographic Exhibition**: 70 Years of Sherston - British

School Room 10-12 & 2-4pm (free); Fri 3 Jun **Social and dance with The Bonsais**, Village Hall, 8pm-11.30pm, £10, Bar available; Sat 4 Jun **Calf2Cow - The Wave**, Village Hall Field, 2 & 5pm, Cue water- fights, flares, floor-stomping songs and slapstick mayhem! Tickets: Family £25 / Adults £10 / Concessions £7/ Children £5. Sat 4 & Sun 5 June. **Silk painted butterflies**, Village Hall 1-6pm (free), fabulous silk painted butterflies created by over 100 people to raise funds for the Village Hall renovation on display and the opportunity to make donations; Sun 5 June, **morning service**, Holy Cross Church, 11am; Sun 5 Jun Picnic in the Park Bring your own blankets, picnic food and drink, 1pm, Village Hall Field.

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 Jubilee Celebrations

Sun 5 Jun Playing Field

Sopworth

Plant stall in aid of village causes

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

Badminton

Badminton Horse Trials

Wed 4 - Sun 8 May from 9 / 9.30 am Gates open at 8am See website for ticket information Under 12s free. Advance tickets only. Free admission after 4pm Badminton For further details call 01454 218375 or boxoffice@badminton-horse.co.uk or visit www.badminton-horse.co.uk

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: Texas For further details call 880220 or visit <https://www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt>

Malmesbury

Athelstan Museum

Talk: Marc Morris: The Anglo Saxons Sat 7 May 3pm Historian Marc Morris, presenter of the Channel 4 series, *Castle* and author of several books including the recently published *The Anglo Saxons*, shares his insights into the period we call the Dark Ages.

Teatime Talk: Janet Casselden, Women of Malmesbury Wed 18 May

Janet Casselden continues our series of teatime talks with a celebration of the women of Malmesbury. Tea will be served from 2:30 and the talk will start at 3pm £5

Talk Bob Weir, Jazz UK Wed 8 Jun 7pm

Bob will talk about the origins and development of jazz music in Britain with recorded musical examples. Bob Weir is a veteran jazz journalist and researcher, a columnist and reviewer for *Jazz Journal* magazine for 34 years and the author of a dozen discographical books on leading jazz figures.

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 Live Arts

Cut-Capers live Band 7 May - 9-piece Bristol band mixing a heavy 4-piece brass section with funk, dance, hip-hop and a smattering of electro swing. www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/index.php

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

This month's talk: Thurs 26 May Alfred Williams and the Folk Songs of the Upper Thames - Martin Graebe

'Playtime' with The Last Baguette

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: 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

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Thursday cinema is back

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

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

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Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks

Belfast (2021) – Drama, musical- Fri 13 May

'Belfast' is the humorous, tender and intensely personal story of one boy's childhood during the tumult of the late 1960s.

£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

Chippenhams

Neeld Community and Arts Centre

Neeld Community and Arts Centre For further details call 01249 446699 or visit 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.

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

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musicincountrychurches.org.uk

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For further details call Box office: 01285 648255 or

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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

Cheltenham

Arts & Science Festivals

2022 dates for your diary:

Cheltenham Science Festival 7 to 12 June

www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science

Cheltenham Music Festival 8 to 16 July

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

Wiltshire Council

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

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes
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Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
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