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Sherston Arts Festival overview: Friday 5 to Sunday 14 November

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FESTIVAL

After a really difficult period during the Covid crisis, when so many cultural events were cancelled, we are delighted to be able to offer this year's Festival. The virus may still be with us, and some people will still be nervous about attending, but we will endeavour to make events as safe as possible.

Preview evening; come to Holy Cross Church on Friday 5 November at 7.30pm to get a first glimpse of the Art Exhibition, with over 100 pictures in all media by both professional and amateur artists. It costs £5 on the door, including a glass of wine or a soft drink. The exhibition is then open every day from 10.00am to 5.00pm, except on Sunday 7 November when it opens at 11.00am and on Sunday 14 November when it opens at 12.00noon. Flower displays by members of the church flower group will decorate the church.



120 years of the Blues by Tim Hughes; Saturday 6 November at 7.30pm in the British School Room, Cliff Road. Combining presentation and performance, Tim outlines the emergence of the blues from the Deep South, through Chicago and the British blues boom to the modern day. Covering artists as diverse as Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith, Blind Blake, Robert Johnson, Muddy Waters, Elmore James, BB King, Ry Cooder and many others. Including performances by Tim, using traditional bottleneck and finger-picking guitar styles, of Walking Blues, That'll Never Happen No More, Red Rooster, Baby Please Don't Go and Paris Texas. This event is designed to be of interest to anyone who would like to find out more about the blues that have been so influential to the development of popular music over the last century. Tickets £8, to include a glass of wine or soft drink, available from the Co-op (cash payment).



The Grimm Sisters by Scratchworks Theatre Company; Sunday 7 November at 2.30pm in the Village Hall. A slightly scary story for families with children over 6 (but great fun for all ages!) Brought to us by Rural Arts Touring.

*Would you like to hear a remarkable story?
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*We are two sisters, The Sisters Grimm.
One is quite clever and one is quite musical.
Our tales are greater than any others,
But they were stolen by our beastly brothers!
Now we must journey to fix their lies...
Or else the birds will pluck out our eyes!*

You know the Brothers Grimm? The famous storytellers...or story stealers more like! Their sisters were the true brains behind the books, but thanks to a treacherous father, a nasty curse and a great big dollop of bad luck, you've probably never heard of them.

The Grimm Sisters are here to set the record straight. Join them on the journey as they tell their twisted tales with a marvellous mix of live music, singing and comedy. Dive headfirst into their weird world of poisonous parents, courageous quests and a magical frog called Jeremy (Jeremy is not to be trusted).

*Keep your mind sharp and your guts gory,
because in the blink of an eyelash,
you might find yourself within the story!*

Tickets from www.poundarts.ticketsolve.com, adults £9, child £7, family (2 adults, 2 children) £28.

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Distribution offer to support Sherston Community Events

In the past the Cliffhanger has offered commercial advertising inserts to be distributed within the publication for a payment. This had to be halted as it became too much of a commitment for our volunteers.

We understand that inserts can be a useful addition to promoting events so we are now offering inserts for non-commercial, Sherston-only based community events free of charge eg Boules, Arts Festival, Drama Group etc.

Inserts will only be accepted if the event meets the above criteria and the organisers are willing to supply and prepare the material, discuss and arrange insertion.

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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 Remembrance Service Sunday 14 November



The Sherston Remembrance Service in 2020 was held under strict COVID 19 restrictions and was attended only by veterans and watched online.

This year we are very much less constrained and the service will go ahead as normal in Church Street in front of the lych-gate.

Please be in position in Church Street for 10.45am, wear a poppy and bring some money for the collection.

Church of the Holy Cross Christmas Bazaar and Cafe

This will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 4 December. Plans are being made so please keep this date in your diary.



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Sherston WI



Members of the Sherston WI were very disappointed not to have been able to celebrate their 80th anniversary (already delayed by a year due to Covid) with a special lunch, but we did have fun when we met in the British School Room (BSR) for an afternoon of chat, bingo and tea with our special cake beautifully made by our Secretary, Alison.

Six volumes of photographs were available for present members to re-live outings, special occasions, carnivals and spring shows. We realised that we had missed being able to meet over the last twenty months and members enjoyed catching up. The beautiful edible sunflowers cake decoration was raffled and this was won by Di Bush, whose birthday it was the next day, a fitting winner!

On Thursday 4 November we shall again be meeting in the BSR at 2.30pm to hear a talk with slides about Medical Detection Dogs. These brilliant animals are trained to detect the odour of human diseases with the aim of developing faster, more efficient and less invasive diagnostics that lead to better patient outcomes. You would be welcome to come along. We ask you to pay £4 as a visitor, refreshments included! At the meeting on Thursday 2 December we shall be transported to the Middle East with an exhibition of Belly Dancing by a troupe of local ladies.

The Annual Meeting of Wiltshire Federation of WIs usually takes place in Salisbury but this year it is to be held on Zoom. As well as the usual business there will be two speakers. Tracy Daszkiewicz who helped save Salisbury with the Novichok Poisonings and who has been in charge of Public Health SW during Covid will be one speaker and the other, totally different, will be Mary-Jess Leaverland. This young lady won China's version of the X Factor, having grown up with a single mum in poor circumstances in Gloucestershire.

For more information about Sherston WI call 841421 or find us on Facebook @sherstonwi

Sherston Senior Club

Our Harvest Auction was well attended and we had a short Service of Thanksgiving before the Auction. This was taken by the Reverend Susan Harvey who then went on to be the Auctioneer. Members had brought lots of fruit and vegetables and various cakes and biscuits. We were able to send a cheque for £81.00 to The Sisters of the Church in Bristol to help with their splendid work with the needy and homeless.

Our next get together was an outing to Whitminster to visit Highfield Garden Centre. We were lucky with the weather, having sunshine for a lovely tour of the countryside with Colin the coach driver pointing out items of interest on the way there. On our return the weather changed but that did not matter so much, having had a good day out. We also manned a stall at the Sherston Showcase day in order to promote the Senior Club.

Our Show and Tell stories and talk by Tricia Lawrence (supporter of Send a Cow) entitled 'Where There's Land There's Hope' will have taken place by the time you are reading this report. More about these items next month.

Looking forward;

Tuesday 9 November at 2.00pm Howard and Sue Harding's Tribute to the 1940s and especially to Etienne and Violette Szarbo.

Tuesday 23 November at 2.00pm Persephone Violet will give a flower demonstration with a Christmas theme. Visitors are welcome at £2 per head.

We are a friendly informal club and as long as you are over sixteen there is no age limit. Please contact Helen Quirk 840516 for more details.

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News from the Tolsey



New GP Partner at the Tolsey

We are very pleased to welcome Dr Barbara Salt MBChB MRCGP DCH DFFP to our Tolsey team.

Barbara graduated from The University of Bristol Medical School in 1999. She became a partner at the Tolsey surgery on Friday 1 October, having previously been a full-time partner in Caldicot, South Wales for the last 17 years.

She has special interests in women's health, family planning, child health, the management of substance misuse and diabetes.

Barbara lives in South Gloucestershire with her husband, two teenagers and two dogs.

Dr Harris retires

Dr Harris retired from clinical practice at the end of September having been at the Tolsey for 19 years. She says she will miss all her patients and colleagues and we hope that she will get used to a quieter life very quickly! We wish her all the best.



Drs Pettit, Harris and Watkins

Thank you for the cards and gifts you sent in, these were given to her in a gift box on her last day, along with flowers and chocolates. Her Partners also presented her with a lovely wind sculpture for her garden.

Flu vaccinations

Due to the space restrictions in the Tolsey we are taking over the Village Hall again for our second flu vaccination clinic on Saturday 6 November, our first took place on Saturday 16 October.

These clinics are for over 65 year olds, and under 65 at risk patients. You will be notified by text if you are eligible.

Patients will no doubt be aware of the national delay in flu vaccine supplies to Primary Care and, as a result of this, we currently do not yet have enough vaccine for the 50 to 65 age group. We would kindly suggest that if you are in that cohort you consider taking up the opportunity to have a flu vaccination at various outlets including most pharmacies.

Covid Booster Vaccinations

We have been allocated a clinic on Saturday 13 November. The NHS will be supplying us with the Pfizer vaccine only, which means that we will have to vaccinate our eligible patients at Malmesbury Primary Care Centre. There is still a 15 minute wait time after each vaccine, which we cannot accommodate in our current building. We are grateful to our local colleagues for, once again, letting us use their facilities.

All patients will be contacted according to the risk groups and ensuring it is six months since their previous vaccine.

We appreciate that some eligible patients may not wish to wait and so can make an online booking elsewhere using the Covid National Booking service. All members of the Tolsey recently used this service and found it to be very efficient.

SOSCIC General Meeting Monday 15 November



First of all a big thank you to the organisers of the Showcase Sherston held at the Village Hall on 18 September. Mike Johnson and Geoff Martin, our Chairman and Finance Manager, were able to present the work of SOSCIC to a number of new residents at this event and as a result we gained a few new members, so welcome to those.

For those of you who missed the Showcase Sherston event and would like to find out more about the work and the challenges of maintaining the Old School building, our General Meeting is an opportunity to come and learn about it and potentially join and play a part in this great community owned asset.

Community Interest Companies are gaining in popularity and are one of a number of ways for communities to safeguard and manage communal assets and events.

The General Meeting, which is being held at 7.00pm on Monday 15 November at the British School Room, Cliff Road, Sherston, is

an opportunity to learn from this very successful venture and perhaps put these experiences to use in other areas.

If we didn't need reminding, the pandemic has demonstrated vividly that despite living in a globally connected world, we need to make sure that we take care of and cherish things in the local vicinity which are unlikely to be of concern to those further afield.

COVID-19 meant that we were not able to hold an annual meeting last year and were also not able to properly celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the opening of the Old School buildings. We will therefore be offering a celebratory drink to all who attend to belatedly mark this milestone. We look forward to seeing many current and future members on Monday 15 November.

All the formal reports will be available for inspection at the meeting and prior to the meeting on the Old School section of the Parish Council website at www.sherston.org.uk/oldschoolproject.php

Last chance for the Advent House Trail!



Thank you so much to everyone who has got their sparkle on and has said yes to this year's Advent House so far. We have room for a lot more though, in fact the more the merrier, and we would love to see you involved! The last entry date for the map is Thursday 11 November. If you would like to take part please email kirsty.strachan@icloud.com with your name and address and we will pop you on the map.

We know some of you may be worried that it needs to be super complicated but, honestly, we think it's more important to just take part and add that extra twinkle to Sherston in December! So a few baubles and tinsel at your window is great, a little nativity scene, perhaps get your children involved and make a little world in your window or garden with their toys. Really anything goes!

It was a joy to wander around Sherston last December and we hope that you can help add that extra bit of magic too. The idea is to light up your window/garden on your one night and on Thursday 23 December for the big walk round. Of course you can keep your window display on all the time after your date too if you like. Lots of people did last year and it made chilly night-time strolls and dog walks magical last year! Check out www.sherstonartsfestival.com for last years' pictures and email Kirsty to find out how you can get involved.

'Send a Cow' Christmas cards for sale



Send a Cow charity Christmas cards will be available from the stall outside 6 Cliff Road, Sherston during November and December – four designs, £4.50 for a pack of 10 cards, plus plants, seeds and gardening gifts.



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School Days - news from Sherston Primary School



It was a busy fun-filled Autumn term for the pupils of Sherston School. From raising awareness about climate change and celebrating Black History, to challenging themselves on the sports field and becoming experts in all things chocolatey. Over to them to share what they've been learning and experiencing...a big thank you to everyone for their contributions.

Y6 Climate Change Assembly

'In October Y6 did an assembly on climate change and global warming because these are incredibly important subjects right now as they are affecting lots more people and animals. It was for the whole school, teachers and the parents and carers of children in Sycamore Class. We were all really excited as this was the first class assembly for Sherston Primary in nearly two years!'

'Mr Stewart (the Year 6 teacher) let us get on with writing our scripts on our own, so we all had quite a big responsibility in each of our groups. There were lots of jokes at the start of the assembly and some of the jokes were: I don't know what the problem is, I don't have a carbon footprint, I drive everywhere!' and 'What did carbon dioxide say to the ozone layer? I've got you covered! The three boys who were telling the jokes went on a learning journey and realised that climate change is no joke.'

'Their journey started with some drama where pupils acted out true stories of real people affected by climate change, like Olivia who can't afford house insurance because of forest fires, Elhaji who had to move to the city because the droughts destroyed his farm and Granny and Lauren who had to escape the floods. They

found out what climate change and global warming is and what we can all do to help.'

'Our assembly ended with a prayer and a song written by some of the pupils and performed on ukuleles. The song helps people remember how they can help the environment, for example, by walking to school, sharing lifts and eating less meat. Finally we set the whole school the challenge to earn a green Blue Peter badge before the end of November!'

Maddie, Y6

'We are very proud of our Y6 pupils and the passion and enthusiasm they have put into their work on climate change. They have shared some great ideas with the rest of the school on how to reduce our impact on the environment, from walking to school to reducing waste in packed lunches, they have even written a song to help us remember their top tips!'

Mrs Sue Leyden, Head Teacher.

Y4 rugby & Y6 football inter-school tournaments

'It was a good, fun day. We played eight matches and won five. We didn't come first or second but at least we tried our hardest.' Henry, Y4

'The rugby tournament was really fun. There were nine teams including Sherston and we played everyone to see who had the most points. I don't really think it was about which team won or lost it was more about having fun.' Max, Y4

'We really enjoyed playing in the school football tournament. It was so much fun to be able to play football against other schools again with my friends after so long because of Covid.' Olivia, Y6



Cadbury World Trip

'In Willow class we are studying the ancient Mayans. Because the Mayans invented chocolate we thought it would be a good idea to go to Cadbury World as a school trip. We had so much fun.'

'We learnt about the history of Cadbury's chocolate and the Cadbury family. We saw how cacao beans are turned into chocolate, looked at the moulds for different chocolate bars and we even got to taste some of Cadbury's world famous chocolate!'

'We also went on a fun car ride and found out all the different types of chocolate they make like Easter eggs, pumpkins, footballs and chocolate teapots. There were two best parts - tasting the chocolate and the 4D cinema. We had to put on glasses and sit in chairs which vibrated to watch a short film about chocolate. It was so cool.'

'It felt like we were on a roller coaster and it seemed like eggs were pelting towards us and chocolate bars were swinging at us and we were trying to grab them!! It was exciting and scary at the same time. At the end of the visit they gave us three chocolate bars each. It was the best school trip ever!' Charlie, Y5

'Number1. I most enjoyed the 4D cinema because I loved the vibrating seats and the roller coaster.'

'Number 2. I liked the ice cream chocolate toppings. Number 3. I also loved the car tour because I loved the little cute chocolate eggs and the rabbit.'

Alfie, Y5



Celebrating Black History Month

The school held a 'Black History Week' in October. The children learnt about significant people in Black History and everyone was invited to wear red on the last day of term to finish the week by 'showing racism the red card'.

'I enjoyed writing and watching videos about Mary Seacole. Mary Grant was born in Jamaica.

She was Creole. That means that she has a black mum and a white dad. Her Mum was a doctress. Her dad was a Scottish soldier. Cholera was spreading through Kingston and the rest of Jamaica.

Mary Seacole was a doctress so she helped sick people with the deadly disease. I liked learning about her because her life was dangerous. She built a hospital near the battlefields. By the way she was brave.' Felix, Y2



Apple Day Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported Apple Day organised by Sustainable Sherston and the Friends of Sherston School. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to press apples, buy local produce, play apple-themed games and to enjoy some lovely apple refreshments.

'I enjoyed Apple Pong and seeing all my friends running around outside! I squashed some apples with my friends to make juice, the machine that did this was very old but still works!'

Bertie, Y2

All the efforts and generosity helped raise £409.84 for the school. These much-needed funds will go towards play equipment, significantly subsidising the cost of school trips, up-to-date technology and visitors for the school for special events such as Friendship and RE Weeks.

Keep up to date on all the news on our Sherston School Facebook page.



COVID-19 vaccinations for 12 to 15-year-olds now available outside of school

Parents across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire can now arrange for their child to receive a coronavirus vaccine outside of school.

Previously, vaccinations for 12 to 15-year-olds had only been available in school through Virgin Care's immunisation services team.

However, parents can now use the online National Booking Service to arrange to have their child vaccinated at Bath Racecourse, Salisbury City Hall, and online booking for the Steam Museum in Swindon expected to be available by now.

Out-of-school vaccinations were introduced to coincide with the start of the half-term holidays, and to supplement what is already happening in schools, and will continue to be available throughout November.

Children unable to make it to one of the three sites offering vaccines for 12 to 15-year-olds will still be able to get vaccinated at school.

To book:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/

Get muddy, have a laugh, help a refugee

Are you ready for some Muddy Madness all for an amazing cause? So this one is a bit different for us at For The Love Towers in Sherston - but hey we help good causes and this couldn't be a better cause, so we are up for getting down and dirty... are you!?

Aid Box Community (ABC) is one of our fav good causes because it looks beyond the headlines and gives real practical help, support and love to some of the world's most vulnerable people when they need it most.

If you want to find out more about how Aid Box helps asylum seekers and refugees who choose to make Bristol their new home go to www.aidboxcommunity.co.uk

If on the other hand you just want to get down and dirty and have a laugh while you help these heroes do their thing, join us for a family friendly muddy run and obstacle course featuring mud, fun and mayhem!

Take on epic mud slides, dirty ditches, tricky tunnels and sloshy water pits across a 2k or 5k course, all for the amazing cause of supporting refugees and asylum seekers in Bristol and beyond.

A gloriously muddy challenge for the whole family, set around gorgeous woodland just north of Bristol, Muddy Madness is fun for all ages. The 5k is great for everyone aged seven and up, and the 2k is brilliant for families with children under seven (who must have a grown-up doing the course with them).

Friendly marshals will be on hand to help you tackle the obstacles and cheer you on, and you'll get a warm ABC welcome at the end, and there will be hot drinks and tasty snacks to buy too!

As we said ABC's services provide a lifeline for refugees and asylum seekers who arrive in Bristol with very few belongings having left their entire lives behind, and they're now helping an increasing number of Afghani families who have fled the crisis in their homeland.

Their services, which provide essential supplies, practical support, new connections and a warm welcome are needed more than ever. And this is one of the first fundraising events we've been able to invite our wonderful supporters (that's you!) to take part in since the pandemic began.

Every ticket raises money for ABC and we would love you to be part of the fun!

Buy a ticket or be a Muddy Madness Fundraiser Hero!

There are two ways to enter:

- * Buy a ticket as an individual, family or team - 20% of every ticket goes directly to ABC

- * Be a Muddy Madness Fundraiser Hero - commit to raising sponsorship over £100 for an adult, £50 for a child or £250 as a family and get your entry half price (all sponsorship money goes to ABC)

Plus, once you've crawled, run and puffed your way over the finish line, you can have a go at two extra activities, including high rope, archery and axe throwing!

Book now here! www.aidboxcommunity.co.uk/events

The Muddy Details

- * When: Saturday 27 November between 9.30am and 5.00pm (you'll be given a time slot when you book)

- * Where: The Mojo Active outdoor activity centre in Almondsbury, Bristol - five minutes from Cribbs Causeway.

- * Why: To raise money for ABC so we can continue our work of supporting refugees and asylum seekers who need our help.

- * Extras: Enjoy two extra activities after the Muddy Madness run

See you in the mud!

(For The Love Productions based in Sherston helps to raise funds and run events for good causes)

Tracklements raises money to support local children



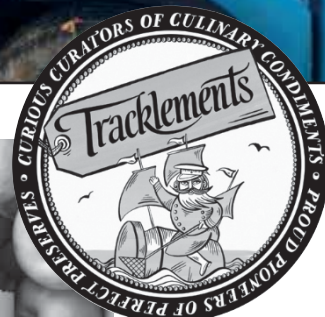
During the month of September, the community of Sherston was busy collecting crabapples for nearby condiment maker, Tracklements, to turn into English Crabapple Jelly. For the third year running, the primary school's pupils and their families, as well as the village's Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, have all been encouraged to get out and about to collect these 'wild' apples from crabapple trees that can be found in hedgerows and nestled amongst other trees.

Tracklements is now busy transforming the 360kg of crabapples that were picked into delicious jars of jelly which will be available to buy immediately. For every kilogram of apples picked and for every jar sold nationwide, Tracklements donates money to the community, and this year they have paid Sherston's youth groups £1,153.80 for last year's project.

Guy Tullberg, Tracklement's Managing Director said: 'We're immensely proud to have helped raise this money for Sherston School. The project has been running for 20 years and helps demonstrate to the school children the provenance of their food by teaching them about the great British tradition of making preserves.'

Mrs Sue Leyden, the school's headteacher said: 'Not only has the school benefitted from this project but the children and their families have had great fun exploring the local countryside hunting for crabapples.'

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Scarecrow Trail 2021: It's nearly here... get ready to follow the trail and guess the scarecrows! Only held every two years this is a lovely Sherston tradition and a chance to put on your warmest hat and wander around the village!

This year the theme is 'Outstanding Olympians and Awesome Adventurers!' Trail maps can be found at the Church from 10.00am on Saturday 6 November to Thursday 11 November and at the British School Rooms (BSR) on the 13 and 14 November (Sat: 10.00am-5.00pm/Sun: 12.30pm-4.00pm). You can also see the children's art installation - 'The Box of Delights' at the BSR too on the 13/14th - so do pop in for a look at this mega structure!

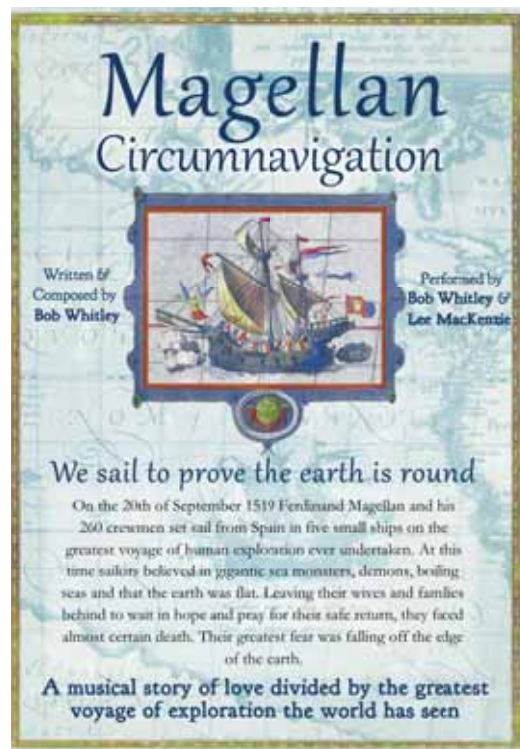
Simply pick up a scarecrow trail map (£2) and guess which scarecrows are to be in with a chance of winning a prize. There will be a sweet treat on offer for every returned trail map! Every map bought means you can also vote for your favourite scarecrow. There will be a prize giving for the best scarecrow and the most correctly guessed scarecrows on Sunday 14 November at the BSR at 4.30pm. Pop in for tea and cake and to see who has won!

Box of Delights; an art installation and exhibition by local young artists in the British School Room, Cliff Road. Open 10.00am to 5.00pm Saturday 13 November, 12noon to 5.00pm Sunday 14th November. Free. Refreshments available 3-5pm on 14th.

Butterfly Workshop; When donors made their payments towards the renovations of the Village Hall, they were asked if they would like to help decorate the butterfly carrying their name or that of a relative.

Opportunities to come along to do this started on Saturday 2 October, when families and individuals with surnames A to F were invited to come and decorate their butterfly. The next session will be on Saturday 13 November 10.00am to 12.30pm (which is during Arts Festival week). Families and individuals with surnames G to P are invited to attend. It is a bit difficult to say how long each one will take but probably around 30 to 45 minutes. If you would like to come along you are asked to book by emailing heather@geoffmartin.plus.com, numbers will be limited.

Please note that this is a change from previously advertised sessions. Further sessions will be arranged so don't be concerned if you have to wait until after Christmas. There is plenty of time as the renovation work hasn't started yet. All paints and equipment will be supplied.



Magellan Circumnavigation Concert; Holy Cross Church 7.30pm Saturday 13 November. This is a musical story of love divided by the greatest voyage of human exploration the world has seen. It follows a sailor on a voyage and his wife at home, mirroring the lives of Ferdinand and Beatriz Magellan. A story of mutinies, battles, storms, shipwreck, love and loss performed in 16C sailors costumes by Bob Whitley (vocals, guitar and mandolas) and Lee MacKenzie (vocals and cello).

Review by Jeremy Miles Bournemouth Echo: Lighthouse Poole 2 October 2020

'Magellan Circumnavigation was pure joy, not least because it marked the return of theatre and musical story-telling to Lighthouse. What's more this two man show - the first theatre production to grace the Lighthouse stage in more than six months - was beautifully performed.'

'Conceived and written by Poole folk singer-songwriter Bob Whitley, it told in words and song the extraordinary tale of Ferdinand Magellan's 16th century mission to find a passage through the South American continent and circumnavigate the world.'

'And what a tale it was. With Bob on guitar and mandolas accompanied by brilliant cellist-vocalist Lee Mackenzie, we heard how Magellan and his men took to the high seas determined to prove that the world was round. Not easy at a time when many people believed the earth was flat and that if you sailed too far you'd drop straight off the edge of the sea.'

'Sitting on a simply dressed stage, Bob and Lee



performing in costume, delivered a thoughtful and perfectly nuanced performance of carefully crafted songs evoking the fear, excitement and desperately gruelling lives of the sailors and the hopes and heartaches of the loves they had left behind.'

Review from Mark Tattersall Artistic Director
Dorchester Arts:

'Magellan Circumnavigation is a musical journey in time and space which was tremendously well-received by the audience here in Dorchester. Musically it's sublime. Bob's songs are beautifully crafted to both please the ear and also tell the fascinating and moving story of this incredible adventure, with all its excitement and wonder as well as its horrors and misdeeds.

Lee's voice is a perfect foil to Bob's and their musicianship is outstanding: Lee's cello perfectly balances Bob's guitar and mandolas to provide a soundscape that will please both folk fans and those who just love good music in general. Add to that a great story and it makes for an evening of high-quality music and storytelling with really broad appeal.'

Tickets £15 from the Co-op (cash payment) or from the website. Licensed cash bar.

Prizegiving for Scarecrow Trail: 4.30pm 14 November in the British School Room.

Information about buying tickets is on the website www.sherstonartsfestival.com

Also part of the Festival is the **Advent House Trail**, running for the whole of December. To take part, please contact kirsty.strachan@icloud.com

Step into the world of stories...

The Sherston Arts Festival is excited to host a talk with not one but three local authors on Thursday 11 November (British School Rooms, 7.30pm).

Alex Evelyn (The Secret Wild for 9-12 year olds, published May 2022), Clare Hawken (Jane's Away for adults, out now) and Lucy Hope (Fledgling

for 9-12 year olds, out now) will be joining us for an engaging meander through the worlds and characters they have created alongside a look at the three very different ways they have arrived in the publishing world.

Sharing their stories followed by questions from the audience it promises to be an illuminating and inspiring peek into the journeys of three exciting new authors.

To book your free ticket for the event please email Kirsty via kirsty.strachan@icloud.com Tickets are strictly limited so you will need get in quick! For more details on the three authors and their writing pop onto www.sherstonartsfestival.com Books will be on sale at the event or bring your own copy to be signed by the author.

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335 Kate Tullburg

What the 300+ Club does

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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. We would like everyone in the village to join - and you may even win!

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

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November events

4 November Film: Black Widow (12A) Her World. Her Secrets. Her Legacy. Marvel Studios' action-packed spy thriller. 2pm and 7.30pm Tickets £7 online only.

6 November Concert: Spindle Ensemble: Contemporary classical quartet Spindle Ensemble are performing at a number of intimate venues across the UK. 7.30pm Tickets £16.50 online only.

11 November Film: Dark Water (12A): A corporate defence attorney takes on an environmental lawsuit against a chemical company that exposes a lengthy history of pollution. 2pm and 7.30pm. Tickets £7 online only.

13 November Concert: Kim Cypher: One of the UK's most exciting saxophonists, vocalists and composers, Kim Cypher returns to Tetbury Goods Shed. 7.30pm. Tickets £16 online only.

18 November Film: Limbo (PG): Omar is a promising young musician. Separated from his Syrian family, he is stuck on a remote Scottish island awaiting the fate of his asylum request. 2pm and 7.30pm. Tickets £7 online only.

24 November Shed Piano Club: Our new post-lockdown piano club at the Goods Shed offering the opportunity to enjoy some live music whilst enjoying a little light refreshment from our Café. 2-4pm. Tickets £2.50 online only.

25 November Film: Dream Horse (PG): Dream Alliance is an unlikely race horse bred by small-town Welsh bartender Jan Vokes. 2pm and 7.30pm. Tickets £7 online only.

26 November Drama: The White Heart Inn: Five guests arrive at The White Heart Inn, to sleep, to explore, to hunt for ghosts but its violent history takes a sinister turn! 7.30pm. Tickets £13 online only.

28 November Concert: The Pasqualati String Quartet: Formed during lockdown the quartet bring you Beethoven. 6-8pm. Tickets £16.50 online.

Licensed bar at all evening events. A booking fee is added to online bookings. Further details from our website: www.shed-arts.co.uk

Movies@Malmesbury November & December programme

Friday 5 Nov 2.00pm	Reminiscence
Friday 5 Nov 5.30pm	Paw Patrol: The Movie
Monday 15 Nov 8.00pm	The Last Bus
Friday 19 Nov 2.00pm	The Last Bus
Friday 19 Nov 5.30pm	Paw Patrol: The Movie
Tuesday 30 Nov 2.00pm	Exhibition on screen: The Danish Collector - Delacroix to Gauguin*
Tuesday 7 Dec 7.30pm	Exhibition on screen: The Danish Collector - Delacroix to Gauguin*
Thursday 9 Dec 7.00pm	The Royal Ballet: The Nutcracker*
Friday 10 Dec 8.00pm	No Time to Die
Wed 15 Dec 7.00pm	The Royal Ballet: Tosca *
Friday 17 Dec 2.00pm	No Time to Die
Friday 17 Dec 8.00pm	Mick Fleetwood & Friends *
Monday 20 Dec 8.00pm	Mick Fleetwood & Friends *

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My five-charity marathon



Neville, with his daughter, Amelia, and his mum, Susan.

On Sunday 3 October, I ran the London Marathon for not one, not two, but FIVE amazing charities. All five have helped us significantly after our son George was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in March last year (see September's Cliffhanger for more about our journey). So, what are the five charities?

Firstly, Children with Cancer UK for which I have run the London Marathon on two previous occasions (before George's diagnosis). The funds raised will continue to allow vital research to be undertaken to ensure all people affected by leukaemia have the best chance of a full recovery.

Secondly, Clic Sargent for continued day-to-day support, from information and guidance to clinical care and specialist play during treatment, as well as providing accommodation when George has had to stay over in hospital.

Thirdly, Molly's Olly's who made George's wish to own his own drum kit come true by sourcing one for him earlier this year. Whilst George has always shown a passion and significant talent with regards to playing the drums, they have also been incredibly useful in allowing his frustrations to be relieved!

Fourthly, Forever Friends of the RUH, with funds raised being spent specifically on the children's ward helping to improve the facilities in the hospital both for children and their parents. Toys need to be constantly replaced as they are heavily utilised, and having better facilities for the parents makes the stays just a little less daunting.

Lastly, the Rainbow Trust which provides family-centred care for children and young people with a life-threatening or terminal illness. The services it provides are aimed at empowering parents to regain control over their lives, with help tailored to what each family needs, be it emotional or practical. In our situation, the Rainbow Trust has kindly spent time playing and engaging with George and his siblings, Amelia and Hugo, on a weekly basis.

We have seen first-hand the difference every pound and penny makes so please, whatever you can afford will be so appreciated. Thank you!! A huge thank you to everyone who has kindly donated already; we never dreamt we would raise so much money!

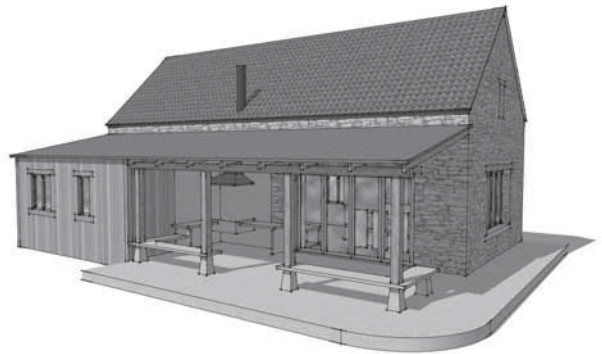
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Christmas market at Dauntsey Park House

Mrs Scrump's Christmas Market returns on Tuesday 30 November from 10.00am - 4.00pm, with refreshments in aid of the North Wiltshire branch of MND.

There will be a selection of stalls with a range of gifts and produce to suit all pockets and all are welcome.

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The Flower Club autumn programme is going well, with members enjoying the return of regular monthly meetings and our varied programme. It has been wonderful to meet up again in person and share our passion for flowers.

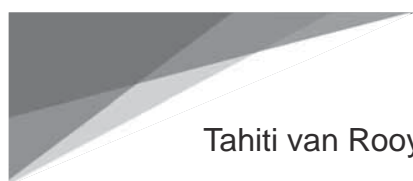
Our AGM held in September marked the beginning of the club year and the launch of our new programme (including events to mark our Golden Jubilee in 2022). The business meeting was followed by a demonstration and an enjoyable workshop. October's meeting also featured a demonstration (more details next month).

Our next meeting on Wednesday 17 November will feature a demonstration by Sally Taylor entitled 'Christmas Capers' to get us into the festive spirit early. Then to close 2021 we have arranged a Christmas social event on Wednesday 15 December.

We are an enthusiastic group sharing plenty of friendship and fun, with members from throughout North Wiltshire and into Gloucestershire. Members have a range of skills from beginner to expert, but its fine just to relax and watch.

Our programme is always very varied and includes a good mix of workshops, demonstrations, social events and visits, all incorporating flowers in some shape or form.

Meetings normally take place at Crudwell Village Hall on the third Wednesday evening of the month, 7.00pm for 7.30pm, with visitors and potential new members very welcome. If you'd like to get in touch we can be contacted by email via nwvflowerclub@gmail.com. More information can also be found on our Facebook page.



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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.

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Sherston 1016 Fundraising for local good causes and charities. For further details, contact sherston1016@gmail.com or 07717 424619.

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

Sherston Baby and Toddler Group The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. 10.45-12.15 every Wed in Sherston village hall with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, and a cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. For further details contact sherstonbabytoddlers@gmail.com or like us on Facebook for regular updates www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

Sherston Badminton Club We play every Tues evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from Sept to the end of May. New members welcome – mixed ages (over 18) and abilities. For more information, contact. David Boyle 841587, 07740 188882 or email 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 Tawny Owl (Nicky) at nicky.gray@btinternet.com

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

Sherston Community Choir The community choir with conductor Trudi Baker meets at 7.30pm each Wed in term time in the British Schoolroom. £3 per session. All welcome. Further information from Sheila Cutchner sheilacutchner28@gmail.com or 840067, or on Facebook.

Congregational Church – in The British Schoolroom.

11am Service, Communion every 2nd Sunday of the month led or hosted by Reverend Andrew Williams Tarling. Sunday School 10.15 – 11am use Cliff Road entrance. Alternating Mondays 8pm, Bible Study or Prayer Group Brick (Lego) Club alternate Fridays 5.30 – 7pm. Contact Minister - Andrew Williams Tarling -minister4sherstoncongchurch@outlook.com /07921 390878 Admin/Bookings - Victoria Meheust - sherstoncongchurch@outlook.com Secretary.- Candi Williams Tarling - secretary4sherstoncongchurch@outlook.com or find us on Facebook.

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

Church Bell Ringing Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 – 9 pm. Call Chris Pickthall 841072 or come along.

Sherston Magna Cricket Club See website / facebook for fixtures. If you'd like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the website www.sherstonmagnacc.co.uk.

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

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

Sherston Drama Group The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Sue Lehrer (Chairperson) lehrer.sue@icloud.com or 07780 661830

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Exercise for over 60s with Synchronicity Exercise and Movement for over 60's on Wednesday's at 10am Sherston Village Hall. All abilities. Suitable both men and women. Everyone welcome. No exercises performed lying on the floor. First class always FREE. Please contact Emma to reserve a place (small classes) 07843 25608, emmacope@synchronicity.me.uk, FB: @exercise60plus.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sherston Velo A cycling club formed of enthusiastic road cyclists from Sherston and the surrounding area. There are regular rides each weekend morning with a fast paced group leaving first for an hour, followed by a longer club run. For membership and other information about the club, visit the website www.sherstonvelo.cc or email Mark Walsh at secretary@sherstonvelo.cc

Sherston Village Hall Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, parties etc. For details contact Margot Holland 841019 mplholland@btinternet.com

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

Sherston W.I. (Founded 1940) Meetings on first Thurs of the month May– Sep in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and Nov – Apr in the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. Jan & Oct no meetings but lunch/dinner. Visitors always most welcome £4. Further information: Secretary 07940 287249

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

Outside Sherston

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

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

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

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

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

Easton Grey Parish Church See Parish Life for details of services

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

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

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

becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

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

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

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

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting For details see www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboard

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

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

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

Malmesbury Film Society

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wiltshire Walks The walk lasts approximately 30-60 minutes - 3 levels available - and often ends with a cup of tea or coffee. Further information contact Rosie on rosie.golding@wiltshire.gov.uk or 07917 599964. For a full list of walking groups in Wiltshire please visit www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder/get-wiltshire-walking
If you run a club, society or organisation in Sherston that holds regular events such as the above and wishes to be listed, please supply your details and we will add them to the Regular events list. If you have a particular event then please write a short piece about it and we can include it as an article and put the details in the What's On list for that month.

WHAT'S ON

Check in the main section of the Cliffhanger, their website / facebook/ contact details for dates and times and check to see if events are still happening due to COVID19

Sherston

The Angel Café with Rooms

Café and rooms open following government guidelines, and takeaways. Open for hot and cold drinks, breakfast, brunch, lunch and sweet treats daily. These will all be available whether sitting inside or enjoying our lovely courtyard - (8am - 5pm daily).

Call 841627 for more details or for the menus, visit www.angel-sherston.co.uk/menu

The Bridge Restaurant

Indian cuisine to eat in or take away daily from 5pm-10pm on the site of The Carps. Outdoor seating available.

Call 840665 or email info@thebridge.restaurant for more details or for the menus, visit www.thebridge.restaurant/sherston/

The Rattlebone Inn

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

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

The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

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

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

Church of the Holy Cross - Church events

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

For further details call Rev Susan Harvey 840696 or Susan Harvey susan.harvey055@gmail.com

SHERSTON WI

Talks: 4 Nov: Medical Detection Dogs- Danielle Mills

2 Dec - Demonstration of Belly Dancing Irene Coleman and her Troupe

2.30pm British Schoolroom

Competitions and refreshments. 2 Sep at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. For more information: sherstonwi@gmail.com

Send A Cow Christmas Cards for sale

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

Sherston Remembrance Service

Sunday 14 Nov The Sherston Remembrance Service of 2020 was held under strict Covid 19 restriction and was attended by only veterans and watched online. This year we are very much less constrained and the 2021 service will go ahead as normal in Church Street in front of the lych-gate. Please be in position in Church Street for 10.45 wear a poppy and bring some money for the collection.

Village Hall Extension Plans

Look at the website www.sherston.net/villagehall

Sherston Village Hall Butterflies

Decorate the butterfly you have donated Sat 13 Nov 10 am to 4pm Materials provided, might take 30- 45 minutes. queries please email heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

Date for your Diary: Sherston Arts Festival 5 - 14 Nov 2021

The Preview for the Art Exhibition in the Church will open the Festival on Friday evening, then the exhibition will be open every day. Any local artists, amateur or professional, can submit up to 5 pieces of work. Please see website www.sherstonartsfestival.com for details.

Musical young people are invited to take part in the Young Musicians Concert on Friday 12th, contact Joy Smith (joy@haefen.co.uk) and all primary age children will have the opportunity to take part in the art project 'Box of Delights' in the British Schoolroom, Cliff Road on 13th and 14th November. We hope to have a Rural Arts Touring event for family audiences, but at the time of writing this has not been confirmed. Our main concert will be Magellan Circumnavigation, written by Bob Whitley

Sherston Arts Festival Scarecrow Trail

The theme for 2021 is... "Outstanding Olympians and Awesome Adventurers"

SOSCIC General Meeting

Mon 15 Nov at 7pm British School Room, Cliff Road

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 Children's Playground Charity Bonfire Night

Nov 5 Free entrance – Hot Dogs Hot Chocolate Mulled Wine & Beer from 6pm, Bonfire lit at 6.30 Children's fireworks 7pm Main fireworks 7.30pm.

We will start building the bonfire over the next couple of weeks and residents are welcome to deposit combustible material such as untreated wood, garden cuttings and so on. Signs will be displayed on the gates to the Bell Field to indicate what you can and can't add to the pile. If you see anyone depositing anything that they should not please call 07562 853930.

The Playground committee wants to ensure that this is a safe and fun event. We want to remind residents that there is no parking available in the vicinity of the Bell Field and so residents should not drive to the event.

Westonbirt The Arboretum.

Admission by booked entry slot only.

Summer 2022 concerts Thurs 9 Jun: Rag'n'Bone Man; Fri 10 Jun: Keane; Sat 11 Jun: Madness; Sun 12 Jun: Jess Glynne *For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt*

Malmesbury Athelstan Museum

Talk: Rodmarton Manor: the Story of an Arts and Crafts House
Mary Greensted Wed 24 Nov 7pm

8-12 September, Rodmarton Manor will continue its links with the Arts and Crafts tradition by hosting the 2021 Gloucestershire Guild of Craftsmen Crafts Alive Festival.

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

Talks live in the Rausing Building subject to Covid regulations. Please check the Athelstan Museum website for updates. Tickets £9 available from www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

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 usghcooke@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. The Danish Collector: Delacroix etc., The Nutcracker, Dune, No Time to Die, Tosca, Mick Fleetwood & Friends

Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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

Malmesbury and District U3A

The Discomforts of Bath - Dickon Povey – 25 Nov

U3A is a unique organisation which provides educational, creative and leisure opportunities for retired and semi-retired people. There are over 500 members and around 40 different interest groups including arts and crafts, book group, history, gardening, dancing, theatre trips, languages, walking etc. Malmesbury & District U3A continues to keep in touch with members with regular editions of the Lockdown News and events & talks by Zoom. If you are not a member you can still join us. Contact the membership secretary, Elaine Sharpe 01666 823568, to become a member, £10 for the whole year. *Further details in article in the main section or visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk*

Malmesbury Singers

The first concert since 2019, Malmesbury Singers are delighted to be performing to a live audience again. What better music to sing in the Abbey than Handel's Messiah, well-loved and popular, to celebrate singing together again at this Christmas season – Sat 11 Dec 7.30pm. We welcome back our friends from the chamber orchestra, The Bristol Ensemble. Together with our four soloists, come and join us for an uplifting evening of musical celebration.

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

Tetbury Tetbury Goods Shed – open

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

Vegetables from Aunt Addie's Visit the amazing Ros for all your delicious locally grown vegetables. Adeline Farm is a farming venture with the emphasis on quality, fresh, local and seasonal produce. Every Sat 11am-2pm

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

Rural Skills Courses

Dry stone walling 9-10 Sep 9am-4pm Duchy Home Farm, Tetbury, GL8 8SG

Introduction to Hedgelaying 27-28 Nov 9am-5pm Manor Farm, Sopworth, SN14 6PS

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

Didmarton Flicks in the Sticks

Nomadland (2021) – Drama, 12 Nov Following the economic collapse of a company town in rural Nevada, Fern (Frances McDormand) packs her van and sets off on the road exploring a life outside of conventional society as a modern-day nomad.

Hall open at 6.30pm with a cash bar, film at 7.30pm. Didmarton Village Hall For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

Dauntsey

Mrs Scrump's Christmas Market returns on Tues 30 Nov 10am-4pm, with refreshments in aid of the North Wiltshire branch of MNDA.

There will be a selection of stalls with a range of gifts and produce to suit all pockets and all are welcome. Funds raised from entry donations & refreshments will help local families who face the cruel diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease, so please join us at the glorious Dauntsey Park House, SN15 4HT. Details:

susannah@dibben.co.uk www.mndnorthwiltshire.org.uk

Grittleton Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Will return – tbc Grittleton Village Hall *For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email L_palmer@btinternet.com or visit www.moviola.org/*

Wotton-Under-Edge The Electric Picture House

Oct: No Time to Die (12A, 163 mins)

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community See website for this month's films. Allocated seating, prebooking essential. Face coverings must be worn, though can be removed to consume drinks and snacks bought at the EPH.

For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoncinema.com

Cirencester The Barn Theatre

Live shows with socially distanced seating and ventilation as well as live streamings. **The Brothers Grimm Present: Cinderella** – 16 Nov-2 Jan

Tom Seals Piano Man 19 – 20 Nov

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

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

National Theatre Live Live and pre recorded screenings from The National Theatre @ the cinema. *For further details visit www.ntlive.com*

Bath Theatre Royal Bath

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

Sir David Suchet will appear in POIROT AND MORE, A RETROSPECTIVE on Monday 22nd November at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Olivier Award-winning Mischief to perform MAGIC GOES WRONG at Theatre Royal as the West End hit visits Bath on its first UK tour – Tues 9 – Sun 21 Nov *For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk*

London

Neil Forster Exhibition

Five years after Neil's death, a selling exhibition of approximately sixty of his works will be held at the Osborne Studio Gallery in London 2-28 Nov. Hosted by Neil's wife Penny Forster, these drawings, pastels and paintings are a selection of his studio sketches and studies covering almost his entire career. An illustrated catalogue will be available upon request. For further information contact: Osborne Studio Gallery, 2 Motcomb Street, London SW1X 8JU Tel: 0207 235 9667 email: gallery@osg.uk.com or locally: tristram.lewis@btinternet.com

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

If you are in immediate danger call 999

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

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

Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

emergency@sherston.org.uk (only during an incident)

Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100

EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk (only during an incident)

Floods: 0300 456 0105 or drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk

Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm

Utilities

ELECTRICITY – SSEPD Power track

To report a problem or for information call 105

www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack for a map of faults

0800 072 7282 or 0345 072 1905 from a mobile phone
@SSEPD for updates on twitter

WATER – Bristol Water

www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

WATER – Wessex water

www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

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Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	0207 219 6237
Sherston Parish Council	07790 883503
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