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We did it *by Huw Bowles*



With more twists and turns than an alpine road, the famous five cyclists from Sherston (and Pinkney) achieved their aim of cycling to Gien and being back in time for Boules Day along with the Gien boules team. You are probably all aware of the frantic running around which took place a week before the scheduled departure when Hector Walker, the Tour's driver, discovered that the documents needed to cross the border between England and France were not the same as those needed to cross between England and Scotland! This threatened to cancel or seriously affect the tour as it was essential that the riders had a support vehicle to carry all of the items needed to assist them with the challenge and return them back in time for Boules Day.

Fortunately, the Sherston Jungle Drums, or email lists, including the Cliffhanger, swung into action and within 30 minutes of the call going out, the village had rounded on its prey, the unsuspecting James Pyle. Within that 30 minutes James was hounded by 4 emails and calls from villagers, including his wife, telling him to get out of the village. (...for a week and help the team. Ed.) James duly obliged and the Tour was back on track.

The cyclists departed at 8.00am on Monday 11 July in sunshine to the cheers of family and well wishers – some of whom seemed rather keen they were leaving for a week. The first day went well and 100 miles to Portsmouth were covered without too much pain and the ESP skills of James were already evident with him picking exactly the spot where the cyclists were starting to struggle and in need of refreshment, as the place to park and lay out each cyclist's carefully prepared dietary needs. Gels and sports drinks for most, half of scrumpy for Jon Adye.

But on the second day, the first in France, things took another turn for the worse, with driving rain, headwinds and the after effects of a dodgy Chimichanga too much for Nick Holland. Fortunately medical assistance was close at hand in the form of Dr J Pettit and even closer at hand that night as he was sharing the same room,

so was able to give a full diagnosis to the rest of the group first thing in the morning. Fortunately Holland is made of stern stuff and was able to fight off the bug and return to the saddle, which must have been doubly uncomfortably, on the third day.

The team arrived in Gien at lunchtime on Thursday 14 July, having completed the 320 miles in 3 ½ days and the town of Gien had laid on a street party and massive fireworks display in their honour. The group assume that Monsieur Sarkozy must have heard of their exploits as he declared the day a public holiday in their honour, although the cyclists were a little perplexed as to why if all of this had been laid on for them, no one came up and congratulated them on their achievements. It must have been the well-known reserved nature of the French.

They were given a warm welcome by Geoff and Diana Mellion who own a restaurant and bar in Gien, and insisted that Ricard was the best known recovery drink for cyclists.

If the reception they received in Gien was amazing, words cannot describe the reception which greeted them as they arrived back in Sherston on Friday night with family and friends lining the street for a ticker tape reception.

With saddle sores now recovering, the cyclists are out and about collecting pledges and are hoping to have raised in excess of £1,500 which will all go into the Boules and Carnival pot. So if you have pledged please make sure you make an effort to pay up and if you did not pledge it is not too late to donate so please stop one of us over the next few weeks.

Finally thanks to families and friends for assisting us with this trip but most of all to James for stepping in and showing real Sherston Community Spirit.

Jon Adye, John Pettit, Nick Holland, Ollie Cadle and Huw Bowles. Thanks to TH White for supplying the trailer.



Sherston Senior Club

by John Venning Tel. 840915

On 14 June, we had our annual outing to Weston-Super-Mare. The weather was kind to us and I hope everyone had an enjoyable time there exploring the new pier.

The following meeting was on 28 June, when Kevin Clampton gave an interesting and amusing talk entitled '500 miles of Walkies.' This was about Kevin and his dog's walk round the South West Coast from Minehead to Poole. In fact the walk was well over 600 miles and raised over £3,000 for charity.

On Tuesday 9 August at 2.30pm there will be a Quiz and Bingo afternoon, and on Tuesday 23 August we are having an outing to Bourton-on-the-Water, leaving Sherston at 1.00pm, leaving Bourton at 4.00pm. The price is £8 per person.

On Tuesday 6 September, Mary Clements will be showing extracts from 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.'

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Fun in the Sun 2011



This year's summer holiday sports coaching in Sherston for children aged 5 – 11 starts on Wednesday 3 August from 10.00am to 11.30am at the Recreation Ground. It then continues every Wednesday at the same time throughout August with the last session on August 31.

The free sports coaching sessions are run by Wiltshire Council and will include football, athletics, volleyball, tag rugby, dodgeball, kwik cricket plus other sports including tri golf, archery and ultimate frisbee - as and when available. There is no need to book - just turn up. All parents or guardians have to do is sign the consent/details form at the beginning of the first session their child attends. To save time dealing with the consent form, by completing them in advance, copies are available from Sherston Post Office Stores or can be downloaded at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/funinthesun. In case of difficulty or query call Martin Rea 840348 or Alex Muse at Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100 email alex.muse@wiltshire.gov.uk. The parish council is supporting the scheme by not only allowing the use of the recreation ground but also by hiring the scout hut to provide toilet and changing facilities as well as indoor space should the weather prove unkind.

Clem's Club

Will not meet in August but will resume every other Tuesday again on 13 and 27 September. All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat. 2.30pm – 4.00pm (Alternating with the Senior Club) in British School Room, Cliff Road.

Table Top Sale Sherston Village Hall

A table top sale takes place in the village hall on Saturday 3 September from 9.00am to 12.00noon.

As well as the sale there will be a raffle and tombola together with refreshments. Free entry.

To book a table for only £5 in advance (£7 on the day) contact Sharon Doyle on 841233 or sharon.doyle@sjpp.co.uk. All proceeds to Mark Doyle's Memorial Fund

Sherston School rated 'Good' and 'Outstanding' by Ofsted



Ash class enjoying their end of term pirate party

Pupils, staff, governors and parents at Sherston C of E Primary School have been celebrating the results of the latest Ofsted inspection.

Ofsted rated the school as 'Good' overall, with some areas rated 'Outstanding'.

The school, which currently has 193 pupils, was praised by the inspectors for providing 'good care and guidance for all pupils' and for preparing pupils well for the future.

The inspectors liked the fact that pupil attainment is high and the results that the children achieve at the end of Year 6 are 'outstanding' in comparison to other primary schools.

The quality of provision, outcomes, leadership and management of the Early Years Foundation Stage were rated as 'outstanding', which means that Reception class pupils at the school are given an excellent start to their school career. The inspectors found that 'behaviour is good', pupils are 'taught how to keep healthy and safe' and they






'make a good contribution to the school and local community'. Teaching was found to be good overall and sometimes outstanding, but the report notes that progress is inconsistent across the school, as pupils 'do not have enough time to practice skills or to finish planned tasks' in some lessons.

The Head Teacher, Nick Bowditch is justifiably proud of the school's achievements. He said: 'The whole school community should be pleased with the outcome of our inspection. It's the result of a great deal of hard work by everyone. It is now important that we focus on our priorities and continue to move the school forward.' Richard Hulme, Chair of the Governors said: 'I am delighted with the Ofsted result. This is appropriate recognition for a lot of hard work by our Head Teacher, all the staff and the Governing Body in the last 3½ years. I am particularly pleased that Ofsted deemed that both our overall pupil attainment and our provision in the Early Years Foundation Stage was outstanding. We will now focus on maintaining the excellent progress that the school has recently made.'

These Ofsted findings indicate that there have been significant improvements in all areas at the school since the last inspection in December 2008. As the report notes 'Since the previous inspection, the quality of teaching and the curriculum have improved and, as a result, so have pupils' achievement and attainment'. The staff and governors are keen to build on this success and the Ofsted inspectors agree that the school has 'good capacity for sustained improvement.'

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Police News

PC Steve Humphries

My colleague PCSO Durry Maule and I have continued to try to patrol Sherston and other villages as much as possible this year.

We complement this with advertised quarterly street meetings throughout the year, the most recent of which was on Tuesday 24 May in the High Street from 2.30 to 3.30pm. Another is planned for some time after the summer holidays but will be advertised in advance.

It seems that a matter of great local interest is the ongoing misuse of the Fosseyway at Easton Grey at the river crossing where a site of historical interest seems to have turned into a playground for a minority of off road type enthusiasts. Although this is outside the Parish, Sherston council has written a letter of support to a multi-agency meeting which I attended at County Hall in March and at last various organisations are pulling together to end this destruction. This means for the next three months as agreed on 28 June at the Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership (MVCAP) meeting I have to prioritise my resources in preventing further antisocial behaviour there. I am pleased to say that by the time you read this all measures will be in place freeing me up to do more patrolling in and around the village.

Also by the time you read this the Boules weekend will have come and gone and hopefully it was as enjoyable as ever for all. There was a small Police presence for at least part of the day on the Saturday but this was only to ensure the free movement of traffic around the event which presented a few minor issues in previous years.

Finally, I have been asked by the Parish council to bring to your attention that ramblers and dog walkers are having issues with a local landowner allowing their dog onto the public right of way and intimidating those passing by. An investigation is ongoing and it may be that you or your family have had similar problems. If you have, please get in touch as I would like to clarify on what scale this problem is for the community.

If you have any comments about this article or any other Police matter please contact us, either on 0845 408 7000 (ask to be put through to either Durry or myself) or better still (as we try to be out working in the community as much as we can) email us on our NEW email address malmesburynpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. We pledge to try to answer all emails within 24 hours of receipt.

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M Goulding, J Glead, G Mason

Next meeting

The parish council next meets on Thursday 15 September in the village hall at 7.30pm. There is no meeting in August. If you wish to raise any issues in the meantime please contact the clerk Mrs. Sarah Wood on 840351 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read.



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Al-fresco lessons get the thumbs-up from Sherston's Oak Class



Oak Class (reception) children under their new canopy, along with members of the Friends of Sherston School fundraising committee.

Reception children at Sherston Primary School are already making the most of their bespoke outdoor canopy, which was officially opened this week.

The canopy is effectively an 'outdoor classroom' allowing the children to enjoy planned and unplanned activities outdoors, protected from the sun (and rain) in a safe space.

The canopy was built by Wiltshire-based company Different by Design, and consists of an oak structure, a sandpit, a raised stage area and a large Perspex painting panel. It wasn't a cheap project. Costing nearly £7,000 around half the cost came from the school's capital fund, with the remainder donated by Friends of Sherston School. The money raised came from a variety of fun fundraising activities, such as a sponsored cycle ride round Castle Combe Race Track, a Christmas Fair and a funky 70s disco at the village hall.

The stage area provides an ideal imagination space to stimulate the little performers, who love to put on shows for the rest of the class.

'Our new canopy will be a great benefit to all the children coming through Reception,' said Debby Liddle, Oak Class teacher. 'It's well known that access to this kind of teaching area improves children's concentration and attention.'

The Perspex art panel too has proved extremely popular with all the children. Headteacher Nick Bowditch said: 'It has been really pleasing to see children, who would perhaps not normally sit down and voluntarily draw, engrossed in producing amazing art work with dry wipe pens and paints whilst standing up!'

All in all, a real asset to Sherston School. The teaching staff and children all love it.

Living history

Athelstan Museum Outreach Project (which is partially funded by a Community Area Grant from Wiltshire Council) will be holding a 'Living History' event in Sherston at the British School Room on 24 September from 11.00am to 5.00pm. The idea is to encourage children to learn about their history – history that has been lived by the older generation in the 1940s and 1950s.

We invite you to come along and get close up to our memorabilia. Bring your own treasures from the past and share your memories with others. Volunteers from the museum will be there to help and encourage discussion.

All the family - parents, children, grandparents and great grandparents - are welcome. Everyone will have an input. Find out what living in Sherston and elsewhere was like during and after the Second World War.

We will be recording some of the event which we hope to add to our archives at the museum. Arising from this, we plan to have an exhibition next year showing the diverse and rich history of Sherston. This will be at Athelstan Museum, Malmesbury and, we hope, in Sherston too.



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Concert at Easton Grey church

by Nikki Heenan



Thank you to everyone who came to the first concert at Easton Grey Church and donated so generously to the organ fund.

It was a wonderful concert attended by 30 people and followed by an indulgent cream tea in Sue Thompson's garden. We also visited the stunning garden of Donald Rich with its immaculate herbaceous borders and colourful plantings.

Thanks also to Ian Cutts (violinist) Hele Brauer (cellist) and Nicki Heenan (harpsichord) for donating their time to put on this exceptional concert.

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The walk is free with no need to book. Just turn up with suitable footwear and clothing for weather conditions on the day. The walk is open to all – if you're new to the area it's a good way to meet people. Children are most welcome as are well behaved dogs on leads.

Christian Aid Week 2011

The total collected for Christian Aid in the Gauzebrook Group of parishes was £2,543. Thank you again to everyone who helped to achieve this magnificent total.

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Sherston W.I.

by Ann Wilcox.

Meeting on the 7 July 2011

Our speakers this month were from the Alzheimers Society. Pamela Ollis, Social Events Organiser for North Wiltshire, and her colleague Jeff Hughes, told us something about the society and the work they do to help patients and carers. They are the leading support and research society for families and carers. We were told of the activities which are organised in this area to help patients. There are workshops, a Memory Cafe, Singing for the Brain and outings which are a great help to all concerned. We were given some idea of the cost of care and the amount that is set aside for research. We were much more aware of the problem after this talk.

It was a stormy afternoon when members left Sherston for a canal trip from the Wharf at Devizes. However, the dark clouds soon blew away and bright sunshine greeted us when we arrived. After a browse in the Canal Museum, we boarded the 'Kenavon Venture' and enjoyed a peaceful cruise as far as Horton. We were delighted to see swans with a family of cygnets as well as moorhens. We had a good view of the colourful gardens which came down to the canal bank. After landing back at Devizes we drove as far as Sandy Lane and The George Inn where we enjoyed an excellent

cream tea. Our thanks are due to Tony Weedon who drove us in the Community coach.

President Sheila had recently attended the National A.G.M. at Liverpool. She gave us a report of her impressions of the event. Liverpool had very good facilities for the occasion. The Conference was attended by 4,500 delegates who gave a moving rendition of Jerusalem. The two resolutions were debated and the one concerning Libraries was passed with a large majority. The resolution concerning large scale intensive farming was controversial in its wording and so business was moved on to the next topic. Sheila was impressed by the three main speakers. A former prisoner spoke of his life behind bars. Rita Gardner C.B.E. a director of The Royal Geographical Society, spoke of her commitment to inform young people about their local environment and global landscapes. Sir Steven Redgrave C.B.E. spoke of his worldwide charity work to date as Fairtrade Ambassador.

An outing has been arranged to visit Kilver Court Gardens at Shepton Mallet in September.

We are hoping to have an Open Meeting in October when Sarah Champier, former personal florist to H.R.H. Prince Charles, will be the speaker. More details later.

Members were reminded that at the next meeting the competition is a set recipe Sultana and Cherry cake. The winner will be awarded the Joyce Butler Cup. The speaker will be Mary Teed on 'Travelling Tales.'

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TREEtalk

AUGUST 2011

by Irene Johnston

Down at the wood

Work is still continuing at Grove Wood during the summer months, courtesy of the payback team. They have some work to finish on the path before surface scalplings are laid (by which time, logistical problems in delivering them to the right spot should be sorted out). Wild daffodil bulbs will be ready to plant/pot up in early September dates to be confirmed. We are also planning to plant daffodils around the Recreation Ground about the same time. Next spring should be a colourful time in the village.

Frolic postponed – but we still need new volunteers

We were hoping to hold the Woodland Frolic (originally rained out in June) on the 4 September. There seem to be so many events clustering around that time that the decision has been made to find a suitable spring 2012 date when the weather may be kinder. However, anyone keen to volunteer for next season's work in Grove Wood, should be undeterred.

It would be good to have new faces in the team. Let me know if you are interested in more details.

Raising the crowns

The two walnut trees at the Court Street entrance to the Recreation Ground have had an overdue pruning. The 10m trees have grown considerably in recent years and are overhanging the road as well as impeding access to the ground. More importantly, small children are using them as a potentially dangerous climbing frame. The Parish Council had been given the go-ahead to raise the crowns to a safe height by Wiltshire Council.

Girdles are not a good look

Elsewhere on the Recreation Ground, one of the field maples by the Scout Hut has been damaged. Sad to say, it's not accidental. Deliberate stripping off of the bark can kill part or the whole of a tree if the woody tissues underneath are damaged, in a process known as 'girdling.' Our field maple hasn't quite reached that stage but will very soon if the vandalism doesn't stop. If you see the culprits in action, please report them as they could start wreaking havoc on other trees too.

Further information from Sherston's Tree Warden, Irene Johnston on 841273, email: Ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk or Deputy Tree Warden, Sue McKechnie on 840601, email: suemckechnie@hotmail.com

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Sick and elderly struggle to reach vital services

Ill and frail people in Sherston are struggling to meet medical and other vital appointments because of a lack of volunteer drivers.

The good neighbour scheme Link now has only two drivers in the village.

Link offers lifts to 'GPs' surgeries, chiropodists, dentists and hospital outpatient departments. While clients are invited to make an anonymous donation, the service is aimed at the most vulnerable and is available to all regardless of means.

The most common journeys are to Malmesbury's primary care centre, Bath's Royal United Hospital and Swindon's Great Western Hospital.

Each year on average, Malmesbury and District Link makes more than 1,000 trips and helps more than 200 people. While most of these people live in Malmesbury, the next largest group of clients is in Sherston.

During the 12 months to the end of March this year, Link drivers made 142 trips from Sherston alone. They made a further 39 between then and the end of June.

But a lack of drivers means several people have been disappointed and have had to rely on expensive taxis or on friends and relatives giving up their time and earnings to help out.

Throughout the area, which also includes Brinkworth, Hullavington, the Somerfords, Crudwell, Oaksey and Minety, Link had to turn down 25 requests for help between April and June alone.

'We'd greatly welcome more drivers from Sherston,' said Fee Knowles of Norton, Link's local volunteer recruitment and support officer. 'We have 25 registered drivers but only about 12 drive regularly. As a result, people are not getting the treatment they need or are having to pay enormous taxi fares of £50, £60 or more which they can ill afford.'

Anyone with time to spare can be a volunteer driver for Link for which they receive 40p per mile towards their costs. Some work once or twice a week and others once a year.

'You're expected to say No if you can't help at the time asked,' said volunteer driver Lynda Fleming of Sherston. 'We appreciate volunteers are often busy with families and other commitments so there's no pressure. But you meet a lot of new people as a Link driver and can enjoy a chat and a joke with them while doing something straightforwardly useful.'

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Mark's memorial fun day- Saturday 3 September 2011

by Sharon Doyle

It has now been two years since we lost our beloved Mark, and as a way of celebrating Mark's life we are holding a fun day in Mark's favourite village, Sherston. As many of you may know, we raised over £3,000 on the day of Mark's funeral which was in lieu of flowers. This money will be used to purchase new children's play equipment in the Recreation Ground in Sherston. The play equipment is of an extremely high standard and therefore very expensive and we (The Doyle Family) would like to raise additional money to boost this fund, which will be spent later this year.

Following the huge success of Lin and Sheila's table top sale earlier in the year the day will commence at 9.00 am. Tables booked in advance are £5 or £7 on the day. Free entry. To book your table contact Sharon Doyle on 841233 or sharon.doyle@sjpp.co.uk

This will be followed by a family fun afternoon as Mark was a devoted father and enjoyed all the events held at the village hall. The afternoon will include children's and adults' games on the field: human fruit machine, horse racing, pony rides, face painting and much more. There will be cream teas, a bbq and a licensed bar available to keep everyone fed and watered. Alternatively, bring your own picnic.

For those with stamina, in the evening there will be great live music so make sure you have on your dancing shoes, otherwise go home for a quick wardrobe change and then enjoy an evening of socialising with more food (barbecue) and the licensed bar. We hope the day and evening will be a time for people to relax with friends/family to enjoy the late summer weather (hopefully as that's the only thing not in our control).

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Sherston Old School COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

by Frank Hatt

Work has now started on the refurbishment and conversion of the Old School building.

The firm chosen by the SOSCIC board of directors to carry out the work is Chappell and Dix Ltd. The choice was a unanimous one and was the outcome of a careful selection process. Eight firms were initially contacted by SOSCIC's architect, James Slater Ltd. From these, following discussions and site visits, a short list of four emerged. They were invited to submit tenders for the work and after due consideration the SOSCIC directors made their choice.

There is every indication that Chappell and Dix are capable of delivering the project to a high standard within a very tight timetable. Provided there are no unpleasant surprises now that the building is opened up, this should allow the post office and general stores to move in before Christmas.

The firm is prepared to engage local tradesmen where appropriate. Anyone interested should contact Chappell and Dix without delay.

With the builders' board on the Old School behind them as an indication that real progress was being made, a small band of SOSCIC volunteers spent Boules Day raising awareness and recruiting more support for the project.

There has been a good response to the appeal for volunteers, but there can't be too many. Is there anyone out there who would be prepared to take on the job of membership secretary? Other areas where help is needed are with manual work (e.g. weeding) and delivering letters around the village. Contact Geoff Martin on soscic@geoffmartin.plus.com or phone 840375.

There has been a step forward in relation to fundraising, communication and PR for the project. This is now being co-ordinated by Pete and Irene Johnston. Contact them at sherstonoldschool@gmail.com if you think you might have a part to play in their team.

Area Board

The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council takes place at Malmesbury Secondary School Hall on Wednesday 7 September - 6.30pm for 7pm start.

The Reverend Susan Harvey

by Roger Whitehouse



At a moving ceremony attended by family and friends in Bristol Cathedral, Susan Harvey was ordained as a Deacon. She was earlier presented with a stole expertly embroidered by Heather Martin, Estelle Lacey and Iris Hadland depicting scenes that are dear to Susan. The stole was commissioned by her family.

Susan will serve one year as Deacon and will then be 'Priested' as an Ordained Local Minister, serving as a curate within the Gauzebrook group of Churches.

The office of Ordained Local Minister is a new concept to the Diocese of Bristol and allows candidates to study for local ministry on a part time basis.

It should be emphasised here that 'part time' does not mean part qualified. On the contrary, Susan has successfully completed the same course as the full time students without the access to lecturers or the library that the full timers enjoy and at the same time holding down a demanding job as an Ofsted inspector.

Susan is already a valuable member of the ministry team in Gauzebrook working as a lay minister with both the young and old, particularly here in Sherston. Her ministry has now been widened to include the whole of the Gauzebrook group.

Susan will be serving as a curate, which is a training post. Our priest-in-charge, Christopher Bryan, will give a lot of his time to her training within the parish. Susan will also continue to attend Diocesan courses.

For the first year of her ministry she will be able to lead services, preach, take funerals and baptisms. After the first year Susan will be fully qualified to carry out any of the offices of the clergy, including Holy Communion and weddings.



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The Cotswolds Rural Skills website www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk, is a new one stop shop for training courses and competitions in a wide range of rural skills and crafts throughout the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. By working with local instructors, organisations, community groups and landowners the Cotswold Conservation Board ensures that these courses are not only informative and practical but also make a noticeable and lasting contribution to the Cotswold landscape. So whether you want to try your hand at blacksmithing, rebuild a 200 year old dry stone wall or have a go at the ancient art of thatching, then one of these courses could be for you.

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Matthew Chapter 11 verse 28.

Car parking around Sherston Primary School

At a recent meeting the school governors reviewed the safety arrangements for pupils being dropped off at and collected from Sherston school. There's been an increase in the number of cars around the school and using the school car-park, and despite many reminders about safe parking, there continues to be a significant number of vehicles double-parking, parking on corners, obstructing entrances/exits and misusing the disabled parking bays. A recent near-miss within school grounds has brought matters to a head and the gates to the car park are now closed at drop-off and collection time. This actually brings use of the school car park in line with the County Authority's original plans; however it will have an impact on the roads and residents immediately surrounding the school.

We appreciate that this may not be a welcome measure for some, but we hope that you understand why we have taken this action.

We very much hope that all families who live within a reasonable distance from school will be encouraged to walk and that they will use the appropriate pedestrian routes.

The governors will be reviewing these arrangements in September and plan to consult with parents and the wider community (including the Wiltshire County Council and the Parish Council) in the Autumn Term in order to find a longer-term solution.

Richard Hulme,

Chairman, Sherston Primary School Governors

Nick Bowditch,

Headteacher, Sherston Primary School

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On the farm with Sherston Toddlers



by Lara Farahar

As usual, the Baby and Toddler group organised the Fancy Dress Competition after the Duck Race, at Mill Cottage on Boules weekend. The theme this year was 'On the farm' and despite the rain, there was a fantastic turn-out in the 2 - 4 and 4 - 7 year-old categories. Unfortunately nobody entered the 0 - 2 year-old category. Maybe next year.

So, all huddled under a tree at Mill Cottage, the lovely Liz Walker judged the contest and here are the results:

In the 2-4 year age group there were some super farm animals:

1st Issy Evelyn - farm cat

2nd Olly Bray - fox

3rd Lucy Capps - sheep

In the 4-7 year age group there were some smashing farm characters:

1st Emma Sheppard - scarecrow

2nd Ella Bray - sheep

3rd Nadia Whiffen - scarecrow

Well done to all who took part and a special thank you to the children and parents who made such an effort with the home-made costumes.

Don't forget, Sherston Baby and Toddler group takes place every Tuesday morning, in Sherston scout hut from 10.00am to 11.30am. Please feel welcome to come along with your little ones. It's a great way to meet people and to let the babies/toddlers expend some energy.

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Young Sherstoner's Debut Album

by Charli Shepherd

I am currently 16 and I have been working on this album for five years now. I have written all the songs myself, and have played all the parts on all the different instruments myself too.

Incredibly, I was lucky enough to go to Peter Gabriel's Real World Studios in Box to get it mastered which was an amazing experience.

The album is due for release at the beginning of August and will be on iTunes as well as available to buy as hard copies. I am also playing at the Fieldview Festival in Little Somerford (4 to 7 August, www.fieldviewfestival.co.uk), which is acting as a sort of 'release show.' I'm really excited about it and was hoping to get a bit of local interest going.

Pin money

Saturday 27 August sees a 12 hour Skittles marathon in aid of PROPS and Sherston 1016 at the Rattlebone Inn Sherston from 10 am to 10 pm.

To enter a challenge team for £10 just sign up at the pub. There will also be a raffle and tombola. All donations of prizes are very gratefully received.

They can either be left with Lynette Willetts or contact her on 07990 942884 to arrange collection.

THANK YOU - An Oscar winning performance from our Moviola supporters

by Lesley Palmer, Grittleton Village Hall Committee

Our first season of Moviola Movies has been an outstanding success. We have been delighted by the support from villagers near and far. From 'Brit flicks' Made in Dagenham, Brighton Rock and the phenomenally successful The King's Speech, to the gothic horror of Black Swan and the tongue in cheek RED our audiences have been thoroughly entertained. To add to the cinematic experience we have had the added extra of Sandra from Marshfield Farm Ice Cream selling their delicious products. We have three more Moviola dates in 2011: 28 September, 26 October and 30 November and hope to continue with the scheme in 2012, so please keep up the support. Our opening film for the autumn season is a classic....see September's Cliffhanger for more details.

Malmesbury Carnival @ Sherston

Last year Malmesbury Carnival generously donated £1000 to Sherston Village Hall. By way of a thank you Cilla Liddington has kindly agreed to lead a walk and talk around Sherston's historical centre for this year's Carnival. The walk will look at the history of the village, places of interest and curious corners. It will last approximately 45 minutes and end with complimentary nibbles at the Rattlebone Inn. This promises to be a relaxed and enjoyable evening.

The walk takes place on Monday 1 August at 7.00 pm. The cost is £3 a person to be paid at the event. Meet at the bus shelter in the High Street next to the former Angel Inn.

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From the Parish Chest *Cilla Liddington*

Accounts from the Parish records showing how the Poor Law was administered in Sherston

The Poor Law Act of 1601 divided the poor into three categories: able-bodied and willing to work, able-bodied and unwilling to work, and unable to work. It also determined that in each parish the churchwardens and two or more substantial landholders should act as Overseers of the Poor and collect the poor rate. The rate was to be spent on setting poor children to work where their parents could not support them, setting able-bodied adults

to work, providing stocks of flax, wood, iron, etc. on which to set the poor to work, and for the relief of the elderly and infirm. From 1691, registers of parishioners receiving poor relief were supposed to be kept.

The writing in this document is very faint and sometimes very difficult to decipher, but I have tried to copy it as near as I can. The other interesting point is that these meetings would have had to be held in the Parish, so where was the Crown Inn?

From the Sherston Magna Parish Book 29. October 1717.

2nd March 1720

At a parish monthly meeting then held at the Swan Inn it was agreed to as follows

- 1 That 12d per week be allowed to Mary the wife of Samuel Clarke until the next Monthly meeting her husband being gone from here and left her very poor.*
- 2 That 3s be allowed to buy Sara Drew widow a garment*
- 3 That 6s be allowed to buy John Palmer now kept by Ann Kingson a payre of breeches a payre of stockings and a payre of shoes*
- 4 That 8s be allowed to buy Hester Malford the daughter John Malford a Mantoe (cloak) and a Pettycoat*
- 5 That 8d per week be allowed Elizabeth Morsley until the next Monthly parish meeting*
- 6 That those per be put to the overseers extraordinaries*
- 7 That 2s 6d per week be allowed to William Palmer till the next Parish monthly meeting placed to extraordinaries*

*Charles Jones
E Goodenough
Alexander Holborow
John Hale
Thomas Howe
Rich Lea
Francis Hobbs
Tho Chapman
John Millard*

28th March 1721

At a parish Monthly meeting then held at the Crown Inn it was agreed to as follows.

- 1 That 8s be allowed to buy the daughter of Elizabeth Hayes widow 2 garments and a pettycoat.*
- 2 That one shilling a week be allowed to Elizabeth Morsley until the next parish Monthly meeting placed to the overseers extraordinaries*

*Thomas Davis
John Pinnell
E Goodenough
Henry Holborow
Thomas Howe
Thomas Hayes
Francis Hobbs
Nathaniel Adye*

Shorston
Magna

2^d March 1720

All a parish meeting then held at the Swan Inn it was agreed to as follows.

- (1) That 12^d - y^e week be allowed to Mary the wife of Samuel Clark until the next Monthly meeting her husband being gone from her & left her very poor.
 - (2) That 3^d - be allowed to buy Sara Drow widow again^t
 - (3) That 5^d be allowed to buy John Palmer now kept by John Kingston - a pair of breeches, a pair of stockings & a pair of shoes.
 - (4) That 8^d be allowed to buy Hester Mafford the daughter of John Mafford a Mantle & a Petticoat
 - (5) That 8^d y^e week be allowed Elizabeth Morley until the next Monthly parish meeting.
 - (6) That those y^e shillars be put to the overseers extraordinary.
- That 2^d - 6^d y^e week be allowed to William Palmer till the next parish Monthly meeting. & laid to Extraordinary.

Charles Jones
Fra. Goddenough
Mercurius Holborn
John Hill
Thomas Hoff
Rick. Lea
Francis Hobbs
Tho. Chapman
John Willard

28th March 1721

Shorston
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Thomas Jones
John Pinell
Fra. Goddenough
Mercurius Holborn
Geo. Mannings
Thomas Hoff
Thomas Hayes
Francis Hobbs
Nathl. Rogers



SHERSTON CARNIVAL & BOULES '11



Sherston came up trumps again with this year's Boules & Carnival. Heavy rain in the early morning of Boules day itself failed to dampen spirits and the pitches were laid on time by a team of sodden volunteers. By mid morning the rain had stopped and from the early afternoon the sun shone on a packed High Street. The earlier events in the week all went very well as did those on the final Sunday despite the Tug of War having to be postponed due to ground conditions.



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As to Boules – Gien won again beating The Riflemen from Harrow 13-5 in the final. The best placed local team were the TDTs led by Tom Dryden who reached the semi finals.

A full round up of the festivities will appear in next month's edition but in the meantime enjoy these photos!



Boules & Carnival Photo DVD 2011- call for photos

Please send in any Boules and Carnival week photos you don't mind sharing with the village to Caroline for the 2011 Boules and Carnival photo DVD. I know the rain will have put a few photographers off, but I hope to still get a great selection of photos of the week's events. The DVD should be on sale by August bank holiday at a cost of £5. All profits to the grand total. Check village notice board for details. Please call Caroline on 841405 or email to caroline@carolinemoore.co.uk to arrange collection of digital photos. Thanks in advance.



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October 2011 sees the return of the Photographic Competition in Sherston during the Arts Festival week. We need everyone to get snapping as we have a wide range of categories to choose from:

- Local Sherston faces
- Camera phone shots (manipulation allowed)
- Sherston at work and play
- Landscapes
- Hidden Sherston

Winners will be selected from adults, 11-16 years and under 11s for each of the categories. There will be a public vote for the Best in Show trophy, and 12 of the best photos will be used to produce a Sherston calendar which will be on order during the event. More information and entry forms are available from www.sherston.net/local-groups/sherston-arts-festival or pick up an entry form from the post office or church. If you're interested in helping with the event contact Carron Waterhouse Tel. 841387 or e-mail KCUnderwater@hotmail.com.

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BT has to drop wholesale prices

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Ofcom hopes that this will increase competition between broadband providers in these areas and force the actual price consumers pay to go down. Or if the internet services providers (ISPs) don't pass on these savings, Ofcom hopes that this will at least enable them to allocate more bandwidth to each customer and improve speeds. Either way, it should be good news for Sherston broadband customers.

Market 1 customers have generally had to put up with slower services at higher prices from many ISPs. But for Sherston broadband customers to benefit it relies on ISPs actually passing on any savings/benefits to their customers.

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by Judy Sharp,
Practice Manager,
The Tolsey Surgery



SMS Messaging

The Tolsey Surgery is pleased to announce that it has recently implemented the use of SMS text messaging to remind patients about their appointments. Staff are busy collecting mobile telephone numbers from patients so that they can include more patients in this system. If you want to use this service, please ensure that the surgery has your correct details. If you do not want to be contacted in this way, you must tell the surgery that you wish to opt out, and they will mark your records accordingly. These measures are being taken in response to the DNA (Did Not Attend) rates. Every month there are a large number of missed appointments as a result of patients not turning up. In March this amounted to 67 wasted appointments. It is practice policy that patients who persistently fail to attend will be asked to leave the practice.

Book Ahead Appointments

The surgery appointment booking system allows you to book appointments up to eight weeks in advance, so it should never be a problem to plan well ahead.

Emergency Appointments

The surgery will always hold a number of appointments for emergency bookings on the day. These are for patients that feel that they need to be seen urgently. If there are no appointments left, the doctor on duty will be informed and manage patients' concerns as appropriate.

The pressure on appointments does mean that, at times, there can be a longer wait than the surgery would like to book routine appointments, but the aim is to book appointments within 2 weeks where requested.

Stepping Out for Cancer

Congratulations to Lauren and Kirstie for their recent money-raising events.

Lauren took part in the Race for Life, Cancer Research UK's flagship event and the UK's largest women-only fundraising event. The race took place on Sunday 22 May, when Lauren joined 2,700 others to run the 5K in just 43 minutes. She has raised £180 so far.

Kirstie took part in the Moonwalk on Saturday 14 May. The MoonWalk London raises funds to support research into breast cancer and organisations which provide emotional and physical support for those suffering from cancer now. Kirstie walked 23 miles across London and raised over £100.

Sherston Arts Festival

Entry forms for the exhibitions and scarecrow trail are now available for collection from the Church (on the shelves by the kitchen) and the Post Office (please ask as they may be behind the counter). The forms are on different coloured papers.

Photographic exhibition
(pale blue)

Scarecrow trail (white)

Please note a new business section for the trail this year – use the same form (but scarecrows may be placed in the village if the business is situated, for example, at Pinkney Park)

Young Artists (yellow)

Art exhibition (lilac)

Leaflets giving full details of all the events in the festival will be available from the beginning of September or information is on the website www.sherston.net/local-groups/sherston-arts-festival and forms can be downloaded.



Big Thank You

by Nicky Gray

A big thank you to the following who gave prizes for the Raffle organised by The Friends of Sherston School. Thanks

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PAWS

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Some of the groups who have benefited from this scheme include: youth groups; local arts groups; after school clubs; playgroups; holiday schemes; older people's clubs; disability groups; WI's; uniformed groups and community associations. If you or your group would like to apply to PAWS or just want to find out more please visit www.participatoryartswiltshire.co.uk and take advantage of this great scheme!

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Sherston Parish Party

Plans are now well in hand for the parish party to be held in the hall and field on Bank holiday Monday 29th August from 12 noon to 6pm with free entry for all. Everyone is invited including all those from the surrounding parishes.

As well as the return of the party, after a year's break due to work on the hall last August, the popular Sherston Flower Vegetable and Produce Show are also back. Schedules are now available from Sherston Post Office Stores and Sherston Parva Nursery.

As in previous years Jason Read from the Rattlebone Inn and his team of volunteers will provide their superb BBQ. There will also be a bar, music, raffle and teas, as well as bouncy castles and inflatables for the children.

Stalls are available for charities, voluntary groups, businesses and individuals. There's no fee you just make a donation to village hall funds at the end of the day depending on how well you've done. If you would like a stall, which includes the use of a 6' x 2' table, please contact Margo Holland without delay on 01666 841019 email mplholland@btinternet.com Stalls can be accommodated either in the marquees or outside so please give your preference when booking. There is no problem with a limited number of gazebos on the field.

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The new waste and recycling collection service will mean additional recycling services and fortnightly refuse collections for all residents.

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If you would like a non-chargeable collection of garden waste you need to sign up by 30 September 2011. For those who sign up your new green lidded bin will be delivered in Spring 2012. Please note - if you already have a garden waste collection you do not need to sign up and your service will continue.

Sherston and all other areas in North Wiltshire will move to a fortnightly collection of household waste from Spring 2012.

Leaflets, collection calendars and more information will be sent out to every resident over the summer and before their collections change.

This information can also be accessed on line at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbishrecycling/waste or www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbishrecycling/waste/newrecyclingcollectionsleaflets.htm

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by Caroline Jarvis, 07717131737



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We are also holding an open day on Saturday 27 August if you want to bring the kids down to see all the animals. (Walk through the field past Stretchline and come out at the top right corner, over the fence and into the drive).

Mondays are for movies @ Malmesbury town hall

With school holidays stretching ahead you might like to see a film close to your home. You can even treat yourself, your children and grandchildren to popcorn and ice cream to enjoy the full cinema experience on your doorstep.

Monday 8 August

Larry Crowne 12A 2 pm

The Green Lantern 12A 5 pm

The Conspirator 12A 8pm



Monday 22 August

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 12A 2pm, 5 pm and 8 pm

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Have you installed smoke alarms in your home and do you test the batteries?

A man rescued from his Malmesbury flat by fire fighters in the early hours of Friday 29 July is lucky to be alive.

Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service was called after the alarm was raised by a neighbour. Fire-fighters wearing breathing apparatus entered the first floor flat and found the occupant unconscious on the living room floor, while a fire raged in the kitchen. Although the flat was fitted with smoke detectors, the batteries had been removed. Had the neighbour living in the flat above not smelt smoke, the outcome could have been much worse. Four fire crews were needed to tackle the blaze. Six fire fighters wearing breathing apparatus entered the building, and two hose reel jets and a main jet were needed to extinguish the fire, which severely damaged the kitchen.

Having smoke alarms fitted in your home can save your life – but you should never remove the batteries, and you should test and maintain the units regularly to make sure they are working properly. Once a week, press the test button and hold it until the alarm sounds.

If your smoke alarm is making a beeping or chirping noise that is not a full alarm, the cause is likely to be a low battery warning.

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The new Wiltshire Warm and Well scheme is available to everyone. It provides free loft and cavity wall insulation to anyone over 60, plus households on low incomes as well as those on benefits. Everyone else is entitled to a partial grant, which reduces the cost significantly. Not only does it lead to saving money on bills but also makes homes warmer.

For further information go to <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/counciltaxhousingandbenefits/housing/housinggrants/homeenergygrants.htm>

If using the telephone is easier for you, contact the Energy Saving Trust advice centre and ask about Warm & Well on FREEPHONE 0800 512 012.



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I understand that last month's glamour photo of this year's Mangold Maid Lizze Ward resulted in an unprecedented number of vociferous complaints to the Cliffhanger editorial board. At one stage the highly prestigious Cliffhanger H.Q. 'Dandelion & Murdock Towers' in Commonwood Lane was besieged by an angry mob of representatives from some of the most prestigious organisations of the parish. Board members were forced to barricade themselves in the extensive executive washrooms until order was restored by the unexpected arrival of Her Honour the Very Reverend Ivor Horn who had finally reached Sherston following her recent sojourn at HM Prison Shepton Mallet. The baying mob were finally subdued, though not entirely satisfied, by the Judge distributing free copies of the offending photograph which Lizzie had signed in readiness for this year's Hurl. Even then many in the crowd, as they trudged wearily back to the village down Thompsons Hill, were still complaining and one was overheard muttering 'you couldn't see a thing past that damn chair – got in the ruddy way it did you'.

The mention of Her Honour brings me back to the contest for the new Summoner held on Whit Sunday shortly before the Mangold Maid Making in The Rattlebone Inn. Despite the still unexplained absence of The Very Reverend Ivor Horn, although the rumours

of an 'incident' at Brean Sands persist, the competition duly took place with Sherston's very own 'Man in the White Suit' being unanimously declared 'Summoner for Life'. His rendition of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite on the Great Horn was truly breathtaking and it is clear that in Graham Hayman we have a worthy successor to the late Malcolm Jarrett.

With the summer now rapidly coming to close members of the Ancient Order began to plan for the coming Hurl on Sunday 2nd October. I trust that all are aware that mangold leaves, a most excellent alternative to spinach, must on no account be picked after the Feast of Saint Aidan on 31 August. Picking after this date can have a disastrous effect upon the plant and must be avoided at all costs if a high quality root is to be the aim come October. Root preparation is indeed very high on every members agenda this month and residents should not be at all taken aback should the joyous rendition of an 'Ode to a Mangold Hurl' be heard as members lovingly tend their crop.

Each year when autumn comes to pass

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Sunday side win league game

by Andy Pegg

Sherston Magna Cricket Club (SMCC) Sunday side didn't make the brightest of starts in either innings against Hambrook on 3 July. With Hambrook put into bat first they made a promising start, but some tight bowling from Ian Gould (2-14) and Charlie Green (3-29) started Sherston in their first comeback of the day, bowling Hambrook out for 159, further wickets coming from Will Horrocks (2-13) and accurate bowling from Simon Hulance.

SMCC's response looked promising in the first few overs with Alan Dickenson and Matt Goodwin opening the batting, but the collapse soon halted progress leaving SMCC on 56-5. Needing a further 104 runs to win, the comeback came from Andy Pegg (33) and Ian Gould (65*) who steadied the ship scoring 10 fours and 3 sixes between them. SMCC couldn't make it look too easy though, eventually winning by 1 wicket with Ian Gould giving Hambrook an opportunity to win the game, but fortunately an unlucky fielder dropped a catch on the boundary meaning SMCC won the game with a six.

Women's Cricket

Ladies of all ages and abilities are invited to join us for some fun and exercise. We meet every Friday at Pinkney Park at 6.30pm

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Recent Results

23 July Adlestrop beat SMCC by one wicket

SMCC 144 ao (37.3 overs) Cartwright 68

Adlestrop 145-9 (40 overs) Cartwright 4-29,

Tremellen 2-31, Moore 2-32

9 July SMCC beat NATS by 57 runs

SMCC 215-7 (40 overs) Howell 54*,

Cartwright 50, Lovell 28, Goodwin 26, Jarvis 20, Harmer 15

NATS 104ao (23.1 overs) [rain adjusted target of 162 from 30 overs]

Cartwright 4-26, Harmer 3-11, Kutchera 2-26

3 July SMCC beat Hambrook by one wicket

Hambrook 159ao (33 overs) Green 3-29, W

Horrocks 2-13, Gould 2-14

SMCC 163-9 (35.3 overs) Gould 65*, A Pegg 33

2 July SMCC beat Stow-on-the-Wold by four wickets

Stow-on-the-Wold 161ao (39.2 overs) Kutchera

4-41, Tremellen 3-35

SMCC 162-6 (37.4 overs) Lovell 45, Littlejohns 20,

Cavey 19, Harmer 18, Gould 17

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30 July Barnsley Beeches beat SMCC by 9 runs
 Barnsley Beeches 124ao (37 overs) A Pegg 3-15,
 Kutchera 3-42, Moore 2-51.
 SMCC 115ao (36.4overs) Cavey 33, Harmer 27,
 Kutchera 19.

Why not visit Pinkney Park to see your local cricket side play?

CDCA Division 1 Table (26/7/2011)

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Chedworth	12	7	2	3	138	15.33
Sherston Magna	11	7	4	0	148	13.45
NATs	12	5	5	2	112	11.20
Williamstrip	11	5	5	1	109	10.90
Stow on the Wold	12	3	5	4	83	10.38
Oakridge	11	4	4	3	79	9.88
Cricklade	12	3	8	1	88	8.00
Barnsley Beeches	12	2	6	4	54	6.75
Andoversford	11	1	7	3	45	5.63

Home fixtures in August

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For further details see the Parish Life or phone 07778 934742

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

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:

A Family Service is held at Holy Cross Church in Sherston at 9.30am on the third Sunday of each month. There are Family Services at other churches in the Group on other Sundays – see The Parish Life for details
Junior Church is held at Court House, Hullavington at 11.00am on the second 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 Ness Whiffin 840185.

Little Lights is an informal service and meeting, with play, squash and biscuits, for pre-school children and their parents/carers at Hullavington Church 10.30 – 11.30am every other Thursday. Contact Chantal Bryan for more information on 837522

If you would like there to be more provision in Sherston for your children, the PCC and ministry team are looking for people who would like to help organise and run this. If that could be you please contact Revd. Christopher Bryan on 837522 or Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or Sue Robinson, churchwarden on 841263

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

Ancient Order of Sherston

Mangold Hurlers

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Boules at The Bull

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Busy Hands Pre-school

Meets 9.10am - 12.10pm everyday in the village hall for 3 - 5 year olds. Further details call 841118

Charity Bingo

In aid of a different local charity each month on the 3rd Friday at 7.30 for 8pm start in the village hall. 50p entry and 30p a book. Light refreshments available.

Church bell ringing

Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 - 9.00pm.

Call Geoff Martin 840375 or come along.

Clem's Club

Clem invites 'cheerful chaps for a chair and a chat' in the British School Rooms every other Tuesday 2.30 – 4pm, alternating with the Seniors. Donations to BSR expenses collected each week.

Eudo Tae Kwon Do

Juniors every Tuesday at 3.15pm and Seniors Thursdays 7-9pm both in Sherston primary school hall. Abby Lees-Smith 510125 or email info@eudotkd.co.uk or see the website www.eudotaekwondo.co.uk

Footpaths group

The group has published the booklet 'Sherston Walks - a new guide to local rights of way', featuring 9 local walks and is now on sale at the post office. If you would like to learn more about the footpath group and perhaps take part in some of its activities please come along to a meeting. For further information contact Maggie McKenna on 841047 or maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

For details see www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Malmesbury Embroiderer's 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 prebooking is essential for the workshops. For further information please phone Heather Martin 840375.

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. £3. Please call Helen Churchill on 840080 if you'd like to attend. New members most welcome.

Malmesbury Netball Club

We welcome new players of any ability as we would like to promote the sport and provide an opportunity for people to get fitter and meet new people. We have a Level 2 coach and endless support from the Wiltshire Netball Development Officer, Sophie Warner. Every Thursday at 7pm, £3 per session, payable at the front desk at the Activity Zone, Malmesbury. For further details contact Tahiti on tahitivanrooyen@gmail.com

Malmesbury & Villages Community Partnership

For details contact Sue Webb 824620 dennis.webb01@virgin.net

Malmesbury Rangers

Girls over 14 years meet every 2nd Thursday in the month.

Further details from Helen Price 503187 or retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

Parish Council Meeting

Takes place on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Minutes of meetings can be read online at www.sherston.org.uk. Further details contact Sarah Wood on 840351 or clerk@sherston.org.uk

Patchwork & Quilting Classes

1st Thursday of each month from 10am - 2pm in The British Schoolroom

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Senior Club

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Sherston 1016

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Any new ideas and offers of help in planning or just on the day gratefully received. For more details contact the secretary Gwen Knight on 840731 or mommaknight@hotmail.com

Sherston Brownies

Meet every Wed during term time 6.15-7.30pm in the Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. If you're interested, please contact Snowy Owl (Liz Walker) on 840216 for more details

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact Ray Sneddon-Jenkins to obtain an application form – raysneddonj@gmail.com

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of 10 ½ to 13 ½. We meet at the Scout hut on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm to 9.00pm during school term times. To join contact Mark Sparrow on 840983 or e-mail mark@scorranstone.co.uk There is currently a small waiting list to join.

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

You don't need to have previously been a member of scouts or guides to join us, just be aged between 13 ½ and 18 and free between 8.30 and 10pm on a Friday night during term time; for further information please contact Darren Walsh - 841043 or Ewan Blair - 840096 – whitewallexplorers@googlegmail.com

Westonbirt Guides

Meet in Querns Hall, Rosehill School, Westonbirt 5.30 – 7pm every Wednesday. Sherston Brownies tend to come along if they don't join Scouts. Details from Helen Price 503187 or email retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

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 Richard Skeffington (Chairman) richard.skeffington@virgin.net Tel. 840092 or Graham Instrell (Vice Chairman) ginstrell@hotmail.co.uk Tel. 840978

Sherston FC

The club play in the Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Saturday afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. For more details contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or peter.brock666@btinternet.com

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

Swim at Westonbirt Leisure on Wednesday evenings from 8 – 9.30pm. £38 for 15 weeks, open to any ladies, of any swimming standard, from Sherston and surrounding area. There is a lane reserved for the more serious swimmers. To join, please phone Annabel on 840592 or Maggie on 840969.

Sherston's Living Churchyard

Please help maintain the living churchyard on the second Sunday of the month from 10am to 12 noon or 2pm till 4pm, weather permitting.

Please check with Sue for timings each month.

Church of the Holy Cross

Further details contact Sue Robinson on 841263

Sherston Martial Arts Club

Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu. Traditional Samurai Jujutsu and Ninjutsu. Ages 13 and up, every Thursday night in the Scout Hut 7pm. For further information contact Gary Liddington 07779349115 or Gary@budotaijutsu.co.uk

Sherston Short Mat Bowls Club

Meets Wednesday from 7.30 pm in the village hall. £2 an evening (£1 for under 18s) all are very welcome.

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.

Sherston Tennis Club

Sherston Tennis Club play on two hard courts off Knockdown Rd. Fees for the 2011 are the same as 2010: Family £80, Adult £45, Senior citizen £20, Junior (18 and under) £15. As ever, there will be coaching for children, adults too if enough people ask. Speak to Helen McLeish (840992) or Harry Stevens (840602). A men's team has been entered into the Chippenham & District Leagues, matches are on Wednesday evenings, and match captain Jeremy Nabarro (07973 517655) will be delighted to hear from anyone interested in playing. Club night is Thursdays, starting 5 May from 6.30pm. Louise Osborne (841238) is keen to see you at the courts. Further details contact Nic Riley 840682, Helen McLeish 840992, Louise Osborne 841238 (helen.mcleish@ukonline.co.uk)

Sherston Theatre Club

Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. Listings under www.communigate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/ or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or Hjquirk@aol.com

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. We meet at 10 -11.30am each Tuesday in the Scout Hut with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, not to mention a much-needed cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. Further details contact SherstonToddlers@gmail.com, or Gemma Bird on 840570 or Lara Farahar on 840228

Sherston Village Hall

Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, parties etc. For details contact the bookings officer Julia Nichols on 840633 or julia.nichols@btinternet.com

Sherston W.I.

Meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Further details contact Maureen Jolliffe on 840867

Sherston Young Craft Group

Every Monday 6.45 – 8.15pm in the village hall (children 9 years and over). £3 (incl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each half term. To join, please contact Victoria Parish on 840071 or email vparish@btinternet.com

Splash Dance

Dance classes for 2 to 12 year olds including ballet, modern and tap. Every Wednesday afternoon in the village hall. Prices are £35 per term with the first lesson free. For details contact Charlotte on 01453 886632 or charlotte@splashdance.co.uk

Tetbury Chess Club

Meet every Wednesday at the Ormond Hotel from 10am. If anyone is interested please contact Colin Francis on 505835 or email colval08@btinternet.com

Village Hall 300+ Club

Monthly draw with eight prizes ranging from £12 down to £5 for a £6 annual stake, plus a quarterly £5 bonus for seven non-winners. If any new members of the village would like to join, contact either Mary Goulding on 840794, Joyce Gleed 840744 or Gwen Mason 840660.

Whist Drive

A whist drive is held in the village hall on the second Friday in the month at 7.30 for 7.45pm. Admission £1.50 including refreshments. All profits to help maintain the village hall. Further details from G. Mason, M. Goulding and J. Gleed.

Women's Cricket

Ladies of all ages and abilities are invited to join us for some fun and exercise every Friday evening at Sherston Magna Cricket Ground, Pinkney Park at 6.30pm. If you are interested, contact paul@jarvis2.co.uk or call 07887 486853

Yoga in Sherston

Beginners adults yoga class. All welcome. No experience necessary. Mondays from 7-8pm or 8.15-9.15pm for those with some experience. £45 per 6 week term. New term starts Mon 13 Jun. Booking essential. Scout Hut. Further details contact Kathryn Chandler: 0790 380 2985 / 0117 902 4832 or email: yoga_in_sherston@hotmail.com

What's on in 2011

Dates for your diary

September

- 3 Mark Doyle Memorial Fun Day
17 Lobber Jenkins Boules
24 1016 book sale

October

- 2 Mangold Hurl
7-16 Arts Festival
26-29 Pantomime

November

- 5 1016 Fireworks Party
26 Church Bazaar

December

- 9 Anglo Saxon Christmas Market

If you're planning a community event in the parish why not let the Cliffhanger have the basic details as soon as possible?

Email info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk to add the event to this list. Everyone will then know what's occurring in good time and it will help prevent events clashing.

Useful Numbers

BT fault line 0800 800151
CLARENCE (Highway complaints) 0800 232323
Cllr John Thomson 01666 840785
Malmesbury Activity Zone 01666 822533
Malmesbury Library 01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 0845 4087000
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre 01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School 01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre 0799 0908550
MP James Gray 01249 652851
NHS Direct 0845 4647
Sherston Parish Council 01666 840351
Sherston Post Office 01666 840202
Sherston School 01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings) 01666 840633
Tolsey Surgery 01666 840270
Wiltshire Council 0300 4560100

WHAT'S ON

Sherston

The Carpenter's Arms

Curry Quiz Night Sun 7 Aug
Check boards for more details of events
Further details contact 840665

The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7:30pm
Free entry and prizes for the winning team
Annual Curry Festival Sun 28 Aug 7.30pm
Live music from The Acoustic Junkies
Check boards for more details of events
Further details contact 840871 or
www.therattlebone.co.uk

Wiltshire Council Free Sports Coaching for Kids

For 5-11 year olds. Every Wednesday in August
10 - 11:30am on the Recreation ground. Football, athletics, tag rugby, dodgeball, kwik cricket, ultimate frisbee, archery No booking necessary
Further details contact co-ordinator Martin Rea 840348 or www.wiltshire.gov.uk/funinthesun

Sherston School of Rock

for 10-14 age group interested in taking their music skills further and recording their efforts on a CD
9 - 12 Aug £100 for 4 days with Charli Shephard and Barney Kenny, Barney is a tutor at Malmesbury Music Academy and Charli is currently mastering her first album at Peter Gabriel's Realworld studios.
Further details contact
charli-shephard-music@hotmail.co.uk

Skittles Marathon

Sat 27 August 12 hour skittles marathon, Rattlebone Inn
10am to 10pm in aid of PROPS and Sherston 1016
Raffle and Tombola
Further details contact Lynette Willetts on
07990 942884

Sue's Strolls

Sun 28 Aug starting from the village hall at 11am walking to Alderton then on to Luckington. Stop for picnic or lunch at The Old Ship. Return transport available to Sherston courtesy of Props or walk back to Sherston with the group.
Further details contact Sue McKechnie 840601 or
suemckechnie@hotmail.com

Adopt a Pig Open Day

Sat 27 Aug Open day at Sherston Rare Breeds
Bring the kids down to see all the animals including Sherston rarebreed pigs, (Walk through the field past Stretchline and come out at the top right corner, over the fence and into the drive.)

Further details contact Paul and Caroline Jarvis email paul@sherstonrarebreeds.co.uk or pauljarvis2.co.uk or call 07887 486853

Sherston Village Party

including flower, vegetable and produce show
Bank Holiday Monday 29 Aug Free entry, Children's activities and inflatables Bar, BBQ and live music in the Village hall field

Further details contact Martin Rea 840348

Mark Doyle Memorial Fun Day

Sat 3 Sep Day starts with a **Table Top** sale in the Village Hall at 9am £5 per table (£7 on the day)
All proceeds to the Mark Doyle Memorial Fund sponsoring play and sports equipment for the recreation ground. **Fun Day** starts in the afternoon on the VH field with face painting, games, pony rides, cream teas, BBQ and a bar. Live music, bar and BBQ in the evening

Further details contact Sharon Doyle 841233 or email sharon.doyle@sjpp.co.uk

Sherston Arts Festival 7-16 Oct

Entry forms for the exhibitions at the Post Office and Church. Categories include: **Young Artist** (from 5 years but largely for secondary school age) - exhibition in the British School Rooms with the themes of the Circus, Heroes and Villains, The Farm, Bugs and Butterflies **Art exhibition** in the Church - any local artist or artist with local connection can enter. Work should be framed and ready to hang, and preferably for sale.

Photography exhibition in the Village Hall 15-16 Oct Categories: Sherston Faces, Camera Phone Shots, Sherston at work and play, Landscapes, Hidden Sherston. Scarecrow Trail theme is Heroes and Villains
Further details contact Heather Martin 840375 or www.sherston.net

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Guided Walks: Wildflowers Tues 16 Aug 10:30 -12:30 Dogs under close control allowed; **Imports from over the pond** Sat 20 Aug 11am -1pm Sorry no dogs; All free after admission
Treefest: 2011 Festival of the Tree. Stalls, special events and displays. 26 - 29 August

Workshops: Make a Windsor Chair

8-13 and 15-20 Aug - fully booked. Next available course 3-8 Oct £250.

Booking essential contact Paul Hayden 01373 836051 or www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk

Workshops: Beginners Digital Photography

Fri 5 Aug 10.30-3.30pm £55 - limited to 10 places
Booking essential: contact Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email consult@abbey-studios.co.uk

Specialist Wood Sales 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA

Family Events :

Life Beneath our Feet Tues 2 - Thurs 4 Aug

Tree Architecture Tues 9 - Thurs 11 Aug ; **Growing Green** 16 - 18 Aug and **Forests For the Future** 24 -29 Aug 10.30am - 4pm All free after entry
Spring / Summer (till 30 Sep) Admission £8 adult /£7 concs/ £3 chd under 5s free // Kids go free 23 July - 31 Aug

Further details contact 880220 or www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Malmesbury

Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

8 week art course begins in Sept - registration open now St Mary's Hall

Further details contact Nicki Heenan 840883 or nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

Malmesbury Carnival

Malmesbury Carnival month

1 Aug - 4 Sep

Full month of events including quizzes, historical walks, poetry, music events, Caribbean salsa party, bike rides, Petticoat Lane in the High St on 28th Various locations in and around Malmesbury

Programme on line at www.malmesburycarnival.co.uk
Further details contact 823276

Indigo Moon Puppet Theatre

Workshop 9 Aug 2-4 pm Puppet show :
Aladdin 6.30pm

St Mary's Hall Malmesbury

Further details contact or www.indigomoontheatre.com

Malmesbury Open Gardens

Sun 14 Aug 2-6pm £3.50 (children free)

All Proceeds to the Malmesbury Carnival Good Causes

Whatley Manor

Jazz Sundays Solent City Jazzmen 12 - 15:30 £39 including 3 course Sunday lunch in Le Mazot

Tuesday Garden Tours 23 Aug 11.30 for 12 start, tour 2.30pm - 4pm £41 including welcome drink and 2 course lunch, coffee followed by a guided tour with the head gardener Barry Holman

Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner

'Invictus' starring Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon £39 includes film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch or dinner *Further details contact 834026 or www.whatleymanor.com*

Cotswold Rural Skills

Dry Stone Walling for beginners

6-7 Aug Naunton FULL; 27-28 Aug Circley Hill Gloucester 2 day course £99 Book ahead to avoid disappointment

Blacksmithing - Taster day 20 Aug Northleach 1 day course £99

Dry Stone Walling 10-11 Sept Tetbury 2 day course £99

Further details contact David Molloy on 01451 862000

or david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or

www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

Cirencester

Gloucestershire Steam & Vintage Show

Fri 5- Sun 7 Aug £9, juniors £4.50, under 5s free.

Family ticket £22. Advance discounted tickets from Tetbury Tourist office

Further details contact 01453 762508 or

www.steamextravaganza.com/

Hawkesbury Upton

Hawkesbury Upton Horticultural Show and Fair

Sat 27 Aug from 12.30 Archery, Beer Tent, Craft Stalls, Pimms Tent, Refreshments, Hog and Deer roast, Fairground rides, Hawks and Owls, Wild West handgun challenge. Entry (Pay at the gate) - Adults £4, Senior Citizens £3, Children £2, Family ticket £10 Village Hall and Recreation Field, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton

Further details contact For further information or to book a stall phone 01454 232910 or email:

Vicky@the-hollies.co.uk or www.hawkesburyshow.org

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Fame; Grease; Life in a Day; Potiche; The First Grader; The Jungle Book; The Tree of Life; Up; World Cinema: Beautiful check website for details

Further details contact 01453 844601 or

www.wottoneph.co.uk

Nailsworth

Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Professional football only 20 minutes drive from Sherston.

Home matches: Aug 12 7.45pm v Stockport County; Tues 23 Aug 7.45pm vs Braintree Town; Sat 29 3pm v Bath City Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2

Further details contact 01453 834860 or

www.forestgreenroversfc.com

Stroud

The Soul Destroyers in concert

Stroud Fringe Festival

Soul Destroyers play Sat 3 Sep

Further details contact Dave Shephard 07860 448438 or

email ds@oldbellhouse.com or www.soul-destroyers.co.uk

Bath

Theatre Royal

Henry IV Parts 1&2 till Aug 13 7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33.50 Noël Coward's 'This Happy Breed' till 13

Aug 7.30pm / 8pm mat 2.30pm £16.50-£33.50 The Madness of King George Aug 17 - Sep 3 7.30pm mat 2pm £9.50-£22 The Syndicate starring Ian McKellen 5-10 Sept 7.30/8pm mat 2.30 £17-£35

Three Days In May

12-17 Sept 7.30pm mat 2pm £9.50-£22

Further details contact 01225 448844 or

www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Long Ashton

Bristol Balloon Fiesta

Thurs 11 - Sun 14 Aug Mass launches Thurs - Sun at 6am and 6pm. Nightglow mass launches on Thurs & Sat at 9.30pm Red Arrows display Sun 5pm Free entry - car parking £7 if bought in advance Ashton Court Estate.

Further details contact 0117 953 5884 or

www.bristolballoonfiesta.co.uk

Slimbridge

Wildfowl and wetlands centre

Landrover Safaris every weekend and daily in school holidays 11am & 2pm £5/£3 chd - book tours

with David Bell 01453 891 223 Nature Detectives every weekend and daily in school holidays Free after admission Bat evening Fri 12 and 19 Aug

Family event : Meet the Mammals 27-Aug

Further details contact 01453 891223 or email

eleanor.wise@wwt.org.uk. or

www.wwt.org.uk/centre/122/slimbridge.html

Bishops Cleeve

Vintage Sports Car Club's annual

Prescott Speed Hill Climb

6-7 Aug £5-£15 (Under 16s free) - cheaper if bought in advance from www.vsccl.co.uk Prescott Lodge

Further details contact 01608 644888 or www.vsccl.co.uk

Gatcombe Park

Festival of British Eventing

5-7 Aug 8-5pm £12-18, family tickets available from £39

Further details contact 0871 789 1423 or

www.gatcombe-horse.co.uk/



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