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## Boules 2012

So many people to thank ...

Sherston Boules and Carnival Committee for pulling it off yet again.

All the volunteers and groups who contributed to all the events, including the all-important setting up and clearing away. It was great to see so many people setting up on Friday evening and Saturday morning and also clearing the pitches and marquees away on Saturday afternoon/evening.

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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.

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## Fun in the Sun 2012

Don't forget the free sports coaching sessions run by Wiltshire Council for all children aged five- to 11-years-old at the recreation ground every Wednesday morning (10.00am-11.30am) for four weeks this month (1, 8, 15 and 22 August). There is no need to book – just turn up (although places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis if necessary). All parents or guardians have to do is sign the consent/details form at the beginning of the first session their child attends. The parish council is supporting the scheme not only by 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.

## Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 26 August. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am, with a return to the Rattlebone Inn just around 12.00noon in time for a complimentary snack. As ever, children and well-behaved dogs on leads are very welcome.

## Boules & Carnival art exhibition

Over the Boules weekend, a steady flow of visitors made their way to our art exhibition by local artists from Sherston, Malmesbury, Tetbury, Cirencester and Stroud. The fact that the property is 'For Sale' may have attracted another audience but all were most appreciative of the artwork. We raised £80 for our preferred charity, The Woodland Trust, from sales of work and donations. I would like to thank all those who helped to make the event possible.

by Gill Ashley

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# Sherston WI July meeting

Our July meeting proved to be a rare summer's evening with warmth and plenty of sunshine.

This was a bonus as our speaker was Mel Hopkins from Breninwen Alpacas. He brought five of his young alpacas, almost a year old, to show us. We went outside to the village hall car park to view them, marvelling at the range of colours, from cream to dark brown. There are 22 natural colours, including black. The alpacas had recently been shorn so we were able to see their cute faces and touch their soft curly fleeces.

Back inside the hall, Mel showed us slides of more of his 25-strong herd. He told us they were basically gentle creatures who are efficient grazers, hardy and low maintenance. Alpacas are great protective mothers and will see off predators such as foxes.

We were then shown examples of the type of things that can be made from the fleeces: gloves, hats and larger garments. The wool is extremely soft and can be dyed to whatever colour you want.

It was a first for Sherston WI to have live creatures brought by our speaker, and it was a very enjoyable experience.

After refreshments, we had a little business to discuss. Final details were given for the visit to Avebury Manor on 12 July. A visit to the BBC in Bristol is planned for 26 September. We are also hoping to have another jewellery workshop sometime in the autumn.

The next meeting will be on 2 August when Jenny Lane will be our speaker with the title 'Take a letter Miss Jones'. The competition is a favourite pen or pencil.

*by Ann Wilcox.*

# Appeal for unwanted domestic white goods

Established in 2003, Refurbiz is a white goods recycling charity that has helped more than 8,000 low-income families in Wiltshire by providing around 12,000 quality, reconditioned, white goods at prices they can afford.

However, with people hanging on to their old models and machines for longer, Refurbiz is increasingly in need of unwanted free-standing electric cookers, washing machines, dryers and refrigerators. The charity simply can't meet the demand for them and, if the economy continues to be slow and more people find themselves in difficulties, the demand is only going to go higher.

Refurbiz screens the goods, restore those that can be repaired and then passes them onto those in need. Typically, the cost of a washing machine or cooker comes to about £85 with a three-month warranty – vastly lower than buying new goods from the stores.

Any appliances that are beyond repair are stripped down to reusable components and finally any bits left over are sent to the Hills Waste Materials Recovery Facility, near Calne, for onward, licensed recycling, avoiding any waste electrical items going into landfill.

So, if you are replacing any white goods, particularly electric cookers and working fridges, then phone Refurbiz on 01380 720200 who will then come out and remove them free of charge (although, as a charity, donations to cover fuel costs etc are always welcome!).

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by Jon McGee



## Malmesbury Area Board

The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council takes place in Sherston Village Hall on Wednesday 5 September at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. This is an opportunity for residents to see their area board in action and to participate in discussions. All welcome.

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## Neighbourhood plan

There was an excellent turnout at the workshop in the village hall last month. Some 60 residents gave their views on how they envisage the parish developing over the next 15 years or so. There will be further opportunities for residents to get involved in the neighbourhood planning process over the next few months.

## New number for Link

Link provides a voluntary car service for people in the Sherston area to take those in need to hospital, the chiropodist, GPs' surgeries and to visit sick friends and relatives.

Since July, the charity has had a new booking system and telephone number. The new number is 840861 and will be manned from 9.00am until 1.00pm Monday to Friday.

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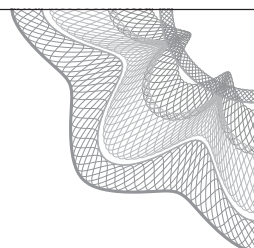
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# Sherston Neighbourhood Plan

The village is in the process of mapping out its future for the next 30 years, and needs opinion from a wide variety of different quarters. As part of this process, we need the Sherston businesses to have their say in how they would like to see the village develop to allow business to thrive within the community.

We are therefore asking all Sherston business-owners or those running a business from Sherston for any ideas, issues, and hindrances that they feel need addressing to help their company growth and sustainability. There may be current benefits of working in or from Sherston that need preserving for the future, so if you have comments on what is great about running a business here, we would also like to hear from you.

Please contact your local business representative Robert Johnson at [r.johnson@silverchart.co.uk](mailto:r.johnson@silverchart.co.uk) or on 840531.

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*by Robert Johnson*

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# Seniors Club

On 29 May, we enjoyed a quiz and bingo afternoon; Helen Quirk was the quizmaster and Pearl Dyer the bingo caller. We thank both of them for all the trouble they took to prepare (of course, Pearl ran the raffle as always).

This was followed on 12 June with a talk by our Tree Warden, Irene Johnston, who brought us up to date on progress at Grove Wood. There is a need for more helpers (particularly from youngsters but this does not rule anyone out!). We are lucky to have Grove Wood right on our doorstep.

We made our annual visit to Weston-Super-Mare on 26 June and, in spite of the weather, 36 members and friends enjoyed the day.

Coming up on 7 August is an afternoon of Music and Mirth with songs from the shows, and, on 21 August, John Parsons will present his photographic-themed images set to music. This will be followed on 4 September by a mystery tour (10.00am to 3.00pm - cost £13 per head).

*by John Venning Tel. 840915*

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# Memories of Malmesbury Railways

A series of paintings by Sherston artist Julia Leyden, based on the Malmesbury to Dauntsey Railway, will be shown in the Athelstan Museum in Malmesbury Town Hall during August and September.

The exhibition, which is free, will also include many contemporary photographs and other railway memorabilia.

The museum is open daily from 10.30am to 4.30pm daily.

*by Julia Leyden 840195*

## Meeting of the parish council

The parish council next meets on Thursday 13 September in the village hall at 7.30pm. (There is no meeting in August.) All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise, please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk). Alternatively, you can contact the council via the response form on [www.sherston.org.uk](http://www.sherston.org.uk) where minutes of meetings can be read.

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Although the Sherston Macmillan Committee has now disbanded, we are continuing to raise funds for this worthwhile charity. Hence, we are looking for people to provide cakes and produce, such as eggs, jam, pickles etc, to sell at this annual event. Any donations for stalls or a raffle will be greatly appreciated. We are also in desperate need of helpers on the day.

If you feel you can assist in any way, please contact Sue Thompson on 840378

## Moviola at Grittleton Village Hall

Moviola is taking a break in August but returns on Wednesday 26 September, with The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (12A) starring Judi Dench, Tom Wilkinson, Bill Nighy and Maggie Smith

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*by Lesley Palmer*



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Is your garden getting unmanageable? This wet summer really isn't helping us to keep on top of the lush growth of grass, plants and WEEDS. House maintenance outside is also virtually impossible in this current weather.

If you have difficulty managing these tasks in normal circumstances then the weather won't be helping at all.

Finding trustworthy and reliable tradespeople to help with these tasks isn't always straightforward:

1. Where do you look? (There are hundreds in phone directories but who are they?)
2. Are they reliable? Who recommended them?
3. Are they trustworthy?

You might like to consider:

1. Using tradespeople who come recommended by family, friends or a local group.
2. Asking them to provide references or evidence of previous jobs they have completed.
3. Making sure you have a business or home address to contact them, not just a mobile phone number.
4. Avoiding responding to people who casually offer services at your doorstep.

If you're de-cluttering your home or replacing large items of furniture, then what can you do with it? It won't necessarily fit into your recycling bins.

1. 'Freecycle' is a free online service where you can give away your unwanted items. You can also obtain items for free once you are a member. The items are collected by the recipient so you don't need to deliver them.
2. There are a number of independent agencies that can carry out repairs to the home inside and out. They will remove large items of furniture from your home for a small charge.
3. Wiltshire Council will remove large furniture items from your doorstep (pre-booking required) for a fee (reduced if you are on means-tested benefits).
4. 'Waste Not Want Not' will collect large items of furniture that can be resold in their Chippenham shop (no charge).
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As your Good Neighbour Co-ordinator, I can give you information on any of the above to help you manage your home and garden.

Jenny Plummer

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## Village hall 300+ club

### June Draw

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8th	£5	103	Doris Saunders

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50	Gwen Mason
52	Rachel Moody
78	N Holland
74	Caroline Moore
276	F Shipsey
94	Pearl Dyer

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# DYB DOB Corner



Well, what a busy few months we have had ... the cubs visited the Brecon Beacons for a weekend of hiking, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all involved, especially the leaders and helpers who are hoping to do a similar trip next year.

The scout troop have been working hard to gain new badges and have been doing some camp team-building with Malmesbury, ready for the Malvern Challenge and Summer Camp.

The Whitewall explorers have been working hard towards their Duke of Edinburgh bronze award, with a practice hike to Bath and overnight camp, as well as another chance to go dragon boat racing, during

which Cameron Robinson and Nicky Hargreaves were invested.

On a dry (yes, really) Tuesday evening in May we had our annual BBQ and AGM which saw a great turnout from parents, cubs, scouts and explorers alike. The Sam Thomson Award was presented to the best cub (Luke Tappin), scout (Tilly Walsh) and explorer (Nea Sneddon-Jenkins), and a run-through of the year's events was given by each section.

Unfortunately, our chair, Tina Walsh, is resigning to take on a new challenge which means we are looking for a new committee member. If you would be interested in getting involved, please contact [kirstieblair@gmail.com](mailto:kirstieblair@gmail.com).

Sadly, this means that Darren Walsh, one of our explorer leaders, will also be leaving later in the year, so if you fancy working with an enthusiastic bunch of 14- to 18-year-olds and helping them work towards such things as their Duke of Edinburgh awards, please email [sherstonscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonscoutgroup@gmail.com).

Over the weekend of the Jubilee celebrations, we held our annual group camp on the edge of the village; a big thank you to Mr Hillier for the loan of a field again. With most of the scouts and explorers who attended having enjoyed lunch at the Sherston Street Party, they were ready for the hard work of putting tents up in the rain but once done they were able to cook their supper under the relative dry of a dining shelter before settling in a for a very wet night.

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Monday morning was drier and brighter for the nearly 20 cubs who came to join us. A full day of hiking, wet pioneering and all-important wood collecting was rounded off by cooking hand-rolled meatballs and pasta on the open fires. Thank you to James Stephens (Wurzel) for the extra wood as it meant Skipper and Biltong could keep a campfire going whilst the rest of the group came down to see the Sherston beacon



being lit and the fantastic fireworks from the church tower; and a very big thank you to Ewan Blair and Darren Walsh for their hard work in building such an impressive beacon.

After hot chocolate round the campfire, a very tired and weary bunch made their way to the tents.

The group were treated to pancakes cooked by the leaders for breakfast before camp was struck and packed away, just before another lot of rain set in for the day.

Mums have fed back what a great time they all had, and how much they slept on their return ...

On the admin side of the group, we have set up a basic website that could do with someone to pay it a little attention once a month and keep it up to date for us; if you have a couple of hours you could spare, please contact us via <https://sites.google.com/site/sherstonscouts/home>.

In other news, the scout hut has had a makeover, with a brand new floor having gone in and a refresh on the paintwork. Don't forget the hut is available to hire for parties, meetings, band practice, etc at very reasonable rates - contact [kirstieblair@gmail.com](mailto:kirstieblair@gmail.com) or call 840096 for more information.

*by Kirstie Blair*



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If you could help out, please contact Ann Bye on 01454 218152 or Lucia Leyfield 840813.

## Parish council minutes

Eagle-eyed residents may have noticed that recently the latest set of parish council minutes have not been displayed in the notice board outside the Old School. For some little time, the keyhole to the board has regularly been filled with mud and dirt by persons unknown, making it difficult to open. Steps have been taken to rectify the situation but, in future, copies of the minutes will also be made available inside Sherston Post Office Stores in the area near the hot drinks machine. The parish council is grateful to Paul and Gail Mather for providing this service.



# Chapel Thanksgiving Service: Saturday 18 August

The Church Support Worker for Congregational Federation SW Midlands Area, the Reverend Barbara Bridges, and the Area Chair of the Congregational Federation in the SW Midlands Area, the Reverend Nicholas Gleich, invite you to a Thanksgiving Service at, and for, the chapel in Cliff Road.

For many years, this building has been home to the Congregational Church. After much prayer and discussion, the decision has been made that, sadly, it no longer meets the needs of today. The members continue to meet in the British School Room while they consider where their new permanent home should be. The service will be a time to share your memories and give thanks for all that the building has meant to the people of Sherston. It is also your opportunity to support and encourage the church as it takes this brave step into the future. If you have a brief memory of your involvement, please write it down and send it to Mrs Lilian Rice, Grove View in Grove Road and it will be shared during the service. We look forward to seeing you there.

## From the members

This decision was made with regret in order to release funds for 21st-century resources – plus personnel – to assist local schools and churches. All those who have cause to be thankful for the rich history of this chapel, its resilience, and the fact that it is not closing – simply re-locating – in order to



## *Dressed for Harvest Festival Service*

serve the community in modern ways, are therefore invited to this final Thanksgiving Service to be held in the chapel building itself, on Saturday 18 August from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. The service will be followed by refreshments in the British School Room (Church Hall) where the ancient record books will again be open to view.

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We're all getting quite excited on the Sherston Gardeners' Day committee! But at least, as Dr Phil Hammond (Rude Health Show, 1 May) would say, 'to pleasure yourself in a safe and sustainable way is a good thing'. Our ideas are flowing thick and fast; it's quite a job restraining some of our more enthusiastic members from wanting to sell as much as the average nursery on a Bank Holiday weekend. We just need the village to turn out to support an event that will help to raise final funding for the Sherston Old School project.

You're assured of one thing when you enter the playground on Saturday 13 October: it will be colourful. Apart from winter-flowering pansies and ivies in hanging baskets, we'll have pots and troughs full of cyclamen, juniper and berry shrubs, underplanted with narcissi and spring bulbs. There will be paper whites and hyacinths in pretty containers ready to flower in time for Christmas. As for tulips, you're guaranteed an impressive show in your

garden from March onwards with such beauties for sale (in bags of ten) as Spring Green, China Pink, Queen of Night, Jan Reus (claret), Apricot Beauty and Elegant Lady. We're making fragrant lavender bags (a nice stocking-filler) and homemade cakes and bakes.

Also, a big thank you to everyone who has already donated containers or promised us cuttings of everything from foxgloves, purple sage and sweet williams to lupins and hardy geraniums. Keep growing – it will ensure the first Sherston Gardeners' Day is extra-special.

Please phone or email Irene Johnston if you think you might be able to offer help or ideas: 841273, 07787 150971 or [sherstonoldschool@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonoldschool@gmail.com) For further information on SOSIC fundraising, use same contact details.



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# School pond dipping



*Children of Oak Class at Sherston Primary School learn about wildlife at the school pond*

The pond dipping board, which now hangs from the fence surrounding the pond, was designed by Paul and Alice Ormiston. Children also have laminated sheets to help with identifications near the water's edge. Thanks are due to Paul and Alice and to Nick Holland for printing onto the all-weather plastic board, and for giving the board to the school: thank you all.

## End of year at the school's environment area

Work presses on with building a quiet space within the Sopworth Road wildlife area, known in school as the Chill-Out Zone. Becky Fisher has plans to embrace both reflection and spiritual themes here. A very generous donation from the Willetts family has helped the school purchase some outdoor stools and benching. Donations of wild flowers and a holly tree from the village have been planted by all the Year One children in Ash Class. Willow Class has successfully planted the first stretch of a willow hedge, which will extend to include a circular tunnel next year; twigs kindly collected from John Matthews' trees.

Classes have been making more extensive use of the outdoor classroom and the pond; better weather would have helped, but the resources and opportunities are there, whatever the weather.

Highlights at the pond have been lots of little frogs from our first 'own' spawn this year, five newts rescued from a pond in Wotton Bassett, and many beautiful damsel and dragonflies.

Oak and Sycamore Classes have looked after their gardens at the front of the school, despite the combined onslaught of rain, slugs and seeds not germinating. Sycamore grew over 70 sunflowers; together with generous donations from Foxley Road Nurseries (thank you Carol and Mike) and the village, both classes planted what should become colourful displays in a few weeks' time. Sycamore did a small amount of designing.

The bird box had two families. The first sadly died through lack of food for the chicks in the warm, dry April. The second family moved in a week later, and raised six chicks successfully. All seen on the bird cam, in the school and on the internet. We now have an underwater cam. Thanks to Peter Bishop for donating these cameras and his time setting the equipment up.

Various classes have planted an array of fruit and vegetables, including fruit trees donated by Whitehall Garden Centre and a new strawberry bed (Willow), potatoes and runner beans (Birch), various salads which didn't like the weather (Chestnut), and other veg (Beech). Oak Class restored one of the wormeries, and found the worms fun to play with!

Next school year will see the Year Five EcoTeam apply for the Green Flag Award; that will be tops for them, with only a handful of schools in Wiltshire having achieved this status. This follows lots of hard and meticulous work with recycling (thanks to John Thompson for organising the blue bin from County), energy monitoring and more over the last few years. Work will start to connect the forest school area to the wildlife area, linking up a nature trail on the way. The outdoor classroom will see the addition of a wall art board, and the Chill-Out Zone will be completed. An environment area page on the school website will also



*Lara Farahar and Ash Class children on the Willetts' stools*

be launched to record classes using the new facilities; and to record past, present and future endeavours of our great team of volunteers. Thanks to all for help and donations.

*by Crispian Huggill,*

*Sherston School Environment Area Group*

## Rec

Boules day parking unfortunately resulted in some damage to the Rec's surface. As soon as the ground has thoroughly dried out parish councillors David Hibbard, John Hillier and Trevor Moody have kindly agreed to use their farming skills to repair it.

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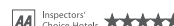
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# Boules 2012

## Main Boules Tournament Results:

**Winners:** The Piste Artists, captained by Neil Dobbins from Cardiff.

**Runners-up:** Bates's Boulers, captained by Stuart Bates from Sherston.

**Best placed all-Sherston team:** Coches for Honours, captained by Graham Hayman from Sherston.

## Colts Boules Tournament Results:

**Winners:** Nikon Sucre – comprising Harry Andrews, Glen Scott and Fin Burden.

**Runners-up:** Nike – comprising Erica Boldy, Katelyn Chadwick and Annalise Jacques.

## Junior Boules Tournament Results:

**Winners:** Clueless, Useless, Bouleless – comprising James Irving, Dominic Evans and Sam Watling.

**Runners-up:** The Bon Bons – comprising Maisy Phillips, Hannah Cadle and Eleanor Stevens.

## Main Boules Tournament Report by Martin Smith:

After last year's cloudburst at the start of the tournament, the view of the organisers was that surely it couldn't be wetter this year. Well, as we all know, it could and it was. One of the founding fathers of the tournament, Dr Colin Owen, officially opened the proceedings with highly tuned irony, welcoming everyone to another 'hot and sunny Saturday in Sherston'.

With rain falling pretty much all the time from about 7.30am until 11.00am, the state of the pistes was a major concern but the intrepid boules players who keep on turning up year after year were not going to be put off their game by a spot of moisture on the terrain. The view from Boules Control consisted of a sea of umbrellas until later in the morning when, thankfully, the rain stopped and allowed more cheerful playing conditions.



The previous seven-times winners Gien, the team from the Loire valley in France, were not competing this year, so the competition was wide open, with the Piste Artists and Annie's Rollers looking like early favourites. Although no French team as such in the tournament, there were many French accents around with both finalists relying on Gallic skills and Les Cardaillacois 2 making decent progress through the tournament. The Harrow Riflemen from Middlesex looked threatening but eventually it was Bates's Boulers and the Piste Artists who ended up battling away in the final. The match was closer than the scoreline suggested but the Welsh/French combo of the Piste Artists prevailed.

There were excellent performances from a number of local teams, with the Minety-based Petanglais featuring previous finalist Andrew Lloyd getting to the semi-finals; there was the all-Sherston team of Coches for Honours bowing out in the quarter-finals and the Luckington/Sherston combination of the Flashers also making it to the quarters.

The trophies and prizes were presented by another co-founder of the tournament, the previous Vicar of Sherston, the Rev Hugh Thomson-Glover.



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## Colts Boules Tournament Report



Four teams competed in the Colts competition, with Nikon Sucre coming out on top. If anybody can supply more detail please do!

Many thanks to David and Harry Sutcliffe for organising.

## Junior Boules Tournament Report by Rachel Wagstaff:



The Junior Boules tournament seems to grow in popularity each year. This year we had a record 22 entrants and managed to accommodate all the teams by adding in an extra round.

And don't be fooled by the diminutive size or young age of some of the teams and players; the juniors are no slouches - there were some fantastic players and

teams this year, really wowing the crowd that never diminished for the six hours that the tournament took to reach a conclusion. One of the reasons for the amount of time it took (other than the number of teams all playing off one pitch), was the number of closely fought games that were had. The tone was set with the very first match when Garcia Cleggs beat The Flower Girls 7-6 to get the tournament off to a nail-biting start.

Twenty matches later and we were left with two worthy finalists - Clueless, Useless, Bouleless v The Bon Bons. Boys v Girls; Year 6 v Year 5. In the boys' corner were James Irving, Dominic Evans and Sam Watling; in the girls' corner were Maisy Phillips, Hannah Cadle and Eleanor Stevans. The standard of play in the final confirmed why these two teams had triumphed in earlier rounds. The Clueless, Useless, Bouleless boys (sorry, that was their team name!), galloped into an early lead but The Bon Bons pegged them back with some brilliant bombs and accurate throws. Clueless, Useless, Bouleless eventually proved too strong for The Bon Bons though, winning 11-6.

So, well done to James, Dominic and Sam for a brilliant performance, and watch out everyone next year as The Bon Bons will have another opportunity to enter the tournament and go one better!

## Boules and Carnival Week

### Quiz

The Boules and Carnival week kicked off with The Quiz on Saturday 7 July. The weather didn't put off 15 teams turning up at the village hall for this year's intellectual challenge. Under the new leadership of the Dickensons and the Hollands, the quiz took us through some relevant topics for 2012, with Jubilee and Olympic rounds, and tested our musical and local knowledge. We even put one of the answers in the room, thanks to Irene Johnston who is our Tree Warden. Coming into the last round, Fifty Shades of Grey Matter (Laura Gould and team) were half a point ahead but, with a good last round on That Was the Week That Was, No Sharking slipped into the lead to win by 78.5 points to 77. The winning team consisted of Nic Fisher, Chris 'Fifty Shades of Magnolia' Gough and Dan and Annemarie Pritchett.

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### Walk

Sunday saw a good turnout for Sue McKechnie's annual carnival walk and was enjoyed by all in dry weather!

### Senior Club Tea

The senior citizens musical tea in the British School Room was very well attended on Tuesday afternoon and as ever was a great success. This is organised like clockwork every year by the Senior Club.

On Tuesday at the Church of The Holy Cross, an audience of approximately 40 enjoyed the Packhorse Band's performance of folk music using varied musical instruments, including bagpipes and a hurdy gurdy. The music was interspersed with jovial chats from one of the band members of their travels and tales of the tunes played. The evening was enjoyed by all.

### Ballet Nimba



Ballet Nimba, a not for profit, African Dance Theatre Company created by Idrissa Camara in 2010, took the village hall by storm on Wednesday 11 July with their energetic, graceful and visually stunning performance and colourful display of African dance, telling mythologies and history of the Republic of Guinea, West Africa.

Combining traditional and contemporary Guinean dance with live music from some of West Africa's finest musicians, they astonished the audience with their superhuman drumming and elastic dancing



accompanied by seldom-heard instruments, such as a traditional Fulani flute made of a kind of reed. They explained the provenance of all the instruments – made out of gourds and local fruits and vegetables adorned with hide and feathers – and the significance of each of the dances they performed.

For the finale, the whole hall joined in the dancing, along with the band and performers, raising the roof with their enthusiastic whoops and shakes. Quite a different night for Sherston.

Ballet Nimba are playing at WOMAD, Bristol and Cardiff. A special thanks to the Cliffhanger for supporting this cultural event to maintain the links with WOMAD.

### Skittles

The Rattlebone skittle alley also saw some excitement on Wednesday 11 July as Duncan Styles took first place in the skittles competition. He was closely followed by runners-up Alex Scott and Tommy Dryden in second and third places.



### Children's Disco

The usual pandemonium took place for the Children's disco early on Thursday evening. The numbers attending seem to get bigger every year and 2012 must have been a record.

### Football



Despite an absolute downpour just before the children's football tournament began on Friday afternoon all went ahead with there even being some sunshine poking through the clouds. Thanks are due to all the parents who organised the event and to the Football Club for the adult fun match which followed the tournament. special thanks to Lynette Willetts and team for the BBQ and bar.

### Boules Day

Saturday 14 July saw Boules Day begin with the normal humdrum in the High Street at 6.30am with the ritual putting up of marquees, laying the pitches and general organisation of the day. Unfortunately,





the rain started early in the day and, as the first games began, there was a definite grimness to the weather. However, this didn't stop the people arriving in droves and, by lunch, the weather had definitely taken a turn for the better.

The High Street looked great, with stalls, bunting, the French café, bands and the bar serving local ales adding to a fantastic atmosphere. In addition, the Wild West Kidzone proved to be a bit of a hit. With a rodeo bull, sponsored by MD Lees and Michael Bell, it was an action-packed village hall field. There was also face-painting, a nail bar, wild crafts to do, and horseshoe and snake tossing. Other events, such as lassoing cattle, a shooting arcade, panning for gold and a bug-flinging stall, proved really successful. The children's fancy dress competition, organised by the toddler group, saw a good turnout and was enjoyed by all.



The Kidzone organisers want to thank all the cowgirls from the Friends of Sherston School, Busy Hands Pre-School and Sherston Toddler Group who were involved in all the planning and who helped on the day, with a special mention for the two lovely ponies who were a very popular attraction, The Pony Express, and Sean Richards for the kind donation of the straw bales.

An annual highlight of Boules day is the Senior Club's exhibition in the British School Room and this year's was no exception. The amount of hard work which goes into these exhibitions is quite astounding.

### Boules tournament

The prize for the winners and runners-up were provided by a combination of Tracklements, Tucks and The Sherston Cider Company. Both the winners and runners-up received a brimming hamper containing various goodies. The prize for the best all-Sherston team – a hamper containing locally produced items supplied by Paul and Gail Mather of Sherston Post Office and Stores – went to Coches for Honours who successfully reached the quarter finals. The team consisted of Graham Hayman, Mike Shortridge and Tony Weedon.

The committee want to thank all volunteers and helpers from the day whose hard work and commitment meant that the event could be a great success. In addition, thank you to all those who moved vehicles into a very muddy recreation ground to allow the High Street to be closed. However, on a serious note, there were several incidences of people parking illegally or potentially blocking ambulance access which can stop Sherston from obtaining the road closure that is required to hold Boules Day.



There were many spectators for the Tug of War on the morning of Sunday 15 July, with the venue having moved to the less muddy site of the village hall field. Men's winners were The Vine Tree, who received a polypin of beer from Towles Ales, and second place went to The Morning Tuggers. Ladies' winners were The Hung Overs, who won a polypin of perry cider





from Tracklements, whilst second place went to The Ninja Bingers. The children's competitions ended in fun-filled chaos but all involved seemed to enjoy the mayhem.

Boules Week finale was the legendary duck race on Sunday afternoon and, although the weather was dry, there was one word to sum it up: fast! With parts of the river being over five-foot deep, it didn't take long for the approximately 600 ducks to make it to the finish line at Mill Cottage. Indeed, some 50 ducks made a bid for freedom and, in the swirling torrents, made it under the finish line and headed down to Malmesbury.



Peckish spectators were able to buy homemade duck cookies at the start of the race, and John Pettit did an amazing job on the duck commentary, keeping everyone informed on the progress of the ducks and recruiting four 'duck prodders'; James Power, Shaun Scott, Riaan van Rooyen and Pat Starke, who arrived appropriately dressed to impress in wet suits but who arguably did more chasing than prodding. Unfortunately, they were the only ones allowed to go in the water as the currents were too fast for children to encounter. However, this did not stop the fun and the duck race got off to a flying start from Stretchline

Mill. Within seconds, the ducks had already rounded the corner and disappeared from sight with the crowd chasing them down the side of the somewhat muddy river. The winner was Jack Lacey, with second prize going to Seth (no surname) and last duck prize going to Sophie O'Brien.



Back at Mill Cottage, the WI served up delicious homemade cakes of every imaginable type, scones and other goodies and drinks. These treats were in high demand, with the queue almost backing out of the gate. There was a fitting end to the week as the sun came out.



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# Walk on the wild side

## Last of the fledglings?

The breeding season for many birds is coming to an end after a very difficult spring and early summer.

On a walk around the village in the last few days, a number of nests of chicks were about to fledge including wrens in Grove Wood where young fledglings were calling for the parents to feed them, swallow nests under the eaves of houses on the High Street with very vocal chicks and coots on the Sherston Avon at the bottom of the Cliff where the young are bright red and rust brown in colour. For most local birds these are the last fledglings this year.

Some of the breeding birds in England have already migrated with male cuckoos already back in West Africa.

Butterflies are finally around in good numbers after a very difficult start to the year. The Cliff is a particularly interesting area for butterflies as it has steep slopes which are grazed to keep the more rampant grasses short. Consequently there is a good variety of flowering plants, such as vetches, which a number of butterflies need to feed on. Next time you are walking there keep your eye's out for what's around. An easy to spot species is the marbled white (see photo) and I will be putting a variety of butterfly photos on the Sherston wildlife blog ([www.sherstonwildlife.wordpress.com](http://www.sherstonwildlife.wordpress.com)). To identify butterflies

have a look at the web site of Butterfly Conservation ([www.butterfly-conservation.org](http://www.butterfly-conservation.org)) or buy a book such as the Pocket Guide to the Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland.

I am always keen to take photographs of local wildlife such as deer, slow worms, badgers, interesting plants etc. So if you do have regular visitors to your garden (or nearby) please do let me know on either 840995 or [geoff\\_carss@hotmail.com](mailto:geoff_carss@hotmail.com)

Finally - It's good to see a number of hares in the fields around the village.

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# Cricket

The Saturday side had their first league win of the season on 21 July with a 41 run victory against Barnsley Beeches. Batting first on a tricky wicket where fluent batting was difficult, Sherston Magna (SMCC) started briskly with James Kutchera (14) punishing any short bowling. Milo Morgan (17), Chris Lovell (19) and David Fitch-Peyton (18) continued to accumulate before a fluent finish of 24 runs from Max Marq.

SMCC had lost to Barnsley Beeches by 138 runs in May, so were keen to avenge the result earlier in the season. Fine opening bowling from Ollie Moore (3-16), Andy Pegg (1-19) saw SMCC put the Barnsley batsmen under pressure, before James Harmer (2-15), James Kutchera (2-12) and Milo Morgan (1-17) capped a fine display of bowling and fielding, with Barnsley bowled out for 82.

## Sherston Sixes on Saturday 22 September

If you would like to play in the Sherston six-a-side cricket tournament, entry for a team costs just £30. The tournament takes place from 11.00am on Saturday 22 September and is intended as a fun event to round off the season and precedes the day that the cow will be released on to



the cricket field at Pinkney Park, deciding the winners in the Cow Pat Lottery. To enter a team at the Sherston Sixes, contact Andrew Tremellen on 07979 388208 or [andrewtremellen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andrewtremellen@hotmail.co.uk).

## Results in July

21 July SMCC beat Barnsley Beeches by 41 runs  
SMCC 123ao (38.4 overs) Max Marq 24, Chris Lovell 19, David Fitch-Peyton 18, Milo Morgan 17  
Barnsley Beeches 82ao (33.3 overs) Ollie Moore 3-16, James Kutchera 2-12, James Harmer 2-15

## 22 July Tetbury beat SMCC 30 runs

Tetbury 145ao (38.5 overs) Ben Dickenson 4-28, David Fitch-Peyton 3-41

SMCC 115ao (38.1 overs) David Scutt 29, Ben Dickenson 25, David Fitch-Peyton 21



## Win up to £300!

If you did not buy a square in the Cow Pat Lottery on Boules Day, do not despair as there will be another opportunity outside the post office in the morning of Saturday 25 August.

Remember the squares cost just £2 each and the winning square will win up to £300 and adjacent squares up to £50.

Look out for further events advertised in the Cliffhanger, online at [www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com](http://www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com) and on Twitter @Sherstonmagna .

## Badminton: New players required

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The course will cost £40, plus a reduced junior membership fee of £5 to Sherston Tennis Club (for those who are not already members).

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## Are you a carer?

We are updating our carers' register. Irrespective of age, if you provide or supervise a substantial amount of care on a regular basis of a child, relative, partner or neighbour who is unable to manage on their own, we can provide support in a number of ways, including providing information, flexibility with appointments and ensuring the carer's own health needs are looked after. Please contact the surgery or ask at reception for details of how to register as a carer.



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Please note: the surgery opening hours are 8.30am to 6.30pm and the doors remain locked outside these times, except to allow access to patients with booked appointments during extended hours.

## Race for Life

Well done Dr Harris! She has raised £295 so far for running the 5K in just 34 minutes. You can still donate if you wish by going to [www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/lornaharris4](http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/lornaharris4)

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After much deliberation our Summoner Mr Graham Hayman has reached a momentous decision.

For sometime Graham has been most concerned with his performance on the Great Horn of Moyne. Despite the most rigorous nightly exercises he finds that his technique has shown little if any improvement since his performance at last year's Horn which unfortunately caused him some considerable embarrassment. So and with a heavy heart he has tendered his resignation of the post of Summoner to the Order. Following a good deal of deliberation members have reluctantly accepted Graham's wish to stand down. Fortunately he is more than happy and indeed ecstatic at being allowed able to revert to his former role as the Keeper of the Back Passage a post in which he has always excelled. In the meantime Graham wishes to apologise to all his neighbours in Cliff Road and Silver Street for keeping them awake at night whilst he so manfully failed to master the Horn.

With this year's Hurl on the horizon the Order has been most anxious to appoint a new Summoner. A degree of panic set in last month as there was no real time to organise the usual competition. In true Sherston spirit 'cometh the hour cometh the man' in the form of Mr Dan Pritchett who has long had a secret hankering for the Horn. Indeed it had been

noticed that on its annual appearance he would often be found gently buffing the Horn before indulging in a secretive blow or two. In view of the pressing need for a new Summoner and following a very swift audition which Dan passed with flying colours I am pleased to say that he has been unanimously appointed our new Summoner. His first public appearance will take place at this year's Hurl on 7 October.

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# Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

## Holy Cross Church

**The Coffee Shop** - Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits. Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings till Autumn 9.30 am – 12 noon

**Sunday services** 8.00am Holy Communion; 9.30am Sung Eucharist (3rd Sunday 9.30am Family Service); 6pm Evensong (3rd Sunday Evening Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer)  
See the Parish Life for more details

**Congregational Church** Services each Sunday 11am - 12.00 noon Please note services held in the British School Room. 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  
A new Junior Church has started at the Church of the Holy Cross on the First Sunday of every month at 9.30am during the morning service, with storytelling then individual craft time, rejoining parents for Communion and refreshments in church. More information from Becky Fisher (Rural Schools and Churches Worker) on 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

**Junior Church** is held at Court House, Hullavington 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 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

## Sherston Churches are combining for FAMILY FEST

where all ages can come together on the 4th Sunday of the month between 4-5pm for Song – Prayer – Biblical Teaching – Craft – Play and afterwards refreshments, questions, discussion table-tennis, snooker and board games. The British Schoolroom Cliff Rd.

## Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

**Sunday Newspapers** On sale 8am - 11am every Sunday in Sherston village hall. Eggs, milk and sweets available too.

**Link** provides a voluntary car service for residents living in the Malmesbury area, taking those in need to hospital, the chiropodist, GPs' surgeries and to visit sick relatives.

For further information please call 01249 721532.

## Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold

**Hurlers** Why not join us and discover the joys of mangold hurling and all its traditions? For further information email ebeplaced@aol.com.

**Boules at The Bull** Meet every Thursday at 7.15pm April till Sept at The Red Bull Inn, Malmesbury Rd. £2 per session, with winners getting half the pot. The annual subscription is £10 for adults and £5 for under 18s but the first 3 visits are free. We can lend boules for absolute beginners and we have a local supplier if you wish to purchase. Transport from Sherston is available. Further details from Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk

## Busy Hands Pre-school

Meets 9.10am - 12.10pm everyday in the village hall for 3 - 5 year olds. Further details call 07766 714544

**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 char 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.

**Drawing Classes in Sherston** Classes for all abilities are held in the British Schoolroom every Wednesday during term time. Tuition is given in the use of all drawing media, in monochrome and colour. Subjects include still life, and natural objects e.g. fruit, vegetables and flowers. There are currently a few spaces in the afternoon class 1.30 to 3.30pm. Newcomers, of all standards including beginners, are very welcome. The Spring term starts on 18th January - to find out more contact Heather Martin on 840375 or heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

**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@harrispartnership.com

**Forest School Club** Weekly outdoor activities during term time at both Sherston and Luckington School and further fun extended sessions during school holidays. For further information please contact nikiwalden-forestschool@hotmail.co.uk

## 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 Gill Shaw on 825647 or email sgshaw@orchardshaws.co.uk

## Malmesbury Guides - Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, usually at St. Mary's Hall, Malmesbury at 7.30 p.m. 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 840197 or clerk@sherston.org.uk

## Patchwork & Quilting Classes

1st Thursday of each month from 10am - 2pm in The British Schoolroom. Further details from Anne Chapman on 01249 782842.

**Senior Club** Meets at 2.30pm in the British School Room every other Tuesday alternating with Clem's Club.

**Sherston 1016** Fundraising for local good causes and charities. For further details, contact Eric Thacker on 841344 or eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk



## Sherston Badminton Club

We play every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from September to May. New season starts 4 Sep. For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592.

## 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@googlemail.com

## Westonbirt Guides

Meet in Querns Hall, Rosehill School, Westonbirt 5pm – 7pm every Wednesday. Sherston Brownies tend to come along if they don't join Scouts. Details from Ann Bye, 01454 218152, ann.bye@virgin.net

## Sherston Cricket

**Men's** Outdoor practise nets every week at the cricket ground at Pinkney Park. Men's nets 6.30 pm every Wednesday evening. Further details from Andrew Tremellen (andrewtremellen@hotmail.co.uk / 07979 388208) or Kevin Smith (kevinarchersmith@btinternet.com / 07970 740389).

**Ladies** We practice on Friday evenings from 6.30pm at Sherston cricket ground (Pinkney Park) with coach in Paul Jarvis. We need more girls/ladies of any age or ability to join us so please come along. We're all beginners, and our main aims are to have fun, get a bit of exercise and improve our skills. If you'd like any more info please contact Sarah Wilkinson at swilkonite@hotmail.com or on 07919 911654. Otherwise just turn up. <http://sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>

**Junior** Mini and Junior practice Monday evenings from 5.30pm. Under 15 training and matches on Tuesday evenings. Further details are available from Fiona Iliffe-Moon on iliffemoons@gmail.com / 07877 400834. Non members should please contact Fiona Iliffe-Moon before coming to training.

## 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 – 9.00pm. £30 for 10 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 contact Heather 840375, Annabel 840592 or Maggie 840969 or email heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

## 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 Tennis Club

The tennis courts are located on Knockdown Road, next to the football pitch. Membership fees again unchanged (family £80, adult £45). Club night is Thursdays from 6:30 pm - contact Belinda, and Men's Match tennis on Wednesdays - contact Kim or Nic. Your committee this year is: Nic Riley - membership, men's matches – 840682; Kim Stuckey - men's matches - 07710 981568; Gemma Bird - children's coaching - 840557; Belinda Robinson - club nights - 07944 782785

## Sherston Theatre Club

Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. Listings under [www.communicate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/](http://www.communicate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/) or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or Hjqquirk@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 Kate on 841205 or Clare on 840120

## 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. Visitors most welcome £3. 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 Cathy Garton on 841309 or email cathy@jd-racing.co.uk

## 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

## Tots Of Fun On Fridays!

New drop in soft play sessions every Friday during the summer holidays at the Scout Hut, Green Lane, Starts 27th July! 10am-12pm Ages from 1-4 years, £3.50 per child, £1.50 for each additional sibling Complimentary tea, coffee, squash and biscuits. For further details contact Emma on 841525 or emmaliddington@tiscali.co.uk

## 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 7.15 for 7.30pm. Admission £1.50 including refreshments. All profits to help maintain the village hall. Further details from G Mason, M Goulding and J Gleed.

## Wiltshire Walks

The Get Wiltshire Walking project has recently launched a new health walk in Malmesbury. Meet at 11.45 every Monday outside Malmesbury Town Hall, Cross Hayes for this free walk, all ages welcome. The walk last approximately forty-five minutes and often ends with a cup of tea or coffee. Further information contact Sarah Sims on sarah.sims@wiltshire.gov.uk or 07846100233. For a full list of walking groups in Wiltshire please visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/getwiltshirewalking](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/getwiltshirewalking).

## Yoga in Sherston

A great opportunity to come and try a yoga class: 90 minute drop-in classes throughout the Summer. Journey through the Chakra system on Mondays: 16July – 20 Aug 7.30-9pm. £10/class. A new six week yoga course starts on Mon 3 Sep - 7pm for beginners and at 8.15pm more advanced. £45. All classes must be pre-booked due to limited spaces. Scout Hut. For further details call Kathryn 07903 802985, yoga\_in\_sherston@hotmail.com or [www.facebook.com/Yoga.with.Kathryn](http://www.facebook.com/Yoga.with.Kathryn)

# What's on in 2012

## Dates for your diary

### October

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31- 3 November Pantomime

### December

8 2012 Winter Ball - Fire and Ice

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](mailto: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.

## WHAT'S ON Sherston

### The Carpenter's Arms

Open under new management  
Check boards for details

### The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7.30pm Free entry and prizes for the winning team

See boards for more details of events

Further details contact 840871 or [www.therattlebone.co.uk](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)

### Wiltshire Council Free Sports Coaching

For 5-11 year olds. Wed 1,8,15 and 22 August at 10 - 11:30am on the Recreation ground. Football, athletics, tag rugby, dodgeball, kwik cricket, ultimate frisbee, archery No booking necessary

For further details call Co-ordinator Martin Rea 840348 or visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/funinthesun](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/funinthesun)

### SHOCC (Sherston Occasional Community Choir)

Madrigal Madness - Meet every Tuesday in August 7-9pm to sing madrigals

Autumn session will commence 5 Sep - 7pm both in the British School Room

For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or [nicki-heenan@btinternet.com](mailto:nicki-heenan@btinternet.com) or Jill Woodward 840578 or [jillwoodward222@btinternet.com](mailto:jillwoodward222@btinternet.com)

### Sue's Strolls

Sun 26 Aug starting from the village hall at 10am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 12 noon

For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or [susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk)

### Sherston Scouts Fun Run

23 Sep 10.30 for a 10.45 start from the Scout Hut. There is a 5km option, which is all paved road, as well as a 10km option, which is mixed on-road/off-road

Route: <http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/51065590>

For further details call Riaan van Rooyen

[riaan@pulse-software.co.uk](mailto:riaan@pulse-software.co.uk)

### Knockdown

#### The Holford Arms

Sunday Pie & Quiz Night Every Sunday from 7pm food service and quiz begins at 8.30pm Big prizes, teams and individuals welcome

Free house and restaurant - under new management Spring 2012

For further details call 01454 238669

### Grittleton

#### Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Wed 25 July - HUGO (U) starring Jude Law and Asa

Butterfield Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £5 in advance £5.50 on the door

Summer break in August - next film Wed 26 Sep

Grittleton Village Hall

For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or

email [l\\_palmer@btinternet.com](mailto:l_palmer@btinternet.com) or visit

### Westonbirt

#### The Arboretum

Free activities and trails Kids go free and extra activities - all free 20 Jul - 31 Aug

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

Walks: Free guided walks take place every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday at 2pm, and 11am on Wednesday, from Easter to the end of October

Himalayan Beauties Sat 11 Aug; Tuesday wildflower walks 14 Aug 10.30am - 12.30pm;

Where did we find that? Sat 18 Aug 11am - 1pm; All book in advance on 880220. Free after admission.

Family Events: High fibres - Tues 31 July - Thurs 2 Aug

; Summer Secrets Tues 7 - Thurs 9 Aug; Arboretum art

attack! Tues 14 - Thurs 16 Aug; Plant Hunters' academy

Wed 22 - Mon 27 Aug. All 10:30am - 4:30pm. Free after admission.

Workshops: Make a Windsor Chair Mon 6 - Sat 11, Mon 13 - Sat 18 Aug £275 Booking essential. Call Paul Hayden

on 01373 836051 or visit [www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk](http://www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk).

TreeFest Sat 25 - Mon 27 Aug Visit [www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt-treest](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt-treest) for more information £10 adult /£8

concs per day/ Children & FOWA FREE. Call box office on 03000 680400. Up to 4 children per ticket holder.

Young Plant Hunters' Academy in the Great Oak Hall, different craft activities and explorer challenges each day

Family Theatre, Treefrog Climbing (Climb high into the canopy of one of Westonbirt's great cedars before zip-

wiring back down to earth with Treefrog! Suitable for children aged 4 years + and adults. Additional charge

of £5 adults, £4 children applies. Buy tickets at the

Treefrog area. [www.treefrogclimbing.co.uk](http://www.treefrogclimbing.co.uk) Heavy horses (Additional charge of £1 for children and £2 for adults)

Medieval Village, Helter Skelter and Carousel (£2),

Camera Obscura, Working Woodlands area, Tree Team

Demonstrations, Big Carving, Crafts and Exhibitors,

Falconry

Spring & Summer admission: Adults £8 / Conc £7 Chd £3

For further details call 880220 or visit

[www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt)



## Westonbirt School

**Open House and Gardens** The House and Gardens will be open on Sun 5 Aug and 23 Sept from 11-5pm.  
**Garden tours** 2-5pm August: Mon 6th, Sun 12th, Mon 13th, Sun 19th, Mon 20th, Sun 26th, Mon 27th We are offering guided tours of the House and will be guiding with a maximum of 20 visitors per tour. You can wander at leisure around the stunning gardens, including Italian gardens and Camellia House and enjoy the peaceful pleasure gardens, all run by Garden tours £5 Entrance for both House & Garden is £7, both include a hot beverage and biscuit. No need to book, we welcome all ages and are happy to host dogs on leads for the garden tours!  
 Westonbirt School For further details call Laura Reid on 880333 or [ltreid@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ltreid@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk) and Arabella for the open house and garden [aparr@westonbirt.org](mailto:aparr@westonbirt.org) or visit [www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Didmarton

### Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

**Painting Workshop** - Wed 1 Aug 10.30am - 4.30pm £25 full day / £15 half day - and again on the first Wednesday of every month Bring your own paints, brushes and supports and a packed lunch Village Hall

**Coming Soon - painting classes in Watercolour, Acrylic and Mixed Media for beginners at Carpenters Arms Sherston!**

For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or visit [nicki.heenan@btinternet.com](mailto:nicki.heenan@btinternet.com)

## Easton Grey Whatley Manor

**Tuesday Garden Tours** 7 & 14 Aug 11.30 for 12 noon start Garden tour 2.30-4pm Welcome reception and 2 course lunch followed by private tour of the 12 acre garden by head gardener Barry Holman £42

**Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner** Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy Sun 12 Aug

Whatley Manor For further details call 834026 or visit [www.whatleymanor.com](http://www.whatleymanor.com)

## Malmesbury Carnival

**Malmesbury Carnival month** 30 July - 2 Sep Full month of events including quizzes, historical walks, poetry, music events, Caribbean salsa party, bike rides, Petticoat Lane in the High St on 26th Various locations in and around Malmesbury  
*Programme on line at* For further details call enquiries@[malmesburycarnival.co.uk](http://malmesburycarnival.co.uk) or call 823921 or 824361 or visit [www.malmesburycarnival.co.uk](http://www.malmesburycarnival.co.uk)

### Malmesbury Kite Festival

4-5 Aug 10am - 5pm free entry Car Park £2 a spectacular array of kites, including beautiful artistic and appliquéd kites, sport stunt kites, synchronised to music and inflatables. Bring your own kites, either bought or home made and experts on hand to help advise on flying them or on their design.

The Worthey's SN16 9JX For further details call [jules.caton@googlemail.com](mailto:jules.caton@googlemail.com) or call 07794 608280 or visit [www.malmesbury.com/news/20-news-and-announcements/general-news/1579-kite-festival-2012-update.html](http://www.malmesbury.com/news/20-news-and-announcements/general-news/1579-kite-festival-2012-update.html)

### Malmesbury Open Gardens

Sun 5 Aug 2-6pm £4(children free) All Proceeds to the Malmesbury Carnival Good Causes

## Tetbury

### Yellow Lighted Book Festival

literary events including some well known authors - see website for programme continues through July Free to £12.50. All events include refreshments and book discounts Book early to avoid disappointment as venues are small. 21 Church St  
 For further details call 500221 or visit [www.yellow-lightedbookfestival.co.uk](http://www.yellow-lightedbookfestival.co.uk)

## Wotton-Under-Edge

### The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Jeff, who lives at home; Prometheus; Albert Nobbs; Moonrise Kingdom; The Angels' Share; Tortoise in Love; Royal Opera House Royal Ballet - Tales of Beatrix Potter check website for details

For further details call 01453 844601 or visit [www.wottoneph.co.uk](http://www.wottoneph.co.uk)

## Hawkesbury Upton

### Hawkesbury Upton Horticultural Show and Fair

Sat 25 Aug open from 12.30. 2:30pm: Zero Gravity BMX Stunt Display Team (as seen on BBC Top Gear Live) and Wild West action from The Lawmen. A family of nine meerkats will be on show for handling and photo opportunities! Archery, Local Beer & Cider Tent, Craft Stalls, Pimms Tent, Refreshments, Hog and Badminton Deer roast, Fairground rides, Face painting and auction Entry (Pay at the gate) - Adults £4, Senior Citizens £3, Children £2, Family ticket £10 Village Hall and Recreation Field, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton  
 For further information or to book a stall phone 01454 232910 or email: [Vicky@the-hollies.co.uk](mailto:Vicky@the-hollies.co.uk) or visit [www.hawkesburyshow.org](http://www.hawkesburyshow.org)

## Chippenham

### Events in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

**Gupfest** - a musical fundraiser for WAA in memory of Mark Guppy. Headliners: Wizard of OZ (ozzy Osbourne tribute band) 12 hours of live music from midday Sat 4 Aug £3 All profits to WAA. The West End Club Chippenham  
 For further details call [www.facebook.com/gupfest](http://www.facebook.com/gupfest) or visit [www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events.htm](http://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events.htm)

### CLOGS Musical Theatre workshop

Summer workshops - stage combat, acting, dancing, singing and a performance on Fri 6-18 year olds Mon 30 July - Fri 3 Aug 10am - 4pm £10 a day or £30 the week The Neeld Hall For further details contact Lucy Ibbetson [lucyibbetson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lucyibbetson@hotmail.co.uk)

### Events organised by Chippenham Town Council for the summer holidays

**Children's Mega Zoo** Face painting and meet & greet a variety of animals such as skunks, meerkats, snakes and racoons Sat 4 Aug from 10am Free. The Neeld Hall

### Chippenham Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day - face painting, bouncy castle, BBQ, afternoon teas, ice cream & stalls Sun 5 Aug 1pm - 5pm free entry - hosted by the Round Table in the John Coles Park

### Chippenham River Festival

Raft racing, river trips, the Big Swim, angling Sat 25 - Sun 26 Aug 10am - 5pm Monkton Park  
 For further details call Liz Bowden 07876 763670 or [elizbowden@gmail.com](mailto:elizbowden@gmail.com) or visit [www.chippenhamriverfestival.co.uk](http://www.chippenhamriverfestival.co.uk)

## Castle Combe

### Castle Combe Cycling Festival

1st Cycling race at Castle Combe Sun 26 Aug £15 for a family ticket / £18 on the day From Stunt Bike displays to the 56 mile and 100 mile Severn Bridge Sportive, Have-A-Go Sessions including a Stunt Team Skills Participation Area, Have-A-Go Cyclo Cross, Have-A-Go 'Go Ride' (from toddlers upwards), Vintage Bike displays, Fancy Dress Parade  
Castle Combe Circuit

For further details call 01249 782417 or visit [www.castlecombecyclingfestival.co.uk](http://www.castlecombecyclingfestival.co.uk)

## Cirencester

### Gloucestershire Steam & Vintage Show

Gloucestershire Steam & Vintage Show Fri 3 - Sun 5 Aug £10, juniors £5, under 5s free. Family ticket £25. Advance discounted tickets from Tetbury Tourist office. All in aid of local charities

For further details call 01453 762508 or visit [www.steamextravaganza.com](http://www.steamextravaganza.com)

## Nailsworth

### Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Professional football only 20 minutes drive from Sherston.  
Home matches: Aug: Sun 5 Aug 3pm v A Manchester Utd XI; Sat 11 3pm v Cambridge Utd; Sat 25 3pm v Woking  
Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2 Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2

The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth

For further details call 01453 834860 or visit [www.forestgreenroversfc.com](http://www.forestgreenroversfc.com)

## Cotswolds

### Cotswold Rural Skills

Dry Stone Walling Beginners course Beginners course 4-5 Aug Long Compton; 18-19 Crickley Hill; 8 - 9 Sept Tetbury; 22 - 23 Sep Naunton 2 day course £99 Book ahead to avoid disappointment

Blacksmithing taster day 15 Sep Northleach £99

Lime Mortar - beginners 1-2 Sep Ebworth Centre

Green Woodworking 1-2 Sep and 13-14 Oct Limpley Stoke, Bath £99 for 2 day course

For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or [david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](mailto:david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk) or visit [www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk).

## Bath

### Theatre Royal

7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33.50

Summer season:

Hysteria starring Anthony Sher 26 July - 18 Aug

The Tempest starring Tim Pigott-Smith 23 Aug - 8 Sep

Peter Pan 22-26 Aug

The Transformation Season :

The Welsh Boy; deadkidsongs; The Double

Book ahead for: Rough Justice; Relatively Speaking; Good Grief; Mansfield Park; The Ladykillers; The Plough and Stars; The Judas Kiss; Driving Miss Daisy; Alvert Herring ; The Lighthouse

For further details call 01225 448844 or visit [www.theatreroyal.org.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.org.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

Slimbridge Wetland Centre

For further details call 01453 891223 or

[email.eleanor.wise@wwt.org.uk](mailto:email.eleanor.wise@wwt.org.uk) or visit [www.wwt.org.uk](http://www.wwt.org.uk)

## Bishops Cleeve

### Vintage Sports Car Club's annual

### Prescott Speed Hill Climb

over 260 pre-war vintage cars race 4-5 Aug £5-£15 (Under 16s free) - cheaper if bought in advance from [www.vsccl.co.uk](http://www.vsccl.co.uk)

Prescott Lodge

For further details call 01608 644888 or visit [www.vsccl.co.uk](http://www.vsccl.co.uk)

## Stroud

### The Soul Destroyers in concert at the Stroud Fringe Festival

31 Aug - 2 Sep [info@stroudfringe.co.uk](mailto:info@stroudfringe.co.uk)

For further details call Dave Shephard 07860 448438 or email [ds@oldbellhouse.com](mailto:ds@oldbellhouse.com) or visit [www.soul-destroyers.co.uk](http://www.soul-destroyers.co.uk)

## Long Ashton

### Bristol Balloon Fiesta

Thurs 9 - Sun 12 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 £6 if bought in advance, £10 on the day

Mass ascents daily at 6am and 6pm / Nightglows 9 & 11 Aug at 9.30pm

Ashton Court Estate, For further details call 0117 953 5884 or visit [www.bristolballoonfiesta.co.uk](http://www.bristolballoonfiesta.co.uk)

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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 101	(emergency 999)
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 840197
Sherston Post Office	01666 840456
Sherston School	01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings)	01666 840633
Tolsey Surgery	01666 840270
Wiltshire Council	0300 4560100