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Parish appreciation



The village hall was packed for this event in March which was essentially a 'thank you' from the parish council on behalf of the community to all those groups and individuals which give so much time to making Sherston such a wonderful place to live.



The Sherston 'branch' of students from Malmesbury School, (Imogen Carss, Harry Sutcliffe, Julia Smith and James Steel pictured above), who will be part of an Operation Raleigh project to bring sanitation to villages in India later this year, worked very hard in helping with the refreshments. Their assistance was rewarded with a grant for £300 from the parish council towards their expenses in getting to India together with a tremendous £290 donated on the day by those attending.

The costs of the event were paid for out of Cliffhanger advertising profits.

The parish council trusts that all those who should have got an invite did so and apologies to anyone who was inadvertently missed out.

Old School gets the OK

Planners at Wiltshire Council have granted both planning permission and listed building consent, with conditions, so as to allow the conversion of the Sherston Old School building to commercial and community use. This is a major step forward in the process of the community acquiring the property for its future benefit. It is now hoped that the project can swiftly move on to the next stage which is the legal completion of all the necessary documentation for the purchase itself and all related transactions.

Pin money



The recent 12 hour skittles marathon held at the Rattlebone Inn produced the magnificent sum of £1000 split equally between Sherston Primary School and the charity PROPS. The money was raised by sponsorship, a raffle and tombola. Well done to organiser Lynette Willetts and her skittlers Ken Outlaw, Rob Punter, Jock Walker and Shane Willetts. Thanks also to Dean Parkes and Ryan Walker for sticking up over 5000 pins as well as to the Rattlebone Inn for use of the alley and to all those who gave raffle and tombola prizes.

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Sherston Young Craft Group celebrate the Year of the Rabbit

by Heather Martin

This term, members of the group have made soft, stuffed rabbits, with felt ears and legs. Here are two of them with their creators, Rosie and Amy.



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What's On: contact Caroline Moore on 841405 or info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

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

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

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Frolicking fun

The Woodland Frolic takes place on Sunday 5 June at Grove Wood, Sherston's own community woodland. Volunteers have been working in the two-acre wood for the last two winters. In addition to a full coppicing programme (divided into three annual phases), snowdrops, wild daffodils and winter aconites have been planted. Pupils from Sherston School have also just completed planting native tree saplings from their own nursery. In addition, a path through the wood has been laid by the Community Payback team which has done an excellent job - see page 16. By way of celebration of all this progress in such a short time as well as grateful thanks to the volunteers and to all those interested in seeing what has been achieved, the Woodland Frolic is designed to be a day of fun and interest. There will be woodland walks to spot flora and fauna, countryside craft demonstrations and a big picnic - something for everyone to enjoy. More details in next month's Cliffhanger.

The Moonwalk London 2011

by Kirstie Blair

A Sherston team will be taking part in the 14th MoonWalk London.

On 14 May, Hyde Park, London will once again play host to this extraordinary moonlit Marathon.

The 'Jammytarts' - Ann Parkes, Kristy Andrews, Jo Winterbourne & Kirstie Blair will be joining 15,000 brave walkers all out pounding the streets in their Walk the Walk trademark, decorated bras... ours will be decorated of course as Jam tarts !

Past celebrity walkers have included supporters such as Jennifer Saunders, Victoria Wood, Lorraine Kelly, Lisa Faulkner and Paul O'Grady.

Since the first MoonWalk in 1998 this unique challenge has brought together over 195,000 women and men who have the united goal of raising money and awareness for vital breast cancer causes.

The MoonWalk London is organised by health charity Walk the Walk Worldwide; this, their flagship event, raised in excess of £5.4 million in 2010 alone, bringing the total to over £50 million in just 13 years.

To help raise funds we will be having Afternoon Tea at The Scout Hut on Saturday 16 April, from 2.30pm to 4.30pm, and there will of course be jam tarts on sale.

For further information on the walk please visit www.walkthewalk.org

Or you can donate via our JustGiving page - www.justgiving.com/jammytarts

Joking, skipping and baking raises £350 for Comic Relief at Sherston Primary School

Children from Sherston Primary School sang, joked, skipped, danced and baked cakes on Friday 18 March to raise a massive £350 for Comic Relief. Staff and pupils all dressed up in an array of red outfits, wigs, shoes and red noses to raise funds and awareness for the Comic Relief Charity, which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year.



On Friday morning, the whole school joined together for a special Comic Relief assembly, to learn about the kinds of projects supported by the Comic Relief fund. Children from every year group performed their own jokes and two year five pupils put on a choreographed skipping performance to music.



In the afternoon, Headteacher Nick Bowditch organized a water-carrying relay, to help the children understand more about the lives of children in the developing countries that their fundraising efforts would go to support.

Mr Bowditch said: 'It makes me very proud to see the whole school coming together, along with our staff, to raise money and awareness about the Comic Relief programme. Everyone has put a real effort into today and we've raised over £350, which is a fantastic achievement.'

Sherston Living Churchyard

'For most people there is solace to be found in nature, and in the thought that the gravestones of those known and unknown to us have the society of birds and butterflies, lichens and wild flowers.'

From 'God's Acre' by Francesca Greenoak.

This quotation sums up the idea behind the Living Churchyards and Cemeteries Project – that nature in churchyards can co-exist harmoniously with people past and present to the benefit of all. By caring for the natural world in the churchyard we are also following God's admonition to people to care for and be stewards of the world which He created. Such an idea is both ancient and very modern, at a time when there is great concern about the damage which people have inflicted upon the environment and the dangers which this may pose to future generations.

We will be working in Sherston Living Churchyard on Saturday 9 April from about 2.00pm to 4.00pm. If you are interested in coming to see what is going on and perhaps helping as well, you will be most welcome. Sue Robinson 841263.

Will & Kate's Stag & Hen

Sherston's reputation for having a good time continues unabated with Will & Kate's party at the Rattlebone Inn on Saturday 2 April from 7.30 'til late. There will be fancy dress theme of 'Naughty Royals and their lovers' plus a hog roast and stocks. Royal cocktails will be available including 'Randy Andy', 'Harry's Headbanger', 'Fergie's Toe Sucker' and that all time Sherston favourite the 'Princess Margarita'. Live music will be provided by that well known up and coming band 'Sid James and the Windsors'. Don't miss it!

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Spring Play & Variety Night



For two nights only, on Friday and Saturday 15 and 16 of April, Sherston Drama Group presents Nick Hall's classic one act romantic comedy *Pastiche*. Lady Alexandra returns home early on the night of her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary to find the table set for a romantic dinner for two – but it is not for her. The young butler, Medford, informs her that her husband is entertaining a showgirl who he has been seeing. Together, mistress and butler cook up a number of hilarious schemes in an attempt to save the marriage.

The first half of the programme will consist of variety acts (sketches and music) from Drama Group members and friends. The programme will be presented café-style in Sherston Village Hall, with tables surrounding a thrust stage. Feel free to bring a bottle, soft drinks and nibbles available. Tickets £6.50/£5.50 from Sherston Post Office or Box Office at 840092.

The Male Cycle



by Nick Holland

During Boules week later this year, five Sherston MAMILs (middle aged men in lycra) will be undertaking the onerous task of cycling the 360 miles to Gien in France.

As we all know, Gien is twinned with Malmesbury and it is our intention to arrive there on Thursday 14 July to sample a little French liquid culture before returning home with some of Gien's boules players for the weekend's festivities back in Sherston. We aim to raise money for Sherston Boules Carnival as well as other beneficiaries and will announce a 'Just Giving' donation link in next month's Cliffhanger.

The cyclists are Huw Bowles, Ollie Cadle, John Pettit, Nick Holland, Jon Ayde (back spasms allowing!)

Police News

PC Steve Humphries

My colleague PCSO Durry Maule and I are continuing to try to patrol Sherston and other villages as much as possible this year after it was agreed at the Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership meeting in January that high visibility patrolling should be our priority.

We are endeavouring to complement this with advertised quarterly street meetings throughout the year (the last one was on Wednesday 9 February in the High Street and the next will be advertised soon).

Additionally we work to deter antisocial behaviour and detect crime. Leading up to Christmas there were complaints of bad parking outside the school and nearby streets. Mr Bowditch and his team kindly allowed me to address parents about this in a letter sent home with the children around Christmas time, and I have since received no further official complaint.

I also included a consultation sheet asking what local issues we should be concentrating on other than parking. The response was poor, and the only reply about parking was that it's not a problem the Police should be dealing with. Please contact us to let us know what you think.

I am also investigating a spate of antisocial behaviour occurring between Sherston and Pinkney along the main road where property is being damaged. This behaviour is not only disruptive for those who live in the area but also uses up valuable Police time and resources to investigate.

Again, if you have any information about this or any queries, then 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 malmesburyruralnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. We pledge to try to answer all emails within 24 hours of receipt.

Looking forward to hearing from you about matters that concern you.

Village hall 300+ club

February draw

1st	£12	181	Janet Clark
2nd	£11	327	Lynda Robbins
3rd	£10	194	Martin Rea
4th	£9	139	Jill Bowyer
5th	£8	96	John Smith
6th	£7	21	Roger Whitehouse
7th	£6	63	Helen Freeth

Collectors: G Mason, M Goulding, J Gleed, M Thacker, J Platts, M Yeend.

Coffee Shop

by Pat Smith 840585

The Coffee Shop at Sherston Church resumes its summer opening on 12 April. From then on it will be open three mornings a week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30am 'til 12.00 noon.

Cyclists, ramblers, travellers and tourists as well as regular locals, all come in to enjoy fair-trade coffee, tea, and hot chocolate, as well as juices, home-made biscuits and cakes. Mums and toddlers enjoy the toy-corner too.

We have been able to donate our net profit this year of £1,200 to the Church. Thanks also to Shirley Freeth who welcomes coffee drinkers to her house on Tuesdays in the winter, and has raised another £200.

All this depends on a great team of helpers without whom it would not be possible. We would love to hear of any more people who would like to join in. You would only be asked to give one morning a month. Living in Sherston is not essential.

If you haven't visited us before, come and give us a try. A great cup of coffee and support for Church and Community.

Energy Monitor Project

Energy monitors will be available from Malmesbury library from Monday 4 April. Members of the public will be able to borrow a monitor, free of charge, for three weeks, which can be used to monitor the energy used by electrical items in the home. A booklet will be given out with the energy monitor that can be kept for future reference. The booklet includes simple to follow instructions, advice on energy saving, energy saving products and information on grants and funding. The booklet has been designed to help the user get the most from the loan of the energy monitor and to save money on their energy bills.

This initiative to provide energy monitor in all Wiltshire libraries is funded through a Performance Reward Grant from Wiltshire Council.

Collectors wanted for Christian Aid Week

by Sue Robinson 841263

Anyone who wants to volunteer to be a Christian Aid Week door-to-door collector in Sherston, Luckington, Alderton, Norton, Foxley, Easton Grey, Pinkney or Willesley is warmly invited to come to the Church of the Holy Cross in Sherston at 10.00am on Wednesday 20 April. While you are having coffee you can listen to a presentation from Anna Potts, area Christian Aid organiser, so that you can find out how the money you help to raise will be used.

Christian Aid collections are also being organised in Hullavington and Stanton St. Quintin this year, by Angela Smith, with the aim of covering all of Gauzebrook. People from those parishes are also very welcome to come and have coffee and hear Anna's talk.

Please come along whether you have been supporting this work for years or want to volunteer for the first time. It would be great to get enough people to collect in all these areas.

I am looking forward to meeting you on 20 April, but if you can't make it that day give me a call.

Clem's Club

Will meet every other Tuesday again. All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat 2.30 – 4.00pm (Alternating with the senior club). In the British Schoolroom, Cliff Road, Sherston, 12 and 26 April.

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Local Students Sponsored Cycle Ride

by David Sutcliffe

On May 1 some intrepid youngsters from Malmesbury School (including a number from Sherston) will be undertaking a sponsored cycle ride from Cheltenham to Malmesbury. The students are raising money for their Raleigh International trip to India in July this year. They will be flying to Bangalore in central India then travelling to remote villages where they will spend three weeks building 'Eco Sanitation Units'. That's composting toilets to you and me!

Each student has to raise over £2,500 to take part in the expedition and have been busy fund raising throughout the year. The cycle ride will start at 11.00am and they will cycle as a team back to Malmesbury. The ride is being organised by John Pettit and David Sutcliffe, both of whom have children (Rosie Pettit & Harry Sutcliffe) on the expedition. If asked to contribute, please support them in this worthwhile cause as every penny is greatly appreciated. If you would like to support them but don't get asked then a paypal account (malmesburyraleigh@hotmail.co.uk) has been set up to receive any donations. All monies received in this account will be split evenly between the riders.

We wish them good luck on the ride and with the expedition.



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Footpath group

With spring here and summer on the way you may care to help out with our working party. Repairing stiles, way marking and clearing overgrown vegetation are just a few of the tasks ahead to keep our rights of way in good condition. If you're interested in the working party or just in local footpaths generally why not come along to the group's next meeting on Wednesday 6 April at 7.30pm in the village hall. Alternatively contact Maggie McKenna via email maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com or on 841047

Spring cleaning?

Don't forget that any old or unused clothing, fabrics or shoes you are throwing out can be recycled to the benefit of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance by using the container in the village hall yard. All you need to do is put the items in plastic bags before disposing of them.

Crayfish

On Monday 9 May at 7.30 pm in the village hall Maddy Rees of the South West Crayfish Project based at Bristol Zoo will be giving a talk on our native crayfish and what is being done to save them from extinction. Many residents will recall how plentiful native crayfish once were in the Sherston Avon until pollution and plague took their toll. All are invited to this free event and refreshments will be available.

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by Sue McKechnie

Grove Wood

If you go down to the wood today you're in for a big surprise! There is a splendid path going up to the top, along and down the other side thanks to the Community Payback Team. Where the wood has been cleared there are wild flowers springing up due to increased light. There is lots of bluebell foliage appearing at the top edge by the path, the lesser celandine, wood anemone and sweet violets are blooming. The dog's mercury, which is much in evidence, should reduce as it likes deep shade allowing more light-loving plants to emerge. The wild native daffodils planted last autumn are blooming; the snowdrops by the river are now past their best.

Final clearing down by the river is now completed for this season. The team has been digging holes in readiness for the Sherston School children to plant the trees they have been growing at school in the 'Tree for Life' project. Snowdrop plants very kindly donated by Pinkney Park have been planted along the riverbank. Native bulbs that were planted in pots last autumn are ready to plant out; any volunteers to do this will be very welcome. Contact below.

Don't forget that if you spot any wildlife or plants in Grove Wood to report it on sherston.net/local-groups/trees/grove-wood/ under Leave a Reply, to help with the botanical survey. Go and see what has already been reported.

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

Sherston Scout Group



If you are an old cub, scout, venture scout, leader.... then keep Saturday 14 May free as we will be celebrating our Silver Jubilee.

If you know of any old scouters still camped out, who we may not be aware of, then please let us know, either my email at gsl@swanbarton.com or on 840041.

More details will be provided closer to the event.



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1st Sherston John Rattlebone Scout Group News



Anthony Price 840041

The changing seasons bring with them the promise of better weather and outside fun, but Sherston's Scout Group has not been indoors for the whole winter. During February, the Cub Pack hiked along the river, through the woods and back down the cliff, all returning safely, and some less muddy than others. The cold weather at the beginning of March was ideal for astronomy with clear nights reinforcing the message that good starwatchers need to wrap up well.

Not only did the Cubs identify some of the constellations, they were treated to a spectacular pass of the International Space Station across Orion's belt.

Our Scout troop has been practising its survival and map-reading skills and with a night-time wide game organised by Harry Sutcliffe it has had a good winter. Indoors, meanwhile, they have been working towards their Global Challenge badge, as well as cooking pancakes on Pancake day.

Our congratulations go to Adam Tappin and Isaac Sneddon Jenkins who have both been awarded their Chief Scout's Silver Award; and to Nicki Hargeaves and Peter Evans who have been awarded their Chief Scout's Gold Awards. The Silver Award is presented to those who have completed all the stages in the Cub Training Programme, while the Gold Award is for those who have completed the challenges in the Scout Training Award.

Because St George's Day falls over the Easter weekend this year, we will mark the occasion with a parade at the family service in Sherston Church on Sunday 16 April.

In May we will hold a weekend camp to celebrate the official 60th anniversary of the registration of our Scout Group. Scouting in Sherston was restarted 61 years ago, and we know that Scouts were in the village before that. We will be contacting those past members and friends for whom we have names and addresses, but if you have been connected with the Group and we don't know who you are, then please do get in touch.

Scouting is one of largest youth organisations in the world, and its success is due to the service and inspiration of its leaders. Our Scout Troop needs new leaders and if you are interested in helping, or know of someone who can help, please let us know. We would welcome adults whether or not they are parents of Cubs or Scouts. You don't need to have been a Scout or Guide, nor to live in Sherston (although being relatively close would be useful) nor do you need to commit to every week. We look forward to hearing from you.

Boules & Carnival Photo DVD 2010 – available at last!



Finally the 2010 Boules & Carnival Photo DVD has been completed with many more photos being collected than 2009's 443 photos from all of the week's events, including the Boules Ball on a separate DVD. Largely due to illness last summer but also because of the high quality and number of photos received, the selection process took much longer than planned. The B&C DVD will be on sale in April at a cost of £4 or £5 for both the Boules & Carnival week and the Boules Ball DVDs. All profits to the grand total raised on Boules Day. Call Caroline on 841405 or email to caroline@carolinemoore.co.uk to order your copy. Sincere apologies for the delay and any inconvenience caused.

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Waste change

Changes to Wiltshire's waste collection service were given the go-ahead by Wiltshire Council on 22 February 2011. Everyone in Wiltshire will now receive exactly the same service, which will include kerbside recycling for more materials including plastic bottles and cardboard.

During October and November 2011 all households will start to receive a fortnightly collection of plastic bottles and cardboard, in addition to the existing fortnightly black box collection for paper, cans, glass, foil, clothes and shoes.

From February to March 2012 the county-wide garden waste collection service will be introduced for all those who request it and fortnightly collections of all other household waste in the north and south of the county, in line with the east and west where fortnightly collections are already in place.

The new bins for cardboard and plastic bottles collections will be distributed from September, to those households which currently don't have them. All changes to the waste and recycling collection services are set to be completed in the spring of 2012.

This county-wide decision meets the needs of many local people (adults and young people) who identified in the Malmesbury & the Villages Community Plan 2009-2013 that they wanted to see

more opportunities to recycle cardboard and plastics. All households will receive a leaflet this summer about the new service and further information will be provided via the Malmesbury area board.

Moviola in Grittleton

On Wednesday 27 April at Grittleton Village Hall doors will open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start for RED [Retired, Extremely Dangerous - Certificate 12]. Victoria (Helen Mirren), Joe (Morgan Freeman), Marvin (John Malkovich) and Frank (Bruce Willis) used to be the CIA's top agents - but the secrets they know just made them the Agency's top targets. Now framed for assassination, they must use all of their collective cunning, experience and teamwork to stay one step ahead of their deadly pursuers and stay alive. To stop the operation, the team embarks on an impossible, cross-country mission to break into the top-secret CIA headquarters, where they will uncover one of the biggest conspiracies and cover-ups in government history. An action thriller and probably the only time you will see Dame Helen Mirren wielding a machine gun!

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New courses in rural skills



This winter saw the successful piloting of the Cotswold Conservation Board's new woodland coppicing courses. Sixteen people over two days had a great time in the National Trust's Littleworth Wood near Snowhill. They learnt the practical skills of coppicing, laying and cleaving hazel as well as why coppicing helps wildlife and its place in the history of the landscape. The new spring and summer programme also includes a greater variety of courses. As well as dry-stone walling and green wood working, people can have a go at using lime mortar, thatching and blacksmithing as well as finding out more about the ecology and management of limestone grasslands. Details of all courses can be found at www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/?page=cotswolds-rural-skills

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Conservation Board, is now available in the Cotswold Lion and features an extensive and wide-ranging choice of almost 150 walks and other events throughout the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) between April and September.

Many walks are shorter than three miles and graded as 'easy', making them ideal for families. As the Board is helping to support this year's International Year of Forests, many of the walks have a woodland theme and take in some of the best forests and wooded areas of the Cotswolds. Nature, geology, rivers and history are among the themes of other walks and provide an invigorating and interesting way of understanding the landscape and special environment of the AONB.

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Recognised as one of today's most exciting young string quartets, the Carducci Quartet comprises Matthew Denton on violin, Michelle Fleming on violin, Eoin Schmidt-Martin on viola and Emma Denton on cello and holds residencies at the Trinity College of Music in London, Cardiff University and the Cork School of Music in Ireland.

They are bringing a wonderfully mixed programme of Haydn, Mendelssohn & Dvorak to the Abbey and this really is a concert not to be missed. If you need any more convincing check them out online at www.carducciquartet.co.uk

Tickets are from the Abbey Shop, David Barton (ticket secretary) on 824 924 or Joy Smith on 840 865

New Community Award

Paul Dove was a man who spent a lot of his time serving the community of Malmesbury and the surrounding villages. Last July (2010) Paul died suddenly and unexpectedly due to complications from a failing kidney transplant that affected his heart, a relapse that started in 2009. Paul left many things and ideas unfinished and his partner Lisa has commissioned an award in his memory that she hopes will pay tribute to his belief in the community and local groups.

Amongst the groups Paul supported were the informal and very much rewarding experience of hosting Patrick and Bruno from Gien via the twinning association, his role as treasurer for Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership, his role as town councillor, his rewarding and continued membership of the wine group (set up by his friend Ian Brownlie), his volunteer usher role at Wyvern Theatre, the classic car club & MG owners club and of course Spice, the activity group through which Paul and Lisa met (on curry night).

The award is being made and designed by Glass Designer Helen Scarrett who was a friend of both Lisa and Paul. This award demonstrates Lisa's love, pride and respect for a very great man, who she thinks was probably the best mayor that Malmesbury never had.

Paul's commitment was not only to Malmesbury but to the surrounding villages and Lisa is asking that everyone nominates a local group that works to benefit the community, perhaps those without publicity or status. Paul understood that it is these groups that underpin the whole of the community and should be recognised and Lisa agrees.

Closing date for nominations to the Town Hall is 4th April, followed by an awards ceremony 20th April.

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Next meeting

The parish council next meets on Thursday 21 April in the village hall at 7.30pm. This is a week later than usual due to the Drama Group's spring production in the hall. 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 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.

Area Board – advance notice

The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council takes place at Sherston Village Hall on Wednesday 4 May with a 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. All welcome.

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Over the Badminton weekend, which this year takes place at Easter, Sherston 1016 members will be visiting some 20 local hostelrys over four consecutive evenings. It's a hard life! As usual the serious element to this is collecting much-needed funds for the invaluable Wiltshire Air Ambulance. We regularly collect well over £1,000 every year for this very worthy cause.

If you're not a frequenter of our local pubs, fear not as you will be able to make a donation outside Sherston Post Office Stores where we will be collecting on the morning of Saturday 23 April, so there is no escape. On a serious note there have been many instances of the Air Ambulance offering vital assistance to residents of both Sherston and the surrounding parishes, so please give as generously as you can.

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Now that spring is upon us, boules players are beginning to wake from hibernation and apply for the 26th Sherston Boules tournament. There has been a rush of applications in the last few weeks and we already have over 120 teams entered for the draw. The deadline for applications remains 30 April. The draw will be arranged soon after and the successful teams will be notified during May. Remember, to have any chance of playing you must submit an application before 30 April. You can either go on line to enter at www.sherston.net or complete and return a form available from Sherston Post Office Stores.

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Marching on

A meeting took place at Malmesbury Town Hall in March to discuss the possibility of a series of connecting walks from Malmesbury to Sherston and then on to Luckington using existing rights of way. The idea has already received support from the Sherston Footpaths Group as well as the parishes of Easton Grey, Luckington & Alderton, Norton & Foxley and St. Paul Malmesbury Without. Malmesbury's Deputy Mayor Steve Cox is keen to encourage this initiative and arranged the meeting which was well attended.

In order to pursue the project further volunteers are needed to help plan the routes, ensure they are in good condition and to produce a booklet to promote them. If you are interested in learning more about what's involved please come to either a meeting at Sherston Village Hall on Wednesday 6 April or at Malmesbury Town Hall on Wednesday 13 April with both commencing at 7.30 pm. If you can't make the meetings Sue McKechnie will be pleased to give you more information by contacting her on 840601 or email suemckechnie@hotmail.com

Books boost

Sherston 1016 spring book sale on March 26 raised a record amount for the senior citizens Christmas vouchers - £329. Thanks are due to all those who donated books, CDs, DVDs and videos.

Whilst the next sale is not until the autumn we will have a stall in the High Street on Boules Day - Saturday 16 July.

Windflowers

by Martin Rea

You've still time in early April to see the beautiful sheets of white windflowers in Grove Wood. *Anemone nemorosa* or wood anemones are one of a number of indicator plants of ancient woodlands due to their slow colonisation. The amount of wood anemones in Grove Wood may then be evidence that the wood has been in existence over a very long period.

Greek mythology says that Anemos, the gods of the winds, send their namesakes the anemones on the earliest days of spring as the heralds of their coming only opening when the wind blows hence the name windflower. The myths also relate that the anemone sprang from the tears of Aphrodite as she wandered through woodland mourning the death of her love, Adonis. In folklore the anemone is believed to bring luck and protection against evil. The flower was said to foretell rain by closing its petals, and fairies were believed to sleep beneath the petals during the night after they closed at sunset.

Sportsfield

By Martin Rea

The possible development of the field to provide additional and improved facilities now awaits further details over the next few months of the bidding process to be employed by Sport England which is running the People Places Play fund for the National Lottery.

It will undoubtedly be a very important part of the bid to show that there has been full consultation with residents in both Sherston and neighbouring parishes. Part of that consultation process could well be a survey. If you have any expertise in drawing up surveys and would like to help please contact me either by email martdrea@aol.com , phone 840348 or in person. Any assistance would be most appreciated.

Community safety forum

The next MVCAP (Malmesbury and Village Community Area Partnership) quarterly community safety forum will be held at Malmesbury Town Hall on Thursday 7 April at 7.00 pm for 7.30pm. All are welcome and refreshments will be available. This is your opportunity to have your say on the police priorities over the next three months. For further information please visit www.mvcap.org.uk

BikeSafe 2011

The Wiltshire Bikesafe Partnership is once again running its successful 'Love to Ride...Ride to Live' one day seminars and assessments aimed to reduce the number of motor cycle rider casualties in the area. This year commencing on Sunday 17 April there are a series of eight events planned and full details are available from Colin Reeves on 07770 695792 / 01793 466399 or email colin.reeves@wiltshire.gov.uk

The seminars are ideal for those who have been riding for some time or who have just returned to motorcycling. The day includes presentations from police advanced riders, videos, rider's attitude assessment, observes rides with the Police and a detailed debrief.

Pancake Paradise



The public bar at the Rattlebone was packed on the evening of Shrove Tuesday, 8 March, for the annual Pancake Eating Competition, organised by Sherston 1016.

Over forty competitors of all ages turned up to enjoy their pancakes. Adults had a plate of four pancakes for each heat, whilst children had just two pancakes. The competition has few rules, and the winner of each heat is the person who clears their plate first.

The Adult winner was Jamie Elliot, who finished his four pancakes in 1 min 43 seconds, then, in the adult final, managed two pancakes in 1min 1 sec! The Runner Up, James Sibbich managed the worthy times of 1:43 then 1:20.

In the Ladies' heat, the much more refined time of 4:54 was achieved by Minnie Hulme, with the enigmatic Elizabeth (no surname) coming in second with 5:05.

In the Juniors' girls' heat, Shauna Willetts was able to dispatch her pancakes in 3:25 - no time, whilst in the boys' heat William Jacques was very proud of his 2.56 time. In the Junior final Shauna and William finished in a dead heat.

The whole event was a great success, raising around £50 for Sherston 1016 funds. All ingredients, wherever possible, were sourced locally, with eggs kindly donated by Sherston Free-Range Eggs, flour donated by Shipton Mill at Long Newnton, and lemons donated by Tucks, although of course, the lemons are not grown in Sherston, or even in Luckington! The evening could not have happened without all the help and cooperation from Jason, Rob and all the staff at the Rattlebone.

Best yet

There's no doubt that Sue McKechnie's walk from Sherston to Norton on 27 March was the most well attended to date. Some 27 hearty souls took part including three very well behaved dogs. It was encouraging to see so many new faces including those from other parishes.

All enjoyed a well deserved break at the Vine Tree in Norton soaking up the early spring sunshine in the garden with the help of a bowl of soup so kindly provided by the pub. Special thanks are due to Dave Reeves of the charity PROPS with his minibus for ferrying those who wanted a lift home.

With Easter, Badminton Horse Trials and a certain wedding this month, Sue's next walk will be on Sunday 8 May starting at 11 am from the village hall. All welcome – as ever.



Stairway to heaven



Picture by Martin Rea

The new path along the top of Grove Wood is now open for use. The path has been built over the last three months by the community payback team organised by Wiltshire Probation Trust. The team consists of a supervisor together with up to 10 offenders at any one time who have been ordered by the courts to undertake community sentences. Materials were provided by the parish council. Many local residents and visitors have been very impressed with the hard work that has gone into its construction.

There are stunning views from the path both of the wood itself, the river and the surrounding countryside. Later this month the wood will hopefully be a mass of flowering bluebells many alongside the path – a sight well worth seeing.

The payback team still have a small amount of work to do finishing off the path including laying wood mulch along the surface. Until that is complete you should be aware that the path can be slippery in wet weather.

The parish council is most grateful to all those who have worked on the path which will undoubtedly prove to be a great asset for the community.

New trees for Grove Wood

by Crispian Huggill,

Sherston School Environment Area Group

Pictures by Nick Bowditch



The weather was good, the sun shone, and 86 Sherston School children planted their 'Tree for Life' late in March; the ground and holes prepared for them by parents and the Grove Wood volunteers.

Helped by staff, three Malmesbury School year 10 work experience students, parents and members of the school's Environment Area Group, children from five classes enjoyed an afternoon each re-planting the tree they originally planted as a sapling two years ago. Many had a walk around the wood, did some drawing of the wood anemones, daffodils, violets and celandines coming into flower. Some were lucky to spot peacock and yellow brimstone butterflies out in the early spring sunshine. And have fun paddling in the stream!

Full report and pictures in the May issue.



Royal Wedding Party



Sherston's really getting in the spirit for celebration of Will and Kate's forthcoming nuptials with a great party planned for the big day itself. A poster competition has already been held open to all children under 11 with a high standard being shown. See right the winning entry by Oscar Power, age 6. The original picture plus all the runners up will be on show at the party itself.

The week before the nuptials themselves the High Street will be bedecked with bunting whilst the whole parish will be able to take part in a best dressed window competition. Come the 29th of April itself the Sherston bell ringers will mark the occasion in the traditional manner followed by the parish party in the Village Hall starting at 1.00pm to which everyone is invited.

The party will include a BBQ, cakes and drinks plus free entertainment for the children with Punch and Judy and magic shows as well as a bouncy castle and obstacle course. Children will also be able to enter a best decorated paper plate competition on the day whilst for all ages there will be best hat and best decorated cake competitions. Entry forms for all competitions, which have no entry fees, are available from Sherston Post Office Stores and also on line at www.sherston.net

At around 3.00pm the party will take on a real West Country flavour with the return of 'that band'.

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The parish council is helping fund the party with profits from Cliffhanger advertisements with the Village Hall supplying the venue and other essentials. The party is free to enter but you'll have to be prepared to pay for your own food and drink! See you all on the 29th.



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PS - Did you know that the Department of Transport has identified the Fosse Way as a suitable alternative relief road to the M5 and it is to be upgraded to motorway status over the next 5 years?

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Sherston W.I.

by Ann Wilcox.

President Sheila Harris welcomed members and two visitors to their March meeting in the Village Hall. She introduced the speaker, Tristan Cork, who is the Wiltshire reporter for the Western Daily Press. The title of his talk was 'The Life of a Newspaper Reporter.' He began by explaining that he was local to the area, having been educated in Malmesbury. He trained as a journalist in London and after working there for a short time he decided to return to the country, where he worked for the Wilts and Glos Standard. A move to The Western Daily Press found him working in a large office in Bristol. Changes in the organisation of the newspaper business have enabled him to work from home. He now covers a large area of the South West but mainly Wiltshire, travelling to cover a wide range of events both topical and local. He explained some of the difficulties in making clear and accurate reports and having to use tact and discretion. He spoke briefly of the effect of the Internet on communications and of the decline in the purchase of newspapers. Many questions were asked and thanks given by Maureen Mulrain.

After refreshments there was a short business meeting.

President Sheila presented past president Maureen Jolliffe with an orchid in appreciation of her hard work over the last two years.

The next meeting will be in the British Schoolroom on 7 April. We will hear about 'The World of Whales' in a talk by Rodney Veazey.

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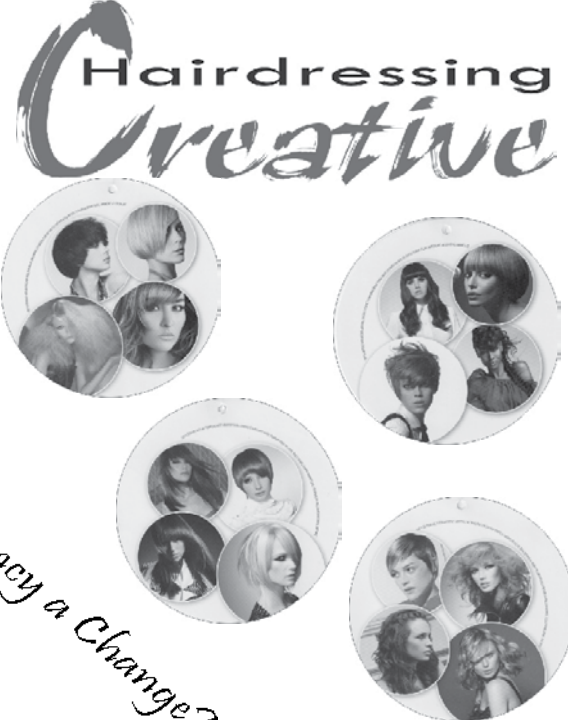
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Brownies

On 26 January, as part of the Design badge, the Brownies all designed a wedding dress for the soon to be new princess. As you can imagine our Scout hut was awash with sequins, satin and PVA glue (it took two weeks to dry!). From the Photograph I hope you can see how proud the Brownies were to display their extremely creative styles. As promised, their designs were made into a booklet and sent to Miss Middleton c/o Buckingham Palace. The Brownies have been waiting expectantly for a reply and on Thursday 9 March their patience and lovely work were rewarded with a letter from St James's Palace with a personal thank you from Miss Middleton.

At present we have 23 Brownies with a waiting list of 25. Our meetings continue to be lively and varied.

On 16 February our unit completed the 'Cheeky Monkey Marathon Challenge' with all proceeds going to the Great Ormond Street Children with Leukaemia charity. We are hoping to send off a cheque for around £700. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored the Brownies.

On 2 March Mrs Hillier (Woody), came

along and led everyone in some campfire singing which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Two extremely brave mums came along in February and took charge in the kitchen where lots of Valentine cookies were baked. Things couldn't have been too bad, because they have promised to come back on 6 April to make hot cross buns with the Brownies.

As in any group the Brownies wouldn't function without the support that is needed. I'd like to thank Megan (Piglet), Lauren (Winnie), Ellie (Kanga) and Ella (Eeyore) for their help every week. Also Carey Smith for stepping in at short notice during my recent health blip.

A very happy and healthy Spring greeting from Snowy (Liz Walker).



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Any further information: Nicki Heenan 840883 or nicki.heenan@btinternet.com or Jill Woodward 840578.

Rec repairs

Parish council has now appointed a contractor to undertake a number of repairs to the playground equipment to make sure all are in good order for the busy summer season. Work is expected to begin towards the end of the month. Please note that it will be necessary for certain pieces of equipment to be cordoned off whilst repairs are underway.

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Sherston Tennis Club

by Nic Riley

2011 season starts soon at the two courts on Knockdown Road. Membership fees are unchanged from last year, and again we are offering 50% off if you join before the end of April:

- Family £80
- Adult £45
- Child £15
- Senior £20

Committee members will assist:

Nic Riley, 25 High Street, Sherston 840682

Helen McLeish, Apple Wood House, Noble Street, Sherston 840992. Louise Osborne, 1 Ingrams, Grove Road, Sherston 841238

As ever, there will be coaching for children, as well as for adults if there is enough demand. 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 captain Jeremy Nabarro (07973 517655) will be delighted to hear from anyone interested in playing.

Club night this year will be on Tuesdays, starting after Easter, time to be decided. Louise Osborne (841238) is keen to see you at the courts.

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THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

For the Order for April read A.G.M and this year a new venue – the recently erected and quite splendid bus shelter in Easton Town. Members have been overwhelmed by the excited reaction of local residents to the news that the meeting is on their very doorstep. They are kindly decorating the shelter with Curly Kale leaves and the famous ‘Molotov’ Cossack dancing troupe of nearby Easton Square have agreed to come out of retirement and give a performance of their infamous ‘Pinkney Polka’. The meeting is on Saturday 2 April with the usual 2am start. As the venue is close to houses members will please restrict themselves to the first 23 verses only of the anthem ‘Ode to a Mangold Hurl’. Furthermore only the Brokenborough version is to be sung and under no circumstances whatsoever should the Corston version be attempted as summonses are still expected to be served following last year’s ‘performance’.

The major item on the meeting’s agenda will be the election of this year’s Mangold Maid. The Keeper of the Lists Mr. Graham Hayman has now completed his vigorous and exhaustive examinations of the maids, whittling the original seven entrants down to a final three. His entry statistics were down on last year which has caused him much disappointment. Once

the maid has been elected (rather ‘chosed’ to use the correct expression) she will be crowned at this year’s Mangold Maid Making ceremony which will be held at the Rattlebone Inn on Whit Sunday which is very late this year – 12 June.

There has been a slight delay in supplies of Yellow Eckendorf seed but hopefully they will be available from Sherston Post Office Stores later this month. A small quantity of the much coveted variety Long Red Mammoth has been already distributed by the Keeper of the Technique Miss Jennie Lamont to her favourite members. Unfortunately a black market has arisen with single seeds said to be passing hands in the Rattlebone bar at unheard of prices. Mangold it certainly is. If anyone has any knowledge of the touts responsible please email me as soon as possible - Ebeplaced@aol.com Miss Lamont is most distressed by the knowledge that her generosity towards certain members is being profiteered in such a fashion. The Order will take full disciplinary proceedings against anyone found to be responsible for this abhorrent practice. Mr Ian Ashby should please take note.

Yarp!

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SMCC play Saturday League cricket in the Cotswold District Cricket Association (CDCA) League Division 1 and Sunday League cricket in Village Cricket League. The first home game is a club match on Saturday 16 April and there is also a home game on Sunday 24 April when SMCC

host Upton St. Leonards. Spectators are always welcome.

SMCC are fortunate enough to play their home fixtures at the ground in Pinkney Park, which must be one of the most beautiful places to play or watch cricket in the whole of Wiltshire or even England.

If you are interested in playing for or supporting SMCC further contact details can be found at www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com

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Sherston Football Club

By Pete Brock

Hello everyone. Hope you're all well.

Both teams have been in action with the first eleven winning two out of their last four and one draw and a loss against our old enemy Bush FC but can still finish top of the league if they win most of the remaining games, so well done to them. The reserve team have won three league games on the bounce and lost one cup game so a great improvement under Matt and co so well done all. The reserves are also in a semi final at Cirencester Town's ground on Wednesday 23 but their visit is subject to a complaint coming in against our opponents in a previous round so the league has e-mailed to say it may be cancelled until further notice! We look forward to playing the game as one of my best mates Darren Walsh plays for the opposition, and I know it doesn't matter how matey we are he will still take no prisoners so I'll try to keep out of his way. Rob Outlaw is getting excited but I am worried that the floodlights might remind him of the prison yard and he might keep trying to escape as he kept kicking the ball over the fence in the open prison and insisting on going to get it!

I have purchased a new kit for the reserves for the semi final and the first team have all chipped in for a new kit for themselves so things look quite good at the moment. The firsts have a few injuries at the moment and Kevin (Tingtong) Bridgeman is doing a great job

in getting eleven out there every week. Concker or Rambo aka Adam Salt has been playing a few games and someone said that he rose like a salmon('til they realised he didn't have his weighted boots on), he darts around the pitch dodging big leaves and blades of grass in his way and because he is so small nobody knows where he is. Jojo has reappeared with her sponge after resting it and cleaning it she will be doing her magic on the lads in the semi (final that is) so well done her. The changing rooms are falling apart and Matt and I fix one leak and two more appear and we are beginning to know what it was like trying to plug the leak on the Titanic, but we are trying to raise a few quid to get it sorted for now as Martin Rea is trying to help us find money to build something new.

We will be on the lookout for new players and anyone who wants to come on board and help out for next season. On that note it was great to see Johnny Welch up watching the game the other day and offering to help out in some way or another. We look forward to that as long as he brings Jenny who if any of you have injuries was the queen of getting you up quickly. There will be a ladies team in the offing and to date we have had 230 job applications in for that from local men including Martin Rea. We will have to see what happens next season but there will be a lot going on behind the scenes to try to raise the profile of the club and involve more of the local community in the things happening around the sports field. So again thanks to all involved and see you next time.

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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 contact Cyril Hoskin on 841143 or 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 01666 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 01666 837522 or Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or Sue Robinson, churchwarden on 841263

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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

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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

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Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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Malmesbury & Villages Community Partnership

For details contact Sue Webb 824620

Email: 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

Further details from Anne Chapman on 01249 782842.

Senior Club

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For further details contact Cyril Hoskin on 841143

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Sherston Badminton Club

We play every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from September to May.

For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592.

Sherston Boules and Carnival 2011

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

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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 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 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

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Church of the Holy Cross

Further details contact Sue Robinson on 841263

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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.

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. **Join before the end of April for a 50% discount!** 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 this year will be on Tuesdays, starting after Easter, time to be decided. 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)

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Sherston W.I.

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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

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

If you run a club, society or organisation in Sherston that holds regular events such as the above and wishes to be listed, please supply your details and we will add them to the Regular events list. If you have a particular event then please write a short piece about it and we can include it as an article and put the details in the What's On list for that month.

What's on in 2011

Dates for your diary

May

- 1 Young Farmers County Rally
- 7 Plant sale
- 14 Sherston Scout Group Silver Jubilee

June

- 5 Woodland Frolic
- Luckington Open Gardens
- 12 Mangold Maid Making
- 25 Church Fete
- 25-26 Garden Trail

July

- 9-17 Boules & Carnival – Sat 16 Boules Day

August

- 27 Lobber Jenkins Boules Competition
- 29 Village Party including Flower Vegetable and Produce Show

October

- 2 Mangold Hurl

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.

Barn Marq

Reclamation & Recycling Centre

North End Ind. Estate Luckington
01666 840321

TIMBER - TILES - STONE - BLOCKS ETC

WHAT'S ON

Sherston

The Carpenter's Arms

Curry Quiz Night Sun 3 Apr

Italian Night Wed 20th

Live Music Fri 29th

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

Will and Kate's Stag & Hen Do Hog roast, Royal cocktails, fancy dress 'Naughty royals and their lovers' with music from Sid James and the Windsors Sat 2 Apr 7.30pm - Midnight

The Annual Village Grand National Draw

First time at the Rattlebone Sat 9 Apr

Nobody's Business play the public bar / Lamb and Venison spit roast in the garden Good Friday 22 Apr

The Village People - the Greatest Hits tour - in the public bar French style rotisserie in the garden

Check boards for details of events

Further details contact 840871 or www.therattlebone.co.uk

Junior Choir

Mothering Sunday

Celebration Performance

Sun 3 Apr 11 - 12 noon

Community Church, Cliff Rd

Further details contact Mary Clements or clementsmary@tiscali.co.uk

Spring Play and Variety Night

Friday 15 and Saturday 16 April 7.30pm

Sherston Village Hall

£6.50 (concessions £5.50)

Tickets available from

Sherston Post Office or

Box Office at 01666 840092

Variety acts (sketches and music) from Drama

Group members and friends followed by Nick Hall's classic one act romantic comedy Pastiche. The programme will be presented café-style. Feel free to bring a bottle; soft drinks and nibbles available. Further details contact Richard 840092 (evenings) richard.skeffington@virgin.net or Graham 840978 (evenings) ginstrell@hotmail.co.uk

Afternoon Tea in aid of the Jammy Tarts entry in the London Moon Walk

Sat 16 Apr 2.30-4.30 The Scout Hut Fundraiser to boost the Sherston Jammy Tarts sponsored 'Moonwalk' in Hyde Park on 14 May The "Jammytarts" - Ann Parkes, Kristy Andrews, Jo Winterbourne & Kirstie Blair will be joining 15,000 brave walkers all out pounding the streets in their Walk the Walk trademark, decorated bras... ours will be decorated of course as jam tarts!

SHOCC Sherston Occasional Community Choir

8 week singing course begins on Wed 2 Mar 7.30pm £2 a session / £1 for under 16s

Next course:

six weeks from 4th May singing Madrigals
British School Room

Further details contact Nicki Heenan 840883

Jill Woodward 840578 or

07817 264071 or

nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

Sue's Strolls

None in April - next Sun 8 May starting from the village hall at 11am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 1pm Free and suitable for all, including children and dogs on leads.

Further details contact

Sue McKechnie 840601 or

suemckechnie@hotmail.com

Christian Aid week – Volunteers' Coffee Morning

Volunteers invited to coffee on Wed 20 Apr at 10am. Collectors needed for Christian Aid Week 15 - 21 May Anna Potts, regional Co-ordinator for Christian Aid in Wiltshire, will be coming to the meeting to talk to volunteers about the work of Christian Aid and how they can help.

Royal Wedding Party

Fri 29 April Sherston Village Hall from 1pm
see page 17

Area Board Meeting

Wednesday 4 May with a 6.30pm for 7.00pm The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council takes place at Sherston Village Hall. All welcome

AV Referendum

Thursday 5 May Village Hall - Small Hall

Crayfish Project Talk

On Monday 9 May at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Maddy Rees of the South West Crayfish Project based at Bristol Zoo will be giving a talk.

Badminton

Badminton Horse Trials

Thurs 21 - Mon 25 April from 9.00/ 9.30 am Gates open at 8am Advance tickets: Car pass £10 (5 days £28) plus Entry tickets Thurs free Fri /Sat £12pp / Sun £23 Mon £10 (5 days £43) Under 12s free. Cash (only) at gate £2 more. Grandstand tickets on top of entry. Free admission after 4pm

Further details contact 01454 218375 or

boxoffice@badminton-horse.co.uk

or www.badminton-horse.co.uk

Hullavington

Children's Good Friday workshop

There will be activities, songs, games, art and craft with delicious refreshments. Fri 22 Apr 10.30am - 2.30pm St. Mary Magdalene Church

Further details contact Henny Metters 837778

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Guided Walks: Barking Mad - Sun 3 Apr 2pm-4pm (tree bark exploration); Budburst to Bare Trees Sat 30 Apr 10.30 - 12.30 - both free after admission

Easy Access Week 5-7 Apr Gowrings Mobility display in the car park 10am-5pm;

Taster sessions for Nordic walking 10.30am - 3.30pm free after admission

Workshops: Willow Structures for the Garden
Fri 1 Apr 10.30-3.30 £60. Bring your lunch or use the cafe Spend an enjoyable day creating your own willow structures to support and enhance your garden. You can expect to make three or four large structures so leave plenty of space in your car for the journey home. All tools and materials supplied. Booking essential contact Norah Kennedy on 01453 751010 or email norah.k@virgin.net

Workshops: Beginners Digital Photography
Fri 29 Apr 10.30-3.30pm £55 - limited to 10 places
Booking essential: contact Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email consult@abbey-studios.co.uk

Charity Event in aid of Dorothy House Hospice
Sun 17 Apr Contact Katrina Sudbury on 01225 721480. www.dorothyhouse.co.uk

Family Events: Conifer Capers 12 - 14 Apr; **Easter Challenge** 21-24 Apr both 10.30-4 free after admission

Silk Wood Spring Fair - Fri 29 Apr - 2 May 10am-5pm Displays and demonstrations including cleft oak gate making, hurdle making, timber framing, tree and timber milling and pole lathe turning. Contact Brian Williamson or Ruth Goodfellow on 01453 790666, brian.hurdles@virgin.net or rgoodf@hotmail.com

Specialist Wood Sales 2nd Sunday every month in aid of FOWA

Summer Concerts - tickets now on sale
Simple Minds Fri 17; Erasure supported by Sophie Ellis-Bextor Sat 18 and Scouting for Girls Sun 19 Jun
Brian Ferry Fri 15 Jul; Westlife Sat 16 Jul; Texas Sun 17 Jul Tickets £28-35 plus booking fee from 03000 680400 or www.forestry.gov.uk/music

Spring / Summer (till 30 Sep) Admission £8 adult /£7 concs/ £3 chd under 5s free
Further details contact 880220 or www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Westonbirt School

Royal Wedding Party

Westonbirt School is extending an open invitation to the party on Fri 29 Apr from 5.00pm till late. The Great Hall will be transformed into a 'village street,' Union Jacks and bunting. Punch and Judy Show, outdoor games for all and a Supper (6.30 for 7.00pm) followed by Country dancing and a traditional sing along. Guests may bring their own drinks and tickets can be purchased from the school office, £10 for adults and £5 for children. Please call 880333 or email lreid@westonbirt.org by 15 April.

Westonbirt School's next Open Morning:

Sat 14 May 9.30am – 12.30pm, Headmistress's address at 10:45am and 11:30am. Please call 881301 or email registrar@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk.

Summer Term Lecture 'In the Footsteps of Lawrence of Arabia' by Charles Blackmore Fri 6 May 7.30pm. Free. Optional post lecture supper £15 - must be booked by 29 April
Further details contact 880333 or lreid@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk or www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

RED [Retired, Extremely Dangerous] Cert. 12 starring Helen Mirren, Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich and Bruce Willis Wed 27 Apr 7pm £5 in advance £5.50 on the door
Grittleton Village Hall

Further details contact Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com

Malmesbury

Cake sale in aid of Operation Raleigh Expedition to Bangalore

Rosie Pettit will be selling homemade cakes to raise funds for her participation in the latrine building expedition this summer Sat 2 Apr 9.30 – 12 noon or till they sell out! Malmesbury Market Cross



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Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

8 week art course (landscapes) begins on Thurs 3 Mar 2.30- 4.15pm £10 a session / £70 whole course of 8 - booking essential as limited to 8 places
St Mary's Hall

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

Discover Health Event

Sat 9 Apr 12pm-3pm
Different health therapists offering free checks, advice and information including chiropractic, chiropody, nutritional therapy, yoga, personal training and more including free teas and cake for donation to Bath Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, PD Fitness, Stainsbridge Mill, Malmesbury (behind the fire station)

*Further details contact
Emma Newby 01666 841402
emma@mctimoneychiro.co.uk*

White Horse Pictures - Digital movie screenings

Movies on Mondays - Town Hall

Monday 11th April
2pm Never Let Me Go
5pm Yogi Bear
8pm Brighton Rock
Check website for April's listings £6 at 8pm / 2pm and 5pm £4 / £3 chd

*Further details contact 822143 or
www.whitehorsepictures.co.uk/venues/wiltshire-north/
malmesbury-town-hall.htm*

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Concert to start the stunning 40th Anniversary Programme

Malmesbury Singers are opening the 2011 programme with a wonderfully passionate performance of the Verdi Requiem conducted by Iain Duffin with soloists Lesley-Jane Rogers – Soprano, Penelope Davies – Mezzo, Richard Roberts – Tenor, Paul Reeves – Bass
Sat 9 Apr 7.30pm Tickets from the Abbey Shop or Joy Smith £12, members £10, chd/student £5

Carducci Quartet in concert

Sat 7 May 7.30pm £12/ £10 members/ £5 student or chd
Further details contact Joy Smith on 840 865 or David Barton 824924

North Wilts MP Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP

Sat 9 Apr, Sat 28 May
12noon - pm

Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall
*Further details contact www.jamesgray.org for information on surgeries or for online surgeries or email
jamesgraymp@parliament.uk*

Cotswold Rural Skills

Dry Stone Walling for beginners

7-8 May Long Compton, 21-22 May Tetbury
2 day course £99

Book ahead to avoid disappointment

Blacksmithing - Taster day 21 May Northleach £99

*Further details contact David Molloy on 01451 862000
or david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or
www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk*

Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

Jazz Sundays with Walter Weber's International Jazz band 3 course menu in Le Mazot from 12-3.30pm £39
Tuesday Garden Tours 5 and 12 Apr 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 'Tel Star' with Kevin Spacey, Con O'Neill and Pam Ferris
Sun 10 Apr £39 includes film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch or dinner

*Further details contact 834026 or
www.whatleymanor.com*

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Gnomeo and Juliet; Never Let Me Go; True Grit; West is West; Inside Job; World Cinema Night: 3 Apr - The Time That Remains
check website for details

*Further details contact 01453 844601 or
www.wottoneph.co.uk*

Nailsworth

Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Home matches: Apr Sat 9 3pm v Altrincham; Sat 16 3pm v Cambridge United and Easter Mon 25 3pm v AFC Wimbledon Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2

The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth

*Further details contact 01453 834860 or
www.forestgreenroversfc.com*

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Bath

Bath Comedy Festival

1 - 10 Apr Various events throughout Bath city centre including Jo Caulfield, Arthur Smith and Phil Cool
Tickets vary from £1-£17

*Further details contact 01225 463362 or
www.bathcomedyfestival.co.uk/whats-on*

Theatre Royal

Derek Jacobi in King Lear Tue 5- Sat 9 Apr - SOLD OUT 7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33.50

Journey's End Mon 11- Sat 16 Apr 7.30pm / 8pm mat 2.30pm £16.50-£33.50

To Kill A Mockingbird Mon 18 - Sat 23 Apr 7.30pm mat 2pm £9.50-£22

Guys and Dolls Tues 26 - Sat 30 Apr 7.30/8pm mat 2.30 £17-£35

Book ahead for: Evita

*Further details contact 01225 448844 or
www.theatreroyal.org.uk*

Cheltenham

Jazz Festival

Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of jazz including Jamie Cullum, Cleo Lane, Sir Michael Parkinson presents Friday night is music night 27 Apr - 2 May Various locations in Cheltenham

*Further details contact 01242 505444 or
www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/jazz/*



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Bristol

The Soul Destroyers in concert

At Fiddlers Sat 9 Apr doors open 8.30pm £8 advance sales (for parties of 10+ contact Dave for a discount)
Bristol Ticket Shop 0117 9299008 or www.bristolticketshop.co.uk

*Further details contact Dave Shephard 07860 448438 or
email ds@oldbellhouse.com
or www.soul-destroyers.co.uk*

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

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