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'Mo'vember



It is late autumn and 11 brave and noble men have been suffering the slings and arrows that result from ridiculous facial hair.

The Mo, slang for moustache, and November come together each year for 'Movember' to raise awareness of prostate cancer.

Movember challenges men to change their appearance and the face of men's health by growing a moustache. The rules are simple: start 1 Movember clean shaven and then grow a moustache for the entire month. The moustache becomes the ribbon for men's health, the means by which awareness and funds are raised for cancers that affect men. Much like the commitment to run or walk for charity, the men of Movember commit to growing a moustache for 30 days.

Sherston's very own Movember team, called 'Tickle her Fancy', have been seen every Thursday evening at the Rattlebone throughout November and would be delighted if you could add to its sponsorship total.

Team captain Nick Holland can be contacted via www.uk.movember.com/mospace/514852/ and the other 10 members via the 'Team' tab on the left hand side of the web-page. Help us in changing the face of men's health.

5000 pins!



'The Hoose' skittle marathon held on 20 November at the Rattlebone Inn led to well over 5000 pins being struck. Some 24 teams took on 'The Hoose' over a gruelling 12 hour period with the aim of raising funds for Sherston School and PROPS charity.

Kenny Outlaw, Rob Punter, Shane Willetts and Jock Walker made up 'The Hoose' team with Dean Parkes and Ryan Walker on sticker-up duty. All were superbly marshalled by organiser Lynnette Willetts. Of the 24 games played 'The Hoose' won 21, drew 1 and lost only 2 which is pretty good going by anyone's standards.

Thanks are due to the Rattlebone Inn for hosting the event, all those who contributed to the magnificent raffle and tombola, the 24 challenger teams and Birgit Smart who arrived with much needed victuals to keep everyone going.

With sponsorship and other money still coming in, we will report the grand total raised in January's edition.

Planning Ahead

A planning application to Wiltshire Council seeking permission to convert the Old School to commercial and community uses has been made by SOSCIC (Sherston Old School Community Interest Company). Once the application has been registered by Wiltshire

Council arrangements will be made to put the plans on public display in the village hall. Details of the display will be fully advertised so as to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to attend.

At this stage SOSCIC needs someone to assist with publicity for the project. If you feel you may be able to give time to this important aspect please contact Geoff Martin on 840272.



Merry Christmas everyone



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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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Children pay tribute to 52 parish war dead

by Richard Langley

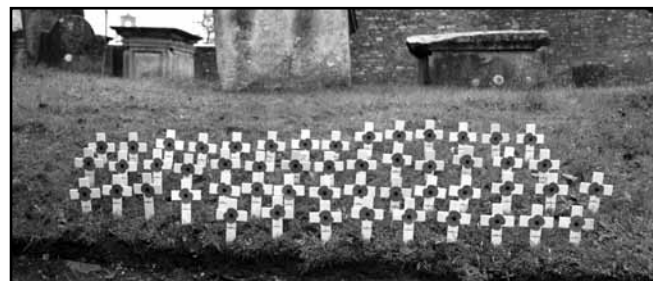


Children and staff from Sherston School did their bit to remember the war dead from the parish on Remembrance Day.

A collection in aid of the British Legion appeal was made from Monday to Thursday in school. Then, on Thursday morning, November 11, the whole school held a special assembly, led by Year 6, which highlighted the lives of three of those names, James Berry, Ronald Smart and Percy Neal.

The Year 6 class left the assembly at around 10.35am to go to the Village War Memorial, within the lych gate of the parish church of the Holy Cross.

For the first time Year 6 observed the two minute silence at 11am at the war memorial and remembered all 52 Sherston people who gave their lives in conflicts by the laying of a wreath and the planting of a cross for each person. They were joined by members of the Parish Council and local community. The crosses can be seen just inside the church gate.



Rugby Success

by Gabriel Lewis (captain)

Sherston School recently took part in the Minety Tag Rugby Festival. There was a mixed team from years five and six. During the festival we played eight games, seven of which we won. We were awarded the North Wiltshire Area Schools Shield. Hurrah!

Grit bins

The parish council's request to Wiltshire Council's Malmesbury Area Board for two additional grit bins has resulted in one being allocated following a large response from many other parishes for more bins. At least we did better than some – Malmesbury only received one out of eight requested. Sherston's new bin will be placed at Forlorn following a choice for the parish council between that site and one half way up Tanners Hill. Residents in the area of Tanners Hill area are now being consulted by the parish council as to the possibility of moving the present bin at the bottom of the hill half way up where some feel it may be more useful.

Wiltshire Council is making available to parish councils additional supplies of grit this winter so long as the parish can store and deliver it to local grit bins when required. Sherston is hoping to take this offer up but in the meantime could all residents please note that the grit is for use on public highways only and not for private roads, paths and driveways.

Sherston School Christmas Fair

A reminder that the School Christmas Fair will be taking place on Friday 3 December 4.30 – 6.30 pm. Santa will be there, as well as lots of exciting Gift & Craft Stalls, the ever popular Secrets room, Tucks sausages Hot Dogs, Mulled wine and much more!

Message from Sammy the snowman



I should like to announce my arrival at the Post Office shop counter on 2 December 2010. Thank you to all my special friends and fellow villagers for all the cards and presents you sent me over the summer.

I want to ask a favour of you all. Please will you keep an eye on me when Anthea is not in the shop as those terrible people who work at the Post Office counter (with the exception of Janet) do awful things to me.

I shall be at the Post Office until 24 December to guard the shop counter and look forward to seeing you all there.

Regards, Sammy The Snowman.

sherston.net

Following a major revamp and a lot of hard work the original Sherston community website is now open for visitors at www.sherston.net

The site is an ideal place to find out more about all parish events, groups and businesses. If you want to get listed contact sherston.net@gmail.com straightaway.

DYB DOB corner



The Halloween party was a great success. Witches, ghosts, and even Darth Vader came out to play. All the normal party games kept the 47 partygoers amused until it was food time. More games were to be had before the witching hour was upon us and all the little scary monsters and ghouls disappeared into the night. There are a few thanks we would like to say. First, thanks to all the kids that came and took the time to dress up. You all looked great. Second, thanks to Tina Walsh and Tracy Chivers for the loan of the decorations. Third, thanks to Tony Corbett for the use of his music system. Last but not least, thank you all once again for supporting this event and making it the huge success that it was.

Busy Hands Pre School Quiz Night: 15 January

by Annie Llewellyn Palmer

The date is set, so start planning your team. Yes, it's the annual Busy Hands Quiz Night. Saturday 15 January 2011 at Sherston Village Hall. Bar opens at 7.30pm and the quiz will start at 8pm. Tickets will be available from the beginning of December either from the Post Office or from Claire Eatwell. Each ticket will cover a team of up to four people and cost £15. As usual the night will include a raffle and auction and a list of prizes will appear in January's Cliffhanger.

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Speedwatch TV

Many in Sherston and beyond were agog at the level of coverage the Sherston Speedwatch scheme was given by BBC TV on Monday 15 November.

The previous week the BBC had recorded a piece at Pinkney on the B4040 with local speedwatch volunteers Graham Morris, Martin Rea and Sarah Wood together with Sgt Martin Alvis of Malmesbury Police and our Wiltshire Councillor John Thomson. One live presentation for the Breakfast programme was scheduled for early on the Monday morning but such was the interest from viewers that another four were filmed and broadcast that day on the News Channel and the main One O'clock News. Additionally there were live interviews on a number of BBC radio stations including Radio 5 Live, Birmingham, Wales and Wiltshire.

'As well as giving some excellent publicity for the scheme' said Sherston coordinator Graham Morris 'it has also had a positive effect on speed as checks on the road since the broadcast have shown a marked reduction.'

Should anyone wish to know more about volunteering for the scheme please contact the parish clerk Sarah Wood on 840351 email clerk@sherston.org.uk

Focus on the Crocus

Ray Sanderson on behalf of the Rotary Club of South Cotswolds has given some 500 purple crocus bulbs to Sherston Busy Hands Pre School, Sherston School and Sherston Parish Council to plant as part of a campaign to eradicate Polio across the world. The Ruby Giant 'purple' crocus represents the dye colour dabbed on children's little 'pinkie' finger to indicate they have been immunised against polio in the few remaining parts of the globe where polio still exists since Rotary International commenced its campaign in 1985. To learn more about the campaign visit www.focusonthecrocus.org

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Sherston 1016 fireworks weekend

After getting a complete drenching at Didmarton's event on Friday 5 November where despite the torrential rain we managed to use various techniques to ensure a good display the weather for the rest of the weekend proved thankfully far kinder.

Our own display at Lower Farm Easton Town on the Saturday attracted a record crowd. We were surprised at how many people had travelled some distance – we must be getting something right after all our years of practice as well as the all important safety training.

As always many contributed to make the evening a success especially our sponsors - Grays of Sherston, M. Green Esq. of Easton Grey, M D Bishop, Stretchline, Tolsey Surgery and Tracklements. Holland Handling's provision of a skip was a very welcome addition this year. The Hillier family once again generously allowed us the use of the field with neighbours Pat and Stan Bunce together with Phylip Harries and Maggie McKenna providing electricity on the night and refreshments during the build up. Martin Ward, Andy Walden, Sherston Scouts, Alex Joyson, Brian Littlejohns, first aiders Olli, Andy and Rosie together with the formidable 1016 ladies division and our loyal band of stewards ensured a great time was had. Enormous thanks are due to one and all.

Sunday morning brought a problem – we couldn't clear the bonfire site as it was still burning and did so for most of the following week. At least the situation allowed some of us an extra rest before finishing off a very busy weekend with a display at Westonbirt School followed by an almost total collapse all-round!

See you next year.

Christmas vouchers

This year's delivery of Sherston 1016 vouchers to senior citizens in both Sherston and Easton Grey will take place on Saturday 18 December – weather permitting. If anyone who is expecting a voucher has not received it by Tuesday 21 December please contact Eric Thacker on 841344.



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Malmesbury and district WEA - new courses early in the new year

by Tony Wood

After a successful autumn term, the local WEA Branch is looking forward to further courses early in the New Year.

First up is an eight week course by the ever popular John Chambers at the British School Room, Cliff Road, Sherston on Friday mornings starting on 14 January 2011 at 10.00am. The course title is 'A Perusal of Plays' covering eight plays by famous writers through the ages from Shakespeare to Alan Bennett. Early booking for this course is essential. It is already two-thirds full. The cost is £49.50. Bookings and enquires should be made to David and Muriel Bridge on 502729.

Starting at 10.00am on Thursday 20 January 2011 at Hullavington Village Hall for four weeks, Canon John Rogan will introduce 'Battle for Britain'. This is a much earlier battle than the one so prominent in recent public memory. The short course will cover what evidence there is as to how Roman Britain (Britannia) collapsed; why much of our island became 'England' (and not Saxony) and who were the Welsh and the Scots. The cost of this interesting short course is £28.00.

On Saturday 19 February 2011, John Rogan will present a Day School called 'Mysterious Deaths'. He will set out the details of a series of English monarchs who have died in mysterious circumstances. He will include the 'official' explanations as well as other speculations and rumours. The day begins at 10.00am and runs to 4.30pm with breaks for lunch and tea and coffee. At the end of each case the class will have a chance to vote their conclusions. The cost is £15 and pre-booking for this day school is required. (see below)

Starting on Thursday 3 March 2011 at 10.00am in Hullavington Village Hall, Paul Chapman talks on the art of Gustav Klimt and the pre-war Vienna artistic group known as the 'The Vienna Sezession'. The group was slightly behind the times in some respects and daring in others. Deep knowledge is not necessary but if you want to learn more, book this

course. It costs £35.00 for five weeks.

There are two further dates for your diaries. On Saturday 19 March 2011, Jenny Sheppard will lead a day school at Hullavington Village Hall on the famous Dutch painter, Johannes Vermeer. Learn about his early struggles before becoming an absolute master. The cost is £15.

Bookings and enquiries for all Hullavington courses should go to Linda and Paul Hadley on 837096.

Finally, the WEA is delighted to announce that on Saturday 2 April 2011 at Malmesbury Town Hall, (10.00am – 4.30pm) Tim Porter is to lead a day school entitled 'King Alfred the Great – Fact and Fantasy'. Tim is well known to many in this area but these days rarely travels to Wiltshire. He lectures regularly for the Corinium Museum in Cirencester and for the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford as well as for many other prestigious organisations. He is an historian who majors on the medieval period. King Alfred's offspring became closely connected with Malmesbury as they completed his establishment of a truly 'all England' Saxon kingdom. This day school should not be missed. It costs £18 and pre-booking is essential via David and Muriel Bridge on 502729.

Sherston Arts Festival - will it happen in 2011 ?

The Festival last took place in 2009 so it is due to take place again in October 2011. The committee needs new members but it also needs ideas. The format is totally flexible although the central event – the very successful Art Exhibition in Church – will remain. The last Festival also included a Photography exhibition, Children's Art Exhibition, Scarecrow Trail, Young People's Concert and Folk and Classical Concerts.

Meetings will start in January to discuss a possible programme for the Festival, so if you have an idea for an event or would like to help in any way, please get in touch. We can plan for events in response to requests but we also need people to help run those events.

Get involved and make it happen.

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Young seed collectors



Children in Oak Class at Sherston School collected acorns and beechnuts in the churchyard. A few days later, they planted them in pots, and will be waiting to see how many grow next year. It is hoped that there will be enough for each child to have one seedling each. This will continue the Tree for Life project started last year, where each child in the school planted their own small sapling in the school's tree nursery. Many of these trees are now ready to be re-planted in the school grounds, around the village and in Grove Wood. Planting will begin over the winter.

Tallest sunflower

The tallest sunflower in the summer Sherston Green Festival competition, has been found and still living (just) in Luckington. At 3.45M (11ft. 4in), the plant grown by the Stewart Graham family in Avon Rise was 65cm. (2ft. 2in.) taller than that grown by William and Ellie Jacques. Well done to both. Mr Stewart was amazed by its size. 'I just dug some soil over by the fence, and the children planted the three pots we bought,' he said. 'The other two grew pretty big as well. The neighbours kept commenting on them'.

The Stewart Graham and Jacques families will receive an award for their achievements from the children of Beech Class at Sherston School who grew the plants. The class raised £23 from sunflower sales and a 'guess the worms' competition at Sherston Green, which will go towards a water tank to collect rain from the school's roof to top up the new pond built earlier in the year. All this begs the question, is this the tallest sunflower ever grown? Sadly not.

According to the Guinness Book of Records, a massive 7.76M (25ft. 5in.) plant was grown in Holland. But is it the tallest in Britain? Or the tallest in Wiltshire? Answers to the Cliffhanger please.

Groundforce team moves in

by Crispian Huggill, Sherston School Environment Area Group

Children of Sycamore Class at Sherston School spent a hectic one hour clearing frosted plants and weeds. The front of school flower bed had been laid out and planted by their predecessors last term to such gloriously colourful effect. Well done to both year 6 classes.

Next job is to plant some of the 250 spring flowering bulbs given to the school by The Big Bulb Plant (Holland). Hills Recycling has kindly donated a bulk bag of compost.

Come next spring, the children will start on a project to re-design and re-plant the bed for the summer.



Christmas comes to SHOCC

by Nicki Heenan 840 883

The Sherston Occasional Choir (SHOCC) has had a wonderful term rehearsing music from John Rutter to Leonard Cohen at the British School Room in Sherston. The team of Jill, Helen, Mo, Margaret, Trevor and Mike has helped to build a solid foundation and manage all the administrative and essential tasks that make a choir a fun place to be for everyone involved. We have all had a chance to extend ourselves musically, make friends and most of all sing music of a Christian nature that has strengthened us all in our faith. I have benefited so much from the choir's support at a personal level and thank all choir members for their love, support and prayers as I have battled ill health. SHOCC is a very special community indeed. If you would like to come and hear us sing at 6pm on December 12 in Holy Cross Parish Church, we would love to see you. If the choir seems like a place you would like to join, email me at nicki.heenan@btinternet.com to join next term starting in March. 'I'll be back.'

Sherston Brownies shared their Vision with half a million

by Liz Fleming - Malmesbury Division Commissioner

At 8.10pm on 20 October 2010 (20:10, 20/10, 2010) Sherston Brownies and their leaders and helpers and other members from the Malmesbury area joined thousands of girls and women across the country as they launched the next 100 years of guiding.

The Vision party at Malmesbury Abbey was one of hundreds that took place at the same time throughout the UK. 20 Brownies joined over 250 members from the Malmesbury area. As well as being amused by an entertainer, the girls played a giant game of pass the parcel, enjoyed food and a celebratory cake and joined in a conga out and round the Abbey to the pealing of the Abbey bells. At the end all present renewed their promise at exactly 20.10 hours. To ensure Girlguiding UK's half a million members shared this special moment, Vision parties all around the UK were joined via a link-up with the Chief Guide Liz Burnley.

This was one of the many activities that Sherston Brownies had taken part in as part of the Girlguiding Centenary activities.



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Girlguiding UK
girls in the lead

Girlguiding in Sherston

by Liz Fleming - Malmesbury Division Commissioner

On Wednesday 19 January 7-7.30pm Sherston Brownies is holding an open session, so do come along and see what Brownies do and have a go and learn about Guiding in the 21st Century (refreshments included). Anyone is welcome including Mums, Dads, girls aged 5-14, and ex Brownies, Guides etc.

We are very lucky in Sherston to have an excellent and full Brownie Unit run by Mrs Liz Walker. We would, however, love to be able offer guiding also to Rainbows (girls aged 5-7) and Guides (girls aged 10-14). This is a chance for you to see if you would like to help in any way with our existing unit or help us to expand Guiding in this very thriving community, or just come along and join in.

I look forward to seeing you there. Any enquiries:-
Tel. 575229 or email liz@jacfleming.freemove.co.uk

Badminton 2011

Just in case you didn't know please note that Badminton Horse Trials take place over the Easter weekend next year from Thursday 21 April to Monday 25 April. With Friday 29 April being a special bank holiday for the Royal Wedding and Monday 2 May being the usual early May bank holiday it's going to be a busy 10 days or so. Will anyone be at work?

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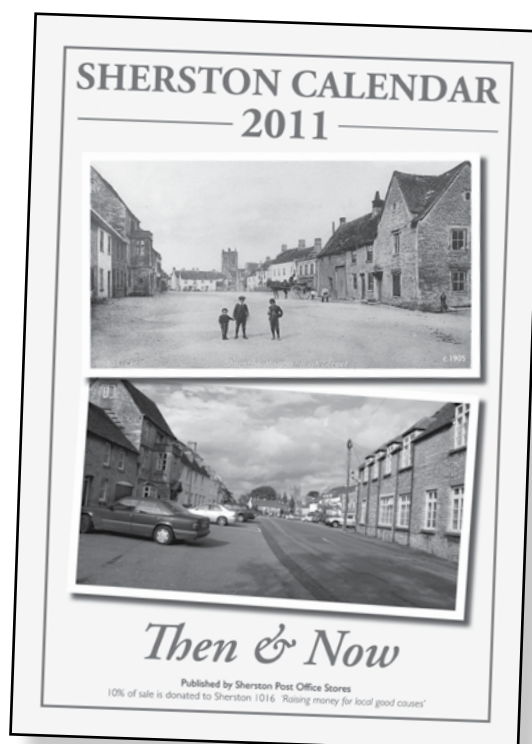
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Bowling along

The demonstration short mat bowls session at the village hall in early November proved a great success with over 20 people turning up to try their hand. Thanks are due to Colin Waldeck and John Stevens of the Wiltshire Short Mat Bowls Association for not only an excellent evening's introduction to the sport but also for the long term loan of a mat and sets of bowls to encourage the fledgling Sherston club which was enthusiastically set up on the night.

The club has a regular weekly session at the hall every Wednesday from 7.30 pm. At £2 an evening (£1 for under 18's) this is fantastic value for money and all are very welcome. With ages ranging from teenagers to those in their 80s this really is a sport which everyone can enjoy. For further information please contact Tony Weeden on 841377 or email dogleg@waitrose.com.

Village hall

Thanks are due to the Drama group for a very kind donation of £150 which has been put towards the costs of the ongoing refurbishment works. It is much appreciated. Over the Christmas holidays the repointing of the stonework in the large hall will continue. It is only over holiday periods that this sort of work can be undertaken so not as to interfere with the regular bookings. Once the work to the walls is complete the floor will then be sanded and varnished.



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Easton Grey – the fallen

At the annual Remembrance service in Sherston Church many wonder why the full names of the fallen at Sherston are read out whilst those of Easton Grey are not. Sadly the information is not at all complete which results in a large proportion of the men's names from Easton Grey being restricted to initials and surnames only.

Cilla Liddington, who compiled the book 'Heroes All' regarding Sherston's sacrifice in the two world wars, as well as Northern Ireland, is determined to correct the situation and is about to embark on some much needed research. At this stage can anyone assist her? If you have any information which might help please contact Cilla on 840128 or email sherstoncilla@tiscali.co.uk

Village hall 200+ club

October draw

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Christmas lights

There has been a good uptake from High Street residents this year of the parish council's offer of Christmas lights for their frontages. If anyone requires lights but has not yet requested them please contact Cilla Liddington as soon as possible on 840128.

Hello Easton Grey!

Thanks to Sue Thompson and Caroline Scarlett the Cliffhanger is now being delivered to Easton Grey including the Camp. News from Easton Grey is most welcome as is any from other neighbouring villages.

Cribbs trips

Two Christmas shopping trips to Cribbs Causeway using the Cartmell Community Minibus are planned for December – Saturday 4 & 18. Both depart the High Street at 11 am leaving Cribbs at 4pm and all for a very reasonable £4 return. Tickets are available from Sherston Post Office Stores. Thanks are due to volunteer drivers Eric Thacker and Tony Weedon. All welcome but under 14s must be accompanied by an adult.

Cake stall

Supporters of Busy Hands Pre School will be raising funds by selling delicious cakes in Tucks courtyard from 9am to 12 noon on Saturday 4 December.

Congratulations Will & Kate!

Village celebration guru Cilla Liddington has gone into overdrive since the date was set for the Royal Wedding – 29 April. As soon as the time of the ceremony is known planning will begin in earnest. If you can offer any help on the day or have any ideas for a party or other events please let Cilla know on 840128 email sherstoncilla@tiscali.co.uk

Seasonal collections

There will be no changes to any waste and recycling collections over the Christmas and New Year period across the whole of Wiltshire. All collections will take place on your normal scheduled collection date.

Look out for details of how to recycle your Christmas tree and other items by visiting www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Scouts success

1st Sherston Scout Group was awarded £3319 by Wiltshire Council's Malmesbury Area Board at its November meeting. The grant is to be used towards the cost of flooring, security and electrical and water heating at the scout hut.

Garden and food waste compost bins

Wiltshire Council have teamed up with Great Green Systems to offer subsidised food waste digesters to Wiltshire Residents, to help reduce the food waste sent to landfill. On offer are two food waste digesters both taking all cooked and uncooked food waste including meat, fish, bones, dairy products, vegetables and fruit.

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Boules parking

Community beat officer PC Steve Humphries and members of the Boules committee kindly attended November's parish council meeting to discuss parking for next year's event. The police hoped that, subject to other duties, special constables would attend the event in the morning to ensure compliance with the no parking cones with the area where cones are placed being extended particularly along Church Street. For its part the Boules committee will look to obtain additional off road parking facilities as well as improving the overall parking signage.

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Sherston W.I.

Andrew Butterworth spoke to Sherston W.I. on Thursday 4 November about his experiences as a Railways Tour Manager in Europe. He explained how early retirement from teaching caused him to look for other ways to fill his time and earn a living.

A chance meeting opened up a new career when he was taken on as a Tour Manager by 'Great Railway Journeys of the World'. This firm gave him two days training and he was then sent off on Eurostar to tour with 36 people on the Glacier Express. The opening of the Channel Tunnel was the opportunity to expand this type of holiday. They have been in business for 25 years and now have 200 managers.

Andrew was able to tell us many amusing incidents and near disasters during his time with the company. He supervised 42 tours taking 1,500 people all over Europe and meeting some great characters. He has now turned his hand to more local tours in Bath, which give him a lot of pleasure.

After refreshments, the rest of the evening was spent looking at memorabilia relating to our recent celebration of 70 years of the Women's Institute in Sherston. There was much on show, including scrap books, photos, cards and items from the early days brought from the Archives in Trowbridge. It was a splendid record of the past 70 years.

Joyce Green had brought the silver salver back to Sherston from the recent Group meeting. She had won the competition for a wildlife photograph of a fox in her garden. Two members had visited The John Aubrey Group in Kington Langley to hear Richard Angwin speak on the development of meteorology. It proved to be a very entertaining evening.

Our speaker for December will be Ceri Cryer, who will deliver a talk on cheese making. This will be followed by an American Supper. We are also hoping to arrange a craft workshop for a day sometime in the New Year, learning to do mosaic items.

Do join us for any of our meetings in the Village Hall at 7.30p.m. on the first Thursday in the month. Only £3.

Malmesbury Tribal Belly Dancers

Malmesbury Tribal Belly Dancers are having their Hafla on 10 December. For those that don't know, a Hafla is a party where lots of Bellydancers get together to perform various dances for their own and their guests' entertainment. All are welcome to this event.

The Hafla is on Friday 10 December in St Mary's Hall, Malmesbury. Doors open at 7:30pm - show starts at 8:00pm. Tickets are £5 from Malmesbury Rocks. There will be mulled wine and mince pies available.

Small Ads

You can now advertise items for sale or wanted in the Cliffhanger including services required such as gardening or cleaning. Cost is £2 for up to 20 words. Copy should be in paper form and put through the letterbox at 37 High Street by the 15th of the month together with £2 in cash. All monies raised will be donated to charity. Private advertisers only please – no businesses.

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Sherston Pantomime a *photos by Gunter Coventry* Sell-out Success!

This year's Sherston Drama Group pantomime packed the newly-refurbished Village Hall every night for 5 days in the last week of October. Debut director Sue Lehrer kept *Sleeping Beauty* by Toby Bradford and Tina Webster fizzing along, interrupted only by the inevitable ad-libs.



A bizarre trio of good fairies, played by Kevin Smith, Mark Andrews and Sue Ormiston in stripy tights and string vests, was pitted against Kirstie Blair's truly terrifying wicked witch Deadly Nightshade and her assistant Snivel, a wonderfully whinging performance from Glen Scott.



In the end, the calmly assured Prince William (Rachel McLeish) battled through the clutching brambles to dispose of Deadly Nightshade and awaken the beautiful Princess Rose, played with some gusto (when awake) by Bonamy Smith.



In the meantime there was plenty of traditional pantomime action spearheaded by Dame Winifred Slaptickle (Nick Sharp) and Harry the Jester (Shaun Scott), who kept the custard pies and double entendres flying.



Richard Warren and Kristy Andrews were a suitably batty royal couple, Harry Andrews as chief of the cannibals brought off some awful puns, and Charlie Brock shone in a number of roles from Harbourmaster to Bruce Forsyth.



'Royal Portrait' by Paul Ormiston



Pantomimes are about music and dance too, and Sherston's young performers carried these off with style and panache, while costumes from Sarah Burden and Lauren Kiddell made the whole thing visually stunning.

There will be another in October 2011 – try not to miss it!

Malcolm Jarrett

1943-2010

by Richard Skeffington



Many readers have been saddened to learn of the death of Malcolm Jarrett last month.

Malcolm was brought up locally and served for 9 years in the Royal Navy, at first on surface ships and then in submarines. On leaving the Navy he resumed his trade of carpenter and joiner, working for a number of local firms including Moulder Joinery and Wentworth Jigsaws.

These skills he put to good use in the early years of Sherston Drama Group, designing and building the stage which we still use and which has stood the test of time (and the heavy tread of numerous actors).

Though re-built for every production, the stage looks so much a part of the Village Hall that outside visitors to Drama Group productions often believe that it is permanent. Always interested in art, Malcolm developed a talent for scenery painting and a Rolf Harris-like ability to conjure up a castle or a forest with nothing but a 3-inch brush and a few tins of emulsion paint.

A bit of a perfectionist, he was never quite satisfied with his efforts and spent many a happy hour in the Village Hall touching up and re-building sets and scenery. Attempts to communicate with him during these periods would usually only produce a dissatisfied grunt, but he was ever generous with help and advice for younger people. And he gave some memorable performances on stage, often specialising in pompous characters like Prime Ministers, though he was far from pompous himself.

Indeed what many people remember about Malcolm is his sense of fun, always willing to do things like dress as a duck to promote the Duck Race, or blast away at the Great Horn of Moyne to start the Mangold Hurl. His many friends in all walks of life are going to miss him.

TREEtalk

Decemeber 2010 *by Sue McKechnie*

Now that the trees are dormant plans are afoot to start on the coppicing and clearing of the Riverside (middle) section starting on Sunday 5 December 10am until about 1.00pm with a soup break. It's hard work but great fun with a roaring bonfire to feed. Just the thing on a winter's morning! New volunteers very welcome, we could do with more help. Some wild daffodil bulbs have been planted at the top edge but we have now decided to pot up the rest and decide where to plant them in the spring once we have seen what is already there. This is where we need your help with the surveying. You have heard of Springwatch, we want a Woodwatch. As you walk in Grove Wood please note down what you have seen, heard, photographed – plants, animals, birds, insects - with the date and then post it on the Sherston village website www.sherston.net/local-groups/trees/grove-wood/ Leave a Reply. We can then build up a picture of what is there now and see what develops as the area is managed.

The Community Payback Team have agreed to 12 sessions to help with maintenance such as the riverside Macmillan Way and creating a circular path that goes up into the wood. We are very grateful for their input. We hope to have a notice board to keep visitors posted of our progress in the wood.

National Tree Planting Week

27 November to 6 December is National Tree Planting Week and, hopefully weather permitting, Sherston School will be able to plant some of their trees at the Recreation Ground along the Green Lane edge. At a later date we hope they will plant some in Grove Wood to replace some of the older trees that are beginning to deteriorate. In years to come the children will be able to look with pride at their tree!

Manor Close tree

A whitebeam tree has been recommended for the verge in Manor Close. Once the highway engineer has approved the siting a tree will be purchased and planted.

More information from Sherston's Deputy Tree Warden, Sue McKechnie, on 840601 or suemckechnie@hotmail.com

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A present for everyone

by Maggie McKenna

We live in a world of 'stuff' and, especially around Christmas, it is good to think of a gift that brings benefits to a lot of people. So, here's a thought for a special and unusual way of showing you care.

Sponsor a kissing gate!

It will be a tangible reminder of a special event or memory – an engagement, a wedding, the birth of a baby, an anniversary or a memorial for a loved one.

The Sherston Footpath Group, which as you know has produced a booklet of local walks, is keen that as many people as possible should be able to enjoy the wonderful countryside around our village. Some of the paths present problems to the less flexible amongst us – and the Group is proposing to install kissing gates wherever possible and appropriate to increase easy access for walkers. Rest assured that none of our beautiful and ancient stiles would suffer, as we are more than aware of their value to the history and landscape of the surroundings.

The Group is in the process of researching the various styles of gates – metal or wood – and obtaining relevant costs. However, we are delighted to say that we have already identified our first project. With the help of our Wiltshire Council Rights of Way officer Stephen Leonard and the Cotswold Wardens there is to be a kissing gate installed alongside the stile on Brook Hill, which gives access through to the river and Grove Wood.

So, if anyone wishes to identify where a kissing gate might be installed, the Group would be happy to look at the proposal – so do give us your ideas and suggestions. You can contact me by email mckenna@harriespartnership.com or on 841047.

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A particular dog problem in the Court Street area seems to have been effectively solved by the intervention of the dog warden. A King Charles spaniel was often seen unattended with the inevitable resulting fouling. A visit by the dog warden and a quiet word with the owners seems to have done the trick and the dog concerned is now properly confined to barracks.

If you see a loose dog or an owner who fails to 'pick up' just email the details to the dog warden at Wiltshire Council publicprotectionnorth@wiltshire.gov.uk or call 01249 706425

Sue's strolls

Blow the festive season excesses away with a New Year walk with Sue McKechnie on Sunday 2 January starting from the village hall at 11 am returning to the Rattlebone Inn just around 1pm in time for a complimentary snack. As ever children and well behaved dogs on leads are very welcome.

Sue's regular walks have proved a success in 2010 so if you haven't tried one please come along. If you are new to the area or are just thinking 'it would be good to walk' it's a great way to start exploring our beautiful local countryside and they're free!

The ideal stocking filler

Sherston Walks makes a great Christmas present and very reasonably at only £4.99.

Not only does it include 9 circular pull out walk descriptions but also a village trail and much fascinating information and history of the parish. It's a wonderful gift for friends and relatives who have fond memories of Sherston. It'll certainly encourage them to return!

Copies can be bought at Luckington Post Office, the Rattlebone Inn, Sherston Post Office Stores and Tucks. If you don't live locally they can also be purchased by post from the parish Clerk Sarah Wood at 23 Cliff Road, Sherston SN16 0LN for £6.50 including P & P. Cheques should please be made payable to Sherston Parish Council.



Faecal Facts

by Don Bremner

Further to the article 'Dark night, dark deeds' in the November issue of the Cliffhanger, may I quote some frightening information concerning dog faeces which I hope will stir the conscience of the irresponsible people who do not pick up their dogs' mess?

The disease contained in the faeces is called Toxocariasis and a puppy can carry as much as 15,000 eggs per gram of faeces, whilst an adult dog will have about 700. It takes a very small amount to be ingested to cause severe liver inflammation and pain. If the eyes are infected considerable impairment and even blindness can occur. Think - a small boy gets dog faeces on his shoes, removes them and contaminates his hand, then rubs his eyes. The result will certainly be severe.

I must admit an interest in trying to educate the inconsiderate dog owners who use the path to the stile on the bank at Brook Hill and allow their dogs to defecate without removing it. The four families living on that path are regularly called upon to do the job for them.

Of course it is an offence not to remove the mess, but I would hope that common sense prevails without other drastic measures.

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Street lights



The parish council has now identified those lights which could form part of the Wiltshire pilot scheme for lights to be switched off between midnight and 5.30am. The intention is to reduce energy costs, the carbon footprint and local light pollution.

Wiltshire Council highway engineers and their Safer Communities team are now checking that the lights are suitable to be turned off. Residents living in the vicinity of the lights considered appropriate for the scheme will then be consulted in writing by the parish council before any recommendations are made to Wiltshire Council's Malmesbury Area Board. It is very important that the scheme has the support of the residents in the areas concerned.

Street light reduction seems to be gathering pace around the country. Our near neighbours at Didmarton have already agreed to 50% of their lights being included in the scheme run by Gloucestershire County Council.

Difficult financial times

These are indeed difficult financial times for many families but there is a lifeline which is available and will indeed help many.

The four credit unions in Wiltshire have worked together and can now offer loans of up to £500 at an interest rate of 2% per month (calculated only on the reducing balance of the loan) to borrowers who can demonstrate the ability to repay. These loans are called Moneyline loans.

What are credit unions? They are non-profit making co-operatives, regulated by the Government and are run in Wiltshire by trained volunteers. Local residents can join their credit union for life for £2 and would normally save for a minimum of three months before a loan would be considered. However Moneyline loans are available immediately – new members are also encouraged to save even small amounts into their credit union account while paying off their loan but are not compelled to do so. The application process is rigorous and takes about ten days to investigate the borrower's ability to repay.

The policy of credit unions is to help their members through a tough period and offer a genuine alternative to high cost lenders. £500 borrowed from a doorstep or internet lender and repaid evenly over a year will cost £410 additionally in interest. From Moneyline the interest would be £63, a saving of £347!

These Moneyline loans are offered by your credit union and initial investigations are done by Community First, a registered charity in Devizes. Applicants should in the first instance contact: Community First on 01380 736387 or directly to North Wilts Credit Union 01249 248313 which covers this area.

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Sherston 1016 Christmas raffle

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The draw takes place on the evening of Wednesday 22 December at the Rattlebone's annual Christmas party. All are very welcome. There will be free mince pies and carol singing with music provided by the brilliant Dodington Parish Band. Festivities start at 7pm with the draw at around 9.30. Don't miss it!

Community safety

The next MVCAP (Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership) quarterly community safety forum will be held at Malmesbury Town Hall on Thursday 6 January 7.00 pm for 7.30pm. All are welcome and refreshments will be available.

At the forum Malmesbury Police will set out their priorities for policing the area over the next three months and also give an overview of the their work since the last forum was held in September. The community through those present at the forum are encouraged to question these priorities and to raise their own policing issues.

One item which will be discussed is safety for young people. It is a fact that the young are more often the victims of crime, especially theft and assault, than other age groups. Ideas for tackling this issue on a number of fronts will be considered.

The forum will also hear presentations on Community Speedwatch, Neighbourhood Watch and from both the Ambulance and Fire Services.

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Next meeting

The parish council meets on Thursday 9 December in the village hall at 7.30pm. 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.

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The Service's advice is to ensure that chimneys for wood burning fires are swept every three months when in use. If you burn bituminous coal, the chimney should be cleaned at least twice a year, and at least once a year when burning smokeless coal. An annual clean is sufficient for oil and gas fires. Other tips include:

- Have the chimney properly swept – using a vacuum cleaner alone is not sufficient.
- Make sure your fire receives enough air to allow the fuel to burn properly.
- Only burn suitable fuels.
- Do not overload the grate or appliance.
- Maintain your appliance in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Use a fire or spark guard to prevent accidental fires.
- Inspect your chimney breast, particularly in the roof space. Make sure that it is sound and that the sparks or fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks.
- Make sure you are not at risk from carbon monoxide poisoning by having appliances installed and serviced by competent engineers. Fit a carbon monoxide detector and never block air bricks, vents or flues.
- Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.

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Sherston 'Raise the Roof' Update

Thank you to everybody who has responded to the church roof appeal so generously. You will have seen that the work is now well advanced and fundraising is going extremely well.

To complete as much as possible within the contract period, the appeal will close on 31 December so that decisions can be made then on how much of the desired work can be undertaken. This will be your last chance to give if you would like to.

We are mindful that other local organisations will need to raise funds in 2011. By ending our appeal on the 31 December, we shall leave the field clear for their efforts

Early bird special

Lin Prior and Sheila James have already had bookings for their table top sale on Saturday 29 January to raise funds for the village hall. To book your table for only £5 in advance (£7 on the day) contact Lin on 840846 or Sheila on 840285. As well as the sale there will be a raffle and tombola so it's an ideal opportunity to offload some of those unwanted Christmas presents early in the New Year! The sale will be in the hall from 9am to 12 noon.



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Tick tock

Many are delighted to see the clock back and looking so resplendent on the newly refurbished High Street bus shelter. Thanks are due to Bob Broadway, assisted by Robin Outlaw, for repainting the shelter free of charge with materials paid for by the parish council.

The parish council is looking to further improve the High Street scene and is currently awaiting a draft scheme from Highways for the area around the tree and traffic sign in front of the Post Office. In the meantime advice is being taken as to the condition of the two false acacia trees near the Tolsey.

There is no doubt that the removal of the telephone wires around the old school is a great improvement hopefully soon to be followed by a similar exercise at the Tolsey end of the street. Perhaps the persistent rumours of the High Street being used as a film set aren't as farfetched as some imagine. It is even being said that some residents are delaying repainting their frontages in the knowledge that film companies often undertake this free of charge when properties are used as part of a set.

Sorry

Unfortunately and due to unforeseen circumstances it has been necessary to cancel the Anglo Saxon Christmas market planned for 10 December. The idea lives on though so hopefully it will take place next year.

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THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

All members of the Order together with many others in the parish and elsewhere were greatly saddened with the news last month of the passing of our Summoner Malcolm Jarrett.

It was through the encouragement of Malcolm and his wife Hazel that the modern era of the Order was born. The turning point was undoubtedly Malcolm and Hazel's attendance in April 2006 at the AGM in the Rattlebone Inn when they arrived magnificently attired in their traditional smocks. With residents and visitors alike anxious to engage with them in animated conversation whilst photographing them almost continually it was clear that the Order's time had come. The rest is history.

Malcolm always took the greatest care in his summoning duties be they the careful collection of the Great Horn of Moyne from the Cat and Custard and its consequent vigorous buffing or at the Hurl itself. This October and whilst in very poor health, Malcolm was nevertheless absolutely determined to summon the Hurl. When he stood so proudly and blew upon the Great Horn the most loud and heartfelt cheer went up from all those there assembled.

Through his wry smile and twinkling eyes Malcolm touched all those with whom he came in contact not least the numerous mangold maids who went through his hands at the annual maid making ceremony every Whit Sunday. It was therefore particularly fitting that amongst the many who bid him fond farewell at his funeral were a trio of our finest recent maids - Amelie, Hannah and Jo.

Friendship is at the very heart of the Order and no better friend was there than our Summoner Malcolm.

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One option could be getting enough (75%) of people to register their interest with BT and they then commit to engage with the community on options. There are other companies who don't require such a large number of interested parties and who specialise in providing superfast broadband to rural communities such as the recently publicised Lincolnshire village of Ashby de la Launde. BT had told them that it was not economically viable to provide them with broadband but they now have a 100Mbps connection with profits going back to community projects.

For either option, we need as many people as possible to register their interest in superfast broadband for the area. This is to tell BT (and other companies) that there is a demand in the area and you can register with absolutely no obligation and regardless of whether you currently have the internet or not.

How do I register interest?

1. If you have access to the internet, please register your vote at www.bt.com/racetoinfinity


You do not need to be a BT customer or even a broadband user at the moment and there is no commitment or obligation. It takes less than 2 minutes. All you need is a Sherston Exchange phone number and postcode – Sherston, Pinkney, Easton Grey, Alderton, Luckington and Norton.

Voting should only take two minutes. Should you encounter any problems with the website not accepting your postcode, check which postcode BT have for your house on your phone bill as this may be different to your real postcode given to you by the Post Office. If you have a 2nd phone line (e.g. fax line), you can register this as well. You will need to log out and log in again to vote again from the same PC, but it is possible to register every line you have. If you need any assistance, please call Caroline on 01666 841405.

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We've done this before and it works! A few years ago BT said that Sherston did not qualify for Broadband, but because so many subscribers registered an interest then, BT eventually provided the service on our exchange. Superfast broadband may make our current broadband seem like dial up used to be. The difference equates to courier delivery rather than carrier pigeon! Sherston and the neighbouring villages should not miss out and get left behind.

Our children and local businesses should not be left behind or disadvantaged because of their rural location, we want them all to thrive. Those working from home, the self employed, pensioners wishing to see grandchildren with free video calling over the internet to their families or even those wanting to access things like You Tube and iPlayer from the BBC for TV and radio programmes will all benefit.

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A black & white Christmas

By Green 'Un

Yes I have dared put pen to paper again following my wildly optimistic report written at the end of August which promptly saw Forest Green Rovers take only 6 out of a possible 33 points to the end of October. I'm afraid the taunts of 'you only write when you're winning' from some at the Rattlebone bar had more than a ring of truth to them.

Fortunately there has been improvement of late with November so far producing a tally of 6 points from a possible 12 leaving Rovers one place above the last relegation spot in the Blue Square Bet Premier League.

Saturday 4 December sees a tough home match against high flying Luton Town followed by an away trip to Grimsby Town on Saturday 18 December. Boxing Day brings a home tie against Kidderminster Harriers before a short trip to local rivals Bath City on Tuesday 28 December.

Why not visit the New Lawn on Boxing Day for a 3pm kick off to see some real football rather than on the telly? Remember it's only a 20 minute drive from Sherston and kids' entry is only £2 – a real bargain especially as they can sit in the Grandstand.

Well here's hoping that black & white Christmas brings a decent tally of points. Have a good one yourself whoever you support!

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Group Service 10.30am; 9.30am Sung Eucharist

19 Dec 9.30am Family Service; 6pm Evensong; 12 Dec the Big Sing Christmas Service 6pm; 19 Dec Churches Together Carol Service 6pm;

Christmas Eve 24 Dec Crib Service 6pm, Midnight Communion 11.30pm; Christmas Day 25 Dec Holy Communion 10am;

Congregational Church

Services each Sunday 11am - 12.00 noon No service on 26 Dec

For further details see the Parish Life or phone 07778 934742

Methodist Church

Services Sunday Dec 5 and 19 at 10.30 am

For further details contact Cyril Hoskin on 841143 or see the Parish Life

Gauzebrook Junior Church

Every 2nd and 5th Sunday each month in Sherston or Hullavington, joining the adult service at the end for Holy Communion.

Next: Sun 12 Dec 11am Court House Hullavington.

Please contact Sarah Slarke on 07971 090740

for any further information

Easton Grey Parish Church

Dec 21 Carol Service 6pm; Christmas Day 25 Dec Holy Communion 11.15 am

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.

'Busy Hands' Pre-school

Meets 9.10-12.15 everyday in the village hall for 3 - 5 year olds. Further details call 841118

Charity Bingo

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

Church bell ringing

Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 - 9.00pm.

Call Geoff Martin 840375 or come along.

Clem's Club

Clem invites 'cheerful chaps for a chair and a chat' in the British School Room every other Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm 7 and 21 Dec.

Donations to BSR expenses collected each week.

Eudo Tae Kwon Do

Juniors every Tuesday at 3.15pm and Seniors Thursdays 7-9pm both in Sherston primary school hall.

Abby Lees-Smith 510125 or email info@eudotkd.co.uk or see the website www.eudotaekwondo.co.uk

Footpaths group

The group has published the booklet 'Sherston Walks - a new guide to local rights of way', featuring 9 local walks and is now on sale at the post office. If you would like to learn more about the footpath group and perhaps take part in some of its activities please come along to the next meeting on Wed 1 Dec at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

For further information contact Maggie McKenna on 841047 or maggie.mckenna@barriespartnership.com

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wed 19 Jan 6.30 for 7pm at Malmesbury Town Hall

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

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

Next steering group meeting Tues 14 Dec. All meetings to be held in the Orangery, Kings Arms Hotel, Malmesbury at 7pm unless otherwise notified. Venue and times may vary therefore please feel free to contact me beforehand if you wish to attend.

Sue Webb 824620 Email: dennis.webb01@virgin.net

Malmesbury Rangers

Girls over 14 years meet every 2nd Thurs in the month

- 9 Dec. Further details from Helen Price 503187 or

retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

Painting classes in watercolour, oil and acrylic

led by local artist Nicki Heenan and assisted by Francesca Alden - Fenn every Thursday 2.30 - 4.30pm at St Mary's Hall, Malmesbury starting on 14 Oct for 7 weeks. Total cost £70. Nicki will provide basic acrylics and paper on day one to get you started. During the term, Francesca Alden - Fenn will be on hand for the first hour of each session working with students requiring any drawing tuition and for those wishing to paint in watercolours. To register or for more details contact Nicki Heenan 840 883 or nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

Parish Council Meeting

Takes place on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7.30pm in the village hall- Thurs 9 Dec. 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 - 2 Dec.

Further details from Anne Chapman on 01249 782842.

Senior Club

Meets at 2pm in the British School Room every other Tuesday.

14 Dec Club Xmas lunch at Carps 12 for 12.30pm

For further details contact Cyril Hoskin on 841143

Sherston 1016

Fundraising for local good causes and charities.

For further details, contact Eric Thacker on 841344 or email eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk

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

Please come forward and be part of the committee for 2011

- we are looking for a new chairperson. Any new ideas and offers of help in planning or just on the day gratefully received.

For more details contact the secretary Gwen Knight on 840731 or mommaknight@hotmail.com

Sherston Brownies

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact Ray Sneddon-Jenkins to obtain an application form – raysneddonj@gmail.com

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

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

There is currently have 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 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*

SHOCC – Sherston's Occasional Community Choir

Come to the concert on 12 Dec 6pm Church of the Holy Cross. If the choir seems like a place you would like to be a part of, email me to join next term starting in March. Musical Director Nicki Heenen 840883

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

Swim at Westonbirt Leisure on Wednesday evenings from 8 – 9.30pm. £38 for 15 weeks, open to any ladies, of any swimming standard, from Sherston and surrounding area. *To join, please phone Annabel on 840592 or Maggie on 840969.*

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*

New! Sherston Short Mat Bowls Club

Meets Wednesday from 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. £2 an evening (£1 for under 18s) all are very welcome. *For further information contact Tony Weedon 841377 or dogleg@waitrose.com*

Sherston Tennis Club

Sherston Tennis Club play on two hard courts off Knockdown Rd. Fees for 2011 are: Family £80, Adult £45, Senior citizen

£20, Junior (18 and under) £15. *For more information, please contact the club secretary, Ashley Stopforth, on 840825.*

Two club sessions are now up and running, ALL club members are warmly welcomed:

Tuesday evenings 7pm onwards - *contact Belinda Robinson on 840316*

Friday afternoons 1pm onwards - *contact Helen McLeish on 840992*

Children's Tennis Coaching started again in September.

For further details contact Helen McLeish on 840992 or helen.mcleish@ukonline.co.uk

Sherston Theatre Club

Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20.

Listings under www.communitigate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/ or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or Hquirk@aol.com

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

The group is a fun way for children and their parents to meet and play. We meet at 10am each Tuesday in the Scout Hut.

Further details contact Alex on 841095 or alex@stickyfingerscooking.co.uk

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 – 2 Dec.

Further details contact Maureen Jolliffe on 840867

Sherston Young Craft Group

Every Monday 6.45 – 8.15pm in the village hall (children 9 years and over). £3 (incl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each half term. *To join, please contact Victoria Parish on 840 071 or email vparish@btinternet.com*

Splash Dance

Dance classes for 2 to 12 year olds including ballet, modern and tap. Every Wednesday afternoon in the village hall. Prices are £35 per term with the first lesson free.

For more details contact Charlotte on 01453 886632 or email charlotte@splashdance.co.uk.

Tetbury Chess Club

Meet every Wednesday at the Ormond Hotel from 10am.

A session for beginners covering the initial moves and basic tactics will be held on Wed 15 Dec. If anyone is interested please contact Colin Francis on 505835 or email colval08@btinternet.com

Village Hall 200+ Club

Monthly draw prizes ranging from £11 down to £5 for a £6 annual stake, plus a quarterly £5 bonus for 7 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, Fri 10 Dec 7.30 for 7.45pm. Admission £1.50 including refreshments. All profits to help maintain the village hall. Further details from G. Mason, M. Goulding and J. Gleed.

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

December See right

January 2011

15 Busy Hands Quiz Night, Village Hall

29 Table top Sale Village Hall

March

8 Pancake Race

April

21-25 Badminton Horse Trials

29 Royal Wedding

June

5 Woodland Frolic

12 Mangold Maid Making

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

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.

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WHAT'S ON Sherston

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The Rattlebone Inn

Live music from Frazer Tilley Fri 10 Dec

Live music from The Killertones Fri 17 Dec

The Rattlebone Christmas Party - Christmas Raffle in Aid of 1016 and Sing Carols with The Dodington Parish Band Wed 22 Dec

Live Music From Nobody's Business Boxing Day

The Rattlebone New Year's Eve Party – 'Back To The '80s – In The best Possible Taste'! Fri 31 Dec

Further details contact 840871 or

www.therattlebone.co.uk

Friends of Sherston School

Christmas Fair

Craft stalls & festive cheer and even an early visit from Santa

Fri 3 Dec 4.30 - 6.30pm Free entry Sherston School

Further details contact 840237 or

www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk/fss.html

Busy Hands Cake Sale

Sat 4 Dec 9am -12 noon Tucks' Yard

All proceeds in aid of Busy Hands Pre School

Community bus shopping trip

Christmas Shopping at Cribbs Causeway day trip

Sat 4 and 18 Dec -11am - 4pm 16 places available

on the bus - book your ticket at the post office

in advance to avoid disappointment. £4 return.

Under 14s must be accompanied by an adult

New Year Walk

Walk off the mince pies Tues 2 Jan starting from the village hall at 11am, returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 1pm (no more mince pies) Free and suitable for all, including children and dogs on leads.

Further details contact Sue McKechnie 840601 or suemckechnie@hotmail.com

Busy Hands Pre School Annual Quiz Night

Raffle and auction. Sat 15 Jan Bar opens

7.30pm Quiz starts at 8pm £15 for a team of up to 4 All proceeds to Busy Hands Pre-school

Sherston Village Hall Tickets on sale at the PO in early December.

Easton Grey

Festive open day at Tracklements
Tour the factory and enjoy some Mulled Wine and our famously delicious Sticky Onion Marmalade sausages Sat 4 Dec 9.30 - 1pm
Whitewalls, Easton Grey
Further details contact 827044 or www.tracklements.co.uk

Westonbirt The Arboretum

Enchanted Christmas Every Fri, Sat, and Sun till 19 Dec 5pm-8.30pm (last entry 7.15pm)
Admission £8 adult /£7 concs/ £4 chd under 5s free
FOWA 50% discount on Fridays and any FOWA accompanying children go free.

Capturing the Light Two specialist photography events will be held during this year's Enchanted Christmas illuminated trail allowing exclusive access for keen photographers enhanced by expert tuition from the staff of PhotoPlus and Digital Camera Magazines and PhotoRadar web Thurs 9 and 16 Dec 4.30-9pm £18 in advance £20 on the night. FOWA and subscribers to PhotoPlus and Digital Camera magazines can purchase tickets at £15. Over 14s only.

Reindeer Trail

Help Santa find his missing reindeer - collect a map from the Great Oak Hall. Free after admission

Christmas market in the shop

Christmas trees on sale at the Plant Centre

Specialist Wood Sales

2nd Sunday every month in aid of FOWA

Summer Concerts 2011 – tickets go on sale at 9am on Fri 3 Dec for the first of the summer concerts to be announced for 2011 – **Simple Minds** Fri 17 Jun 2011 £35 plus booking fee Forestry Commission box office telephone 03000 680400 or buy online at www.forestry.gov.uk/music

Further details contact 880220 or

www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Westonbirt School and the Holford Trust House & Gardens

FOW Christmas drinks party including Choir and Jazz band Fri 3 Dec 5.30pm

Community Carols with Nailsworth Silver Band

Thurs 9 Dec 8pm

Celebration of Carols and Readings Sat 11 Dec 11am

Further details contact 880333 or for the gardens Jo

Egerton on joanne_egerton@hotmail.com or

www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk and

www.holfordtrust.com for the gardens

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Tribal Belly Dancers

are having their Hafla (a party where lots of Belly dancers get together to perform various dances) on the Fri 10 Dec Doors open: 7.30 pm - show starts at 8:00pm Tickets are £5 from Malmesbury Rocks including mulled wine and mince pies. St Mary's Hall.

Tetbury

Christmas Events in Tetbury

Festive Evening & switching on of Christmas Illuminations

Thurs 2 Dec 5pm onwards Lights switched on at 6pm. Late night shopping Westonbirt School Samba Band, Choir and Orchestra will be performing under the Market Hall. Children's Treasure Trail, Santa will be in his grotto at the Close Hotel

Handel's Messiah at St Mary's Church Sat 11 Dec 7pm £10-£25 from the Tourist Information Centre

Christmas markets throughout Dec

Further details contact Tetbury Tourist Information 503552 or www.visittetbury.co.uk/whats-on

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by the community

This month: Made in Dagenham; Despicable Me; Eat, Pray, Love; Legend of the Guardians; Restrepo; The Arbor; The Kids are all right; The Girl who kicked the hornets nest; Another Year; Miracle on 34th Street check website for details

Further details contact 01453 844601 or

www.wottoneph.co.uk

Nailsworth

Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Home matches: Sat 4 Dec 3pm v Luton Town and Sat 26 Dec 3pm v Kidderminster Harriers

Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2

The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth

Further details contact 01453 834860 or

www.forestgreenroversfc.com

Bath

Bath Christmas Market

123 traditional wooden stalls between Bath Abbey and York Street

25 Nov till 12 Dec 10am - 7pm / 9pm at weekends

Further details contact www.bathchristmasmarket.co.uk

Theatre Royal

Daily concerts & performances

Master Class till Sat 4 Dec 7.30pm/ 8pm £18-£29

The Merry Wives of Windsor Mon 6 - Sat 11 Dec 7.30pm / 8pm £17.50-£33.50

Aladdin Thurs 16 Dec - Sun 23 Jan 2pm and 7pm £10-£15 and Family Saver tickets available from £30 for 4

Book ahead for: Verdict; Avenue Q; Life of Riley; The Nutcracker - a family musical; Yes, Prime Minister; The History Boys; Corrie! ; Jeffrey Bernard is Unwell; The Reluctant Debutante; Derek Jacobi in King Lear; Journey's End; To Kill a Mockingbird; Guys

Further details contact 01225 448844 or

www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Bristol

The Soul Destroyers In concert

Fri 10 Dec £8 advance sales (for parties of 10+ contact Dave for a discount)

Fiddlers, Willway Street, Bedminster

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

Horseworld Christmas Carol Concert & Christmas Fair

Sun 5 Dec 10am - 4pm, Santa arrives 10.30, Carols at 2pm £4 Horseworld, Whitchurch

Further details contact Kim Goddard on 01275 893024 or www.horseworld.org.uk

Devizes

Events in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance WAA Volunteers Gathering

Mon 13 Dec 1pm-4pm The Bear, Market Place The Wiltshire Air Ambulance is so grateful for all the time and effort that our volunteers are willing to generously give in order for the appeal to operate. We are hoping that we can encourage some new volunteers to join our fantastic team. If you wish to join in with the wonderful work that enables us to continue to save lives in Wiltshire please come along, you will be made very welcome. RSVP to Claire Kelly 01249 858900 or email claire.kelly@gwas.nhs.uk

Further details contact Melanie Gee 0845 1221423 or www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events.htm

Bitton

Avon Valley Steam Trains

Santa Express - meet Santa on a 1 hour train ride through the Avon valley. Every weekend in Dec 6 departures from 10.30 am till 4.30pm £8

Steam & Diesel Day Sat 4 Dec

Avon Valley Railway

Further details contact 0117 932 5538 or www.avonvalleyrailway.org

Charlton Park

WOMAD - World Music Festival 2011

WOMAD - early bird ticket sales till 4 Jan 2011

Thurs 28 - Sun 31 July 2011 SN16 residents' tickets £85 (max 6 tickets per SN16 household)/ Day tickets on sale now) Early bird weekend tickets £120 till

4 Jan 2011 Teenage weekend tickets £70 (must be accompanied by an adult ticket holder

Further details contact 0870 759 96623 or www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park

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Malmesbury Activity Zone 01666 822533

Malmesbury Library 01666 823611

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Malmesbury Primary Care Centre 01666 825825

Malmesbury Secondary School 01666 829700

Malmesbury Youth Centre 0799 0908550

MP James Gray 01249 652851

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