



We have lift-off



Thanks to the efforts of patients and a generous donation from the Malmesbury League of Friends, the Tolsey Surgery has managed to raise enough money to install a new chairlift.

Pictured are Bill and Gwen Mason, and Dr Pip Pettit demonstrating good use of the new lift.

Dr Pettit said 'Thanks go to all those who kindly donated, especially Granville Brown who ran the London Marathon and Jock Walker who was featured in the April Cliffhanger shaving his head to raise money.'

The surgery's next project is to replace its out of date ECG machine with one that can download ECGs on to the computer and send them to the local Cardiology unit for an opinion if needed.

Over the moon

In our May issue we told you that the Sherston Showgirls were going on the Playtex Moonwalk in aid of breast cancer charities.

Now the Showgirls – Anne-Marie Pritchett, Sam Pyle, Kirstie Blair and Tess Leatherland - tell us how it went.

'We walked, we talked, we laughed, we even cried - but we did it. We all completed the 26.2 miles around London on May 16. It was an experience we wouldn't have missed – and we managed to raise a staggering £1,653 – a massive thank you to all of you who helped us achieve this.'

Giant steps for womankind.

Bonfire smoke nuisance

A number of residents are complaining about the smoke from neighbours' bonfires.

The school in particular has been suffering and there have been occasions when the classrooms and the school kitchen have been inundated with smoke.

This is not only troublesome; for people with respiratory problems it can be positively dangerous.

Gardeners are asked to be considerate and remember that there are other ways of disposing of garden waste: compost what you can and take the rest to the tip.

In the last resort, if smoke from a bonfire is creating a nuisance Wiltshire Council has powers to take action under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Parking clampdown warning

Community Beat Manager pc Bowden has received numerous complaints about parking on the junction of Court Street and Church Street. He now intends to get tough with offenders.

Pc Bowden said 'The problem has been assessed and it is clear that any vehicle parked on or within fifteen metres of the junction is causing an unnecessary obstruction to other road users and pedestrians. In the interests of safety, it is my intention to issue fixed penalty tickets to any vehicle seen to be contravening Section 137 of the Highways Act 1980.'

He goes on 'This is clearly not the best use of police time and resources and therefore I ask that people apply common sense and consideration to avoid any police intervention'

Election results

John Thomson has been elected to represent Sherston on the new unitary Wiltshire Council.

The full Sherston results of the 4 June elections were:
 Ashby, Ian - Liberal Democrats 470 (25.3 per cent)
 Ford, Susan Marion - Labour Party 77 (4.1 per cent)
 Thomson, John Percy Simon Stuart - Conservative Party 1,299 (69.9 per cent)

The turnout in Sherston was 50.7 per cent and there were 13 spoiled votes.

Having won more than 60 per cent of the votes cast in the county, the Conservatives control Wiltshire Council.

The six members elected to represent the South West in the European Parliament are:

- * Giles Chichester (Conservative Party)
- * Bernard Colman
(United Kingdom Independence Party)
- * Graham Watson (Liberal Democrats)
- * Julie Girling (Conservative Party)
- * William Dartmouth
(United Kingdom Independence Party)
- * Ashley Fox (Conservative Party)

The overall turnout for the South West region was 38.87 per cent compared to 37.8 per cent in 2004.

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FARM Africa thanks

FARM-Africa would like to thank the people of Sherston and all those who came to support the plant sale held in the village hall on May 17. Whether they came to bring or buy plants or just to enjoy the delicious tea and coffee kindly supplied by the Sherston Tea Company, they all contributed to the grand total of £962.

Special thanks go to Sherston Parva Nurseries, who donated several stunning clematis plants in full bloom. The success of the sale was largely due to the high quality of the plants provided, but those present were also entertained by the wonderful drumming of the Cirencester-based Omanyen - African Drum and Dance UK (tel: 01285 650475 - contact Alice)

The money earned will go towards many projects designed to help poor African farmers improve their productivity and so move out of poverty to a sustainable livelihood.

Fruit trees for Sherston School



Sherston School year five pupils Colleen Wall and Rosie Pyle accepting a generous donation of fruit trees at Whitehall Garden Centre, Lacock. Whitehall owner Mrs Self is on the left of the picture. The trees have now been planted in the school's allotment area.

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Sherston 10k run

It's tough, it's hilly, it's in Sherston and it's 10K – yes the Sherston 10K run in aid of the cricket club is back and will take place on Sunday 20 September at 10am.

The run will start and finish at Sherston Cricket Club and the route will be as last year.

There will be the usual prizes for first, second and third in the ladies and men's event. Last year's winners were Debbie Marsden from Bristol in 38.04 and John Terry, also from Bristol, in 36.02. There will also be a prize for the first husband and wife team, which was awarded last year for the first time and went to Paul and Joyce Dodd from Chippenham Harriers.

The much coveted awards for first Sherston lady and first Sherston man were won last year by Rachel Caston in 52.20 and Richard Jobson in 40.34 respectively.

So get those running shoes on and start training.

There is an entry fee of £7 in advance or £9 on the day. Anyone interested in entering please contact Caroline Dickenson on 01666 840168 or sherston10k@aol.com.

Fiver giveaway

Would you like £5?

If so, come to Sherston Church at 9.30am on Sunday 5 July and you will be given a five pound note.

All you are asked to do is use your £5 in a creative way. This could be anything from selling home grown vegetables, produce such as jams/pickles or hosting a barbecue and charging an entry fee. It might be making candles, holding a 'Glam Originals' party or putting the £5 towards materials and selling your art work.

The emphasis is on participating in a community activity while generating funds for the Church.

Please contact Ness Whiffin, Churchwarden, 840185, if you would like further details.

Get snapping



October 2009 sees the return of the biennial Sherston Arts Festival photographic competition. There will be a wide range of categories to choose from:

Interpret a book title, Doors and gateways, Seasons, What I did this summer, Flora and fauna in and around Sherston

There will be three competitor categories: adults, eleven to sixteen-year-olds and under elevens. There will also be a best in show trophy, for which the public will be asked to vote, and twelve of the best photos will be used in a Sherston calendar which will be on sale in the post office in time for Christmas.

More information and entry forms will be available from www.sherston.net/artsfestival.html

If you're interested in helping with the event contact Carron Wilson tel 01666 841387 or e-mail KCUnderwater@hotmail.com.

Calling young artists

Do you enjoy painting and drawing? Would you like a project for the summer holidays? How would you like to see your work displayed as part of Sherston Arts Festival in October?

Age categories range from 4yrs to 18yrs. Subject categories are:

A character or scene from a favourite book, Space, Under the Sea and Dinosaurs.

Entry forms will be available from Boules Day.

Bric-a-brac wanted

Pyke Boarding Kennels are running a bric-a-brac stall on Boules Day in aid of animal charities. The charities are the Brooke Hospital for Animals (www.thebrooke.org) and The Jane Reynolds Foundation in Palma. (www.cantrocaninointernational.org). If anyone has any items that they would like to donate to these deserving charities, please either drop them off at the kennels in Sherston or call Angela on 07748 971465 to arrange a free collection.

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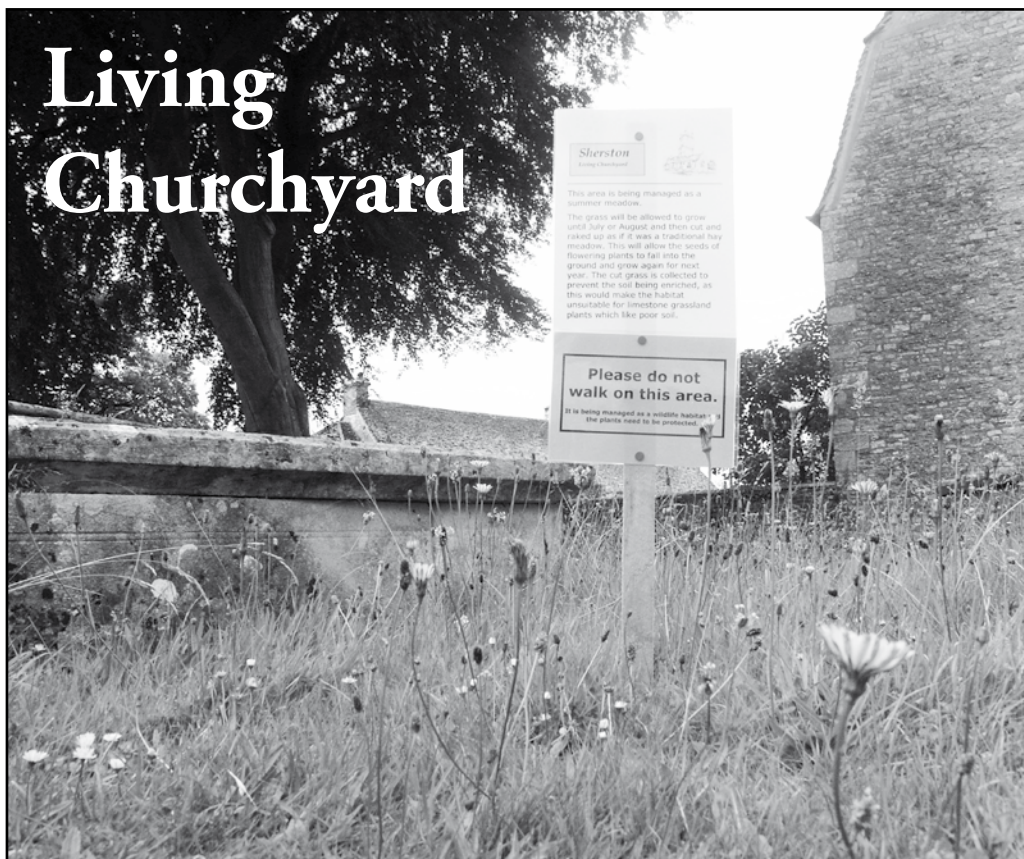


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Living Churchyard



In our June issue we reported that Sue Robinson was exploring the possibility of changing the management of Sherston churchyard so that it could become a Living Churchyard. Here she provides us with an update.

A small start has been made on what has the potential to be a huge project. Mr. Ivan Randall from Stanton St. Quintin, who is the chief adviser to the Living Churchyard project in Wiltshire, has visited our churchyard to help us make our first steps, for which I am very grateful, particularly as he does all his work in a voluntary capacity. An initial survey has found more than forty types of flowering plant in the churchyard and two areas have now been selected for management to conserve wildlife.

One is to the left of the front path as you go towards the church. There the grass is being left uncut to form a "summer meadow" and already a large patch of marguerites or ox-eye daisies has come into

flower after years of being chopped off by the mower before this could happen. In late July or August the area will be cut and the mown grass cleared away. By this time the flowering plants will have had time to set seed which will fall into the ground, so that there are more flowers for next year. This kind of management is similar to that of a traditional hay meadow and is practised in nature reserves such as North Meadow in Cricklade, famous for its fritillaries in the spring. The hope is that over time more plant species will raise their heads or naturalise into the area from outside the churchyard.

The second area now under management is a

'woodland' area either side of the path from the gate near Anthony Close. Here quite a few woodland plants, such as violets, wild strawberries and lords and ladies are already growing. The work done there so far has involved the clearance of seedlings of elder and bramble to allow the smaller plants to grow more strongly.

I have had a lot of expressions of support for this project and some concrete offers of help so I am confident that things will continue to move forward, albeit slowly at first. By the time you read this you may have taken the opportunity to visit the churchyard as part of the church Open Gardens Trail on June 21 and seen what is going on. If you are interested in getting involved more help will always be welcome and I look forward to hearing from anyone who is interested.

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July meetings

There is a clutch of meetings this month before the summer holidays begin in earnest.

The first meeting of Wiltshire Council's new area board for Malmesbury and the villages takes place on Wednesday July 2 at 7pm at Malmesbury Town Hall. There there will be plenty of opportunities to voice your views on local issues. Please note the date and venue have changed from those given the June edition.

Again at Malmesbury Town Hall but this time on Wednesday July 15, arrival from 6.30pm for 7pm, there is the AGM of Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Partnership (M&VCAP). Find out what the partnership has been doing and discover the opportunities available for you to make a difference. The guest speaker is Sgt Martin Alvis from the local neighbourhood police team. If you want to go, please email Alison Cross-Jones on alison.cross-jones@greensquaregroup.com or phone her on 01666 822202. For further information visit www.malmesburyandthevillages.net

Finally on Thursday July 16 at 7.30pm in the village hall there is the parish council's monthly meeting. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities for you to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meetings but have something to raise please contact the clerk Mrs. Sarah Wood on 01666 840351 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the parish council via the response form on the website www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read. Please note there is no meeting in August.

Salsa classes

Salsaflex are running salsa classes every Monday from 7.30 pm in the village hall.

Experienced instructors teach both absolute beginners and improvers. It's a great way to have fun and keep fit. Both men and women are needed to make the class as good as possible, so it's hoped that men won't be too shy to come along.

Taking part couldn't be simpler. There is no booking required - just turn up. Classes cost £5 for the evening (around 2 hours).

To find out more visit www.salsaflex.com or call Fitz on 07950 711405.

Tombola totals up

Last month's plea for items for the Boules tombola stall run by Sherston parish council has already brought a goodly supply to prize coordinator Cilla Liddington, but she needs more to meet her long-held desire of a 1000 total. Please rifle through your cupboards for those unwanted gifts, odd tins of produce... in fact almost anything. There have been some wonderful donations over the years, so keep them coming. Prizes can be left with Cilla at 37 High Street Sherston or at Sherston Sunday Papers in the village hall between 7.30 am and 11.30 am

Dorothy House Hospice

Please remember the Open Garden and Fete in aid of the Dorothy House Hospice.

This is being held at Bybrook in Bustlers Hill at 2pm on July 4th. There will be stalls for books, bric-a-brac, cakes, plants, games and a raffle and there is ample parking.

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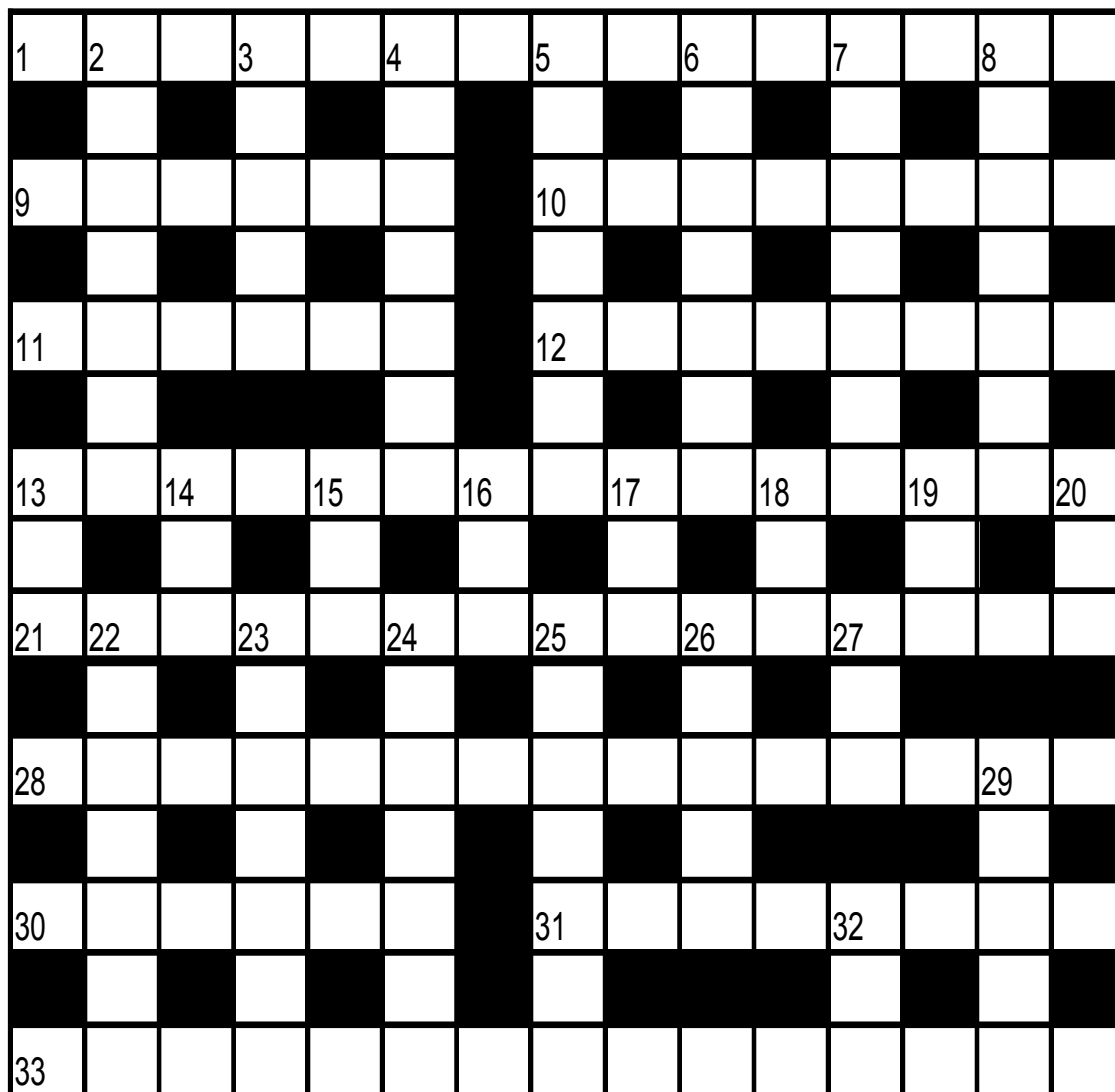


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Cliffhanger July Crossword



Clues across:

1. Nice tenet or deal for anglo-french understanding (7,8)
9. Organism cuts short a champagne degree (6)
10. Confirm once more that twisted fear preludes company (8)
11. What could have been once by Kipling? (4,2)
12. Stereotypically French, ami? - "non", no translation (5,3)
13. Original Boules team in financial services (8,7)
21. Setters apologise for many answers (6,3,6)
28. Where in French musical for current team? (3,12)
30. French pictorial creation that is holding wise man (6)
31. US soldier in French second team (4,4)
33. Object of each Boules game (5,2,8)

Clues down

2. Insignificant and confused lion-man (7)
3. Foe from Yemen? (5)
4. Twitch covers service found initially in hold up? (7)
5. Vehicle share for fish backing John? (3,4)
6. To direct French films, the penny drops (7)

7. I replace last of Spanish King's daughter to become Italian actor (7)
8. Cypriot city a carnal mess (7)
13. Mushroom held by nice Parisian (3)
14. Mistake contained in general fruit (3)
15. Vow held back by good I promised (3)
16. Fuss concerning a party (3)
17. US band reflect French water (3)
18. This is hard in French! (3)
19. Half a French dance? (3)
20. Note from La Halle? (3)
22. French not against you? (4,3)
23. Mother before long time gets compensation (7)
24. Ten cans change to come into existence (7)
25. Goalpost of good standing (7)
26. Tale of weak French I missed (5)
27. HIJKLMNO translated to French? (3)
29. French study? (5)
32. How the French say (3)

Village hall 200+ club

April Winners

1st	Martin Smith (no.187)	£11
2nd	Pat Crombie (no. 205)	£10
3rd	Mrs J.Broom (no.271)	£9
4th	Deirdre Wilde (no.199)	£8
5th	Danni Williams (no.80)	£7
6th	L. Faraher (no.123)	£6
7th	David Hibbard (no.172)	£5

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

Sherston 1016

As ever, members of Sherston 1016 are helping out at this year's Boules & Carnival. On Sunday 12 July at Grove Wood field (opposite Stretchline) they will be organising that great favourite, the tug - of - war from 11am onwards. With a barrel of beer at stake for the men and a case of wine for the ladies why not organise a team? Entry is £8 a team of eight via Paul Ormiston on 01666 840694 or email pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk Children will also be able to have a go with a free mass pull at the end of the adult competition. To get everyone in fine pulling form there will be a licensed bar and barbecue on site.

On Boules Day itself, Saturday 11 July, Sherston 1016 will be running two stalls in the High Street to raise funds for the senior citizens' Christmas vouchers. Their ever popular bookstall will be present and if you have any books, videos, CDs or DVDs to donate please leave them at Grays of Sherston before Boules Day. The second stall is a new venture for Sherston 1016 – a crepe stall. Master chefs Richard and Tom Langley will be in charge with the rest of the team as their kitchen staff. They look forward to seeing you on what is always a great occasion.

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Old news

Reproduced below is a snapshot of what the parish council were up to in July 1909 from North Wilts Herald.

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PARISH COUNCIL. – The quarterly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, all the members being present. Dr Fletcher was appointed a school manager in the place of the late Mr George Beak and a member of the parochial (water) committee in the place of Mr W Jobbins, resigned. It was decided not to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Mr G Beak as the triennial election takes place next year. It was also decided that no remuneration should be paid to the Clerk for making out and collecting special expenses rate, it being considered that the fixed salary was ample payment for all the duties pertaining to the office of Assistant Overseer and Clerk to the Parish Council. A satisfactory explanation was given with regard to the alleged irregularity in payment of the tithe in connection with Iddols Charity referred to at the last meeting of the Council. Mr G. Smith called attention to the water supply complaints of which had been received from various parts of the parish. The clerk was instructed to write to the Rural District Council and call attention to the matter.

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TREEtalk

What's this all about?

You may have read in last month's issue of the Cliffhanger that I am Sherston's first tree warden. It's a voluntary post, (supported by Sherston Parish Council and Wiltshire Council) under a national scheme to enable people to conserve and enhance their local trees and woods. As someone who has recently retrained in horticulture (after years of slog in an office), I feel I can offer some knowledge and bags of enthusiasm. Arboriculture is a huge subject so my tree ID book will become a permanent accessory when I'm out and about. I'll be writing a diary column in Cliffhanger every month, so here we go with number one....

If you were down at the woods that day.....

Sunday 14 June saw the launch of the Grove Wood project. This was an enjoyable introduction to the two-acre site for over 70 residents and offspring. In addition to kids' tree counting and leaf collection competitions, there were fascinating green woodworking and weaving displays by the Cotswold Woodland Crafts organisation.

We hope that Grove wood will become a focus of village activity over the next few years. There are so

many different ways of becoming involved – you don't need to be able to wield a chainsaw or be a tree expert to take part. There will be monthly updates on progress so no worries about a lack of information! A leaflet giving further information is being circulated with this issue of Cliffhanger. If you feel you would like to do something for the community, please tick the appropriate box(es) on the leaflet and return to me.

Lots of fun for kids...

School children are constantly learning about the importance of looking after the environment. If Grove Wood can play a small part in encouraging their interest and motivation, it will have contributed something of lasting value. These competitions hopefully will get them going!

Get your paints out

Paint or draw a picture of some of the trees and plants (and/or wildlife) in the wood. The entries will be displayed at the Sherston Flower, Vegetable & Produce Show on August 31. There will be a prize for the winner and runners-up. Just bring your entry to the village hall by 10.00 am on the day.

A logo for Grove Wood

We would like Grove Wood to have its own special image (just as Boules Day has its own). Draw an outline of a tree or shrub with the words 'Grove Wood' around it – and the winning logo will be reproduced on all leaflets, information sheets and press releases.



The winner will receive a cash prize. All entries to be submitted by Friday 24 July and should be sent to Sarah Wood, Clerk to the Council, 23 Cliff Road, Sherston SN16 0LN Sarah's email is clerk@sherston.org.uk

Did you know?

There are about 20,000 tree species in the world. Britain has some 80% of all the 'ancient' trees in Europe.

Some trees can "talk" to each other. When willows are attacked by webworms and caterpillars, they emit a chemical that alerts nearby willow of the danger. Those trees then respond by pumping more tannin into their leaves making it difficult for the insects to digest the leaves.



*Speckled wood (pararge aegeria)
resting in Grove Wood*

A wild fig tree at Echo Caves, near Ohrigstad, Mpumalanga, South Africa has roots reaching 400 feet deep.

Britain's oldest tree is probably the Fortingall Yew in Tayside, pictured right, which is believed to be over 3,000 years old.



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Village party

The village hall committee is pleased to announce that Sherston's favourite (well almost) band will be playing at this year's event on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August. Yes you've guessed it – the Mangledwurzelz are back! The party takes place between 12 noon and 6pm at the hall and field with entry completely free. Everyone is invited especially all those from the surrounding parishes.

As well as the Mangledwurzelz the party will also see the return of the Sherston Flower Vegetable and Produce Show featuring a special potato show organised by SAGA (Sherston Allotment and Garden Association). Schedules will be available from Sherston Post Office Stores and Sherston Parva Nursery from mid July.

Our free stalls idea has gone down well, with a number of charities, community groups and local businesses already booking their pitches. If you would like a stall, which includes the use of a 6ft x 2ft table, please contact Margot Holland: phone 01666 841019 or email mplholland@btinternet.com. Stalls can be accommodated either in the marquees or outside, so please give your preference when booking. There is no problem with a limited number of gazebos on the field.



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Villagers have their say

Parking and traffic produced the most heated debates at May's annual parish meeting.

'High Street residents are putting cones outside their houses to reserve parking spaces,' said Malcolm Hillier. 'How are they getting away with it?'

High Street householder Bob Broadway said spaces were being taken by hikers and people driving to work there from The Tarters and Manor Close.

Another High Street resident, parish councillor Cilla Liddington, said parking was inevitable at the doctors' surgery and that hikers brought trade.

Mrs Liddington added that bad parking where Silver Street meets Cliff Road was restricting access and endangering elderly householders needing the emergency services.

After a suggestion from Wiltshire councillor John Thomson, Ness Whiffin undertook to ask her fellow school governors about using the school car park at weekends and holiday times.

Meanwhile, Mike Barnes asked on behalf of Willesley whether a 30mph speed restriction and a weight limit could be imposed in the hamlet.

The parish council will first establish the problems by requesting a 'golden river' - two cables across the road - to register speeds and the mix of vehicles.

John Hall raised similar concerns relating to speeding traffic along Tetbury Lane. These would also be addressed.

On the Old School Project, parish council chairman John Matthews said it was in a strong financial position.

Because of the economic downturn, the parish council had reduced its offer for the site from £450,000 to £323,000. Two local trusts had offered a total of £340,000 and the project could borrow up to £500,000 from the Public Works Loan Board.

However, while there was an agreement to the old school scheme in principle, there was still none in writing and there could be no long-term plans until the building had been bought, he said.

In addition, £75,000 would be paid for control of the field behind the village hall.

Other positive events, added Mr Matthews, included the introduction of Cliffhanger and the footpath group and a new school classroom.

Also, the parish council had leased Grove Wood as a community wood.

The year's frustrations included enforcement problems with footpaths and unauthorised development and the lack of plastic and cardboard recycling facilities.

But Mr Thomson reported that legal enforcement was under way over the unauthorised development at Luckington Lane.

Watch out for these scams

Our region is being targeted with two scams: one relating to BT telephone bills, the other to car sales.

Conmen claiming to be from BT are ringing and alleging that householders are liable for an unpaid bill, usually between £30 and £70. When challenged, the caller attempts to demonstrate control by disconnecting the victim's phone line for a few minutes. He/she may then call back and claim the consumer had been sent the bill and it must be paid immediately or the phone line will be disconnected. Any payment made appears to go to an online company.

BT advises consumers never to give personal and banking details over the phone unless they are certain who they are dealing with. BT also confirms that, in any event, they would never make this kind of call.

The other scam involves vehicle matching firms. These firms approach people selling their cars and promise to match them with definite buyers.

Typically, having placed an advert in a magazine, on a website or in a newspaper, the seller is cold-called by phone. The caller promises that a buyer exists for the advertised vehicle but requires the advertiser to pay a matcher's fee upfront before the sale is completed. However in many cases there is no buyer, the contract with the vehicle matcher can't be cancelled and any money paid is lost.

We have been advised of these scams by Consumer Direct, an offshoot of the Office of Fair Trading (OFT).

If you get any suspicious phone calls telling you that you owe money to BT, or promising to put you in touch with a buyer for a vehicle you've advertised, you are advised to call Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

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There are two digesters on offer made by Green Cone Ltd of Nottingham.

Both take all cooked and uncooked food waste including meat, fish, bones, dairy products, vegetables and fruit.

The first, the Green Cone, uses solar power to ensure the total breakdown of food waste into its natural components of water and carbon dioxide. The manufacturers say this produces a minimal amount of residue which only needs to be removed every few years.

The Green Cone, which usually sells for £69.55, is now only £15 when collected from a sales event.

The second digester, the Green Johanna, takes garden as well as food waste and produces compost for the garden.

Usually priced at £98.99, it costs £20 when collected from a sales event.

Both digesters incur an additional £5 charge for home delivery.

Contrary to Green Cone Ltd's advice, the waste partnership's Recycle for Wiltshire team does not advise putting corn starch bin liners in the Green Johanna.

The digesters can be bought on line from www.greencone.com. Enter your postcode into the Discounts box and click Go. Ordering on line qualifies for a further £1 discount.

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Vive le sport!



July in Sherston means just one thing – Boules and Carnival.

From Saturday 4 July to Sunday 12 July there are a whole host of events for all to enjoy, coming to a climax with Boules Day itself on Saturday 11. Full details will be found in the enclosed leaflet. Further copies are available throughout the village.



New this year is Jazz on the Lawn, which takes place on the village hall field on Saturday 4 July. The nineteen-piece Park Lane Big Band will play jazz and swing from the Ellington/Miller era.. Gates open at 6pm with music from 7 to 11. Bar provided but please bring your own rugs and picnics. Tickets £10 on sale from Sherston Post Office Stores, children under 18 free.

Be sure not to miss the fancy dress football match at the sports field at 7pm on Friday 10 July between Sherston FC (flushed with success following their recent promotion) and the OAFS (Occasionally Athletic Fathers of Sherston). It was hilarious last year with great skill being shown as well as some bizarre outfits. Bar and barbecue.



A late extra attraction this year will be a TractorFest on the village hall field on Boules Day itself. Barry Snell is exhibiting his 1939 Renault vineyard tractor and a number of other enthusiasts will be bringing along their treasured machines. If you want to take part contact Barry on 01666 840321.

Boules and Carnival is primarily a fun event but is also an important fundraiser for many local community groups and charities, with well over £100,000 being raised in the twenty-odd years



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since the two events were combined. To maintain this level of success sponsorship to meet upfront costs has always been essential. This hasn't been easy to raise in the middle of the recession. A very big thank you is due to all those local companies who have dug deep at this difficult time to make donations.

The event doesn't materialise overnight. The committee has been working hard for well over eight months to make sure all runs as smoothly as possible, and the many groups who help out at the individual events will also be putting in a tremendous amount of effort. As ever though, more help is required, especially on Boules Day itself. If you can help set up the High Street please assemble outside the Old Pharmacy from 6am armed with shovels and rakes to help lay the pitches and set out all the trestle tables for the stalls. Clearing up is just as important, so if you can help turn up at the bar in the High Street from 5pm. Assistance would also be appreciated at the container behind the tennis courts at the Sportsfield on Sunday 12 July at 12 noon. Please help if you possibly can and don't leave it all to that mythical 'someone' who will always turn up.

All we now need is for everyone to enjoy themselves and for the weather to be kind.

Vive le sport!

Cricket Round-Up

It was a great pity that the cricket team was a man short for the top-of-the-table clash away to Great Rissington in June. Sherston scored a very creditable 200-9, thanks in large part to Ian Gould's 86, which took his average for the season so far to 48. In spite of Richard Cartwright's 3-16, Great Rissington chased down 201 for the loss of six wickets, ending Sherston's unbeaten record. Who knows what may have happened had Sherston been able to put out a full XI?

Still, the cricket team remains well positioned in the SweetFuels League Table, having beaten NATs by seven wickets earlier in the month. The fixture the previous week against Oakridge was a casualty of the weather.

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Chedworth CC	8	4	2	2	25	19	0	84	14
Adlestrop CC	8	3	3	2	18	22	0	70	11.67
Cricklade CC	8	3	4	1	14	24	0	68	9.71
South Cerney CC	8	2	5	1	17	25	0	62	8.86
Windrush Valley CC	8	2	5	1	16	22	0	58	8.29
N.A.T.'s CC	8	1	5	2	14	13	0	37	6.17
Coates CC	8	1	5	2	9	10	0	29	4.83

'p' = Played, 'w' = Won (10 points), 'l' = Lost (0 points), 'c' = Cancelled (0 points), 'batp' = Batting Bonus Points, 'bowp' = Bowling Bonus Points, 'pen' = Penalty Points, 'nrr' = Net Run Rate, 'ave' = Average Points, 'pts' = Total Points

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THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

The last few months have been extremely busy for members of the Order with the most vital tasks being the sowing and subsequent care of the young mangolds for this year's hurl. Excellent seed germination as ever has given the crop a flying start and by October we could have a magnificent crop on our hands. The variety Red Mammoth looks set to be a beauty with its scarlet stems which contrast so wonderfully with those of Yellow Eckendorf. Now is the time to give extra attention to your ornamental pot mangolds especially as you will be able to enter your finest specimen in the Sherston Flower, Vegetable and Produce Show to be held on Bank holiday Monday 31 August. If you haven't any young plants yourself specimens of both varieties are available from Sherston Post Office Stores and Sherston Parva Nursery in exchange for a donation towards Sherston 1016 funds.



Amelie Smith arrives at her Maid Making ceremony to a guard of honour of wurzel sticks

Whit Sunday's Mangold Maid Making ceremony gave members an opportunity to relax with a fair few jars of scrumpy whilst enjoying the spectacle of the crowning at the Rattlebone Inn of this year's Mangold Maid Miss Amelie Smith, a spinster of the parish, much to the visible and at times quite emotional delight of her parents Mr and Mrs Kevin Smith. Already Miss Smith has been on a whirlwind



The Order's acting chairman Martin Rea crowns Amelie this year's Mangold Maid

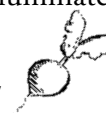
of visits to fellow Orders acting in the time honoured role as chaperone to their less experienced maids in her capacity as the maid of one of the country's most long established Orders.

Confirmation of a team from Cardiff attending the Hurl on Sunday 4th October has now been received as well as the possibility of a team from Lacock making an entry. As this year's event sees the 75th Anniversary of the Alderton Altercation the Order is sending a special delegation to the Old Royal Ship in an attempt to persuade members of the now unfortunately non hurling Luckington Order to take up the sport once more and enter a team. This would put an end to the somewhat bitter differences between the two Orders since that fateful day in 1934 and subsequent acquittal of the Sherston contingent at Devizes Quarter Sessions the following spring. Isn't it now time for peace and reconciliation however deep feelings have run on both sides over the years? We hope so.

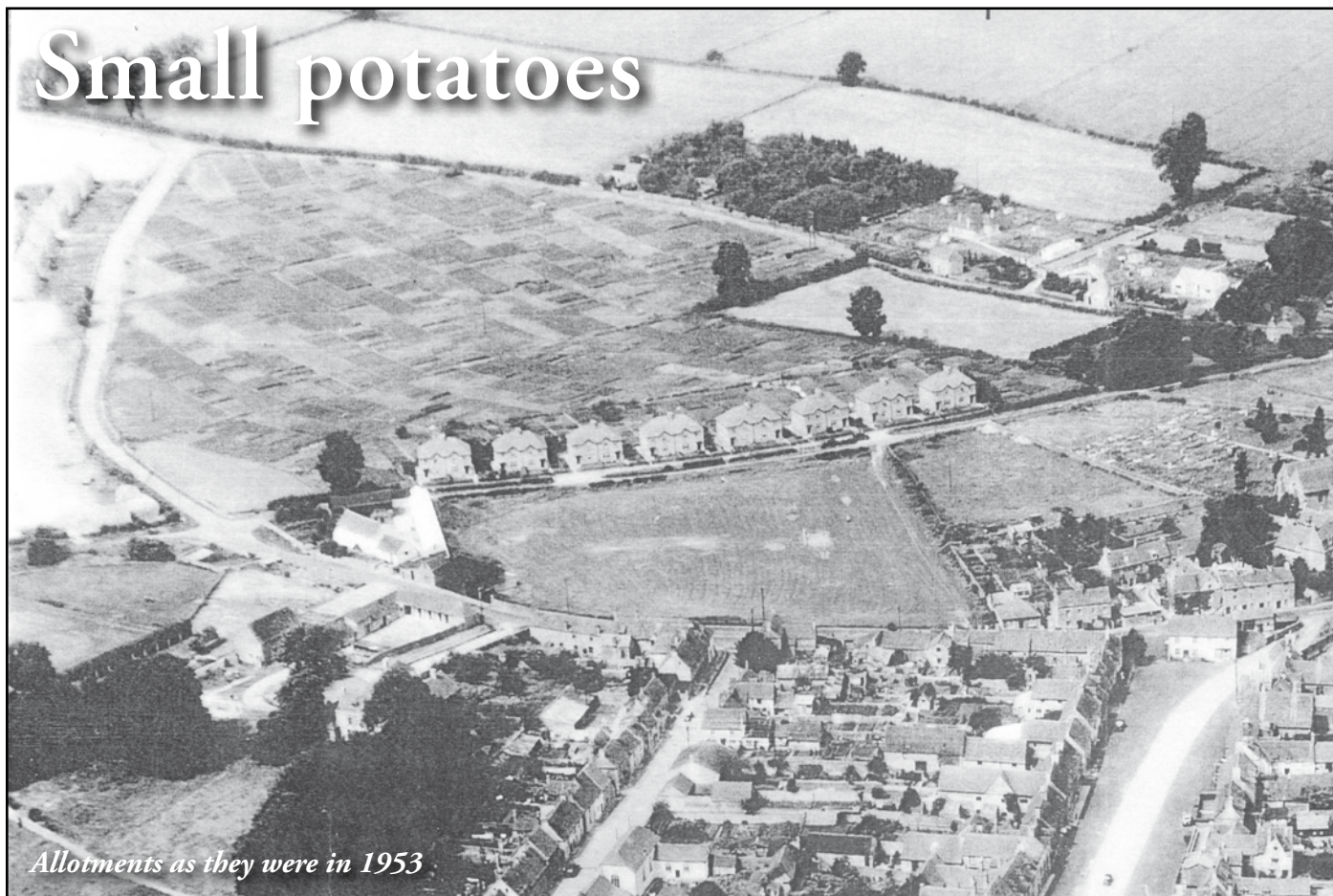
Should you wish to know more of the Order and of its ancient ways please speak to Mr. Jason Read the Keeper of the Maids at the Rattlebone Inn who will be pleased to illuminate you.

Yarp!

Keeper of the quill



Small potatoes



Allotments as they were in 1953

SAGA (Sherston Allotments and Garden Association) will support the village party on August Bank Holiday Monday with an appropriate show of local produce. SAGA actually grew from this event last year.

A Sherston potato show was considered suitable in view of Sherston villagers' unfortunate nickname of 'small potatoes'. There will be three conventional classes: early and second early; main; and salad. And two sections: one for SAGA members and one open to all. There will also be potato-based competitions for children and adults, and a defiant search for Sherston potatoes small enough to fit into a matchbox in order to see if this vile rumour proves to be anything but an undeserved calumny.

SAGA is well and the allotments prosper. Most

tenants and some supporters have signed up, together with a number from the allotments waiting list. The subscription is £4 a year, for which members receive the benefit of affiliation to the national association, savings from bulk orders on seeds, a generous price reduction in purchases from Sherston Parva Nursery and good relations with the parish council and village community.

The parish council has agreed to the addition of new plots and an amnesty for plot sharers. More ways of increasing allotment provision are to be explored with parish council representatives, together with other policy matters, and membership advantages.

New members, especially supporters, should contact the vice-chairman, Richard Maslen (01666 840387 or maslens@tiscali.co.uk).

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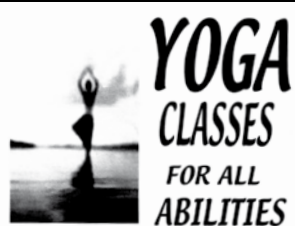
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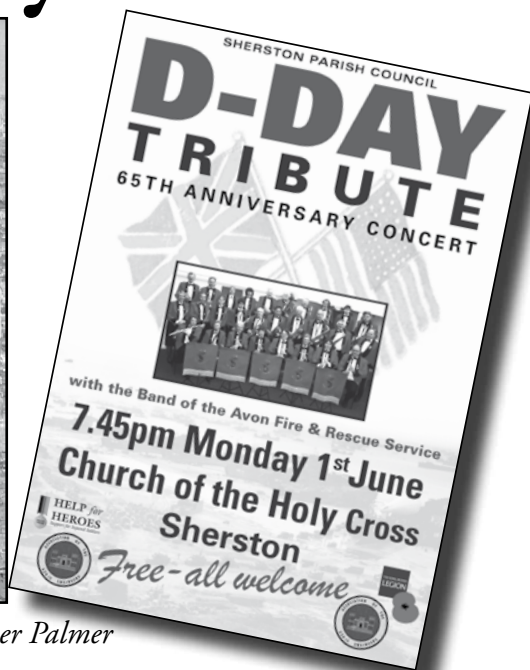
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Sherston's D-Day tribute

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John Matthews, Nick Grant-Thorold, Gregory J. Krzyzanowski, Christopher Palmer



The concert organised by the parish council in the Church of the Holy Cross on the evening of June 1 was a great success. Over 180 people attended and the Avon Fire and Rescue Service Band with their director Percy Miles entertained marvellously throughout. Poems were read by Senior Master Sergeant Gregory J. Krzyzanowski, USAF Superintendent, 420th Air Base Squadron Fairford and Pinkney resident Lieutenant Colonel Nick Grant-Thorold of The King's Royal Hussars. These added greatly to the occasion as did the attendance of Master Sergeant Christopher Palmer, First Sergeant, 420th Air Base Group Fairford. The reflection and prayers led by lay minister Mrs. Marjorie Morgan were greatly appreciated.

The presence of Tom Jensen's nephew Keith Bollman, representing the 626th Engineers Association was

particularly fitting as he was able to film the concert for them all to enjoy back in the States. His uncle had very kindly contributed \$100 towards the costs of the



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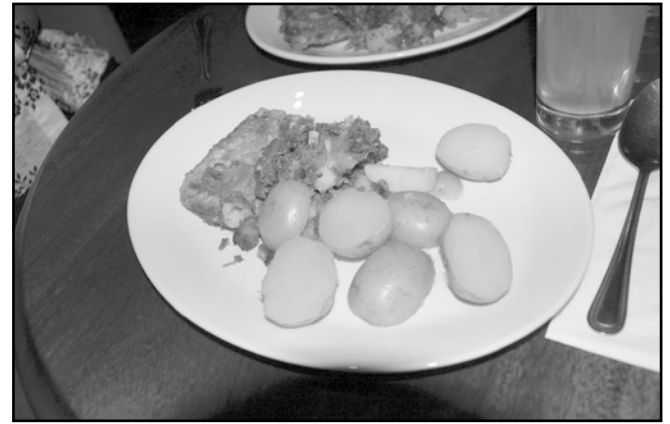
event. (Incidentally, Tom and Eve Jensen have written to say how much they and their fellow veterans appreciated Cliffhanger's D-Day articles, especially the photo of Chester Dziedzina. He was wounded on D-Day and survives with so many plates and screws that his colleagues call him their bionic man.)

Thanks must go to the vicar the Reverend Andrew Evans, curate Eve Pegler and churchwarden Ness Whiffin for the use of the Church for the concert. Thanks also to Pat Whitehouse for the floral arrangements and Heather Martin for the interval

refreshments. The parish council is also most grateful to Sue Daybell for the beautiful wreath placed on the war memorial in the lychgate.

Very special thanks are due to Anthony Price who was superb in obtaining the services of the band and assisting with all the concert arrangements.

The retiring collection for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal resulted in a most generous total of £470.



After the concert many retired to the Rattlebone Inn to enjoy a wonderful wartime buffet produced by Jason Read and his staff. The corned beef hash, spam fritters, potatoes and cabbage proved to be a resounding and somewhat suprising sucess especially when followed by a plateful of orange jelly. Thanks to all at the pub for such a magnificent spread.

A special D-Day exhibition was mounted in the church. This proved very popular with residents and visitors alike. Thanks are due to Paul Ormiston of Compass Graphic Design for designing and printing the exhibition graphics as well as the concert programme and all the publicity material. Thanks too to Roger Whitehouse for all his 'back of house' assistance with both the exhibition and the concert.

If you missed the exhibition there will be opportunities to see it again this year on Boules Day and at the village party in August.



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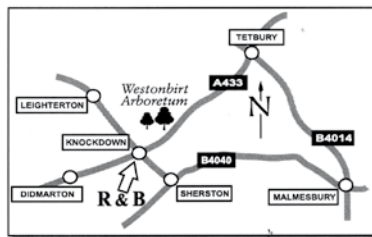


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Congregational church

Services each Sunday 11 am - 12.00

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

Village hall 200+ club

Monthly draw prizes ranging from £10-£4 for a £6 annual
stake. If any new members of the village would like to join,
contact either Mary Goulding no 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 12 June 7.30 for 7.45pm. Admission £1.50 including
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Ladies' swimming club

The Club is open to any ladies from Sherston or the
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for 15 weeks. Shorter summer memberships may be possible.
To join please phone Annabel Clifton on 840592 or Heather
Martin on 840375.

Sherston Young Craft Group

Mondays 6.45 – 8.15pm in the village hall (9 years and over).
£2.50 (incl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each
half term. To join, please contact Sue Ormiston on 840694

Senior Club

Meets at 2.30pm in the British School Room every other
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Clem's Club

Clem invites 'cheerful chaps for a chair and a chat' in the
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Church bell-ringing

Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 - 9.00 pm. Bell-ringing
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churchgoer or not. Call Geoff Martin 840375 or just come
along on the night.

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

Meet the 4 new elected members of Wiltshire Council at the
first meeting of Malmesbury area board now rescheduled for
Wed 2 July at 7pm at Malmesbury Town Hall

AGM of Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Partnership

Wed July 15, 6.30pm for 7pm start at Malmesbury Town Hall.
For further information visit www.malmesburyandthevillages.net
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Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 16 July at 7.30pm in the village hall. NB there is no
meeting in August. Minutes of meetings can be read online at
www.sherston.org.uk. Further details contact Sarah Wood on
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SHOCC – Sherston's Occasional Community Choir

Meets every Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm in the British School
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Sherston W.I.

Meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the
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A warm welcome awaits visitors and new members. For further
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Salsa @ Sherston

Salsaflex have now started running salsa classes every Monday
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*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

Sherston

Boules & Carnival Week

Events include:

Sat 4 July 6pm - Jazz on the Lawn - 19 piece jazz band playing from 7pm bring a picnic & rug Bar available £10 per adult, children free

Sun 5 July Footpaths group walk departs from village hall 10.30am Free

Mon 6 July Quiz night at the Carpenters Arms 7.30pm £12 per team

Tues 7 July Afternoon musical tea in the British School Rooms 2pm free entry

Wed 8 July Skittles Tournament at The Rattlebone 8pm £5

Thurs 9 July Children's Disco in the Village hall Primary school ages 6pm - 7pm Free

Friday 10 Junior football tournament 4pm followed by adult match in drag & a BBQ on the pitch (contact Andy Irvine 01666 824874 to enter a team) Free

Seniors' Exhibition preview evening in the British School Rooms £4 including wine

Sat 11 July - Boules Day & Carnival

Boules matches start at 9.30am, Church bell tower open from 2 - 3.45pm, Church flower display, French cafe, bar and live music, stalls and bouncy castles. High Street and Village Hall field till 7pm

Seniors' Exhibition in the British School Rooms

Sun 12 July – 1016 Tug of War in Stretchline field 11am; Duck Race 2.30pm Cream Teas at the finish line in Mill Cottage garden; Salvation Army Service 6pm Village Hall field

See posters / leaflets for more details of the week's events

Dorothy House Hospice open garden and fete

Sat 4 July 2pm - 5pm at Bybrook, Bustlers Hill Cream teas, Pimms, cake stall, produce and plants and a specialist plant clinic

The Carpenter's Arms Carnival Quiz

Mon 6 July 7.30 pm £12 per team of 3 or 4 - turn up on the night. Curry or lamb stew available £3 per head.

Boules Day

Sat 11 July from 10am full menu served all day including breakfast specials.

Further details contact 840665

The Rattlebone

Boules league - regular matches held weekday evenings

Boules week festivities – Skittles tournament Wed 8 July 8pm £5 per player

Charity cricket match - Rattlebone last XI vs. the Sherston OAFS in aid of 1016 Thurs 9 July 6pm Cricket pitch

Live music from Nobody's Business - Fri 10 July 8.30pm

Boules Day

breakfast 8am, spit roasts 12.30 - 3pm, chicken rotisserie from 7pm - Sat 11 July

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

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Green woodwork weekend workshop

Sat 11 - Sun 12 July £95 including tea & coffee - bring a packed lunch Booking essential. Telephone Paul Hodgson on 01453 753 452 or visit www.CotswoldWoodlandCrafts.co.uk

Make a Windsor chair - 6 day course

Mon 20 - Sat 25 July £250 including tea & coffee and entry - please bring a packed lunch Booking essential. Telephone Paul Hayden on 01373 836051

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Tetbury

Bowls Club open day

Sat 18 July, 10.30am - 4pm. (behind the Dolphin Hall). All ages welcome

Tormarton

Up the Function

Fri 10th July at Parks Farm 8pm to 12 midnight 12 piece live covers band plus hog roast bar and disco. Tickets £15 from Emma Madge on 07973 191061 or www.upthefunction.co.uk. In aid of Trinity School Acton Turville.

Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

Celebration of the Michelin 2 star award to chef Martin Burge
6 course dinner with champagne reception and wines Tues 7 July 7pm £145.00

Cookery Masterclass with Martin Burge
Entertaining at home - 4 courses Mon 27 July 9.30am - 5pm £125 including lunch with wine

Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner 'The Reader' with Kate Winslet & Ralph Fiennes Sun 26 July £37 includes 3 course lunch or dinner, film & popcorn

Further details contact 834026 or www.whatleymanor.com

Devizes and Trowbridge

Events in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Jazz and Blues Night Sat 18 July 7.30pm The Cellar Bar, The Bear Hotel, Market Place, Devizes £3

Durrington Vehicle Gathering including tractors, trucks, fire engines, steam and traction engines Sun 19 July

West Wiltshire Show Thurs 23 - Sat 25 July free entry to the bi-annual show including climbing wall, skateboarding, and flip-juggling workshops, gardening shows, demos by Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Trowbridge Park
Further details contact Melanie Gee 0845 1221423 or www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events.htm

Cirencester

Cotswold Early Music Festival

Minerva 7.45pm £12 Upper Siddington

Dame Emma Kirkby & London Baroque Fri 24 July 7.45pm £15 Corn Hall, Cirencester

Misericordia Sat 25 July 7.45pm £12 Upper Siddington

Further details contact 01285 654180 or www.cirencester-emf.fsnet.co.uk

Charlton Park

WOMAD

SN16 residents' tickets £75 (max 6 tickets per SN16 household)/ Day tickets on sale now Further details contact 0870 759 96623
www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park/

Corsham

The Pound

Pound Screen: 'The Reader' Thursday 2 July, 11am & 7.30pm;

'Slumdog Millionaire' Thursday 16 July, 11am & 7.30pm

Exhibition: String Works Peter Hiatt's exploration of light till 11 July

Workshop :Dancing through Time Tues 7 & 14 July, 11am - 12noon with the Tempo Dance Company Ages: 80+ (guideline) Meet new friends, keep fit, have a giggle and enjoy a cuppa during these gentle workshops.

Workshop Wednesday: Contemporary Clowning Wed 29 July, 10am

Further details contact Box Office 01249 701628 or www.poundarts.org.uk

Nailsworth

Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Professional football only 20 minutes drive from Sherston.

Pre season matches: Sat 18th July @ 3pm v Charlton Athletic, Tues 21st July @ 7.45pm v Queens Park Rangers, Wed 29th July @ 7.45pm v Leeds Utd, Sat 1st August @ 3pm v Exeter City Adults £10, Concessions £6, under 16s £2 The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth
Further details contact 01453 834860 or www.forestgreenroversfc.com

Bath

Theatre Royal

The Peter Hall Company Season 2009 including The Browning Version, Swansong, The Apple Cart, Home, Balmoral, Another Door Closed

25 June - 29 August 7.30 / 8pm mat 2.30pm £15-35

The new season opens with Rain Man with Neil Morrissey & Oliver Chris ; Pornography ; Bath Light Operatic Group with Sweeney Todd, The demon barber of Fleet Street; Entertaining Angels with Penelope Keith; Shakers ; Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat 7.30 / 8pm mat 2.30pm £17-£35

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

Calne

Bowood House

Learn golf in a week Tuition Mon 20 - Fri 24 July 6-7pm and 2 hours on the course on Sat 25 July £60 for the course - all equipment supplied Booking essential - 01249 822228

Junior Golf course Mon 27 - Fri 31 July 9am - 3pm £100 for the week - min age 7 yrs

Further details contact 01249 812102 or www.bowood-house.co.uk

Lacock

Special Events at Lacock Abbey & Village

Bat Walk Tues 21 July 8.30pm - 10pm £7 / £4 chd

Further details contact 01249 730459 or www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lacock

Fairford

Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford

Sat 18 - Sun 19 July 07.30 - 8.30pm £35 including car parking / under 16s free with adult ticket holder

Further details www.airtattoo.com/airshow

Iford

Opera Festival June - August

July & August performances of The Barber of Seville, The Coronation of Poppea & Eugene Onegin £91-96

40th anniversary of butterfly conservation

Sun 26 Jul 11.30 - 4pm free entry, bring a picnic, teas & ice creams available Butterfly and moth spotting, guided butterfly walks, butterfly ballet, butterfly costume making, story-telling, a digital photo competition

Further details contact Book via the Theatre Royal Bath Box Office 01225 44 88 44 or www.ifordarts.co.uk

Longborough

Festival Opera 10 June - 22 July

Carmen Tues 7 and Wed 8 July 6.30pm

Marriage of Figaro Fri 10 and Sat 11 July 6.30pm

A Midsummer Night's Dream Sat 4 and Sun 5 July

£50 - £100 Download an entry form from website and post with cheque to Longborough Festival Opera

Further details contact 01451 830292 or www.longboroughopera.com/

Cheltenham

Music Festival

Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of music 3 - 18 July Various locations in Cheltenham

Further details contact 0844 576 8970 or www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music

Bristol

Bristol Harbour Festival

Fri 31 Jul - Sun 2 Aug Free events and entertainment all weekend see website for details listed in July

Further details contact 0117 922 3287 or www.bristolharbourfestival.co.uk