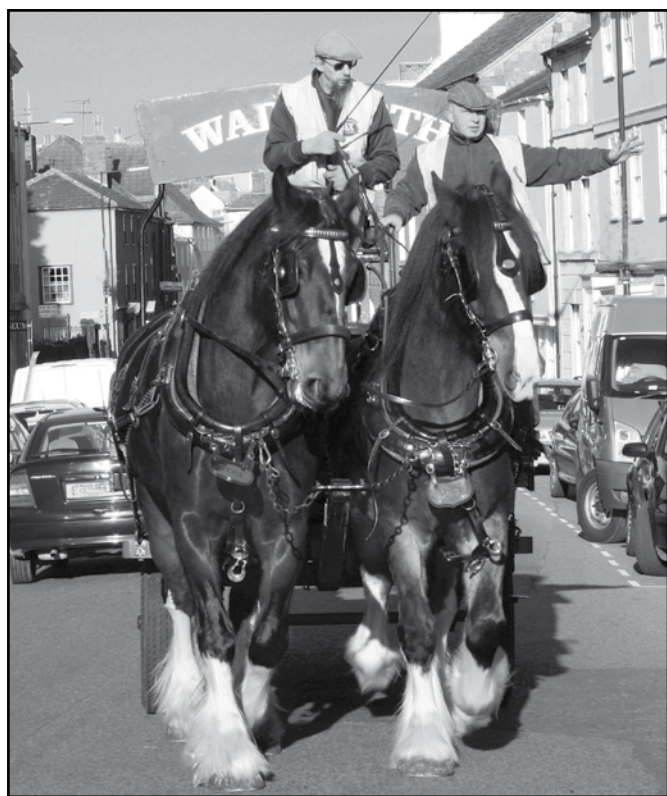




The Wadworth Brewery to sponsor 25th Boules Day



We're delighted that Wadworth of Devizes is sponsoring our special 25th Sherston Boules Day. Well done to Bob Morris for securing the sponsorship, worth £3,500. There are some interesting similarities between us and them: the well-known Wadworth brewery was built exactly 100 years before our tournament started, it's still family-run and is also an important part of its local community. The deal will help us to continue our long-standing commitment to distribute profits from Boules Day to charities and good causes. Village groups, Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Help for Heroes are to be the beneficiaries in this anniversary year.

The Wadworth shire horses that still work on a daily basis in and around Devizes will miss their day off on Boules Day. Prince, Monty, Max and Percy,



Prince



Monty



Max



Percy

the latest in a long line of shires that have delivered Wadworth beers to local inns and hostleries for almost a century, will be pulling people rather than barrels on 17 July.

Beer drinkers will be able to enjoy a pint of Wadworth's finest at competitive prices and it is hoped that a specially branded 'Boules' beer will be brewed for the occasion. Visitors will also be able to sample several different Wadworth products in a special tasting centre where branded merchandise will be for sale.

For those who don't already know, our Boules Day is the longest-established and the largest one-day Boules event in the country, outside London. And interest is still growing. Organiser Pete Johnston reports that over 200 teams applied for 128 spaces this year. The reigning champions, one of two teams from Gien in the Loiret, are returning to defend their title. The Mayor of Gien has agreed to officially open the tournament and may indeed play as a member of the Malmesbury 10th Anniversary Twinning team.

As always, there will be something for the whole family to enjoy on the day. As you'll see on the programme, you can relax at pavement bars and cafés, listen to live jazz and big band music, wander round craft and market stalls, and take your children to the special kids' zone, packed with activities. This anniversary year could be the biggest and best Sherston Boules Day yet.

More information from Irene Johnston on 841273 or email: ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you

Jo and Colin Owen would like to express their thanks for all those cards and expressions of sympathy given at the loss of their daughter Kerry.

Feeling part of a community like ours is a great help at such times.

Thank you all.

Air Ambulance Appeal

by Steph Thomas

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who sponsored me in the London Marathon. Preliminary indications are that between £1500 and £2000 was raised for your helicopter.

My colleagues at Wiltshire Air Ambulance are very proud of the continued support of the people in and around Wiltshire.

My time was disappointing as I twisted my knee after sliding on a water bottle at mile 14 after 2.18 hours, so I finished very lame in 5:04hrs.

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Malmesbury Library News

We have lift off! At Malmesbury Library we are getting ready to launch children into orbit for an intergalactical adventure that will keep them reading throughout the school summer holidays....with the 2010 Summer Reading Challenge, Space Hop. Children are encouraged to read six or more books of their choice during the holidays with collectable incentives and rewards, plus a certificate or medal for every child who completes the Challenge.

Children can sign up at any local library from 17 July and all materials are absolutely free. Come along as well to one of our exciting activity sessions.

Thursday 29 July **Hot Air Balloon Workshops** 10.30am to 12 noon and 1pm to 2.30pm. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of the South Cotswolds.

Tuesday 3 August, 2pm to 3pm **Space Picnic**

Wednesday 11 August, 2pm to 3pm **Alien Invasion**
 Booking essential for all activities. Tel. 823611.

School's environment award



Headteacher Nick Bowditch and the school's Eco Team accept a plaque from Marigold Trelawe and Juliet Wilmot of the Wiltshire Gardens Trust in recognition of the funding and support given to Sherston School two years ago to build an allotment area. Now established, an array of fruit and vegetables are grown by the children; and a tree nursery, as part of the Tree for Life project.

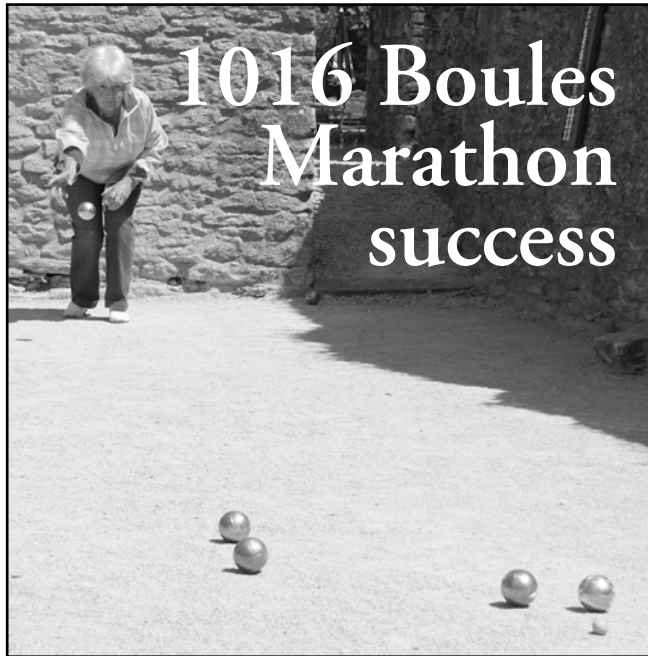
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Do you need help with transport for health related appointments?

Contact your Malmesbury & District Link where a team of volunteer drivers is there to help you. For an appointment please telephone 01249 721532. Leave a message and your call will be returned.

Dawn raids

Over the last few months there have been a number of thefts in the area of machinery and fuel especially from farms. Often the thefts occur at around dawn and in order to combat this the police are increasing their patrols at that time. If you see anything suspicious please report it to the police immediately. If a crime is actually taking place ring 999.



Thanks to everyone that took part in the 1016 Boules marathon on 19 June. The weather was great and we were able to raise £260 for MS Research and the 1016 Christmas vouchers. With all that practice we should do better in the league.



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Dragonflies arrive for pond opening



Left to right, standing, Peter Bishop, headteacher Nick Bowditch, parish council chairman John Matthews, Tom Langley, Helen Amer from Whitehall Garden Centre. Kneeling: l-r, Crispian Huggill, Richard Langley.

Sherston School's new wildlife pond was opened officially on 28th June.

Parish council chairman John Matthews cut the special green ribbon, and declared the pond open. The pond is the result of several months' work by the school's environment and allotments group, with lots of practical support from lots of local businesses. There has also been a good deal of practical help from parents, who have turned up at weekends and in the evening to see the job through.



The pond area includes a marshy area, a bird bath, a variety of bee refuges and shelter for other insects and frogs and toads.

Even on the day of opening, which was performed during a break during the annual sports day, there were already tadpoles, a frog, three dragonflies and masses of smaller insects living in and around the pond.

The whole school community would like to thank all who made the project possible.



Sherston Drama Group Sleeping Beauty



This year's Sherston Drama Group pantomime will be *Sleeping Beauty*, directed by Sue Lehrer. Performance dates are 26-30 October in the Autumn half-term. For young people wishing to take part, we are having an audition in Sherston Village Hall on Tuesday 6 July at 7.30pm. To take part you need to be aged at least 9 on 1 September 2010, and obviously be prepared to act, dance and sing – if you are not sure whether you can, come along and try it! Any queries please contact the chairman, richard.skeffington@virgin.net or ring 840092.



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Christian Aid 2010

The Christian Aid collection in Sherston and surrounding villages raised a total of £1,069.26. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed, either by putting money in an envelope or by going from door-to-door collecting.

There has been a big changeover in the people who have worked on the Christian Aid collection this year. Guida Bryant has organised the collection in the whole of the old Sherston team of parishes for many years and plans to retire after this year's collection. Anthea Young has retired as the Sherston collection organiser after many years of hard work for which she deserves everyone's sincere thanks; similarly Brenda Ashlin has retired as the Luckington organiser with thanks for her valuable service in this role. Several street collectors have also been unable to carry on this year. As a result it has not been possible to distribute envelopes to all the areas which have been used to getting them. In particular, there was no organised collection in Luckington this year. In light of this the amount collected is a tribute to those who were able to take part.

Next year volunteers will be needed to distribute envelopes in many areas of Sherston and the surrounding villages. Organisers will be needed to oversee collection in Sherston and Luckington. An appeal for people will be made much nearer to the time of next year's collection but please consider now whether you might be able to offer your help when you see that request appear.

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June report *By Ann Wilcox*

We met in June on a beautiful summer evening. Members arrived early to register their entries for the Mini Show. This had been organised by Pat Smith and Jill Bowyer, with 15 classes.

While the judging was taking place we had a short business meeting. This was followed by a light hearted quiz which had been organised by our secretary.

Two social occasions have already taken place this month. We had a very enjoyable visit to the Hookwood House Pottery and gardens on a lovely summer afternoon. A B.B.Q. at West Park House was also a great success with excellent food, weather and good company.

Later in the month several members will be going to one of Denman College's Open Days.

After refreshments we were told the results of the show and were able to look at all the great achievements of members. Entries were down in the Domestic Section from previous years but there was still a high standard. In the Handicraft section members knitted a matinée jacket for a premature baby which, afterwards, was donated to the Premature baby unit at the Great Western Hospital at Swindon. In the flower section an arrangement depicting one of the teams in the World Cup was the requirement. Nigeria, Italy and The Ivory Coast were skilfully displayed. Mrs S Morris presented cups to the winners of each section. The Amy Parsons Cup for the most points in the Handicraft and Collectors corner went to Joan Butler. The Biggs Cup for the winner of the Flower section went to Helen Quirk. The Davis Cup for the winner of the Domestic Section was awarded to Sue Hewitt.

A special cup was presented by Mrs S Morris, in memory of her late mother, Mrs Joyce Butler, for a set recipe sandwich cake. This went to Sue Hewitt who also gained the most points in the show and received the Thompson Cup.

The President, Maureen Jolliffe, thanked Mrs Morris for presenting the cups and congratulated all the winners and participants.

The next meeting is on 1 July, when Charles Vernon will talk to us about Malmesbury and its history.

Coaching Club

by Richard Stancomb



The Coaching Club visit Sherston High Street on Sunday 1 August at 11.30. There will be about 14 coaches, so 56 horses. Teams include Italian, French, Luxembourg, Dutch and German, so international, including British teams.

They drive from Badminton to Sherston, turn about at the Tolsey and return for lunch. It would be greatly appreciated if High Street residents could please keep the area around the Tolsey clear of cars that morning as it will help accommodate the carriages' wide turning circle.



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Recreation Ground

Residents may have noticed that the stone obelisk in the play area is in the process of being reduced in height. Regretfully last winter took its toll on the stonework which in turn created a safety issue. The obelisk was originally built around an old piece of playground equipment about 25 years or so ago. It is hoped that the remaining structure can be modified for use as either a seat or picnic table.

The old wire fencing along the wall adjoining Court street is due to be repaired although parish council funds do not currently allow for the extension of the metal fencing by the play area along the entire length of the wall. Repairs are also to be undertaken to the wall alongside the Vicarage.

Long summer evenings bring with them an increased use of the Recreation ground. Unfortunately this can sometimes include the drinking of alcohol and subsequent littering with empty glass bottles. On occasions these are found smashed on both the grass and around the playground equipment creating an obvious danger to children. Should you find any broken glass please report it to the Clerk on 840351 as soon as possible.

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Tales from Bristol to Bordeaux

Well, we did it. In the four days spanning the end of May and beginning of June we completed the 2010 Bristol to Bordeaux cycle ride in aid of the charity PROPS (Providing Opportunities and Support).

As well as providing 20% of this year's riders, Sherston was at the forefront in supporting a number of B2B fundraising events before the off.

In March we kicked off with the PROPS Bike Surger. There are fewer grinding gears and squeaky brakes around the village following the Bike servicing carried out by PROPS' own bike mechanics, Jon McGee and Andy Howe. This pair of cycle-gurus laboured long and hard, washing, tightening, lubricating and fine-tuning an array of Sherston pedal driven transport.

On the May Day Bank holiday we held our inaugural B2B Boules Tournament. Thanks to all the teams who took part in a very enjoyable competition and congratulations to The Hoose (a.k.a. Hector, Kenny and Shane) in winning the first of what we hope will become an annual event.

Also in May, we had our B2B Wine Tasting. Huge thanks to Jackie from Bona Wines for an entertaining and informed guide to the wines we would encounter en route and to Capt. and Mrs. Matthews for hosting a great evening at Pinkney Park.

And so to the event itself. Departing from Bristol's Queen Square on 27 May, 49 intrepid cyclists set off on an epic journey in a battle of wills with hills, encountering thrills, suffering spills, developing chills, made better by pills, resting in hotels with no frills, consuming mixed grills, amassing large (bar) bills, visiting (wind) mills and er..... I think that's it for the ills.

Amongst this gallant band rode The Sherston 10. Better known as: Dave 'Snore' Reeves, John 'Pikey' Pettit, John 'Grape Picker' Ayde, Ollie 'Oily' Cable, Paul 'Froggy' Frogatt, Huw 'The Englishman' Bowles, Phil 'The Hill' Hayles, Dan 'Do One' Pritchett, Riaan 'Too nice to be South African' Van Rooyen and Kevin 'Le Rat' Smith. Not innocent by any means, but a nice round number when it came to splitting bills. In fact, the story of the ride can be told quite simply in numbers:

- 49 riders
- 452 miles
- 4 days
- 14 kilos of jelly beans
- 120 loaves of Malt Loaf
- 400 flapjacks
- 600 energy drink powders
- 400 bottles of Lucozade Sport
- 400 Mars Bars
- 61 Hi Viz jackets
- 600 Bananas

But that's just the boring bits, what about:

- 600 pints of DoomBar
- 900 bottles of Bordeaux region plonk Rosé
- £1200 spent on calls home
- 150 bugs swallowed
- 200 wrong turns made
- 150 hours spent consulting route maps
- 1728 hours spent in the saddle [36 each]
- 20 litres of rain water consumed from the rear wheel of the bike in front
- And an alarming amount of Ibruprofen to take away the pain!

And the most important number? The £40,000+ raised in support of PROPS working with young people with Special Needs in Bristol and the South West.

A huge thanks to the whole village for their superb support for the ride and for PROPS.

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Area Board

The next meeting of the area board of Wiltshire Council for Malmesbury will take place at Malmesbury Primary School on Wednesday 7 July from 7.00pm with refreshments from 6.15pm. There will also be a consultation and display concerning proposals for waste and recycling again from 6.15pm together with a display of the responses to the recent Local development Framework consultation.

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The Badminton Railway Line

by Richard Stancomb

Sherston was considered by the South Wales Railway not once, but twice, for inclusion on its proposed new line between Cardiff and London. In November 1864, together with The Great Western, plans for route 110 were drawn up and deposited with the Clerk of the Peace in the Marlborough Court, by Messrs Hargrove, Fowler & Blunt. This first more southerly route would have led via Didmarton, dissected Sherston between Pinkney Park and Pinkney Court and continued South of Malmesbury. Then, in November 1895, a more serious second proposal for route 149 with The Midland Railway, was deposited by Messrs Downing & Hancock, for a more northerly route from Didmarton, via Sopworth, Sherston at Vanceltette's Barn, Easton Grey, Shipton Moyne, North of Malmesbury to Oxford and North London.

The Badminton Line, which was finally accepted, is 30 miles long and was opened in 1903, then the most lavish and expensive of all GWR's 'cut-offs'. It crossed two other lines, the less important Dauntsey to Malmesbury line and the more significant connection between Gloucester to Bristol at Westerleigh, which can be seen today over the M4. The estimated cost in 1900 was £1.9 million, which is the equivalent today of £75.5 million. Built to connect the seven kilometre Severn tunnel, which was opened in 1886 by the GWR, this tunnel was for over 100 years the longest within the UK, until the opening of the Channel Tunnel Rail link in 1985. The Channel Tunnel cost £4.6 billion in 1985, the equivalent of £10.5 billion today, with 80% cost overruns.

Grants

The parish council has recently agreed to make a contribution of £200 to the parish church towards the cost of clearance work in the churchyard so as to make available much needed additional burial space.

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The Luckington potteries

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by Cilla Liddington

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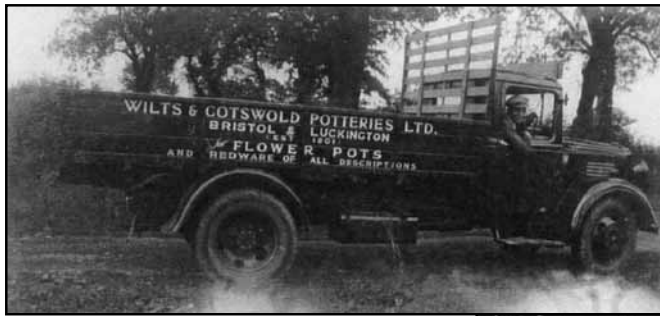
Pottery made here was exported to all large towns in England and Wales, mostly as garden ornaments and chimney pots.

Towards the end of the 19th century clay was becoming more difficult to find, as all supplies for miles around the pottery had been dug out. A new site for a pottery was found and building work started as the old one closed down.

By 1900 we find a new pottery built on the opposite side of the road just before Hebden Farm. It was built for a Mr James Tanner of the Manor, Luckington. A new kiln, pottery sheds, mill and stores were built.

Mr John Ford from Bristol was chief potter and foreman. It was a thriving business and employed 12 men. Goods were sent to Bristol and Bath, and furnished the gardens of large country houses in the district with garden ornaments, also bricks, ornamental vases and garden figurines and chimney pots, all safely delivered by horse and cart.

James Tanner died in January 1922, followed by his foreman Mr John Ford in February 1922. Mr Tanner bequeathed the potteries to his daughter, Mrs Kate Denly of Corsham. She employed Mr Ayliffe from Acton Turville to build the present house at a cost of £400.



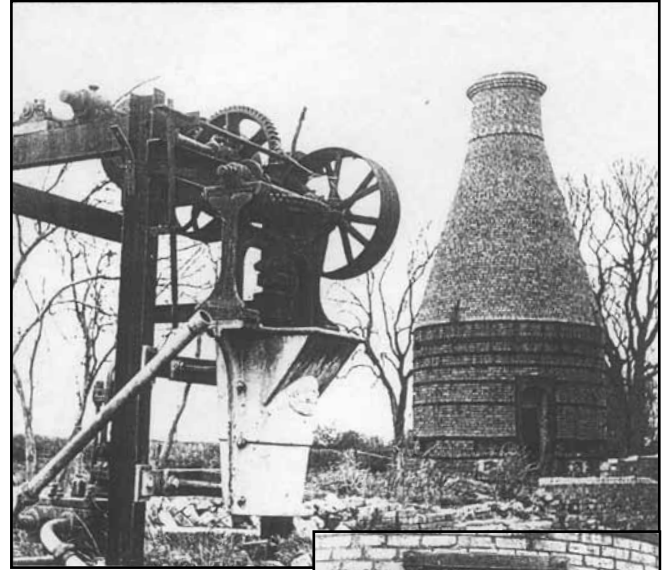
Mrs Denly's son Alfred came to live at the house and to run the business, but unfortunately lack of experience and the fact that most customers only paid their accounts yearly resulted in the business failing. Eventually Mrs Denly sold the potteries to Lady Blanche Scott Douglas.

Lady Blanche Scott Douglas lived at that time at 'Claremont' Luckington and together with her

sister in law, the Dowager Duchess of Beaufort, Mrs E A Richards, Baron F De Tuyli, Mr J. Bagnall Bryan and Mr A.M. Harford as Directors, attempted to make the potteries a success again.

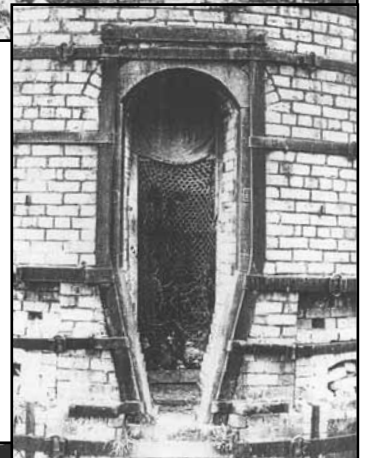
Lady Blanche Scott Douglas imported clay from Cornwall to mix with the local clay in an endeavour to produce china jugs, mugs and tableware. Unfortunately the clay was not suitable for this type of work and the end-product was unstable.

Outside the potteries on the grass verge stood a large display cabinet showing the chinaware, but sadly the pottery closed in 1945. The new kiln was never fired and eventually the house became accommodation for farm workers at Hebden

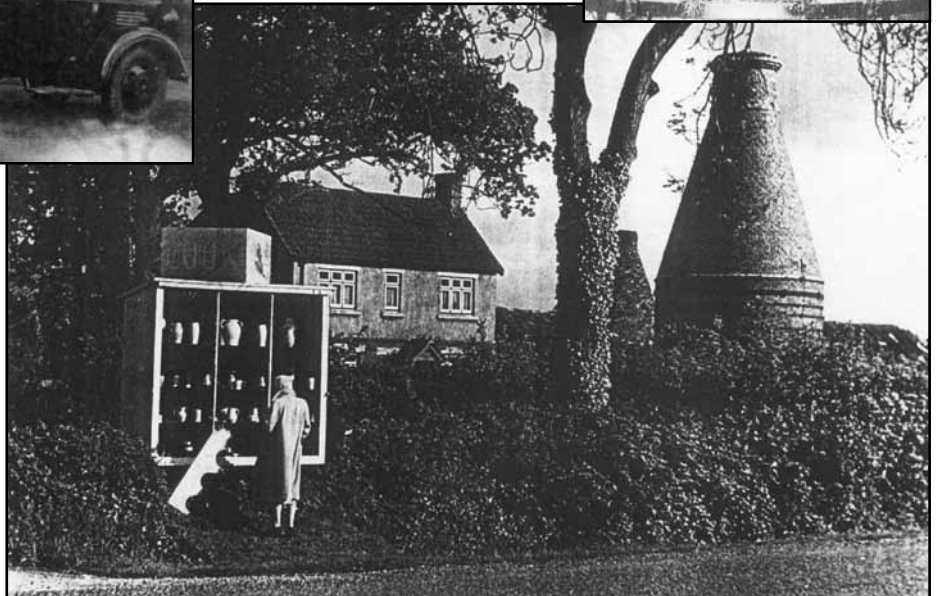


Pug mill and kiln 1964

Kiln door 1964



Display cabinet 1944



Oh What a Night!

by John Pettit

Saturday night saw Sherston's inaugural Midsummer Boules Ball. What a summer, and what a Ball!

Excitement and expectations built through the week, with the marquee erected last Tuesday, and much preparation to be seen – and heard – in the ensuing few days. The village hall was transformed beyond recognition, with a cunningly crafted glittering tunnel walkway, through into the beautifully adorned marquee. Flowers, donated from Sue and Mike Shortridge's daughter's wedding, added a seasonal final flourish.

The 207 guests were treated to a champagne reception outside in the hall field, before being ushered inside for a mouth-watering 3 course meal courtesy of Jason Read and Carla Moulder's Flaming Gourmet catering company. Our dry and witty comedienne Sam acted as MC, and presided over the raffle. A number of generous donations from local businesses made up the wide range of prizes. Lara Farahar won a jeraboam of champagne in the "heads and tails" game, and a Dyson ball vacuum cleaner fetched a fantastic price at auction.

Our very own June Godwin ran a slick bar, which despite two re-stocking trips to her wine shop ran dry as the evening came to a close. One lesson was learned – cider is a must at a summertime Wiltshire event! The battle of the tasteless latino shirts was a close one, between Dave Shephard, Rob Laddle and Richard Hulme. Richard won the ladies' vote, and will now wear his shirt to work for a whole week.

Once again, the Sherston Village People sent the crowd wild and somewhat damp with perspiration. Huw Bowles duly wheeled his steel to keep the dancing going, until the Secret Police pumped out a string of classic Police hits. Reportedly these could be heard as far away as Pinkney - Oh what a night!

We on the Ball Committee would like to offer our special thanks to some of the unsung heroes –



Les and Mike who served the bubbly so elegantly, Sue Shortridge for the floral donation, Rosie Pettit and Ana Symecko our tequila slammer girls, Guy Tullberg for donating all of the Tracklements, both bands, who played for next to nothing, and last but not least Dave Shephard for grafting so hard to make the music production so professional. Thanks are due also to the surrounding residents for tolerating the upheaval and noise without a single complaint.

The profits (yet to be counted!) will be added to the Sherston Boules and Carnival funds, and will be donated to local organisations, Wiltshire Air Ambulance and the Help For Heroes cause.

A great starter, whetting all of our appetites for the main course and pudding that is Sherston's Boules and Carnival week, starting in just 2 weeks time!

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Big Band Evening on Saturday 10 July Village Hall Field

by Tony Weedon



Last year, the inaugural concert by the Park Lane Big Band was a great success. It was a delight to see all ages enjoying and dancing to the music on a balmy summer evening. The same band is playing again this year, so another great concert is anticipated to kick off Boules week. The performance includes music to please all tastes and is mainly the Big Band sound of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin et al. The doors open at 6pm for you to set up your pitch in true Westonbirt style. Please bring picnic food along but this year we'd ask you to support the full bar. The concert begins at 7pm and finishes at 11pm. The cost is £10 per adult and accompanied under 18s go free. Tickets will be on sale at the Post Office in advance and on the door on the evening. Please come along, because the more people the better the atmosphere. All profits go to the Boules and Carnival fund to help support all our local groups whilst providing a great evening out.



Boules & Carnival Photo DVD 2010 – calling all photographers

Please let Caroline at Mill Cottage have any photos you'd like to share with the village on the Boules & Carnival DVD either by email to caroline@carolinemoore.co.uk or drop them down at the Duck Race teas on a CD or datastick. Last year there were 443 photos from all of the week's events. On sale the week after Boules Day for under £5. All profits to the grand total. Call 841405 for more details.



Junior Boules Competition Saturday 17 July 2010

Applications are invited to play in the Junior Boules competition at this year's Boules & Carnival event.

The heats will take place from 12 noon onwards outside the Tolsey Surgery on Saturday 17 July. The final will take place in the High Street in the afternoon at 4pm. You are invited to form teams of three children of any age up to 11 on 31 August 2010, (Class 6 and below). A named adult must be responsible for each team entered and accompany them during their matches.

The entry form is on the right. Please copy and complete it and return it to Rachel Wagstaff, One Tree, Sandpits Lane, Sherston, Wilts SN16 0NN by Friday 9 July 2010. Alternatively, please email the completed form to rachel_wagstaff@hotmail.com. Entry fee is £1 per team. Prizes will be awarded for the winning and runner-up teams.

There are only three spaces left for teams – so don't delay.

Junior Boules Competition

Entry form

(please complete in block capitals)

Name of team:.....

Names of team members:

(age 11 or under, in Class 6 or below):

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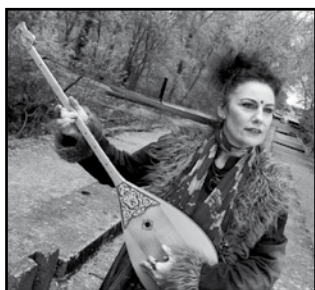
A musical journey across the Steppes of Asia

As part of the Boules & Carnival week of events a unique concert is being presented in the Church of the Holy Cross on Tuesday 13 July.

Michael Ormiston and Candida Valantino are touring the UK and have added this concert to their schedule.

Their performance includes Mongolian overtone singing where two notes are sung at the same time. It is a special sound made in unison with the tongue, teeth, larynx and palate. To put it simply, it is a replacement of musical instruments with all aspects of vocal organs. To hear it for the first time is a wonder. The technique of throat singing may be easy to write about- but it is almost impossible to actually try to perform. To perform the higher tune, the singer should bend (or fold) the tongue, and tap skilled sounds with the tongue point and whisper through the front teeth. At the same time the converged melody is made by making lips conical. As the basic tune resonates, a melodic buzzing sound also reverberates.

Michael has studied Khöömii (Overtone Singing) for 20 years visiting Mongolia 6 times learning from masters of the Mongolian tradition. He has appeared recently on the BBC's Sacred Music series and on Aled Jones' The Choir. He has performed on many soundtracks including Planet Earth, The Golden Compass, Last of the Medicine Men. He has performed for the Dali Lama and at the Many Heavens, One Earth Celebration during the Interfaith Conference and Summit in Windsor Castle last year.



Candida is the only British woman to perform Khargyraa, an undertone style of singing from Mongolia and Tuva. She uses Tibetan Singing Bowls, Gongs & Sacred Sound instruments in individual sessions and in

concerts in the UK & Europe.

Tuesday 13 July 2010, 7.00pm, Bar. £8 adults, £4 concessions. Tickets available from Sherston Post Office, Malmesbury Tourist Information or Paul Ormiston on 840694.

For more information

www.soundtransformations.btinternet.co.uk

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Boules battle is a winner

THE FIRST boules tournament to be held in Sherston, near Malmesbury, at the weekend, attracted 32 teams and a large number of spectators, including stage and television stars. Bucks Fizz and actress Susannah Leigh, mingled with the crowds in the village High Street, in glorious sunshine, where four boules courts had been laid out. But in spite of the many teams from afar, it was a local side from the Angel Hotel who were the victors. Bob Gates, Alex McKechnie, and Jim McKelvie, whose preparation for the tournament consisted of a few practice games behind the Hotel, made up the winning side. Many of the players were dressed for the occasion in wide trousers and berets, and the proceeds went to Malmesbury Hospital Appeal Fund and Sherston Parish Council. *From Gazette and Herald July 1986*

COLTS Boules – Last Few Spaces for Teams Available

Calling all Year 7 – 11 students. We still have spaces for three or four teams to enter this inaugural competition open specifically for 11 to 16 year olds. It will run alongside the main competition following normal Boules rules and will be played on its own pitch on the High Street.

Entry to the competition is £15 per team of three players. The contest will be played on a straightforward knockout basis with the final being played at around 4pm on the High Street. Medals for the winners and runners up.

To reserve your place email david@dsutcliffe.com using the heading 'Colts Boules' in the subject line. Alternatively call him on 07968 105785.

New Look to the Children's Field for Boules Day 2010

We will of course still have a bouncy castle, Punch & Judy and the magic man. But this year on Boules Day (Sat 17 July) there will be lots more to do in the KidsZone including a dance exhibition, the fastest tent pitch, drench the wench, tots tricycle racing, a human fruit machine and traditional fete games. Parents will be delighted to hear that they no longer need to ensure they keep a pocket full of change and to respond to constant cries of 'Mum can I have another £1'. Instead, we have decided to charge a flat £2.00 per child in exchange for a wrist band, allowing them to come and go all day as they please.. All children must be accompanied by an adult (no charge for their entry). Open from 9.30am.

We would also like to run a tuck shop in the field for the children and do activities like face painting, but we will need help to man them. So if you think you can offer us a few hours on the day please give me a call or drop me an email - kirstieblair@googlemail.com or 840096. Should anyone have hay bales we can borrow for the tots trike race, please don't hesitate to be in touch too. Thanks.

Sherston Boules & Carnival 2010

Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th July



Clear your diaries and prepare yourselves for non-stop activity and fun!

Sat 10:

Big Band Family Party - swing to the Park Lane Big Band Village Hall Field Open 6pm, music from 7pm. Ends 11pm. Bring your own picnic & rugs etc - buy drink at bar, £10 adult, accompanied under 18's free.



Sun 11:

A walk around Sherston - from village hall ending up at Rattlebone - 10.30 - 12noon, guided. Turn up on the day, no charge.



Mon 12:

Quiz Night 7.30 at village hall. £15 per team for 3 or 4 players. Pay on the door, first come first served. Bar.

Tues 13:

Seniors Afternoon Tea in the British School Room at 2pm. Free entry. Tea and cake £1.

Performance in the Church -

A musical journey across the Steppes of Asia

Mongolian overtone singing and instruments by Michael Ormiston and Candida Valentino. 7.30 start £8 adults, £4 concessions. Bar.



Wed 14:

Skittles at the Rattlebone £5 entry - trophy to winner.

Thur 15:

Children's disco 6 - 7pm village hall. Primary school age children only. No charge.

Cricket Ground: Junior match 4.30, followed by **SMCC vs OAFs Twenty20** starting at 6pm. Bar.



Fri 16:

Junior 6-a-side football match, 4pm
Adults football match in fancy dress
7pm at the Sports Field, Knockdown Rd, BBQ and Bar.



Saturday 17:

In the High Street:

Peal of Church bells signals the start of the Boules Tournament at 9.30am.

Also: Colts boules 10am, Junior boules 12 noon, live jazz, Morris Dancers & Gien folk singers 12-2pm, Just In Time band 3-6pm.

Wadworth Dray rides

12-2pm from the Jubilee Tree.

All Day: bar, barbecue, Café Français, crepes, stalls, tombola, raffle, teas in the village hall.

Kids-Zone on the Village Hall Field:

Bouncy Castles, Drench the Wench 10-12noon, Face Painting, Doddington Parish Band 12-30pm, Punch & Judy 1.15-2.15 & 3.15pm, Human Fruit Machine 1-4pm, Trike Circuit, Football Target Shoot, Treasure Map, Sweets in the Jar, Tuckshop, 2 Man Tent Pitch 2-4pm, Splat the Rat, Toddlers corner, Dance Exhibition.

In the Church:

Floral Art Display, Church Tower open 2-4pm. Timed tickets available before 2pm. Last entry 3.40pm.

In the British School Room:

Exhibition "25 years of Boules & Carnival" Entry £1, children free.

Antique Bible Display

2 - 4.30pm in Sherston Congregational Chapel, Cliff Road. Strawberries and cream for sale in the garden area.



Sunday 18: Treasure Hunt

starts at Grove Wood 9-10.45 am. No charge.

Tug of War for the Sherston Cup at 11am at Stretchline, Brook Hill. BBQ, bar, soft drinks. £8 entry. Teams contact Paul Ormiston 01666 840694. Barrel of beer and wine prizes.

Duck Race starts at 2.30 at Stretchline. Cream teas at Mill Cottage with tea and cakes, Raffle Draw and Children's Fancy Dress judging.

Thanksgiving Service in the High Street 6pm.

Refreshments in the Village Hall.

Programme correct at time of going to print.

Please visit www.sherston.net for further details.



Old and new

by Chapel Secretary Mary Clements

We now have the promise of a number of ancient, (mostly huge) Family Bibles for our Boules Day Display. Some are over 100 years old and have personal inscriptions on the opening pages. The children at Sherston School recently showed great interest in these and kept telling us 'Grandad's got one,' so if you are willing to show yours please ring 840688.

There will also be a selection of new translations on show including the colourful 'Storyteller Bible' by Bob Hartman. The stories from this have been enacted most Mondays (for five years now) in 'Open the Book' assemblies at the Primary School which cause great hilarity at times whilst being seriously thought-provoking for students and staff alike. 'The Storyteller' is becoming one of the most used Children's Bibles nationally.

The display can be seen on Boules day between 2pm and 4.30pm in Sherston Congregational Chapel on Cliff Road, which is one of Sherston's little-known historical gems. It was founded in 1822 when a farmer generously gave his barn for conversion into a chapel. A small but magnificent organ (which is still in perfect working order and used most Sundays) was fitted into the huge entrance of the barn which by then had windows, a pulpit and a balcony. Within



30 years the Manse and British Schoolroom had also been given and purchased, the latter being for the 'Education of the poor', according to the deeds.

People are often surprised when they visit the chapel, saying 'I've lived in Sherston for years and never seen this before' or 'I remember this was always packed for the Shoebox Send-off Services' or 'I used to come here as a child and pump that organ.' Well here's your chance to either come down memory lane or discover something new. The picture above shows the balcony much loved by all children and its ancient clock with 'Sherston - JW Gantlett' printed on it because it was made locally, probably in the 19th century. Weather permitting there will be seats and a gazebo in the graveyard area where a record of the headstones and burials will be on show. Might you have an ancestor on this list?

For all those who make the trip down Cliff Road beyond the British Schoolroom (which is also the Congregational Church Hall and therefore maintained by the Chapel) there will be a welcoming portion of strawberries and cream for sale in the garden area, the proceeds of which will go to The Boules Fund. We hope to see you there.

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THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

Disaster has struck. Just before dawn on Sunday 20 June this year's mangold crop was completely decimated in an effort to foil an attack by the dreaded *Pegomya hyoscyami*.

In mid May the Mangold Hurling Association gave an 'All Orders' alert after it received reports of large swarms of *Pegomya hyoscyami* amassing on Sedgemoor in Somerset. The Sherston Order immediately reacted with the time honoured practice of drenching the boundary of the Great Mangold Field with copious quantities of Mangold Maid water some of which had been stock piled for years in the cellars of the Rattlebone Inn for just such a purpose. Generations, and indeed gallons, of the water were used in what proved to be a vain attempt to save the crop.

When dealing with *Pegomya hyoscyami* or mangold fly, it is vital to stop egg laying for otherwise the larvae will hatch within three to seven days and then cause havoc amongst the crop. Drenching with Maid water has hitherto proved highly successful but on this occasion the swarm when it eventually attacked was so large that the usually excellent repellent qualities of the water simply could not cope. Additional measures in the shape of Nic Fisher and Fred Harrison armed

to the hilt with shotguns also failed to halt the swarm. However such was their blind panic on being confronted with the swarm that both started blasting off at point blank range peppering and thereby destroying the crop with shot. *Pegomya hyoscyami* was victorious without having to lay a single egg.

Nic and Fred had kindly volunteered to stand guard on the crop overnight. Both had been supplied with sets of matching vermilion Damart thermal underwear together with a voluminous sleeping bag. 'Vuvuzelas had nothing on the noise of the swarm' gabbled a still shocked Nic as she was promptly debriefed following the incident. Members of the Order had discovered Nic and Fred wide eyed, sweating and breathless at the scene some hours after the swarm had attacked. Both were unable to recount the full horror of what they had earlier endured and are still receiving counselling for their ordeal every evening in the Rattlebone Inn at around 6pm.

With the Sherston crop reduced to a shot peppered pulp a nationwide search is now underway to secure a sufficient quantity of mangolds for this year's Hurl.

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Coffee Morning/Bring and Buy in aid of Dorothy House

A very big thank you to everyone for supporting this event. It took place in near-perfect weather, in contrast to the searing heat of the previous day and the heavy rain on the next. The event was very well attended with many friends and neighbours sitting in my front garden enjoying a chat and a cuppa. At the time of going to print we had raised in excess of £435 thanks not only to those who brought and bought, but also to those who made some very generous donations. Gail Mather has kindly said we could include the contents of the collecting boxes on the shop counter in May, so by the time this has been added we may even reach £500. An update will follow next month. So thank you once again. Dorothy House completely relies on charity, so every penny counts towards helping it with the magnificent work it does in our area.

Kate Crutcher

Multiple Sclerosis Research

Please come along and enjoy a strawberry cream tea in Ann and Peter Huntley's beautiful garden, at 1 Thompson Hill on Saturday 10 July between 2.30pm and 5.00pm. £3.50 Adults £1.00 Children. Raffle, Bring and Buy. All proceeds go to Professor Scolding at Frenchay Hospital for his pioneering stem cell research work in Multiple Sclerosis.

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For further details phone Heather on 840375 or Annabel on 840592

Sherston Parish Council

Next meeting takes place on Thursday 22 July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities for you to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise please contact our Clerk Mrs. Sarah Wood on 840351 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact Council via the response form on our web site www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read. Please note there is no meeting in August.

Pop Kocker

Congratulations to Rob Outlaw, aka Kocker, on becoming a granddad at the ripe old age of 45. Both granddaughter Freya (7lbs 2ozs) and mum Chantelle are doing well.

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TREEtalk

July 2010

by Irene Johnston

Plant trees - be-leaf in the future!

Some of the trees from Sherston School's tree nursery will be heading for Grove Wood later this year. There are alders that can be planted along the river bank and some oaks that will replace old trees nearing the end of their life in the wood. There are also some ash trees that will be valuable for future coppicing purposes. It is brilliant that this generation of village school children are being given the chance to provide new stock. They will be able to visit the wood to check on progress and see their names on the trees they initially planted as saplings. Great stuff.

As for the rest of the nursery, (after the school has met its own needs, particularly around their new wildlife pond), we are currently identifying areas in the village that would be suitable for new trees. Potential beneficiaries include the High Street (replacements for the two ailing acacias), the triangle at Manor Close, the Recreation Ground along the Green Lane edge, the Village Hall Field and the Sports Ground. Nothing has been decided and we shall be canvassing village opinion on the best sites for a range of species that include the ones already mentioned as well as birch, beech, rowan and cherry trees.

Seeking funding for Grove Wood

With work already underway on improving paths through Grove Wood, (thank you, Cotswold Wardens), it is important to find ways to save money where we can. We're looking into 'green' grants that are available to help fund the purchase of gravel and other building materials. The Community Payback team who have achieved great results on the fencing around the wood should be back to start on the riverside path in early August.

Next phase of (wood) work

Suitably rejuvenated by the summer break, our volunteers will be asked to get their sleeves rolled up from October onwards. Now that the first section is completed, we shall be starting coppicing and clearing in section two, as well as continuing bulb planting – not just snowdrops but native bluebells and violets too. Our expert John has also asked that anyone who spots something interesting growing in the wood should let us know so we can include it in our inventory, soon to appear on the Sherston website. New volunteers will be warmly welcomed and will get the chance to sign on the dotted line at our stand during Boules Day on 17 July. See you then and have a great summer holiday – TREEtalk will resume in October.

More information from Sherston's Tree Warden, Irene Johnston, on 841273 or email: ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk

'Classical' voices and garden party themes

One of the most powerful and dynamic tenors in the country has teamed up with a young and rapidly rising soprano to sing at a classical garden party at Sherston in aid of a national medical charity.

Tim Pitman from Somerset, a firm favourite with classical and light-classical concert and event audiences, has agreed not only to sing here but to bring with him Rebecca Robinson, a young and gifted singer based at Deal, to help the charity Diabetes UK by giving a concert in a local rural garden. They will appear in the garden at Halfway Bush Farm, Sherston, at an event where other classical attractions promise a great day.

Tim sang to the delight of well over 300 people in Tetbury Parish Church last year. He and Rebecca will give two performances of classical, light-classical and popular favourites in the afternoon and evening on Saturday July 10 2010. The garden opens at 2.00pm. Other attractions will include a Classic Car, vintage tractor and motor-cycle show, traditional skittles, and classic English cream teas – plus a Pimms, wine and beer bar. Tim Pitman is well known for his ability to hit the top b and c notes with power and yet recreate the same type of dark tenor voice of old-time stars such as Caruso.

He has sung with the Royal Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, performed with Nigel Kennedy, and toured in Germany and France. At the Glastonbury Extravaganza he sang to 15,000 people, and he has performed as a classical tenor with the best military bands such as the Coldstream Guards, Royal Marines, the Black Watch, and touring Russian military bands. Tim has also sung to great acclaim before thousands of people at the Birmingham Military Tattoo, and performs for the Royal British Legion at events such as the Remembrance Concert at the Colston Hall, Bristol. He and Rebecca readily agreed to give a classical, light-classical concert in aid of Diabetes UK, which is a self-funding charity paying for vital work in research, providing information and campaigning for improved standards of diabetes care. The garden party is supported by Malmesbury Masonic Lodge. Contact Richard Maslen on 840387.

Tickets cost £10. Call 01666 840387; 01666 840126; 01249 890819; 01285 861199; 01666 577488.

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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Boules league

Sherston Walks

Since its inception two years ago the Sherston Footpath Group has been working hard on producing a new guide to local footpaths. Hundreds of hours of volunteer time have now resulted in the publication of the guide in time for Boules Day 2010.

Not only does the guide include nine individual 4 page circular walks in shower proof seals but also a fascinating introduction to the parish and a trail around the village with its fine and interesting buildings.

In order to encourage as many residents and visitors as possible to enjoy our beautiful countryside the illustrated full colour guide has been priced by the parish council at cost - a very reasonable £4.99. As well as being available on Boules Day copies can also be bought at both the Rattlebone Inn and Sherston Post Office Stores.

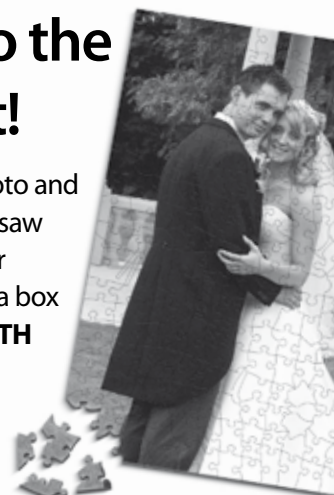
Thanks are due to all those who helped in producing the guide and to Wiltshire Council for kindly providing valuable assistance with OS map reproduction.

As it is more than 25 years since the parish council last produced such a publication it is hoped that sales will be brisk especially as the guide will make an excellent present for those with an interest in the area. With a limited print run please secure your copy as soon as you can.

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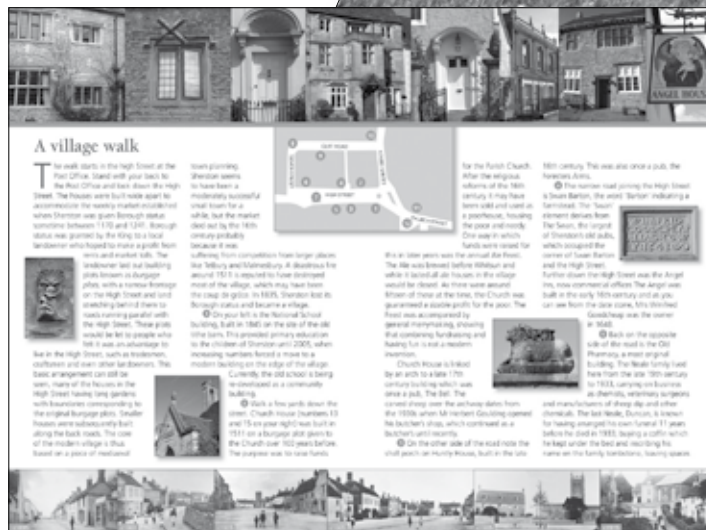
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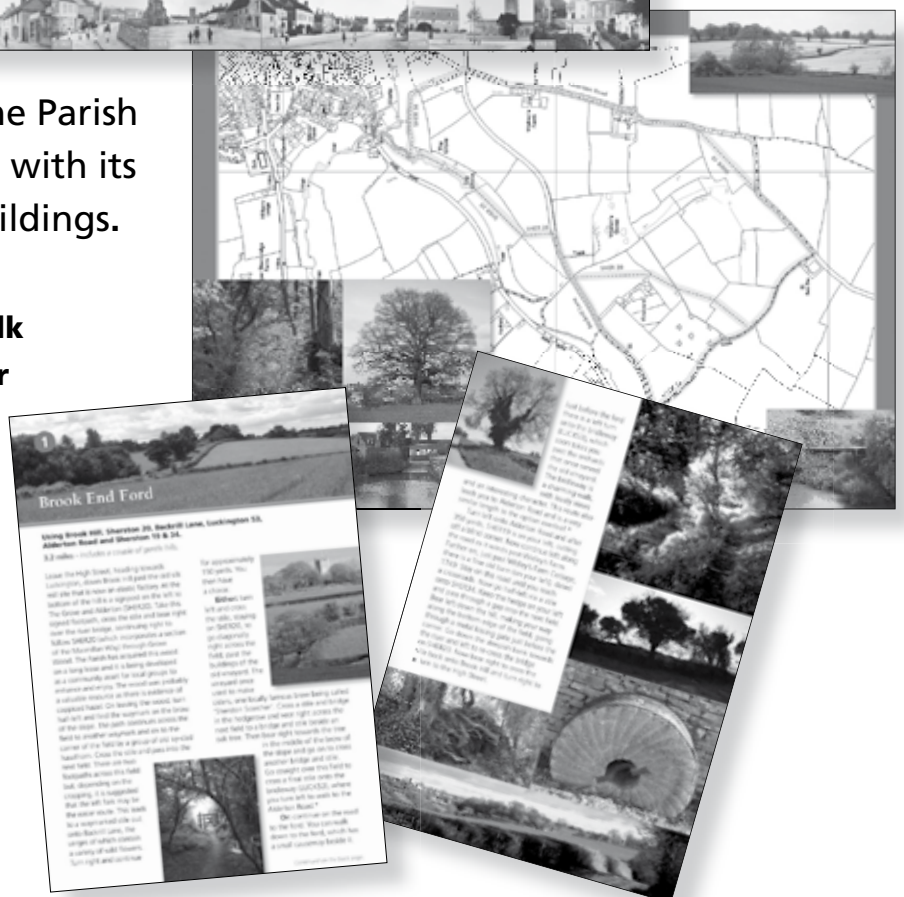
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A page from the guide

One of the 9 walks



Sherston win first Sunday League game

by Kevin Neal



Well, the Ben Dickenson wicket taking road show continues with another 4-fer! In fact 4-23 off 8. This, added to his previous 5fer and 4fer gives Ben 13 wickets from three games Not bad for a young un'. But that has to be enough about Ben.

After Sherston lost the toss and Hambrook put SMCC into bat 'David Fitch-Peyton (pictured) scored his maiden 50' (hooooorrrraaaa!) to give the old SMCC a great start with support from Richard Cartwright 34, Alan Dickenson 21, Ben Dickenson 16 and Simon Hulance 13. SMCC made a total of 177-6 off their 40 overs. Hambrook's bowling was sharp & tight (sounds like a firm of Scottish cutlery makers!)

Only one of Hambrook's bowlers took more than one wicket. Hambrook started well but slowly with Ali Kilfoil scoring a jug-avoiding 49 before being caught by Kevin Neal from a sky rocket top edge which went straight up and came down half way to cover point, 'Freddie on a Pedalo', said Alan Dickenson. Ali only

Sherston FC fundraiser

by Pete Brock

On 25 July Sherston FC we are having a fun day to try to raise some much needed funds for the football teams and I say teams as we have just started another side in the Cirencester league.

The day will start at about 2pm with two teams of local women, organised by Lizzie Ward and some friends, also a couple of games with some old and young players from Sherston past and present (if you read this Jonny Welch we will see you there) and just general fun with bouncy castles for the kids, refreshments (hard and soft) and a big old barbecue. So if you just want to come up and lounge away the afternoon in the sun with a drink or fancy a run out with the ball, just turn up, it should be a bit of fun for all the family.

If you should fancy a run around please could you bring a white and a red shirt and shorts as we don't have enough sets of kit for everyone.

We hope anyone interested in playing for any of the teams next year would make an appearance so we can see what we have to do in order of personnel. We hope to see some old and new faces on the day so please help support one of your local clubs.

had support from two other batsman with 15 and 12 runs scored. Hambrook were all out for 114 off 35.3 overs. So.....first Sunday league game, first league win, first DFP 50, first report, first league winning ball in my kit bag. This resulted in SMCC gaining the maximum 20 points. Thanks to all that took part in this fantastic day. Special thanks to Caroline for all the hard work and great help she brings to the club!

Saturday League

Cotswold and District Division 1 table (22nd June)

	Pld	won	lost	canx	abdn	Bat	Bowl	Pen	Pts	Ave
Great Rissington CC	8	5	0	2	1	25	23	0	98	19.6
Adlestrop CC	8	5	1	2	0	24	27	0	101	16.83
Sherston Magna CC	8	4	1	2	1	21	19	0	80	16
Williamstrip CC	8	3	2	2	1	13	19	0	62	12.4
Oakridge CC	8	2	3	2	1	16	19	0	55	11
N.A.T.'s CC	8	2	3	2	1	16	16	0	52	10.4
Chedworth CC	8	2	3	2	1	17	13	0	50	10
Andoversford CC	8	2	3	2	1	11	14	0	45	9
Cricklade CC	8	1	4	2	1	6	20	0	36	7.2
South Cerney CC	8	0	6	2	0	4	19	0	23	3.83

Sherston Magna CC results in June

5 Jun At Cricklade. SMCC won toss. Cricklade 164-7, SMCC 165-5. **SMCC won by 5 wickets.**

A Tremellen 2-19, O Moore 2-27, A Dickenson 2-36, B Littlejohns 40, P Duffell 32, J Harmer 32.

12 Jun At Pinkney Park. Chedworth won toss. SMCC 184-4, Chedworth 154-9. **SMCC won by 30 runs.**

P Duffell 69, J Harmer 30, B Littlejohns 27, R Cartwright 4-27, M Edmeston 3-34.

19 Jun At Pinkney Park. South Cerney won toss. SMCC 225-6, S Cerney 123ao. **SMCC won by 102 runs.**

J Harmer 84, P Duffell 33, R Cartwright 23, A Dickenson 3-27, J Harmer 2-17, C Green 2-26.

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Malmesbury Library 01666 823611

Malmesbury Police 0845 4087000

Malmesbury Primary Care Trust 01666 825825

Malmesbury Secondary School 01666 829700

Malmesbury Youth Centre 0799 0908550

MP James Gray 01249 652851

NHS Direct 0845 4647

Sherston Parish Council 01666 840351

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Sunday services

June: 8am Holy Communion; 9.30am Sung Eucharist (18 July Family Service); 6pm Evensong (18 July Evening Holy Communion)

Congregational Church

Services each Sunday 11am - 12.00 noon

For further details see the Parish Life or phone 07778 934742

Methodist Church

Services every Sunday at 10.30am apart from 3rd Sunday in the month when service is held at Luckington. For further details contact Cyril Hoskin on 841143 or see the Parish Life

Gauzebrook Junior Church

Every 2nd and 5th Sunday each month in Sherston or Hullavington, joining the adult service at the end for Holy Communion. Next: 11 July at 11 in The Courthouse, Hullavington.

Please contact Sarah Slarke on 07971 090740 for any further information

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 9.15-11.45 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 18 June 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.

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Eudo Tae Kwon Do

Juniors every Tuesday at 3.15pm Sherston Primary School and Seniors Thursdays 7-9pm in the village hall. Abby Lees-Smith 07778 326956 or www.eudotaekwondo.co.uk

Footpaths group

Currently the main task is the publication of a new walks booklet for the parish. For further information contact Maggie McKenna on 841047 or maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com

Ladies' Swimming Club - Summer Swim

During July and August Sherston Ladies Swimming Club welcome occasional swimmers at £3 per session. These months are quieter as many of our regular members are on holiday so do come along to try the lovely pool at Westonbirt Leisure Centre. We swim on Wednesday evenings in 2 sessions at 8- 8.45 and 8.45 - 9.30. Please bring £3 cash in a named envelope each time you swim and give to Heather or Annabel. We hope to welcome some of these visitors to join as members in September. Call Annabel Clifton on 840592 or Heather Martin on 840375.

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wed 7 July 6.30 for 7pm at Malmesbury C of E Primary School.

Malmesbury Rangers

Girls over 14 years meet every 2nd Thurs in the month - 8 July. Further details from Helen Price 503187 or retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 22 July at 7.30pm the village hall. Minutes of meetings can be read online at www.sherston.org.uk. Further details contact Sarah Wood on 840351 or clerk@sherston.org.uk



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Patchwork & Quilting Classes

Advance notice: Patchwork and Quilting Classes to be held on the 1st Thursday of each month from 10am - 2pm in The British Schoolroom – 1 July

Further details from Anne Chapman on 01249 782842.

Senior Club

Meets at 2.00pm in the British School Room every other Tuesday - 13 and 27 July.

For further details contact Cyril Hoskin on 841143.

Sherston Boules and Carnival 2010

Date for the diary – Boules day 2010 will be Sat 17 July with events all the previous week.

Any new ideas and offers of help in planning or just on the day gratefully received.

For more details contact the chairman Tony Weedon on 841377 or dogleg@waitrose.com or secretary Caroline Moore on 841405 or caroline@carolinemoore.co.uk

Sherston FC

The club play in the Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Saturday afternoons - spectators and new players welcome

For more details contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or peter.brock666@btinternet.com

Sherston Tennis Club

Sherston Tennis Club play on two hard courts off Knockdown Rd in Sherston. Fees for the 2010/11 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

Children's Tennis Coaching Saturday mornings starting 24 April for 10 weeks Session 1 - 9.30am - 10.30am; Session 2 - 10.30am - 11.30am max 8 children per session £40* for 10 weeks *excluding membership.

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.communicate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/ or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or Hjquirk@aol.com

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

The group is a fun way for 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 – 1 July.

Further details contact Maureen Jolliffe on 840867

Sherston Young Craft Group

Mondays 6.45 – 8.15pm in the village hall (9 years and over). £3.00 (incl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each half term.

To join, please contact Jane Milne 841090

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

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 9 July 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.



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What's on in 2010 – Dates for your diary

July See below

August

- 28** Lobber Jenkins Boules Competition
- 30** Village Party including Flower, Vegetable and Produce Show

September

- 25** Autumn book sale
- Soul Destroyers in fundraising concert at the Village Hall

October

- 2 - 3** Sherston Beer & Cider Festival
- 3** Mangold Hurl

November

- 6** 1016 Fireworks Party

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.

WHAT'S ON

Sherston

**Boules & Carnival Week 10 – 18
July - see page 14**

The Carpenter's Arms

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Carpenters Arms Cricket vs Old Royal Ship
Thurs 22 July
Coffees, teas and homemade cakes every day at 11am
Boules league
Further details contact 840665

The Rattlebone Inn

5th Anniversary party Fri 2 July 8pm Hog roast and live music from the Killertones

Live music from Nobody's Business Fri 16 July
Boules Day Sat 17 July: 8am Breakfast, Midday Hog Roast & Classic French style rotisserie chicken outside or a la carte menu in the restaurant

Sunday night is pizza night -Martyn's homemade pizzas every Sunday

Speciality coffees, smoothies and homemade cakes every weekday at 10.30am Kids, babies and dogs welcome

Boules league - matches played nightly Mon - Thurs 7.15 & 8pm

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

Garden Party in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Research

Strawberry cream tea in the beautiful garden of Ann and Peter Huntley, 1 Thompsons Hill on Sat 10 July 2.30 - 5.00pm. £3.50 Adults £1.00 Children. Raffle, Bring and Buy. All proceeds going to Professor Scolding at Frenchay Hospital for his pioneering stem cell research work in Multiple Sclerosis.

All enquiries please call Brenda Llewellyn on 840229

Sherston Town FC Fundraising Match

Barbecue, bar, bouncy castle, face painting, raffle and lots more

Sun 25 July from 12.30pm

Further details contact Jo Richardson on 07891 319442 jo-richardson@live.co.uk

Coaching Club

The coaching club will be stopping for a 20 minute break in Sherston High St on Sun 1 Aug 11.30am There could be as many as 15 coaches, each pulled by 4 horses.

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Admission £8 adult /£7 concs/ £3 chd under 5s free

Summer Concerts JLS (sold out) Fri 16 July; **Status Quo** Sat 17 July; **James Morrison** Sun 18 July 2010

£30 - £38 plus booking fee online or 01842 814612

Workshops: Digital Photography Course - Beginners

Fri 9 July 10.30 - 3.30 £50 / **Advanced** Thu 22 July £95 contact Graham Light 01285 653069 or consult@abbey-studios.co.uk

www.abbeyphotoschool for further details. 'Make a Windsor Chair' week long workshop Mon Mon 12 - Sat 17 July. Booking essential call Paul Hayden on 01373 836051

Walks: Wild Flower walks Wed 14 Jul 10.30am free after admission

Specialist wood sales in aid of FOWA Every 2nd Sunday in the month 10am -1pm
Further details contact 880220 or www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Westonbirt School and the Holford Trust House & Gardens

Art exhibition and reception Thu 1 July from 3pm
Junior Drama production 'Daisy Pulls it Off' Thu 1 July 7.30pm and Fri 2 July 4pm in the Orangery
Barbecue and Open Air Concert Fri 2 Jul 7pm Orangery Terrace
School service 9.30am and speech day 11am St Catherine's Chapel and the Orangery
Further details contact 880333 www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk or for the gardens Jo Egerton on joanne_egerton@hotmail.com or www.holfordtrust.com

Knockdown

Classical Garden Party in aid of Diabetes UK

Starring International opera singers Tim Pitman and Rebecca Robinson, cream teas, boules, skittles and classic vehicles Sat 10 July 2pm Tickets available at Tucks. Halfway Bush Farm, GL8 8QY
Further details contact 840387 or 840126

Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

Open Garden and Plant sale Sun 4 July 2 - 5.30pm £3.50 children free www.ngs.org.uk
Dinner with the Swiss Air Force Jet Pilots Thu 15 Jul 6pm Aperitifs, talk and film on Patrouille Suisse, 3 course dinner with a pilot hosting each table, Swiss cheese tasting and wine £75
Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner 'An Education' Sun 25 July £38 includes 3 course lunch or dinner, film & popcorn
Further details contact 834026 or www.whatleymanor.com

Malmesbury

Eilmer 1000th year anniversary celebrations

Sat 12 Jun 7.30pm Tickets from the Abbey or David Barton
Further details contact David Barton on 824924

Eilmer 1000th year anniversary poetry competition

Make and fly your own Eilmer workshop Sat 3 July Athelstan Museum
Flights of Fantasy - 4 lectures and lunch at Malmesbury Town Hall
Hot Air Balloon workshop 2 x 90 mins sessions starting at 10.30am and 1pm Library
Kite Festival International and British kite flyers including a Rokkaku kite fighting competition Sat 31

Jul - Sun 1 Aug Free admission The Worthneys
Further details contact Town Hall, Library or website or www.malmesbury.gov.uk

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society City of Bath Bach Choir

joined by the Bath Junior Choir in a programme that includes the Brahms Requiem and Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo Sat 3 July 7.30pm Tickets from the Abbey or David Barton.
Further details contact David Barton 824924

Charlton Park WOMAD - World Music Festival

Fri 23-25 July SN16 residents' tickets £75 (max 6 tickets per SN16 household Under 13s free
Further details contact 0870 759 96623 or www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park

Cirencester

Cotswold Early Music Festival

Toccatas in Miniature – Richard Lester
 Thurs 22 July 11am Bingham House
Young Musicians Concert
 Thur 22 July 7.45pm Holy Apostles Church, Cheltenham
European Baroque and Music Solos
 Fri 23 July 11am Bingham House
The Glevum Consort
 Fri 23 July 7.45pm Cirencester Parish Church
Joglaresa Mary: Mother and Magdalena
 The Medieval Barn, Siddington
Tickets £9-£15. Further details contact 01285 654180 or www.cirencester-emf.fsnet.co.uk

Events in aid of

Wiltshire Air Ambulance Country & Western Charity Party in aid of WAA

Ticket includes entertainment and BBQ - fancy dress optional Sat 3 July 7.30pm £10 adult, under 14s £5 Westbury Country Park. More details from Debs 07905 358807

Great Bulkington Railway open day in aid of WAA and Dorothy House Hospice

Private miniature railway with 40ft of tunnels, diesel and steam engines. Teas and sticky buns. Nr Seend
 Details from Nev Boulton 01380 828101

Calne Town Centre Motorcycle Meet and Summer Fun Day

Sat 24 Jul 10am - 4pm Stalls, rock bands, great food and every bike imaginable, ending with a ride out through Bowood House grounds. Calne Rotary Peter Tompkins 01249 818920
Further details contact Melanie Gee 0845 1221423 or www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events.htm

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present

Cymbeline King of Britain by William Shakespeare

Tues 20 - Sat 24 July 7.30pm £16 / £14 / £8

Further details contact 01285 898019 or www.arcadians.org

Box

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Hazelbury Manor

Much Ado about Nothing 5 - 10 July £12-20

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Wotton-Under-Edge

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Corsham

The Pound, Corsham

Comedy: *Plested and Brown: Seven Year Bitch* Sat 3

July 7.30pm £9 / £8 concs

Screen: *'Up in the Air'* starring George Clooney Thur 1

July £5; *'Alice in Wonderland'* the Tim Burton revival

Fri 2£5/£3.50 chd; *'A Single Man'* starring Colin Firth

Thur 15 £5

Music: *Bowjangles* (String Quartet and singers) Sat

10 July 7.30pm £10 / £9 **Young Artists Recital Series:**

Jocelyn Freeman (piano) Wed 21 12.30 £5 **Wanderlust:**

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Schöne Müllerin Sat 24 Jul 7.30pm £9

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Theatre Royal

Mozart: *Zaide* Sat 3 - Sun 4 July 10am 5pm 7.30pm

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Book ahead for: *The Rivals* starring Penelope Keith and

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