

Sherston 'Busy Hands' Pre-School is



Children of Sherston 'Busy Hands' Pre-School celebrate their Outstanding Ofsted result.

Sherston 'Busy Hands' Pre-School has just been through its Ofsted inspection and is thrilled with getting top marks.

The Pre-School, which has up to 26 children at any one session, has been recognised as one of the few Pre-schools in Wiltshire to obtain the accolade of Outstanding.

The inspection, carried out in May 2011, described how 'All children flourish in this welcoming pre-school because staff put children's individuality at the heart of all they do.'

The report went on to add 'Staff establish exceptionally strong partnerships with parents and others involved with the children, which supports the high quality of care, learning and development. The management team are highly reflective, constantly reviewing and adapting what they provide.'

Chair of the Pre-school committee Minnie Hulme echoed these sentiments. 'I am incredibly proud of

this result,' she said. 'I would like to congratulate all our staff on such an amazing outcome, as they work tirelessly with never-ending enthusiasm to ensure our children are happy, safe and at the same time continually learning while having such fun.'

In addition, Mrs Hulme said: 'I also believe that this result would not have been possible without the amazing committee and incredibly supportive parents.'

The inspection covers the following areas. The overall effectiveness of the early years provision. The effectiveness of leadership and management of the early years provision. The quality of the provision in the Early Years Foundation Stage. Outcomes for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage. All these elements scored Grade 1, Outstanding; this aspect of the provision is of exceptionally high quality.

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Concert Success

by Heather Martin

The Concert at Sherston Church by 'Music for Awhile' on 3 June was a huge success attended by over 100 people from a wide area. The musicians were of a very high calibre and performed music by Bach and his contemporaries on violin, harpsichord, cello and oboe. Proceeds of the concert, which was funded by the Cecil King Memorial Foundation, will benefit the Church Fabric Fund. We are extremely grateful to the organisers for their hard work and for choosing Sherston Church as their venue. It was certainly a very special occasion.

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Silver Award for Sherston's Singing

by Suzie Power

Sherston C of E Primary School pupils have officially had their singing skills recognized with a Silver Award, conferred by the national 'Sing Up' organisation.

'Sing Up' is the Music Manifesto's National Singing Programme. Its aim is to make sure that singing is at the heart of every primary school child's life.

The Sing Up judge, Mrs Berry, wrote: 'You have clearly put singing at the heart of school life. I particularly enjoyed your performance of Jonah and the Whale directed by Mr Bowditch – it looked like you all had great fun performing the work. I also enjoyed listening to the staff choir sing Yellow Bird. There were some great examples of classes singing together too – such as year 1 singing 'Puff the Magic Dragon' and year 4 singing the gospel medley.'

Headmaster Nick Bowditch said: 'Here at Sherston Primary we encourage a broad range of interests for sheer enjoyment, right across the school. We have a huge number of after-school clubs and activities for the children. Now we are a Sing Up Silver Award School we'll keep developing our singing and find more and more ways to integrate song into school life.'

Carnival walk



After a popular June walk Sue McKechnie's next walk is part of Boules & Carnival on Sunday 10 July starting at 11 am from Sherston Village Hall returning to the Rattlebone Inn at around 1 pm for a complimentary snack courtesy of the pub. It was from these initial carnival walks that Sue developed her regular perambulations.

The walk is free with no need to book. Just turn up with suitable footwear and clothing for weather conditions on the day. The walk is open to all – if you're new to the area it's a good way to meet people. Children are most welcome as are well behaved dogs on leads.

Thank you

by Lin Prior

Many thanks to everyone who bought my marmalade and chutneys, on Saturday 4 June, and helped raise £150.00, which has been divided equally between Sherston Brownies and the Village Hall.

Thanks also to Gail and Paul for allowing me to set up shop outside the Post Office.

Easton Grey Church Concert and Cream Tea

In aid of restoring the organ at Easton Grey Church, a series of concerts and afternoon teas will be held over summer. The first concert on 1 July at 12.00 noon features music by the Scottish composer William McGibbon (1696 – 1756) who was the most famous violinist in Edinburgh in his day. Tender love songs and laments alternate with lively dance airs in the selection to be played in this concert performed on violin and harpsichord. This is a concert not to be missed, and very rarely performed.

The concert will be followed by an optional visit to two local Easton Grey gardens and a cream tea. Concert - entry by donation. Tickets for cream tea and gardens (including reserved seat at concert) £5.

Contact : Sue Thompson 840 378 (tickets), Nicki Heenan 840 883 (concert details).



Kids Zone 2011 - same price, more things to do!

The new look Kids Zone is here again for Boules day and still great value for money with access all day for just £3.00 (3 – 12 yr olds).

There will be a toddler corner and change area, a games corner, face painting, splat the rat, the human fruit machine and last year's very popular Tuck Shop.

We will also have the usual inflatables and of course Punch & Judy. New attractions this year will include an egg throwing competition, food games (very mucky of course) and a tins & Pimms bar.

If you wish to enter a team of 2 for the egg throwing please email - kirstieblair@googlemail.com

Clem's Club

Will meet every other Tuesday again. All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat. 2.30pm to 4.00pm. Alternating with the Senior Club in the British Schoolroom, Cliff Road. Next meeting on 5 and 19 July.

Police News *PC Steve Humphries*

This month of course has the Boules weekend and hopefully it will be as enjoyable as ever. There will be a small police presence for at least part of the day on the Saturday but this is only to ensure the free movement of traffic around the event which presented a few minor issues in previous years. At the time of writing I can assure you that I have been working with the committee to ensure that No Waiting cones are placed where needed to resolve this but at the same time have a minimal impact on the community.

On the subject of parking, you may remember I received complaints about parking near the school around Christmas time last year. Having spoken to the school and through them the parents of the pupils via a newsletter the matter appears to have resolved itself as I have had no further complaints.

I have received a complaint via the Parish council about vehicles parking on junctions. In particular the Junctions of Noble Street, Church Street and Court Street were cited as being of most concern from a road safety angle.

As you know, this is a very small busy area in the village and also a bit of a 'pinch point' for traffic. Having received such a complaint, I will monitor the situation over the coming months and whenever the necessary evidence is there, take positive action in the form of issuing tickets for unnecessary or wilful obstruction. I don't want to have to do this, but I will do so if it benefits the community and increases road safety because that's all part of my job. All I ask is for those who it may concern to park more thoughtfully or better still if they live in the village, walk whenever possible. We are all in this 'big society' together.

If you have any comments about this article or any other police matter please contact us, either on 0845 408 7000 (ask to be put through to either Durry or myself) or better still (as we try to be out working in the community as much as we can) email us on nptmalmesbury@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. We pledge to try to answer all emails within 24 hours of receipt.

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Get painting, making and clicking!

Entry forms will be available on Boules Day for the various exhibitions which are a major part of the Festival.

Young Artists have the subjects - The Circus, Heroes and Villains, The Farm, Bugs and Butterflies - to paint, draw or make items for their exhibition which will be held in the British Schoolroom. Children of 5 years and older can submit work and we would particularly like to encourage young people of secondary school age to take part.

The Art exhibition in the Church is open for submission by any local artists or those with a local connection. Work should be framed and ready to hang and ideally for sale.

The Photographic exhibition will be held in the Village Hall on 15 and 16 October. Categories for the Photography Exhibition are – Sherston Faces, Camera phone shots, Sherston at work and play, Landscapes, Hidden Sherston.

The theme for the Scarecrow Trail is Heroes and Villains. Any household in Sherston can make a Scarecrow and there is a separate category for local businesses this year.

Village hall 300+ club

May draw

1st	£12	257	Anne Huntley
2nd	£11	287	Martin Evans
3rd	£10	213	Doreen Purnell
4th	£9	19	Gillian Noble
5th	£8	47	Kate Tappin
6th	£7	71	Vera Rothwell
7th	£6	115	Janet Platts
8th	£5	227	Kirstie Blair

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Village Hall Whist Drive

8 July 7.30pm for 7.45pm £1.50 including refreshments.

Seasonal Warning to Householders - Burglary

Summer is on its way and with the warmer weather it is considered prudent to remind people about the dangers of leaving the windows and doors of their homes insecure.

- Every year at about this time, there is an increase in the number of burglaries reported to Police. Already, there have been a number of 'walk in' burglaries to private homes where thieves have taken advantage of insecurities in order to enter homes and steal property.

- Please make sure that when you go out you close and lock all doors and windows to ensure opportunities are not provided for thieves and burglars. Even a small casement window left open can provide a thief with a quick and simple way into a house.

- Please don't be tempted to leave anything unlatched, even during a short absence from the home. It may mean that the house gets hot and stuffy, but that's better than coming home to find that you have been a victim of burglary.

- Even when you are at home, lying out in the back garden soaking up the sun, please make sure that the front of the house is secure. While you are dozing at the back or doing some work in the garden, anyone can take advantage of an open or unlocked door or window at the front to quickly nip in and help themselves to your valuables and be gone without you knowing anything about it.

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Please take a few minutes to think security. Use your locks, close your windows and don't let a criminal ruin your summer.

Further crime prevention and personal safety advice is available from www.wiltshire.police.uk Anyone with information in relation to any crime are asked to contact Police on 0845 408 7000 or Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 where information can be left anonymously if they wish.

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The trust is administered by nine trustees and the Clerk to the Trustees. The trustees meet normally four times a year to discuss policy and consider bids for grants from the charity. The aim of the charity is to allocate sums of money from the charity to those in need in Malmesbury and the surrounding villages. The funds are intended, primarily, to benefit the elderly according to the following priorities:

- Priority one - A life-threatening emergency.
In such a case the clerk and two trustees can agree an immediate grant up to £500.
- Priority two - The elderly and other vulnerable individuals.
- Priority three - Institutions for the elderly.
- Priority four - Deserving projects within the community.

An application form can be obtained from the clerk to the trustees, Phil Rice. You can contact him on 824007/07979 694981 or philrice@lineone.net

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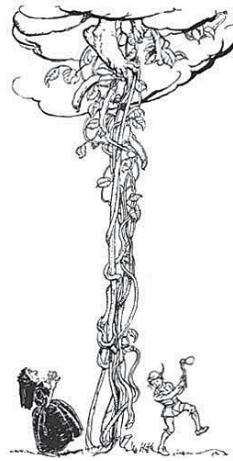
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On any of the following Sundays in JULY at 11.00am.

3rd - Fellowship with Communion. **10th** - Joint Family Service with members of Bradenstoke Chapel. **17th** - No Service in morning - Boules Thanksgiving at 6.0pm either in High St or Village Hall. **24th** - Away visit to Castle Combe Congregational Chapel. **31st** - Praise Service.



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Jack and the Beanstalk Chorus

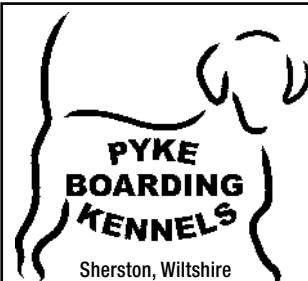


Sherston Drama Group are selecting children to join the Pantomime Chorus.

To take part you have to be at least nine years old on 1 September 2011. We need both girls and boys. Singing, dancing, and acting ability is obviously useful, but if you are not sure whether you have any of these, this could be a chance to find out.

We select chorus members by means of an audition. If you like a part then please come, with your parents, to the Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 4 July, for registration and audition. We will ask children to do a little performance, singly or in a group, to help us with selection, and we will also ask them to sing and dance. If you are interested in a principal part, please come with a song to perform.

If you cannot audition on the date but would still like to take part, please ring the Director, Sue Lehrer beforehand on 824616.



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Sherston Living Churchyard

Sue Robinson Tel: 841263

I have just been to visit the churchyard in the late evening and the moon daisies in the grass are living up to their name, glowing in the gathering dusk in the patches of flower-rich meadow grass which now cover the area where the conifers once stood. It seems to have been a bumper year for these flowers, also called marguerites or dog daisies. The verges near the motorway are also full of them. Like the churchyard these verges also act as nature reserves where wild flowers can flourish as they once did in meadowland. Within a few weeks, once the flower seeds have had chance to fall, the patches of long grass will be cut. On holiday in Austria recently I noticed that many houses in the village where we were staying had similar patches of uncut grass in their gardens, where people were allowing the native wildflowers to flourish and bloom in their season.

Once again the Pyramidal Orchid has appeared suddenly from the grass at the front of the church, although it still seems to be a sole flower. Every year I hope that more plants will have seeded from this one, but it is miraculous that the one appeared after years of close-mowing of the grass so I will not give up hope. To me the wondrous variety and beauty of natural life is one of the signs of the presence of God in a world we need to protect and cherish as we depend on it for our lives here.

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Christian Aid Week 2011

I would like to say thank you very much to everyone who has collected this year for Christian Aid and to all of you who so generously contributed when one of the collectors came knocking on your door. I have already sent off £1600 to the charity and expect this total to increase as the final envelopes come in and the collections of the old Sherston Group of parishes are added to those of Hullavington and Stanton St. Quintin to make a Gauzebrook total. I will let everyone know the final total of the collection next month.

This year it has been possible to collect from more houses than in 2010, but we still did not reach all the homes in the Gauzebrook area. Please consider whether you could help with this collection next year. If more people were available to help it would be possible for each person to collect only from their five or ten immediate neighbours and so nobody would have a big task to undertake.

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Sherston W.I.

by Ann Wilcox.

Our speaker for June was Linda Warren. Her topic was Wartime Kitchens, which included insight into Evacuees and Entertainment. We were shown advertisements at the time and had to identify the products. Many of us had some experience of life at the time and knew about Vim and Bournville Cocoa. The leaflets of recipes were not very exciting and few of us will be trying to make Mock Goose or Woolton pie. The effect of evacuation on town children being brought to the country gave us some amusing stories but must have been very difficult for them all. Reminders of entertainment at the time brought back many memories of favourite radio programmes. Linda stirred up many memories of this difficult time and was a most enjoyable speaker.

Lea's Open meeting in May was attended by seven members of Sherston W.I. We enjoyed excellent hospitality and a talk on Wiltshire's connections with the Titanic. This concentrated on the Goodwin family from Melksham. A family of 6, with 4 children, between 2 and 12 years old who had all perished when the ship sank. A different angle on the tragedy well illustrated with slides and diagrams.

Other activities planned include a canal trip from Devizes on July 6. We will be helping out at Boules day on 16 July selling raffle tickets and also with many more activities.

Our President will be travelling to Liverpool to attend the A.G.M. of the N.F.W.I. where she will hear discussions on the recent resolutions. We look forward to hearing her impressions of this occasion.

A large number of plants had been brought by members for sale on our sales table. We were able to purchase items during refreshment time.

Our next meeting on 7 July will be a talk by Jane Keech of the Alzheimer's Society. Visitors very welcome.

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The parish council is supporting the scheme by not only allowing the use of the recreation ground but also by hiring the scout hut to provide toilet and changing facilities as well as indoor space should the weather prove unkind.

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TREEtalk

JULY 2011

by Irene Johnston

New date for Woodland Frolic: Sunday 4 September

After a fantastic spring, summer weather is all over the place. We thought we were safe picking a date of June 5 for the first Woodland Frolic. Sadly, we couldn't have been more wrong; torrential rain put paid to walks in the wood and family picnics. Several people have asked if we're trying again and the answer is YES! If you want to see the results of two seasons' volunteer work in Grove Wood, enjoy kids' nature competitions, plate painting and rural craft demos, then come along on Sunday 4 September, with your picnics, between 12.00noon and 4.00pm. Even better, why not sign up to help with the next phase of coppicing, clearing and bulb planting, starting mid-October on Sundays from 10.00am until 1.00pm.

Steady progress along river bank

It may be quiet in Grove Wood during the dormant season but the Community Payback team have been hard at work on the periphery. We shall soon have a proper path along the river bank, meaning dog walkers and ramblers will no longer have to squelch

through winter mud. Our volunteer task force will also find life easier in Quarry End, the third phase of the woodland restoration plan that starts in October.

The Payback team have been levelling the ground and putting wooden boards in along the sides. On completion, they will lay geo-textile on the path (i.e. waterproof membrane) and spread scalplings on top followed by a layer of wood mulch. Thanks to the Parish Council for supplying the boarding and Wiltshire Rights of Way department for the geo-textile and scalplings.

As the team are usually here on Fridays and Saturdays from around 10.30am until 2.00pm, do please encourage them if you see them. Apparently, Sherston is known to both the supervisors and the team members as a good place to come to because of the outdoor work and the friendly locals.

The 'Wow' factor

The Japanese cherry, destined for the corner site on Manor Close, will be 'bare-root' planted in the early autumn. This *Prunus 'Amanogawa'* will be worth the wait. Compact and upright, this species has clusters of large, fragrant, semi-double pale pink blossoms that smother the branches in late spring. Young, bronze leaves gradually mature to deep green.

Elsewhere in the village.....

The trees in the High Street are due for a 'make-over' in the near future. We're researching recommended street trees and shall be canvassing local opinion when we come up with suitable options that will be hardy, not too vigorous and will enhance our lovely stone buildings.

STOP PRESS – there may be wild daffodil bulb planting in Grove Wood from early September onwards. Watch this space for more details next month.

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

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Boules & Carnival Quiz - July 9



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Next meeting

The parish council next meets on Thursday 21 July in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise please contact the clerk Mrs. Sarah Wood on 840351 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read.

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The draw for the Boules competition

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There are 128 places available on the day. All sponsors automatically receive a place, with 2 additional entries reserved for our regular guests from Gien. After these deductions the remaining places are divided so that 70% go to village applicants and 30% to visitor applicants. This year as in previous years we have received in excess of 180 applications. The draw is then made. Unfortunately this always results in disappointments for a large number of applicants. A reserve list is compiled at the time of the draw and as places become available they are allocated. From previous years' experience we normally receive a number of cancellations just prior to the event, making some places available which are only allocated to local teams. So if you were unlucky in the main draw, do not despair. There is every chance you will get a place. *Sherston Boules & Carnival Committee*

Match No	Team Name	Against	Team Name	Pitch	Time
1a	Temperance Two		Les Gros Legumes	1	09:30
2a	Bon Courage		Bob's Boules Boys	2	09:30
3a	The Boyz		Douboules Entendres	3	09:30
4a	CA Roule MA Boule		Les Chevaliers	4	09:30
5a	George Clooney		The TDT's	5	09:30
6a	The Boule Busters		Last Years Winners	6	09:30
7a	Boules et Boules AH-HA		iBoules	7	09:30
8a	Girls Behaving Badly		Balcony Boulers	8	09:30
9a	Emphatically Bouled		The Shorties	9	09:30
10a	The Chutney Ferrets		Total Boules Up	10	09:30
11a	Frariat Sherstonia		Rotary Rollers	11	09:30
12a	The Presidents Men		Totalment Pists	12	09:30
13a	Les Reynards d'Argent		Grumpy Old Men - Sherston Branch	13	09:30
14a	Chicken Coup Three		Trouble at Mill	14	09:30
15a	Les Trios Brummies		Lambton Worms	15	09:30
16a	Pinkney Gentlemen		The Trios	16	09:30
1b	Groupe Petanglais		The Untouchaboules	1	10:00
2b	Piste Artistes		3 Little Birds	2	10:00
3b	Red Rag		The Three Musketeers	3	10:00
4b	Marmite ou escargot?		The Bungers	4	10:00
5b	Cheltenham Clackers		The Hoose	5	10:00
6b	Les Rosbifs		All for one	6	10:00
7b	The Outsiders		Back Street Boys	7	10:00
8b	Sam's Team		Family Ties	8	10:00
9b	Bouledogs		The Sherston Cider Company	9	10:00
10b	PYO Scabs		Keckers Klan	10	10:00
11b	Pawnbrokers		Sprout Pickers	11	10:00
12b	The Chiseldon		Total Perfection	12	10:00
13b	The Laughaboules		The Picallellies	13	10:00
14b	Ship-mates		Never mind the Boules-ocks	14	10:00
15b	TBC		TroubouleMakers	15	10:00
16b	Bombers		La Lush	16	10:00
1c	Gien A		Dan Bailey Builders	1	10:30
2c	Supermarine		Props Cavaliers	2	10:30
3c	Hondas		The Rattlebone Inn	3	10:30
4c	Daddies Boules		Les Poubelles	4	10:30
5c	Sound Strategy		PD Fitness	5	10:30
6c	Thursdays Children		Original Sin	6	10:30
7c	Broome Bombers		Menage a Trois	7	10:30
8c	Cleaver Boules		Norfolk'n Chance	8	10:30
9c	Team Infiniti		Pulse Business Software	9	10:30
10c	Archers		The Lordwood Lot	10	10:30
11c	The Riflemen		The Boule Bags	11	10:30
12c	The Merlin Truffles		Props Barbarians	12	10:30
13c	Widleys Trio		Ladybirds	13	10:30
14c	Bonne Chance		The Exiles	14	10:30
15c	The Lob Stars		The Bouledogs	15	10:30
16c	Beaufort Boys		Flashers	16	10:30
1d	Gien B		The Three Kings	1	11:00
2d	The Dovecote Devils		The Old Eastonians	2	11:00
3d	Dan Bailey Building		Silver Streakers	3	11:00
4d	Kitbags		Holt Landscapes	4	11:00
5d	Tonkiki		Vegetaboules	5	11:00
6d	Flying Monks		Sponsor Team 6	6	11:00
7d	The Hillbillies		Pinkney Players	7	11:00
8d	Total Boules Up		Fun Boy Three	8	11:00
9d	Coches for Honours		Sykometrically Tested	9	11:00
10d	The Boulistics		N 3 Graphics	10	11:00
11d	Luckington Loafers		Compass Graphic Design	11	11:00
12d	The Unreachaboules		Sherston Tossers	12	11:00
13d	Sweaty Socks		Build Centre	13	11:00
14d	Les Oeufs		The Tolsey Tornadoes	14	11:00
15d	Tanners Hill Tossers		Les Moutardiers	15	11:00
16d	Take 3 Girls		Sherston Hit Squad	16	11:00



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Sherston School Of Rock – Summer School

Do you have a budding musician in the family who wants to throw off the shackles of Fur Elise for a few days and just RAAAAAAWK !!

Well a couple of “musos” from Malmesbury school are planning to run a 4 day rock summer school in Sherston on August 9-12 to find the aspiring rock gods that walk amongst us.

The idea is to take kids who have some experience of guitar/drums/bass/keys/vocals/whatever and give them a grounding in applying what they already know to more modern genres than they might normally get a chance to play (metal/hip-hop/indie/whatever they are into) – and also to introduce them to modern recording studio techniques... they even get to come away with a CD of their efforts!

It's being run by Sherston's Charli Shephard and Luckington's Barney Kenny, Barney is a tutor at Malmesbury Music Academy and Charli is currently mastering her first album at Peter Gabriel's Realworld studios. Between them they play all of the main rock band instruments better than they have any right to and are totally at home in a modern computer-based recording studio as they are both studying Music Technology at A level.

The course will cost £100 per student for the 4 days and will probably be limited to 4 or 5 students – and ideally a spread of instruments and interests, so for once drummers and bass players will actually be welcome somewhere. It would probably best suit kids in 10 to 14 age group.... but that's not a hard and fast limit and will depend to some extent on who is interested. All the gear can be provided or students can bring their own if they prefer.

Anyone who is interested should contact Charli (charli-shephard-music@hotmail.co.uk) or Barney (bazzyboy2@hotmail.com). Also note that if you are interested but can't make August 9-12 then contact them anyway as other courses may be organised if there is enough interest.

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Malmesbury Kite Festival 2011



A group of volunteers have formed to organise another festival this summer on July 23-24, again at the Worthey's, thanks to the support of Mr and Mrs Weaver at Whychurch Farm for their perfect kite flying venue.

The organisers have arranged for top British kite enthusiasts from all over the country to come and put on a spectacular display. Among the many displays will be the sport kite teams, who fly synchronised stunt kites to music. There'll be an array of beautiful artistic and appliquéd kites and not forgetting the monster inflatables that are a hit at every festival. There will also be the opportunity to witness the two traditional kite competitions. The massively entertaining Rokkaku kite fight, where competitors aim to “cut” each others' kites down to the ground. And the altitude sprint, where flyers race against the clock to see who can make their kite climb the highest.

In addition, no child should come to the festival without their favourite teddy bear. Bring them to the control tent at the designated time and watch your teddy zip up the kite line and drop from a kite gently down to Earth with one of our parachutes.

As well as refreshments and stalls, the local kiting organisation, the White Horse Kite Flyers will be there to help children make and fly their very own kite for a small donation.

We're also hosting a design and fly your own kite competition for children between the ages of 8 to 18. Have you ever fancied making your own kite? The competition encourages youngsters to understand the basic requirements of kite design and construction. Then come and show it off by flying it at the kite festival. There are prizes available for the best and most innovative entries.

Thanks to the financial support given to the organisers by Malmesbury Town Council and the Jack Lane Trust, the Kite Festival will be a free event. Visitors are encouraged to access the field by foot near the cricket club, the footpath up the hill opposite the Co-Op or via Whychurch Farm. Ample parking will also be provided, but there will be a small charge of £2 per car.

For further information, please check out www.malmesbury.gov.uk/kitefestival or contact Julia on 07814 706 935 jules.caton@googlemail.com or Jon on jon@catons.freeserve.co.uk The Worthey's is at Worthies Lane, (B4040) Malmesbury SN16 9JX.

Old School news

by Frank Hatt

Around 50 SOSCIC members braved the heavy rain and the attraction of the TV, where Andy Murray was contesting his first match at Wimbledon, to attend their first general information meeting at the village hall on Monday 20 June.

Peter Sidebottom as chairman welcomed members and gave a short introduction, before handing over to his project management team. Mike Johnson talked about planning matters including listed building consent, John Knight gave an update on the building works, Richard Hulme outlined how SOSCIC intends to go about securing tenants and Geoff Martin reported on finance and fundraising. This was a chance to refresh members' memories, issue some reminders and bring members up to date on the considerable progress that has been made. Key points were as follows:

In March, once planning permission had been given (with certain listed building conditions), SOSCIC engaged an architect to draw up detailed drawings so as to be able to go out to tender. The plans are for the post office and general store to occupy about 60% of the ground floor. The remainder of the ground floor will probably provide four more units, which could be used as offices or for other retail or community uses. Service access will be from the rear of the building. The exterior of the building will hardly change.

The structure of the building appears generally to be in a good condition, although there are some parts, such as the bell-tower, which can't be inspected without scaffolding. The roof looks mainly sound but until the contractors get to work it will be impossible to see whether some parts of it need to be repaired. The suspended ceilings are in bad repair and will need to be replaced or dispensed with. The heating system will be changed for a modern energy-efficient one. At the time of the members' meeting, the board was in the process of

receiving tenders from four local contractors, and expected to choose one within the following week. The aim is to complete the first phase of building works in early November.

SOSCIC has appointed Graham Singer as its letting agent, with a brief to find tenants for the 40% of the building remaining to be let. He will move into action as soon as the building is in a fit state. While there is the possibility that some of this space will be available for community use, it's clear that in the early years the rent from tenants will be a crucial element in SOSCIC's finances, enabling it to keep up its payments to the parish council for the lease of the building.

The meeting was reminded of the legal position: that the parish council now owns the premises and that SOSCIC is its lessee with the objective of getting those premises into commercial and community use. As a Community Interest Company, it cannot be a charity and so will not be eligible for Gift Aid on donations. A sum of £289,000 is now estimated to be available and will cover the first phase of the renovation and conversion. This is made up of £250,000 in SOSCIC's coffers and £39,000 held by the parish council but earmarked for Old School enhancement.

On the basis of the tenders now coming in from contractors, it is currently estimated that about a further £150,000 will be needed to cover the second phase and complete the building's refurbishment and conversion. Two grant applications were submitted recently: one to the Prince's Countryside Fund, the other to the Community First Landfill Communities Fund. Further grant applications are planned. Members were reminded that one of the guiding principles of the Old School project was that, once up and running, it should be self-funding and should not seek support from the parish precept. This is why the rent from future occupants will be so important. It is also why there is now an urgent need for a vigorous fundraising campaign to enable early completion of the refurbishment and encourage full occupation of the premises.

After some questions and discussion, the meeting closed with an appeal for volunteers to help move the project forward, particularly (but not exclusively) with fundraising. Forms were available for members to complete if they wished to volunteer. There was a good response, but more volunteers are needed.

There are now almost 250 members of SOSCIC and growing. This evidence of support within the village is extremely important and there can never be too many members. Membership forms are available online at www.sherston.org.uk and www.sherston.net and at the post office.

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Bristol to Bordeaux Bike Ride 2011 - 50 Riders; 470 miles; 4 days; 1 reason

by Kevin Smith

Between 15 and 18 June, 50 cyclists took part in an epic ride from Bristol to Bordeaux. Accompanied by three disabled youngsters and supported by an amazing team of volunteers, these two wheeled heroes overcame the miles, the mishaps and the monsoons to raise funds for the charity PROPS.

As in previous years, Sherston played a major part. Lucy Cope, Lauren and Mark Kiddell, James Power, Dan Pritchett, Dave and Dawn Reeves, Riaan Van Rooyen, Kevin Smith and Ed Thompson together formed 'The Sherston Massive'. This is their tale.



Day1: Bristol to Portsmouth - Here we go!

The Lord Mayor of Bristol (Geoff to his friends) was kind enough to come along and start us all off and headed by Props students Frank and Matt we roll out of Queen Square. The rain held off (for now) but Riaan was struggling heroically with a broken bike up the steepest hills of the trip. The cycle down the Wylie Valley to be met at lunch by students from the Vassall Centre and Briarwood School 6th Form

put us all in the best spirits. An afternoon of rain and a couple of punctures for Lauren gave us a quick reality check. And that final climb up to Portsmouth! I mean, uphill? To a port?

Day2: St. Malo to Nantes
- The Sun comes out!

This was more like it. Cycling through the Brittany countryside in dappled sunshine. Courteous drivers offering cheery waves of encouragement. Mid-morning café. Mid-afternoon biere. Things were looking good for a glorious next couple of days. What could possibly go wrong?

Day3: Nantes to Rochefort - 'That Day'!

Ah, day 3. A proper blood, sweat and tears day. 132 miles of gusting wind and rain.

A very hard day in the saddle, but with incredible teamwork and support for each other, we made it through. We even managed some laughs along the way. That Bath Ales at the finish never tasted sweeter! And Nantes gets our award for 'Most Inappropriate Use of a Cycle Path'. Don't even ask!!

Day4: Rochefort to Bordeaux - The Final Push

The sun comes out again! And we're provided with a fabulous winding route down to Royan. The ferry across to Verdon and then we're wheeling through the vineyards of the Grand chateaux of the West bank. Now this is what we signed up for! We ended in Bordeaux with a celebratory biere (or 3) in Bordeaux and the perfect chance to reflect on a job well done!

To date, the 9 Sherston riders have raised £12,000 for young people with special needs. An amazing achievement and a very positive reflection on the generosity of the community of Sherston. Thanks to each and every one of you who have donated!

If you missed the chance to donate before, don't worry, there's still time!

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Dance Drums and FROCK



Sherston Boules & Carnival is very pleased to be associated with the WOMAD foundation in a performance by the Dhol Foundation and Bhangra dancers at the village hall on Wednesday 13 July at 7.30 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to hear the powerful rhythms of the Dhol drums and experience the uplifting spirit of Bhangra dance. There will also be a workshop for all ages and abilities. In addition Malmesbury School's FROCK band will also be performing prior to them appearing on the main stage at the preview evening at this year's WOMAD Festival. Tickets are available from Sherston Post Office Stores Adults £5 and Concessions: £3 (OAPs and under 16). Refreshments from the bar will be available.

Last call

Pitches for the Carnival boot on Sunday 10 July from 8am to 12 noon on the Recreation Ground are available at £5 in advance £10 on the day. To book please contact Cilla Liddington on 840128 or email sherstoncilla@tiscali.co.uk

Stalls for the big day – Saturday 16 July – are almost sold out so if you're interested in having one contact Sharon Doyle on 841233 email sharon.doyle@sjpp.co.uk Stalls are £40 for businesses £20 for charities or voluntary groups.

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SHERSTON CARNIVAL & BOULES '11



Saturday 9th to Sunday 17th July

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

Saturday 9:

Carnival Quiz Night; 8.00pm at the village hall. Bar.
Tickets £15 from the Post Office for a table of four.



Sunday 10:

Carnival Walk; from village hall ending up at Rattlebone. 11am - 1pm, guided. Turn up on the day, no charge.

Carnival Boot Sale; at the Rec. 8.00am - 12noon. Refreshments.
Pitches £10 on the day £5 in advance.

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Monday 11:

Carnival Darts; Carpenters Arms. 7.30pm £1 entry. Prizes.



Tuesday 12:

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



Wednesday 13:

Carnival Skittles; Rattlebone. 8.00pm £5 entry - trophy to winner.

Dohl Foundation - Indian Drum and Dance Concert with
Malmesbury School FROCK Band; 7.30pm village hall. Bar.
£5 Adults £3 Children. Tickets available at the Post Office.



Thursday 14:

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

Carnival Cricket; Pinkney. Junior match 4.30,
followed by Adult Twenty20 starting at 6pm. Bar.

Friday 15:

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

Concert in the Church; Harry Smith's Grand Day Out;
7.30pm. £5 from the Post Office. Bar.



Saturday 16:

In the High Street:

Ring of Church bells signals the start of the Boules Tournament at 9.00am

Also: Colts boules 10am, Junior Boules 12 noon, live jazz, Morris Dancers 12-2pm, Celebration Jazz Band 9-12noon, Dodington Parish Band 12.30-3.00pm, Junior Orchestra 3-6.00pm.

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

Kids-Zone on the Village Hall Field:

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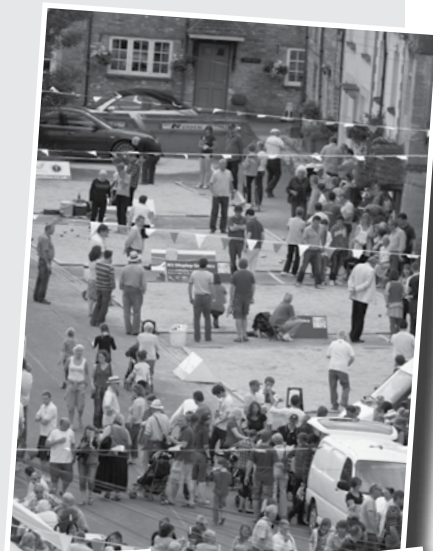
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Carnival Tug of War for the Sherston Cup;

11am at Stretchline, Brook Hill. BBQ, bar, soft drinks. £8 per team entry. Teams contact Paul Ormiston 01666 840694. Barrel of beer and wine prizes.

Carnival 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.

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being a further 15 feet, no water of
rod. Mr. Maggs to request Mr. B.
over to ascertain if water was present in the field. After considerable search, the twig began to rise, and the upward movement
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head and broke. Sinking operations were shortly commenced, but the faith of the workers, after going down 25 feet without any
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but after going down 21 feet and
my consequence was met with. This
Tompkins, of Chippenham, to cope
with the drought.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES MAGGS.

Sherston Parish Council came into being following the Local Government Act of 1894 under which parish councils assumed local oversight of civic duties in rural towns and villages. These councils replaced a number of authorities based around ecclesiastical parishes in a system of local government that originated in feudal times.

It seems that one of the first acts of the fledgling Sherston Parish Council was to commission a lovely Oak Chest to keep all its important documents safe. Carved on the lid is 'Sherston Parish Council 1895'.

This chest has been kept in various places over the last 116 years, but now the Council has decided that these papers should be stored in a correct environment, and so they are to go to the Heritage Centre in Chippenham, where they will be safe and available for all to view. Before they are moved it has been a wonderful opportunity to go through and read what village life was like. Most of it is naturally 20th century material, but one hidden gem deep in the bottom of the chest is a book titled 'Sherston Magna Parish Book 29 October 1717'. It is very difficult to decipher but it is the record kept by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish. We hope to include extracts from this book in later editions of the Cliffhanger.

But for now we are going back to June 1897 when the Parish Council requested a quote from Mr B. Tompkins Artesian Boring, Sinking, and Water Engineer.

He was invited to come to the village to use his Divining Rods to find water. It is not known whether his quote was accepted but as he also erected Windmills and Water Pumps. He may have been responsible for finding water where the old Windmill once stood, now the site of the present Water Tower.

Honeysuckle

by Martin Rea

This has undoubtedly been a marvellous year our native honeysuckle *Lonicera periclymenum* with a number of local hedgerows full of their beautifully scented flowers.

It's easily grown in most soils but does best in a dryish loam. Like many honeysuckles it grows well in partial shade and through into the sun. There are some plants growing in Grove Wood and it is hoped to propagate from them to increase the stock.

If pruned hard it can thicken up quite remarkably becoming an ideal nest and roost site. It provides food for the larvae of White Admiral butterfly and nectar for hawk moths. Berries are eaten by bullfinches, warblers and thrushes whilst dormice also eat it and use its bark as nest material. The leaves are also said to be the favourite food of goats.

The name of the genus, *Lonicera*, was given by Linnaeus in honour of Adam Lonicer, a physician and naturalist, born in Marburg Germany in 1528.



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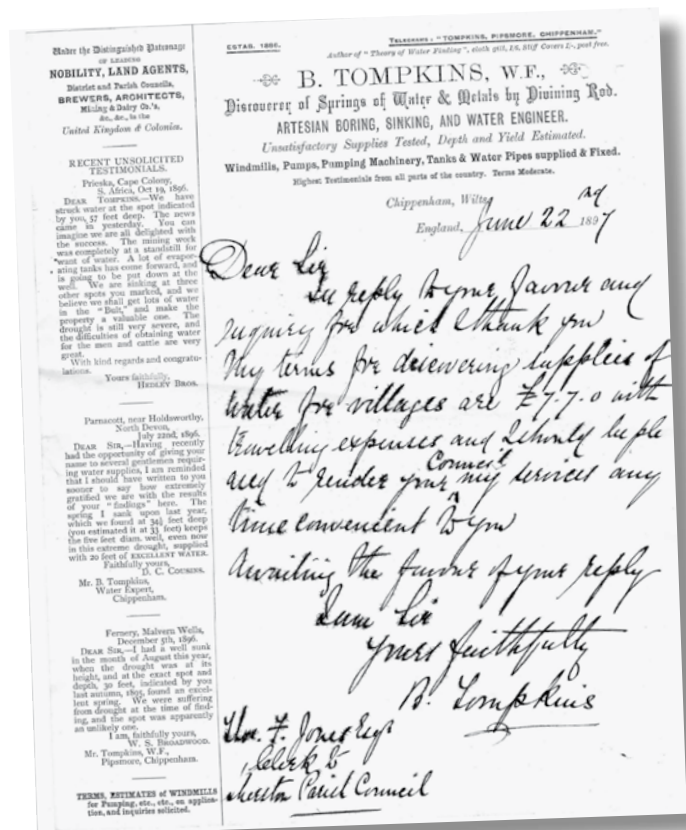
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Harry Smith's Grand Day Out



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.....is basically just a collective of multi-instrumental singer songwriters realising self-penned acoustic songs in the context of a bigger band with folky, beardy, worldly overtones. Mainly influenced by British Folk and the Nu-Folk/pop scene (Laura Marling, Johnny Flynn etc.), they also incorporate aspects of American and Eastern European traditional music into a lively and eclectic live performance. Reinterpretations of more well known songs will be added to the mix as well!

Featuring: Sherston's own Harry Smith, the Rotary Club's Young Musician of the Year 2010, he has played alto sax with Pee Wee Ellis on the WOMAD main stage, violin and soprano sax with Maddy Prior (from Steeleeye Span). He's been leader of the South West Youth Orchestra and Wiltshire and Swindon Youth Orchestra and famously lost his wig at last year's Malmesbury School Christmas Concert doing an impersonation of bassist Geddy Lee from Rush! Has played at prestigious venues such as St. George's in Bristol and Dartington Hall.

James Aldridge; Graduate of the South West Music School, making a name for himself in the south west, has a solo album out, part of the Kaleidoscope collaboration who recorded at Peter Gabriel's studios in Box (and who are on iTunes). Played such venues/events as Dartington Hall, Bath Party In The City etc. A regular on the circuit around Gloucestershire and Bristol.

Chloe Foy; Won Live@Gloucester Studio 2011, currently recording some new choons. Breaking onto the festival circuit in her own right this year, you'll see her about. Studying at Manchester University next year.

Roland Palmer; Cello, Guitar, Bass, Ukelele - everything you could possibly want. University of Manchester next year. Been playing with a fellow called Mischa Weston-Green this year. Making waves in Dorset, soon to take the world by storm...well his Mum thinks so.

Carnival Bingo

On Friday 22 July at 7.30 pm for an 8pm start at the village hall there's a special charity bingo session to enjoy. All profits from the night will go towards Boules & Carnival funds.

Entry is 50p and 30p a book. Light refreshments available. Why not pop along for good fun and good company?

Dog bins

Parish councillor Claire Browett has taken on the task of reviewing the positioning of dog bins in the parish to make sure they are fairly distributed along well known dog walking routes. She will also be including ordinary litter bins in the process as for sometime Wiltshire Council has allowed these to be used for bagged dog faeces. Should additional bins be shown to be required it is expected that the parish council would have to contribute towards the costs of both the bins and emptying them. If you have an idea where a new bin might be useful please contact the Clerk Mrs Sarah Wood on 840351 email clerk@sherston.org.uk

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The SAGA is ended

by Richard Maslen

Sherston Allotments and Gardens Association (SAGA) has been disbanded due to lack of support and interest – despite all plots being taken and the waiting list for allotments standing at a record level of 24.

There has been no chairman for well over a year and a much reduced number of members paid the small subscription for 2011/12. Meeting under an acting chairman, the committee tried to revive the association but this proved impossible.

SAGA was formed by allotment holders, waiting list members, interested villagers and supporters to help counter a perceived threat that the allotment site in Green Lane/Knockdown Road might be sold for development. A short but brisk campaign was successful.

After that, support and interest dwindled, despite the fact a strong negotiating voice will still be essential if, for example, moving the allotments to a new site able to cater for the waiting list has to be considered on its merits.

SAGA helped 'save' the allotments by giving tenants a voice, and also promoted the allotments movement locally at village shows and events, and by building useful contacts, especially through membership of the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners. Pressure for a conventional gardening club could not be answered because of a lack of active volunteers. The committee met twice without much success to consider the future and called a general meeting which attracted no fresh support. The wind-up decision was taken reluctantly but inevitably. It is unlikely the need for an allotments watchdog has vanished, whatever happens to the present inadequate site.

Subscriptions paid for the current year will be refunded and a small balance offered to the Parish Council to be used in Grove Wood.

Tell us

You are encouraged to come along and have your say on plans which will help make communities strong and sustainable by ensuring jobs, services and homes are developed in a balanced way.

Protecting the unique identity of your community as well as creating jobs and managing development underpin the Wiltshire Core Strategy (WCS) consultation document which has been recently published by Wiltshire Council. The strategy will be subject to a further round of consultation until August 8. As it impacts on Sherston and other local parishes particularly as regards future housing it's important to give your views on what is proposed. Sherston Parish Council will consider its response at its meeting on 21 July at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

To ensure as many people as possible can comment on the plans and have the opportunity to ask questions an exhibition will be held on Monday 18 July in Malmesbury Town Hall (Wesleyan Hall) from 2pm-8pm.

The responses gathered through the consultation will be used to help draft the WCS – a plan which sets out long-term planning and development aims and principles. This will ensure local people continue to have an integral role in shaping plans which will affect them and their communities.

The council carried out a review and found that the number of homes required in Wiltshire over the next 15 years should be reduced from the government target of 44,400 new homes to the council's assessment of 37,000. Approximately half of the homes required have already been completed or are in the process of being developed.

The consultation lasts until August 8 and all documents are available by logging on to council's website <http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal> or www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wcsconsult2011.

The documents can also be viewed at the council's offices at Monkton Park Chippenham and all local libraries.

Comments can be submitted online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal, by email to spatialplanningpolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk or in writing to Spatial Planning, Economy and Enterprise, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire BA14 8JN.

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Welcome Sean

The parish council has co opted Sean Magee of Willesley to fill the vacancy following the recent resignation of Geoff Martin. Council is pleased to have Sean on board as it's important that all parts of the parish are represented. Thanks are due to Mike Barnes who has now retired from his watching brief over the last few years on behalf of Willesley residents.

Home fire safety

Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service have 18 community safety technicians, who carry out home fire safety checks across Wiltshire and Swindon. These visits are carried out on a risk assessed basis, targeting those most in need of help - for example, the elderly and vulnerable. Many of the technicians can also visit community groups to give talks about the importance of home safety, focusing on the key messages covered by the home visits - for example:

- Having working smoke alarms fitted
- Checking smoke alarms on a regular basis
- Knowing how to escape from the property in the event of a fire
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Sow now

By Cepheus

The marvelously warm spring brought many plants into flower much earlier than expected, often by as much as six weeks, as well as shortening the overall flowering period. Many gardeners wonder what will be left to flower by the end of June with July, August and even September looking distinctly lacking in interest. Bedding plants can of course always be relied on, so long as they are well fed and deadheaded, but in the garden situation often a greater range of plants are required especially those with height.

It could well be worth taking a tip from that doyen of gardeners the late Christopher Lloyd. He constantly encouraged the sowing of hardy and half hardy annuals so prolonging a colourful garden well into autumn.

Whether you sow direct or into trays or pots to start seeds off there is still a good choice of annuals to grow this month. Why not try *Calendula* (pot marigold), *Centaurea*, *Clarkia*, *Eschscholtzia* (Californian poppy), *Godetia*, *Linaria* or *nasturtium*? Sown now all should give a good display later in the summer if not into early autumn.

June is also the month to sow biennials for flowering next year. *Bellis* daisies, *Canterbury bells*, foxgloves and of course wallflowers all spring to mind.

Vegetables to be sown direct throughout the month include French and runner beans, beetroot, calabrese, carrots, mini cauliflower, all chicories, Chinese

cabbage, courgettes, cucumber, endive, kohlrabi, oriental salad plants, lettuce, marrow, peas, pumpkin, radish, salad rocket, spinach beet, summer and new Zealand spinach, squash, swede, sweet corn and turnip. There's plenty of choice I'm sure you'll agree!

For those amongst you with a competitive streak don't forget the Flower Vegetable and Produce Show at the Parish Party on Bank Holiday Monday 29 August. The schedule will soon be published so start thinking of your entries now.

All change

The Lobber Jenkins Memorial Urn Boules Tournament will now be held on Saturday 17 September whilst on Saturday 27 August there is a 12 hour Skittles marathon in aid of PROPS and Sherston 1016. Both events take place at the Rattlebone Inn and full details will be available in the August Cliffhanger.

Party on

After a year off due to major redecoration works at the village hall the Parish Party returns on Bank holiday Monday 28 August. Schedules for the highly competitive Sherston Flower Vegetable and Produce Show, an integral part of the event, will be available later this month from Sherston Post Office Stores. More details next month.

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Members of the Order were overwhelmed on attending the Mangold Maid Making ceremony at the Rattlebone Inn on Whit Sunday 12 June. Whilst outside the heavens opened they found the pub heaving with well over a hundred people all superbly dressed for the occasion. The Order is most grateful to Pete and Irene Johnston for ensuring such a marvellous turnout and for supplying members with an excellent buffet.

A huge cry of Yarp went up as this year's Mangold Maid Miss Elizabeth Ward, aka Lizzie, was Made. Her parents Martin and Val were visibly moved by the Making.

An old tradition has been revived for Miss Ward this year – a glamour photo shoot. I hope the result meets with your approval. Prints and postcards signed by Lizzie will be available at this year's Hurl on 2 October. Please note that on the shoot Lizzie was accompanied at all times by her mother Val whilst photographer Nick Holland was firmly overseen by his wife Margot.

There is much else to report particularly the identity of our new Summoner and the strange disappearance of Her Honour the Very Reverend Ivor Horn on Whit Sunday. I am however under strict instructions from the editors to 'cut it' this month due to space restrictions caused by some strange modern invention of a Boules tournament which I am told is to take place on Saturday 16 July. Personally I've never heard of it. I therefore leave you all in suspenders till next month.

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Cricket



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On a fine summer's day SMCC won the toss and decided to field. Accurate spells of bowling from captain Andrew Tremellen and Jamie Turner prevented Barnsley from scoring as quickly as the batting track had initially promised but wickets were hard to earn. The pressure applied by the opening bowlers eventually told in the final 20 overs with

Andy Pegg (5-35) taking wickets at regular intervals. Barnsley eventually reached a respectable 181-9 in their 40 overs.

SMCC's response was positive, with James Harmer (24) and Richard Cartwright (48) starting brightly with a partnership of 54. Barnsley had a glimmer of hope when Ian Gould (1) was out soon after James Harmer with the Sherston score on 56, but Chris Lovell (43*) with partnerships of 28 with Richard Cartwright and then 88 with Phil Cavey (49) coolly saw Sherston home with six wickets (but only three balls) remaining.

CDCA Division 1 Table (20/6/2011)

	Played	Won	Lost	Canx	Pts	Av.
Adlestrop	7	6	0	2	107	17.83
NATs	8	5	2	1	98	14.00
Chedworth	7	4	2	1	83	13.83
Sherston Magna	7	4	3	0	84	12.00
Oakridge	7	3	3	1	68	11.33
Williamstrip	7	3	4	0	70	10.00
Stow on the Wold	7	1	3	3	38	9.50
Cricklade	7	2	5	0	57	8.14
Andoversford	6	1	4	1	35	7.00
Barnsley Beeches	7	1	4	2	34	6.80

Can you help?

SMCC are looking for a local volunteer or volunteers to help maintain the ground at Pinkney Park.

SMCC's Senior and Junior cricket sides and teams from the Carpenter's Arms and the Rattlebone Inn are fortunate enough to play cricket at the beautiful cricket ground at Pinkney Park. With practice, league or friendly games taking place most days during the summer, there is a great deal of preparation and maintenance work required to allow games to take place. The majority of the preparation work is carried out by a combination of professional work from PerfectTurf and volunteers from SMCC. But to complement this SMCC is looking for local volunteers to help with the frequent but relatively simple work to repair wickets that have recently been used.

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Recent results

25 June SMCC beat Andoversford by 70 runs
SMCC 155-8 (40 overs) Tremellen 29*, Goodwin 29, Kutchera 22, Littlejohns 16.
Andoversford 85ao (31.3 overs) Kutchera 5-24, Stevens 2-13.

18 June SMCC beat Cricklade by 129 runs
SMCC 225ao (39.5 overs) Harmer 68, Gould 68, Tremellen 22, Cartwright 20.
Cricklade 96ao (28 overs) Moore 5-32, A Pegg 3-17.

11 June SMCC beat Chedworth by 2 wickets
Chedworth 149-6 (40 overs) Kutchera 3-33, Gould 2-28, Moore 1-38.
SMCC 150-8 (39.3 overs) Goodwin 40*, Cartwright 36.

8 June Biddestone beat SMCC by 115 runs
Biddestone 230 – 3 (20 overs) Lovell 1-12
SMCC 115ao (19.3 overs) Moore 20(?), Lovell 15 (?)

5 June Painswick beat SMCC by 126 runs
Painswick 253-6 (40 overs) A Dickenson 4-42, Cartwright 1-22, A Pegg 1-36.
SMCC 127ao (34 overs) Cartwright 59, Maskrey 16.

4 June SMCC beat Barnsley Beeches by six wickets
Barnsley Beeches 181 – 9 (40 overs) A Pegg 5-35
SMCC 185-4 (39.3 overs) Cavey 49, Cartwright 48, Lovell 43*

28 May Adlestrop beat SMCC by 3 wickets
SMCC 79ao (33.4 overs) Goodwin 28, Lovell 19.
Adlestrop 80-7 (22.3 overs) Jarvis 6-33, Tremellen 1-33.

Why not visit Pinkney Park to see your local cricket side play?

Home fixtures in July

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Saturday 30 SMCC Vs Barnsley Beeches 2.15pm

If you would like to play cricket for Sherston, or even check out the latest scores, you can find out more at www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com.

Practice pays

The Sherston 1016 team managed to win nearly all their 24 matches in the Boules Marathon held in June at the Rattlebone Inn. Over £300 was raised to be split equally between the Senior Citizens Christmas vouchers fund and Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Thanks are due to all the challenging teams and to the Rattlebone Inn for all the coffee, and other refreshments, which kept everyone going all day.

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Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Holy Cross Church

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Sunday services 8am Holy Communion; 9.30am Sung Eucharist (3rd Sunday 9.30am Family Service); 6pm Evensong (3rd Sunday Evening Holy Communion)

See the Parish Life for more details

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 see the Parish Life

Gauzebrook Church for Children

Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them:

A Family Service is held at Holy Cross Church in Sherston at 9.30am on the third Sunday of each month. There are Family Services at other churches in the Group on other Sundays – see The Parish Life for details
Junior Church is held at Court House, Hullavington at 11.00am on the second Sunday of each month, except for August. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Ness Whiffin 840185.

Little Lights is an informal service and meeting, with play, squash and biscuits, for pre-school children and their parents/carers at Hullavington Church 10.30 – 11.30am every other Thursday. Contact Chantal Bryan for more information on 837522

If you would like there to be more provision in Sherston for your children, the PCC and ministry team are looking for people who would like to help organise and run this. If that could be you please contact Revd. Christopher Bryan on 837522 or Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or Sue Robinson, churchwarden on 841263

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

Ancient Order of Sherston

Mangold Hurlers

Why not join us and discover the joys of mangold hurling and all its traditions?

For further information email ebeplaced@aol.com.

Boules at The Bull

Meet every Thursday at 7.15pm April till Sept at The Red Bull Inn, Malmesbury Rd. Further details from Sue McKechnie 840601 or suemckechnie@hotmail.com

Busy Hands Pre-school

Meets 9.10am - 12.10pm 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 on the 3rd Friday at 7.30 for 8pm start in the village hall. 50p entry and 30p a book. Light refreshments available.

Church bell ringing

Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 - 9.00pm.

Call Geoff Martin 840375 or come along.

Clem's Club

Clem invites 'cheerful chaps for a chair and a chat' in the British School Rooms every other Tuesday 2.30 – 4pm, alternating with the Seniors. Donations to BSR expenses collected each week.

Eudo Tae Kwon Do

Juniors every Tuesday at 3.15pm and Seniors Thursdays 7-9pm both in Sherston primary school hall. Abby Lees-Smith 510125 or email info@eudotkd.co.uk or see the website www.eudotaekwondo.co.uk

Footpaths group

The group has published the booklet 'Sherston Walks - a new guide to local rights of way', featuring 9 local walks and is now on sale at the post office. If you would like to learn more about the footpath group and perhaps take part in some of its activities please come along to a meeting. For further information contact Maggie McKenna on 841047 or maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

The local branch holds monthly meetings at Little Somerford Village Hall. On alternate months there are Saturday workshops on a wide range of topics, and on the intervening dates there is a Tuesday evening talk at 7.30pm. We always welcome newcomers and occasional visitors, although prebooking is essential for the workshops. For further information please phone Heather Martin 840375.

Malmesbury Luncheon Club

Over 60s meet every Wednesday at midday in the Wesleyan Room of Malmesbury Town Hall for a chat and a 2 course lunch followed by tea or coffee. £3. Please call Helen Churchill on 840080 if you'd like to attend. New members most welcome.

Malmesbury Netball Club

We welcome new players of any ability as we would like to promote the sport and provide an opportunity for people to get fitter and meet new people. We have a Level 2 coach and endless support from the Wiltshire Netball Development Officer, Sophie Warner. Every Thursday at 7pm, £3 per session, payable at the front desk at the Activity Zone, Malmesbury. For further details contact Tahiti on tahitivanrooyen@gmail.com

Malmesbury & Villages Community Partnership

For details contact Sue Webb 824620 dennis.webb01@virgin.net

Malmesbury Rangers

Girls over 14 years meet every 2nd Thursday in the month.

Further details from Helen Price 503187 or retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

Parish Council Meeting

Takes place on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Minutes of meetings can be read online at www.sherston.org.uk. Further details contact Sarah Wood on 840351 or clerk@sherston.org.uk

Patchwork & Quilting Classes

1st Thursday of each month from 10am - 2pm in The British Schoolroom

Further details from Anne Chapman on 01249 782842.

Senior Club

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

Sherston 1016

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

Sherston Badminton Club

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

For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592.

Sherston Boules and Carnival 2011

Any new ideas and offers of help in planning or just on the day gratefully received. For more details contact the secretary Gwen Knight on 840731 or mommaknight@hotmail.com

Sherston Brownies

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact Ray Sneddon-Jenkins to obtain an application form – raysneddonj@gmail.com

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

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

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

You don't need to have previously been a member of scouts or guides to join us, just be aged between 13 ½ and 18 and free between 8.30 and 10pm on a Friday night during term time; for further information please contact Darren Walsh - 841043 or Ewan Blair - 840096 – whitewallexplorers@googlegmail.com

Westonbirt Guides

Meet in Querns Hall, Rosehill School, Westonbirt 5.30 – 7pm every Wednesday. Sherston Brownies tend to come along if they don't join Scouts. Details from Helen Price 503187 or email retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

Sherston Drama Group

The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Richard Skeffington (Chairman) richard.skeffington@virgin.net Tel. 840092 or Graham Instrell (Vice Chairman) ginstrell@hotmail.co.uk Tel. 840978

Sherston FC

The club play in the Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Saturday afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. For more details contact Pete Brock on 07912 777647 or peter.brock666@btinternet.com

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

Swim at Westonbirt Leisure on Wednesday evenings from 8 – 9.30pm. £38 for 15 weeks, open to any ladies, of any swimming standard, from Sherston and surrounding area. There is a lane reserved for the more serious swimmers. To join, please phone Annabel on 840592 or Maggie on 840969.

Sherston's Living Churchyard

Please help maintain the living churchyard on the second Sunday of the month from 10am to 12 noon or 2pm till 4pm, weather permitting.

Please check with Sue for timings each month.

Church of the Holy Cross

Further details contact Sue Robinson on 841263

Sherston Martial Arts Club

Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu. Traditional Samurai Jujutsu and Ninjutsu. Ages 13 and up, every Thursday night in the Scout Hut 7pm. For further information contact Gary Liddington 07779349115 or Gary@budotaijutsu.co.uk

Sherston Short Mat Bowls Club

Meets Wednesday from 7.30 pm in the village hall. £2 an evening (£1 for under 18s) all are very welcome.

Sherston Tennis Club

Sherston Tennis Club play on two hard courts off Knockdown Rd. Fees for the 2011 are the same as 2010: Family £80, Adult £45, Senior citizen £20, Junior (18 and under) £15. As ever, there will be coaching for children, adults too if enough people ask. Speak to Helen McLeish (840992) or Harry Stevens (840602). A men's team has been entered into the Chippenham & District Leagues, matches are on Wednesday evenings, and match captain Jeremy Nabarro (07973 517655) will be delighted to hear from anyone interested in playing. Club night is Thursdays, starting 5 May from 6.30pm. Louise Osborne (841238) is keen to see you at the courts. Further details contact Nic Riley 840682, Helen McLeish 840992, Louise Osborne 841238 (helen.mcleish@ukonline.co.uk)

Sherston Theatre Club

Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. Listings under www.communigate.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 babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. We meet at 10 -11.30am each Tuesday in the Scout Hut with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, not to mention a much-needed cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. Further details contact SherstonToddlers@gmail.com, or Gemma Bird on 840570 or Lara Farahar on 840228

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. Further details contact Maureen Jolliffe on 840867

Sherston Young Craft Group

Every Monday 6.45 – 8.15pm in the village hall (children 9 years and over). £3 (incl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each half term. To join, please contact Victoria Parish on 840071 or email vparish@btinternet.com

Splash Dance

Dance classes for 2 to 12 year olds including ballet, modern and tap. Every Wednesday afternoon in the village hall. Prices are £35 per term with the first lesson free. For details contact Charlotte on 01453 886632 or charlotte@splashdance.co.uk

Tetbury Chess Club

Meet every Wednesday at the Ormond Hotel from 10am. If anyone is interested please contact Colin Francis on 505835 or email colval08@btinternet.com

Village Hall 300+ Club

Monthly draw with eight prizes ranging from £12 down to £5 for a £6 annual stake, plus a quarterly £5 bonus for seven non-winners. If any new members of the village would like to join, contact either Mary Goulding on 840794, Joyce Gleed 840744 or Gwen Mason 840660.

Whist Drive

A whist drive is held in the village hall on the second Friday in the month at 7.30 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.

Yoga in Sherston

Beginners adults yoga class. All welcome. No experience necessary. Mondays from 7-8pm or 8.15-9.15pm for those with some experience. £45 per 6 week term. New term starts Mon 13 Jun. Booking essential. Scout Hut. Further details contact Kathryn Chandler: 0790 380 2985 / 0117 902 4832 or email: yoga_in_sherston@hotmail.com

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

What's on in 2011

Dates for your diary

August

- 27 Skittles marathon
29 Village Party including Flower, Vegetable and Produce Show

September

- 17 Lobber Jenkins Boules
24 1016 book sale

October

- 2 Mangold Hurl
7-16 Arts Festival
26-29 Pantomime

November

- 5 1016 Fireworks Party
26 Church Bazaar

December

- 9 Anglo Saxon Christmas Market

If you're planning a community event in the parish why not let the Cliffhanger have the basic details as soon as possible?

Email info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk to add the event to this list. Everyone will then know what's occurring in good time and it will help prevent events clashing.



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WHAT'S ON

Sherston

The Carpenter's Arms

Curry Quiz Night Sun 3 Jul
Boules Week activities at the Carps
Mon 11 July Darts Competition
Sat 16 Boules breakfast 9-11am
Tucks Salami and Tracklements Relish Night Wed 27 July 6.30pm
20/20 Cricket Matches Thurs 28 Jul vs Neeld Arms 6pm Sherston Magna Cricket Club
Beer and Cider Festival 29-31 July with live Country music Fri 29 and live Irish Folk music Sat 30
Check boards for more details of events
Further details contact 840665

The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7:30pm Free entry and prizes for the winning team
Boules Week activities at the Rattlebone
Wed 13 - Boules Charity Skittles Match
Fri 15 Jul - Live Music from Nobody's Business
Boules Day Breakfasts from 8am Hog Roast and BBQ from midday and French style rotisserie chicken from 7.30pm
Further details contact 840871 or www.therattlebone.co.uk

Sherston Drama Group Auditions for the Pantomine - 9 to 18 year olds

Mon 4 Jul 7pm Village Hall. Please contact the director Sue Lehrer should you want to help out back stage or front of house, choreography or costumes 824616.

Boules & Carnival Week July 2011

Sat 9 July Quiz night 8.00pm in the Village Hall;
Sun 10 July Car Boot Sale on the Rec 8.30am;
Footpaths group walk departs from village hall 11am
Mon 11 July Darts Competition in the Carpenters Arms;
Tues 12 July Afternoon musical tea in the British School Room 2pm free entry;
Wed 13 July Skittles Tournament at The Rattlebone 8pm £5; Dohl Foundation - Indian Dance troupe and drumming concert pre WOMAD, Village hall
Thurs 14 July Children's Disco in the Village hall Primary school ages 6pm -7 pm

Fri 15 Junior football match 4pm followed by fancy dress adult football match & a BBQ on the pitch and Concert in the church by Harry Smith's Grand Day Out. 7.30pm

Sat 16 July - Boules Day

Boules matches start at 9.30am in the High St, French café, bar and live music, stalls and a fun packed KidsZone in the village hall field. Flower festival in the church, exhibitions in the British School room and Congregational Church
Sun 17 July - Tug of War Stretchline fields 11am; Duck Race 2.30pm - starts at Stretchline and Cream Teas at the finish line at Mill Cottage; Salvation Army Service 6pm

Sue's Strolls

Boules week special - Sun 10 Jul starting from the village hall at 11am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 1pm
Further details contact Sue McKechnie 840601 or suemckechnie@hotmail.com

Sherston's Living Churchyard

Please help maintain the living churchyard on the second Saturday of the month from 10am to 12 noon or 2pm till 4pm, weather permitting. Please check with Sue for timings each month. Church of the Holy Cross

Further details contact Sue Robinson on 841263

Sherston School of Rock

for 10-14 age group interested in taking their music skills further and recording their efforts on a CD 9-12 Aug £100 for 4 days with Charli Shephard and Barney Kenny, Barney is a tutor at Malmesbury Music Academy and Charli is currently mastering her first album at Peter Gabriel's Realworld studios.

Further details contact

charli-shephard-music@hotmail.co.uk

Sherston Arts Festival 7-16 Oct

Entry forms for the exhibitions will be available on Boules Day **Young Artist** (from 5 years, secondary school age most welcome) - exhibition in the British School Rooms with the themes of the Circus, Heroes and Villains, The Farm, Bugs and Butterflies **Art exhibition in the Church** - any local artist or artist with local connection can enter. Work should be framed and ready to hang, and preferably for sale. **Photography exhibition** in the Village Hall 15-16 Oct. **Scarecrow Trail** theme is Heroes and Villains
Further details contact Heather Martin 840375 or www.sherston.net

Easton Grey

Church Organ Concert in aid of Easton Grey Church

Concert Fri 1 July 12 noon in the church followed by cream teas and garden visits £5

Further details contact Sue Thompson 840378

Whatley Manor

Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner

'The Social Network' Sun 31 Jul £39 includes film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch or dinner

Further details contact 834026 or www.whatleymanor.com

Luckington

Luckington Summer Fair

Sat 9 - Sun 10 Jul *See posters for details*

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Guided Walks: Wilson's Wonders Sat 9 Jul 11am - 1pm Sorry no dogs; **Wildflowers** Tues 12 Jul 10:30 - 12:30 Dogs under close control allowed; **Champion Trees** Sat 31 Jul 11am - 1pm Sorry no dogs. All free after admission

Workshops: Make a Windsor Chair

4-9 July - fully booked. Next available course 3-8 Oct £250. Booking essential contact Paul Hayden 01373 836051 or www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk

Workshops: Beginners Digital Photography

Fri 15 Jul 10.30-3.30pm £55 - limited to 10 places
Photography Day - Macro and close up. £125 pp
Booking essential: contact Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email consult@abbey-studios.co.uk

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

Summer Concerts - Brian Ferry Fri 15 Jul; **Westlife** Sat 16 Jul; **Texas** Sun 17 Jul Tickets £28-35 plus booking fee from 03000 680400 or www.forestry.gov.uk/music
Spring / Summer (till 30 Sep) Admission £8 adult /£7 concls/ £3 chd under 5s free // Kids go free 23 July - 31 Aug *Further details contact 880220 or www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt*

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Kite Festival

23-24 July 10am - 5pm free entry Car Park £2 Make and fly your own kite. Youngsters bring your teddies for teddie parachuting too! The Worthey's SN16 9JX
Further details contact Julia 07814 706935 or www.malmesbury.gov.uk/kitefestival.html

Ideas of Nature and Countryside Festival

9-10 July Malmesbury Town Hall

Further details www.philosophytown.co.uk

Cotswold Rural Skills

Dry Stone Walling for beginners 9-10 July Landsdown, Bath 2 day course £99 Book ahead to avoid disappointment

Grassland Ecology and Management 10 July Cleeve Hill 1 day course £49

Dry Stone Walling – intermediates 23-24 July Coates, Cirencester 2 day course £99
Further details contact David Molloy on 01451 862000 or david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

Charlton Park

WOMAD - World Music Festival

Thurs 28 - Sun 31 July 2011 SN16 residents' tickets £85 (max 6 tickets per SN16 household)/ Day tickets on sale now) Teenage weekend tickets £70 (must be accompanied by an adult ticket holder)
Further details contact 0870 759 96623 or www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: **TT3D Closer to the Edge; Kung Fu Panda; Pirates of the Caribbean: on stranger tides; Senna; Waste Land, The Way** check website for details
Further details contact 01453 844601 or www.wottoneph.co.uk

Cirencester

Cotswold Early Music Festival

Dame Emma Kirkby & London Baroque Fri 23 July 7.45pm £15 Corn Hall, Cirencester
 Misericordia Sat 24 July 7.45pm £12 Upper Siddington
Further details contact 01285 654180 or www.cirencester-emf.fsnet.co.uk

Fairford

Royal International Air Tattoo

Sat 16 - Sun 17 July 07.30 - 8.30pm £37.50 including car parking / unders 16s free with adult ticket holder
 Advance ticket sales only
buy online or from a branch of Barclays Bank
Further details contact or www.airtattoo.com/airshow

Hatherop Castle School

Cotswold Arcadians Open Air Theatre

Macbeth Mon 25 - Sat 30 July Bring a picnic £16 / £14 / £8
Further details contact 01285 898019 or www.arcadians.org

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Shakespeare Live Open Air Theatre at Hazelbury Manor

Much Ado about Nothing 5 - 10 July £12-20
Further details contact 01225 722987 or www.shakespearelive.com

Iford

Iford Arts Festival

Opera: Hansel and Gretel; Don Giovanni; Rodelinda
 Jazz nights Cloister Concerts
 Iford Manor
Further details contact Book via the Theatre Royal Bath Box Office 01225 44 88 44 or www.ifordarts.co.uk

Longborough

Festival Opera

Così fan Tutte; Falstaff; Siegfried
 1 - 30 July Download an entry form from website and post with cheque to Longborough Festival Opera
Further details contact 01451 830292 or www.longboroughopera.com/

Bath

Bath Food & Drink Festival

130 food and drink exhibitors come to Milsom Place
 2-3 July Adv tickets £4 (£6 on the day) accompanied under 16s free
Further details contact Bath Tourist Information Centre or 0844 847 5256 or www.visitbath.co.uk

Cheltenham

Music Festival

Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of music
 29 June - 10 July Various locations in Cheltenham
Further details contact 0844 576 7979 or www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music

Stroud

The Cotswold Playhouse

Bristol Old Vic Theatre School present 'Tom Jones' Fri 1 July £11
Further details contact Box Office at Stroud Tourist Information Centre 01453 760960 or www.cotswoldplayhouse.co.uk

Bristol

Bristol Harbour Festival

Fri 29 - Sun 31 Jul Free events and entertainment all weekend see website for details
Further details contact 0117 922 3287 or www.bristolharbourfestival.co.uk

Useful Numbers

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