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# CLIFF HANGER



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Well, the season is over for us again but we haven't done too badly. We've been promoted for the second year running and just won the charity cup in Gloucester, so all in all it hasn't been a bad season. We have to thank all the supporters that came with us on the magical mystery tour bus with John Neal at the helm, desperate for a fag and getting stuck down a lane. But we got there in the end, so thanks John. The game itself was a nail-biting affair with Hardwicke having only lost one game all season. The game was very even, with both teams pushing for a goal. Thanks to some heroics from our keeper Joe Neal and some sturdy work from Greg Hughes at the back we held out and started to take the game to them. Great work in the middle of the park from Tingtong and co. saw Andrew Wickes snatch the winning goal. The goal came early in the second half and the wait for the final whistle was like being in B&Q on pensioners' discount day with only one till working. It was a very long wait, but it did come and what a great night we had from there on. Some things I will remember forever include the relief on Ady Mines's face when the whistle went, Julian Bourne shouting 'come along chaps, chocs away', all the boys dancing and singing in the pub and my neighbour John not knowing where he was and not seeming to care. A moment in

the pub was very thoughtful from Knocker aka Rob Outlaw who purchased two trophies for Ady and myself for the work we had done for the team, we would like to thank you Knocker, oh and I left the back door open if you want to nick it back for the boot sale. We are looking to start a second team this coming season so anyone interested in helping out would be most welcome also anyone looking to play would also be welcome as we are looking to bring some of the younger members in the village into the team. So once again I would like to thank everyone who has supported us this season and hope we can carry on the success next year. By manager, Pete Brock



### Compassion

from Angela Gilhome

Thanks are due to the four compassionate people who helped on 30 April 2010 when a badly injured roe deer was left in the middle of the main road from Malmesbury to Sherston.

Thank you too to the many people who stopped and asked if there was anything they could do to help.

However, where was the compassion of the driver who hit this beautiful wild animal and left it to suffer and also possibly cause a road traffic accident?

If you do find yourself in this situation please telephone either the police or the R.S.P.C.A who will assist.

Thank you

from Malcolm Jarrett (Blower of the Great Horn!)

I would like to thank every one of you who sent me cards and good wishes during my very long stay in hospital. It was so nice to know I had your support and good wishes over this difficult time for me and my family. Once more, a big thank you to you all.

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### Sherston Church Fête and Open Gardens Trail

Make sure you keep the weekend of 19 and 20 June free. On Saturday, starting at 12.30 in the Village Hall and on the Field there will be stalls, games for children and adults (including Soak the Bloke), a bar and barbecue.

The Open Gardens Trail includes several new gardens this year and the Living Churchyard. The gardens are open from 11am to 5pm on Saturday and 2pm to 5pm on Sunday, although some gardens are not open for the full time. Tickets for the trail are £5 per person, which includes tea and cake. These will be on sale outside the Post Office on the morning of Saturday 19 June, as well as later on at the fête and on Sunday 20 June from the Church.

Teas will be available on Saturday in the Village Hall and on Sunday in the Church.

We hope to see lots of visitors to these events, especially this year to help raise money for the Church roof repairs.

#### The Gibson Charitable Trust

by P.J. Gibson

Gibson Charitable Trust provides grants to young people (usually under 30) in support of educational or domestic needs or entrepreneurial endeavours.

Grants awarded usually range from £500 to £5,000. Applications should be made to: The Gibson Charitable Trust, c/o Stone King Sewell, 7 Dollar Street, Cirencester GL7 2AS.

### Sherston 10k run

The Sherston 10K Run will take place on Sunday 19 September at 10am.

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

We shall be giving our usual prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the Ladies and Men's event. Last year's winners were Nicola Denning from Malmesbury in 43.00 and Paul Gillham from Chippenham in 36.01. Also we shall be awarding our prize for the first husband and wife team, which went to Martin and Nicola Denning from Malmesbury last year.

The much coveted awards for first Sherston Lady and first Sherston Man were won last year by Carla Moulder in 44.05 and Robin Outlaw in 41.19 respectively.

So get those running shoes on and start training. Entry fee is £8 in advance and £10 on the day.

Anyone interested in entering please contact Caroline Dickenson on 01666 840168 or sherston10k@aol.com.

### Farewell to Reverend Eve Pegler

Reverend Eve Pegler will conduct her final service in the Gauzebrook Group of parishes at 10.30am on Sunday 27 June at Holy Cross Church, Sherston, before leaving to take up a new role as team vicar at Motcombe, near Shaftesbury, in Dorset. The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch.

All who would like to attend the service and lunch are warmly invited to do so.

### Pond gets topped up



When the new wildlife pond was built at Sherston School, the question was raised on how it could be filled for the first time. The pond will form part of the school's wildlife area, which is still under construction. Local builder Paul Bridgeman kindly excavated the hole. Then, a few weeks ago, an army of parents and governors installed the pond liner, using a tonne of sand kindly donated by Nurdens Garden Centre. The working party also built a dipping platform and bridge. Head Teacher, Nick Bowditch, came up with the bright idea of using a fire engine to fill the pond. Blaze Fire Protection, a locally-based familyrun business, were only too happy to assist, with their company fire engine, normally used to test fire prevention dry riser systems.



### Sherston School benefits from Beaufort's Bumper Bundle



School Governor, Richard Langley, collecting the cheque

The Beaufort Hunt Supporters Club marked the end of the season with a mass cheque presentation to local schoolsandto ASBAH (Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus) for those suffering from spina bifida. At the meet at Upper Chalkley Farm, Horton, schools from Sherston, Luckington, Acton Turville and Horton were each presented with a cheque for £250 which came from a donation of £1000 from the annual Hunt Horse Show. A cheque for £600 was received on behalf of ASBAH by Karen Duckett who suffers from the disease. The Beaufort Hunt raises money for charity throughout the year and donations have also been sent to Leighterton School for £150, as well as to Cherhill Village Hall, Horton Church, and Seagry School (each for £200). All the children, staff and governors at Sherston School are very grateful for the kind donation.



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# Sherston Baby and Toddler group is moving



We need help from mums and dads, grandparents and carers.

Sherston Baby and Toddler group an important part in the village. Set up by Anthea from the post office over 25 years ago, the group gives babies and toddlers a place to meet and play and a sense of being part of the community. We are moving to a morning slot to make it easier for parents who also have children of school age to bring along their toddlers and babies to play. We need your support to make it work, so please come along on Tuesday mornings between 10am and 11.30am and join us in our new location The Scout Hut (in the corner of the Rec). We will meet every Tuesday morning including school holidays, and when the weather allows we'll use our big cars and push-alongs outside and have picnics on the grass.

We set up craft activities and toys for all ages, and we do singing, stories and cooking. We charge toddlers £2 and babies £1 including a drink and snack, and we take turns in setting up the toys and activities.

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# An Update on the New Roof for Sherston Church

Sherston Parochial Church Council

Now that our architect has received tenders for the work on the church roof from a number of contractors, we have found that the overall cost of carrying out the work to his detailed specification is significantly higher than originally indicated. As a result, the money we have already raised, together with the very generous donation from a local charity, will not now cover the full cost of the roofing project and the professional fees that will be incurred. We don't have enough money for the Cotswold tiles on the chancel roof and the leadwork on the tower.

We know Sherston takes great pride in its church and would not wish a failing roof to damage this for future generations. The PCC has therefore decided to accept the charitable donation whilst it is available and to enter into a contract for roofing works up to the current level of available funds. At the same time the PCC has made a commitment to the charitable trust that it will immediately start a fund-raising campaign to cover the shortfall. A committee has been set up to work out how to raise as much of the money as possible during the next six months, as anything raised during this time would enable more of the tiling work to be carried out using the original scaffolding and so save on the overall cost. The total additional amount which will eventually be needed to complete all the work is about £40,000.

We are very fortunate to have the funds already to carry out so much of this essential work and hope that the people of Sherston will now support our efforts, by helping to raise the remaining funds necessary to protect our beautiful church, which is used for a variety of purposes by so many in our community. Please look out for the plans of the fund-raising committee and give it your full support.

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# Sherston Living Churchyard

Sue Robinson 01666 841263

Last month I optimistically predicted a churchyard full of wildflowers. There is a lot to see, but due to the unseasonably cold and dry weather this spring, many flowers are appearing behind their usual times. The bluebells have finally begun to flower and it now seems that we have been almost entirely successful in establishing the new wild flowers in the wood. By next spring the whole area should look more natural. The meadow grass seed, on the other hand, does not seem to be responding very well to the weather conditions and I may be the only person in Sherston who would like more rain!

You may have noticed a reduced regime of grass mowing in the churchyard this spring. When the Living Churchyard Project first started some people in Sherston had reservations about it and feared that the churchyard would become an overgrown wilderness in the interests of wildlife conservation. In fact many types of grassland wild flower don't like overgrown turf and have evolved in association with animal husbandry, where grazing animals kept the grass short, so short grass is what is needed to encourage some plants. Unfortunately, one of our regular mowers is injured, which is the real cause of the current increase in areas of longer grass. The change in the pattern of cutting has, however, allowed some new wild flowers to emerge and has prompted the decision to mow less frequently under the flowering cherry trees so that flowers can flourish there in the spring.

Your next chance to see what the Living Churchyard Project is doing will be on Saturday 19 June. This is the day of Holy Cross Church Fête and Garden Trail and there will be a chance to visit the churchyard and be shown what is happening as part of the Garden Trail. People following the Trail on Sunday will be able to enjoy cream tea in the church and look around the churchyard then. Volunteer work will be taking place in the churchyard from 10am on the Saturday.





### Sherston W.I. Report of May Meeting

by Ann Wilcox

May is always a busy month in the W.I. when members discuss important resolutions. These have been selected by our Wiltshire Federation and the N.F.W.I. so that we can vote on the most important issues to take forward to the Annual A.G.M. in June. This year we debated the resolution which states:

'H.M. Government should be urged to introduce the clear mandatory labelling on all meat, poultry and fish products sold in this country.'

After hearing the facts both for and against and questions answered, a vote was taken and carried in favour of the motion.

Further business was discussed, in particular the next meeting, which will take the form of a Mini Show on 3 June. Members will have the chance to enter classes in three sections:

- 1. Handicrafts and Collectors Corner
- 2.Flower and Garden section
- 3. Domestic section

This year a new cup, The Joyce Butler Cup, will be awarded for a sandwich cake. This is in memory of a past member who was an excellent cook.

A barbecue at West Park House, Corston, is planned for 6 June.

Member Margaret Elwell will be celebrating her 95th birthday this month and will be receiving a card and basket of flowers with good wishes from all the members.

Our speaker was Paul Evans who gave us a most enjoyable rendering of poems, readings and monologues. He used different accents where appropriate and kept us highly amused. He was the hit of the evening.





# Do you have an ancient family bible? by Mary Clements

At 'Clem's Club' it was discovered that several people have ancient Family Bibles. Some brought them in for others to see and Clem's (from Betty's family) is approximately 200 years old and another is 150 years old. Some have very interesting inscriptions or messages written in them from family members and are beautifully illustrated.

This led us to wonder how many others there are hidden away in the village and which family might have the oldest or most interesting one. We thought it would be good to dust them off and exhibit them on Boules Day for a couple of hours in the afternoon. They would be displayed, protected and overseen in the Congregational Church, Cliff Road. Please ring 07778 934742 if you have one and would be willing to show it to others.

### Cruel theft

In May an elderly disabled resident discovered that the 30 geranium plants which he had grown on ready for the summer had been stolen from his property. If anyone has any information on who might be responsible please contact Malmesbury Police on 0845 4087000.

### Struggling to get to work?

If you or someone you know is over 16 and cannot access a job because of transport problems then the Wiltshire Wheels to Work scheme may be able to help.

Wiltshire Wheels to Work is a scheme which provides 50cc scooters, rider training and equipment on a short-term, not-for-profit basis to local people who would otherwise be unable to access work or work-based learning in Wiltshire.

The scheme is run by local communities' charity Community First.

For more information about the Wheels to Work scheme please visit www.communityfirst.org.uk/ Wheels-to-work.htm or call (01380) 722475 and ask for either Liam Tatton-Bennett or Sheila Martin.





### Cherishing Churchyards Week

by Sue Robinson

Friday 18 – Sunday 27 June 2010



This is a special week to celebrate churchyards and burial grounds and to raise awareness of the natural, built and social heritage they contain.

Churchyards are special places:

They often contain a rich diversity of plant and animal life.

They are important places for archaeology and history.

They often have distinctive and veteran trees.

The stonework and boundary walls provide a home for a mosaic of mosses, ferns and lichens

They provide a tranquil place for quiet reflection.

They are a resource for inspiration and community learning.

Sherston Churchyard is being managed as a Living Churchyard; it is large, beautiful and full of wildlife. On Saturday 19 June, during Cherishing Churchyards Week, you can visit it as part of the Holy Cross Church Fête and Garden Trail.

There will be a display explaining the national Living Churchyard and Cemeteries Project and how Sherston is a part of it.

Find out more about what is happening nationally at www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk

### **Boules Tombola**

As in previous years, the parish council will be running the Tombola stall on Boules day. Any donations of new and unused items can be left at 37 High Street or with any parish councillor.



### Wiltshire's Operation Liberal Initiative



Operation Liberal was formed in October 1998 by six member police forces with the support of the National Criminal Intelligence Service and the National Crime Squad to tackle the offence of distraction burglary. The operation has grown over eight years into a national database of distraction burglary intelligence and crimes with a co-ordinated centre based at Leicestershire Police HQ.

In Wiltshire, Operation Liberal is supported by the Operation Liberal Working Group which includes Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire and Swindon Trading Standards, representatives from Wiltshire Council's Safer Communities Team, Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust, Age Concern, Wiltshire Farm Foods, housing providers and utilities companies. The work of the group is to examine the wider issues of doorstep crime and to explore ways of reducing it. The group has an ongoing programme of education initiatives and crime reduction measures.

#### What are rogue traders and distraction burglars?

Distraction burglary is a type of burglary where the 'method of entry' is by deception rather than by force or sneaking in.

Rogue Traders are people who knock on doors offering to do household maintenance such as gardening, roofing or gutters. These rogues will quote a reasonable price which is then greatly inflated and the work done is often poor.

Rogue Traders look for:

- any clue which suggests the householder struggles with maintenance
- untidy gardens
- disability hand rails by front doors
- faded curtains
- bereavement notices on church notice boards and in newspapers.

Rogue Traders will rarely produce formal paperwork or quotes in writing. They usually come from outside of the area with no fixed address so they cannot be tracked down easily.

Rogue traders can:

- initially appear friendly
- appear to offer a useful service at what seems a reasonable price
- become pushy and aggressive if the householder is
- often start the job before being given permission
- demand payment immediately on completion of job
- often increase the total bill
- offer to accompany the client to their bank or building society to withdraw cash.

In Westbury, one victim was accompanied three times to her bank. The rogue trader had realised that she was suffering from dementia and therefore unable to remember clearly whether she had paid him.

For information on Operation Liberal contact: Wiltshire Trading Standards 01225 713248 Swindon Trading Standards 01793 466272 Wiltshire Police 0845 4087000 and ask for Operation Liberal

The training aims to raise awareness of doorstep crime and the various forms this can giving officers examples of what to look out for and what action they can take. Officers are also given a DVD featuring clips from elderly victims of doorstep crime. Since the launch of this training scheme, a number of calls have been made to Trading Standards regarding suspicious activity within the area. For information regarding the Operation Liberal newsletter contact Jacqueline Jasper, Safer Communities, Wiltshire Council, 01225 776773.

The fight to reduce doorstep crime is an ongoing battle and relies on the help of people who work or volunteer in the community.

Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire Police have introduced training for staff who come into contact with elderly or vulnerable people to help protect them from 'bogus caller' crimes. To date the training has been delivered to parish stewards and domiciliary carers with plans to roll out to other front line staff within the partnership.

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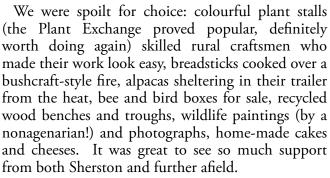
by Irene Johnston

They came, they saw, they sweltered! If the sun shines on the righteous, then we are a virtuous lot in Sherston. Village Green Day, our first-ever environmental event, just happened to fall on the hottest day of the year so far on Saturday 22 May. Deep blue skies from early morning and weather hotter than Corfu ensured that International Biodiversity Day 2010 will be fondly remembered in Sherston. Exhibitors and visitors alike had plenty to see and do in the Village Hall and field, with cold beer and homemade ice cream top sellers.















From our local groups we had a bit of everything, from patchwork quilts to sunflower seeds, wild flowers from our churchyard, sparkling apple juice from a local orchard, pictures from Grove Wood and fine craft work produced by our talented youngsters. Under the marquee, there was something for children of all ages, from paper flower making to participating in a video about looking after the environment. Sherston and Malmesbury Schools were particularly inventive with their displays and should be congratulated for their efforts, particularly their musical entertainment.









Let's not forget the delicious smells from Jason and Carla's barbecue cookery demo (nor their tasty titbits), the line dancers who managed to keep in step despite the heat and uneven ground, the demonstrations of superb floral and hanging basket arrangements, with brass band music to tap along to and the ceremonial climax of Stacey Dryden's elevation to the title of Mangold Maid 2010. This was indeed a day of many parts. Our committee would like to thank everyone for their support and we hope you all had a great time at Sherston's first Village Green Day.



### **Sherston Occasional Community Choir**



This photo was taken on Thursday 20 May as the members of Sherston Occasional Community Choir (SHOCC) were about to sing the second half of their programme before a most appreciative and enthusiastic audience at the British Schoolroom in Cliff Road.

The medley of well-known and beautiful pieces from 'Les Miserables' was followed by a short but amazing projection of a clip from the DVD of the 10th Anniversary Concert in the millennium year at the Albert Hall. This showed the final encore of 'Do you hear the people Sing?' sung line by line, in their own language, by the leading men from over 17 different countries where 'Les Mis' continues, even 10 years later, to be a resounding success. SHOCC's concert has been just a small contribution to the 20 year celebrations that have given rise to the national touring company which visits Bristol in July.

Our young soloists, Annabel Green, Fiona Jackson, Amy Waller and Julia Pugh did us proud and a good time was had by all. The Choir now has a bank balance that will help as it hopes to meet again for another 12 week session in the autumn. If you would like to join no experience necessary – just contact either Nicki Heenen 840883 or Mary Clements on 840688.

### Clothes and shoe bank

A recycling bank for clean dry clothes, curtains and other material as well as paired shoes is now available in the village hall yard. Please ensure that all items are bagged before being deposited. The bank will help provide funds for the Wiltshire Air Ambulance service.

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### **Sherston Rocks** -Again!

by Dave Shephard



Sherston rocked again on Saturday 15 May when another sold out night in the village hall raised over £2,000 for local clubs and causes, and the packed crowd had another great night.

Sherston Village People in full Village People costume put on a fantastic show, but the real stars were the audience. The sound of 200 people giving full voice to numbers as diverse as the Arctic Monkeys, The Jam and Andy Williams (yes really) took the roof off, which was just as well because the pogo-ing in the mosh pit would have almost reached it if they hadn't!

One visitor to the village summed it up by asking how many other villages could find enough talent to put on a pro show like that show from a 13 piece band? That was before he had seen the rest of the village keeping the show going on the Karaoke, which was worth the ticket price on its own. That plus DJ Rattler's Wheels of Steel disco rounded off a truly memorable night.

The next 'Sherston Rocks' production will be on 25 September and will feature the return of the mighty Soul Destroyers. It's going to be another great night and another sell out so get your tickets early.



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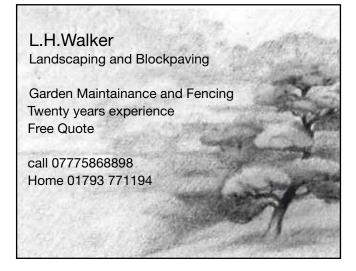
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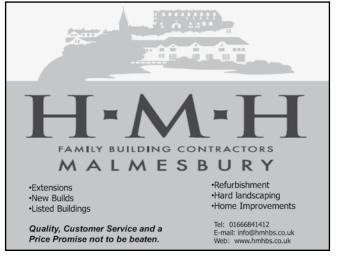
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# Ninjutsu

by Gary Liddington

Often considered to be a myth or fake martial art, Ninjutsu is alive and well and studied by thousands of people all over the world. The most widely followed school or 'Ryu' is the Bujinkan, headed up by Soke (Grandmaster) Masaaki Hatsumi.

Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu is a composite of the teachings from nine different Japanese Ryu, six Samurai Ryu, and three Ninjutsu. The oldest of these ryu is the 'Shinden Fudo Ryu', which dates back nearly 1,000 years and forms the basis of many more recent Jujutsu schools.

Gary holds a 4th Dan instructor rank in Bujinkan and a 1st Dan in Tang Soo Do and has been training in martial arts for 13 years. He has travelled to Japan to train and is planning another trip this year.

He has now started a club in the Sherston Scout Hut, running from 7-9pm on Thursday nights, and is welcoming anyone who would like to come along and have a look, or - better still – to take part.

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A resident has approached the parish council with a request for a tree to be planted on the piece of verge in Manor Close shown in the picture above. Before considering the request the parish council would welcome the views of other residents. These should be sent to the Clerk Mrs Sarah Wood at 23 Cliff Road, Sherston, email clerk@sherston.org.uk or telephone 840351

### Bus shelters

It is hoped that the new bus shelter for Easton Town (opposite the Carpenters Arms) will soon be able to be ordered and erected this summer. The shelter is being provided by the parish council with the help of a 50% grant from Wiltshire Council. Repairs are necessary to the High Street shelter before it is repainted and the clock returned. Discussions on the repairs are now being held with Wiltshire Council.

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by Graham Instrell

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## Fish Mystery



At the May meeting of the parish council concern was raised as to the very low numbers of fish in the River Avon and the general poor quality of the water. Councillor John Hillier said that he had never known such a situation before. The matter is being reported to both the Environment Agency and Wessex Water for investigation.

### Dog bins – update

Following residents' comments about the provision of additional dog bins the parish council has applied for new facilities for the Brook Hill and Sopworth Lane areas from Wiltshire Council.

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### Summer fun

Some may recall that a few years ago North Wilts District Council with the support of the parish council ran successful sports projects for youngsters in the village during the summer holiday period. Wiltshire Council is hoping to revive the scheme this summer although in a slightly different format. The parish council is again supportive and it is intended the scheme will run from late July to late August. Watch out for details in next month's Cliffhanger.

# Sherston parish council - next meeting

Takes place on Thursday 10 June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend and there will be opportunities 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 01666 840351 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact Council via the response form on our website www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read.

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# TREEtalk

June 2010

by Irene Johnston





#### If you go down to the woods today......

You won't actually see anyone working on the trees in Grove Wood as this is off bounds until the start of the dormant season in October. However, the spring flowers have been lovely and will only get better as the wood is further rejuvenated. It would be an exaggeration to say we've conducted a full botanical survey (that will come next year) but some of the following have been noted by keen wildflower spotters in the village: native bluebells, celandine, herb robert, wood anemone, wild chervil, water flower, dog's mercury and cuckoo pint. Numerous ferns, mosses, lichens and fungi are also present, as you would expect in a woodland setting. We've been offered masses of snowdrops, bluebells and violets for planting in the autumn so our volunteers will have to get sleeves rolled up.

The action at present is centred on the new path through the wood. Noel Banks and his Cotswold volunteers have made a start and they will continue with the work over the summer. The Community Payback team, who did a fantastic job on the perimeter fence last winter, will also be repairing the public footpath along the river frontage over the next few months.

For further information about any of the above, please contact Sherston's Tree Warden, Irene Johnston on telephone: 01666 841273 or email: ie\_johnston@yahoo.co.uk



### 1016 Charity boules marathon

# **BrAMS**

Saturday 19 June sees our 24 game Boules Marathon at the Rattlebone Inn where two sponsored teams of three (with a back up fourth player – in case of injury) will each take on 24 other teams over a 12 hour period starting at 8am.

If you'd like to enter a team please enquire at the Rattlebone Inn. Don't be shy; we need 48 teams to come forward.

By way of encouragement there will be prizes for the best performing challengers as well as a raffle. All funds raised will be split equally between Sherston 1016's fund for senior citizens' Christmas vouchers and The Bristol and Avon Multiple Sclerosis Centre (BrAMS). Entry forms in The Rattlebone.

Based at Frenchay Hospital, BrAMS provides comprehensive MS patient care and carries out disease-orientated research. It consists of two closely-related facilities. Firstly, a new clinical care centre addressing the needs of patients with multiple sclerosis and secondly, laboratories enabling the expansion of MS-related research programmes which are already established in Bristol.

BrAMS was established by Prof Scolding, Drs Cottrell and Wilkins, and is supported by the North Bristol Trust, the South-West MS group, the University of Bristol and MS Research Training & Education.

This is great opportunity to get some extra practice in before Boules Day, and to support two worthy causes at the same time.

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# THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

The annual Maid Making ceremony on 22 May was a truly glorious spectacle attracting a large audience at the Village Green Day event. The numbers attending certainly ensured an excellent rendition of 'An Ode to a Mangold 'which began the formal proceedings.



It was marvellous to see Malcolm Jarrett in his role as Summoner still able to work miracles on his Great Horn of Moyne despite his recent stay in hospital. It was clear that he had used his time to great effect in buffing his Horn to a hitherto unseen level of perfection. With the sound of the Horn carrying across the village, outgoing

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Call anytime: 01666 841201 or 07850 623517 e-mail: beryl@clampton.com Mangold Maid Miss Amalie Smith used her wurzel stick to great effect by vigoursly prodding the new Mangold Maid Miss Stacey Dryden towards the throne where members of her family joined her in this proud moment.



The new maid was radiant in her dress, hat and wellington boots with her appearance causing gasps of admiration from the crowd as Jason Read the Keeper of the Maids began the more formal part of the ceremony. Presenting her with the essential Orbs of Joy together with the Head of Excitement he then withdrew as Malcolm duly crowned the new maid to loud cheers from all those present.

Stacey now begins a whirlwind of formal engagements on behalf of the Ancient Order at events all across the area including a rumoured appearance at Malmesbury Carnival in August. All members of the Order wish her the greatest of success in her year of office and are certain that she will be a most marvellous ambassador for the Ancient sport.

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### A late arrival to the **Bordeaux Party**



Late to the party of nine other Sherston cyclists aiming to complete the 450 mile Bristol to Bordeaux Pedal For PROPS sponsored cycle ride, is Paul Froggatt.

Paul (52) caught here by our snapperazzi after a shopping trip to Waitrose, is wearing Wet look lycra shorts with faux chamois gusset from CH White and Sons (£5). He was heard to say 'I thought that carrying 3 kilo bags of dishwasher salt would be good training'.

Paul, more often seen being towed along on his bike by his dog, will make up a group of 50 cyclists who aim to cycle over 100 miles a day for four days, in order to complete the distance over the Bank Holiday weekend.

13 years ago Paul cycled from Land's End to John O'Groats and raised £1,000 for Sherston School funds.

If you can't make your mind up who's your favourite, you can sponsor the whole Sherston team on www. justgiving.com/sherstonites; or if you think Paul's legs are worth your vote please go to www.justgiving.com/ Paul-Froggatt

# Carpenters Arms

Quiz night will be Sun June 6th Race Night will be Wed 9th Mexican Night Wed 16th Music night Rat Pack will be June 25th Boule league will start early June. Carpenters Arms Cricket will be Thursday June 10th. Always check the boards for more information!!



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### Sherston start season with a Cliffhanger



Sherston Magna started the defence of the Cotswold and District Cricket Association (CDCA) Division 1 title with a nail-biting win against last season's runners-up, Oakridge. With only one batsman left padded up, a rather nervous Kevin Smith, captain Andrew Tremellen (11\*) and Vicecaptain James Harmer (20\*) succeeded in overtaking Oakridge's modest 120 runs with one ball to spare. Earlier Richard Cartwright had been the pick of the Sherston batsmen, scoring an entertaining 38 before being magnificently stumped by Mark Robbins. For Oakridge, Richard 'Ted' Heath again proved to be a most miserly bowler. taking 2 for 12 in his 10 overs, while Mike Deane took 4 for 23 from his 10.

Sherston won the toss and elected to field, a decision which looked to be paying dividends when Andrew Tremellen took the first Oakridge wicket without any score on the board. Ollie Moore took the key wicket of Mark Robbins (29) and James Harmer dismissed Mark's brother Steve just before he reached his half century. But the remaining Oakridge batsmen failed to capitalise on the Robbins' partnership and collapsed from 85 for 3 to 120 all out. Ollie Moore took 3 for 35 and Alan Dickenson 3 for 27 from their 10 over spells.



Richard 'Ted' Heath delivering another line and length ball for Oakridge



James Harmer who scored Sherston's winning run

Oakridge CC			
Tim Hawkins	ct Kevin Smith	b Andrew Tremellen	0
Mark Robbins+	LBW	b Ollie Moore	29
Steve Robbins *	ct Richard Cartwright	b James Harmer	48
Stuart Ridge	ct Richard Cartwright	b Alan Dickenson	7
Mike Deane	LBW	b James Harmer	1
Richard Minchin	ct Ben Littlejohns	b Alan Dickenson	10
Richard Heath	ct Richard Cartwright	b Alan Dickenson	0
Mike Cairns		b Ollie Moore	5
Ed Bryant	LBW	b Ollie Moore	6
Matt Holland	run out	[Tristram Bourne]	0
John Lawlor	Not Out		0
Extras (3b 2lb 6w 3nb)			
Total ( all out , 39.2 overs)			
Fall Of Wickets			

 $0\text{-}1\ ; 40\text{-}2\ ; 85\text{-}3\ ; 90\text{-}4\ ; 105\text{-}5\ ; 105\text{-}6\ ; 106\text{-}7\ ; 113\text{-}8\ ; 114\text{-}9\ ; 120\text{-}10\ ; \\$ 

Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkt
Andrew Tremellen	10	4	31	1
Ollie Moore	9.2	1	35	3
Alan Dickenson	10	2	27	3
James Harmer	10	4	22	2

Sherston Magna CC			
Phil Duffell	ct Tim Hawkins	b Richard Minchin	4
Jed Pitman	LBW	b Richard Heath	8
Ben Littlejohns	ct Mike Deane	b Mike Deane	12
Richard Cartwright	st Mark Robbins	b Ed Bryant	38
James Harmer	Not Out		20
Tristram Bourne	ct Mike Cairns	b Mike Deane	7
Alan Dickenson	LBW	b Mike Deane	0
Joe Nabarro		b Richard Heath	0
Ollie Moore	ct Stuart Ridge	b Mike Deane	4
Andrew Tremellen *	Not Out		11
Kevin Smith +	Did Not Bat		
Extras (6b 4lb 7w)			17
Total (8 wickets)			12
Fall Of Wickets 8-1; 12-2; 67-3; 72-4; 93-5; 98-6; 99-7; 104-8			

Bowling	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts
Richard Minchin	10	3	26	1
Richard Heath	10	4	12	2
Stuart Ridge	2	1	17	0
Mike Deane	10	2	23	4
Ed Bryant	6.5	2	28	1
Steve Robbins	1	0	5	0

#### Sherston Centurion

A special mention must also go to Mark Howell who scored an unbeaten hundred in Sherston's match against Upton St. Leonards on Sunday 19th April. Well done Mark on your maiden century.

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### Groups and Regular Events in Sherston

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#### Sunday services

June: 8am Holy Communion; 9.30am Sung Eucharist (20 June Family Service); 6pm Evensong (20 June Evening Holy Communion)

Farewell to Eve – Eve will take her last service in Sherston at 10.30am on Sun 27 June

#### 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: 13 June at 9.30am in the Rattlebone Skittle Alley.

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

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#### Clem's Club

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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

Open to ladies from local area meeting at Westonbirt School on Wednesday 8 - 9.30pm. £38 for 15 weeks. Call Annabel Clifton on 840592 or Heather Martin on *840375*.

#### Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

There is no meeting planned for June. 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 -10 June. Further details from Helen Price 503187 or retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

#### Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 10 June 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 – 3 June.

Further details from Anne Chapman on 01249 782842.

#### Senior Club

Meets at 2.00pm in the British School Room every other Tuesday - 1 and 15 June.

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.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 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

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#### Sherston Village Hall

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#### Sherston W.I.

Meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall -3 June.

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 11 June 7.30 for 7.45pm. Admission £1.50 including refreshments. All profits to help maintain the village hall

Further details from G Mason, M Goulding and J Gleed.

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



# What's on in 2010 – Dates for your diary

**June** See below

July

**10** -18 Boules & Carnival – Sat 10 Big Band on the field, Sat 17 Boules Day

#### 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

#### The Carpenter's Arms

Curry Quiz Night Sun 6 June

Race Night Wed 9 June

Carpenters Arms Cricket - Thurs 10 June

Mexican Night Wed 16 June

Music Night with the Ratpack Fri 25 June

Coffees, teas and homemade cakes every day at 11am

Boules league starts in June

Check boards for details of events.

Further details contact 840665

#### The Rattlebone Inn

Annual 12 Hour Boules Marathon 19 Jun World Cup matches live from 12 Jun Wimbledon live matches 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

Check boards for details of events

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

#### 1016 Charity Boules Marathon

19 Jun 8am -8pm at the Rattlebone Entry form in the Rattlebone

### Midsummer fete and open gardens trail in aid of Sherston Church

Sat 19 in the village hall and field. 12.30pm BBQ and bar, stalls, raffle and children's activities. Sat 19 - Sun 20 June Open gardens trail (£5 per person) with entry to 6 village gardens. Tea and homemade cake at the village hall till 5pm. Tickets from outside the PO on Sat 19 morning or from the fete.

#### **Boules Ball** 25th Anniversary Boules Ball

at 26 Jun 7pm Village Hall Further details contact Caroline Starke on 841340

#### Cricket Club League Fixtures

Saturday 5 June	Cricklade	away	2.15pm
Sunday 6 June	Bradley Stoke	away	2.30pm
Saturday 12 June	Chedworth	home	2.15pm
Sunday 13 June	Almondsbury	home	2.30pm
Saturday 19 June	South Cerney	home	2.15pm
Sunday 20 June	Venturers	home	2.30pm
Saturday 26 June	Adlestrop	home	2.15pm
Sunday 27 June	Stoke	away	2.30pm

#### Boules week 10 – 18 July

Big Band Family Party on the Village Hall Field

– Big Band music, bring your own picnic food,

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Sun 11 July Guided Walk around Sherston 10:30, Tues 13 Afternoon Musical Tea in the British School Rooms 2pm, Quiz night at the Village Hall 7.30pm £15 per team of 4, Wed 14 Skittles competition at the Rattlebone 8pm, Thurs 15 Children's disco 6-7pm Village Hall, Fri 16 Junior 6 a side football competition followed by Fancy Dress football & BBQ Sat 17 July - Boules Day & Carnival - Boules matches start at 9.30am

Church bell tower open from 2 - 3.45pm, Church flower display, French cafe, bar and live music, stalls and KidsZone on the Village Hall field Sun 18 July - Tug of War 11am; Duck Race 2.30pm at Stretchline Cream Teas at the finish line; Salvation Army Service 6pm

#### Westonbirt

#### The Arboretum

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Keane Fri 18 June (sold out) , Simply Red Sat 19 June (sold out), Blondie 20 June, 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 - Woody Women Course - Sat 5 - Sun 6 Jun 10-4pm with overnight camping £140 Contact Ruth Goodfellow 07794 054623;

Charcoal Burning Sat 19-Sun 20 £90 Brian Williamson 01453 790666;

'Make a Windsor Chair' week long workshop Mon 21 - Sat 26 Jun. Booking essential call Paul Hayden on 01373 836051;

Digital Photography Course - Beginners Tues 22 Jun 10.30 - 3.30 £50 contact Graham Light 01285 653069

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

#### Beaufort Polo Club Country Fair

International Test Match & Beaufort Polo Club Country Fair - including polo matches, shows and 80 stands

Sat 19 - Sun 20 Jun from 11am Day entry from £20 per car, Boogie at the Beaufort from £65 pp England v The Americas test match Sat 3.30pm Boogie at the Beaufort from 7.30pm - advance tickets only Charity Polo Match Sun Further details contact 880510 or www.beaufortpoloclub.co.uk/Fixtures/CountryFair.htm

#### Easton Grey Whatley Manor

Tuesday Private Garden Tours

including welcome drink and 2 course lunch follwed by a guided tour with head gardener Barry Holman £39.50 Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner Sherlock Holmes' with Robert Downey Jr & Jude Law Sun 27 June £38 includes 3 course lunch or dinner, film & popcorn

Further details contact 834026 or www.whatleymanor.com

#### Badminton House Gardens Open Day

Mon 14 and 21 Jun Further details contact 01454 218203

#### Malmesbury

Malmesbury Åbbey Music Society Marilyn Archer (soprano) sings from Purcell to Porter

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

### Elmer 1000th year anniversary poetry competition

Airborne - free entry for adults and over 7s Entry forms from the Town Hall, Library or website Sky writing poetry workshop with local poet Sue Chadd Sat 26 Jun Malmesbury Library Free entry for adults and children For further details call 823611 Further details contact or www.malmesbury.gov.uk

#### Family Frolic

Family Fun Day - face painting, bouncy castle, fire engine, vintage car, welly wanging, lamb roast, BBQ, bar, afternoon teas, ice cream & stalls

Sun 6 Jun 12 noon - 5pm Adults £2.50 under 15s 50p Under 3 free

Opposite Willis Bros on the B4042 Wootten Bassett Rd near Malmesbury. Donation to Riding for the Disabled Dauntsey Vale Riding Group.

#### Charlton Park WOMAD - World Music Festival

a few SN16 ticket still remaining

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

#### Kington Langley Scarecrow Trail Sun 13 June

#### Crudwell

Quiz night in aid of Dorothy House Hospice Sat 12 Jun 7 for 7.15pm £8 pp including a ploughman's and tea & coffee. BYO alcohol. 4-6 per team. Tickets and details from Judy 577370 or Beryl Clampton 841201

#### Cirencester

#### Sundial Theatre at Cirencester College

Footloose - the musical 15 - 17 Jun £4-9 Mirror Image - an enchanted children's musical Sat 19 7.30pm and Sun 20 2pm £9.50 / £7.50 Further details contact 01285 654228 or www.cirencester.ac.uk/sundial

#### Air Raid Shelter Exhibition

The Living Memory Historical Association has been running a Summer Exhibition for the past 18 years in the Air Raid Shelter of the former Memorial Hospital, Sheep Street, Cirencester. The exhibition illustrates life in the Cotswolds during the Second World War and is open from 10.30am to 4.30pm every Saturday between 5 May and 6 October. Admission is free

#### Startley & Devizes

#### Events in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance Startley Pre 1990 Tractor Run 06-Jun £15 per tractor including a ploughmans lunch and afternoon tea - all

in aid of WAA Meet at 9.30am in the layby Great Somerford Rd Startley SN15 5HJ More details from Roy Webb 01249 720404

The Wiltshire White Horse Challenge in aid of WAA Sat 19 & Sun 20 Jun Various walks around 7 of the White Horses in Wilsthire Including the complete challenge - 2 days 55 mile, the relay (same route),

a 1 day challenge and the family challenge - 7 miles Further details from www.whitehorsechallenge2010.co.uk or 01225 785520

Further details for all WAA events contact Melanie Gee 0845 1221423 or

www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events.htm

#### Wotton-Under-Edge The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by the community This month: How to train your dragon; Robin Hood; I am in Love (Io Sono L'amore - Italian with subtitles); Iron Man; La Danse; the Paris Opera Ballet; The Disappearance of Alice Creed; World Cup - live England matches - check website for details Further details contact 01453 844601 or www.wottoneph.co.uk

#### Corsham

#### The Pound, Corsham

Comedy Jo Caulfield Sat 5 Jun 7.30pm £14 Film: the Fantastic Mr Fox 3 Jun 11am and 7.30pm £10 Further details contact Box Office 01249 701628 or www.poundarts.org.uk

#### Corsham Festival and Fringe Festival Various performances and exhibitions across all art genres Sat 19 - 26 June

Further details contact 01249 701628 or www.corshamfestival.blogspot.com or for the fringe www.corshamfestivalfringe.blogspot.com

#### Kemble

#### Air Show - Military and civilian aircraft show

Sat 19 - Sun 20 June 8am. Flight displays from 11am and 2pm. Days end with hot air balloon flights. £19.50 advance / £25 on day adult day ticket. Advance adult 2 day £30. Children under 16 £5. Under 5s free Available from Malmesbury and Tetbury Tourist office or online at www.seetickets.com

Further details contact 0871 230 1079 or

#### Bath

#### Theatre Royal

www.cotswoldairshow.com

Sing-along-a-Sound of Music Sun 6 June, High School Rocks Sun 13 June, Twelfth Night 14-19, Dreamboats and Petticoats 21-26, Man from Stratford: Being Shakespeare starring Simon Callow 28 -30 Jun Further details contact 01225 448844 or www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Fringe Festival

till 7 June Alternative comedy, dance, jazz, music and art including 'Affordable Art', Spoken Word, Digital Arts & Media, Standup Comedy, Cabaret, Physical Theatre, Circus Arts, Folk & World Music, Latin Dance, Jazz, at various locations in Bath. Vary from free to £15 Further details contact 01225 463362 or www.bathfringe.co.uk

#### **Bath International MusicFest**

Festival celebrating the world's best jazz, classical, folk and world music - featuring Martha Reeves and the Vandellas; Booker T and Eddi Reader, and Handel's Israrel in Egypt in the Roman Baths and English National Ballet and Orchestra 26 May - 6 June Various locations in Bath Further details contact 01225 463362 or www.bathmusicfest.org.uk

#### **Iford**

#### Opera & Music Festival June - August

Operas: La Cenerentola (Cinderella) by Rossini 19 Jun - 3 July Serse (Xerxes) Handel 9-17 July; Verdi's Rigoletto 24 July - 7 Aug

Promenades: First Night Jazz Fri 11 June; Midsummer Jazz Sat 12 June; Another World Jazz Sat 14 Aug Cloister Concert: from Bath to Buenos Aires: A tango serenade Fri 25 Jun

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

#### Cheltenham

#### Food & Drink Festival

Various culinary events Fri 18 12 noon - 7pm Sat 19 - Sun 20 June 10am-7pm £5 adults, children free Montpelier Gardens
Further details contact 01242 521997 or
www.garden-events.com/cheltenham

#### Science Festival

Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of science from Apollo mysteries to weather watch and Heston Blumenthal. Free entry to the Discover Zone - chat to scientists and conduct experiments 9-13 June. Tickets selling out fast £5-£10 Further details contact 0844 576 8970 or www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science

#### Longborough

#### Festival Opera June - July

Mozart's Don Giovanni 17,19,22,25,26 June Puccini's Madame Butterfly 3,4,7,9,10 July Wagner's Die Walküre 24,27,31 July Tickets £70-130 Download an entry form from the website

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

#### Box

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

#### Hatherop Castle School Cotswold Arcadians Open Air Theatre

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