



Games (and fun!) for primary school pupils



Sherston Church of England Primary School has enjoyed a fantastic run of successes recently.

The netball and football teams won both of their tournaments at the recent Small Schools Festival held at Seagry.

The Sherston netball team won against Sutton Benger (3 – 1), Stanton (4 – 2), Christian Malford (4 – 1), Langley Fitzurse (9 – 0) and Seagry (12 – 2). In the final the Sherston team played Christian Malford and defeated them 6 – 1 to secure the trophy. The team thanked teacher Debby Liddle for her coaching expertise.

Secondly, the school football team played Hullavington (won 3-1), Christian Malford (drew 1-1), Sutton Benger (2-1 to Sutton Benger), Walter Powell (won 3 – 0), Seagry (won 2 – 0) and Stanton (drew 0 – 0). In the final, against favourites Sutton Benger, the Sherston team won in extra time. The team thanked their coach, Colin Stewart and they voted the whole team as 'man of the match'!



These sporting successes come just a week after Sherston school pupils participated in the Malmesbury Secondary School Orienteering event on May 4, and the Malmesbury Primary School Mathematics Day on April 27.

Thanks Bridget

The sale of surplus vegetable plants from Pinkney Court outside the Post Office Stores in May organised by Bridget Jarvis raised £50 for Sherston 1016. Well done to Bridget and those who grew the plants.

Go for it!

Can you spare a few hours a month to have fun adventures and learn new skills?

If the answer is yes, then why not join the Sherston Scout troop as a leader? We are looking for two or three new leaders (male or female) to keep our busy active Scout Troop going.

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Seniors Club

by Helen Quirk 840516

On 6 April a party of Seniors were driven by Tony Weedon in the Community bus to Dauntsey school in West Lavington to see a very good production of 'Crazy for You.' This was very enjoyable.

Sadly, the next item of news was that the Club's Chairman, Cyril Hoskin, had died. Our condolences to his family at this very difficult time.

Cyril was a big man in every way, and always made the sun shine even when the clouds were darkest with a joke or a smile. Cyril always had a word for everyone and wherever he was people were bound to be laughing. He worked very hard to make the Senior Club a success, doing lots of things in the background and making sure all was done correctly. He will be missed by so many people, not just in Sherston.

At our meeting following this sad news, on 19 April our President, Joan Butler, said how much we would miss Cyril as he had made such a difference to the club. The Speaker, Bob Wood, who knew Cyril well, and was a lay-preacher said a few words and 39 members remembered Cyril in a minute's silence. Bob then showed his slides on the Galapagos, which were most interesting.

Our next meeting on 3 May had Geoff Pegler talking to us about music, and how it became a passion from an early age. He was always looking for new instruments to play. He gave us a sample of the violin, electric violin, accordion and bagpipes, filling the hall with music.

Members were asked to look in their cupboards, yet again, for the Senior Club's Exhibition for Boules day, 'Far Eastern Connections.'

We were very pleased that John Venning has agreed to be our new Chairman, taking up his duties on 17 May when the Club had an outing to Oakham Treasures at Portbury.

We are also pleased to say that Rosemary Hayden and Jenny Dickenson have joined the committee.

14 June Outing to Weston-Super-Mare; non-members welcome, space permitting.

Tombola time

For well over 20 years the parish council has been running the tombola stall at Boules & Carnival. It is always a popular attraction and usually sells out by early afternoon raising hundreds of pounds for the event in the process.

This year is no different and so can residents please consider giving those unwanted gifts, odd tins of produce etc to the tombola? Donations can be left with Cilla Liddington at 37 High Street.

Sherston W.I.

by Ann Wilcox.

President Sheila welcomed 23 members to the May meeting in the Village Hall.

The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the two resolutions for the National A.G.M. which will take place in Liverpool in June. The closure of local Libraries and the building of mega farms were the topics.

We were pleased that our local authority has already decided to keep Wiltshire libraries open.

The granting of planning permission to build mega farms provoked more discussion. Several questions were asked about the long term outlook for agricultural workers and the effect on the countryside as well as environmental issues. Both resolutions were passed.

As a complete contrast we were entertained by The Yiends who took us to the world of Laurie Lee with extracts from 'Cider with Rosie' and short musical interludes. It was much enjoyed.

Two outings have been arranged for the summer. A canal trip from Devizes on 6 July and a visit to Kilver Court near Shepton Mallet on 8 September.

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 7 and 21 June.

Pumpkin hell

With plans already well advanced for this year's Mangold Hurl on Sunday 2 October to include Sherston's first ever pumpkin show the children of the parish are getting thoroughly involved.

Pupils from both Sherston School and Busy Hands Pre School will each be growing a 'Cheyenne Bush' pumpkin for the show. The seeds and compost have been donated by Sherston Parva Nursery.

'Cheyenne Bush' is a very early orange pumpkin developed in 1948 in the US. It usually does well even in cooler wetter summers. The young fruit are pale green but then turn orange well in time for the show and Halloween. Being a bush variety it doesn't take as much room as vining pumpkins and could even be grown in a large container.

There's still time to sow pumpkins to be ready at the beginning of October. Don't be shy and 'Show us your pumpkins!'

Police News

PC Steve Humphries

My colleague, PCSO Durry Maule, and I have continued to try to patrol Sherston and other villages as much as possible this year after it was agreed at the Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership meeting in January that high visibility patrolling should be our priority.

We complement this with advertised quarterly street meetings throughout the year. The most recent of these was on Tuesday 24 May in the High Street from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. The next will take place some time from July onwards but will be advertised in advance.

It seems that a matter of great local interest is the ongoing misuse of the Fosseway at Easton Grey at the river crossing where a site of historical interest appears to have been turned into a playground for a minority of off road type enthusiasts. Although not in the Parish, Sherston council has written a letter of support to a multi agency meeting which I attended at County Hall in March and at last various organisations are pulling together to end this destruction. This means for the next three months I have to prioritise my resources in preventing further anti-social behaviour there rather than high visibility patrolling. I am pleased with the progress made by working with all our partners and hope to be able to release more resources very soon to work on local issues.

Next month of course is 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.

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 malmesburyruralnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. We pledge to try to answer all emails within 24 hours of receipt. Looking forward to hearing from you about matters that concern you.



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The parish council next meets on Thursday 9 June 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.

Area Board - Core Strategy

The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council takes place at Malmesbury Town Hall on Wednesday 29 June 6.30pm for 7pm start. This is likely to be an important meeting concerning future planning policy as the latest stage of consultation on the Wiltshire Core Strategy will be discussed. In particular the strategy sets out proposed housing development levels for not only the whole of Wiltshire but also the Malmesbury area which includes Sherston. The formal public consultation period runs from 13 June to 8 August. All welcome.

Community safety forum

The next MVCAP (Malmesbury and Village Community Area Partnership) quarterly community safety forum will be held at Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 28 June at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. All are welcome and refreshments will be available. This is your opportunity to have your say on the police priorities for the area over the next three months and to raise any other community safety issues. If you can't attend in person contact info@mvcap.org.uk to pass on any matters of concern. For further information please visit www.mvcap.org.uk



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Thank you Sherston

by Piers Cushing

I have just successfully completed the 26th Marathon Des Sables - a multi-leg, self-sufficiency 'ultra' marathon run in South Morocco (243 km in 6 days) across the Sahara desert. Carrying full kit, all you are given is water. Here is a quick summary as I saw it. A thank you for the support of the Afghanistan Trust to support families and soldiers of the Parachute Regiment wounded and killed. The regiment is in Helmand Province right now. Groups of 8 shared a Berber tent, and each carried a daysack of everything they needed, mine weighed just under 10Kg.



Stage 1 - 33 km including the Erg Chebbi Dunes, which is stunning if you're not trying to run the 14 km length of them, 2 steps forward, 1 back, sinking every step. You go up a dune 50 metres and down the other side for 14 km. Temperatures range from 35 °C to 50 °C, in which fast marching sucks the life out of you. The first casualty was a Frenchman who had a heart-attack. The following day another broke a leg.

Stage 2 - 38 km - Cooking breakfast was a challenge in a sandstorm. We reached a sand dune after 9km and ran out looking like a piece of sand paper. I was in the middle of the pack. Many runners were now suffering major blisters. I'm lucky and don't blister easily, but I did tape up all vulnerable bits.

Stage 3 - 38 km - Hard ground and soft sand made it difficult to keep a steady pace. There were more dunes and a dry gorge to negotiate as we climbed to the top of Jebel Fom Al Hopaht, and I started suffering heat sickness - not a pleasant experience. I carried on to the next 'Doc' patrol and recovered quickly after being given some magic heat sickness pills. This was my worst day as I dropped my discipline and neglected my salt tabs, food and regular water. Up most of the night.

Stage 4 - Double Marathon, with the next bivouac site 82 km away. I had a bad start and thought I would

keel over - not how I wanted to start the hardest day. So I forced myself to better discipline and started tabbing (fast march) near the back. Hottest day and IV drips running out, as I think many were running too fast. I kept tabbing and increased pace slowly. By mid-afternoon I was overtaking people. Check point at 50 km (after night fall) so head torches on. I did not stop and kept overtaking, morale high, stumbled over a thousand rocks and at 72 km saw the green laser directing us to the bivouac site. Got in at 03.00am, only three members of our tent were in, not even my oldest friend who had stopped to eat and fallen asleep! I must have overtaken 200-300 runners on that day, which felt good. But the medical tent was now full and many were running with 'hamburger meat.' That afternoon I received an email from my wife, which read - 'Edward born this morning - we're both well. You're in deep sh*t.'

Stage 5 - 42.2 km - Hot but easier, more climbing and fewer dunes, stunning scenery and locals cheered us in. Food was now running short, and the casualty count had risen to 40 runners. Last evening in the desert.



Stage 6 - 17.5 km to the finish. 50 slowest set off first. Then the rest of us. Crowds cheered us to the end. I had no serious blisters and finished in the middle of the pack. But I finished.

I raised with your help in excess of £16,000 for the Afghanistan Trust, so THANK YOU SHERSTON.

If anyone would like to read the full story of the 6 days, please call Val Cushing 840835.

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Rec

Repairs to the play equipment are well advanced and many will be pleased to note that 'Nellie the Elephant' has been restored to her rightful position. The remaining repairs are expected to be completed this month. Meanwhile the wall on the Church side of the Rec has been rebuilt following a partial collapse.

Three companies have now produced plans and costings for the intended new play equipment for those aged 11 to 18. Following discussions with the family of Mark Doyle, whose memorial fund is to help finance the equipment, it is expected that consultation with all 11 to 18 year olds in the parish will follow. It is very important that the final choice of the actual equipment installed has the support of those it is being provided for.

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Sherston Living Churchyard

Sue Robinson Tel: 841263

Unusually there have been two sessions in the churchyard since I last wrote to let you know how our project is going on. Volunteers have worked to clear ivy from the trunks of the cherry trees whose pink blossoms are so admired every spring. While this work was going on we disturbed a slow worm and it is good to know that there is still at least one of these increasingly rare creatures in the churchyard. All too often they are only seen when they get chopped up by lawnmower blades and this is one of the arguments for leaving some areas of longer grass where they can take refuge. The new grass areas where the overgrown evergreen trees were removed have once again been painstakingly hand-weeded, to remove the nettles, brambles and elder seedlings and encourage the grassland plants.

The wonderful weather over the last few weeks has compressed spring into such a short period that it has been difficult to keep up with recording the appearance of the wild flowers. We are slowly building up a picture of all the different flowering plants to be found in the churchyard and every year the list grows longer. This year, however, there has been no Lady's

Smock. These pale pink flowers come up where the ground is damp and I can only think that their non-appearance has been due to the exceptionally dry weather and hope that we will see them again next year.

A lot of our native wild flowers have the name Lady referring to Our Lady, Mary the mother of Jesus. Later in the year Lady's Bedstraw should be growing yellow round some of the old gravestones. This aromatic plant was used in the past to sweeten the straw stuffed into mattresses and pillows. Lady's Mantle is not found in the churchyard but many of you will have it in your gardens as its green flowers are a favourite of flower arrangers. Lady's Fingers, Lady's Tresses and Lady's Slipper, a rare wild orchid, are other flowers which remind us how the devotion of the people of the past was entwined in the world which surrounded them every day.

The Living Churchyard will once again be part of the Open Gardens Garden Trail at the Church Fête on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 June. As the Fête is taking place in the churchyard this year it will be easy to come along and have a look at what is happening. June Saturdays are very busy for the church community so the next working session will not be until Saturday 9 July. I hope to see you there.



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They are setting up a pilot scheme which will run fortnightly trips from villages to the cinema run by White Horse Pictures at Malmesbury Town Hall. Hopefully Sherston will be part of the pilot. If it's popular they would want to expand the scheme, eventually providing transport for all parishes to a selection of local events.

Their first steps are to build a pool of drivers who can share the driving and build a team of volunteers who can assist with running this scheme. MVCAP will arrange for drivers to take a short and straightforward training course to allow them to drive the Cartmell Community Minibus. If you would like to find out more about getting involved, either as a driver or in another capacity, please contact us at info@mvcap.org.uk or phone 845520.



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Cyril Hoskin

The recent passing of Cyril was a great loss to the parish. On moving to Sherston to live in Strongs Close he very quickly became an important part of local life with his enthusiastic involvement in both the Methodist Church and the Senior Club of which he was chairman. He was also one of the original members of the Cliffhanger distribution team. All our sympathies are with his wife Eileen and family.

Thanks again

The dry stone walling between the new kissing gate and the old stone stile by Brook Hill Bridge has now been completed by our Cotswold warden Noel Banks and his band of volunteers. This completes the much improved access to Grove Wood which has seen a large increase in visitors over the last few months. We are very fortunate in having Noel and his team undertaking such valuable work in the parish.

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Boules & Carnival

Stalls for the big day – Saturday 16 July – are going fast 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.

This year on Sunday 10 July there will be a new event – the Carnival Boot. With gates opening at 8.00am on the Recreation ground this will be an ideal opportunity for all you car boot enthusiasts whether you are sellers or buyers. Pitches are £10 on the day or £5 in advance. To book please contact Cilla Liddington on 840128 or email sherstoncilla@tiscali.co.uk

BINGO

On the third Friday of every month Sherston Village Hall hosts a Charity Bingo night. The next is on Friday 17 June at 7.30 pm for an 8.00pm start. Entry is 50p and 30p a book. Light refreshments available. Why not pop along for good fun and good company?



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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*, *Eschscholtizia* (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, sweetcorn 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.



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Footpaths

The Sherston Footpath Group's next meeting is on Wednesday 22 June at 7.30pm in the village hall. If you'd like to get involved or just learn more about the group please come along. Alternatively contact Maggie McKenna via email maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com or on 841047.

The project group working on the Malmesbury to Sherston and Luckington walk scheme has now become a part of MVCAP (Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership) which provides an administrative and financial structure. This should assist the project in meeting its objectives. Good progress continues to be made and the next meeting of the group will be held at Malmesbury Town Hall on Thursday 30 June at 7.30pm. If you can't make the meeting but want to know more email info@mvcap.org.uk or visit www.mvcap.org.uk



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June jaunt

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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.

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The Carducci Quartet

by Joy Smith

The Carducci Quartet, hailed as one of Europe's top young string quartets, swept the audience off its seats with a thoroughly engaging programme of Haydn, Mendelssohn and Dvorak in Malmesbury Abbey on Saturday 7 May. It was the second concert in the Malmesbury Abbey Musical Society's exciting 40th anniversary concert series and was an absolute triumph.

And it started with a joke! Old jokes, as they say, are the best and there are few older or better than the one in Haydn's so-called Joke Quartet (String Quartet in E b Op 33 No. 2) which brought the house down yet again in this performance. The Carduccis executed the deliciously deadpan delivery of the false endings in the finale that gives the work its nickname perfectly and it provided a joyful start to the evening.

Then, in great contrast, came Mendelssohn's String Quartet in F minor Op. 80 – a passionate and heartbreaking piece written by Mendelssohn after hearing of the death of his beloved sister Fanny. He subtitled the work 'Requiem for Fanny' but it served as his own since he died two months later of a stroke. The Carduccis played with total conviction and emotion leaving the audience in no doubt about Mendelssohn's devastation. All present shared his sorrow and anguish.

After the interval, the audience was treated to a superb performance of Dvorak's Quartet in F major. 'The American' was written when Dvorak was visiting the small farming community of Spillville, Iowa, and it combines American and European folk tunes with the composer's yearning for his homeland. The Carduccis brought out both the jolly and the heartfelt. Spontaneous gasps of pleasure from the audience greeted the final notes together with very warm and enthusiastic applause.

The musicians - Matt Denton (violin), Michelle Flemming (violin), Eoin Schmidt-Martin (viola) and Emma Denton (cello) - then returned for an unexpected encore of Shostakovich's wonderfully amusing 'Wrong Note Polka' (Age of Gold Op22a).

This was an appealing end to a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The next concert of the series is Harry Christophers and The Sixteen on Saturday 4 June at 7.30pm in Malmesbury Abbey which promises to be sell-out.

Painting in Oil and Acrylic

If a picture speaks a thousand words then the painting group at St Mary's Hall in Malmesbury would have a lot to say. People have gathered from several villages around Sherston. We have looked at painting on coloured grounds, colour, tone and mark using acrylics to create lively colourful paintings. Formal classes will resume again in September so please register your interest and I can pass more details on to you.

I will be running two separate painting workshops on Thursday 23 and Thursday 30 June. These will include a morning's tuition followed by a pub lunch at the Horse Guards. If the weather is suitable we will continue outside in the afternoon. Materials for the morning's tuition will be free, but lunch will be at your own cost. This will be a great chance to further your experience of plein air painting and meet new like minded people, and should be a fun day regardless of your experience, so do come along. Registration is essential. Contact Nicki Heenan 840 883 / nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

Sherston Young Craft Group is off to the Circus

by Heather Martin

We did it! On 4 May we presented our proposal to visit the circus and we were successful in obtaining funding from the Young People's Transport and Access Budget from Wiltshire Council. Well done and a very big thank you to Marcus and Adam who put together an excellent presentation (we were also voted the top project and have been awarded some extra money) and also thank you to those who supported them that evening and voted. We are planning our trip to Gifford's Circus in early September when it visits Cirencester and will use it as a theme for some of our craft work during the Autumn term.



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Church Fête

Sherston Church Fête will be held on Saturday 25 June, starting at 2.00pm, and this year will be situated in and around the Church. There will be a raffle and tombola, plants and produce stalls, 'good as new' and children's activities, including a treasure hunt. Teas and cakes will be served.

Sherston Open Gardens Trail, in aid of the Church, will be open from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Saturday and 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday. The £5 ticket gives entry to a selection of nine large and small gardens around the village with some new ones this year, and includes tea and cake, available in Church. Children are welcome on the trail, free of charge, if accompanied by an adult. Tickets will be on sale outside the Post Office on Saturday morning and then from the Church.

There will also be an extra event on Sunday afternoon from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. If you have always been curious about bellringing and how it's done you can come to the tower and have a go.



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For adults, there will be a panto reading at 27 The Tarters on Monday 13 June at 7.30 p.m. If you are interested in a part please come and help decide which to do and let us know your preferred part – otherwise you may end up being offered assistant bilge rat (second class).

This year there is a great opportunity for anyone who is interested in costumes – we have a whole articulated lorry full just waiting to be used. Also anyone interested in choreography or helping backstage. To discuss what might be needed (no obligation) please ring Sue Lehrer on 824616.



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Pensioner Premium (higher pensioner premium or enhanced pensioner premium).

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Householders can apply to Warm Front by Freephone 0800 316 2814 or www.warmfront.co.uk.

Sherston to Gien Cycle for Boules



Sherston d Gien
11-14 Juillet 2011

The Ferries, hotels and support vehicles have been booked, the T-Shirts have been printed, sponsorship has started to roll in and there are rumours that some training has been done as well!

The sponsored cycle ride involves 5 intrepid Sherston cyclists, (one is from Pinkney but that should not detract from the event) and takes place during Boules Week and raises money for the Boules charities. The riders hope to cycle from Sherston to Gien, our twin town, and then travel back with the Gien boules teams in time for Boules Day on the Saturday. As you can see, plans are progressing well and painful memories of past rides are also resurfacing for some, so they need your support – morally and financially, to keep the training going. Sponsorship forms have been out at the FSS Spring Fair and the Busy Hands Sale and are now located in the Post Office, The Rattlebone and Tucks and also from the riders, so please stop them to pledge your donation. All of the money pledged will be given to the Boules Committee with the riders paying for all the costs of the trip themselves. The riders are Huw Bowles, John Pettit, Jonathan Adye, Nick Holland and Ollie Cadle as well as Hector 'Jock' Walker who is our driver. Please get behind the ride and pledge your support.

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Old School news

Now that it's possible to get uninterrupted access to the building, a great deal of practical work is going on. Several local building firms have been contacted and four have been chosen to submit tenders to carry out the necessary work on the building. The SOSCIC board hopes to be in a position to select one of these firms in late June or early July, and work should start soon after that. There may well be scope for specialist local tradespeople to be involved as sub-contractors.

There have already been some expressions of interest from potential tenants. Lettings will be handled by Graham Singer, and he will enter into negotiations as soon as the building works are in a sufficiently advanced state.

Having secured the money to cover the cost of the first phase of building work, SOSCIC now needs to find enough for the second phase. Once the builders' investigations have revealed just how much work needs to be done, it will be possible to put a figure on this. Various potential sources of funding are being explored, including Community First, the Prince's Countryside Fund and Heritage Lottery, but contributions from members are going to play an important part.

SOSCIC membership now stands at over 200, a good indication of the level of support in the community. As promised in the May Cliffhanger, a members' meeting has now been arranged and will take place in the village hall at 7.30pm on Monday 20 June. The main purpose of the meeting will be to bring members up to date on progress, but the board hopes also to find volunteers to help things along. In particular, there is an urgent need for a fundraising team and for someone to take charge of it. If anyone out there is interested, there's no need to wait for the members' meeting. Contact Geoff Martin now: email soscic@geoffmartin.plus.com or phone 840375.

Fun in the Sun 2011



These popular free sports coaching sessions run by Wiltshire Council for all children aged 5 – 11 years will be returning to Sherston in August on Wednesday mornings. Full details will be available next month.

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This is the 'HORSES HELP HEROES' Challenge:

'We want to raise over £1 million to deliver direct, practical support to any wounded member of the Armed Forces who needs it. The challenge is for a team of wounded servicemen and their support crew to raise £1 million by driving a horse-drawn replica WW1 ambulance 1,000 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats; travelling non-stop, day and night, for an estimated 10 days. Funds raised go to Help for Heroes and will be distributed to Service charities, including the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association, Combat Stress, and the Army Benevolent Fund - The Soldiers' Charity, who identify individual needs.'

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This year's event, part of Boules & Carnival, takes place on Sunday 17 July at 11.00am. As usual there will be competitions for men and women. To enter a team contact Paul Ormiston on 840694 email pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk Entry fee is £8 per team of eight.

Once again this is an opportunity for a men's team to wrest the title and a barrel of beer from Sean Richards and the Vine Tree. Could this be the year?

Boules marathon

On Saturday 25 June at the Rattlebone Inn Sherston 1016's annual twenty - four game Boules marathon takes place when a sponsored team will each play 24 challenging teams between 8.00am and 8.00pm. Raising a total of 24 opposing teams is quite a task so please enter a team if you can. All we ask is a donation which will be split equally between 1016's senior citizens Christmas voucher fund and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance appeal. To register a team contact Eric Thacker on 841344 or email eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk there will be prizes for the best performing challengers and also a raffle.

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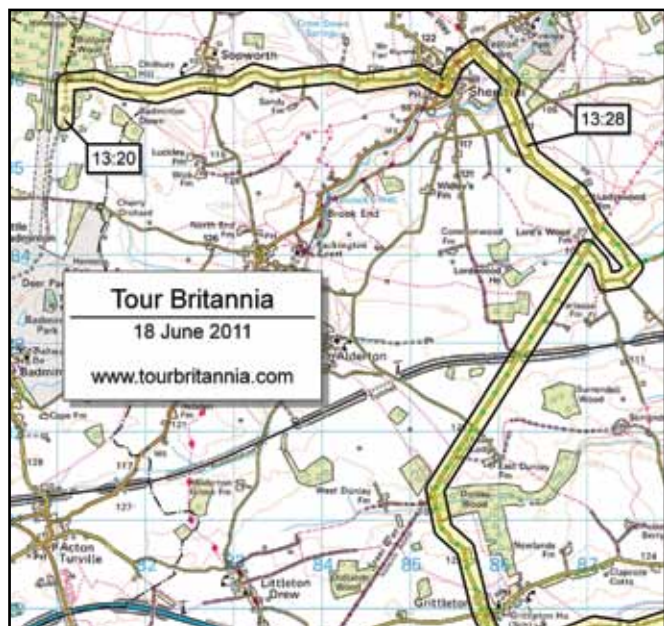
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Taking place over the long weekend of 17-19 June, this year's course will take in Pembrey, Castle Combe and Silverstone race circuits and Prescott Hill Climb together with numerous other tarmac stages. The 2011 competitors will also be the first to use the newly-unveiled pit facilities at Silverstone, a month before the Formula One grid arrives for the British Grand Prix.

On Saturday 18 June before arriving at Castle Combe, this year's entrants will pass through Sherston. The stage sees the tour leaving Badminton at 1.20pm, passing through Sherston a few minutes later.

The widespread appeal of Tour Britannia is also reflected in the strong cross-section of entries including everything from a Mini Cooper and MGB to a Ferrari 250GTO and no fewer than five Porsche 911 RSRs.

As well as the serious cars and racing, however, despite its growing popularity the Tour Britannia entrants continue to enjoy a unique sense of camaraderie throughout the event which is reminiscent of racing and rallying in the 1950s and 1960s.

'I would like to welcome the Tour newcomers and thank all of our regular entrants for their ongoing support, as the quality and quantity of the 2011 event is stronger than ever,' said Tour Britannia organiser Alec Poole. 'The strength and depth of Tour Britannia grows with every year and I can't wait to get this year's event under way - my only regret is that I can't enter myself'

Prices for the 2011 Tour Britannia start from £2,585 for a car and two people and further details are available from www.tourbritannia.com

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A Royal visit to Sherston

Sue Robinson, Churchwarden, Holy Cross, Sherston

On Sunday 1 May, the congregation at Holy Cross Church, Sherston was delighted to be able to hold a special Service of Re-dedication and Thanksgiving for the new roof in the presence of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, generous patron of the Sherston Raise the Roof Appeal.



Photo: Michael Poole

Many people who had contributed to the work were present to hear Rev'd Christopher Bryan, Priest-in Charge of the Gauzebrook Group of Parishes, of which Sherston is one, remark upon the way that the local community had united in its support of the Roof Appeal. He said that its response was indicative of the high regard in which its local church was held and its importance in village life.

The service began with the reading of Banns of Marriage and Rev'd Bryan raised a laugh with his comment that those planning their weddings would be able to call upon the wealth of experience of people in the congregation if they were having any difficulties. One couple had travelled from Australia in advance of their forthcoming wedding and were amazed to find that they were attending such a memorable occasion in the church where they are soon to be married.

Holy Communion was celebrated by Rev'd Sarah Evans for a congregation of some 180 people. During the communion the congregation heard a beautiful solo sung by student Victoria Price, who has been a church member and altar server since childhood. After the service His Royal Highness signed the visitors' book and then met some of the people who



Photo: Charles Price

have been instrumental in the successful completion of the roof project, including Mr Kit Routledge, the architect, Mr Jonathan Adye, who carried out the stone tiling on the roof, some of the Friends of Sherston Church support group and members of the Parochial Church Council's fund-raising committee. He also made time to join members of the congregation for a glass of sherry and to shake hands with and speak personally to many of them, much to their pleasure. When His Royal Highness came out of church a substantial group of people had gathered to see him and many were able to take photographs as reminders of his visit before he drove away.

This much valued visit has been a wonderful way to set the final seal on the past year's work and to celebrate the completion of the new church roof.



Photo: Charles Price



Photo: Paul Ormiston



Photo: Liz Cooper

Photo: Nick Holland



Royal Wedding plea



Many agree that Sherston's celebrations for the Royal Wedding were top notch. We have a full report ready to print but it desperately needs photos. To date we only have Paul Ormiston's excellent shots of Sherston 1016's superb firework display from the top of the Church tower. Can anyone help? If you have some photos especially of the Royal Wedding party in the village hall and field please email them to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk or telephone 840694.

HOWZAT! Wills makes the U10 Squad



Congratulations to William Pritchett who has been selected for the NW Wiltshire U10 Cricket Squad.

Nine year-old William has been exposed to the world of cricket since he was able to sit up and watch, having spent his early years watching his Dad play on Saturday afternoons at Sherston Magna Cricket Club. It is here he started to show an interest in the sport and since then it has grown.

William joined the Sherston Magna Junior Cricket Club in 2008 and towards the end of last season joined Biddestone Cricket Club, who put him forward for a North West District trial.

He's carried on with practice and training through the winter, and his hard work has now paid off; William was selected for the North Wiltshire District Country U10 team. The next step is trials next season for county level.

William practices all the time – be it with his teammates on a Thursday evening or with his brother outside in the front of the house.

His proud Mum Anne-Marie said, 'We are delighted for William, he really adores the sport and as long as he is enjoying himself that's the main thing. Cricket is always on his mind – he is always bowling that imaginary ball!'

William's got his sights set on great things; he said, 'This means that I have achieved the next step of my life to play cricket for England'.

Sherston on Domesday website



Photo: Paul Ormiston

In 1986 the BBC launched an ambitious project to record a snapshot of everyday life across the UK for future generations. A million volunteers took part including some in Sherston.

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Lily of the Valley

By Martin Rea

Rumours abound that there's a small colony of lily of the valley, *Convallaria magilis*, growing in Grove Wood. If you do come across them please let Tree Warden Irene Johnston know on 841273 or ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk or alternatively her deputy Sue McKechnie on 840601 or email suemckechnie@hotmail.com They usually flower in May although can be a little later especially in a north facing wood like the Grove.

The flower is also known as Our Lady's tears. According to Christian legend, the lily of the valley came into being from Eve's tears after she was driven with Adam from the Garden of Eden. It is perhaps more likely that 'Our Lady' refers to the Virgin Mary whose tears at the crucifixion are said to have turned to lily of the valley.

There is also an English legend of St Leonard the Dragon Slayer who lived in the forest named after him in Sussex and slew the last dragon in England.

Æthelweard's Chronicle of 770AD mentions

'Monstrous serpents were seen in the country of the Southern Angles that is called Sussex'. St Leonard was grievously injured by the dragon and wherever his blood fell lily of the valley plants sprang up.

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Summoned

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Often referred to in hurling circles as Her Honour Judge 'Hellofa' Horn she has been appointed by the Mangold Hurling Association to officiate at a competition to appoint a new Summoner for the Sherston Order of Mangold Hurlers. This follows the sad demise last year of Malcolm Jarrett one of the


greatest Summoners known to hurling.

The summons lays out simple criteria for selection – including lung capacity, loudness of wheeze and lip puckering. The latter is apparently all important to the resulting sound emanating from the horn. In order to gauge lip puckering all contestants must wear a brand named lipstick and be prepared to kiss the sculptured buttocks adorning the Rattlebone wall. It is only by examining the imprint of the lips upon the said buttocks that an accurate assessment of lip puckering expertise can be undertaken.

Competitors should note that under no circumstances should any rubber accessories be worn. Any competitor suspected of being in breach of this rule will be subject to a full public intimate body search personally undertaken, no doubt with some enthusiasm, by Her Honour.

The competition is open to both sexes although all must be over the age of 16 years. All those wishing to be judged should please be assembled by 1.30 pm at the Rattlebone Inn on Whit Sunday 12 June. The winner will have the distinction of immediately summoning this year's Mangold Maid to her throne accompanied by the traditional regalia of the Orbs of Joy and the Head of Excitement.

For the avoidance of doubt Judge Ivor Horn's decision will be final and totally biased.



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On Wednesday June 15 50 cyclists will roll out of Queen Square in Bristol at the start of a 450 mile bike ride to Bordeaux. Among them will be 9 riders from Sherston, all excited by the challenges that lie ahead.

Lucy Cope, Dave and Dawn Reeves, Mark and Lauren Kiddell, Dan Pritchett, James Power, Riaan Van Rooyen and Kevin Smith will complete the 4 day ride in support of the charity PROPS (Providing Opportunities and Support) which provides business enterprise and inclusive social and educational opportunities to young adults with a range of disabilities.

This year's ride is showcasing the charity's inclusive ethos, as, in an exciting initiative, two students at the charity's centre in Fishponds, Bristol will be joining the ride, with another joining the support crew.

The 9 Sherston riders have been training hard on the highways and byways of the Cotswolds and beyond, but are they ready? '450 miles in 4 days is a real physical test' says Dave Reeves (37), 'but with such a great cause to spur us on, I know we'll be up to the challenge!'

The Pedal for Props Bristol to Bordeaux Bike ride takes place between June 15 and June 18. You can follow the riders' progress on Twitter and Facebook. Details are on the PFP website: www.pedalforprops.org

Small Ads

My son has lost his birthday present a brand new BMX, last seen at The Rec on Wednesday 25th May.

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Sherston Football Club (May)


Pete Brock

Hi everyone, been a busy week with the end of the season looming. The first team have finished the season in third place or maybe second depending on other results so a very well done to them as they should be promoted again this year, which will be three promotions in three years so again well done. Some of the players are moving on next year so I have been busy behind the scenes bringing back a few old players like Sam Miles and a couple of new lads from Chippenham. I also have two new young signings from Malmesbury who are very good players.

We are on the look out for a new first team manager and there are a couple of names in the frame. We have also to look for a reserve team manager as Matt Neal has decided to play again rather than manage and after his brief appearance in the semi final he can still do a good job. The reserve team manager's job has had some interest and we will keep you informed. The reserves had a trip out to Cirencester town's ground in the middle of the week to play against a team called Avonvale who has the wise old head of Darren Walsh running the show at the back for them. The game was won by Avonvale 3-0 on the night but it was a very brave display by our lads as some strange league rules meant only twelve of our players were allowed to play.

They took the lead but we came back at them and little Robbie Collier hit the inside of the post before watching the ball run along the line and then out again. I believe it may have been a different game if it had gone in. Will Barras put twenty balls out of the ground till he found his feet and was then a constant threat; Knocker was steady as ever and came off to rapturous applause, Martin Collier was man of the match with Neil Risbey close behind him with fantastic displays. There were two moments I will remember for a while. One was Matt Neal going on the pitch when he had no intention of going on until I had a word with the ref and just put him on. The other was Darren Walsh being outrun and turned inside out by James Brown (no not that one, there are a couple of differences, one is a dead black soul singer and the other is a twenty five stone white fella) who has a great heart and never lets us down. I myself couldn't play because of an injury sustained playing for the veterans and with cat calls of give it up you old b***** but I managed to hobble round to where the ladies were sat and got the same response from them, so at least I tried. It was nice to see a lot of locals coming to watch including Pat and Dave Walsh. We may try to coax Dave out of retirement for the vets next year but we will run it by Pat first and you will know if it's ok or not, although Pat will knock me out anyway (only joking Pat). Lastly I would like to say a big hello to Mrs Evans and Jane Ward who I know like to have a read of this column. Now I'm off on holiday to see my little boy who has moved to Greece, so until next month, bye bye.

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THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

Whit Sunday 12 June sees one of the most important events in the calendar of members of the Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers – Mangold Maid Making.

After local candidates had undergone vigorous examination by members this year's Mangold Maid was 'chosed' – to use the right expression – at the Orders AGM in April. The chosen young lady's identity has since been a closely guarded secret in the village, helped no doubt by the super injunction obtained by her father shortly after she had been 'chosed', but all will be revealed at the Mangold Maid Making ceremony at the Rattlebone Inn at 2.00pm on 12 June. With traditional mangold songs and impressive regalia on show this is an event not to be missed.

Landlord of the Rattlebone Inn Jason Read, in his capacity as Keeper of the Maids, said 'being made Mangold Maid is the highest accolade bestowed upon a young lady of the village and will lead to her enjoying a whirlwind of social occasions between now and the Mangold Hurl on 2 October. In times past a night with the Mangold Maid was the ultimate prize for the Mangold King – the winner of the Hurl. Whilst modern sexual discrimination legislation has ended that aspect the maid is still vital part of the sport of mangold hurling in Sherston.

Years ago many villages' orders of hurlers had their

own maids who would visit en masse all the local hurls. Indeed it was at the Alderton Hurl in 1934 that an initial spat within the Maids enclosure led to the mass brawl or 'Altercation' as it became known and subsequent acquittal of all charges against 21 members of the Sherston Order at Devizes Quarter Sessions the following year. Sadly today Sherston is the only village remaining with a maid.

As well as the Making there will be a competition before hand at 1.30pm to appoint a new Summoner for the Order. Sadly Summoner Malcolm Jarrett passed away last year after sterling service with the Great Horn of Moyne, the historic hunting horn used to call participants to hurls. Those entering the competition will need to be able to show equally impressive techniques on the horn as Malcolm if they are to be deemed worthy of stepping into his smock and gaiters. Those interested in the position of Summoner should read the requirements of the judge The Very Reverend Ivor Horn BSc (Hons) set out elsewhere in this esteemed publication.

All are most welcome to attend the Maid Making and to drink a toast to the Maid with a glass, or two, of scrumpy.

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Cricket



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The aim of the event was to raise funds for SMCC, whilst entertaining the guest teams and spectators.

Six teams from the local area Young Farmers,



PROPS, Bath Ales, Sherston Ladies and Girlfriends (SLaGs), Sherston Magna and the Rattlebone provided the entertainment with a good number of spectators enjoying the exploits of the cricketers as well as the food and drink. The Rattlebone side were the eventual winners of the tournament after a 6 wicket victory in the final against Sherston Magna.

Sherston Magna scored 53 for 3 from 4 overs, Rattlebone scored 55 for 0 wicket from 3.4 overs.

Results in May

Sunday 1 SMCC beat North Nibley by 43 runs

SMCC 222-5 (40 overs) Gould 74, Littlejohns 38, B Dickenson 32, Pegg 29.

North Nibley 179ao (37.1 overs) B Dickenson 4-40, Hulance 3-24.

Saturday 7 SMCC beat Williamstrip by 11 runs

SMCC 189-6 (40 overs) Littlejohns 42, Kutchera 33, Fitch-Peyton 28, Harmer 22.

Williamstrip 178-9 (40 overs) Gould 3-43, Tremellen 2-27, Turner 2-28, Green 2-50.

Saturday 14 NATS beat SMCC by 7 wickets runs

SMCC 153-5 (40 overs) Pitman 37*, Cavey 37, Goodwin 33.

NATS 159-3 (38.3 overs) Tremellen 1-20, Kutchera 1-33, Green 1-53.

Sunday 22 SMCC tied with Coates

SMCC 148ao (32.4 overs) Fitch-Peyton 32, Maskrey 27.

Coates 148ao (30.2 overs) Howell 4-12.

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

Home fixtures in June

Saturday 11 SMCC Vs Chedworth 2.15pm

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Sherston Football Club (June)

Pete Brock

Well the season is over and it couldn't come soon enough for some. It's nice to have a break from all the chasing players for the weekend and trying to get two sides out every week although the veterans are hard work because most of them are so old they don't know where they are let alone what day it is, but they did finish on a high last week with a well deserved win over their Gloucester rivals. The goals came from an unusual source with Grant Aldridge scoring two cracking goals after he had been rested for ten years, those two goals took him to level top goal scorer with me Pete Brock on two and Frizz (Dave Frailing) scoring two, only problem is they were in his own net and two great strikes they were too. The first team have finished in third place in the league which meant they missed out on a promotion this year. The reserves started to get it together at the end of the season beating some of the top teams in the league, so well done Matt Neal and the team. Next year will be a very difficult season, as nearly all the first eleven are off to play for Malmesbury reserves and have left quite a large hole to fill, so we will have to have a meeting to see where we go from here for next season. I can see it is going to be difficult for us

as some of the players going have drawn some of our young starlets into the Malmesbury fold. Whatever happens we will try all in our power to keep the team going but it will be like starting afresh. I would like to thank anyone involved with the club that has seen us through the last few seasons, so thanks again and I'll keep you all informed on what happens next.

Sherston Tennis Club Announcement

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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

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Malmesbury & Villages Community Partnership

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

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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

July

9-17 Boules & Carnival –Sat 16 Boules Day

August

27 Skittles marathon

29 Village Party including Flower, Vegetable and Produce Show

September

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 5 Jun

20/20 Cricket Matches Thurs 2 June vs The White Horse; Thurs 16 Jun vs Beaufort Polo Club; Thurs 30 Jun vs Westonbirt Arboretum 6pm Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Tucks Salami, Tracklements and Wine tasting

Wed 15 Jun 6.30pm

Live Music Fri 24 Jun

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

Midsummer Party Live music, BBQ Sat 18 June

All day Boules Marathon in aid of 1016 Sat 25

June - plus BBQ

Rattlebone Last Eleven Cricket matches Thur

9 Jun vs Beaufort Polo Club; Thurs 23 Jun vs

Young Farmers; 7 July vs The OAFS Sherston

Magna Cricket Club

Further details contact 840871 or

www.therattlebone.co.uk

Concert in the Church of the Holy Cross

Music for Awhile

Bach and his Circle - a baroque music concert

Fri 3 June 7.30pm £15 includes programme and

interval refreshments at the Church of the Holy Cross

Grove Wood Woodland Frolic

Sun 5 June 12 noon - 4pm Children's

competition, bushman skills, family fun. Bring a picnic

Further details contact Sue McKechnie 840601 or

suemckechnie@hotmail.com

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

Sat 25 June situated in and around the Church.

There will be a raffle and tombola, plants and produce stalls, 'good as new' and children's activities, including a treasure hunt. Teas and cakes will be served.

Open gardens trail

The £5 ticket gives entry to a selection of large and small gardens around the village with some new ones this year, and includes tea and cake, available in Church. Sat 25 1 to 5pm. and Sun 26 June 1 to 5 pm. Children are free if accompanied by an adult, on the Trail. Tickets will be on sale outside the Post Office on Saturday morning and then from the Church.

Introduction to Bell ringing

There will also be an extra event on Sunday afternoon from 2.30 to 4pm. If you have always been curious about bellringing and how it is done you can come to the tower and have a go. *Further details contact Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Whitehouse 840640*

Sue's Strolls

Sun 19 Jun 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. Sat 7 May 2-4pm Church of the Holy Cross *Further details contact Sue Robinson on 841263*

Boules & Carnival Week July 2011

Events include: Sat 9 July Quiz night 7.30pm in the Village Hall; Sun 10 July Footpaths group walk departs from village hall 11am/ Tues 12 July Afternoon musical tea in the British School Rooms 2pm free entry // Wed 13 July Skittles Tournament at The Rattlebone, 8pm £5// Thurs 14 July Children's Disco in the Village hall Primary school ages 6pm -7 pm // Friday 15 Junior football match 4pm followed by adult match & a BBQ
Sat 16 July - Boules Day & Carnival - Boules matches start at 9.30am in the High St, French cafe, bar and live music, stalls and a fun packed KidsZone in the village hall field
Sun 17 July - Treasure Hunt, 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

Operation Raleigh - Sherston and Malmesbury students' trip to India

Sanitation improvement project in Southern India
Sponsored events Support Harry Sutcliffe, Rosie Pettit and others from Malmesbury School on their trip 26 July - 22 August by sponsoring them
Gurkha Evening coming soon

Sherston Arts Festival

Sherston Arts Festival 7 -16 Oct

Sherston Arts Festival 7 -16 Oct - looking for participants and helpers for the festival
Further details contact Heather Martin 840375 or www.sherston.net

Luckington

Open Gardens 9 gardens on show in aid of Luckington Church

Sun 5 June 2- 5pm £5 pp including refreshments at Luckington Court Garden Entry tickets and map from Luckington Parish Church - parking in the Church car park

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Guided Walks: Remarkable Rhododendrons Sat 4 Jun 10:30-12:30 Sorry no dogs; **Wildflowers** Tues 14 Jun 10:30 -12:30 Dogs under strict control allowed;
In pursuit of plants Sat 18 Jun 11am -1pm Sorry no dogs; **Native Trees** Sat 25 Jun 2:30-4:30pm Dogs under strict control allowed – all free after admission
Workshops: Make a Windsor Chair
6-11 and 13-18 June - 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 17 Jun 10.30-3.30pm £55 - limited to 10 places Photography Day - the wider landscapes in summer. £125 pp Booking essential: contact Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email consult@abbey-studios.co.uk
Family Events: Forest Fun 31 May - 2 June 10.30-4 free after admission

Charity Event Tetbury Royals Run Mon 6 June 7:15pm Contact David Edelsten 01285 720421

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

Summer Concerts - tickets now on sale

Simple Minds Fri 17; **Erasure** supported by Sophie Ellis-Bexter Sat 18 and **Scouting for Girls** Sun 19
Jun 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 concs/ £3 chd under 5s free
Further details contact 880220 or www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Westonbirt School

Musical Gala Evening Sat 11 Jun 6:45 Champagne Reception, 3 course gala dinner with wine and concert £50 with all proceeds to the music foundation

Music at Westonbirt – concert Fri 17 Jun 7.30pm £10
Open House and Gardens

House and Gardens open 11am -5pm Sun 26 June
Gardens open 2pm - 5pm Mon 30 May - Thurs 5 June and Sun 10 - Sun 17 July £5 including hot drink and biscuit

*Further details contact 880333 or
lreid@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk or
www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk*

Hookshouse - Art and craftwork exhibition and Outdoor Theatre Labours of Love exhibition

Art, craftwork, jewellery, glass, outdoor sculptures
Sat 28 May - Sun 5 June 11am - 6pm daily

Outdoor Theatre at Hookshouse

The Pantaloons present 'The Canterbury Tales' Sun 3 July 7pm. Gardens open at 5.30pm. Bring a picnic. £10 in advance £12.50 on the door

Hookshouse, near Westonbirt
*Further details contact 880297 or
hookshouse@hotmail.co.uk*

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

Sat 18 - Sun 19 Jun 10.30am - 6.30pm Day entry from £10 adults under 12s £5

England v NZ test match Sat 3.30pm
Beaufort Polo Club

*Further details contact 880510 or
www.beaufortpoloclub.co.uk/Fixtures/CountryFair.htm*

Badminton House Gardens Open Day

Mon 20 Jun afternoon tickets still available £12
*Further details contact 01454 218203 or
www.badmintonestate.co.uk*

Circus at Worcester Lodge, Badminton Estate

Happy's Circus in aid of Trinity Primary School, Acton Turville

Thurs 30 Jun Gates open 4pm Performance 6pm-8pm
Tickets £9, unders 2s free if on lap, on sale at Apples and Pairs, Sherston

*Further details contact Mrs Alex Connors on
alex@bestboots.co.uk or trinityfos.co.uk*

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Harry Christophers and The Sixteen Sat 4 Jun 7:30pm
£12/ £10 members/ £5 student or chd

*Further details contact Joy Smith on 840 865 or
David Barton 824924*

Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

Oil and Acrylic 1 day Workshops Thurs 23 and 30 Jun

Painting classes with Nicki Heenan 8 week art course begins in Sept - registration open now St Mary's Hall

*Further details contact Nicki Heenan 840883 or
nicki.heenan@btinternet.com*

North Wilts MP Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP

Sat 25 Jun 12 noon -1pm

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Tuesday Garden Tours 7, 14 and 21 June 11.30 for 12 start, tour 2.30pm - 4pm £41 including welcome drink and 2 course lunch, coffee followed by a guided tour with the head gardener Barry Holman

Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner
Sex and the City 2 Sun 12 Jun £39 includes film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch or dinner

Further details contact 834026 or www.whatleymanoor.com

Tetbury

Yellow Lighted Book Festival

10 days of literary events including some well known authors - see website for programme

2-12 June Free to £12.50. All events include refreshments and book discounts Book early to avoid disappointment as venues are small. 21 Church St

Further details contact 500221 or www.yellow-lightedbookfestival.co.uk

Cotswold Rural Skills

Dry Stone Walling for beginners 11 -12 Jun Naunton 2 day course £99 Book ahead to avoid disappointment

Lime Mortar 4-5 June Crickley Hill 2 day course £99

Grassland Ecology and Management 12 Jun Rodborough Common 1 day course £49

Further details contact David Molloy on 01451 862000 or david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

Corsham Festival and Fringe Festival

Various performances and exhibitions Sat 18 - 25 June

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

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Source Code; Little White Lies; Meek's Cutoff; Pina; Rio; Closer to the Edge; Winnie the Pooh; Water for Elephants; World Cinema: Son of Babylon check website for details

Further details contact 01453 844601 or www.wottoneph.co.uk

Kemble

Cotswold Air Show

Military and civilian aircraft show

Sat 18 - Sun 19 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 Tourist office, by phone 0871 230 1079 or online at www.seetickets.com

Further details see www.cotswoldairshow.com

Bath

Theatre Royal

Communicating Doors 31 May - 4 June 7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33.50

Hamlet 6-11 June 7.30pm / 8pm mat 2.30pm £16.50-£33.50

Joseph and the Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat 14-19 Jun 7.30pm mat 2pm £9.50-£22

The Beauty Queen of Leenane 21-25 Jun 7.30/8pm mat 2.30 £17-£35

An Evening with John Cleese 28 Jun - 2 July

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

Musicfest

Bath International MusicFest

Festival celebrating the world's best jazz, classical, folk and world music - 25 May - 5 June

Various locations in Bath

Further details contact 01225 463362 or www.bathmusicfest.org.uk

Fringe Festival

27 May - 12 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

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

Iford

Iford Arts Festival

Opera & Music Festival 10 June - 13 Aug

Opera: Hansel and Gretel; Don Giovanni; Rodelinda
Jazz nights Cloister Concerts

Iford Manor

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Longborough

Festival Opera June - July

Così fan Tutte; Falstaff; Siegfried

16 June - 30 July

Further details contact 01451 830292 or

www.longboroughopera.com

Cheltenham

Science Festival

Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of science Free entry to the Discover Zone - chat to scientists and conduct experiments

7 - 12 June 2011 Tickets selling out fast £5-£10

Various locations in Cheltenham

Further details contact 0844 576 8970 or

www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science

Food & Drink Festival

various culinary events including Masterchef

Fri 17 12 noon - 7pm Sat 18 June 10am-7pm and Sun

19 10am - 5pm £3 Friday Sat & Sun £6, children free

Montpellier Gardens

Further details contact 01242 521997 or

www.garden-events.com/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

She Stoops to Conquer 14 - 18 June 7.30pm £11

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

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