



By George, we've got an International School Award!



Sherston School has won a prestigious award for helping pupils become 'global citizens'.

Broadcaster and journalist George Alagiah presented deputy head teacher Debby Liddle with the highest level of the International School Award at a ceremony in London last month.

The award recognised the hard work done by pupils and staff to achieve seven international projects in one year, including links with Australia, the Gambia and Kenya.

'We believe international links bring a vitally important dimension to the education of our young people,' said Martin Davidson, chief executive of award sponsors the British Council.

'These links ensure our youngsters build the skills and understanding to become global citizens ready and able to take their place in the world.'

'And I'm delighted so many schools, local authorities and individual teachers agree with us.'

Sherston was one of 585 schools to pick up their awards on the day.

Debby Liddle will shortly set up a display in the school entrance for us to marvel at.

Did she get a chance to talk to George Alagiah?

'He did his best to speak to everyone and to make everyone feel involved and his speech was very good,' she replied.

Victory for bus lobby

The elderly and disabled of North End Gardens have at last got their bus back.

Two years ago, when Carriers Close was being developed on Sandpits Lane, the no 41 Malmesbury to Yate bus stopped calling at North End Gardens as the road was often blocked by construction traffic.

Following the completion of Carriers Close, it was expected the service would return. When this did not happen, residents and the parish council lobbied County Hall.

'The service was particularly important for the elderly and disabled people living in that part of the village,' said parish councillor Cilla Liddington.

'Now, however, the pressure we applied has worked and the service to North End Gardens will return from 2 November.'

A leaflet with full details is available from Sherston Post Office Stores.

So far so good

The first edition of The Sherston Cliffhanger in October was well received. Thank you for the kind comments.

As a result of your response to our request for copy, we've doubled in size this month. Please keep your news coming.

Remember, every home and business in the parish receives a free copy so it's an ideal way of getting local news and event details to everyone.

We've had requests for a number of features for future editions, in particular a personal column, swap shop and small ads. We're working on all these but are happy to go ahead with the personal column straight away. It needn't cover only 'hatches, matches and dispatches' but can also include birthdays, anniversaries, exam successes, welcomes and goodbyes - in fact just about anything. All we ask is that, when you write to us, you let us have your name and contact details.

We've been asked who's behind The Sherston Cliffhanger.

Well, the publisher is the parish council which is financing it from the precept and advertising revenue. The aim is to make it as self-financing as possible. It's produced by a team of local people which presently consists of Beryl Clampton, Lynda Fleming, Frank Hatt, Richard Maslin, Caroline Moore, Phil Moore, Paul Ormiston and Martin Rea. We'll let you know what they all do next month.

In the meantime, if you'd like to get involved in the production, editorial or distribution of The Sherston Cliffhanger please let us know.

Also, if you have an idea for a regular feature please get in touch.

We welcome your feedback, good or bad. Contact us by email at info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk or call 01666 841405.

Advertising

We are offering advertising in the Cliffhanger to local businesses for a special introductory price:

for 12 months:

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Send us your news

The size and content of the Cliffhanger depends entirely on the amount of copy we receive from individuals and groups. So, if you feel you have something of interest, please don't hesitate to tell us. Copy should be delivered by the 15th of the month before the next edition by email to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk. Paper copy can be left at Sherston Post Office Stores.

Boules beat the odds

This year's boules tournament beat the odds to make £7,500 for the Sherston area.

'Considering we lost our main sponsor and didn't run a Saturday evening event, this was a fantastic effort by all concerned,' said boules committee chairman Tony Weedon.

The £7,500 will be distributed among organisations, groups and individuals in the area.

'Boules week doesn't just happen,' said Tony. 'It results from the work of the committee and we've now lost a number of members.'

'These people gave the last four or five years to the event and, for various reasons, can't assist next year.'

'I wish to give my special thanks to all of them.'

For Boules 2009, the committee needs a secretary, treasurer, stalls' organiser, someone to organise publicity and more committee members.

'It's not an arduous task,' said Tony. 'We meet once a month from January. But, without a full committee, Boules 2009 won't happen.'

'I'm sure the majority of the village enjoys the week so please think about joining us for next year.'

Those interested and wanting more information can contact Tony on 841377.



Footpaths

The parish footpath group has been in existence for nearly six months. If you are interested in walking and wish to see local paths well used and maintained, come along to the next meeting on Wednesday 19 November at 7.30 pm in the village hall. Minutes of previous meetings can be found on the footpaths page at www.sherston.org.uk where a map of parish rights of way is also available.

Hot tip to beat the cold

Villagers have come up with a bright idea to help cushion the blow of the economic crisis.

The Sherston Fuel Club will be open to any resident using fuel oil and may also offer an advantage to commercial users.

'The basic advantage of the system is that, as a club, we'll have more buying power than we would enjoy as individuals,' said organiser Tony Towle.

'This is because we'll buy at commercial, rather than the domestic, rates most residents are currently paying.

'The more members the club has, the higher the discount will be.'

To register, people need to fill in a form available at the post office and return it to them as soon as possible. There is no joining or membership fee.

The chosen supplier will not offer a top-up service but will only supply full loads of 750 litres or more.

To keep costs down and give the club a better discount, there will be no credit.

The club will not become involved in financial dealings with members or the supplier. It will be up to individual members to settle their account with the supplier.

'The only purpose of the club is to set up the arrangements in the first place, maintain a list with the supplier of current members and negotiate the best deal on a yearly basis,' said Tony

'The forms need to be returned as soon as possible so that negotiations can be started with suppliers and we can then select our eventual winner.

'As soon as they've been selected, you'll be told their name and phone number and, from then on, you'll order in the normal way stating that you're a member of the Sherston Fuel Club.

'This will assure you a decent discount and be a win-win situation for all the members.'

Should you have any questions, contact Tony Towle on 840574.



Busy Hands Pre-school hosted a juice and cake morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief in September. A good turnout by friends and family raised £47.50.

Pictured here are Lucy, Claire Robinson and Maisie.

Apples & Pairs

The latest addition to Sherston's thriving business community is Apples & Pairs.

This children's shoes and clothes shop opened its doors last month in the Church Street premises previously occupied by Bear Necessities.

Hannah Allan, of Stanton St Quintin, identified the gap in the market for high quality children's footwear 18 months ago when she needed to replace her daughter's summer sandals.

'Because I couldn't find any nice shoes locally, I ended up buying two pairs from an American website for about £50,' she said. 'As well as being cheaper than I could have bought here, they were glorious.'

After a year of careful market research, Hannah opened Apples & Pairs to sell gifts, books, toys and Funky Bambini kids' clothes as well as eco-friendly and practical shoes such as wellies with pull-on handles.

'I chose Sherston because it's a large, vibrant village right at the centre of my customer base,' said Hannah. 'Although Malmesbury has a small shoe shop, parking there can be a problem. Failing that, you have to drive to Bath or Cribbs Causeway.'

So far, so good. 'I've been overjoyed with customers' response to my new shop and feel really at home in Sherston,' she said.

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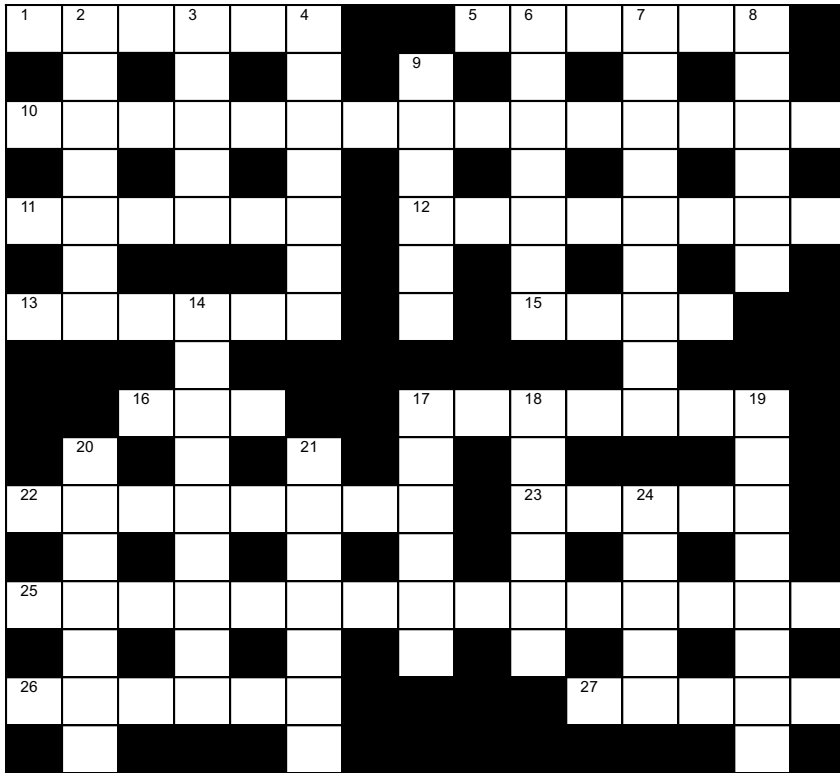
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Cliffhanger Crossword No 1



Clues across:

1. Name of Mark's Medical Systems – or a type of steak wrapped in the Financial Times, backwards? (6)
5. Wisdom, Whiteside, or a kind of Conquest that was once a Boules Day winner (6)
10. Are Stevenson's pirate and a bunch of nudists in Lin's boules team? (6,9)
11. 15's workplace, for example (6)
12. Is some fog or mist only for Paul, Sue, James or Alice – heroine of Sinbad? (8)
13. Erlestoke is the only one of its kind in Wiltshire, but not somewhere we'd like to stay! (6)
15. Line re-written by Forster? (4)
16. Ear-bending parish council vice chairman? (3)
17. Tells a story about headless bishops? (7)
22. The air is swirling around - most dangerous! (8)
23. Chew, for example, or what comes before CC in Sherston? In Latin, it's great! (5)
25. Starting point for Sherston's annual Grand Prix for ducks! (11,4)
26. Was the writer of Sinbad a king in a Shakespearean forest? (6)
27. Annual Sherston Village Hall event mistakenly on tap? (5)

Clues down

2. How crazy rioters engage in merrymaking (7)
3. Relocated, or aroused pity? (5)
4. Miserable part of Sherston? (7)
6. Employ too many people (7)
7. Create period of work on a temporary basis? (9)
8. Motorbike, for example, that you may encounter on the road from Sherston to Hullavington? (6)
9. Muscular chap you'll find in the Rattlebone? (6)
14. An Atlantic zephyr, for example, bringing supper to Sherstonians on Friday evenings? (3,6)
17. What the hero of Sherston did with his enemies' bones, circa 1016? (6)
18. Chancellor 5, for example, or Sherston's Jenny? (6)
19. Sherston's Captain Caroline? (8)
20. Fearsome people's Sherston address? (7)
21. What you need to do if walking, say, from the Tolsey surgery to 25? (7)
24. Girl from Gateshead – Jane Austen heroine (5)

Sherston Village Hall 200+ Club

September Winners

- 1st Carey Smith (no.143) £10
- 2nd Dawn Smith (no.59) £9
- 3rd Tony Smart (no.217) £8
- 4th Suzanne Price (no.168) £7
- 5th Roger Whitehouse (no.21) £6
- 6th Phillip Barden (no.214) £5
- 7th Jonathan Gray (no.53) £4

Bonus quarterly of £4 for non-winners

Margaret Barden (215), Lena Ellwell (45), Helen Freeth (63), Mary Hibberd (171), Margaret Holland (248), Minnie Hulme (99), Peggy Simpson (38)

If any new members of the village would like to join, contact either Mary Goulding (tel 840794), Joyce Glead (tel 840744) or Gwen Mason (tel 840660). The cost is 50p monthly. We prefer to collect annually in January.

Recreation ground

North Wiltshire District Council has given the parish council a £4,057 grant to buy a piece of play equipment which can be used by disabled youngsters. Councillors will decide at their next meeting what type of equipment to buy and it is hoped it will be installed by early in the new year. Sherston Parish Council is most grateful for this grant.

Christmas lights

For some years, it has been clear that the parish council's Christmas lights would need to be renewed. It has become difficult to obtain replacement bulbs as they are now not considered environmentally friendly. With the help of a generous £500 grant from the Boules and Carnival Committee, it is hoped to buy low energy lights in time for the festive season.

The mystery of a sad young soldier

To mark this month's 90th anniversary of the end of the First World War, local historian Cilla Liddington considers the mystery behind a soldier's grave in Sherston churchyard.



The grave of William Cairns is a particularly poignant one.

Aged only 26, he died here, far from his Newcastle-upon-Tyne home, the day after The Armistice was signed.

Private 34983 William J Cairns was born in 1893 to Winship Scott and Rebecca. He was the oldest sibling of Ethel, Agnes, Elizabeth and Winifred.

In the 1901 census, he is shown living with his family in Elswick Street, Newcastle, where his father Winship worked as a machine worker in ordnance making shells.

Winship apparently died in 1904 aged 33. Some time after, William's mother Rebecca remarried a Frazer Cairns and, presumably as the children were all still young, they took their stepfather's surname.

During the war, William was enrolled in the Garrison Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment which was made up of men unfit for active service.

By 1918 however, things had got so desperate at the front line that such regiments would have been combed for any man suitable to serve with the Labour Corps.

Somehow, William came to end his days in Back Street, now Cliff Road, Sherston.

The Armistice was signed in Compiègne in France at 11am on 11 November 1918. And on Tuesday 12 November, William Cairns died.

William's gravestone has the inscription 'Rest in Peace from his Sisters'. Did one of his sisters marry a Sherston man? Did he come here to recuperate after perhaps suffering gassing at the front? Are any of his family still living in Sherston? One thing we do know: his was a sad fate for a young man.

Points from the post office

Christmas stamps

Christmas stamps will be available from 4 November.

This year, the themes are the Madonna and baby Jesus or pantomime dames. Self-adhesive stamps and stamp books will be available and will include 50p stamps for cards to Europe under 20g and 81p for all other overseas cards under 20g. Please be aware that, if you are sending a large card abroad, it is likely to cost 72p to Europe or £1.22.

Overseas Christmas post

If you intend to send Christmas presents to Europe, there is still time to save money by sending them surface mail. Just remember two things:

Keep the weight below 2kg.

Don't miss the latest recommended posting dates:

10th November

Eastern Europe

24th November

Western Europe

If you include cash with a gift, it will not be covered by insurance. Paul, Rachel or Janet will be more than pleased to discuss the available options.

Attention all Halifax and HBOS customers

You can now draw cash using your Halifax or HBOS debit card at the post office.

This is in addition to being able draw cash if you bank with Lloyds TSB, Co-op, Smile, Bank of Ireland, Barclays, Alliance and Leicester and Nationwide (Flex account).

Electronic key top-ups – N Power customers

Some customers who use N Power have been unable to use our electric key top-up facility at the post office. Now that the system has been upgraded to accept a wider range of keys, it is hoped this problem has been resolved.

Sherston Calendar 2009

Sherston Post Office Stores will be selling a 2009 calendar featuring images taken by Don Bremner. The calendar costs £4.99 and ten per cent of the price will go to Sherston

1016 to help fund the Christmas vouchers for the elderly. The calendars will be available from early November.



Get your own back with a gun

Take revenge on dangerous drivers with a speed gun.

The district council is making this offer to the people of five B4040 villages, including Sherston, in a bid to cut traffic speed.

Local people are being asked to monitor areas where they consider speed a problem. Their evidence will not be used to prosecute speeding drivers but will be invaluable in pin-pointing areas on which the police can concentrate most effectively.

The initiative results from consultation with Malmesbury parishes about 'sticky' issues which have apparently not been resolved. Rural traffic, especially speed, came up repeatedly.

The district council's pilot area board for Malmesbury, set up to help pave the way for the new unitary authority next year, has agreed to supply locals with the speed guns.

The police will train people to use them and give health and safety advice.

The council's area board also intends to tackle the problem of non-local HGVs using roads as 'rat runs'.

The speed gun scheme needs your help to be successful so, if you are one of the many who have complained about traffic speed, now is your chance to do something about it.

To get involved, call Viv Vines on 01249 890759.

Remember, remember the *eighth* of November!

Don't forget: Sherston's bonfire and fireworks extravaganza is on Saturday 8 November.

Organised by Sherston 1016, it is held on land generously lent each year by the Hillier family at Lower Farm.

Members of Sherston 1016 have attended specialist courses on fireworks and public safety and pride themselves on preparing to a high standard. This year, there will be increased stewarding and a first aid post.

The event starts at 6.30pm and there will be a barbecue and hot and cold drinks on sale.

Please wear sensible footwear, preferably wellingtons. And wear older clothes in case you spill tomato ketchup down your front. It's not a high-fashion event and, after all, you'll be in a farmer's field!

Sparklers are not permitted for safety reasons but safe light-ropes will be on sale.

Entrance remains £5 per adult and £3 per child on the gate. An advance family ticket for two adults and three children costs £12 from Sherston Post Office.

If you can spare a few hours to help set up the field during daylight on Saturday 8 November, please phone 01666 840728 (daytime) or 840112.

Combustible material should be taken to the site during the previous week and put over the wall into the bonfire field which is on the right as you approach the farm buildings.

Rattlebone boules league 2008

Another season of fun and games at the Rattlebone is over.

There have been winners and losers, laughter and curses, hand-wringing and gnashing of teeth. But, overall, 32 teams in two leagues have enjoyed themselves and met new friends.

Improbable as it may sound, a tiny handful have even improved their standard of play.

The main purpose of the league is to have fun and meet new people. So, in order to mix it all up, next year the bottom eight teams in League 1 will be demoted to League 2 and the top eight in League 2 promoted to League 1.

This year's honours in League 1 went to:

1st KP And Her Nuts, led by Karen Wright (all the way from Bristol)

2nd John & Gwen Knight's Chevaliers
(who surrendered their top spot in the very last game)

3rd Hector (Jock) Walker and his team The Hoose
(The multi-talented Jock also won the inaugural conkers competition at the Rattlebone and the annual mangold hurl. Sickening, isn't it?)

League 2:

1st Terry Moulder's Three Musketeers.

2nd Les Gros Legumes, captained by Shaun Scott

3rd Neil Forster and his team The Legionnaires.

There will be a grand prize-giving and buffet in January to which all who played in the competition are invited. The main prizes will be for the highly skilful, but more probably lucky, teams above. In addition, there will be booby prizes for which Jason is a contender.

If you would like to join us, either as an individual or as a team, please get in touch. As a player in one of our boules leagues, you will take part in a highly sociable pastime which can be taken as seriously as you wish and you will meet new people and have fun. More than 100 people are involved in the two leagues. They enjoy exciting games in pleasant company on, sometimes, sunny summer evenings with the odd glass of wine thrown in. For further information contact Tony Towle on 840574.

Stop Press: Sherston School's new seventh classroom could well be ready during November: please keep an eye on the school's website on www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk for up-to-date details.

Sherston Ladies Swimming Club

The Club is open to any ladies from Sherston or the surrounding area. It is sociable and friendly and non competitive. We swim at the new Pool at Westonbirt School on Wednesday evenings between 8 and 9.30 p.m.

The cost is £35 for 15 weeks. To join please phone Annabel Clifton on 840592 or Heather Martin on 840375.

In aid of Holy Cross Church, Sherston

Christmas bazaar

Saturday November 22nd

In the village hall

Starts 12.30

with soup and rolls, mincepies, tea & coffee,
stalls, games, gifts and festive trimmings.

Sherston 1016

Book sale

September's sale broke all records with a profit of £320. Thanks to all who donated books and other items. We hope to have another sale early in the new year.

Conker championship

We are very grateful for the donation of £31 to our funds from the first annual Rattlebone Conker Championship held last month. Congratulations to the champion - Jock Walker.

Tug of war

Following our running of this event in July we have received a £300 grant from the Boule & Carnival committee for which we are very grateful. It will be put towards the cost of the Senior Citizens Christmas vouchers next month.

Whist drive

A whist drive is held in the village hall on the second Friday in the month, 7.30 for 7.45. Admission £1.50. All profits to help maintain the Village Hall. See What's On for future dates.

Next parish council meeting

This will be on Thursday 13 November at 7.30pm in the village hall. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot attend 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 the council via the response form on our web site www.sherston.org.uk.

WHAT'S ON

Sherston

Bonfire and fireworks extravaganza

organised by Sherston 1016

Saturday 8 Nov 6.30pm Lower Farm

£5 adult and £3 child on the gate. Family ticket £12 for 2 adults and 3 children, in advance only, from the post office.

The Soul Destroyers

charity fundraiser in aid of several local causes

Friday 7 Nov 8.30pm Sherston Village Hall,

Sold Out but call 840361 for returns or

www.soul-destroyers.co.uk

Whist Drive

Friday 14 Nov 7.30 for 7.45. Admission £1.50.

All profits to help maintain the Village Hall.

The Rattlebone Bazaar in the Skittle Alley

Tuesday 18 Nov 10.30am - 2.30pm £1 Admission

A cornucopia of fantastic goods available, including children's clothing, quality ethnic goods, ceramics, jewellery, plants etc

Also ...2 for 1 at the Rattlebone for ladies that lunch!

Bob Bowles plays the blues

Saturday 29 Nov 8pm The Rattlebone

For further details contact 01666 840871 or

www.therattlebone.co.uk

The Coffee Shop at Sherston Church

Fair Trade tea & coffee with homemade cakes

Thursday mornings from November to April

Paella night at the Carpenter's Arms

Thursday 6 Nov from 7pm - booking advisable

Karaoke night

Friday 14 Nov 9pm

Elvis night at the Carpenter's Arms

Sunday 30 Nov 8pm

For further details or to make a reservation call 840665

Luckington

Firework and bonfire night

in aid of Luckington Children's Playgrounds charity

Wednesday 5 Nov 6.15pm. Fireworks at 7pm

Luckington playing field Free

Norton

Charity auction and dinner in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal

Friday 21 Nov The Vine Tree

Four course dinner at 7pm £35 Auction 9.30pm

or just join for drinks and the auction

For further details contact 01666 837654

Westonbirt Arboretum

Autumn colour watch

9am - 5pm or dusk £8 adult £3 child

The Enchanted Christmas

Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 28 Nov - 21 Dec

5pm-8.30pm Last admission 7.15pm

£7 adult / £5 conc / £3 child

For further details contact 01666 880220

www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Westonbirt School

Autumn lecture

the art of the Minoan (bronze age) civilisation of Crete
by Prof Peter Warren
Friday 7 Nov 7.30pm Free

Festive food fair and wine tasting

collection in aid of Help for Heroes
Saturday 15 Nov 6pm - 8.30pm Free

The Comedy of Errors

Thursday 20 Nov at 7.30pm and Friday 21 Nov at 2pm
in the Orangery Theatre Free

For further details contact 01666 880333 or
www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

150 handpicked Stalls at Mary Howard's Christmas Sale

at the Hangars, Hullavington

11th - 14th Nov 10-4pm £8 entry with all profits to NSPCC &
local charities. Creche & Restaurant available

www.maryhowardsales.co.uk or Tel: 01608 650 900 for more information

Calcot Manor

Literary lunch with Stephanie Calman author of *How (not) to Murder Your Mother*

Monday 1 Dec 12 for 12.30pm
£25 including two-course lunch with glass of wine

For further details contact 01666 890391 or www.calcotmanor.co.uk

Sundial Theatre at Cirencester College

Rupert Luck and John Swain violin and piano concert

Saturday 8 Nov 3pm £10

Jill Crossland piano concert Saturday 22 Nov 3pm £10

i-witness by the Volcano Theatre Company

Tuesday 11 Nov 8pm £12

Ed Byrne Friday 28 Nov 7.30pm £13

For further details contact 01285 654228 or
www.cirencester.ac.uk/Sundial

The Pound, Corsham

Guy Davis blues night Saturday 29 Nov 7.30pm £10

Young artists' guitar recital by Duo 220

Wednesday 19 Nov 12.30pm £6

Film - *The Edge of Love* Thursday 20 Nov 11am & 7.30pm

Exhibition - *Arts Open 08* 11 Nov - 20 Dec

For further details contact 01249 701628 or www.poundarts.org.uk

Bath

Christmas market

123 wooden stalls between Bath Abbey and York Street
27 Nov - 7 Dec 10am - 7pm / 9pm at weekends

For further details - www.bathchristmasmarket.co.uk

Mozart festival

daily concerts & performances

Friday 7 - Saturday 15 Nov £10 - £40

Various locations including Assembly Rooms, Forum and the Guildhall

For further details contact 01225 463362 or
www.bathmozartfest.org.uk

Theatre Royal

comedy gala in aid of Dorothy House hospice

Sunday 2 Nov 7.30pm £20-£25

42nd Street

Monday 17 - Saturday 22 Nov 7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33

Calendar Girls

Sunday 2 Nov 7.30pm £20-£25

An Ideal Husband

Monday 24 - Saturday 29 Nov 7.30pm / 8pm £14 - £30

The Nutcracker

Tuesday 2 Dec - Saturday 6 Dec 7.30pm / 8pm £19 - £39.50
Theatre Royal, Bath, Sawclose, Bath, BA1 1ET

For further details contact 01225 448844 or
www.theatreroyal.org.uk

The Cotswold Playhouse, Stroud

A Few Good Men 25 -29 Nov

Cotswold Playhouse, Parliament Street, Stroud, GL5 1LW

For further details contact 01453 760960 or
www.cotswoldplayhouse.co.uk

The Stroud Subscription Rooms

Hazel O'Connor in *Beyond Breaking Glass*

Sunday 2 Nov 8pm £14

Stroud Brass Band Festival presents *The Cory Band*

Saturday 8 Nov 7.30pm £10

The Wurzels in concert

Saturday 15 Nov 8pm £12 in advance £14 on door

Black Hearts Comedy

Thursday 20 Nov 8pm £10

Stroud Choral Society presents *The Messiah*

Saturday 22 Nov 7pm £12

The Stroud Subscription Rooms, George Str, Stroud GL5 1AE

For further details contact 01453 760900 or
www.stroud.gov.uk/subrooms

Concerts at The Colston Hall

Music - concerts include Jools Holland Sunday 2,

The Temptations Monday 10, Marillion Tuesday 11, Hallé

Orchestra Thursday 13, Motorhead Tuesday 18 Nov £10-40

Comedy Shows including Russell Howard Thursday 6 and Frankie

Boyle Sunday 23 Nov £10-£25

Interviews including Tony Benn on Tuesday 4 Nov £15

Colston Hall, Colston Street, Bristol, BS1 5AR

For further details contact 0117 922 3686 or www.colstonhall.org

Rural Arts Wiltshire

Lava - *Music Without Frontiers*

Friday 7 Nov at the Bouverie Village Hall, Pewsey 7.30pm £6

Hot Fingers - *Hot Jazz & Swing*

Saturday 29 Nov at Kington St Michael Village Hall 7.30pm £6

For further details contact or www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk

Cheltenham Town Hall

Classical Concerts Including a *Homage to Holst* The Salomon

Orchestra with Julian Lloyd Webber Sunday 2 Nov 7pm £12-£50,

The London Mozart Players Tuesday 4 Nov 7.30pm £10-£30,

Tribute to Pavarotti Thursday 13 Nov 7.30pm £7.50 - £15, Hayley

Westenra Wednesday 26 Nov 7.30pm

Music Including *The Stylistics* Wednesday 12 Nov 7.30pm £19.50

- £23 Seth Lakeman Thursday 13 Nov 7.30pm £16

Comedy Including Chris Addison Sunday 16 Nov 8pm £15, Frankie Boyle

Tuesday 18 Nov 8pm £17.50, Russell Howard Thursday 27 Nov 8pm £15

Boden Clearance Sale Friday 21 Nov 10am-6pm - Saturday 22 Nov

10am - 4pm Huge reductions on Boden clothing & accessories Free admission

Cheltenham Town Hall, Imperial Square, Cheltenham GL50 1QA

For further details contact 0844 5762210 or

www.cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk

The Playhouse Cheltenham

Epsom Downs

Wednesday 12 - Saturday 15 Nov 7.45pm £9

The Sorcerer by Gilbert & Sullivan

Monday 24 - Saturday 29 Nov 7.45pm £11

The Playhouse, Bath Rd, Cheltenham GL53 7HG

For further details contact 01242 522852 or www.playhousecheltenham.org

Slimbridge Wetland Centre

Decoy Demo - *How to catch a duck with a dog*

Sundaydays in Nov & Dec 2pm Included in admission prices of £8
adult & £5 child

Arctic Wildlife Evening

Friday 21 Nov 7.30pm £6

Art Course - *Drawing Birds in Flight*

Saturday 22 - Sunday 23 Nov 10am - 4.30pm both days £45

including tuition & lunch

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