



Gauzebrook gathers to welcome its new priest-in-charge



Rt Rev'd Dr Lee Rayfield and Rev'd Christopher Bryan

More than 200 people gathered at the Church of the Holy Cross in Sherston on 11 October to see their new priest-in-charge, Reverend Christopher Bryan, licensed and installed by the Bishop of Swindon. Parishioners from all eight parishes in the Gauzebrook Group – Alderton, Easton Grey, Foxley with Bremilham, Hullavington, Luckington, Norton, Sherston and Stanton St. Quintin – were joined by members of Christopher's family and friends from his previous parish in Lechlade.

Clergy from the North Wiltshire Deanery, led by the Archdeacon of Malmesbury and the Area Dean attended the service as did representatives of other

Christian denominations, including the local Roman Catholic, Methodist and Congregational Churches and Hullavington's Mount Zion Church. The four Church of England primary schools in Gauzebrook sent representatives, and so did the local parish and district councils and uniformed organisations. Each of these groups extended a welcome to Christopher, his wife Chantal and children Jonathan and Susannah, as part of the service.

The evening began with the ringing of the church bells for half an hour before the service. Afterwards there was a reception in the Village Hall, where everyone enjoyed a hog roast and many people were able to meet the new priest and his family. Christopher, Chantal and their children will be living in the rectory in Stanton St. Quintin.

Heartfelt thanks must go to everyone who helped to make the evening such a success. There are too many to name individually but a large number of people worked hard for some weeks to bring this event together. The people of the Gauzebrook Group have been heartened by the warmth of feeling, level of community involvement and show of ecumenical support which characterised the evening. Now we all look forward to the next stage of our Christian journey under the care and leadership of our new priest.

Sue Robinson, Churchwarden, Holy Cross, Sherston

Title returns!

To scenes of enormous celebrations and emotion Sherston hurlers won back the team title at this year's Hurl in October after it had been so disastrously whipped away from the parish in 2009. It seems that the winning team, 'No Sharking' consisting of Chris Gough, Kevin Smith and Ryan Walker, had benefitted greatly from regular sessions honing their skills with the Keeper of the Technique, Jennie Lamont. 'It was undoubtedly the many hours spent under Jennie's tuition which brought us to a climax of hurling perfection' said team captain Kevin Smith. 'In particular her stem gripping exercises proved absolutely invaluable' he continued in his victory speech before the cheering crowd of fellow hurlers..



Bus trips

Those who ventured over the Severn in the Cartmell Community minibus in October enjoyed an excellent day out in Monmouth. Thanks are due to volunteer driver Eric Thacker, especially for his scenic return journey along the banks of the Severn via Gloucester.

It is hoped to arrange another trip in early December with Christmas shopping high on the agenda. Watch out for next month's Cliffhanger and posters for details.

Let there be lights

Could all those residents of the High street who would like Christmas lights for the fronts of their houses please let Cilla Liddington know by week commencing 22 November so they can be distributed before the end of the month. The lights are low energy and the parish council has all the sets safety checked every year. Contact Cilla on 840128 email sherstoncilla@tiscali.co.uk

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William was killed in the Battle of the Somme.

On 23 July 1916, the 1st Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry were involved in an attack starting from a sunken road in the vicinity of the village of Longueval leading towards the infamous High Wood. Initially the attack appeared to be a success, but determined German resistance forced the remnants of the battalion back. High Wood would not be captured this day.

War diaries from the day recall how the soldiers were going over the top to attack, two yards apart and wearing helmets. After a short interval, there was terrific machine gun fire and then silence.

William Breakspear has no known grave and is commemorated along with 72,000 men missing at the Somme, on the Thiepval Memorial.

The above extract is taken from 'Heroes All' published by Sherston Parish Council and compiled by Cilla Liddington. The book commemorates all 52 men whose names are inscribed on Sherston's war memorial with their individual stories. It also gives fascinating insight into life in the parish during the war years. The book is available from both Sherston Post Office Stores and the Rattlebone Inn at a price of £9.99. All proceeds go towards special parish projects.

That clock

Is back in town! Yes after a brief sojourn to the Hawkins Clock Company in Market Deeping the High Street clock has returned fully repaired, repainted and ready to tock. Some work has also been recently carried out to the bus shelter itself and hopefully it too will soon be given a coat or two of paint.

Lines theories

The recent work by BT in undergrounding telephone lines in the High Street has resulted in two very different schools of thought as to the reason why.

One is that the telephone poles, especially the one at the front of the Old School, are well past their sell by dates and cannot be easily replaced in a conservation area. The other is that the removal of the overhead lines is in preparation for the High Street being used as a film set for a period production. The appearance of Steven Spielberg and Cate Blanchett in the Rattlebone Inn during September has done much to further fuel speculation on this score. As to which is right – only time will tell.

Village hall

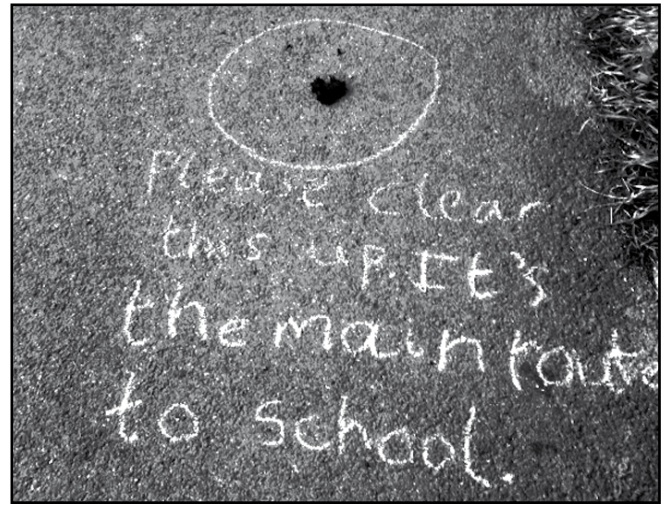
Work on improving the main hall is continuing and over the next few months the repointing of the recently exposed stonework will be undertaken as well as the installation of new wall lights.

A major issue is the fitting of a fire and smoke alarm system. This is needed not only for public safety but also to extend the present premises licence so as to allow the regular sale of alcohol and the showing of films, which will in turn increase the usage of the hall and therefore its income. All buildings, such as the hall, which can be used by the public for various activities including the playing of live or recorded music, dancing and plays, are legally required to be licensed by Wiltshire Council. As can be expected, licensing brings with it inspections and statutory responsibilities, all of which inevitably result in costs both in terms of money and volunteer time.

The cost of the fire and smoke alarm system alone is in the region of £3000. Recent grants of £1000 each from Sherston Boules & Carnival and Malmesbury Carnival are therefore greatly appreciated.

Fundraising will be necessary for some time to pay for the many improvements necessary to the hall which as well as those to the main hall include modernising the main lobby and toilets. In due course the kitchen will also require updating. Please therefore support future events which are being planned to help meet all the costs involved. Indeed, if you have an idea for an event or would be prepared to organise one for the benefit of the hall, please contact Margot Holland on 01666 841019, or email mplholland@btinternet.com.

Dark nights - dark deeds



With the darker evenings has come the inevitable rise in complaints of dog fouling. It's as if some dog owners take the opportunity of being less likely to be spotted as open season for not clearing up after their dogs. Silver Street has for some reason been a particular hot spot of late, as has Court Street, especially the area nearest the school.

In addition, some rights of way close to the village are still being used as little more than dogs' toilets, much to the disgust of a number of walkers, be they residents or visitors. Even the Sportsfield in Knockdown Road continues to be used for exercising dogs despite it not being allowed. Inevitably the football pitch still has to be cleared of dog faeces before matches. Some local owners are also understood to let their dogs out at night and at least in one particular case during the day, to roam about with the inevitable results.

Can those few yet persistent people who continue with this lack of respect for everyone else, including the many perfectly responsible dog owners, please think again and pick it up every time?

Anyone who has information as to who the culprits are should please contact the Clerk Mrs Sarah Wood on 840351 email clerk@sherston.org.uk so that the dog warden can take the appropriate action.

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Sherston pantomime a sell-out success

Sherston Drama Group's pantomime *Sleeping Beauty*, directed by Sue Lehrer, filled the Village Hall to capacity for its 5-performance run last month. A longer review and pictures will appear next month, but meanwhile here is a picture of Nurse Winnie, played by Nick Sharp, and Harry the Jester, played by Shaun Scott.



Remember, remember, the sixth of November

Don't forget that Sherston's bonfire and fireworks extravaganza will take place this year on Saturday 6 November starting at 6.30 pm at Lower Farm Easton Town.

In addition to Sherston 1016's fully insured and professional fireworks display there will also be a BBQ as well as soft drinks and hot soup. Sparklers are not permitted at the display for safety reasons, but safe light-sabres and light-ropes will be on sale.

Entrance charges (non-refundable) are the same as last year, at £5 per adult and £3 per child on the gate, or £12 for an advance family ticket for 2 adults and up to 3 children, available from Sherston Post Office Stores. All profit from the event goes towards the senior citizens Christmas vouchers.

If you can spare a few hours to help set up the field during the daylight hours of Saturday 6 November, please phone 01666 840728 (daytime) or 840112. Combustible material should be taken to the site during the week leading up to the Saturday, and put over the wall into the bonfire field, which is on the right as you approach the farm buildings.

DING DONG wistfully

by Geoff Martin

To celebrate Kay Exell's 50 years of ringing and honour her 17 years service to the Sherston tower we rang a sprightly quarter peal in the early evening on Friday 1 October. In aspiring to meet Kay's high standards, the quarter peal team included her two sons, Gary and Alan, and two veterans of the Sherston Tower glory days, David Strong (who conducted) and Chris Bush. Chris Pickthall and Geoff Martin completed the team. We hope you enjoyed the ringing. A celebratory meal for 20 people at the Rattlebone followed.



Over her ringing career Kay has rung with the very best, has clocked up ringing at 1,238 different towers and has completed 16 full peals (similar to Friday but four times as long). Sadly, Kay has decided that 50 years is enough and will hang up the ropes for the last time in the near future. Her experience and knowledge have proved invaluable and her steadiness and guidance for us all have helped each of us improve, even if we sometimes fall short of expectations.

Thank you Kay, you will be sorely missed.

With Kay going, and having lost another experienced ringer in Jerome Pegler earlier this year, the Sherston band is reduced to seven and we badly need to recruit some additional ringers. We have plenty of enthusiasm and the offer from David Strong, generally acknowledged as an excellent teacher, to give special training sessions for beginners.

Why not come and have a go – regardless of age or previous experience? We will be pleased to see you on any Wednesday evening at 7.30 pm or contact any of the ringers directly.



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A load of boules

by Tony Towle

This year The Rattlebone Boules League was the largest ever. 48 teams in three leagues battled it out for the slightly tacky and overpriced prizes that will be presented next January. Over 150 people took part in the competition; some took it quite seriously, but the majority were there for the booze, the camaraderie, the fun, the chance to meet new people, and of course the playing of the odd game of boules.

The weather was not kind to us, in consequence there were a lot of postponed games so the leagues that should have finished at the end of July kept going until the second week in September.

The winners are:

League 1

- 1st Kevin Smith, and his team The Bungers
- 2nd Hector Walker, and his team The Hoose
- 3rd Tom Dryden, and his team Tommy's Tigers

League 2

- 1st Jack Doyle, and his team The Aldertonians
- 2nd Jim McKelvie, and his team Buffs
- 3rd James Pyle, and his team Norkolk & Chance

League 3

- 1st Richard Salt and his team, The Flashers
- 2nd Bill Breakspear, and his team Bill's Boules Hitters
- 3rd Teresa Goulding and her team The Ladybirds

There will be other awards, but as they are booby prizes, I will spare the blushes of the recipients. Jason Read is an exception, as he has not given me a large enough bribe to keep quiet. Thank you Jason for letting the rest of us win, sorry about the booby prize, but put it down to the vagaries of the sub-scrotal throw! However the real reason for saying 'thank you' to Jason is for providing us all with two excellent new pitches in the Rattlebone's back garden. They have

been a great success.

The League 1 winner, Kevin Smith, is obviously rather accomplished at throwing things. (Think also cricket) He will no doubt be mentioned elsewhere in this magazine regarding the recent playing of the other version of our game, vegeta-boules, called by some, Mangold Hurling. Apparently he was in the winning team for that as well!

The Mark Doyle Trophy

This year saw the second running of the Mark Doyle Trophy, which is held to commemorate Mark's memory. He was a well-loved team captain, and is very much missed by his family and many friends. Last year the competition was between the winners of League 1 and League 2. This year, as there are 3 Leagues, there was a round robin competition between the winners and runners-up of the three leagues. The league 2 winners, The Aldertonians, could not be present and were replaced by Norfolk & Chance.

The round robin lasted throughout a very pleasant afternoon. The two best performing teams then played for the Trophy. They were The Hoose and the eventual winners; the rather dodgely named Norfolk & Chance. Sharon Doyle presented the Trophy, and very generously provided everybody with a very enjoyable lunch. It was an extremely congenial event: Mark would have approved.

Sherston Church Christmas Bazaar

by Heather Martin

This will take place at the Village Hall on Saturday 20 November starting at 12.30pm with homemade soup and filled rolls. Come along and enjoy your lunch prepared for you and then visit a range of stalls, selling gifts and produce, raffles and games.

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SHOCC news

by Nicki Heenan

SHOCC is off to a great start with 20 people turning up for the first rehearsal. A fun night was had by all, singing a variety of music with unison, 2 and 4 part harmony. The selected music has a Christmas theme and is in preparation for a concert on the 12 December so watch this space. New members are always welcome, to find out more or to join contact: Nicki Heenan 840 883 or email nicki.heenan@btinternet.com.

The choir meets on Wednesday nights 7.30pm – 9.15pm in the British School Room. New this term are musicianship classes in reading music and sight singing which will be held before the rehearsal at 7.15pm, so this is your chance to learn the skill of music reading if it has always been a mystery to you. Also a mystery to me is a certain Hymn 'While Shepherds Watch' led by one of the choir members, we are all looking forward to having some fun with this one. SHOCC is a very friendly Christian based Community Choir and all ages, levels and abilities are welcomed.

12 hour skittles

On Saturday 20 November at the Rattlebone alley between 10 am and 10pm 'The Hoose' skittle team is inviting all other teams of three to take them on in aid of Sherston School and PROPS. Each team is given a 30 minute slot in which to play so 24 teams are needed to guarantee the event is a rip-roaring success.

To enter just sign up at the Rattlebone. Entry costs just £10 a team. A prize will be presented to the challenging team with the highest score.

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DYB DOB corner

by Mark Sparrow

The Scouts are busy working on their Challenge badges which go towards their goal of achieving the Chief Scout's Gold Award. Currently 6 are working towards their Community Challenge and the whole Troop are working on their Global Challenge. We are also doing our Emergency Aid badges and should all be able to achieve stage two by the end of the year.

We are currently planning a 'Ghost Hike' which will take place towards the end of the year and we hope to invite some Scouts from Abingdon who took us boating and raft making on the Thames when we were on Summer camp this year. Our recent night hike was a great success in that the Scouts didn't get lost and the leaders managed to have at least 6 hours sleep!

The Remembrance Day service will take place in the Church of the Holy Cross on Sunday 14 November at 10.45am. Please be seated by 10.40am. Before the service there will be a marching contingent from Green Lane along the High Street and into Church Street.

Scouts boost

The parish council has agreed a grant of £250 towards the costs of refurbishments and improvements to the Scout Hut.

Have you done yours?

by Phil Cletcher

We have had a good initial response to the appeal to raise money for defibrillators for Sherston, Pinkney and Willesley. But we do need everyone to find those envelopes that arrived with October Cliffhanger, fill them and return them to the Post Office. Lost your envelope - just write your name and address on a plain one and use that!

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President Maureen Jolliffe welcomed 45 members and guests for lunch. She spoke about the first meeting of the W.I. in 1940, which was held in the Rifle Range, now the Village Hall. The ladies were given a talk about how to deal with the war time rationing of food. Over 40 members joined and were soon involved in helping the war effort by making up parcels, collecting clothing for evacuees and fund raising to help those in need.

A Candle ceremony followed when eight past presidents lit a candle to mark their time as President. An excellent lunch followed and after a toast to Sherston W.I. a celebration cake was cut by Mrs. Joan Butler. She is our longest serving member having joined in 1949.

Photos, scrap books and other memorabilia will be on show at the November meeting which will be in the Village Hall on 4 November.

Several members attended the last meeting of the Athelstan Group which was held at Minety. The speaker came from the Oak and Furrows Wild Life Rescue Centre, who showed us slides of the many rescue efforts they had undertaken. We learnt of the difficulties of the recovery of some of the animals and how many are able to return to their natural habitat. The Competition Shield was won by Sherston for the best Wildlife photo. This was a picture of a fox in Joyce Green's garden.

Small Ads

You can now advertise items for sale or wanted in the Cliffhanger including services required such as gardening or cleaning. Cost is £2 for up to 20 words. Copy should be in paper form and put through the letterbox at 37 High Street by the 15th of the month together with £2 in cash. All monies raised will be donated to charity. Private advertisers only please – no businesses.

Sherston Church Harvest Supper

by Heather Martin

This took place in the Church after Harvest Service on 3 October. About 40 people attended and enjoyed a shared meal of cooked meat, salads, quiches and seasonal puddings. Fresh produce from the School Harvest giving was also sold off and together with a surplus from the sale of tickets, £165 was donated to Christian Aid.

Boules parking

Our Community Beat officer PC Steve Humphries has kindly agreed to attend the next parish council meeting on 11 November to discuss possible improvements to the parking arrangements at the 2011 Boules day – 16 July. Members of the Boules committee will also be at the meeting. If you have any suggestions please come along to the village hall at 7.30 pm on the night or alternatively contact the Clerk Mrs Sarah Wood on 840351 email clerk@sherston.org.uk

Footpaths

The next meeting of the parish footpath group will take place on Wednesday 1 December at 7.30pm in the village hall. The group is progressing a number of footpath improvements and in particular the installation of kissing gates where appropriate. These will be attended to by the group's own working party with help from the community payback scheme especially for major clearance work. The meeting is open to all and new faces are always welcome. If you can't attend but want to know more, contact Maggie McKenna on 841047 or email maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com.

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Plans are beginning to be made for the celebrations and already the parish council is putting some ideas together. Councillor Cilla Liddington is spearheading the organisation and would welcome residents' ideas at this early stage. 'Previous events in Sherston for the Millennium, the Queens Golden Jubilee and the 65th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War have all been highly successful and the Diamond Jubilee will be no different' vowed Cilla who can be contacted on 840128 email sherstoncilla@tiscali.co.uk

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The next meeting of Wiltshire Council's Area Board for Malmesbury takes place at on Wednesday 10.

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Sherston Village Hall Whist Drive

The village hall whist drive is in danger of having to close due to lack of support. At present the only Sherston people that support it are the three of us who organise it. We appreciate if any whist players could make an effort to come and join us. It is run on the second Friday of each month. We start at 7.45 and are usually finished by 10pm. We give money prizes and have a raffle. Profits are funds to help the village hall.

Friday 12 November 7.30 for 7.45pm. Entrance £1.50 including refreshments.

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Childrens parties

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As I am under 18 I need to raise more sponsorship than those over 18. This I am finding difficult. I took part in the Horseless event at Badminton and have done other things to raise money. I have some sponsors and I am now looking for more. If a lot of people could sponsor me with a little I could reach my target. Also if anybody has ideas for raising money I would be very grateful.

I am planning to take a stall at the Anglo Saxon Market in Sherston on the 10 December and would be grateful for anything that is saleable, including cakes. If anybody has anything they can donate it can be left at the Post Office or I can collect.

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Community safety report

The latest quarterly community safety forum organised by MVCAP (Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Partnership) held at Sherston Village Hall at the end of September was the best to date in terms of attendance. This was the first time the forum was held outside of Malmesbury and is sure to be repeated at other village locations in the future.

Reports were made by the Policing teams for Malmesbury town, Malmesbury rural, Ashton Keynes & Minety as well as Rural Crime. Further reports from Neighbourhood watch, Community speed watch, Malmesbury CCTV, Westlea Anti Social Behaviour team and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue ensured a packed and lively meeting with plenty of participation from members of the public. Full details are available by visiting www.mvcap.org.uk.

Highlight of the event was an excellent presentation from PC 1103 Tony Miles of the Wiltshire Police Rural Crime Team. He appealed for more farmers and other land users to join the Farmwatch scheme which can deter crime, give land users timely warnings when criminals are active in their area, and provide a significant source of intelligence to help Wiltshire Police catch and prosecute offenders.

The Wiltshire Farmwatch scheme has some 2000 members with 90 in the Malmesbury and the Villages' area. This is a somewhat disappointing figure compared, say, to the Marlborough area which has over 300 members. For more information or to join the Farmwatch scheme please contact

Tony on: 0845 408 7000 ext 730 819 or email: tony.miles@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

There is also a related Horsecatch scheme. For more information or to join please contact PCSO 6017 John Bordiss on: 0845 408 7000 ext 739 817 or email: ruralcrimeteam@wiltshire.pnn.police

The next forum takes place on 6 January 2011 in Malmesbury at the Town Hall 7pm for 7.30pm. As ever, all are welcome to attend and refreshments will be available.

Next meeting

The parish council meets on Thursday 10 November in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise please contact the clerk Mrs. Sarah Wood on 840351 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read.

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Table top sale

Lin Prior and Sheila James are kindly organising this event on Saturday 29 January to raise funds for the village hall. Be sure to book a table soon - only £5 - by contacting Lin on 840846 or Sheila on 840285. As well as the sale there will be a raffle plus teas and cakes.

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It is hoped he will be able to attend a thanksgiving service to be arranged for next year to celebrate the completion of the work, to which people who have responded so generously to the Appeal will be invited.

Anglo Saxon Christmas market

Plans are well advanced for this new event jointly organised by the village hall and the Rattlebone Inn to raise funds for the hall renovations.

It all takes place at the Rattlebone Inn on the afternoon and early evening of Friday 10 December from 3pm to around 9pm. There will be an array of stalls selling Christmas gifts and other essentials plus music, food and drink - not forgetting a special visitor at around 6pm. It is intended to use every inch of outside space available by the use of craftily sited marquees all lit up with festive lights. Make sure you come along for a great start to your Christmas.

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Sherston 10k

The Annual Sherston 10k fun run (a misnomer for some!) was completed without incident on 19 September starting and finishing at the Cricket ground. The event is organised by the Cricket Club with funds going towards youth development and upkeep of the pitch and practice facilities.

On a fantastic cool day for running the race was contested by 89 runners with some coming from as far afield as Reading. The men's race was won in a record time of 35.30 by Bart Thomas from Chippenham Harriers with last year's winner Paul Gilham coming second. The women's race was won by Jo Martin from Hullavington in a time of 46.52, second was Lauren Harger from Malmesbury with a time of 49.08.

Our hotly contested 'local' prizes were won by Robin 'Knocker' Outlaw (first Sherston Man!) in a winning time of 41.21, he came 6th overall, and our first Sherston lady was Jackie Thomas with a winning time of 51.31. There were no husband and wife teams this year. (We hope that is not a reflection of Sherston's moral values)! Congratulations must also go to Ryan Walker, who at the age of 15, came 17th in 46.41.

We would like to thank all of those that help with this event, especially Dr. Pettit, who thankfully was not required in her professional capacity, and Capt. and Mrs Matthews for the use of the Cricket ground.

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A chair from the forest

Want an adventure? An opportunity to make a chair using no power tools, in the middle of Westonbirt Arboretum.

A dear friend, Lin Prior, had booked me on the course, and as the date approached, I wondered if I would walk out of the forest with a chair or a bag of potential firewood. I should not have worried!

Paul Hayden, who runs the course, www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk is a true professional and, most importantly, can ascertain one's level of competence very quickly. He sends clear instructions beforehand on what to expect, what to wear and what options are available in terms of style and difficulty. All tools are supplied together with the basic timber. One is advised to bring lunch on the first day; none were touched as around 12.00pm, sausages and jacket potatoes were cooked on open fires, accompanied by homemade apple chutney...a feast in the forest. Tea and coffee are constantly available.

The first hour is spent emphasising safety, tool management and care of one's fellow chair-makers. Two things are worth mentioning at this point. Firstly the ratio of men to women. This is often fifty-fifty, and on one occasion eight women and one man. The other is the ritual that should anyone cut themselves, even the smallest splinter, the drinks are



on the wounded. We were lucky, as Paul caught his finger under a drawknife. We were off the hook and nobody else drew blood. Beers on Paul on Day six!

Day 1: Large piles of cut logs to be split and worked into matching stretchers.

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Day 3: Having decided which style of chair one is to make, produce stiles or steam-bend the bows.

Day 4: Make sticks for back and carve seat.

Day 5: Start assembling chair.

Day 6: Depending on one's own skill level, help from Paul and another accomplished chair-maker is vital. They are very good at making one feel special and an emerging chair-maker.

All the legs, stretchers and spindles are made on a pole lathe, which is great fun to master, along with a multitude of other tools.

A great course, great people and I loved every minute. Not least, spending six days in Westonbirt and leaving with a sturdy chair. This would make a wonderful surprise gift for almost anybody who loves a challenge.

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TREEtalk

November 2010 *by Irene Johnston*

Join the gang at Grove Wood

For the first part of October, there was little action due to the late arrival of the spring bulbs! By now however, most of the 200 daffodils and 100 bluebells should have been planted, with some bulbs kept back to pot up and sell in the spring. During November, we should be able to start coppicing and bramble clearing in Riverside, the second section of the wood, as long the weather holds. It would be good to make steady progress before the New Year (remembering what last January/February were like!) We would love to have more volunteers so please let me know if you want included in the group email for information about work dates (usually Sunday mornings between 10-1, with a soup break half-way). This is a great family activity with something for all ages.

New tree for Manor Close

A new tree will soon be gracing the bare corner at the entrance to the estate. Sue Mandel has given us some suggestions about native species that might suit the site without blocking visibility in a few years' time, so we're checking out local suppliers. We aim to plant during the course of this month.

More trees for the Recreation Ground

For some time now, Sherston School has been offering to donate trees from the fantastic nursery that the children have been carefully tending. It's really been a question of working out the best sites around the village. The Recreation Ground, along the Green Lane edge, is thought to be a good place to start with, possibly during National Tree Planting Week between 27 November and 6th December. It's nice to think that our village children can share the results of their arboricultural endeavours with the rest of us!

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Tree issues

After receiving representations from over 50 residents requesting a tree to be planted in a verge at Manor Close, the parish council has approved the purchase and planting of a suitable tree once the necessary consultation has taken place with the area highway engineer.

Concerns have been expressed about the condition of some of the limbs of the large sycamore tree in Easton Square. These were reported to Westlea Housing, which is responsible for it. A tree surgeon's inspection has revealed the need for some corrective surgery which will be carried out once the necessary consent has been obtained from Wiltshire Council as the tree is the subject of a preservation order. The tree is said to have been originally planted as a precaution should the Jubilee Tree opposite the Church, planted in 1897, fail to flourish.

Chess

by Colin Francis 505835

We have now been meeting in the Ormond Hotel in Tetbury on a Wednesday morning between 10am and noon for a year now. Anyone interested in meeting others for a game of chess are welcome. It is informal and the standards vary from the absolute beginner to more experienced players. Since we started the standards have improved but that should not deter others from coming. Two of our regulars have moved away but have been replaced and we have people who come now from Shipton Moyne, Didmarton and Beverston. Our second championship tournament has just started and current leaders are Roy Angell, myself and David Loshak, who started this with a note in the Tetbury Advertiser. However I do not think it will be long before we are overtaken by more experienced players.

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There have unfortunately been some recent incidents of anti-social behaviour on the Rec and these have been reported to the police. Evidence has also been found of apparent drug-taking and underage drinking which the police are also investigating. Residents are asked to please report any incidents of concern to the police as soon as possible so that these problems can be quickly resolved.

Turn them off?

The parish council has agreed to take part in the previously reported consultation organised by Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership (MVCAP) to identify locations where streetlights can be switched off between approximately midnight and 5.30am. MVCAP is undertaking the consultation on behalf of Wiltshire Council's Malmesbury Area Board which is providing £5,000 for modification of approximately 100 streetlights. Switching lights off during the middle of the night will reduce their carbon footprint and energy costs as well as local light pollution.

The first part of the process is for the parish council at its next meeting on 11 November to identify possible lights which could be part of the scheme. Once that has been done, Wiltshire Council highway engineers and their Safer Communities team will check that the lights identified are suitable to be turned off. Residents living in the vicinity of the lights considered appropriate for the scheme will then be consulted in writing by the parish council before any recommendations are made to the Area Board. It is very important that the scheme has the support of the residents in the areas concerned.

Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership (MVCAP) exists to bring everyone together by working on local projects and by helping promote and develop community events. It is inclusive and everyone can get involved. It can help you to make your project a success through publicity, funding and/or helping you develop partnerships with other groups, organisations or businesses. For more information visit www.mvcap.org.uk

Try your hand



Don't forget that members of the Wiltshire Short Mat Bowls Association will be kindly giving a free demonstration of their sport in Sherston village hall this month. Sherston used to have a popular club a few years ago and it is hoped that if there is enough interest shown at the demonstration it can be revived. Elsewhere nearby there are clubs at Hullavington, Lea and Crudwell, so there's plenty of opportunity for local matches for those of you with a competitive streak. Whilst most clubs tend to meet in the evenings particularly for league matches there's no reason why social afternoon sessions can't also be held. It's certainly an excellent way to keep fit in good company over the winter months especially as it's inside and with heating.

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By Gill Ashley

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Well done

The guess the weight of the pumpkin competition held outside Sherston Post Office Stores on the morning of Saturday 30 October raised a total of £160 for this year's poppy appeal. Thanks are due to Penny Agar for organising the event and for Sheila James for stepping in at the last minute to run it on the day. As to the pumpkin it weighed in at 50 lbs.

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Sherston 1016

Autumn is always a busy time for 1016, and this year is no exception.



September saw the annual Lobber Jenkins Memorial Urn Boules Tournament which was won by Jock Walker and Shane Willets who in a very closely fought final came out on top against Lynette Willets and Rob Punter.

The autumn book sale also took place in September and was as popular as ever. Thanks are due to all those who attended and for all the donations of books received.

We were able to help with the erection of the marquees for the Mangold Hurl in October and also enjoyed an hour or two of pulling the crop from a gigantic field of mangolds at Ozleworth one glorious October morn'.



This month brings with it not only Sherston's own fireworks party on 6 November but also Didmarton's the previous evening and another local event on the Sunday. Our pyrotechnic skills are now in great demand.

Saturday 18 December sees the distribution of Christmas vouchers to the senior citizens, quickly followed by our helping with the sale of tickets for the Rattlebone Inn's Grand Christmas Draw. After that it's a few months rest before kicking off our fundraising for 2011 with the annual pancake eating competition.

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The community speed watch scheme has been operating in Sherston since July of this year. Four checks have been made to date, with the following results:

Date Location	Number of Cars Checked	Speeders	(%)	Max Speed	Limit
13 July Easton Town	140	0			30
7 Sept Pinkney	151	4	3	50	40
17 Sept Easton Town	252	5	2	42	30
21 Sept Tetbury Road	114	11	10	45	30
23 Sept Pinkney	140	3	2	51	40
Totals	797	23	3%		

It should be noted that the very presence of the speedwatch volunteers has a noticeable slowing effect on traffic, which is exactly the object of the scheme rather than to 'catch' motorists.

A number of additional volunteers have come forward to help and they are presently awaiting training. More volunteers are needed though and if you would like to take part please contact the clerk Mrs. Sarah Wood on 840351 email clerk@sherston.org.uk.

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The coffee shop at Sherston Church

by Pat Smith

If you visited Sherston Church any Tuesday Wednesday or Thursday morning you would find yourself in good company.

The coffee shop has become a meeting place for young and old, locals and visitors. You will find young mums chatting while watching their children play in the toy corner, a group of cyclists enjoying a break, workmen and visitors and locals exchanging news and the welcome company of others. All are enjoying the excellent Fairtrade coffee, hot chocolate or tea, delicious cakes, brownies or flapjacks. Don't think that because it is a Church it will be intimidating. You don't have to be a Church-goer.

Everyone will receive a welcoming smile. Why not try it out? Now in its ninth year, the coffee shop continues to be a great success. None of this would have been achieved without the work and support of almost 40 volunteers – Great thanks to them.

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Football

by Pete Brock

Well hello again, things are moving on again this season with lots of things going on behind the scenes as well as well as on the pitch.

We were looking at the records the other day for the first team and noticed that we have only lost five games in three years which is not a bad record for anyone to have, the reserves have just beaten the top of the league despite going down by two goals in the first ten minutes. Matt Neal has had a hard time trying to keep the same players every week for the reserves but on his day when everyone is available he has a real top notch side who could take most teams to the wire. Ed Wilkins is already into double figures as predicted by myself in the last report with Wicksy, Benny Wright, and Trimer all chasing the pack. Ting Tong is still doing his thing in the middle of the park and Chris Salt and Trimer are bombing up and down the line providing the ammo for the boys up front to score the goals, the back line is well settled now with Greg and Gavin Thompson Mark Lester and Wayne Kibble making up the defence. Knocker is still producing runs up and down the line (if only

he would take the ball) with the energy of a man half his age.

The veterans are about to take a trip down to Bristol to take on the next team in their quest to prove that they have a little life left in them as proved by Bobby Gaisford who came out of retirement at the age of fifty five and did a great job for us, and if he can still walk he will be at the next game which by the way is on the 7 November meeting at the church at 12.30 to make sure everyone is there.

Well that's about it for this report but there will be a lot more to come next time as we have more games going on next month. Just a reminder that if anybody wants to play for the veterans age should be no barrier, just come and enjoy yourself and have a run about, if interested phone Pete on 07912777647.

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THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

This year the Order enjoyed one of its most successful hurls of the modern era which was attended by larger crowds than ever before despite a 'mucky' start weather wise on the morning of Sunday 3 October.

As was well known there was great concern for some weeks, if not months, before the Hurl as to the availability of sufficient mangolds for the event. The disastrous and well documented attempts of Nic Fisher and Fred Harrison to protect the crop from an attack by the dreaded mangold fly had left the Order almost bereft of mangolds. Fortunately however Howard Harding of North End Gardens had carefully nurtured an excellent supply as had Charles Mellor - Gail Mather's father in law - in far distant Hyde near Manchester. These two gentlemen's valiant efforts would save the day as far as Normans were concerned but what of the vast quantities of mangolds - at least 300 - which were required for hurling itself?

By mid September panic amongst the Order's members had well and truly set in. A full blown national campaign to find those mangolds was hastily devised. The NFU was initially brought in to assist as was NFU Cymru, the Scottish NFU, the Ulster Farmers Union and even the Irish Farmers Association. NFU Cymru and the Scottish NFU contacted their local officials and the Scots emailed 3000 of their members in an attempt to help.

The campaign moved swiftly on to the local and national press. The Gazette and Herald, the Wilts and Glos Standard, the Western Daily Press and Wiltshire Radio all helped in the search by publicising our plight. It was even picked up nationally by the Independent and the BBC Farming Today programme which reported at least three times on the story. This all brought a huge response with calls flooding in from Somerset, Dorset, Bath and Devizes amongst other areas. Such was the frequency of the calls - almost one a day at its height - that extra staff had to be called into to the Order's offices to cope. It was however Tristram Cork's efforts through his articles in the Western Daily Press which brought home the mangolds. There was a stunned silence in the Orders' offices followed by a tremendous out pouring of relief as members almost too closely hugged countless secretaries and receptionists on the news that the hurl was saved. Mr Redman from Newark Farm at Ozleworth, just over the border in Gloucestershire, had kindly offered us the pick of his 18 acre field of prime mangolds. All thoughts of emergency supplies of swedes or sugar beet were cast aside - the mangolds were found at last! All credit for this magnificent act of PR must go to Irene Johnston who had for months been planning her strategy for just such a situation from her home in deepest France.

So it was that on the autumn morning of Saturday

2 October an intrepid group of members silently crossed the county border just before dawn. With the sunrise they quickly pulled a cart load of mangolds from Mr Redman's field. Those present marvelled at the legendary uncanny song of the mangolds as their succulent stems gave forth a strange but beautifully haunting sound as they were firmly yet gently pulled from the moist rich red soil of the field. Despite a run in with HM Revenue & Customs officers at Kingscote the cart returned to the village without surcharge to a tumultuous welcome as regulars from the Rattlebone spilled out on to the road to applaud the carts homecoming.

The success of the mangold pulling put everyone in excellent spirits for the Anointment of the Normans later that evening in the Rattlebone Inn. A packed pub stared in wonder as the Normans were lovingly caressed and gently washed by the Alderton freshwater sponges soaked in cider from the Luckington Bowl. This year's Mangold Maid Miss Stacey Dryden led the anointment ably assisted by a veritable entourage of past maids and matrons. The intervention in the ancient ceremony by those wonderful tuggers - the Rattlebone Ladies Tug of War team - brought a new twist to the



evening. A bemused and rather excited Keeper of the Maids Mr Jason Read saw his loins put to good use by the ladies, maids and matrons alike as a new method of decapitating the Normans was introduced. Whilst photographs were taken of this novelty they cannot be reproduced here for fear of offending public decency. Rob Strong does however have them available at a very reasonable price. The evening was brought to a close by a superb musical set from Gouldie which sent everyone home in eager anticipation of the next day's Hurl.

The following morning all was set early in the Great Field and village hall for the main event itself. Sherston 1016 had kindly put their not inconsiderable erection skills to good effect with the marquees and Margot Holland had done a wonderful job organising all the stalls. Benedicte Nichols had been working hard from

8 am taking in the entries for Picklemania and our intrepid judges Bill and Jennifer Tulberg arrived bang on cue at 10 am for two hours of concentration on the feast of produce laid before them. Jo Jo Richardson was manning the bar despite a dastardly attack on her dog Fred by an errant barrel of beer. Lynette Willets and Liz Walker were soon cooking away at the BBQ producing an unprecedented number of superb burgers and hot dogs supplied by Tucks. Dave Sheppard had kindly set up the PA system and our old friends the Dodington Parish Band had arrived in good numbers and fine form. Thanks are due to all those who made day such a success including the many who found themselves hastily press ganged into service as the usual crises of a hurl unfurled!

At 12.37pm Malcolm Jarrett resplendent in his Summoners attire called the 2010 Hurl to order with the Great Horn of Moyne. Dave Sheppard led the community singing with a splendid rendition of an Ode to a Mangold Hurl 'which left many visibly moved. Graham Hayman in his capacity as Keeper of the Cart had absolutely no problem in organising a host of men young and old to pull the mangold cart full of mangolds and the Mangold Maid herself, Stacey Dryden, onto the field. Unfortunately and in true Benny Hill style the pullers disobeyed Graham's precise orders and the cart entered the proceedings at break neck speed drawn by a veritable stampede of scrumpy induced pullers much to the delight of a screaming Stacey as well as the crowd. This was quickly followed by the mass 'Agincourt' hurl – the best to date as scores of mangolds flew through the autumn sky. Paul Ormiston the Keeper of the Challenges was as usual almost overcome with entrants and soon 14 teams were ready for the team event.

The PR machine had done its work again with not only photographers present from all the local papers but also Steve Knibbs from BBC Points West plus cameraman. Later that evening film of the Hurl was beamed to TV sets around the region - fame at last!

As the matches progressed the skies cleared and later in the afternoon the sun shone as mangolds by the score thudded as they hit the ground next the Normans. There were many close matches with the

team of umpires ably led by Jennie Lamont being called upon to make many a tight call. As usual appeals came in thick and fast to the Stewards committee who following the 1957 Hurl bribery allegations now sit well away from the emotion of the hurl moving rapidly from bus shelters to telephone boxes throughout the parish in the vain hope of avoiding various team followers discovering their whereabouts and subjecting them to the usual chants of abuse. This year Rule 17 C 6 VII d - stem gripping – proved by far the most controversial, indeed so much so that it is to be reviewed by the Mangold Hurling Association at a special convention to be held at Truro in January next year.

By late afternoon the final was upon us with the glorious result that a Sherston team had restored the Order's credibility after last year's ignominy of the title disappearing along the B 4040 to Malmesbury and Suffolk. The winning team 'No Sharking' consisting of Chris Gough, Kevin Smith and Ryan Walker duly attired in polo shirts, so generously donated by PROPS, were noisily hoisted aloft by jubilant members of the Order. Much of the rest of the day's proceedings rapidly disappeared in a scrumpy filled haze aka 'a Jason Read' so much so that to this day many members including myself cannot recall the exact identity of the runners up. Hopefully by next month the cider stained results ledger will have been retrieved from the hedge bottom in Norton where it was last seen and our counselling sessions succeeded in enabling us to put the record straight.



The singles was massively popular with well over 25 entrants. Jock Walker bettered himself from last year and was duly pronounced 'Mangold King' with a lovely lass by the name of 'Tory' being this year's 'Mangold Queen'. To end a wonderful day the children showed some excellent skills in their own competition and gave notice that in times to come the Hurl will be in good hands.

This year's level of participation bodes very well for next year especially as we had observers from German and Swiss teams present with a view to coming over in 2011 when the Hurl will take place on Sunday 2 October.

Till next year may your arm be straight and your root firmly grasped.

Yarp!

The Keeper of the Quill



Picklemania 2010

What a success! There's no doubt this is destined to become a regular event in Sherston's calendar.

Over 90 entries of assorted pickles, chutneys, jams and marmalades with many other variations on the theme saw our two valiant judges' taste buds tested in the extreme at the first Sherston Picklemania held at the Mangold Hurl in October. Bill and Jennifer Tulberg put in over two hours of meticulous tasting before finally declaring the results of their endeavours. All thanks to them for their time and to chief steward Benedicte Nichols who was on duty from 8am till 12 noon on the day, taking in the avalanche of entries and then assisting the judges with collating the results. Thanks to all those who took the time to prepare their entries which were of an amazingly high standard – hence the time taken to give them all a fair assessment in the judging process.

Picklemania Champion 2010 went deservedly to Mrs Louise Williams of Corston who won on a points decision due to the number of prizes she scooped over a range of her excellent products. Special mention must be made to first time pickle entrant Yvonne Hilton of Great Somerford for her wonderfully pert and crisp gherkins which were unfortunately then mostly scoffed by those at the Rattlebone bar later in the day. Sorry!

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The village website is in the process of being completely revamped. The aim is to keep it simple and for it to become a comprehensive directory listing all the village clubs, societies and local businesses.

If you're involved with one of the many clubs and societies in the village could you have a think about what you would like on your own page? When you have time, please could you email some text and any images/documents you'd like included on your page. Lay it out however you want and it'll be built for you - feel free to send any feedback and hopefully all the club pages can be looking great before the big launch (hopefully) in a few months time.

Here are a few links of clubs that have already put together a page (some of this information may be out of date as it's from a year ago so let us know of any updates required) - as you can see, you can have images, links to other websites, links to documents (e.g. pdfs) etc. You can make the page however you want, with as much information or as little as you want. There is no set format so whatever works best for you. It can easily be changed later on so don't worry if it's not right first time.

www.sherston.wordpress.com/2010/09/25/young-craft-group/

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www.sherston.wordpress.com/2010/09/26/sherston-senior-club/

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PROPS update

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Props for all your promotional needs.

The trimming of the roots is next in this time honoured process, carried out with major sponsor, Jason Read, who we are pleased to announce has chosen Props as his official charity.



On the day itself, the Props team was brimming with confidence, and despite some wet and windy weather, went into the competition as one of the favourites. Lead by Ross Cameron, our crack team of Hurlers made a fantastic impression on the international field:

with a huge contribution on the field of play, our team also got firmly behind the carnival atmosphere by contributing with the Props stall but also by offering our services to the running of the day, both of which contributed to orders for our products and a much increased awareness of what we do.



We attend many events such as this, which are important for us to increase our profile and also to promote our products. If you want to get involved then please contact us, as you will be more than welcome. Find us at www.propsforward.org.



The icing on the cake of this most enjoyable event was that our very own Props outfit won the 2010 event. Watch out in the local media for coverage, but until then here's vice captain Kevin Smith, returning from the victorious final hurl.

Well done to Captain Ross Cameron, Kevin Smith, Nick Trivett and Scott Hill for putting us firmly on the international sporting arena!

Bristol Bordeaux Cycle Challenge 2011

A reminder that next year's challenge is proving very popular, so if you want to join the team, then in order to avoid disappointment, please register your interest now at www.propsforward.org.

A sincere thank you for your continued support.

Readers will note that the above results of the Hurl are markedly different from those reported elsewhere in this month's edition. A number of scurrilous explanations have been given as to why this may be although the matter is now understood to be the subject of a formal enquiry by the Mangold Hurling Association. Nevertheless the members of the winning team are as given on the front page. Although other aspects of the results including the correct identity of the runners up await a definitive statement from the Association once its investigations have been formally concluded. It is hoped to carry the statement in full in December's edition.

The Cliffhanger Editorial Team 31st October 2010.

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Remembrance Day service will take place in the Church of the Holy Cross on Sunday 14 November at 10.45. Please be seated by 10.40.

Congregational Church

Services each Sunday 11am - 12.00 noon

For further details see the Parish Life or phone 07778 934742

Methodist Church

Services every Sunday at 10.30am apart from 3rd Sunday in the month when service is held at Luckington.

For further details contact Cyril Hoskin on 841143 or see the Parish Life

Gauzebrook Junior Church

Every 2nd and 5th Sunday each month in Sherston or Hullavington, joining the adult service at the end for Holy Communion. Next: 14 Nov 9.30am Sherston - Rattlebone Skittle Alley

Please contact Sarah Slarke on 07971 090740 for any further information

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers

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

For further information email ebeplaced@aol.com.

'Busy Hands' Pre-school

Meets 9.15-11.45 everyday in the village hall for 3 - 5 year olds. Further details call 841118

Charity Bingo

In aid of a different local charity each month. Fri 19 Nov 7.30 for 8pm start in the village hall. 50p entry and 30p a book. Light refreshments available.

Church bell ringing

Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 - 9.00pm.

Call Geoff Martin 840375 or come along.

Clem's Club

Clem invites 'cheerful chaps for a chair and a chat' in the British School Room every other Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm 9 and 23 Nov. Donations to BSR expenses collected each week.

Eudo Tae Kwon Do

Juniors every Tuesday at 3.15pm and Seniors Thursdays 7-9pm both in Sherston primary school hall.

Abby Lees-Smith 510125 or email info@eudotkd.co.uk or see the website www.eudotaekwondo.co.uk

Footpaths group

The group has published the booklet 'Sherston Walks - a new guide to local rights of way', featuring 9 local walks and is now on sale at the post office. If you would like to learn more about the footpath group and perhaps take part in some of its activities please come along to the next meeting on Wed 1 Dec at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

For further information contact Maggie McKenna on 841047 or maggie.mckenna@barriespartnership.com

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wed 10 Nov 6.30 for 7pm at Brinkworth Earl Danby's Primary School.

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

Malmesbury Netball Club

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

For further details contact Tahiti on tahitivanrooyen@gmail.com

Malmesbury & Villages Community Partnership

Next steering group meeting Mon 15 Nov. All meetings to be held in the Orangery, Kings Arms Hotel, Malmesbury at 7pm unless otherwise notified. Venue and times may vary therefore please feel free to contact me beforehand if you wish to attend. Sue Webb 824620 Email: dennis.webb01@virgin.net

Malmesbury Rangers

Girls over 14 years meet every 2nd Thurs in the month - 11 Nov 2010. Further details from Helen Price 503187 or retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

Painting classes in watercolour, oil and acrylic

led by local artist Nicki Heenan and assisted by Francesca Alden - Fenn every Thursday 2.30 - 4.30pm at St Mary's Hall, Malmesbury starting on 14 Oct for 7 weeks. Total cost £70. Nicki will provide basic acrylics and paper on day one to get you started. During the term, Francesca Alden - Fenn will be on hand for the first hour of each session working with students requiring any drawing tuition and for those wishing to paint in watercolours. To register or for more details contact Nicki Heenan 840 883 or nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

Parish Council Meeting

Takes place on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7.30pm in the village hall - Thurs 10 Nov. Minutes of meetings can be read online at www.sherston.org.uk.

Further details contact Sarah Wood on 840351 or clerk@sherston.org.uk

Patchwork & Quilting Classes

1st Thursday of each month from 10am - 2pm in The British Schoolroom - 4 Nov.

Further details from Anne Chapman on 01249 782842.

Senior Club

Meets at 2.30pm in the British School Room every other Tuesday - 2 and 16 Nov.

For further details contact Cyril Hoskin on 841143

Sherston 1016

Fundraising for local good causes and charities.

For further details, contact Eric Thacker on 841344 or email eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk

Sherston Badminton Club

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

For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592.

Sherston Boules and Carnival 2011

Please come forward and be part of the committee for 2011

- we are looking for a new chairperson. Any new ideas and offers of help in planning or just on the day gratefully received.

For more details contact the secretary Gwen Knight on 840731 or mommaknight@hotmail.com

Sherston Brownies

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact Ray Sneddon-Jenkins to obtain an application form – raysneddonj@gmail.com

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

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

There is currently have a small waiting list to join.

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

Westonbirt Guides

Meet in Querns Hall, Rosehill School, Westonbirt 5.30 – 7pm every Wednesday.

Sherston Brownies tend to come along if they don't join Scouts. *Details from Helen Price 503187 or email retreatcottage17@btinternet.com*

Sherston FC

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

SHOCC – Sherston's Occasional Community Choir

Will meet again every Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm for 6 weeks from 6 Oct in the British School Rooms. All-ages welcome from 10yrs. Mainly unison vocals plus a little two, and four-part, harmony. (Non-singers also needed for refreshments and admin.) Musical Director Nicki Heenen 840883 or nicki.heenen@btinternet.com Secretary Jill Woodward on email jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

Swim at Westonbirt Leisure on Wednesday evenings from 8 – 9.30pm. £38 for 15 weeks, open to any ladies, of any swimming standard, from Sherston and surrounding area. *To join, please phone Annabel on 840592 or Maggie on 840969.*

Sherston Martial Arts Club

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

Sherston Tennis Club

Sherston Tennis Club play on two hard courts off Knockdown Rd. Fees for the 2009/10 are: Family £80, Adult £45, Senior citizen £20, Junior (18 and under) £15. *For more information, please contact the club secretary, Ashley Stopforth, on 840825.* Two club sessions are now up and running, ALL club members

are warmly welcomed:

Tuesday evenings 7pm onwards - *contact Belinda Robinson on 840316*

Friday afternoons 1pm onwards - *contact Helen McLeish on 840992*

Children's Tennis Coaching started again in September.

For further details contact Helen McLeish on 840992 or helen.mcleish@ukonline.co.uk

Sherston Theatre Club

Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20.

Listings under www.communitigate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/ or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or Hquirk@aol.com

Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

The group is a fun way for children and their parents to meet and play. We meet at 10am each Tuesday in the Scout Hut.

Further details contact Alex on 841095 or alex@stickyfingerscooking.co.uk

Sherston Village Hall

Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, parties etc.

For details contact the bookings officer Julia Nichols on 840633 or julia.nichols@btinternet.com

Sherston W.I.

Meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall – 4 Nov.

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 840 071 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 more details contact Charlotte on 01453 886632 or email charlotte@splashdance.co.uk.

Tetbury Chess Club

Meet every Wednesday at the Ormond Hotel from 10am.

A session for beginners covering the initial moves and basic tactics will be held on Wed 15 Dec. If anyone is interested please contact Colin Francis on 505835 or email colval08@btinternet.com

Village Hall 200+ Club

Monthly draw prizes ranging from £11 down to £5 for a £6 annual stake, plus a quarterly £5 bonus for 7 non-winners.

If any new members of the village would like to join, contact either Mary Goulding on 840794, Joyce Gleed 840744 or Gwen Mason 840660.

Whist Drive

A whist drive is held in the village hall on the second Friday in the month, **Fri 12 Nov** 7.30 for 7.45pm. Admission £1.50 including refreshments. All profits to help maintain the village hall. Further details from G. Mason, M. Goulding and J. Gleed.

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

What's on in 2010-11

Dates for your diary

November See below

December

10 Anglo Saxon Christmas Market

January 2011

29 Table Top Sale

June

5 Woodland Frolic

July

16 Boules Day

October

2 Mangold Hurl

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

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

WHAT'S ON

Sherston

The Carpenter's Arms

Curry Quiz Night Sun 7 Nov

Thai Night Wed 24 Nov

Music Night Fri 26 Nov

Check boards for details of more events

Further details contact 840665

The Rattlebone Inn

12 Hour charity Skittles Competition

Play the Hoose at skittles on Sat 20 Nov

10am -10pm £10 per team All proceeds to Sherston School and PROPS

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

Check boards for details of more events

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

Short Mat Bowls

Demonstration

Wiltshire Short Mat Bowls Association will be kindly giving a free demonstration of their sport in Sherston village hall on Wednesday 3 November from 7.30pm.

All are welcome and refreshments will be provided.

Bonfire & Fireworks

Extravaganza, Sherston

organized by Sherston 1016 in aid of the 1016 Seniors' Christmas vouchers

Guy competition judging from 6.15pm.

Barbecue, bar and hot drinks available Sat 6

Nov Fireworks from 6.30pm On entry £5

adult, £3 child. Advance family ticket £12

including 2 adults & 3 children only on sale

at the PO. Any help building the bonfire

during the morning most welcome. Bring

any combustible material to Lower Farm.

Lower Farm, Sherston

Further details contact 840728 (daytime) or 840112

Sherston Christmas Bazaar in aid of the Holy Cross Church

Sat 20 Nov from 12.30pm in the Village Hall Stalls – including Christmas gifts, Raffle & Homemade Soup and rolls. All proceeds to the Holy Cross Church.

Sue's Strolls

Sun 28 Nov 11am from the village hall, returning to the Rattlebone Inn around 1pm in time for a complimentary snack. Children and well behaved dogs on leads are very welcome.

Luckington

Luckington Firework & Bonfire Night

In aid of Luckington Children's Playgrounds Charity

Fri 5 Nov 6.15pm Fireworks at 7pm Free entrance Luckington Playing Field

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Nature's 'Fireworks' Autumn glory

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

Please see the website for details of this month's events

Further details contact 880220 or

www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Westonbirt School and the Holford Trust House & Gardens

Christmas Fair with wine tasting

Fri 12 Nov 4-8.30pm. A wide selection of Christmas foods, gifts and decorations from the best local suppliers will be available for purchase in the Great Hall Collection for Jamie's Farm.

Mountaineer Kenton Cool at Westonbirt School

Wednesday, 3rd November 2010: 7pm drinks, 7:30pm Lecture organised by Westonbirt School's World Challenge Team Westonbirt School is delighted to welcome Kenton Cool, one of Britain's leading alpine climbers and the only European to summit Everest 8 times. Kenton's Everest summits include leading Sir Ranulph Fiennes' 2008 and 2009 Expeditions. The event is being sponsored by Cotswold Outdoor (10% discount vouchers for Cotswold Outdoor will also be available at the event). Admission: £8 Please call 0844 557 7755 (Cotswold Outdoor) for tickets.

Further details contact 880333 or for the gardens Jo Egerton on

joanne_egerton@hotmail.com or

www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk and

www.holfordtrust.com for the gardens

Grittleton

Beaufort Hunt Christmas Gift Fair

A large assortment of Christmas foods, wines, ladies and gents fashion, fashion accessories, jewellery, pictures, interior designs, gardening, equine & pet supplies & gifts plus much more Tues 23 Nov 6-9pm £3 including a glass of wine All proceeds to local charities. Grittleton House School

Further details contact Julie Morrison

01249 720058 or www.beauforthunt.com

Tetbury

Tetbury Art Society Table Top Sale

Framed and unframed art works on sale at reasonable prices at the Market Hall Fri 5 Nov – Sun 7 Nov 10am – 5pm (4pm close on Sunday)

An Evening of Opera & Song

Featuring John Graham- Hall (Tenor) & Helen Williams (Soprano)

Fri 19 Nov 7pm Champagne reception £30 /Concert at 7.30pm and £50 including 2 course dinner afterwards at 9pm

Collection for Winston's Wish - charity for bereaved children

The Close Hotel

Further details contact 502272 or

www.theclose-hotel.com

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by the community This month: **Made in Dagenham; Despicable Me; Eat,Pray,Love; The Town** check website for details

Tickets available in advance from Cuzuns Wotton High Street or the Cinema or book online

Further details contact 01453 844601 or

www.wottoneph.co.uk

Yate

An Introduction to Family History

Sat 6 Nov 10am – 4pm Shire Way Community Centre Yate £15 including refreshments, buffet lunch and a free CD.

For more information contact Lynne English

0117 937 3130 or

sodburyvalefhg@googlemail.com

Nailsworth

Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Home matches: Sat 13 Nov 3pm v Mansfield Town, Tues 15 Nov 7.45pm v Bristol City and Sat 27 Nov 3pm v Rushden & Diamonds Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2

The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth

Further details contact 01453 834860 or

www.forestgreenroversfc.com

Bath

Bath Film Festival

10 - 20 Nov with hundreds of films - old and new, British and world films. £4-£10 various cinema locations throughout Bath
Further details contact 01225 463362 or www.bathfilmfestival.org

Bath Christmas Market

123 traditional wooden stalls between Bath Abbey and York Street
 25 Nov till 12 Dec 10am - 7pm / 9pm at weekends
Further details contact www.bathchristmasmarket.co.uk

Bath Mozartfest

Daily concerts & performances

Fri 12- Sat 20 Nov £10 - £40
 Various locations in Bath - including Assembly Rooms, Forum & the Guildhall
Further details contact 01225 463362 or www.bathmozartfest.org.uk

Cardiff

The Soul Destroyers

In concert

Sat 20 Nov £8 advance sales (for parties of 10+ contact Dave for a discount)
 The Globe, Cardiff
Further details contact Dave Shephard 07860 448438 or email ds@oldbellhouse.com or www.soul-destroyers.co.uk

Useful Numbers

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CLARENCE (Highway complaints) 0800 232323

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Malmesbury Secondary School 01666 829700

Malmesbury Youth Centre 0799 0908550

MP James Gray 01249 652851

NHS Direct 0845 4647

Sherston Parish Council 01666 840351

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