



Sherston Boules & Carnival 2010 has turned in a thumping profit of £14000 which makes it the best ever for this successful event. Last year's recession-hit figures were confined well and truly to the history books as the hard working committee celebrated the result.

Local voluntary groups and charities will share in a payout of £10,000 with Help For Heroes and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance receiving £2000 each.

'It is a truly outstanding result', said chairman Tony Weedon, 'with nearly every aspect of the event showing a marked improvement on 2009. The involvement of Wadworth brewery as main sponsor was crucial to these wonderful figures as was all the other sponsorship we received from many local businesses. This together with a fantastic committee, the unstinting efforts of all the volunteers and the tremendous support of residents and visitors alike produced an unstoppable formulae for success' continued Tony.

Secretary Caroline Moore particularly praised all those 'who appear like magic, especially on Boules

Day itself, willing to help out where most needed and iron out any last minute hitches which might appear'.

On learning the result, parish council chairman John Matthews commented 'Sherston is remarkable for its community spirit and there is no finer example of that than Boules & Carnival. For a parish of our size to organise year after year an event which has raised so far a total of some £200,000 for good causes is surely beyond comparison. Well done one and all'.

Notwithstanding the pleasure the result has brought, planning for 2011 must now begin in earnest. Next year's event will run from 9 to 17 July with Boules day on Saturday 16 July. With both chairman Tony Weedon and secretary Caroline Moore now taking a very well earned rest from these two positions it's important that new help is found soon. If you'd like to get involved please contact Gwen Knight on 840731 or email [mommaknight@hotmail.com](mailto:mommaknight@hotmail.com). Don't be shy - it really can be fun and a great way to meet people if you're new to the parish.

## Sherston Church Roof Appeal

*Phil Williams, Chairman of Sherston Parochial Church Council*

Progress towards the target of £40,000 has been very encouraging. By the end of September the half way point of £20,000 will be passed. A most important factor has been the success of the envelope appeal launched through The Cliffhanger.

Our original projection envisaged a response in the region of £1,500. The final sum will be just over £7,500. Within this total are donations of all sizes from small collections of loose change to cheques of very significant amounts. However, each envelope really has an equal value beyond its monetary content. The generosity that every individual has shown in support of the church reflects the important role that the Church of the Holy Cross plays in the life of the community.

On behalf of the members of the PCC, I would like to extend our thanks to you all for your amazing response to the appeal. It is very heartening to realise the depth of the goodwill that exists towards the church. The village of Sherston is renowned for its initiative, invention and support for a wide range of causes and activities. This spirit of selfless giving runs through the community and to each of you who have offered your support to the church, please accept my grateful thanks.

Paul and Gail at the post office have been so accommodating in providing the focal point for the collection. My thanks to them both and to the staff for making the process run so smoothly.

# We are 2

Yes the Cliffhanger is two years old this month and haven't we grown!

In October 2008 our first edition was a mere 4 pages with a print run of 650. We now regularly have up to 28 pages and have just further increased the run to a 1,000 copies so as to meet demand.

Financially the Cliffhanger has been equally as successful and as of March 2010 had turned in a healthy profit of £3,700. That level of profit is unlikely to continue however due to the increased size which results in higher print costs. Nevertheless the aim is to continue to operate at a profit. We are most grateful for the support of all our advertisers which has done so much to bring about this state of affairs.

As to the profit it is ring fenced by the parish council for special items which benefit the parish and which otherwise could not be afforded. It does not go towards the day to day costs of the council. With the likely level of cuts in national and local government due to be announced later this month, having this additional finance available will become increasingly important.

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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. Around 400 words would be a maximum but the shorter the better and less editing would be needed.

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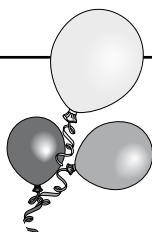
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# Sherston Living Churchyard

*Sue Robinson 841263*

In late August and early September a lot of work has been carried out in the churchyard, both by the Living Churchyard volunteers and by people working under the Community Payback scheme, for whose efforts the Church is extremely grateful. The churchyard is now, I think, looking tidier than it has for a long time. Some of this work has been straightforward tidying up after this summer's growth outstripped local volunteers' efforts to keep it under control. In other areas work has been carried out with the specific aim of encouraging wild flowers.

In the front of the church, to the west of the path, the meadow area has been cut, the grass left to dry and then raked up and taken away. This copies what was carried out in the hay fields of the past; flower seeds should fall from the cut plants as they are raked up and the removal of the cuttings stops the soil from becoming richer. Most gardeners might think this a strange thing to do, but meadow flowers thrive where the soil is poor and die out if it is allowed to become too rich, so in order to encourage them the fertility of the area needs to be limited.

Part of my summer holiday was spent in Shropshire where a charity called Caring for God's Acre (CfGA) has received funding from the National Lottery and other backers to set up an organization to encourage Living Churchyards in the English counties bordering on Wales. It was very interesting to visit a number of churches which are actively managing their churchyards and have noticeboards about their activities, supplied by CfGA, and leaflets in their churches to explain what they are doing. If you visit Stanton St. Quintin you can see an excellent interpretative board at the entrance to the churchyard and it would be good to have something similar in Sherston, to increase understanding of what we are doing in the churchyard here.

Our next session will be on Saturday 2 October starting at 10 am, I hope to see some of you then.

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## Malmesbury Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild complete project for the Town Hall

Around 20 members of the local branch of the Guild have been working for the last eight months on a project to commemorate the 1,000th Anniversary of the Flight of Eilmer the Monk. Eilmer saw Halley's Comet twice in his lifetime and was inspired by it. A 3D comet, made of willow, wire, fabrics and beads, which was designed by Susan Sutton, was created by pupils from Malmesbury Schools. It will be hung in the upstairs Eilmers Bar at the Town Hall, alongside four large stitched textile wall panels, designed by Sherston's Heather Martin. The panels feature the characterful rows of cottages in the town, the Market Cross and of course, Eilmer.

The two elements of the project are permanently installed in the Bar, but as it is often locked, visitors may visit it during an exhibition of work by the Malmesbury Branch of the Guild entitled 'Flights of Fancy' in the Gallery from 12 to 30 October. Admission is free.

## Next meeting

The parish council meets on Thursday 14 October 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](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk). You can also contact the council via the response form on [www.sherston.org.uk](http://www.sherston.org.uk) where minutes of meetings can be read.

## Lost Property in Sherston Church

We are gathering a collection of lost property in Holy Cross Church which I would like to re-unite with its owners. We have:

- two pairs of ladies' gloves, both black, one in leather
- a blue asthma inhaler
- a man's light brown Marks and Spencer anorak

If the items of clothing are not collected within a month the PCC plans to donate them to a charity shop.

We also have a wedding ring. A notice about this has been up in Sherston Post Office and at the Holy Cross Coffee Shop for three weeks, but so far no-one has come forward to claim this item.

If you think any of these things are yours please contact Sue Robinson, Churchwarden, on 01666 841263 or speak to anyone you know from Church.

# TREEtalk

October 2010

*by Irene Johnston*

### Bulb planting in Grove Wood

We're currently looking at various suppliers for spring bulbs to plant in Grove Wood in October. Some of you will remember we made short shrift of the 1,000 snowdrops-in-the-green that we put in last February. I think we had planted them all within 50 minutes. We shall definitely be getting more snowdrops for the fringes of the wood but, in the meantime, we shall be planting wild daffodils, garlic and bluebells. I'm not sure how many of each we shall be ordering yet so I've blocked out three separate bulb planting days (though we may just need two). If you fancy helping, then please turn up on Sundays 10 and 17 October (24 is a reserve for now) at 10am. Sue's world-famous onion soup will be served to keep us warm and happy. The more the merrier - and faster.

### Apple Day 2010

October is traditionally apple month - Google 'Apple Day 2010' and you'll be amazed at what's going on in the UK. We are trying to find an apple-grafting expert who will show us how to take grafts of the old crab apple tree in Grove Wood. If possible, we'll arrange it for one of the Sunday bulb mornings mentioned above (10 or 17). Just think, a little exercise combined with learning a new skill. What could be better?

More information from Sherston's Tree Warden, Irene Johnston, on 841273 or email: [ie\\_johnston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk)

## Green Grants Guru - could this be you?

Central and local government funds for voluntary projects are disappearing faster than sun on snow. (Wiltshire has already frozen all capital expenditure). It means we just have to work harder to find funding for Grove Wood, Rights of Way and all other worthwhile community projects. The great thing is we know there are lots of grants out there. In fact, some charitable sources are practically throwing money at good causes. We have to identify them and present our case.

Can you help? We need a determined person (or persons) to research organisations via the internet, find out what's available and fill in application forms on our behalf. Interested in doing your bit to ensure our environmental work continues to thrive? Please email me for information on what's involved.

Many thanks, Irene Johnston

Email: [ie\\_johnston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk)



## Remember, remember, the sixth of November

Sherston's bonfire and fireworks extravaganza will take place this year on the evening of Saturday 6 November.

The firework and bonfire event, organised by Sherston 1016, 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 getting all preparatory works done to a very high standard, with safety being uppermost in their minds. There will be increased stewarding, and a dedicated first aid post.

The event, starting at 6.30pm, is always held on the nearest Saturday evening to 5 November, to enable families to attend together. There will be a barbecue and hot and cold drinks on sale.

Please wear sensible footwear, with wellingtons being preferable, especially if it's wet underfoot. It's also advisable to wear older clothes, just 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 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 3 children, available from Sherston Post Office Stores.

If you can spare a few hours to help set up the field during the daylight hours of Saturday 6 November, please phone 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.

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## Tree issues

The idea of a tree on a verge at Manor Close has been revived by some residents of that area. The matter is due to come before the parish council again at its meeting on 14 October. All views are welcome both for and against so please either attend the meeting or contact the Clerk Mrs Sarah Wood either by letter to 23 Cliff Road Sherston SN16 0LN or email clerk@sherston.org.uk

Residents will have noticed the removal of the stones protecting the tree outside the Post Office in the High Street. This followed a complaint. A meeting attended by Wiltshire Councillor John Thomson, the parish council, highway officers and the police has been held to seek a long term solution to the problem. It is hoped that a proposal to not only protect the tree but also, and more importantly, pedestrians from reversing vehicles will shortly be forthcoming. In the meantime however drivers should please use the utmost care in that vicinity.

## SHOCC is ship-shape!

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*by Mary Clements*

Having just run three consecutive sessions of Sherston Occasional Community Choir [SHOCC], Spring 09, Autumn 09 and Spring 2010, I decided it was only right to now give my family a break and, having established a core community of singers and a small starter bank-balance for the Choir, ask some of the enthusiasts to form a crew, (called 'Team SHOCC'), to sail her into the future with new skippers at the tiller.

I am very pleased to report that she now has the guidance of seven intrepid souls:

Treasurer – Helen Thorpe, Secretary – Jill Woodward, Librarians – Margaret and Eric Thacker, Refreshments Rota – Maureen Mulrain, Member Representatives – Mike Tarrant and Trevor Moody, who have called on the gallant Nicki Heenen to be Musical Director for this first trip Autumn 2010, (hoping she may be willing to continue sailing in the Spring if enough folk come on board)?

This is all very exciting to see and will give me time to run the fifteenth year of Junior Choir at the Primary School so that the two Choirs can combine in a 'Big Sing' at Christmas, as they did last year. With Nicki's encouragement, a constitution has been written which will be given to all-comers so everyone can be as involved as they wish to be.

Please consider joining The Good Ship SHOCC on her initial adventure.

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**Ten Wednesdays from 6 October at  
7.30pm in the British Schoolroom,  
Cliff Road. Bring your friends.**

No auditions, non-readers welcome, no stress, all-comers accepted. All-age from 10yrs. Mainly unison vocals plus a little two, and four-part, harmony. No commitment expected until 3rd session. Don't be shy; just give it a try. (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.

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## New Vicar

The Licensing and Installation of the Reverend Christopher Bryan as Priest-in-Charge of the Gauzebrook Group of Parishes will take place at 7.30pm. on Monday 11 October in the Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

The service will be conducted by The Right Reverend Dr. Lee Rayfield Bishop Suffragan of Swindon.

# Dib Dob Corner



Liz and Gin would like to say a massive thank you to all who helped, donated and attended the Coffee Morning and Cream Tea Afternoon on August bank holiday Monday. The sun shone for us, the park was busy and people came from near and far. As you know, all through the summer we have been at the Scout Hut selling tea, coffee, cakes and pocket money sweets which has proved to be a huge success but we could not have done it without the support we were given by people of the village. The Grand Total raised for The Scout Hut was £470.00! As the nights now draw in The Tuck shop has closed but we hope to hold a Halloween Party and should be back weather permitting in the Easter Holidays. Once again, thank you for your support.

## Cubs and Scouts Waiting Lists

Both the Cub Pack and the Scout Troop run a waiting list for new members. If you are interested in your child joining Cubs or Scouts you should arrange to speak to the Cub Leader or Scout Leader first, usually at one of their weekly meetings, and then complete an application form which is available from them.

We request that all those who have already entered their child's name on the waiting list confirm that their details are current by contacting the Group Secretary, Kirstie Blair at [kirstieblair@gmail.com](mailto:kirstieblair@gmail.com)

## Scouts

This month the Scouts will be going on a weekend camp with the rest of the district to the newly re-built county training centre at Potterne. A night out under shelters made by them, shooting, a tunnel trail, archery, abseiling and mountain biking are some of the activities planned for the weekend.

We will also be going to Charlton Park with Malmesbury Scouts for a wide game and doing a paper plane challenge in the hut. In September we did a night hike with a sleep-over at the hut and we hope to include some photos and a write-up of the event in the next issue of Cliffhanger.

## Explorers

We have had three move up from Scouts since the summer and the troop are coming up with some great ideas of what they would like to do over the next term. We will also be joining the scouts on their district camp and arranging some further night hikes.

## General

Christmas Hamper Raffle tickets will be on sale on November 4/5 and 11/12 from outside the Post Office & Tucks and The Sunday Papers, with the grand draw taking place on December 18 at The Rattlebone Inn. We will also be selling Scout Post stamps on the same dates with delivery on Sunday 19 December.

If you would like to donate an item for our luxury hampers then please either drop something round to me at 3 Carpenters Close, Sherston, or to any of the leaders.

*by Kirstie Blair*

# Sue's strolls

Sue McKechnie's next popular walk is on Halloween Sunday 31 October from the village hall at 10am returning to the Rattlebone Inn just around 12 noon in time for a complimentary snack. As ever children and well behaved dogs on leads are very welcome. Sue promises there won't be any ghosts or ghouls joining you but there may be a creepy tale or two!

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# Sherston W.I. September meeting

by Ann Wilcox

The British Schoolroom was the venue for the September meeting of Sherston W.I. as the Village Hall was still undergoing decoration.

Unfortunately our speaker was unable to attend due to a work commitment. Our Secretary had organised a picture quiz which was enjoyed by all members. It was a real memory teaser with images of old and new personalities, stars, news items and images and captions of objects we see every day. The hall was silent with heads down and memories being tested.

The group was hoping for a fine afternoon for the visit to the Special Plant garden and nursery at Cold Aston in early September.

Final details were organised for our next meeting which will take place at Stanton Manor Hotel 12.30pm for 1pm. This will be a lunch celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the formation of a W.I. in Sherston in 1940.

45 members and friends will meet on 7 October to renew memories and friendships of past times and to look forward to a happy future for Sherston W.I.

Our November meeting should be in the Village Hall when our speaker's subject will be 'Adventures of a Great Rail Journeys Tour Manager' Andrew Butterworth.

## Tracklements thank you

by Ali Glennie

Thank you very much from all at Tracklements for running our release in the Sherston Cliffhanger about our hunt for Medlar fruit. We've had a fantastic response with several people getting in contact. We would like to say a big thank you to the residents of Sherston and Pinkney who have very kindly offered us their Medlar fruit and would love to hear from anybody else who thinks they may know of a Medlar tree from which Tracklements could have the fruit. If you can help, please call Ali Glennie at Tracklements on 827044 or email [info@tracklements.co.uk](mailto:info@tracklements.co.uk).

# Sherston Drama Group



## Sleeping Beauty

OH YES IT IS time for Sherston Drama Group's pantomime again! A full cast of fairies, villagers, singers, dancers, dames (only one of those, fortunately), jesters, Kings, Queens, cannibals etc have been working away so they can entertain you. There are some new faces – and old ones – and some of Sherston's most talented young people. Sleeping Beauty will be performed on 27-30 October in Sherston Village Hall, and tickets will be on sale from the beginning of October at Sherston Post Office Stores or from the Box Office on 840092 (evenings). The price is £5.50/£6.50 including refreshments, which must be the cheapest entertainment for miles around. Make a date in your diary to come and hiss the villain and cheer on the Prince in his quest to revive the beautiful princess. Laugh at the world's most inept jester, ogle the dame, and watch some feats of on-stage cooking that put Masterchef contestants to shame! Performances at 7.30pm, with a 2.30pm matinee on Saturday. Enquires to the Drama Group chairman, [richard.skeffington@virgin.net](mailto:richard.skeffington@virgin.net), phone as above.

## Dorothy House hospice tombola

by Beryl Clampton

A big thank you to all who supported my tombola on Saturday 4 September outside the post office and at the Rattlebone. £280 was raised.

Thank you very much.

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## Back by popular demand

by Sue Lewis

After the successful Classical Garden Party held at Halfway Bush Farm in July, the Tenor Tim Pitman and melodic soprano Rebecca Robinson are, by popular demand, making a return visit to present 'The Music In The Night Show' performing songs, the best from opera and the theatre.

Tim has performed with the Royal Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, for HRH The Prince of Wales, at Glastonbury festival and numerous charity events. Rebecca is from Kent and has also performed with top classical and military bands.

It will be held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Friday 8 October, doors opening at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10.00.

There will be a bar provided by Sherston Wine Company. Tickets are available from Sherston Post Office, or contact 01249 890327 or 01249 890819.

Please come along and join what will be a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

## Could you be the Picklemania Champion of 2010?

There's still time to enter this year's Picklemania this coming Sunday 3 October at the Village Hall in association with the Sherston Mangold Hurl.

If you produce your own chutneys, cordials, honeys, jams, jellies, liqueurs, marmalades, mustards, oils, pastes, pickles, preserves, relishes, tapenades, salsas, sauces, syrups, or vinegars then Picklemania is your dream come true!

Prizes will be awarded with an overall winner being pronounced the Picklemania Champion 2010.

Get pickling!

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8.00am Hall open to receive exhibits

10am Hall closed for judging

12noon Show open (subject to judging being completed)

4.30pm Presentations (approx.)

5 - 6pm Removal of exhibits

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## Malmesbury Netball Club Launch

by Tahiti von Rooyen

In April/May this year Wiltshire County offered a subsidised Back to Netball six week course at the Activity Zone, Malmesbury. At the end of the course the group decided to carry on playing netball independently throughout the summer and after much planning the group was formalised.

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 make new friends. We have a Level 2 coach and endless support from the Wiltshire Netball Development Officer, Sophie Warner. We meet every Thursday at 7-8pm. It costs £3 per session, payable at the front desk.

Amalie Smith and I are the two Sherstonians who are currently part of the group, but we would love to see a greater representation from our village.

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# Take a magical trail around Westonbirt's trees

Westonbirt Arboretum's Enchanted Christmas,  
26 November to 19 December



Photo: Rob Cousins, Westonbirt Arboretum

The National Arboretum at Westonbirt will become a wonderland of festive lights this winter when the Enchanted Christmas event returns from 26 November to 19 December.

Alongside carols and festive treats of mulled wine and roast chestnuts, visitors will be able to take the 45 minute Illuminated Trail around the Old Arboretum. The trail takes in some of the gems of Westonbirt's collection, spectacularly highlighting the beauty and shape of the trees.

Tickets go on sale online from 1 October at [www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt).

Children can see Father Christmas, who this year will be dressed in his traditional green costume especially for Westonbirt. Historically, Father Christmas wore a green outfit rather than the relatively modern red suit we recognise today.

Julie McKellar, events coordinator, commented:

'Westonbirt is world-renowned for its fantastic tree collection. This year Father Christmas will wear his original green colour to celebrate the abundance of trees and nature found at the National Arboretum.'

Join Father Christmas and his elves from 4.45pm on 26 November to turn on the lights. He will then meet and greet youngsters throughout the four week Enchanted Christmas event.

Westonbirt's Enchanted Christmas takes place every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening from 26 November to 19 December, from 5.00pm to 8.30pm, with the last entry at 7.15pm. The Illuminated Trail is accessible for wheelchairs and if you would like to hire a mobility scooter, you can book one in advance by calling 881218.

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Nicki Heenan started painting in New Zealand, later trained with an atelier school in Sydney specialising in traditional oil painting and has undertaken courses at the Slade and Prince's drawing School in London. She frequently paints musical subjects or uses music as an inspiration for creating paintings. Nicki also works as a music director and music teacher locally and in London.

No previous experience in painting is necessary to join the classes and time will be spent on learning the fundamentals of painting in water colour, oil and acrylic and how each medium can be used to express your own ideas. More experienced artists may wish to join, to advance their technical knowledge and work in a large space.

Classes will run on Thursday 2.30pm – 4.30pm at St Mary's Hall, Malmesbury starting on October 14 and running for seven 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.

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Sunday the 3 October is the date for an established and traditional event at the ancient Shire of Sherston - The Mangold Hurl. The PROPS Team will be there in Force and have entered a team to take on all comers. There's a strong international flavour this year and apart from the sport, it's a chance to browse the latest products and services from the Props Social Enterprise. Some of our students will be there to promote our wares so be sure to come along and get behind PROPS at this cracking country event.

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The next meeting of the parish footpath group will take place on Wednesday 20 October at 7.30pm in the village hall. On the agenda will be kissing gates, path clearance and a possible new project of a walk following rights of way from Malmesbury to Luckington along the river valley. 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](mailto:maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com)

## Cat concern

Regrettably there have been some recent instances of cats becoming seriously ill in the area of the High Street, Silver Street and Cliff Road. Two of the cats died and a dog was also taken ill. The symptoms point to the possibility of poison being involved. If anyone in this vicinity, or anywhere else for that matter, is using rat poison or the like please ensure that the proper precautions are being taken to avoid contact with other animals and wildlife.

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# Edmund II (989-1016)

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'Compared to many kings of England, little has been recorded about the life of Edmund II, yet few forget his nickname: Ironside. There are conflicting opinions as to why he was given this name. Some say that it was on account of the armour he wore, others believe it resulted from his powerful stature and legendary strength, but most claim that it was because of his military leadership. This is borne out by an 11th century historian who described Edmund Ironside as a 'brave soldier and an able general'. Edmund was the second son of King Ethelred the Unready and his first wife Elfleda, and was born around the year 989. His elder brother died in 1014, leaving him heir to the throne. Edmund was very different in character from his badly advised father. Headstrong and determined, he followed his own heart even if it meant going against his father's wishes.

In August 1015 he married Edith at Malmesbury in Wiltshire, deliberately defying his father, for Edith was the widow of the King Ethelred's sworn enemy Sigefreth. Following a power struggle over the north of England, Sigefreth had been murdered on Ethelred's orders, so it can have done little for family harmony when Edmund married Edith. He even abducted her from a nunnery to claim her as his wife just to antagonise his father. The couple had two sons, Edward and Edmund. In the month of Edmund's marriage the Danish King Canute had landed at Poole harbour with a fleet of more than 200 ships, each with 80 men on board, going on to attack areas of Dorset, Wiltshire and Somerset, before heading to Warwickshire. The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle records that they 'plundered and burned, and slew all they met...Canute went out through Buckinghamshire to Bedfordshire; thence to Huntingdonshire; and so into Northamptonshire along the fens to Stamford, thence into Lincolnshire, thence to Nottinghamshire; and so into Northumbria toward York'. Canute finally marched his men back down to Wessex, arriving on 1 April 1016, before heading for London. An 11th century monk, Florence of Worcester, wrote that Edmund Ironside mustered an army but gained little support from the people of England. Edmund therefore attacked those that refused to fight against the Danish army and many English villages were destroyed in the process, although it has been said that the villages were destroyed simply to prevent the Danes from getting supplies of food and extra horses.

On April 23 1016, just as Canute and his army reached London, King Ethelred died. Edmund succeeded to the throne and was crowned that same month at the old St Paul's Cathedral. He inherited a country under attack and with divided loyalties amongst the people. Although Edmund was accepted by citizens and nobles of London as king, nobles and churchmen in Southampton turned their allegiance to Canute instead. Canute had greater military strength and began to lay siege to London. Soon a deep trench had been dug around the city so that Canute's men could control who went in and out. Before London was completely surrounded, Edmund managed to escape and fled to Wessex to gather an army of his own.

## The Battle of Sherston

As King, Edmund was now able to muster a supportive army and many battles with the Vikings followed to gain control of England. The English defeated the Danes at Pen on the Somerset-Wiltshire border (known as Penselwood), at Brentford (London) and Otford (Kent). After midsummer there was one particularly bloody and indecisive two-day battle at Sherston in Wiltshire, where a local man called John Rattlebone fought on Edmund's side against Canute. Although mortally wounded, Rattlebone simply clasped a stone tile to his side to staunch the flow of blood and carried on fighting, dying as the Danes retreated. Today, the Rattlebone Inn at Sherston is named in his honour, and in the church is a chest carved with the initials JB that is reputed to have held his armour. A weather-beaten Saxon figure outside the church porch is believed by some to be the image of John Rattlebone, clutching a stone to his wound.

It was during the Battle of Sherston that Edmund's brother-in-law and supporter Eadric Streona suddenly turned traitor and changed his allegiance to Canute. He viciously cut off the head of a man named Osmear, whose face and hair were like King Edmund's, held it up and declared 'Oh, ye men of Dorsetshire, Devonshire and Wiltshire, flee quickly; ye have lost your leader: Lo! Here I hold his head of your lord and king, Edmund. Flee with all speed!' Believing that the king had been slain, the soldiers were terrified until they realised it was a trick, and that Edmund was still alive. In spite of Eadric's support, Canute was unable to win the battle, and the Danes withdrew under cover of darkness and returned to London, 'slaying and burning whatsoever they overtook as their custom is,' according to a contemporary report.

On 18 October 1016 Canute finally gained victory over Edmund at the Battle of Ashington. The Danes with a smaller army were inferior in strength, but had greater determination to win. The Anglo Saxon

Chronicle records that, 'all the nobility of the English nation were destroyed'. Unfortunately for Edmund, his army leader was the treacherous Edric Streona who severely weakened the English army's morale and the battle was lost. Edric 'betrayed his natural lord and all the people of England', declares the Chronicle. 'There had Canute the victory, though all England fought against him!' Called the Battle of Assandune in the 11th century, Ashingdon in the Rochford district of Essex, south of the River Crouch, and Ashdon in north Essex both lay claim to being the battle site. The ghostly moaning of dying soldiers has been heard at Ashingdon, and at Bloodstained Hill where the battle supposedly took place it was said that no grass would ever grow again (although today there is grass). At Woodham Mortimer near Ashingdon graves of Danish soldiers have been unearthed, and it is known that a church built by King Canute to commemorate his victory once stood in the neighbouring village of Hockley.

Four years after the battle, Canute returned to Ashingdon, accompanied by Archbishop Wulfstan to consecrate a church 'for the souls of the men who had been slain'. The 13th century St Andrews Church stands on the site today. After his defeat at the Battle of Ashingdon, King Edmund and his army retreated to Gloucestershire, but were soon followed by Canute. Legend has it that Edmund challenged Canute to single combat, believing that it would save unnecessary loss of life. The conflict was, after all, between the two of them over the crown. In the fight to the death, the victor would become King of England. Canute was much smaller in stature than Edmund, and realising that he could lose his life, suggested a peaceful solution instead. The two met at Deerhurst in Gloucestershire on an island known as Olney, formed by the River Severn and Naight Brook. The two kings sailed over from opposite sides in fishing boats, and negotiated a peace settlement, virtually dividing the country in half, with Edmund keeping the area known as Wessex, Essex East Anglia and London, while Canute ruled over the land north of the River Thames. It was agreed that whoever lived the longest would gain the territory of the other, and thereby rule the whole country. Florence of Worcester writes: 'Afterwards, having exchanged presents of arms and robes, they separated'.

On 30 November, less than six weeks after this agreement was made, Edmund died mysteriously in London or Oxford and Canute became King of all England. The cause of Edmund's death is unrecorded. Canute's supporters put about the story that Edmund died through illness, although inevitably there is suspicion that he was assassinated. Henry of Huntingdon wrote that Edmund 'was treasonably slain'. Thus it happened: one night, this great and good king having occasion to retire to the house for relieving the call of nature, the

son of ealdorman Edric (Streona), by his father's contrivance, concealed himself in the pit, and stabbed the king twice from beneath with a sharp dagger, and leaving the weapon fixed in his bowels, he made his escape. Edric then presented himself to Canute and saluted him saying, 'Hail! Thou art the King of England!' Having explained what had taken place, Canute replied, 'For this deed I will exalt you, as it merits, higher than all the nobles of England'. He then commended that Edric should be decapitated and his head placed upon a pole on the highest battlement.

Edmund was buried at Glastonbury Abbey in Somerset, near his grandfather King Edgar, although his tomb was destroyed during the Dissolution of the Monasteries. After Edmund's death, Canute sent Edmund's two sons to Sweden with orders for them to be murdered but their lives were spared and they eventually found refuge in Hungary. Another controversy surrounds Edmund to this day. An anonymous Elizabethan play called Edmund Ironside, telling the story of Edmund, Canute, and the traitorous nobleman Edricus, is believed to be an early work of William Shakespeare. The manuscript, which is now in the British Museum but obtainable on line, is said to contain over 250 words and phrases that appear for the first time in Shakespeare's writings, and more than 600 rare words used by him... Some have even gone as far as to suggest that Edmund Ironside could be the first drama that Shakespeare wrote. But, like much of the real Edmund's life, it's a mystery lost in the mist of time.'

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Members of the Sherston Order are very hopeful of seeing teams from other local villages once again enjoy mangold hurling. There's still time to enter and we know full well there is still a small rump of former hurlers in Luckington itching to again enjoy the passion of gripping a root. The Alderton Altercation of 1934 is surely well behind us now - well almost - so come on Luckington let's bury the hatchet once and for all!

The event takes place on Sunday 3 October from 12 noon to 6pm at Sherston Village Hall and field. It also includes music from the Dodington Parish Band, stalls, Bar, BBQ, teas etc. Free entry and car parking. Mass free Agincourt Hurl at approx 12.37 pm.

Entry on the day £5 per team of 3 for the main competition and for the singles £1. Free children's Hurl.

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In case you're wondering what quite goes on at a Hurl please visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DBdltvoDrQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DBdltvoDrQ) to view a somewhat disjointed video of last year's event! For further information on Mangold Hurling generally visit [www.mangoldhurling.co.uk](http://www.mangoldhurling.co.uk). Please also note that on Saturday 2nd October from 9pm in the Rattlebone Inn Sherston the somewhat infamous Anointment of the Normans by Mangold Maids past and present takes place. It is however strictly for over 16's only due to the adult nature of the proceedings. Free entry. Musical entertainment from Gouldie

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About fifty people attended the Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Partnership's (M&VCAP) Transport event held at Malmesbury Town Hall on Wednesday 8th September.

Exhibitors and speakers included representatives from First Great Western, National Express, Community First and Tisbus along with local transport providers including Andybus and Abbey Taxis.

An open forum allowed the public to discuss their transport needs, ask questions and make recommendations. Among the issues raised were the route of the Malmesbury town bus service; evening and Sunday public transport; village services; transport services to meet the needs of young people; bus services to Tetbury; services to the Royal United Hospital, Bath; and affordable transport for shopping/leisure.

M&VCAP are now working through all the points raised to identify what they can do and who they can work in partnership with to help resolve the problems identified. For more information about this event or to let M&VCAP know about your transport concerns visit their website at [www.mvcap.org.uk](http://www.mvcap.org.uk)

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# Football

by Pete Brock

Good day sports fans, we are glad to report that the first team has had a good start to the season with three wins out of three and the reserves have played three and won one, which is good under the conditions that Matt Neal, who is the new reserve team manager, has been working. There have been the usual issues about availability of players which you get at the start of anything new with football teams, but you watch this space and see if they don't start to win a few more from now on. The first team has had the same line-up pretty much as last year but for a Malmesbury lad by the name of Wayne Kibble, who when we first ran a kids' team was bigger than half the adults and who is now as big and round as he is tall. Knocker is now plying his trade with the reserves and they say when he gets his boots on the right feet he may be quite good. 'Ting tong' has developed a few moves from his time in the orient and Trim Bourne has been practicing his Freddie Mercury impressions for the end of season do. On the pitch the goals have been coming thick and fast from the usual suspects. Andy Wicks who for someone who resembles a beer barrel is a joy to watch on the ball. Also Ed Wilkins is scoring for fun and he will be in double figures in fewer

than five games I predict. The reserves have a few shining stars coming through the ranks with the Pike brothers and young Rob Collier looking good. Also Matt's son Adam who, on the pitch, is a player mature beyond his years.

We have also started a veterans team who play their first game on 3 October on an artificial pitch with two linesmen and a referee! I think a few of the OAFs are panicking a bit, but don't worry boys, the ambulance is on standby and hospital beds have been booked (and for some of you two beds will be pushed together with blocks underneath). But seriously now chaps we need to sort out who is available and who is not, and there is also I am afraid a £20 charge for the first lot of games. So if we could get one of your gang to contact me on 07912 777647 we can sort it out. Also any old timers out there wanting to play once a month need to call quickly.

Thank you once again for all your support you all know who you are.

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# Sherston Cricket

## Disappointing end

Sherston finished the Saturday League season with a disappointing home defeat by 4 wickets to a relegated Andoversford. Before the game Sherston knew that a good result could see them finish in a reputable fourth position in the league but a heavy defeat could see Andoversford remarkably avoid relegation and Sherston replace them in the drop

### Andoversford

Andy Wilshaw		b Alan Dickenson	32
Alec Cerrone	LBW	b Ollie Moore	2
Alex Jennings		b Richard Cartwright	36
Jon Wilkinson +	ct Kevin Smith	b Richard Cartwright	6
Darryl Phillips	Not Out		37
Rick Cerrone	ct Richard Cartwright	Richard Cartwright	5
Chris Baxter *		b Richard Cartwright	0
Andy Todd		Not Out	7
Extras	( 2lb 9w )		11
Total	(6 wickets, 26.4 overs)		136

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Andrew Tremellen	6	0	34	0
Ollie Moore	8	0	32	1
Richard Cartwright	7.4	1	43	4
Alan Dickenson	5	0	25	1

zone. The amazingly different scenarios were due to six teams (only 1 point between all six teams at the end of the season) having almost identical records before the final games of the season. Sherston knew that 5 bonus points would be enough to avoid relegation and as is often the case that is all they achieved . There were few highlights for Sherston in the game other than the good batting partnership between Phil Cavey (32) and James Harmer (45) and Richard Cartwright's 4 for 43 with the ball, which earned valuable bonus points.

### Sherston Magna CC - 1st XI

Phil Duffell	ct Rob Cerrone	b Rick Cerrone	1
Phil Cavey	ct Andy Todd	b Alec Cerrone	32
James Harmer		b Alec Cerrone	45
Richard Cartwright	Alec Cerrone	Alex Jennings	3
Matt Goodwin	ct Andy Todd	b Tony Newcombe	7
Chris Lovell	LBW	b Alex Jennings	1
David Fitch-Peyton		b Alex Jennings	0
Alan Dickenson	Not Out		21
Andrew Tremellen *	ct Andy Wilshaw	b Rick Cerrone	2
Ollie Moore	run out		5
Kevin Smith +	Not Out		0
Extras	( 8b 3lb 6w 1nb )		18
Total	(9 wickets, 40 overs)		135

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Rick Cerrone	10	2	21	2
Andy Todd	5	0	23	0
Alex Jennings	10	3	25	3
Alec Cerrone	10	0	34	2
Tony Newcombe	5	0	21	1

## Sherston Magna Saturday League Averages

### Batting

	Games	Innings	Runs	Not Outs	Average	Highest score
Phil Cavey	6	6	156	2	39.0	40*
Alan Dickenson	9	8	148	4	37.0	25*
James Harmer	13	13	396	1	33.0	84
Phil Duffell	10	10	276		27.6	69
Matt Goodwin	6	6	88	2	22.0	38
Richard Cartwright	11	11	237		21.5	38
Andy Tremellen	13	11	121	5	20.2	47
Jed Pitman	7	7	94	1	15.7	27
Ollie Moore	7	6	53	2	13.3	26
Chris Lovell	6	4	51		12.8	43
David Fitch-Peyton	6	5	41		8.2	16
Kev Smith	10	3	0	2	0.0	0
Charlie Green	5	1	0		0.0	0

Qualification 5 games

### Bowling

	Games	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best
Alan Dickenson	10	78	16	257	15	17.1	10-2-27-3
Richie Cartwright	11	55.1	7	243	11	22.1	10-2-27-4
James Harmer	14	44	6	221	9	24.6	8-0-59-3
Ollie Moore	8	70.2	11	251	10	25.1	9.2-1-35-3
Andrew Tremellen	14	117	21	420	15	28.0	10-1-24-3
Charlie Green	5	25	3	105	3	35.0	7-2-26-2

Qualification 5 games

### Catches

	Games	Catches
Kev Smith	11	9 (+1 stumping)
Alan Dickenson	10	9
Richard Cartwright	11	6
James Harmer	14	3
Matt Goodwin	6	3
Andrew Tremellen	14	2
Jed Pitman	8	2
Chris Lovell	6	2
Phil Cavey	6	2
David F-Peyton	6	2
Miles Edmeston	2	2
Phil Duffell	11	1
Ollie Moore	8	1

Qualification 6 games

Cotswold and District Cricket Association Division 1 Final Table											
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Adlestrop	18	12	2	4	0	59	58	237	16.93		
Great Rissington	18	10	3	4	1	50	54	204	15.69		
Oakridge CC	18	7	6	4	1	45	51	166	12.77		
N.A.T.'s CC	18	6	7	4	1	49	42	151	11.62		
Williamstrip CC	18	7	6	4	1	35	42	147	11.31		
Chedworth CC	18	6	7	4	1	47	36	143	11		
Cricklade CC	18	6	7	4	1	36	46	142	10.92		
Sherston Magna	18	6	7	4	1	40	41	141	10.85		
Andoversford CC	18	6	7	4	1	38	40	138	10.62		
South Cerney CC	18	0	14	4	0	16	32	48	3.43		

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Malmesbury Youth Centre 0799 0908550

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# Groups and Regular Events in Sherston

## Holy Cross Church

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### Sunday services

Oct: 8am Holy Communion; 9.30am Sung Eucharist (17 Oct Family Service); 6pm Evensong (17 Oct Evening Holy Communion)

**Licensing and Installation** of Rev. Christopher Bryan as the new priest in charge of the Gauzebrook group of parishes Mon 11 Oct 7.30pm at the Church of the Holy Cross followed by refreshments in the village hall.

## 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: 10 Oct 11am Court House Hullavington and 31 Oct 10.30am 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](mailto: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 15 Oct 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 12 and 26 Oct. 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](mailto:info@eudotkd.co.uk) or see the website [www.eudotaekwondo.co.uk](http://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 20 Oct at 7.30 pm in the village hall.

For further information contact Maggie McKenna on 841047 or [maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com](mailto:maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:dennis.webb01@virgin.net)

## Malmesbury Rangers

Girls over 14 years meet every 2nd Thurs in the month - 14 Oct 2010. Further details from Helen Price 503187 or [retreatcottage17@btinternet.com](mailto:retreatcottage17@btinternet.com)

## Parish Council Meeting

Takes place on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7.30pm in the village hall- Thurs 14 Oct. Minutes of meetings can be read online at [www.sherston.org.uk](http://www.sherston.org.uk).

Further details contact Sarah Wood on 840351 or [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk)

## Patchwork & Quilting Classes

1st Thursday of each month from 10am - 2pm in The British Schoolroom - 7 Oct.

Further details from Anne Chapman on 01249 782842.

## Senior Club

Meets at 2.30pm in the British School Room every other Tuesday - 5 and 19 Oct.

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](mailto: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

## 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

The club is recruiting new members in September for swimming 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 Living Churchyard

The last tidying up session in the Living Churchyard for 2010 will be on Sat 2 Oct at 10am. To resume next April. *For further details please contact Sue Robinson on 841263 or by email jimandsue4@btinternet.com*

## 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@stickyfingerscookery.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 – 7 Oct.

*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.*

## 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 8 Oct 7.30 for 7.45pm. Admission £1.50 including refreshments. All profits to help maintain the village hall. Further details from G. Mason, M. Goulding and J. Gleed.

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

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

**October** See below

**November**

**3** Short Mat Bowls Evening

**6** 1016 Fireworks Party

**December**

**10** Anglo Saxon Christmas Market

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

Email [info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk](mailto: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 4 Oct

Live music Night Wed 8 Oct

Indian night Wed 20 Oct

£5 lunch specials Mon - Thurs during Oct

Fish 'n' Chips take-aways

*Further details contact 840665*

#### The Rattlebone Inn

Live Music from Bob Boules Fri 29 Oct

Halloween Party Sat 30 Oct

Face painting from 4pm, BBQ from 5pm,

Carved Pumpkin Competition 6pm, Children's

and adult fancy dress, Sian's alcoholic and non-

alcoholic 'Smoking' Drinks and live music

**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](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)*

#### Ancient Order of Sherston

#### Mangold Hurlers

#### Anointment of the Normans

Sat 2 Oct 9pm Free entry to the preparations of the sacred Normans for the hurl. Not suitable for under 16s Rattlebone Inn

*Further details contact 840871 or*

*[eat@therattlebone.co.uk](mailto:eat@therattlebone.co.uk)*

#### Annual Mangold Hurl

Sun 3 Oct from 12 noon - 5pm at the village hall and field. Bar, music, barbecue, and stalls. To book a stall please contact Margot Holland on 841019 or email [mplholland@btinternet.com](mailto:mplholland@btinternet.com)  
*To enter a team, call Paul Ormiston 840694 or [pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk](mailto:pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk)*

#### Harvest Supper

Sun 3 Oct immediately after the Harvest service at 6pm BYO drink - bring and share supper - see church board for food to bring. £4 Church of the Holy Cross. Tickets on sale at PO or the church

#### Senior Club Autumn Sale

Tuesday 19 Oct 2.30pm in the British School Rooms. Entry free, various stalls - bring and buy, bric a brac, nearly new, books, Christmas gifts and raffle etc. Refreshments available.

#### Sherston Drama Group

#### Half- term Pantomime: Sleeping Beauty

Wed 27 - Sat 30 Oct. Please contact Richard should you want to help out back stage or front of house. Early October tickets go on sale at the Post Office or from Richard Skeffington 840092 or [richard.skeffington@virgin.net](mailto:richard.skeffington@virgin.net)

#### Sherston, Hullavington and Malmesbury WEA courses

**Social history with Dinah Starkey:** what happened locally after the Black Death up to the Reformation 6 week course starting Fri 18 Sep £42.50 Followed by a 4 week literature course: **'The Fiction of Dickens'** by John Chambers £28 Fridays 10-12am Sherston Village hall

**Saturday day school: International Rivalry - the drift to War** 9 Oct 10.30-4.30 £15 incl hot drinks £6 optional buffet Hullavington Village Hall

**The Great Western Railway -**

8 week course by Michael Turner

Mon evenings 7.30-9.15pm starting 11 Oct £49.50

Malting Hall, Town Hall Malmesbury

**The Culture of the Late Roman Empire**

Fri 15 Oct for 8 weeks 10am - 12noon £49.50

British School Room

**Literature course with John Chambers**

Thurs 4 Nov for 4 weeks at 10am £28 Hullavington Village Hall

*Further details contact David or Muriel Bridge on 502729 or [bridge.de@virgin.net](mailto:bridge.de@virgin.net)*

#### Pinkney Park

**Wentworth Jigsaws - Open Day & Factory Sale** Sat 23 Oct from 10am to 2pm

*Further details contact 840033 or [www.jigsaws.co.uk](http://www.jigsaws.co.uk)*

## Luckington

### Luckington Gift Night

Fri 15 Oct at Luckington Community School from 7 to 10pm. This is the 7th year running that the event has been held and once again there will be lots of fantastic stalls selling bags, books, Phoenix cards, crafts, jewellery, tasty foods and wines and much more. Tickets £4 (£5 on the night) from Luckington Community School or Post Office. For further details contact Mary Hinton on 07779 299224

## Westonbirt

### The Arboretum

#### Nature's 'Fireworks' Autumn glory

During October entry prices increase slightly - Normal Admission £8 adult /£7 concs/ £3 chd under 5s free

**Walks: Autumn Fruits and berries** Sat 9 Oct 11am - 1pm

**Family events: Seed spectacular** 2-3 Oct ;

**Autumnal highlights:** fun hands-on children's activities both free after admission; Fungi fun Sat 16 Oct 10.30-12.30/2-4pm £5

#### Charity events:

**Help for Heroes** fund-raiser Sun 24 Oct and

**FOWA Christmas Fair** Sun 31 Oct

#### Workshops: Digital Photography Course - Beginners

Fri 8 Oct 10.30 - 3.30 £50 contact Graham Light 01285 653069 or [consult@abbey-studios.co.uk](mailto:consult@abbey-studios.co.uk) or [www.abbeyphotoschool.co.uk](http://www.abbeyphotoschool.co.uk) for further details

#### Make a Windsor Chair

Mon 4-Sat 9 Oct and 11-16 Oct

Paul Hayden on 01373 836051

#### Photography with Sarah Howard

16,23,24,30,31 Oct £125

[sarah@sarahhowardphotography.com](mailto:sarah@sarahhowardphotography.com)

Specialist wood sales in aid of FOWA Every 2nd Sunday in the month 10am -1pm Admission £8 adult /£7 concs/ £3 chd under 5s free (27-30 Aug £10/£9)

Further details contact 880220 or

[www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt)

### Westonbirt School and the Holford Trust House & Gardens

**School Open day** Sat 9 Oct 9.30-12.30

#### Autumn Lecture: entrepreneur Jamie Murray Wells

Fri 15 Oct 7.30pm. Free.

Post lecture supper £15 - booking essential

Further details contact 880333 or for the gardens Jo

Egerton on [joanne\\_egerton@hotmail.com](mailto:joanne_egerton@hotmail.com) or

[www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk) and [www.holfordtrust.com](http://www.holfordtrust.com) for the gardens

## Doughton

### Highgrove Garden Tours

Individual tickets £15 on tours this Autumn and Spring

Further details contact 020 7766 7310 or

[www.highgrovegardens.com](http://www.highgrovegardens.com)

## Tetbury

### Cotswold AONB Dry Stone Walling Competition

Sun 3 Oct at Prestons Folly, Broadfield Farm. Four Classes: Professional, Amateur, Novice, Beginners Pairs. The Draw for stints takes place at 8.45am and the Prize Presentation is at approximately 4.30pm.

Further details contact Contact 01451 862000 or [info@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](mailto:info@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk) for an application form or [www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk)

### The 8th Tetbury Music Festival Daily concerts & performances

Thur 30 Sep - Sun 3 Oct £7 - £22

Various locations in Tetbury

Box office: Tourist Information centre or 07765 218270 or [www.tetburymusicfestival.org.uk](http://www.tetburymusicfestival.org.uk)

### Events in aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance Horseless team event and Badminton Fun Run

Sun 3 Oct 11am

Further details contact Melanie Gee 0845 1221423 or [www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events.htm](http://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events.htm)

## Malmesbury

### Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

**Final concert this season: An evening of Chopin with Piers Lane** by Adrian Partington of Gloucester Cathedral Sat 9 Oct 7.30pm

Tickets from the Abbey or David Barton 824924

### Music in the Night

**Music from Operas and Theatre: Tim Pitman and Rebecca Robinson**

Fri 8 Oct 7.30pm £10 Malmesbury Town Hall. Bar by Sherston Wine Company

Further details contact tickets from Sherston Post Office or 01249 890327

### Embroiderers' Guild Exhibition of work

**Flights of Fancy - celebrating Eilmer's 1000 year anniversary**

Town Hall Gallery 12-30 Oct Free admission

## Wotton-Under-Edge

### The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by the community This month: Marmaduke, Metropolis, The Girl who Played with Fire, The Illusionist, Tinkerbell & the Great Fairy Rescue, Toy Story 3 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](http://www.wottoneph.co.uk)

## Nailsworth

### Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Home matches: Tues 7 Oct 7.45pm v Grimsby Town, Sat 16 Oct 3pm v Histon and Sat 30 Oct 3pm v York City



Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2

The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth

Further details contact 01453 834860 or [www.forestgreenroversfc.com](http://www.forestgreenroversfc.com)

## Bath

### Theatre Royal

**Room on the Broom** Sat 2-Sun 3 Oct - Musical adventure suitable for 3 years + 11am and 1.30pm £10

**Enron** Tues 5 - Sat 9 Oct 7.30pm £15.50-£33.50

**Thriller – Live** Mon 11- Sun 16 Oct

**The Duenna - English Touring Opera**

Mon 18 - Tues 19 Oct £21-35

**Ben Hur** Fri 29-Sun 31 Oct £9.50 - £18.50

**Book ahead for:** Blithe Spirit; Monty Python's Spamalot;

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

£17.50-£35 Further details contact 01225 448844 or

[www.theatreroyal.org.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.org.uk)

## Cheltenham

### The Cheltenham Literature Festival 2010

**Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of literature**

8-17 Oct - booking open now Ten days, 450 events,

everyone from literary legends to big screen stars Average

£8-15 Various locations in Cheltenham

Further details contact 0844 579 8970 or

[www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/literature](http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/literature)

## Rural Skills Courses in the Cotswolds

Various courses in preserving ancient local skills, including:

**Green woodworking – Wooden Tool Making** 2-3 Oct £105

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Please contact us on 01451 862000 to check availability of courses before booking or email

[david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](mailto:david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk) or

[www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/?page=cotswolds-rural-skills](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/?page=cotswolds-rural-skills)

## Wiltshire Business Club

The Wiltshire Business Club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6pm to 7.30pm at the Rose & Crown in Lea, Malmesbury SN16 9PA – next meeting Wed 20 Oct. The purpose of this club is to bring together Wiltshire businesses so that they can help each other to find new customers both from within the network and introductions from outside. Members of the same types of business can join and work together. A not for profit organization with free membership and only a charge of £10 per meeting to cover the cost of food at the meetings.

See [www.wiltsbizclub.co.uk](http://www.wiltsbizclub.co.uk) for more details.



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