



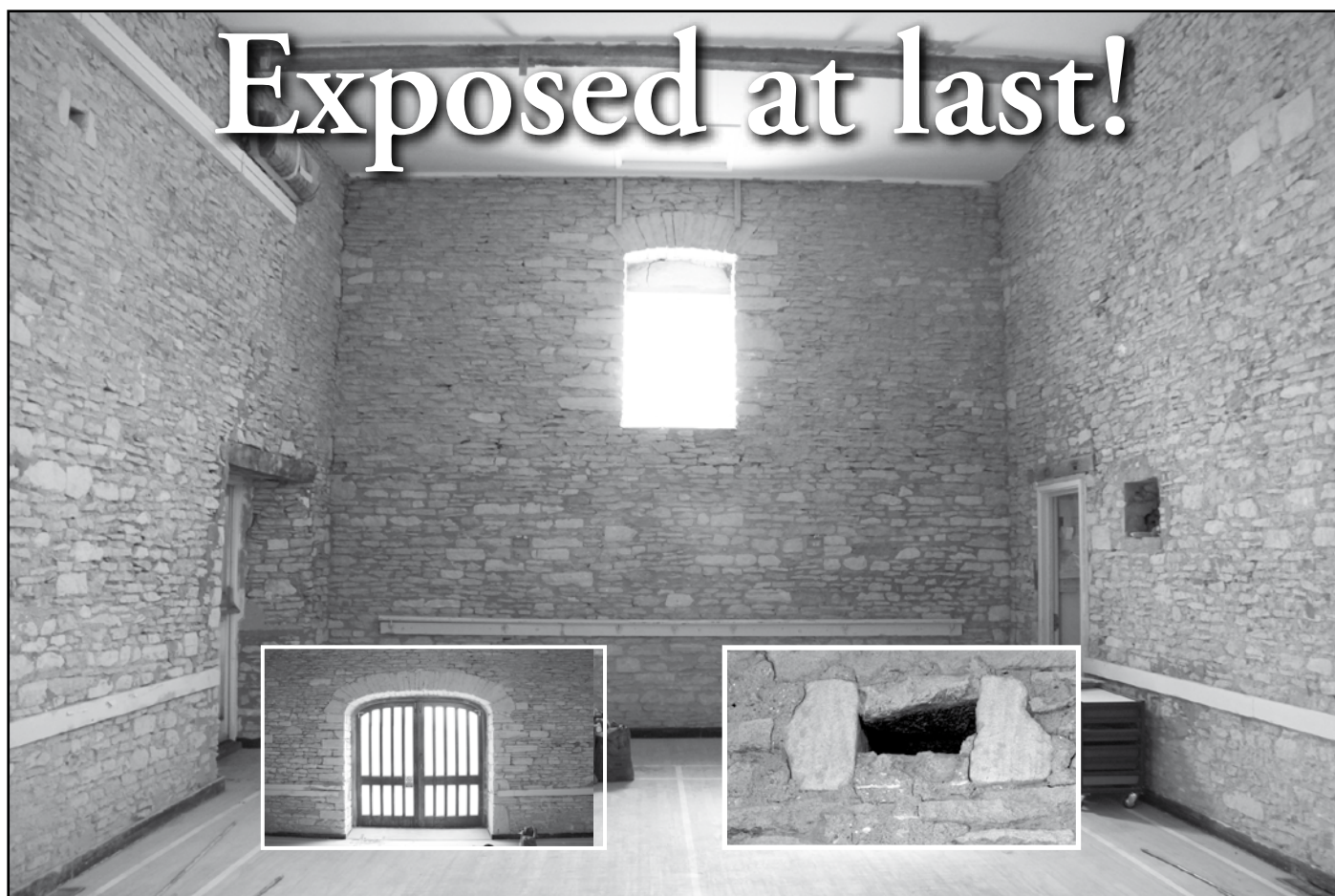
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August saw a dramatic change to the interior of the village hall as some 100 years of paint was blasted off the old walls of the main hall. This followed many months of deliberation by the hall committee as to how best improve the building. Years of applying modern paints to the original lime mortared stone walls had caused a chemical reaction resulting in the paint chipping away after only a few months as well as deterioration to the mortar itself.

The result of the blasting has been quite extraordinary revealing just what a magnificent asset the parish has in such a building. With the beams also stripped of paint the main hall is already much improved. Rewiring has enabled the vast majority of trunking to be removed from the walls giving a much more uncluttered effect. Plumbing and other work has also helped with this.

There remains much work to be done before the main hall is completely redecorated. New lighting will be installed by early September followed by repointing of the walls and other improvements over the next few months. As much work as possible had to be undertaken during the summer holiday period so not as to interfere with bookings of the hall particularly Busy Hands Pre School. The committee

is most grateful for the forbearance of all hirers during this period.

The costs to date of blasting, rewiring, new lighting and some other minor works is in the region of £10,000. This sum has already been put aside from recent fundraising activities and most importantly from the 200+ Club income. It cannot be stressed enough how vital the 200+ Club is to the well being of the hall so thanks are very much due to all its members and particularly to those who administer it.

So as to complete the redecoration of the main hall to include repointing, resanding and revarnishing the floor, together with updating the lobby and toilets as well as a comprehensive fire and smoke alarm system, at least another £20,000 has to be raised. This will be done by a combination of fundraising activities and grant applications. In the present economic circumstances this is a substantial task, as grant finance is already becoming harder to obtain especially from local and central government. The hall committee is however determined to ensure that the parish has a hall to be truly proud of and as quickly as possible. Please therefore be ready to help through supporting future fundraising events, donations or just by simply hiring the hall.

Thank you

by Noel Banks, WAAA Representative



Air Ambulance at the Rec last month. Photo: Charles Price

The Wiltshire Air Ambulance Appeal acknowledge with grateful thanks the donation of £1,000 from Sean Richards & friends as a result of their recent event held at Lordswood Farm, Sherston.

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Sherston Church Harvest Supper

by Heather Martin

The Supper will be held immediately following the Harvest Service at 6pm on Sunday 3 October. It will be a bring and share meal, as much as possible of seasonal produce, and will take place in Church. We especially hope to welcome those people who come to Church infrequently as well as our regulars. Tickets must be purchased beforehand (£4 from the Post Office) for seating arrangements. There will be a list in Church to sign if you are bringing a contribution of food and you will need to bring your own drinks.

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Meetings are every other Tuesday 2.30 – 4.00pm (Alternating with Senior Club), so dates will be 14 and 28 September, 12 and 26 October, 9 and 23 November and 7 and 21 December.

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Sherston W.I.

by Ann Wilcox

Our meeting in August was held at the British Schoolroom, as the Village Hall was being re-decorated. The speaker was Shan Williams, an Image Consultant from 'Colour Me Beautiful'. She explained how we should be aware of the right colours to tone with our eyes, skin and hair. Choosing the right colours would give us a great deal of confidence. Several members acted as models and Shan showed us which were the best colours for them. A different shade of the same colour was very often a good alternative. Shan finished her talk by demonstrating different ways of tying scarves. We went home thinking about the contents of our wardrobes and whether we could thin out some items. We could also give more thought to colour choice when shopping.

It has been quite a busy month with members helping out at Boules Day by serving refreshments in the morning and also helping at the Exhibition linked to it.

A glorious summers day saw us at Hanham Court Gardens which is situated in the eastern suburbs of Bristol. We arrived in time for a light lunch and then wandered around the extensive grounds. There is a formal garden with old roses, tree peonies, lilies and fountains. The woodland garden has magnolias, tree ferns, stumpery, pools and cascades. Beyond this is the wild meadow garden and orchard. We had a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon. Another garden visit will take place in September when we go to 'Special Plants' at Cold Ashton.

Our September meeting will again take place at the British Schoolroom. Our Speaker will be Rob Llewellyn a TV cameraman who will talk about his experiences.

We give a warm welcome to visitors.

Sherston Cycling Club?

If there is enough interest, I would like to start an informal bike club in Sherston. I am a middle aged Sherston resident who enjoys cycling. I am new to road biking myself but am very keen to try to start regular, weekly or twice-weekly bike rides of perhaps twenty to twenty five miles on weekday evenings during the summer and weekends during the winter. I would stress these will be informal and sociable rides and not races or competitions! I don't know the area very well as I've only moved here within the past twelve months, so I'd be interested to hear from any cyclists out there who know some good routes!

If anyone is interested, please can they contact me at my email address thehoughster@googlemail.com or by phone on 07786 197032.

Thank you. Simon Hough.

TREEtalk

September 2010

by Irene Johnston

Une lettre de France

I thought I'd sneak in a short piece about our corner of France where we're spending the summer. Our village is on the edge of the glorious Limousin where there are fewer residents than in the city of Marseille. The countryside is full of gentle river valleys, fields of wheat and sunflowers and old houses that just seem to be growing out of the land. The 'bocage' reigns supreme here: farmland criss-crossed with tree-filled hedgerows with lush pasture for sheep and the gorgeous, chestnut red Limousin cows. Animals far out-number people in this part of France.

You can see why the Limousin is famous for its oak trees. The noble oak or *chêne*, used for wine barrels throughout France, is prolific here and sweet chestnut trees are also common. (In fact, the leaf of the chestnut tree is part of the Limousin emblem). We have a nice little avenue of '*châtaigniers*' just down the road and we picked a load last year but sadly didn't get round to cooking them quickly enough and they went mouldy. Our house is named after the beautiful '*cerisier*' or cherry tree in our back garden. The age is indeterminate but its thick, calloused trunk suggests anywhere between 50 and 100 years. No matter, the shade in the middle of the day is welcoming and there is a cloud of white blossom in April. However, like most towns and villages round here, the plum tree or '*prunier*' is king. Both coppery and green foliage follow after the most wonderful spring symphony of deep pink that cheers up the pavements in our village and nearest town. And don't forget the maples with their silvery, peeling barks and the pollarded limes that look magnificent in the summer months. We are lucky enough to live just a few kilometers from a stretch of the '*Gartempe*' where the '*commune*' has paid for the creation of a small sandy beach. There is nothing to beat a gentle swim as huge, silvery leafed poplars swish in the breeze at the water's edge. And the chestnut cows sit in the shade on the opposite bank and an elderly donkey honks regularly every 20 minutes.

And finally

The term '*limousine*' was coined after the development of the automobile in 1902. The driver sat outside under a covered compartment that physically resembled the cloak hood worn by Limousin shepherds for protection from the cool damp winters.

More information from Sherston's Tree Warden, Irene Johnston, on 841273 or email: ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk

Malmesbury and District WEA – new autumn courses

The Branch, which covers Tetbury as well as the Malmesbury area, begins the Autumn term with a Saturday day school on the International Rivalry – The Drift To War 1890 - 1914. Canon Andrew Evans is returning from his new duties in Bridport to Hullavington Village Hall on 9 October (10.30am – 4.30pm) to take us through the big power tensions and naval arms race which led to the catastrophe of World War I. Prior booking is essential. The cost is £15 to include tea, coffee and biscuits. An optional buffet lunch is also available for £6.

The day school is followed by courses in Malmesbury, Sherston and Hullavington. In Malmesbury there will be an illustrated course on Monday evenings beginning on 11 October on The Great Western Railway, to coincide with the 175 years since its formation. This will cover its construction, operation, architecture and curiosities. We will also look at the impact of two World Wars and the General Strike as well as publicity and much else. The course will be in the Malting Hall, Town Hall, Malmesbury from 7.30pm – 9.15pm on Monday evenings for eight weeks with Michael Turner. It is hoped that this central venue will offer easier parking than in the past. The cost is £49.50.

From Friday 15 October at 10.00am we welcome back Richard Henderson to give an eight week illustrated course on The Culture of the Late Roman Empire through the art and architecture of three iconic imperial cities – Rome, Ravenna and Constantinople as power and influence shifted between them. This course, also priced at £49.50, is at a new location in the British Schoolroom, Cliff Road, Sherston (parallel to the High Street).

Finally there is a short literature course in Hullavington Village Hall by the ever popular John Chambers. For four weeks from Thursday 4 November at 10.00am he will present an examination of novel style and technique under four headings and, hopefully, through readings and discussion, a history of the novel will emerge. This course will cost £28. Due to the expected high demand, prior booking is essential.

Booking contacts for these courses are:
for Hullavington Village Hall –
Linda and Paul Hadley on 837096
for Sherston and Malmesbury –
Muriel and David Bridge on 502729

Junior Boules

by Rachel Wagstaff



The Sherston boules stars of the future were on display in this year's Junior Boules competition and it left many agreeing that the future is bright. 14 teams with players ranging from 6 to 11 years old competed with enthusiasm, exemplary sportsmanship and not a small amount of real talent.

Spectators were on the edge of their seats as a number of matches were won by just the one point. Probably the most memorable was a tenaciously fought semi final between The Wonder Bears and 25 Years of Madness (their combined ages - yes, just 25). With the scores tied, the last end saw first the Wonder Bears take the initiative with their penultimate boules, then Finlay McLeish with the last boules for 25 Years of Madness, placed a magnificent bomb within a few centimetres of the 'coch' to take the lead. Lorcan Purser had the last throw of the match and spectacularly nudged the holding boules out of the way to win the match - the Junior Boules pitch was the place to be for excitement.

The Wonder Bears - James Skeldon, Gabriel Lewis and Lorcan Purser, then met The Three Amigos, William Pritchett, Luke Tappin and Jack Coleman in the final with The Wonder Bears triumphant in the end.

All we need now is some lottery funding, and we'll be beating the French by 2018!

Helping the Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have always been a much loved feature of the British countryside and are known as the gardener's friend due to their taste for slugs and for other garden pests. However hedgehogs are in need of help and are even classed as an endangered species in Britain.

Road casualties and loss of habitat are the main causes of a decline in the UK population. Changes in farming and land management have led to fewer places for hedgehogs to live and forage in the countryside and this, added to a loss of garden to forage in, as people turn them into car parking or decking covered patios, all means less room for our spiny friends.

Annie Parfitt, who lives near Brimscombe in Gloucestershire, was so distressed by the plight of the hedgehogs that she set up the Help A Hedgehog Hospital to care for sick, injured and orphaned hedgehogs and hoglets. Annie is a volunteer carer for the British Hedgehog Preservation Society and the Help A Hedgehog Hospital is run solely on donations from hedgehog lovers.

The Sherston and Luckington contacts for Help A hedgehog Hospital are Paul and Pauline Smith, 6 Easton Square, Sherston. They will collect any sick or injured hedgehogs found by the public in the Sherston and Luckington areas so that they can receive care and veterinary treatment from Help A Hedgehog Hospital at Brimscombe before being released back into the countryside.

If readers wish to help hedgehogs in their own gardens they can easily do this by making sure that a fresh source of water is always available and if they wish to feed hedgehogs then cat food, dog food, dried meal worms and dried cat biscuits are especially a good option.

Paul and Pauline Smith can be contacted on 07787228957 or 840945.

For further information about Help the Hedgehog Hospital or about hedgehogs in general please contact: Annie Parfitt on Tel: 01453 886 424

Email: annieparfitt@sky.com
Website: www.helpahedgehog.org

Sherston picklemania 2010

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!

On Sunday 3 October there will be a chance for you to enter your jars and bottles in the Picklemania competition to be held in Sherston Village Hall as part of the Mangold Hurling event. To enter pick up a free schedule from Sherston Post Office Stores or email Ebeplaced@aol.com for an online copy. Please note this is an open competition so entries from outside Sherston are as welcome as from those within. Prizes will be awarded in each category with an overall winner being pronounced the Picklemania Champion of 2010. Get pickling!

Maggie's purple passion

Here's a wonderful recipe from Maggie McKenna to get all you picklers in the mood for Picklemania 2010.

BEETROOT PICKLE

*6 medium sized beetroot
350 ml wine vinegar
1 ½ tablespoons dry mustard
½ teaspoon salt
275 g sugar
2 onions, sliced
2 teaspoons dill seeds*

Boil the beetroot until they are tender. Drain and set aside, reserving 300ml of the liquid. When the beetroots are cool, slice off the tops and bottoms. Slide off the skins. Slice and set aside.

In a medium sized saucepan bring the vinegar and reserved cooking liquid to the boil over a medium heat. Add mustard, salt and sugar. Stir to mix and bring to the boil again. Remove from heat and set aside.

Arrange the beetroot slices and onion slices in layers in clean, screw top jars. Add the dill seeds. Cover with the hot vinegar mixture. Tightly screw on the jar tops. Cool and place in the refrigerator. Allow to stand for a few days before using. Serve very cold.

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The Sherston & District Committee are holding this in Sherston Church on Friday 24 September from 9.30am - noon.

There will be a Cake and Produce table, Christmas Cards and a Raffle.

Come and support your local committee and enjoy your morning coffee and cake.

Transport for you 2010

There is no doubt that a major issue for those living in Malmesbury and the Villages without their own vehicles is the provision of good local transport in all its forms – including buses, trains and taxis. Everyone has a need for transport - for journeys to the doctor, hospital, optician, relations, friends, shops, nights out and trips away – the list is almost endless.

On Wednesday 8 September in Malmesbury Town Hall from 7pm there is an opportunity to find out just what is available and to make your voice heard on what you would like to see in the future by way of an improved transport service. M&VCAP (Malmesbury & the Villages Community Area Partnership) is organising the event which takes the form of an exhibition which will include all the local transport providers both commercial and voluntary. In addition there will be a forum where you can hear and take part in a discussion as how to improve the local situation. So if you just want to see a better local bus service from your village to Malmesbury or would wish to have at least some evening services to towns like Swindon and Chippenham come along on 8 September to make sure your comments count.

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Sherston Drama Group Sleeping Beauty

By the time you read this, Sherston Drama Group's latest pantomime *Sleeping Beauty* will be about to start rehearsing. Rumour has it there are some extraordinary (or extraordinarily inept) good fairies pitted against one of Sherston's most experienced female villains. Will good triumph over evil? It seems unlikely, but you will have to wait until October to find out. But the fairies are not alone – also trying to prevent the beautiful Princess Rose pricking her finger with the fateful needle are her nanny, Winifred Slaptickle (enough said) and Harry the court jester who is not totally sure how funny he is. Not to mention an assortment of Kings, Queens, cannibals, villagers, characters who seem to have strayed from other stories, and crucially, the Handsome Prince. Performances are 27-30 October in Sherston Village Hall. We have a full cast, but there are still plenty of offstage roles available – such as stagehanding, making or painting scenery, costumes....If you want to give these a go contact the Drama Group chairman Richard Skeffington at richard.skeffington@virgin.net or ring 840092. Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of October.

Multiple Sclerosis Research *by Brenda Llewellyn*

A very big thank you to all who supported the strawberry tea at Ann and Peter Huntley's garden on 10 July and to all donated refreshments etc. which raised £300.

Also grateful thanks to 1016 for the Boules Marathon which raised £130.

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A Date For Your Diary – Sunday 19 September. Cream Teas in the Garden



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Bethan Gwynne and Julia Smith have been selected to join the charity Raleigh International in an expedition to southern India where they will live and work with rural communities. Their project is to build eco sanitation helping to improve the quality of life of some of the poorest people in Southern India where there is a lack of amenities we take so much for granted in our own homes.

As part of their challenge Bethan and Julia are required to raise £3,000 each to help fund their project and the charity. Please keep the 19 September in your diaries. Come along, meet Bethan and Julia, have an enjoyable afternoon in the garden and help two young adults meet their target for what is a life changing experience for them and for those they are going to help.

Lights out consultation begins in Malmesbury area

Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership (MVCAP) are beginning a consultation process with local communities to identify locations where street lights can be switched off between approximately midnight and 5.30am. MVCAP are undertaking the consultation on behalf of Wiltshire Council's Malmesbury Area Board who are providing £5,000 for modification of approximately 100 street lights. Switching lights off during the middle of the night will reduce their carbon footprint and energy costs as well as reducing local light pollution.

Initially Malmesbury Town Council and Parish Councils in the area are being approached to determine local interest in the scheme. There will then be a more detailed consultation undertaken with interested communities to identify the lights that will be recommended for modification.

Members of the public are encouraged to make their views on this issue known to their local Town or Parish Council.

Chair of MVCAP Sid Jevons said 'I am excited that our community has the opportunity to influence our local environment and reduce our carbon footprint'.

About MVCAP

Malmesbury and Villages Community Area Partnership 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.

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Living Churchyard

A lot has been going on in the churchyard since I last reported in June, although since I became the Churchwarden of Holy Cross it has been difficult to also give as much time as I would have liked to the wildlife enhancing part of the work. Starting in September I plan to go back to the pattern of earlier in the year and hold volunteer sessions on the first Saturday of each month from 10am to about midday. All volunteers will be warmly welcomed on 4 September.

More clearance has taken place on the eastern side in the back of the churchyard. Part of this area will be available for new graves when the clearance is complete. At the same time the contractors used their stump grinder to remove the last remains of the three trees which were felled last year and Living Churchyard volunteers painstakingly raked the resulting sawdust off the seeded areas. There has finally been enough rain to allow these areas to grow and it is now easy to see the various flowering plants coming through, as well as the meadow grasses. These flowering plants, such as Bird's-foot Trefoil, are vital to the life-cycle of butterflies, many of which are in serious decline because of the destruction of their habitats.

I look forward to meeting you in the churchyard in the weeks ahead.

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Shock move

Many in the parish were astounded to learn at the end of August that Graham and Gail Hayman had finally moved into their new house in Silver Street. The ever ebullient Graham said 'It's all worked exactly to my master plan and I have already pencilled in the house warming party for Saturday 30 May 2015.' Gail was unavailable for comment.

The Cliffhanger team wish Graham and Gail all happiness in their new home and await their invites.

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Didn't they do well



Les Trios Brummies consisting of Georgina Doyle (centre), Nathan Elphick and Sharon Doyle were the local team that managed to go the furthest on Boules Day this year. This was the first time all three members had played together, with George not having played a game since Boules Day 2009.

They played all day only meeting one other local team who were the friendliest opposition of the day (not counting the last game) on the way to facing the Welsh in the semi-final. Not surprisingly they lost to the Welsh team but gave a good performance of themselves individually and playing as a team with the Welsh champion commenting that they were the most accurate team they had played all day.

Les Trios Brummies received fantastic support throughout the day which helped significantly. Mark (founding player) would have been very proud of his team's achievement this year and of their newest member Nathan. Bring on next year.

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Mangold Hurl

by Martin Rea



The annual Sherston Mangold Hurl takes place on Sunday 3rd October from 12 noon to 5pm at Sherston Village Hall and field.

The Village Hall plus other organisations such as Sherston 1016 have been approached by the Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers to help with the organisation of this year's Hurl as they wish to concentrate solely on the ceremonial and sporting aspects of the day. The hall committee is most honoured to help in

ensuring the continuance of this most traditional and unique occasion.

Last year saw over 300 people attend this free event and an enormous amount of publicity was generated especially as Jimmy Doherty of 'Jimmy's Farm' fame was a member of the winning team. Fresh from her PR successes already this year with the Village Green Day as well as Boules & Carnival Irene Johnston is spearheading the Hurl's PR for 2010. You can therefore expect to see a large increase in attendance this time round!

Local groups and businesses are invited to take a stall at the event which will be available in the two halls - large and small - as well as under cover in a marquee on the field. There is also room for a limited number of stalls on open space on the field although as its October a gazebo might be a good idea. A 6ft table plus a chair is supplied to all stalls. There is no fee as such but rather a donation is expected at the end of the day dependent on how well you have done -



this applies to all stalls whether or not items are being sold, money raised or are for solely promotional purposes.

There will be a BBQ, teas and cakes and of course the essential Bar.

All proceeds from the day will be split between the village hall and those groups which are helping out on the day. The village hall will be using any monies it receives from the event towards the costs of the ongoing improvements to the hall.

To book a stall please contact Margot Holland on 01666 841019 or email mplholland@btinternet.com. Please respond quickly however as we will shortly be contacting potential stall holders from outside of the parish. When booking a stall please let Margot know what it is likely to be selling, publicising or fundraising for.

If you wish to take part in the hurl please see the Ancient Order's article on page 17. Should you have any other query please contact me on 01666 840348 or email martdrea@aol.com

In case you're wondering quite what goes on at a Hurl please visit 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

Yarp!*

**Yarp! I am reliably informed by the Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers is an expression of greeting and farewell exchanged between members of the Order.*

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Echoes from the past

by Mary Clements, Secretary, Sherston Community Chapel.



In the foreground are four of the many Antique Family Bibles that were loaned to Sherston Community (Congregational) Chapel for the Boules Day Exhibition.

The oldest ones (1799), owned by the Venning family, received press coverage in the Wilts. Gazette (5 August). Next came the Hillier Family volume dated 1810. This has been stored at Lower Farm Sherston for over 200 years. It was once owned by forbears called 'Goodenough' who are renowned for having plotted against the King and therefore fled to Ireland! Clem Millard's entry dated 1812 came a close third. It was a pleasure to see him enjoy his famous 'chats' with all who came.

The Tiniest Bible Imaginable, in a one inch square metal-hinged box that has a magnifying window, this was loaned by Mr. and Mrs. Benson. Inside could

be seen a minute New Testament and the words 'Presented to the Duke of Beaufort in a Christmas Cracker at the Hunt Ball 1896'. How amazing!

One item had been saved from the tip about 12 years ago. Binmen, knowing he was depositing Church graveyard cuttings, approached Roger Whitehouse to ask if he would take a huge Bible with brass corners and clips from them, as they didn't want to destroy it. It has lain in the Congregational Chapel ever since the Shoebox Service that year and was used recently for the story of Josiah finding the Temple 'Book of teachings' at the Primary School.

Other exhibits were supplied by Len Werrit, Marion Gee, Pam Forster, Sue Morris, Noel Banks, Doug Goulding, Tony Towle, the Rickard Family, Myra Saunders, Rowland Hill (1873), Peter Cole and Wendy Kemp. In addition a whole table was devoted to memorabilia from Wendy Payne as her wedding was the last one held in the Chapel. Her parents and grandparents were also married there. Three generations. It was we think, a relative who donated the 19th Century balcony clock which is still wound every Sunday.

Many who came also enjoyed strawberries and cream whilst sitting in the sunny garden.

The whole exercise was most heart-warming as people discovered things about their family they had never realized before. There were personal messages from one generation to another. A card falling from one lady's book was, to her surprise, the card given at the confirmation of her mother - then aged only fifteen.

This treasured book has obviously played a large part in the strengthening of family life through the centuries.

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The 2010 Boules & Carnival Photo DVD, with photos from all of the week's events, will be available in September at a cost of £4 for Boules Week DVD and £1 for the extra Boules Ball photo DVD. All profits to the grand Boules & Carnival total. Many thanks to all the contributors including Nick Holland (www.nickhollandphotography.com), Martin Holehouse (www.magicmomentsphotography.co.uk), Steve Biseker (www.biseker.com), Mike Shortridge, Kirstie Blair, John Pettit, Sue Morris and Rupert Evelyn. Check village notice board for more details or contact Caroline on 841405 or email to caroline@carolinemoore.co.uk to order your copy.

Sherston Fuel Club

by Tony Towle

Now that the days are getting shorter, it is time to be thinking of refilling your fuel oil tank. The Sherston Fuel Club is free to join, and provides a cost saving for its members. Currently there are over 180 households in the area that are taking advantage of cheaper fuel-oil prices. The saving is £15 on orders of 1000 litres. The main advantage is that you get all the savings, there is no third party creaming off the profits.

To join you can either obtain an application form from Sherston Post Office, or preferably, send an email to atowle@btinternet.com, requesting to join. You will then be sent an application form as an attachment, which you can then return to me. If you have any questions call me on 840574.

When you return your form, you will be given a membership number, and full details of how to place your order.

The club covers Sherston, and the adjacent villages of Easton Grey, Pinkney, Alderton, Sopworth, and Luckington. There are various conditions. All deliveries are on a Wednesday. The minimum order is 750 litres, and all bills must be settled promptly.

Thanks

The family of the Revd. James Young wish to thank all kind and caring friends and neighbours for their good wishes, cards, gifts and flowers on hearing of his recent illness. James suffered a blood clot on the brain resulting in a stroke which has left him unable to fully communicate. The clinical term is called Expressive Diaphasia.

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Brownies



As many of you may be aware Sherston has a thriving Scouting community so we thought it would be nice to tell you a little bit about us and keep you up to date with all we have been doing.

CUBS: - 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.

Our activities take place inside and outside, including at least one camping trip each year. Our activities are linked to gaining the Cub Scout Challenge Badges and the Chief Scouts Award (Silver) and during the summer we have made rockets, been on hikes, cooked outdoors, and tried to get things across the river! We also joined in with the Scouts on the Group Camp.

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



SCOUTS: - 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.

We are a traditional Scout troop and spend as much time as possible doing outdoor activities. During the past 12 months the Scouts have taken part in five camps ranging from overnight camps in the local



area to five nights under canvas at a national Scout activity centre. We also try to do at least two night hikes a term in the local area which finish up with an overnight stay in the Scout hut.

During their time with the Troop the Scouts work towards a series of badges and their Chief Scout's Gold Award (of which we have awarded four this year). The Scouts learn how to camp and live



outdoors, cooking their own food on gas cookers and open fires and living in traditional Scout tents or sometimes roughing it in bivouacs that they make themselves. They are taught survival, map reading, hiking and leadership skills. The Scouts are also able to work towards proficiency badges which enable them to try new activities or improve on activities they already take part in. We also encourage the Scouts to take part in and help out in projects within our community.

During the next term we will have two camps to attend, we have a variety of fun activities taking place on our Tuesday night meeting and we will be looking at the emergency services and what they do with visits planned to all three. We will also be honing our map

reading skills with a few night hikes in the local area. To join contact Mark Sparrow on 840983 or email mark@scorranstone.co.uk. We currently have a small waiting list to join.

EXPLORERS: - Sherston Whitewall Explorers
- What did you do this summer holidays? Raft building, abseiling, archery, shooting, aerial trekking, International Come Dine with Me No, well we did! This year we will be starting The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, joining the Scouts on the camps they have planned and lots more. 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 on 841043 or Ewan Blair on 840096 or email whitewallexplorers@googlemail.com



BROWNIES :- We meet every Wednesday from 6.15pm to 7.30pm during term time, all girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday but we do have a waiting list; if you are interested please contact Snowy Owl (Liz Walker) on 840216.

A word from our Group Scout Leader, Anthony Price

Sherston Scout Group's Diamond Jubilee Scout Headquarters at Gilwell Park registered the 1st Sherston Scout Group on 24 May 1951, so next year we are officially 60 Years old. However, we know from a few local sources that Scouts were active in Sherston before that date, although not formally recognised by Headquarters. One press cutting dating from 1952 refers to the Group starting in August 1950.

Next year we will have some celebratory activities to recognise this important anniversary - watch this space for further details.

Irrespective of Jubilees, the Scout Group has been busy this year. The Scout Troop has held an excellent combined camp with Malmesbury Troop and the

Explorer Unit at the Youlbury Scout Activity Centre during July. The Group (Cubs, Scouts and Explorers) held a combined camp on a local field earlier in the year and all the sections have been active outdoors, practising their cooking, tracking, pioneering and camping skills. Many thanks to Mr John Hillier for the use of his fields for many of our activities, and to all the parents who lend a hand throughout the year.

The Scout Hut Tuck Shop

Gin & Liz would like to extend a massive thank you to everyone who has supported the Tuck Shop this summer.

We will let you know how much we have raised towards Scout Hut funds in the next issue of the Cliffhanger and depending on the feedback we get from children and adults alike there is a possibility of us opening during other school holidays.

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Application Forms to be in no later than 28 September, and can be obtained from the Northleach Office by telephoning 01451 862000 or go online to www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or e-mail: info@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk.

Bus Trips

There has been a good response for ideas for future trips including Cheltenham, Cardiff, Oxford, Stow-on-the-Wold, Barry Island and a visit to see Forest Green Rovers play a game at Nailsworth. Details of the next trip will be announced later this month – look out for posters.



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THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

With so many members visibly and vociferously honing their techniques around the parish, with enthusiastic assistance and guidance so generously provided by the new Keeper of the Technique Miss Jennie Lamont, all seems set for the forthcoming hurling season – well almost.

As only 30 prime mangolds are still growing in the parish following the earlier destruction of the main crop the frantic search for further supplies has been continuing a pace. Some additional plants have indeed been secured – from Greater Manchester - but only five. Hopes are still however high of rescuing the situation with a countrywide plea at last beginning to bear fruit. Jock 'Lasagne' Walker is on 24 hour stand by to collect the much needed supply be it from Scotland or even Ireland let alone Brinkworth.

Should all efforts fail however, contingency plans are in hand to truck in a quantity of sugar beet from East Anglia following a special dispensation granted to the Order from the sport's governing body.

The hurl takes place on Sunday 3 October on the Great Field (behind the village hall) from 12 noon. Whilst a full programme of the proceedings will appear in next month's Cliffhanger it is important that teams of three register with the Keeper of the Challenges Mr Paul Ormiston as soon as possible by contacting him on 840694 or email pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk.

Entry is £5 per team. Don't delay as demand is already heavy. There will also be a singles competition (entry £1 on the day) and a free children's competition.

An increased number of stalls is planned for this year and if you are interested in booking one please contact the Keeper of the Market Mrs Margot Holland on 841019 or email mplholland@btinternet.com. There will also be live music from the Dodington Parish Band, a bar, BBQ, teas and the infamous 'Agincourt hurl' - a spectacle not to be missed! As always entry to the hurl for spectators is entirely free. Profits from this year's event will be divided between the Village Hall and those local groups assisting on the day.

Don't forget to attend the 'Anointment of the Normans' at the Rattlebone Inn at 9pm on the eve of the hurl - Saturday 2 October. A bevy of Mangold Maids past and present will be performing their traditional washing of the Normans to the delight of many a member. All are welcome to attend but in view of the adult content the presence of under 16's can only be permitted with written parental consent.

Yarp ! The Keeper of the Quill.



Please note that despite readers protests there will be no further revelations regarding Miss Nic Fisher in this column whilst delicate negotiations continue with her agent regarding the serialisation of her soon to be published autobiography 'Passion amongst the Parsnips'. Matters have unfortunately become complicated with the Parish Life entering the bidding process at a very late stage with an audacious bid of two pints of lager and a packet of cheeselets.

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Sue's Strolls

Sue McKechnie's popular walks are back after a summer break and begin on Sunday 19 September 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.

Footpath group

Fresh from the successful publication of Sherston Walks the group meets again on Wednesday 1 September at 7.30pm in the village hall. Ideas for future projects will be discussed. Any problems with rights of way in the parish will also be on the agenda with a view to resolving them either by the group's working party or other action. The meetings are friendly affairs and open to all. If you can't make the meeting but would like to know more please contact the secretary, Maggie McKenna, on 841047 or email maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com.

Fishy business

Please note that the fish man now attends the High Street on Wednesday rather than Tuesday mornings.

Sherston 1016

With autumn upon us a book sale must be in the air. This season's will take place on Saturday 25 September in the village hall from 9am to 12noon. Free entry as usual. Donations of books, CDs, DVDs and videos can be left at Grays of Sherston with Mike Tarrant.

The annual bonfire and fireworks party will take place on Saturday 6 November at Lower Easton Town Farm by kind permission of Mr John Hillier. Further details will be available next month but in the meantime we could do with some more volunteers on the day. We are also undertaking displays locally on Friday 5 and Sunday 7 so have a very busy and exhausting weekend on the cards. If you can spare some time with bonfire construction and other tasks please contact Eric Thacker on 841344 or email eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk.

Participatory Arts Workshop Scheme (PAWS)

Wiltshire Council's Participatory Arts Workshop Scheme (PAWS) enables organisations including youth groups, older people's clubs, disability groups, homelessness projects, environmental groups and after school clubs to apply to take part in an arts project spread over two to four sessions. These sessions only cost £30 plus additional material and equipment costs. The workshops available include a range of art forms such as music, clay work, animation and pinhole photography. Groups must have at least 10 people who want to take part and have access to a suitable venue. Deadline for applications to the scheme, which is running until March 2011, is midnight on 1 October 2010. Groups making applications need to state which workshop they would like to take part in, the nature of the group applying, who will benefit from the project, where the workshop will take place, preferred dates and whether they have participated in a PAWS project before. To find out more about PAWS please visit the website or email arts@wiltshire.gov.uk or telephone arts development officer, Meril Morgan, 01249 705531.

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Malmesbury bumps

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It is important that the views of all those living in the Malmesbury area are obtained and not just those from the town. All households and businesses in the parish will have therefore received a survey form with this issue of the Cliffhanger. Completed forms should please be returned to either the Carpenters Arms or Sherston Post Office Stores by 1 October. It is also possible to complete the form on line by visiting www.malmesbury.gov.uk or www.mvcap.org.uk.

Paying back

Since October of last year Sherston has benefitted greatly from the work of Wiltshire Probation Service's community payback team who have been visiting regularly to undertake various projects including fencing Grove Wood and redecorating the village hall. They have now commenced maintaining the churchyard on a regular basis and will be returning over the autumn and winter to do more work at both the village hall and Grove Wood. Without the payback team many of these projects would still be on the drawing board so thanks are due to all concerned especially the team's supervisor Malcolm Rainbow.

Next meeting

The parish council meets on Thursday 9 September 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.

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Lob on

There are still some places available for the annual Lobber Jenkins Memorial Urn Boules Tournament on 4 September.

This closely fought knockout competition takes place at the Rattlebone Inn from 10 am. To enter a team give your details over the bar and pay the £12 fee. All profits go to Sherston 1016's senior citizens Christmas vouchers fund. There will be prizes for the winners and runners up as well as a raffle throughout the day.

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Coaching Club

The High Street was the centre of great attention on Sunday 1 August as large numbers of people came to enjoy the magnificent sight of the Coaching Club's visit to Sherston.

Some 11 coaches full of passengers came up Brook Hill from Luckington at considerable speed to arrive in style for a well deserved break before continuing their circular route back to Badminton House.

Thanks are due to Richard Stancomb for organising the Club's stopover in Sherston and for his articles in the Cliffhanger which did so much to attract such a large crowd to the event.



Party in the barn in aid of Easton Grey Church

There will be a hog roast, dancing, live music from 'Route 66', bar, auction and raffle at Church Farm House on Saturday 25 September from 8pm - midnight. £20 / £10 under 16s No stilettos please. For further details contact Sue Thompson 840378.

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Dizzy heights for Rovers

By Green'un

Whilst it's still very early days in the new season, fans of Forest Green Rovers are almost pinching themselves with disbelief on seeing their team lying fourth in the Blue Square Bet Premier League.

An initial 3-1 away defeat at Mansfield didn't bode at all well but an excellent home win 3-0 against Wrexham followed by a 1-1 draw against Gateshead started to give supporters some hope that this wouldn't be such a difficult season after all, following the Club's last minute reprieve from relegation a few short weeks ago. The 4-3 away win at Hayes & Yeading with an 89th minute winner from Jonathan Else confirmed that manager Dave Hockaday just might have assembled a team over a very short time scale this summer which is more than capable of holding its own in this division. Here's hoping the remaining August fixtures – home to Bath City and away to Crawley Town don't buck the trend!

There was good news too off field with Dale Vince the founder and MD of local company Ecotricity looking to take a major shareholding in the club. This coupled with the news that the Coventry Building Society are this season's main shirt sponsors confirmed that any financial issues at the club are being competently addressed. Rovers have always run a tight ship moneywise yet have still been able to progress the club forward particularly with the excellent facilities at the New Lawn. Like many other clubs both large and small, however, times have not been the easiest and so this extra financial support is most welcome.

Crowds too seem to be holding up well no doubt due to the 'all Kids £2' policy for entry to any part of the ground including the all seater main stand.

September sees home games against Southport, Eastbourne Borough and Kettering Town (Sept 4, 21 and 25). The Southport game takes place on 'Non League Day' Saturday 4 September when all Premiership and Championship fans are being urged to watch a local team whilst their own clubs have a weekend off due to international fixtures. So if you're looking for an excuse to see the Rovers in action this is it. See you at the New Lawn.

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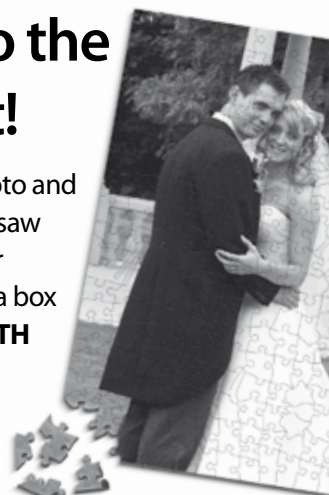
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<p>Tuesday 21st - k.o. 7.45pm EASTBOURNE</p>	<p>For further details on any of these or future fixtures call 01453 834860 www.forestgreenroversfc.com www.fgrtrust.com</p>
<p>Saturday 25th - k.o. 3pm KETTERING</p>	<p>Bring a Mate - Double the Gate!</p> <p><small>Forest Green Rovers F.C., The New Lawn, Smiths Way, Nailsworth, Glos. GL6 0FG</small></p>

Sherston back to winning ways

On Saturday 7 August Sherston Magna got back to winning ways with a 6 wicket win in a rain affected match against Cricklade at Pinkney Park. Devastating opening bowling by Andrew Tremellen (2-23) and debutant James Pitt (5-62) saw Cricklade six wickets down with less than 40 on the board. Phil Cavey (11*) scored Sherston's winning runs after a solid partnership between Jed Pitman (27) and James Harmer (33) had overcome most of a rain adjusted target of 108 in 28 overs.

Sherston had won the toss and decided to bowl, with captain Andrew Tremellen correctly predicting that the early morning rain would provide good swing bowling conditions. Whilst Sherston started like a train taking six early Cricklade wickets, Cricklade particularly through Andrew Youe (63) managed to steady the ship and post a reasonable score of 154. Richard Cartwright bowled a very tight 10 overs spell and was unfortunate to take only one wicket and Gareth Prendergast took 2 for 32 on his debut

for Sherston. The revised target of 108 could have been tricky for Sherston if early wickets had fallen, but both openers David Fitch-Peyton and Jed Pitman went about their task resolutely providing a solid platform for a Sherston win.

Carnival Cricket

Following the unseasonal conditions during Boules Week, we have managed to re-schedule the Carnival Cricket match for Saturday 25 September.

The game will be played at the Cricket Ground in Pinkney Park and will feature a wide range of cricketing talent from the village, with a junior game from 1pm and a Twenty20 Carnival Match starting at 3pm. There will be a Bar and BBQ and lots of 'Indian Summer' sunshine guaranteed.

Please come along and support this last event for Sherston's Boules & Carnival 2010. Everyone Welcome!

Cricklade CC - 1st XI

D Bray	ct Kevin Smith	b Andrew Tremellen	14
Simon Grigg +	ct Andrew Tremellen	b Andrew Tremellen	0
J Crouch	ct Chris Lovell	b James Pitt	0
P Drewsbury		b James Pitt	8
D Hunt	ct Chris Lovell	b Gareth Prendergast	22
M Gilmore	LBW	b James Pitt	0
J Walters	ct Matt Goodwin	b Richard Cartwright	22
Andrew Youe	ct Phil Cavey	b James Pitt	63
D Monteith *		b James Pitt	0
Martin Dye	ct David Fitch-Peyton	b Gareth Prendergast	0
K Lawson	Not Out		1
Extras	(4b 3lb 12w 5nb)		24
Total	(all out, 34.2 overs)		154

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Andrew Tremellen	8	1	23	2
James Pitt	9	1	62	5
Richard Cartwright	10	2	20	1
Gareth Prendergast	5.2	0	32	2
James Harmer	2	0	11	0

Sherston Magna CC - 1st XI

David Fitch-Peyton	b D Bray	12
Jed Pitman	run out	27
James Harmer+	ct Simon Grigg	b P Drewsbury 33
Richard Cartwright	ct Simon Grigg	b P Drewsbury 8
Phil Cavey	Not Out	11
Matt Goodwin	Not Out	0
Chris Lovell	Did Not Bat	
Gareth Prendergast	Did Not Bat	
Andrew Tremellen*	Did Not Bat	
Kevin Smith	Did Not Bat	
James Pitt	Did Not Bat	
Extras	(9b 1lb 9w 1nb)	20
Total	(4 wickets, 26.5 overs)	111

Bowling	O	M	R	W
D Bray	7	2	31	1
K Lawson	9	3	33	0
P Drewsbury	6.5	1	26	2
D Monteith	4	0	11	0

Cotswold and District Cricket Association sponsored by Sweet Fuels (10 August 2010)

	Pld	won	lost	canx	abdn	Bat	Bowl	Pts	Ave
Adlestrop	15	11	2	2	0	54	54	218	16.77
Great Rissington	15	9	3	2	1	48	49	187	15.58
Oakridge	15	7	5	2	1	44	48	162	13.5
Chedworth	14	6	5	2	1	43	31	134	12.18
Sherston Magna	14	6	5	2	1	36	34	130	11.82
Williamstrip	15	6	6	2	1	30	37	127	10.58
Andoversford	14	5	6	2	1	32	34	116	10.55
Cricklade	15	5	7	2	1	31	42	123	10.25
N.A.T.'s	14	4	7	2	1	37	34	111	10.09
South Cerney	15	0	13	2	0	14	32	46	3.54

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Groups and Regular Events in Sherston

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Sunday services

Aug: 8am Holy Communion; 9.30am Sung Eucharist (19 Sep Family Service); 6pm Evensong (19 Sep Evening Holy Communion)

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: 2 12 Sep 9.30am Sherston - Rattlebone

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 17 Sep 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 14 and 28 Sep. Donations to BSR expenses collected each week.

Eudo Tae Kwon Do

Juniors every Tuesday at 3.15pm Sherston Primary School. Abby Lees-Smith 07778 326956 or 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 Sep at 7.30 pm in the village hall. For further information contact Maggie McKenna on 841047 or maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wed 15 Sep 6.30 for 7pm at Malmesbury Secondary School

Malmesbury & Villages Community Partnership

Steering group meeting Tues 28 Sep. 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 - 9 Sep 2010. Further details from Helen Price 503187 or retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

Parish Council Meeting

Thurs 9 Sep at 7.30pm in the village hall. Minutes of meetings can be read online at www.sherston.org.uk.

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

Patchwork & Quilting Classes

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

Further details from Anne Chapman on 01249 782842.

Senior Club

Meets at 2.30pm in the British School Room every other Tuesday - 7 and 21 Sep.

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.

New season starts on 7th September 2010.

For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592.

Sherston Boules and Carnival 2011

Please come forward and be part of the committee for 2011. Any new ideas and offers of help in planning or just on the day gratefully received.

For more details contact the secretary Caroline Moore on 841405 or caroline@carolinemoore.co.uk

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 We 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@googlegmail.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

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 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 will start 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.communitate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/ or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or Hjqquirk@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 – 2 Sep.

Further details contact Maureen Jolliffe on 840867

Sherston Young Craft Group

Autumn term starts Mon 13 Sep. 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.

Sue's Strolls

Sun 19 Sep 10am from the village hall, returning to the Rattlebone Inn around 12 noon in time for a complimentary snack. Children and well behaved dogs on leads are very welcome.

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 10 Sep 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

September See below

October

3 Mangold Hurl

November

6 1016 Fireworks Party

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

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

WHAT'S ON

Sherston

The Carpenter's Arms

Curry Quiz Night Sun 5 Sep

Spanish Night Wed 22 Sep booking essential

Music night Fri 24 Sep

Coffees, teas and homemade cakes every day at 11am

Boules league with evening lighting.

Check boards for details of events.

Further details contact 840665

The Rattlebone Inn

Lobber Jenkins Boules Competition - pairs competition £12 per team entry - all profits to Sherston 1016. Sat 4 Sep 10am

Live Music from Bob Boules Sat 25 Sep

Anointment of the Normans Sat 2 Oct 9pm

Watch Mangold Maids past and present prepare the Normans for the big day. Adult content – under 16s strictly only with written parental consent.

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

Speciality coffees, smoothies and homemade cakes every weekday at 10.30am

Kids, babies and dogs welcome

Check boards for details of more events

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

Sherston 10K Run

Sun 19 Sep 10am £8 in advance or £10 on the day starting and ending at the Cricket Club

Further details contact Caroline Dickenson 840168 or sherston10k@aol.com

Macmillan Cancer Support - world's greatest coffee morning

Fri 24 Sep 9.30-12noon at the Church of the Holy Cross

1016 Book Sale

Sat 25 Sep 9am - 12 noon village hall - free entry.

All profits to Sherston 1016 Christmas vouchers.

Donations of books, videos, DVDs and CDs gratefully received. Please deliver to Mike Tarrant at Grays of Sherston. *Further details contact 840611.*

Carnival Cricket

The rescheduled cricket match from Boules week is now set for Sat 25 Sep. Junior match at 1pm followed by a Twenty20 match at 3pm Bar and BBQ.

The Soul Destroyers

In concert Sat 25 Sep 8.30pm £8 Village Hall

Further details contact Dave Shephard on 840361 or 07860 448438 or email ds@oldbellhouse.co.uk or www.soul-destroyers.co.uk

Harvest Supper

Sat 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

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

To enter a team, call Paul Ormiston 840694 or pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk

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

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

Booking contacts for these courses are:-

for Hullavington Village Hall –

Linda and Paul Hadley on 837096

for Sherston and Malmesbury –

Muriel and David Bridge on 502729

*Further details contact David or Muriel Bridge on 502729 or
bridge.de@virgin.net*

Easton Grey

Party in the barn in aid of Easton Grey Church

Hog roast, dancing, live music from 'Route 66', bar,
auction and raffle Sat 25 Sep 8pm - midnight £20 / £10
under 16s No stilettos please Church Farm House

Further details contact Sue Thompson 840378

Whatley Manor

Garden Tours with lunch 2 course lunch in Le Mazot at
12 noon followed by garden tour at 2.30pm 7 and 21 Sep
12 - 4pm £39.50

Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner - Robin

Hood starring Russell Crowe and Cate Blanchett Sun 26
Sep £38 includes 3 course lunch or dinner, film & popcorn

Further details contact 834026 or www.whatleymanor.com

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

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

Walks: Imports from over the 'pond' - Sat 4 Sep 11am
-1pm, free after admission; **Batwalk** Fri 10 Sep 7-9pm £5 -
contact Andy Smart 880147

Charity events: MS Society Wheel & Walk Sat 11 Sep - 3k

& 5k in aid of the MS Society £10 / £3 **The Blue Cross**

Walk Sun 12 Sep Contact June Leatham 020 7932 4071

Hope for Tomorrow Walk Fri 17 Sep at 6.15pm 5k walk

contact Tracey Lodge 505055

Dorothy House Hospice Care day Sat 25 Sep- bring a
picnic and enjoy the walks

Workshops: Digital Photography Course - Beginners Wed

15 Sep 10.30 - 3.30 £50 contact Graham Light 01285

653069 or consult@abbey-studios.co.uk

www.abbeyphotoschool.co.uk for further details **T'ai Chi**

and the 5 elements Wed 15 Sep 10:30-3:30pm £65 limited
spaces Call Graham Anstey 01225 705642 to book.

Talk & Walk - Friends' event

'Add pazzazz to your pictures' Sun 26 Sep 10am

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

Badminton

The Badminton Ride 10 mile sponsored ride in aid
of Help for Heroes and the Duke of Beaufort's Hunt Sun 26
Sep start times 10am - 2pm £20 advance entry to ride

Further details contact or www.badmintonride.com

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Organ Recital by Adrian Partington of Gloucester Cathedral

Wed 22 Sep 7.30pm

Tickets from the Abbey or David Barton 824924

Malmesbury and the Villages Community Local Transport exhibition and discussion forum

Transport For You 2010 - Find out what transport is available
for you locally and have your say on what you want in the
future. Exhibition and forum Malmesbury Town Hall Wed 8
Sep 7pm. Free entry. Refreshments.

*For further information and/or if you need a lift contact
822303.*

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 Application

Forms to be in no later than 28 Sep.

Further details contact Contact 01451 862000 or

info@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk for an application form or

www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

Crudwell

Indian Summer Garden Party

Cream teas, live music, cake and book stalls and raffle.

Fundraiser for Operation Raleigh trip to India for Bethan
Gwynne and Julia Smith 11 Kingsmeadow

Further details email juliabean_99@hotmail.com

Kemble

Didmarton Bluegrass Festival

Music festival 2-5 Sep £16 - £65 (incl camping), under 14s
free. Kemble airfield

Further details www.didmarton-bluegrass.co.uk

Battle of Britain Airshow

Vintage aircraft and vehicles, historic re-enactments and
fly pasts, including the new A380 Airbus and A400M RAF

Airbus. Sat 18 & Sun 19 Sep 10am gates open flights
start at 2pm £10 in adv £15 on the day Under 16s free.

Tickets online or from Malmesbury & Tetbury Tourist
Information Centres

Kemble airfield

Further details contact See Tickets 08712 301 079 or

www.battleofbritainweekend.com

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by the community This
month: Cats & Dogs; Inception; Letters to Juliet; The
Rebound; Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky; Beautiful Kate
check website for details

**Live event: Last night at the Proms 2010 Live from the
Royal Albert Hall –**

See it on the big screen on Saturday 11 September Tickets
available in advance from Cuzuns Wotton High Street or the
Cinema

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

Nailsworth

Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Professional football only 20 minutes drive from Sherston.

Home matches: Sat 4 Sep 3pm v Southport ; Tues 21

Sep 7.45pm v Eastbourne Borough and Sat 25 Sep 3pm v

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

Michael Buble Tribute Evening Fri 24 Sep 7pm £20 includes buffet

Further details contact 01453 834860 or www.forestgreenroversfc.com

Bath

Theatre Royal

The Rivals starring Penelope Keith and Peter Bowles 7-18

Sep 7.30pm

The Country Girl starring Martin Shaw and Jenny Seagrove

Mon 20 - Sat 25 Sep

Book ahead for: Carrie's War; Enron; Thriller - Live; The Duenna; Ben Hur; Blithe Spirit; Monty Python's Spamalot; Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

£17.50-£35 Further details contact 01225 448844 or

www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Jane Austen Festival

17 - 25 Sep All things Austen including Regency costume promenades; guided walks; dances and teas

Further details contact 01225 443000 or www.janeausten.co.uk/festival

Bristol

Props 'Skool Disco'

in aid of Props - 60s 70s and 80s night

Fri 24 Sep 7.30pm £25 incl 2 course hot buffet Tickets

from Rachel.Mellor@blueyonder.co.uk or on 07796 991117

Players Golf Club, Codrington

Further details contact Dave Reeves 07525 336696 or

www.propsforward.org

Bristol Cycle Festival

11 -26 Sep Free events and entertainment - bike related see

website for details www.bristolcyclefestival.com

Brisfest

24-26 Sep - Music, comedy, street theatre, circus and art see website for details

Further details contact 0117 328 1492 or

www.thebristolfestival.org

54th Coupe Aéronautique Gordon Bennett

Up to 22 teams from 12 countries around the world will compete in a race taking off at dusk from a site near Bristol. The race will now start from a private site (a farm) to the north-west of Bristol. Entry to the event will be by advance ticket only. No tickets will be available "on the night". See website for tickets £25 each including ringside pitch and programme.

Further details or www.gordonbennett2010.com

Cheltenham

The Cheltenham Literature Festival 2008

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

Blunsdon

Swindon & Cricklade Railway: Wartime Weekend

Sat 11- Sun 12 Sep Display of Military Vehicles, live re-enactment both days, free train rides, licensed bar, wartime food, catering van, trade stands, Punch & Judy (Saturday only). 10 - 5pm £8 / £5 under 5s free - unlimited train rides included in ticket

Further details contact 01793 771615 or Mandy Keedwell

01453 890920 mandykeedwell@aol.com or

www.swindon-cricklade-railway.org

Rural Skills Courses in the Cotswolds

Various courses in preserving ancient local skills, including:

Dry-stone walling 2 day weekend courses 25-26 Sep Long Compton £80

Hedge-laying for beginners - 2 day weekend courses 27-28 Sep Rissington £80

Green woodworking - Gate Hurdle making 18-19 Sep £135 and Wooden Tool Making 2-3 Oct £105 Northleach

Lime Mortar - 18-19 Sep Chavenage £80

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

david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or

www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/?page=cotswolds-rural-skills



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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 16 Sep. 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 for more details.