



## Broken Arrow soars to victory at Busy Hands Quiz Night

*Annie Llewellyn Palmer and Alex Evelyn. Pictures by Joey Ross*



  
Sherston 'Busy Hands'  
Pre-School

Once again, on 21 January, Sherston village hall bore witness to what surely must now be recognised as the cerebral event of the village calendar - Sherston Busy Hands Pre-school Quiz Night. Twenty-four teams travelled from across the village to battle it out in one of the closest-fought competitions yet. The night was bravely compered by quizmaster extraordinaire Mr James 'Bushy' Munson who kept a cool head in the face of fierce heckling. Brain cells were tested to the extreme in ten rounds resulting in yet another triumph for Laura 'Four times Quiz Queen' Gould, Laura and Harry Stevens and Lloyd Wood, better known as Broken Arrow, with an outstanding 77 points. Second and third places were taken by Languedoc and the Semillions (with 73.5 points) and Birdwiser (with 69). The bar nearly ran dry and Rupert 'Put your hand in your pockets' Evelyn managed the auction and raffle with great aplomb and humour, resulting in a record-breaking fundraising night for Busy Hands.

The Busy Hands Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the evening itself and the local businesses and individuals who made the night such a huge success. With auction and raffle prizes generously donated, the committee was able to raise over £2,700 for the pre-school. Fundraising this year is aimed at providing outdoor play equipment as Busy Hands starts to introduce a new system where children can choose to play outside throughout the morning session.



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The new system of fortnightly household waste collections is due to start in our area in March. All residents can expect to hear direct from Wiltshire Council as to the new arrangements during February.

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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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# Sherston Neighbourhood Plan – A look into the future

As has been reported in the previous Cliffhanger, Sherston has been selected as a Front Runner in the South West to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Provided that it eventually receives support from all the Parish, it will, when approved, form the definitive framework for any development in the village for decades to come.

Wiltshire Council has been awarded up to £20,000 by Central Government to help us produce the final document.

An initial meeting was held after Christmas and the next step is to set up a Steering Group consisting of about 15 representatives selected from various local interest groups in the village.

This group will meet in February and set the Terms of Reference for the forthcoming plan and consider its likely composition.

It will look at any change or development that it thinks will benefit the village in the future.

It is important at this first stage that any such change being considered is looked at in principle and that the issue of where anything will actually go will be addressed at a later stage.

It is intended to hold a public meeting in the spring to invite people to express a view about the key issues that concern local residents and to provide more details about the way that the Neighbourhood Plan will be handled.

An early element is the housing needs survey which has already been distributed to every household in the village.

Looking further down the line it should be noted that the proposed Neighbourhood Plan will carry no weight unless and until it has been put in front of the entire Parish in the form of a local referendum and receives at least 50% support. It has been considered by an independent inspector (who will be checking to ensure that the proposed plan is in conformity with both national and local planning policy). It is hoped that this will happen in spring 2013. We shall as a matter of course also consult our neighbouring communities.

There will be regular updates in future Cliffhanger editions but if anyone has any queries they should be addressed to the Parish Clerk, Sarah Wood on 840197.

# Forest School



*Niki Walden, Independent Forest School Leader*

As Forest School continues through the spring term within the grounds of Sherston Primary School, Ann Dicks, Debbie Gent and I would like to thank all the children from both Sherston and Luckington schools who joined us for an extended three-hour session on a very chilly day during their Christmas holiday! The children were great company and we all had tremendous fun. They can be seen working as teams to solve a shape puzzle, learning how to weave willow to form wreaths, creating kazoos from greenwood and sitting around the campfire enjoying the warming sausage casserole that they all helped to prepare!



## Queen's Jubilee

Parish preparations for this important event are now moving ahead and include a flower festival in the church, beacon lighting, fireworks and a street party. It's not too late for other suggestions for the celebration but please let Cilla Liddington know as soon as possible on 840128 or email [sherstoncilla@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sherstoncilla@tiscali.co.uk). The next planning meeting takes place on Tuesday 28 February at 7.30pm in the village hall.

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# Health concerns associated with dog fouling

The Director of Public Health and Public Protection at NHS Wiltshire is bringing to people's attention the health risks associated with dog fouling.

The parasitic infection toxocariasis, which is caused by roundworms that live in the digestive system of dogs, provides the greatest health risk. Humans become infected by ingestion of eggs in soil contaminated by dog faeces.

Whilst toxocariasis is rare, the symptoms are unpleasant. They vary depending on where in the body the infection occurs and can include coughing, stomach pain, headaches, swollen lymph glands and eye disorders.

'Dog fouling is not just unpleasant; it can also be the cause of some serious health problems' says Maggie Rae, Director of Public Health and Public Protection. 'Young children are particularly at risk of getting toxocariasis because of their play habits.'

Toxocara worms produce eggs which are released in the faeces of infected animals and contaminate soil. Because young children often play on the ground, and many young children have a habit of eating soil, they are more likely to come into contact with the eggs.

'Dog fouling is a particular problem during the winter months as people seem less inclined to clear up after their dogs in the cold, wet and dark and the mess stays on the ground for longer, especially in frozen and icy weather.'

Practising good hygiene can help prevent toxocariasis and many other infections, and it is also important that dog owners clean up after their dog.

Steps you can take to prevent infection include:

- washing your hands well with soap and water after handling pets or coming into contact with soil or sand;
- teaching children to always wash their hands after playing with dogs or cats, after playing outdoors, after gardening and before eating;
- washing food that may have come into contact with soil;
- not allowing children to play in areas that are covered in dog or cat faeces; and
- teaching children that it's dangerous to eat dirt or soil.

Further information can be found at:

- [www.nhs.uk/conditions/Toxocariasis/Pages/Introduction.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Toxocariasis/Pages/Introduction.aspx)
- <http://www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/Toxocarosis/GeneralInformation/toxoc010BackgroundInformation/>
- [www.keepbritaintidy.org/KeyIssues/DogFouling/Default.aspx](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/KeyIssues/DogFouling/Default.aspx)

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For further information or to sign up for 'A Winter's Journey', contact Jenny Plummer, your local Good Neighbour Co-ordinator, on 07557 922028 or call the Wiltshire Good Neighbours Team on 01380 732828.

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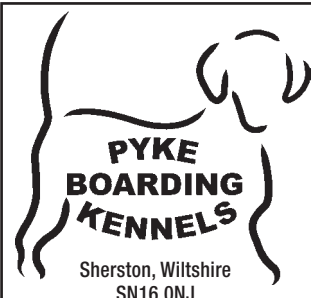
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5th	£8	163	Tony Jolliffe
6th	£7	210	J Verard
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8th	£5	278	Fiona Shipsey

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217	Tony Smart
183	Guida Bryant
25	Shirley Freeth
161	Lawrence Price
258	P Huntley
29	Kevin Smith

## Whist Drive

The next whist drive will be held at the village hall on Friday 10 February, 7.15pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. £1.50 entrance, including refreshments.



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The traditional art of hedgelaying has been part of the Cotswolds landscape for centuries. Originally used for the purposes of stock control, the skill of laying a hedge was once common practice. However, due to the introduction of cheaper and less labour intensive methods of stock control, this traditional form of land management is now a much rarer skill.

There are many styles of hedgelaying throughout the UK. Here in the Cotswolds the most commonly used are the Midlands style and the Somerset style and it is these that we teach on our courses. For further

information on the different hedgerow styles found in the Cotswolds visit [www.hedgelaying.org.uk](http://www.hedgelaying.org.uk). The course at Sherston is taught in the Somerset style.

On the course you will learn to

- clear/prepare the hedge
  - cut and lay the pleachers
  - fix the stakes
  - correctly use and maintain hedge laying tools
- and be made aware of the benefits of hedgelaying for wildlife and landowners

## What to Bring

For this course you will need strong footwear, plenty of warm clothes, waterproofs, gloves (optional), a packed lunch and a drink.

## What we provide

All tools and equipment necessary for the course will be provided and the instructor will run through how each tool should be used during the course. Gloves and goggles are also provided. Parking and a toilet will be available on or near to the work site.

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# February Notebook

## An exciting year ahead

A month into 2012 and it's all good news about the Old School. Final work on phase one is just about complete (secondary glazing, some pointing and painting and that's it). I'm sure we're happy shoppers as the new Post Office Stores is a fantastic asset to the village. Well done to Paul, Gail and their team for making the shop a pleasure to visit.

You'll have noticed the new Pledges Board in the foyer and we have Paul Ormiston and Nick Holland of N3 Graphics to thank for the design and production, respectively. Thanks for donating your time for free. The bell tower represents our progress towards the phase two final target of £68,000, allowing us to complete the conversion of the remainder of the building into retail and business units. Watch the bell being raised as we get closer to the magic amount.

## Phase two appeal

The 'bricks' are our temporary way of acknowledging the generosity of the donors to date. If your name isn't up there yet (and you are keen to contribute), don't worry. Towards the end of this month, we're planning a general appeal for funding to every household in the village. Please give as generously as you can and help us achieve the successful completion of phase two during the Olympics and Diamond Jubilee year.

## Exciting events coming up

Plans are afoot for a unique 'Evening of Entertainment' on the evening of Tuesday 1 May, involving a national TV personality with links to the village. This celebrity is putting on a special performance in Malmesbury School as part of his nationwide tour in order to help with our fundraising. You won't want to miss this so please put the date in your diary now! Also, we hope to organise a giant al fresco Sunday lunch for the whole family, to take place shortly before Boules Day. Further details about these brilliant events next month and also look out for the posters ...

## Online through Facebook

You can keep up to date with project news on our new Facebook page. Please pass the link to former pupils, families and friends. 'How to donate' suggestions are included.


[www.facebook.com/pages/Sherston-Old-School/245112595529396?ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sherston-Old-School/245112595529396?ref=ts)

Further information on SOSCIC fundraising please contact Irene Johnston on 841273 or email: [sherstonoldschool@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonoldschool@gmail.com)

# A hard act to follow

Class Act, the charity shop in the Old School reception classroom, closed before Christmas but people are still asking if it will re-open. We're sad to say it was only ever a temporary store to raise funds for the Old School project. We are delighted to report that it raised nearly £4,000 between October and December.

A huge thank you to Marion Gee for the original idea and for the effort she put into to making it work. Many thanks also to the volunteers who gave up their time and to the customers for their widespread support and open purses!



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# Brand new website for Sherston school

Sherston Primary School will soon be launching a brand new website. It was decided before Christmas that we needed to brighten things up with more image-led content that reflects our local school and the great work of the children. The new site will be officially launched to parents and pupils at the school at the beginning of February. It has been designed especially for the school by Primary Site, specialists in primary school website design. They have created a colourful site for us that provides easily accessible information and engaging content that's easy to update, thanks to a straightforward content management system.

Now, even more information will be available to parents online, at the click of a button. There are dedicated sections for parents, pupils and the community, as well as lots of links to other useful sites and resources. The pupils will love the new class pages, home-learning links and games in the 'kids' zone'. And parents will be able to click onto the calendar and newsletters directly from the home page, as well as receive regular updates with all the latest news at the school.



## Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 12 February. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return to the Rattlebone Inn just around 12.00noon in time for a complimentary snack. As ever children and well behaved dogs on leads are very welcome.

These walks are becoming very popular with more than 20 people taking part every time. Hats off to Sue for running them and to the Rattlebone for the very welcome snack at the finish.

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## Meeting of the parish council

The parish council meets on Thursday 9 February 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 840197 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.

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2. George Lasley	1854	1908	
3. Christianna Griffin		1905	85
4. Sophia Pritchard		1900	84
William Pritchard		1908	83
<b>Second Row</b>			
5. George Newth		1919	70
Walter Newth			25
(Youngest son, killed in Napoli)			
6. Charlotte Newth		1893	37
7. Eliza Neal		1898	82
8. Henry Neal		1889	
Emma Hanks		1888	81
Henry Hanks		1900	90
<b>Third Row</b>			
9. Daniel Holbrow		1889	29
10. Joseph Elford		1894	66
11. Sarah Seldon	1862	1899	
William Seldon	1843	1903	
12. C W		1904	
13. Martha Wheeler		1904	63
14.?			
15.?			
16. Peter Wheeler			
17. E.W.		1884	
J.W.			
18. Elizabeth Berry		1886	81
George Berry		1904	85
19. Martila Pritchard			
Richard Pritchard		1886	10 months
Sarah Pritchard		1865	2 months
('Thy Will God be done')			
20.?			
21. Sarah Hooper		1861	
22.?			
23.?			
24. Edith Pritchard		1899	65
Richard Pritchard		1903	68
25.?			
26.?			
27. John Cook		1859	5 days
Fred W. H.		1869	4
John Cook		1869	2
28. Wicks			
29. Mary Beatrice Parsons			
30. Eva Neal		1933	58
31. Blandford		1934	?
32. Mary Dicks		1933	77
33. Martha Dicks		1930	76
34. John Vining		1988	
(A Loving husband. Baker for 58yrs)			

## Remembrance Plaque only

35. Edith Mary wife of	
Thomas James Sherwood	1931 27
('Asleep in Jesus') Remembrance Plaque	
36. Gilbert Neal	1968
37. Anne Hale wife of	
George Hale	1858 60
Edwin	1858 11
Samuel	6 months
38. Rhoda Neal	1867 20
('Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord')	
39. Reverend Walter Povey	1942
No more burials, but 40 years later three cremation urns with name plaques:	
40. Louis Neal's Father.	19??
41. Mr. Vining	197?
42. Reginald Wilcox	198?

As detailed above, 37 graves remain visible, the last being number 39 from 1942, and there are three Remembrance Plaques, the last one being number 42 from 198?. The earliest date is 1822, number 1. (The same year as displayed on the front roadside of the Chapel with the word 'Founded'). Over 90 burials are recorded in the church register since 1822, so several layers?

As it is now 70 years since a burial took place here, some of the falling headstones need to be re-sited. We would therefore like to create, if permitted, an attractive public, but protected, Garden of Remembrance with a left-hand wall along which the 'falling' headstones can be displayed together with this inventory.

All information and ancient books will soon be sent to the Wiltshire History Centre for Archive storage.

*by Mary Clements*

## Sherston Drama Group spring production

The Drama Group is sorry to announce that, for the first time since 1979, there will not be a spring production. We had a play and a director, but we could only find three actors, and we needed six. We will try again next year – so if there is anyone who fancies a go on the stage, please get in touch sooner rather than later, using the contact details below.

We are still going to do a pantomime though. The dates will be 31 October to 3 November: please put the dates in your diaries and watch out for the announcement of auditions in June/July. Again, if anyone wants to help in any way, offstage or on, get in touch with the Chairman, Richard Skeffington [richard.skeffington@virgin.net](mailto:richard.skeffington@virgin.net); 840092 or Secretary, Sue Ormiston [pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk](mailto:pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk); 840694.

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# Police News

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- Do not open the door to anyone you don't know or are not expecting
- If someone comes to your door and you aren't expecting a caller, it is important that you check who it is by using a spy-hole or by looking through a window. Official visitors will always arrange an appointment with you beforehand – if no appointment has been made, don't open the door
- Don't keep large amounts of cash at home, keep purses and wallets out of sight and never keep PIN numbers with credit or debit cards
- Never agree to have work carried out by someone who is just passing, or believe such people when they claim that repairs need to be made. If you think work might need to be done

get quotes from three companies and ask friends or neighbours for recommendations

- If you see anything suspicious or think a bogus caller may have called at your door or a neighbour's door, report it to police immediately ... in the case of an emergency call 999

## Wiltshire Horsecwatch website launched

A website has been launched for horse owners and equestrian enthusiasts to help tackle equine and rural crime.

Wiltshire Horsecwatch - [www.wiltshirehorsecwatch.co.uk](http://www.wiltshirehorsecwatch.co.uk) - is the equine version of Neighbourhood Watch. The scheme's aim is to help improve equine and property security by connecting horse owners and local people, and alerting them to any suspicious reported activity or crimes in progress by means of SMS text message or email alerts.

Wiltshire Horsecwatch also offers valuable crime prevention advice and a range of free services, including tack marking and saddle stamping.

The Horsecwatch scheme is part of a national approach to tackling equine-related crime, and it was first set up in this area in 2009 by Wiltshire Police's dedicated Rural Crime Team.

To sign up to the scheme, visit [www.wiltshirehorsecwatch.co.uk](http://www.wiltshirehorsecwatch.co.uk). There is also a Wiltshire Horsecwatch Facebook page and Twitter feed to follow.

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Sherston 1016 is again organising its annual Pancake Eating Competition on the evening of Shrove Tuesday 21 February from 7.30pm at the Rattlebone Inn. Entries will be welcome in advance or on the night, and the competition has senior and junior classes.

The competition will take place in heats, with each competitor paying a mere £2 entry fee for the whole evening. Each entrant will have four delicious freshly cooked pancakes to eat in the first heat. Entrants will have time to add lemon and sugar to their taste, then the clock will start, and the first heat will be under way.

The winner of each heat will be the first to finish eating all the pancakes on their plate. These winners will then go on to the next heat, again with four pancakes each, and so on until the championship round. The winner will have their name engraved on a 1016 commemorative engraved frying pan. There will also be runners-up prizes.

The competition is a revival of one that took place in the area around 25 years ago, with great success.

Local organisations are encouraged to take part, and individual entries will also be welcomed. Any entrant not feeling able to continue at any point will not be pressured into continuing.

Sherston 1016 spokesman Richard Langley said, 'We came to the conclusion that so many people would not be able to join in with a normal pancake race in the street. With our competition, people will be able to join in the fun in the evening, and will not need to worry about the weather.'

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If you would like more details of this fun competition, or would like to book your entry, please contact Richard Langley on 840112 or 07879 612776.

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# From the Parish Chest

The following extracts are taken from the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the village school on 11 April 1983.

*The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr John Weeks, welcomed parishioners and spoke of yet another busy year for the Parish Council. Street lighting had been a major concern, and a policy of replacing worn out time switches with more reliable photocells had been undertaken. Some progress had been made over the High Street lighting and it was hoped that the Trunk Road lighting scheme would soon be completed.*

*The Christmas lights had again been much appreciated but vandalism had unfortunately taken a toll on a number of them.*

*Mr Weeks thanked the business people involved for their hospitality and donation of electricity for the lights. He also thanked Mr J Neal and Mr G Goulding for generously giving their time to erect them.*

*Following the emergencies of last winter, two electricity liaison officers had been appointed for the village and should a major emergency occur again better communications had been established with the S.E.B. A local organiser to co-ordinate the work of snow plough operators and to arrange for extra help when necessary in snowy weather had also been appointed.*

*The Clerk presented the Parish Councils financial statement for 1982/1983. The biggest expenditure had been street lighting, over £2,000. Repairs to the play equipment accounted for most of the Recreation Ground expenditure and £418 of the Sportsfield expenses was for mowing. Administration costs were approximately the same as last year except for an increase in the fee paid for the audit of the Parish accounts. On the credit side £251 VAT had been reclaimed and bank interest of £254 added to the account. The Allotments were self financing and so was the tree planting scheme.*

*Mr Eric Mandell Chairman of the Environmental Committee reported that the Committee's main*

*concern had been tree planting again this year, though consideration had been given to footpaths and their signposting. Trees had been planted in Anthony Close and by the wall surrounding Messrs T.H. Whites yard and grants of £35 and £60 had been received from C.P.R.E. and the County Council respectively.*

*Mr Ken Fabray Chairman of the Allotments Committee reported on the new system of collecting rents for the Allotments this year in order to reduce administrative costs. Four plots were at present untenanted, but in general the allotments were kept in very reasonable condition.*

*Over £500 had been spent on repairs to the play equipment on the Recreation Ground this year. Mr Graham Singer Chairman of the Sports field and Recreation Ground Committee reported and the Scout headquarters nearby was now nearing completion. A request for the stone plaque by the entrance steps to the Recreation Ground to be refurbished was passed to the Parish Council. It was anticipated that the use and scope of the Sports field would be extended when the proposed changing facilities were available. Agreement had been reached with the Football Club on the building, and work on this had commenced.*

*Mr Butler reported that £55 had been received from the Iddols and Duncan Neal Trusts, which was shared with Didmarton, and this had been distributed to old age pensioners and widows at £1 a time. The possibility of investing the trust monies to produce a higher income was being investigated. The meeting was reminded that the Trust was originally set up to provide a sack of coal at Christmas for eligible recipients.*

It would seem that nothing much changes in Sherston. Twenty-nine years after this Annual Parish Meeting, the January 2012 Parish Council meeting included these items on the agenda :

- Xmas lights,
- Sportsfield wall,
- Iddolls Trust,
- Allotments,
- Tree planting,
- Footpaths, and
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Speaker: Lynne Henderson, Pembroke College, Oxford with two undergraduates.

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# High Street Christmas lights

The parish council would like to thank all residents of the High Street who kindly put Christmas lights on their properties.

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# Sherston in the grip of 'save the date' mystery



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The village has been awash with rumour ever since all of the main routes into and out of the village were plastered with posters imploring all and sundry to 'save the date'. The date in question is actually two dates (15 and 16 June, to be precise) but, other than the warning on them that we 'won't want to miss this', no one seems to know for what or why.

But fear not, dear reader, the fearless hacks from the Sherston Cliffhanger are on the case and will leave no stone unturned until we track down the perpetrators; the mobile phones of all the 'usual suspects' have already been hacked but so far to no avail.

More when we have it. Watch this space ...

## Malmesbury Annual Health Fair

Come to Malmesbury Town Hall on Saturday 31 March from 10.30am to 3.30pm to discover more about your health and all the health related services, products and businesses that are available on your doorstep.

Many local health-related businesses and therapists will be there on the day to offer free tasters, information, discounts, products and treatments. We are also planning a number of talks, ranging from a professional cricket player to a Duchy Farm organic farmer, among others.

Various hotels, restaurants and cafes are signing up to the Health Fair and offering healthy dishes on their menus in the week commencing 26 March.

In addition, there is a fantastic raffle planned, raising money for Bath Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit. Enter the raffle to win one of more than £800 worth of prizes, from a brand new Dyson to golf for four at Castle Coombe to afternoon tea at Stanton Manor. Other prizes include free McTimoney Chiropractic, organic vegetable boxes from the Duchy and swimming lessons with the renowned Mary Derrick.

Find out more information on attendees, talks and raffle prizes at [www.malmesburyhealth.co.uk](http://www.malmesburyhealth.co.uk) or contact Emma Newby on 841402, email: [emma@mcetimoneychiro.co.uk](mailto:emma@mcetimoneychiro.co.uk), or Jo Coletta, Chamber Secretary: [secretary@malmesburychamber.org.uk](mailto:secretary@malmesburychamber.org.uk).

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The workshops on offer over April to September this year vary from putting your 2012 in motion with an animation project, making your own commemorative plate or mug or even creating a textile tea party. You can work as a group to make bunting, flags and banners for your celebratory events and there are activities to get your talent on the stage such as drama, dance and music. This year we also introduce creative writing for the stage and the option to celebrate British humour through literature. All these great projects are provided by professional, local artists. Have a look at all the projects on offer on our website.

Each paws project runs for a minimum of eight hours spread over two to four visits. The workshops cost the groups £35, plus materials and Wiltshire Council pays the artist fees. We are now welcoming applications from community groups for April to September 2012 so please visit the website for further information [www.participatoryartswiltshire.co.uk](http://www.participatoryartswiltshire.co.uk)

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# 2012 Winter Ball is Fire and Ice

by Pat Starke

Good grooves come to those who wait so dust off the DJ, unfold the frock, there's another fabulous ball coming from those Pinkney Party People.

After the success of the summer ball way back in 2010, they're gearing up for another but this time it's going to be a truly wintry wonder.

Party headquarters has already been buzzing with brrrrrilliant ideas and the 'coolest' are being researched as this goes to press, needless to say this latest hootenanny will be hot, hot, hot!

The theme of the ball will be Fire and Ice and will be held under canvas in the school field, as before, on Saturday 8 December.

Tickets will go on sale in the usual fashion; first come, first served outside the post office in Sherston on a Saturday morning sometime in April.

More details will be published in the coming months but expect to kick off the 2012 Christmas season with an unforgettable treat.



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# TREEtalk

FEBRUARY 2012

by Irene Johnston

## Grove Wood to become car park

Not really – but we do have a problem. It will be hard to keep the project alive without new volunteers. Despite huge progress since 2009, our numbers are dwindling and there is too much work for too few people. What a pity if Grove Wood has to stop now when we've achieved so much. So, what are you going to do about it?

As Tree Warden, I feel a personal sense of responsibility. Maybe the monthly news in the Cliffhanger isn't inspiring enough. Possibly, more could be made of group emails to the 60+ residents who have already 'signed up'. Perhaps, it's just too much like hard work on a Sunday morning. Whatever the reasons, it seems the vast majority of villagers simply don't want to know. And that's a shame – and a real dilemma for the volunteers who are still enthusiastic and want the project to succeed. They're not doing it just for the good of their health. We see Grove Wood as a village asset and an investment to benefit present and future generations of Sherstonians.

Numbers have been on the slide since before Christmas. On the last two Sundays, only four people have turned up. In the 'heyday' of 2010, we were getting as many as 16 volunteers at a time. Progress was fast and visible to everyone. The difference between the tamed and untamed sections was spectacular: the creation of space for existing trees to breathe and new ones to flourish; the emergence of long-dormant woodland plants; the building of fences, steps, paths and hedges. We all felt a sense of pride and achievement. Dog walkers

and ramblers commented favourably but never came back to help.

There's still time to keep the momentum going until the beginning of March when work stops for the year. Just let me know if you want to get involved or simply turn up on Sunday mornings any time between 10.00am and 1.00pm (soup and bread at half-time). There are jobs for every age group and fitness level. Do your bit to stop Grove Wood become Sherston's newest car park.

Further information from Sherston's Tree Warden, Irene Johnston, on 841273 or email: [Ie\\_johnston@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk) or Deputy Tree Warden, Sue McKechnie, on 840601 or email: [suemckechnie@hotmail.com](mailto:suemckechnie@hotmail.com)

## SmallAds

*You can now advertise items for sale or wanted in the Cliffhanger including services required such as gardening or cleaning. Cost is £2 for up to 20 words. Copy should be in paper form and put through the letterbox at 37 High Street by the 15th of the month together with £2 in cash. All monies raised will be donated to charity.*

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This month also sees the first stirrings of members' seed packets as plans are made for the coming growing season. Last year's very dry spring and early summer certainly resulted in smaller mangolds than usual. Hopefully this year will see a return to the size of root that we have all become accustomed to. Seed will be available from the usual suppliers in March and will include both Yellow Ekendorf and Long Red Mammoth which is surely one of the most magnificent mangolds still available. Should you still have some seed left over from last year why not sow some on a warm windowsill now to produce some mouth watering early salad leaves?

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by Chris Lovell

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See the Parish Life for more details

## Congregational Church

**Services each Sunday 11am - 12.00 noon** Please note services

held in the British School Room from Oct 23 - March

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 see the Parish Life

## Gauzebrook Church for Children

Children are welcome at all the services which are held in the Gauzebrook Group churches but there are some occasions which are particularly for them:

**A Family Service** is held at Holy Cross Church in Sherston at 9.30am on the third Sunday of each month. There are Family Services at other churches in the Group on other Sundays – see The Parish Life for details

**Junior Church** is held at Court House, Hullavington at 11.00am on the second Sunday of each month, except for August. This is for children from 3 to 11+. Any children under 3 need to be accompanied by an adult. Contact Ness Whiffin 840185.

**Little Lights** is an informal service and meeting, with play, squash and biscuits, for pre-school children and their parents/carers at Hullavington Church 10.30 – 11.30am every other Thursday. Contact Chantal Bryan for more information on 837522

If you would like there to be more provision in Sherston for your children, the PCC and ministry team are looking for people who would like to help organise and run this. If that could be you please contact Revd. Christopher Bryan on 837522 or Christopher.bryan123@

brinternet.com or Sue Robinson, churchwarden on 841263

## Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

## Sunday Newspapers

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## Church bell ringing

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## Clem's Club

Clem invites 'cheerful chaps for a chair and a chat' in the British School Rooms every other Tuesday 2.30 – 4pm, alternating with the Seniors. Donations to BSR expenses collected each week.

## Drawing Classes in Sherston

Classes for all abilities are held in the British Schoolroom every Wednesday during term time. Tuition is given in the use of all drawing media, in monochrome and colour. Subjects include still life, and natural objects e.g. fruit, vegetables and flowers. There are currently a few spaces in the afternoon class 1.30 to 3.30pm. Newcomers, of all standards including beginners, are very welcome. The Spring term starts on 18th January - to find out more contact Heather Martin on 840375 or heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

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## 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 a meeting. For further information contact Maggie McKenna on 841047 or maggie.mckenna@harriespartnership.com

## Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

For details see [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)

## Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

The local branch holds monthly meetings at Little Somerford Village Hall. On alternate months there are Saturday workshops on a wide range of topics, and on the intervening dates there is a Tuesday evening talk at 7.30pm. We always welcome newcomers and occasional visitors, although prebooking is essential for the workshops. For further information please phone Heather Martin 840375.

## Malmesbury Luncheon Club

Over 60s meet every Wednesday at midday in the Wesleyan Room of Malmesbury Town Hall for a chat and a 2 course lunch followed by tea or coffee. £3. Please call Helen Churchill on 840080 if you'd like to attend. New members most welcome.

## Malmesbury Netball Club

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

## Malmesbury & Villages Community Partnership

For details contact Sue Webb 824620 dennis.webb01@virgin.net

## Malmesbury Rangers

Girls over 14 years meet every 2nd Thursday in the month. Further details from Helen Price 503187 or retreatcottage17@brinternet.com

## Parish Council Meeting

Takes place on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Minutes of meetings can be read online at [www.sherston.org.uk](http://www.sherston.org.uk). Further details contact Sarah Wood on 840197 or clerk@sherston.org.uk

## Patchwork & Quilting Classes

1st Thursday of each month from 10am - 2pm in The British Schoolroom. Further details from Anne Chapman on 01249 782842.

## Senior Club

Meets at 2.00pm in the British School Room every other Tuesday alternating with Clem's Club.

## 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

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For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592.

## Sherston Boules and Carnival 2012

Any new ideas and offers of help in planning or just on the day gratefully received. Caroline Moore [caroline@carolinemoore.co.uk](mailto:caroline@carolinemoore.co.uk) or Louise Osborne [louise.osborne@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:louise.osborne@networkrail.co.uk) or call Caroline on 841405.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mark@scorranstone.co.uk) There is currently 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](mailto:whitewallexplorers@googlemail.com)

## Westonbirt Guides

Meet in Querns Hall, Rosehill School, Westonbirt 5.30 – 7pm every Wednesday. Sherston Brownies tend to come along if they don't join Scouts. Details from Helen Price 503187 or email [retreatcottage17@btinternet.com](mailto:retreatcottage17@btinternet.com)

## Sherston Drama Group

The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes in the Village Hall. If you are interested in taking part or helping out contact Richard Skeffington (Chairman) [richard.skeffington@virgin.net](mailto:richard.skeffington@virgin.net) Tel. 840092 or Graham Instrell (Vice Chairman) [ginstrell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ginstrell@hotmail.co.uk) Tel. 840978

## 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](mailto:peter.brock666@btinternet.com)

## Sherston Ladies' Swimming Club

Swim at Westonbirt Leisure on Wednesday evenings from 8 – 9.00pm. £30 for 10 weeks, open to any ladies, of any swimming standard, from Sherston and surrounding area. There is a lane reserved for the more serious swimmers. To join, please contact Heather 840375, Annabel 840592 or Maggie 840969 or email [heather@geoffmartin.plus.com](mailto:heather@geoffmartin.plus.com)

## Sherston's Living Churchyard

Please help maintain the living churchyard on the second Sunday of the month from 10am to 12 noon or 2pm till 4pm, weather permitting. Please check with Sue for timings each month. Church of the Holy Cross

Further details contact Sue Robinson on 841263

## 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](mailto:Gary@budotaijutsu.co.uk)

## Sherston Tennis Club

Sherston Tennis Club play on two hard courts off Knockdown Rd. Fees for the 2011 are the same as 2010: Family £80, Adult £45, Senior citizen £20, Junior (18 and under) £15. As ever, there will be coaching for children, adults too if enough people ask. Speak to Helen McLeish (840992) or Harry Stevens (840602). A men's team has been entered into the Chippenham & District Leagues, matches are on Wednesday evenings, and match captain Jeremy Nabarro (07973 517655) will be delighted to hear from anyone interested in playing. Club night is Thursdays, starting 5 May from 6.30pm. Louise Osborne (841238) is keen to see you at the courts. Further details contact Nic Riley 840682, Helen McLeish 840992, Louise Osborne 841238 ([helen.mcleish@ukonline.co.uk](mailto: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.communicate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/](http://www.communicate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/) or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or [Hjquirk@aol.com](mailto:Hjquirk@aol.com)

## Sherston Toddler and Baby Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. We meet at 10 -11.30am each Tuesday in the Scout Hut with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music and snacks for all, not to mention a much-needed cup of tea/coffee for the deserving parent. Further details contact [SherstonToddlers@gmail.com](mailto:SherstonToddlers@gmail.com), or Kate on 841205 or Clare on 840120

## 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](mailto:julia.nichols@btinternet.com)

## Sherston W.I.

Meet on the first Thursday of each month.

Further details contact Maureen Jolliffe on 840867

## Sherston Young Craft Group

Every Monday 6.45 – 8.15pm in the village hall (children 9 years and over). £3 (incl all materials) per evening paid in advance of each half term. To join, please contact Victoria Parish on 840071 or email [vparish@btinternet.com](mailto:vparish@btinternet.com)

## Short Mat Bowls

Short Mat Bowls is played every Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Village Hall from 4 Jan. All are welcome to come along and give it a try. For further details contact Philip Andrews on 840941 or [philip.r.andrews@btinternet.com](mailto:philip.r.andrews@btinternet.com)

## Splash Dance

Dance classes for 2 to 12 year olds including ballet, modern and tap. Every Wednesday afternoon in the village hall. Prices are £35 per term with the first lesson free. For details contact Charlotte on 01453 886632 or [charlotte@splashdance.co.uk](mailto:charlotte@splashdance.co.uk)

## Tetbury Chess Club

Meet every Wednesday at the Ormond Hotel from 10am. If anyone is interested please contact Colin Francis on 505835 or email [colval08@btinternet.com](mailto:colval08@btinternet.com)

## Village Hall 300+ Club

Monthly draw with eight prizes ranging from £12 down to £5 for a £6 annual stake, plus a quarterly £5 bonus for seven non-winners. If any new members of the village would like to join, contact either Mary Goulding on 840794, Joyce Gleed 840744 or Gwen Mason 840660.

## Whist Drive

A whist drive is held in the village hall on the second Friday in the month at 7.15 for 7.30pm. Admission £1.50 including refreshments. All profits to help maintain the village hall. Further details from G. Mason, M. Goulding and J. Gleed.

## Yoga in Sherston

Mondays: 5.45pm Pregnancy Yoga. 7pm Beginners adults yoga class. All welcome, no experience necessary. 8.15pm a more dynamic class for those with some yoga experience. £45 per 6 week term. Monthly Family Yoga classes, Saturdays 10am. Booking essential. Scout Hut. Further details contact Kathryn Chandler: 0790 380 2985 or email: [yoga\\_in\\_sherston@hotmail.com](mailto:yoga_in_sherston@hotmail.com)

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

# What's on in 2012

## Dates for your diary

### March

17 1016 Book Sale

### May

1 Evening of Entertainment in aid of SOSCIC

3-7 Badminton Horse Trials

27 Mangold Maid Making

### June

3 Diamond Jubilee Street Party

4 Diamond Jubilee Beacon & Firework

15-16 Save the Date – details tba

23-24 Sherston Open Gardens in aid of the Church of the Holy Cross

### July

8 -15 Boules & Carnival Week - Sat 14 Boules Day

### August

25 Lobber Jenkins Boules Competition

27 Village Party including Flower Vegetable and Produce Show

### October

7 Mangold Hurl

31- 3 November Pantomime

### December

8 2012 Winter Ball - Fire and Ice

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.

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## WHAT'S ON Sherston

### The Carpenter's Arms

Curry Quiz Night Sun 5 Feb

Check boards for details of events

Further details contact 840665

### The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7.30pm

Free entry and prizes for the winning team

Valentine's Night Special Gourmet 3 Course meal incl coffee for £29.95 Special offer on House Champagne £22 per bottle Tues 14 Feb

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Eating Competition The annual celebration of gluttony with all proceeds to '1016'

Tues 21 Feb 7.30pm

See boards for more details of events

Further details contact 840871 or [www.therattlebone.co.uk](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)

### 1016 Pancake Eating Competition

Shrove Tues 21 Feb from 7.30pm £2 entry The Rattlebone Inn

Further details Richard Langley on 840112 or 07879 612776

### Save money, recycle and support Sherston Primary School

Good-quality second-hand school uniform, brownie and cub/scout uniforms, trainers, hockey sticks, football boots, tennis racquets, and much more will all be for sale on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 March at 3.10pm, Oak Canopy, Sherston Primary School.

### Sherston's Living Churchyard

Please help maintain the living churchyard on the second Saturday of the month from 10am to 12 noon or 2pm till 4pm, weather permitting. Please check with Sue for timings each month. Church of the Holy Cross

For further details call Sue Robinson on 841263

### Grove Wood Sunday Clearing

Please come along and help clear, coppice and then plant trees and hedges in Grove Wood 10am - 1pm  
hot homemade soup *at halftime*

Further details contact Sue McKechnie 840601 or [suemckechnie@hotmail.com](mailto:suemckechnie@hotmail.com)

## S H O C C

### (Sherston Occasional Community Choir)

Every Wed 7.00pm Come and join us to sing a variety of music. British School Room

For more information call or email Jill Woodward (Secretary) 840578 [jillwoodward222@btinternet.com](mailto:jillwoodward222@btinternet.com) or Nicki Heenan 840883 [nicki.heenan@btinternet.com](mailto:nicki.heenan@btinternet.com)

### Sue's Strolls

Next one Sun 12 Feb starting from the village hall at 10am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 12 noon

Further details contact Sue McKechnie 840601 or [susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk) (Note new email address)

### WEA courses

"History in the Making or Do Historians Make Up History?" with tutor Richard Henderson 8 week course Fri 20 Jan- Fri 9 Mar 10am - 11.45am £45 Further details contact Carolyn Hewitson on 840295 or Tony Wood on 840558

## Cotswolds & Sherston

### Cotswold Rural Skills

Hedgelaying for beginners 4-5 Feb Moreton in the Marsh and 25-26 Feb Sherston

Woodland Coppicing & Hurdle Making 18-19 Feb Withington, Cheltenham

2 day course £99

Further details contact David Molloy on 01451 862000 or [david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](mailto:david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk) or [www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk)

## Westonbirt

### The Arboretum

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

Family Events : Wooden Wonders Tues 14- Thurs 16 Feb 10.30-3pm All free after entry

Weddings at the Arboretum - Open day Sun 4 Mar 11-4pm Free admission - book on 881215 or [ceremonies@fowa.org.uk](mailto:ceremonies@fowa.org.uk)

Summer 2012 Concerts: June Fri 22 Will Young; Sat 23

Plan B; Sun 24 Madness;

July Artist TBC; Sat 21 Alfie Boe; Sun 22 Steps

Tickets on sale now All £35-36.50 plus booking fee. Buy tickets at Westonbirt shop to avoid booking fee

Winter admission (Jan & Feb) : Adults £5 / Conc £4 Chd £2

Further details contact 880220 or [www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt)

### Westonbirt School

Quiz night with Geoff Fitch Fri 3 Feb 7 for 7.30pm Cash bar. Tickets £6 adults, £3 18s and under.

Music at Westonbirt - Concert with The Marylebone Trio

Fri 24 Feb 7.30pm Experience five centuries of chamber music in one evening Admission: £10 Friends of Westonbirt: £5

Friends of Westonbirt School present a Spring Fashion Show and Supper

Fri 2 Mar 7pm Tickets £20 adults, £15 18s and under, includes Prosecco Reception, 2 course supper and coffee, cash bar

Oliver Twist

Fri 16 & Sat 17 Mar Westonbirt School girls perform

Oliver Twist in the Orangery theatre

For further details call Laura Reid on 880333 or

[lreid@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:lreid@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk) or visit

[www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Easton Grey

### Whatley Manor

Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner

'Larry Crowne' starring Julia Roberts and Tom Hanks £39 includes film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch or dinner

Jazz Sundays

Solent City Jazzmen 12 - 15:30 Sun 4 Mar £39 including 3 course Sunday lunch in Le Mazot

Further details contact 834026 or [www.whatleymanor.com](http://www.whatleymanor.com)

## Brokenborough

### Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

#### Oil and Acrylic Painting classes

New classes 2 Feb - 23 Mar - studying the Artist's Monet, Gauguin and Degas and their use of colour and techniques 10.30am - 12.40 Advanced (2 Years painting or more)/

Lunch (own cost) / Lessons for beginners 2pm - 4pm £10 per session at The Horseguards Pub, Brokenborough

Further details contact Nicki Heenan 840883 or

[nicki.heenan@btinternet.com](mailto:nicki.heenan@btinternet.com)

## Malmesbury

### Local MP surgery with James Gray MP

Sat 4 Feb and Sat 10 Mar at 12 noon - 1pm

Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall

Further details contact [www.jamesgray.org](http://www.jamesgray.org) for information on surgeries or for online surgeries or email [jamesgraymp@parliament.uk](mailto:jamesgraymp@parliament.uk)

### Malmesbury Abbey Skate 2012

Wed 15 - Fri 17 Feb This year three days of skating with sessions for under 8s/beginners /girls only /more experienced skaters and workshops.

For more details on times see [www.facebook.com/abbeyskate](http://www.facebook.com/abbeyskate) or [www.malmesburyabbey.com](http://www.malmesburyabbey.com) or email us on [skate@malmesburyabbey.com](mailto:skate@malmesburyabbey.com)

### Malmesbury Health Event

Sat 31 Mar 10.30am -3.30pm discover more about your health and all the health related services, products and businesses that are available on your doorstep. Different health therapists offering free checks, advice and information including chiropractic, chiropody, nutritional therapy, yoga, personal training and more in aid of Bath Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Malmesbury Town Hall

Further details contact Emma Newby on 841402, email: [emma@mctimoneychiro.co.uk](mailto:emma@mctimoneychiro.co.uk), or Jo Coletta, Chamber Secretary: [secretary@malmesburychamber.org.uk](mailto:secretary@malmesburychamber.org.uk). or [www.malmesburyhealth.co.uk](http://www.malmesburyhealth.co.uk)

## Doughton

### Highgrove Garden Tours

Tickets will be released for sale on Mon 13 Feb from 9am for tours up till Aug. Sep - Oct tickets will go on sale in June.

Standard Tours: £19.50 per person, individuals join a group of 26 guests. Group price is £507 for a maximum of 26 guests. Groups may pre book Lunch or Afternoon Tea after their garden tour. Please note that an administration fee of £1.50 is applied to all bookings

Further details 020 7766 7310 or [www.highgrovegardens.com](http://www.highgrovegardens.com)

### Highgrove House

#### Tetbury Art Society Annual Lecture

'From Prisoner of War to Art Collection Inspiration'

Speaker: Lynne Henderson, Pembroke College, Oxford with two undergraduates Wed 21Mar 2.15pm £25 includes tea & cake. All proceeds to the Prince's Charities Foundation.

Advance booking only The Orchard Room, Highgrove House

Further details contact Gill Ashley 840993

## Grittleton

### Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Wed 29 Feb- Double Bill

Johnny English Reborn [PG] Starring Rowan Atkinson.

Doors open 4.45pm Film starts 5pm Running time approx 100 mins No unaccompanied children please

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy [15]

Doors open 7.15pm [please note slightly later time]

Programme starts at 7.30pm Running time 127 minutes £5 in advance £5.50 on the door

For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email [l\\_palmer@btinternet.com](mailto:l_palmer@btinternet.com) or visit

### Rural Arts Wiltshire

Grittleton: Tammy Weis Trio, Ronnie Scott's sell out Jazz singer in concert

Sat 11 Feb at 7.30pm at Grittleton Village Hall Tammy Weis sings a mix of classic jazz standards and beautifully crafted originals accompanied by guitar and double bass Tickets £7/£6 Further details and tickets contact Jan Jeffcoate on 01249 782798 or email: [dandjjeffcoate@btinternet.com](mailto:dandjjeffcoate@btinternet.com) or [www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk](http://www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk)

**Hullavington: Finding the Will : Bard Heads**

Bard Heads is a modern day look at what might have happened next to characters from some of Shakespeare's most loved plays: A Midsummer Night's Dream, Twelfth Night, Hamlet and Macbeth. Two monologues full of sex, scandal, murder, mayhem, madness, tears, Sat 25 Feb 7.30pm up to £10 Tickets from 837569 or online. Hullavington village hall

**Kington Langley: Bowjangles**

This all singing, all dancing string quartet combines fiery musicianship with energetic dance moves, vaudeville comedy and four part harmony singing in a dazzling stage show which will leave you spellbound. Sat 25 Feb 7.30pm Kington Langley VH Tickets up to £10 01249 750362 Fri 2 Mar 7.30pm Minety VH tickets up to £10 from 861281

**Didmarton****Duke of Beaufort's Hunt Point to Point at Didmarton**

First Sat in March – 3 Mar First race starts at 12.30. Countrywear tradestands, refreshments. Wrap up warm against the wind as course very exposed. £10 entry to the racecourse. Parking on site (chargeable).

**Wotton-Under-Edge****The Electric Picture House**

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked; My Week with Marilyn; Puss in Boots; Resistance; The Help; The Lady; The Iron Lady; Warhorse and World Cinema: Incendies  
Check website for details  
Further details contact 01453 844601 or [www.wottoneph.co.uk](http://www.wottoneph.co.uk)

**Old Sodbury****Camers Snowdrop Weekend in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support**

Camers is a listed Elizabethan farmhouse (not open) set in a west sloping site on the limestone of the Cotswold escarpment, with outstanding views over the Severn estuary. The garden only opens for the National Trust Garden scheme and special events.  
20-25 Feb 9.30 am -12.30 pm suggested donation £2.50 per adult. Cakes and teas available. All proceeds to MacMillan Cancer Support Further details contact [www.camers.org](http://www.camers.org)

**Nailsworth****Forest Green Rovers F.C.**

Home matches: Sat 11 3pm v Luton Town and Sat 18 3pm v Gateshead Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2 The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth  
For further details call 01453 834860 or visit [www.forestgreenroversfc.com](http://www.forestgreenroversfc.com)

**Stroud****Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ The Apollo**

Opera: Il Trittico (Puccini) February  
Ballet: Romeo and Juliet – LIVE Thurs 22 Mar  
Opera: Madame Butterfly (Puccini) in 3D March  
Opera: Rigoletto (Verdi) LIVE Tues 17 Apr  
Stroud Apollo Cinema  
Further details 0871 220 6000 or [www.roh.org.uk/cinema](http://www.roh.org.uk/cinema)

**Gloucestershire Symphony Orchestra**

providing a boost for A Level Music Students  
Gloucestershire Symphony Orchestra (GSO) returns to

Stroud Subscription Rooms on Sun 5 Feb with an afternoon of Classics for everyone featuring Gloucestershire born violinist Elin White. The orchestra is aiming to support A Level music students by featuring music in the concert which are set works in the current A Level music syllabus. Workshop starts 3pm. Concert starts 4.30pm Tickets £12 / concessions £10 / under 19s £1 (workshop free to ticketholders) Stroud Subscription Rooms  
Further details contact 01453 760900 - [tic@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:tic@stroud.gov.uk) or [www.gloucestershiresymphony.org.uk/](http://www.gloucestershiresymphony.org.uk/)

**Bath****The Independent Bath Literary Festival**

2-11 Mar Various events throughout Bath city centre by many authors and actors Bath Festivals Box Office.  
Further details contact 01225 463362 or [www.bathlitfest.org.uk](http://www.bathlitfest.org.uk)

**Theatre Royal**

Avenue Q till 5 Feb  
Calendar Girls 6-11 Feb 7  
Neighbourhood Watch - new play by Alan Ayckbourn 13-18 Feb  
The King's Speech 20-25 Feb  
The Wizard of Oz 28 Feb - 3 Mar  
Theatre Royal £16.50-£33.50 matinees 2pm / 2.30pm  
eveings 7.30 / 8pm  
Further details 01225 448844 or [www.theatreroyal.org.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.org.uk)

**Bristol****Props Barbarian Rugby Senior Fixtures**

Our occasional Rugby XV's range from U8's to senior Barbarian Rugby, our ethos is simple: Excellence, Equity and Inclusion. PROPS is a rugby inspired charity and our inclusive projects are endorsed by our local premiership clubs and the RFU.  
Sun 4 Mar v Bristol Legends. Clifton RFC KO TBA.  
Sun18 Mar v Young Farmers at Kingswood RFC  
Further details contact Yann Amouroux 07968 451354 or [support@propsforward.org](mailto:support@propsforward.org) or [www.propsforward.org](http://www.propsforward.org)

# Useful Numbers

BT fault line 0800 800151

CLARENCE (Highway complaints) 0800 232323

Cllr John Thomson 01666 840785

Malmesbury Activity Zone 01666 822533

Malmesbury Library 01666 823611

Malmesbury Police 101 (emergency 999)

Malmesbury Primary Care Centre 01666 825825

Malmesbury Secondary School 01666 829700

Malmesbury Youth Centre 0799 0908550

MP James Gray 01249 652851

NHS Direct 0845 4647

Sherston Parish Council 01666 840197

Sherston Post Office 01666 840456

Sherston School 01666 840237

Sherston Village Hall (bookings) 01666 840633

Tolsey Surgery 01666 840270

Wiltshire Council 0300 4560100