



## Sherston Boules and Carnival: 7-15 July

Boules week is nearly upon us and the anticipation is building as we are guaranteed to have a new winner of the Boules trophy this year (Gien are not entering a team). Let's see if we can keep the trophy in Sherston; the challenge has been set.

The week kicks off with The Quiz in the village hall on Saturday 7 July (see page right), followed by The Carnival

Boot Sale and Sue's walk on Sunday morning (see page 9), leading on to a host of events during the week.

We are pleased to be able to welcome Ballet Nimba, who will be performing their African Dance at WOMAD this year. Full details of this and all the other events on during the week can be found on pages 16 and 17.

## Boules Day teas

The Jammy Tarts will be serving 'High Tea' in the village hall from 10am until 4.00pm on Boules Day, Saturday 14 July. Come along and try a selection of delicious sandwiches, traditional home-made cakes or scones with fresh cream and scrummy strawberry jam, all served with freshly brewed tea or coffee or a refreshing glass of Pimm's. Children's teas and squash also available, so don't miss us on the way to the The Wild West Kids-Zone, a welcome stop for mums, dads and grandparents.

## Boules and Carnival Quiz

The Boules and Carnival week kicks off with The Quiz in the village hall on Saturday 7 July.

This year there is a new team setting the questions: the Dickensons and Hollands. They have spent many an evening conjuring up odd and relevant questions to test the Sherston intelligentsia, but don't panic if you don't fit into that category, there should be something for everyone to get their brains thinking.

Tickets are £15 for a team of four, available from the post office or call Caroline on 840168.

Doors open at 7.30pm, quizzing starts at 8.00pm sharp.

## Boules Day Bonanza at this year's Wild West Kids-Zone

Calling all you Buffalo Bills and Calamity Janes out there. Brush off your stetsons, get out your gingham and saddle up for The Wild West Kids-Zone by the village hall barn – 11.00am to 4.00pm on Sherston Boules Day, Saturday 14 July. At only £3 per child (three- to 14-year-olds) for a rootin'-tootin' day pass, parents can relax in the knowledge that their children are going to be having as much fun as them (if not more) this Boules Day.

Children (and adults!) can saddle up and ride the Rodeo Buckin' Bull or shoot 'em up in the Quick Draw Nerf Arcade. Aim carefully and lasoo some fun games or hang out and get creative with the Crazy Horse Crafts. Parents can check out the Saloon

Bar while their children head to the Candy Store, Frontier Face Painting, Texas Tattoos or Nevada Nail Bar. Alternatively, you might get rich quick as you join the Gold Rush and pan for Gold (50p).

There will also be a baby and toddler area, bouncy castle for the under-sevens and Punch and Judy Shows throughout the day. At 3.00pm, there are prizes to be won at the Children's Wild West Fancy Dress Competition (see page 3), so dig out your Indian headdresses and Cowboy boots and come on down!



# Thanks John

After organising the advertising for the Cliffhanger since its inception over 3 years ago John Mackison has handed over his role to Jade Thomson.

John's hard work in attracting advertising revenue has ensured that the Cliffhanger not only pays for itself but actually turns a tidy profit which is returned to the parish in supporting events and projects – the recent jubilee celebrations and defibrillator fund being good examples.

At the June meeting of the parish council a vote of thanks was given to John for his outstanding contribution to the success of the Cliffhanger.

Thanks must also go to Jade for so kindly agreeing to take on the advertising. To contact Jade please see her details below.

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## Sherston Scouts Fun Run: Sunday 23 September

Calling all scouts, explorers, cubs and parents! Sherston Scouts are going to be doing a fun run on Sunday 23 September. We'd like to have as many participants as possible – you don't even have to run, as we need help with marshalling, registration and water tables.

There is a 5km option, which is all paved road, as well as a 10km option, which is mixed on-road/off-road.

Starting at Sherston Scout Hut, the run goes in the direction of Foxley, turning left onto the Fosse Way. The turn point is at a charming old mill site on the stream, before finishing back at the Scout Hut. Informal Registration is at 10.30am for a 10.45am start (helper arrival at 10.00am).

The route is on [mapmyrun](http://mapmyrun.com) at:

[www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/51065590](http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/51065590).

Parents are urged to volunteer for some marshalling duty.

By Biltong (Riaan van Rooyen), [riaan@pulse-software.co.uk](mailto:riaan@pulse-software.co.uk)

P.S. The event is open to guests as well, so even if you are not directly linked with scouts or cubs, come along and run with us, but be aware that this is not a formal road race, and you do so at your own risk.

## Tombola Time



For well over 20 years, the Parish Council has been running the tombola stall at Boules & Carnival. It is always a popular attraction and usually sells out by early afternoon, raising hundreds of pounds for the event in the process.

This year is no different and so can residents please consider giving any unwanted gifts, odd tins of produce, etc to the tombola? Donations can be left with Cilla Liddington at 37 High Street.

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## Boules Day fancy dress competition

Yee-haa! Round up your cowboys, cowgirls, Indians, horses, cows, etc for the Sherston Toddlers Wild West fancy dress competition on Saturday 14 July.

The competition is open to all children aged 14 and under, with prizes for the best dressed in four age categories: three and under, four to six, seven to nine, and ten to 14.

Saddle up and ride on down to the village hall for judging at 3.00pm.



## Fun in the Sun 2012

Free sports coaching sessions run by Wiltshire Council for children aged five to 11 years will take place at the recreation ground every Wednesday morning for five weeks this summer, starting on 25 July, from 10.00am to 11.30am. There is no need to book - just turn up. All parents or guardians have to do is sign the consent/details form at the beginning of the first session their child attends. It is hoped to have consent forms available in the post office later this month to save time completing them on the day.

The Parish Council is supporting the scheme not only by allowing the use of the recreation ground, but also by hiring the scout hut to provide toilet and changing facilities, as well as indoor space should the weather prove unkind.

## Tug of War

This year's event, part of Boules & Carnival, takes place on Sunday 15 July at 11am. As usual there will be competitions for men and women. To enter a team contact Paul Ormiston on 01666 840694 email pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk Entry fee is £8 per team of eight.

Yet again this is an opportunity for a men's team to wrest the title and a barrel of beer from Sean Richards and the Vine Tree. Could this be the year?



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# SHOCC – Jubilation

The Easton Grey Church was filled with an appreciative audience and the beautiful voices of the Sherston Occasional Community Choir, as they started our celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee.

We were treated to stirring versions of the standards 'Gloria', 'Cast thy Burden' and 'Lift thine Eyes'. However, the audience was not allowed to be inactive, as Nicki Heenan, the choir's director and conductor, exhorted us to open the concert with a rousing rendition of Jerusalem, with Jonathan Adkins, poached from Tetbury Church, on the organ.

Margaret Maslen recited a delightful poem, 'The Manor Farm' by Edward Thomas, who was known as the 'walking poet' gaining inspiration on his rambles through Wiltshire and Gloucestershire – and no doubt through our own countryside.

The rest of the programme was more light-hearted, displaying the solo talents of the choir's often shy members, and we couldn't help singing along in the Oklahoma medley. Beverley Newcombe sang a lovely version of 'I dream a little dream', and Brian Cook displayed his wonderful bass voice, ably assisted by Lucy Lawrance (NOT singing bass!), in 'Go down Moses'. The cheeky version of Gilbert and Sullivan's 'Three Little Maids' was a delight, as was 'The Sun whose Rays', featuring soloist Angela Jones.

The concert ended with us all singing 'I vow to thee my Country' and I may be biased (I am a former member of the choir) but I agreed with the sentiments of the lady who cried 'Oh no!' when Nicki announced that the concert was at an end.

SHOCC would like to thank Sue Thompson for helping to organise the concert.

*By Jill Caine*

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# Bristol to Bordeaux: Thank you, I did it! *by Sharon Doyle*

Thank you to everyone who helped me raise over £750 for my cycle ride from Bristol to Bordeaux in aid of PROPS, an inclusive special needs organisation working with young adults with learning difficulties. Based at the Vassall Centre in Bristol, PROPS provides a range of life-enhancing opportunities for young people when they leave school.

For those of you who came to the bridge drive, that raised £185 for my charity ride, and Lesley's and my coffee and cake morning raised £160. The remainder

is from sponsorship – if you haven't sponsored me but wish to do so there is still time on the following website [www.justgiving.com/Sharon-Doyle0](http://www.justgiving.com/Sharon-Doyle0) or when you see me.

If you have thought about joining in on this cycle ride with Dave Reeves and Kevin Smith, plus the many others from Sherston and surrounding villages, I would highly recommend it. It's a great challenge, with the opportunity to meet new friends and the students from PROPS and to support an amazing charity.



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# Friends of Sherston School 2012 Sponsored Bike Ride at Castle Combe Race Track



Well, the weather was kind to us, after all; not a drop of rain fell and the sun even came out for the Friends of Sherston School (FSS) 2012 sponsored bike ride at Castle Combe Race Track!

After waiting patiently for the go-ahead, 70 children and their bikes piled onto Castle Combe race track for a huge group photo (see below).

The children were eager to set off around the 3km track, and keen to collect the now-traditional coloured sticky spots. As always their enthusiasm and endurance never failed and soon spots adorned helmets, handlebars and bike frames.

William J managed a whopping 10 laps (30km), while even the very youngest children managed at

least a couple of laps, with six children from Oak class taking part this year. We even had four very keen preschoolers, who don't start school until September, who deserve a special mention.

Many thanks go to the FSS parents who helped at this very popular event, especially Helen Mcleish for her bike transportation services and the 'sticker spot' ladies – Tahiti, Cathy and Judy.

There was even a live broadcast with Radio Wiltshire during the event –thank you to Dr Pettit and Grace who contributed to that, and to Fi for organising all the media coverage.

And, finally, a big thank you to all the mums, dads, grandparents and children who took part and made this event possible.

*By Jane Milne*

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## Sherston Tennis Club

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The illustrious men's team, initially riding high on the back of last year's promotion to Division 3, has been brought down to its (achy, arthritic) knees by a combination of challenges: the loss of the Nabarros (père et fils); surprisingly competent opposition; and awful weather. The remaining backbone of the team, Nic Riley (840682) and Kim Stuckey (07710 981568), are on the lookout for men willing and able to sacrifice all in the noble cause of Sherston tennis. We play on Wednesdays, starting 6.30pm, and for home matches retire to the Ship for sausage and chips – what more incentive could there be?

*By Nic Riley*

## Meeting of the parish council

The Parish Council will be meeting on Thursday 19 July in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there will be opportunities to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise, please contact the clerk, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or clerk@sherston.org.uk. Alternatively, you can contact the Parish Council via the response form on [www.sherston.org.uk](http://www.sherston.org.uk) where minutes of meetings can also be read.

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## Summer soft-play sessions

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The soft-play equipment is aimed at children between one- and four-years-old only, with sessions running from 10.00am to 12.00noon. It costs £3.50 per child, and £1.50 for each additional sibling, and there will be complimentary tea, coffee, squash and biscuits during the session. So come along for tots of fun!

Please note that, even though it is a drop-in session, we are only able to accommodate up to 14 children; however, you are welcome to wait and see if a child leaves. Parents will be expected to stay and supervise their own children.

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*by Emma Liddington*



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# Sherston WI June meeting

It was a wet and windy night when members of Sherston WI met for their June meeting in the village hall. As soon as our President introduced the speaker, we knew we were going to have a good evening.

'Roses and Castles' was the title of Jane Clements' talk. She specialises in canal art and had brought many samples of her work to show us, from brightly decorated watering cans, churns and trays to smaller items such as bookmarks, doorstops, cards and notelets. Jane explained how she became involved in this type of folk art. No one knows the true origins of this decorative work but it is believed it started as a means of identification of the boats naming who owned them and what they were carrying. Further decoration was added when the boat was in dry dock for maintenance. Everyday items, such as kettles, watering cans and teapots, then began to have the roses and castles added.

The most fascinating part of the talk was when Jane demonstrated how the patterns were developed. Simple brush strokes with different size brushes were the base for all the designs. Different bright colours were added so that a simple circle of colour soon became a rose with individual petals. There was total silence when Jane was working – we were all so absorbed in her work. It was a most enjoyable talk.

President Sheila and Secretary Jill had recently attended the National Federation of Women's Institutes' AGM at the Albert Hall, where they had enjoyed singing Jerusalem with 5,000 other members and the recent resolution on the employment of more midwives had been passed. A report on the two main speakers will be given next month.

A visit to Avebury Manor will take place on 13 July, and two teams have been entered for the Quizzical Pursuits evening on 27 July at Sheldon School.

Thanks to Maureen Jolliffe for organising the collection and icing of the cakes provided by WI members for Sherston's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

At the next meeting on 5 July there will be a talk about the Breninwen Alpacas, with the competition being a hand-knitted item.

by Ann Wilcox

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## Whist Drive

The next whist drive will be held at the village hall on Friday 13 July, 7.15pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. £1.50 entrance, including refreshments.

M Goulding and J Gleed

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The workshop takes place at Didmarton Town Hall on Wednesday 4 July, 11.00am to 4.00pm. Cost: £25 full day/£15 half day.

Many apologies to those of you on the waiting list to go into the Carpenters Arms, hopefully that will be sorted soon, but please feel free to join this workshop. The space in the hall is excellent for painting; good light and easy access.

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# Car boot and stalls - Boules & Carnival

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Stalls for the big day – Saturday 14 July – are available at £40 for businesses or £20 for charities/voluntary groups. If you're interested in having a stall, please contact Sharon Doyle on 841233 or sharon.doyle@sjpp.co.uk.



# Carnival walk

Sue McKechnie's next walk is part of Boules & Carnival on Sunday 8 July, starting at 11.00am from Sherston Village Hall and returning to The Rattlebone Inn at around 1.00pm for a complimentary snack courtesy of the pub. It was from these initial carnival walks that Sue developed her regular perambulations.

The walk is free with no need to book. Just turn up with suitable footwear and clothing for weather conditions on the day. The walk is open to all – if you're new to the area it's a good way to meet people. Children are most welcome, as are well behaved dogs on leads.



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# School Uniform New & Swap Shop Sale

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HEALS would like to invite schools and parents to get involved in our School Uniform New & Swap Shop Sale. This is a tried-and-tested method of boosting school funds and helping parents. We will

be at The Bungalow in Malmesbury on Friday 31 August from 1.00pm to 3.00pm. We hope to have these events three times a year around the villages.

In addition, we have some exciting community projects coming up in 2012 and we hope that our community schools, parents, children and families will get involved in our work.

HEALS NEWS is our newsletter and anyone can sign up to receive this and updates of our work by emailing: [heals.malmesbury@gmail.com](mailto:heals.malmesbury@gmail.com). Note that we are looking for young budding reporters for every edition - deadline dates for inclusions can be obtained on request.

Our website - [www.heals.btck.co.uk](http://www.heals.btck.co.uk) - was launched last month, and we are also on Facebook.

*by Alison Cross-Jones, HEALS Chair*

## The Holford Arms - Reincarnation

Recently taken over by brothers James, Andy and Peter Heathcock, The Holford Arms in Knockdown has been resuscitated, fully renovated and brought back from the brink of extinction.

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Being a free house, there is a wide range of superb, best of breed, draught ales to be discovered on tap, as well as the renowned, locally produced, Sherston cider. In addition, the pub stocks a great selection of other British and continental beers, lagers and ciders, both bottled and on draught. Together with a variety of fine wines and spirits from all over the world, there is sure to be a tipple for every taste.

Regular events at The Holford Arms include a fantastic pie and quiz night on a Monday and live music both indoors and outside on the stage. Within the grounds, there is a nine-acre campsite, with facilities for caravans, tents and campervans and, in line with this, the three brothers are proud to be hosting a summer music and food festival on Saturday 18 August. The Happy Daze Summer Festival will include all-day music with live bands on stage, DJs, BBQ, grill, hog roast and free camping. Families and children are more than welcome to join the fun. The event runs from midday to midnight.

Opening times are 11.30am to 3.00pm and 5.30-11.30pm Monday to Friday, with all-day opening from 11.30am on Saturday and Sunday. Food is served from midday to 2.00pm and again from 7.00pm to 9.00pm. The diverse and interesting menu is always based around fresh, locally sourced produce and is revised monthly to reflect the seasons. In addition to the weekly menu, The Holford Arms

also offers an excellent Sunday roast which includes a choice of locally sourced meats, a large selection of fresh seasonal vegetables and vegetarian options.

For more information on The Holford Arms, the Happy Daze Summer Festival or to find out what is going on, feel free to pop in or contact us on 01454 238 669. We can also be found on Facebook or followed on Twitter.



## Malmesbury Abbey Music Society welcomes the Rockhampton Wind Quintet

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society (MAMS) is privileged to welcome for the first time the delightful Rockhampton Wind Quintet to Malmesbury Abbey on Saturday 14 July at 7.30pm. The Rockhampton Wind Quintet are five highly experienced orchestral performers from the south-west who will play a programme comprising classical quintets with some lighter pieces as well, from Darius Milhaud to Malcolm Arnold.

Tickets are priced at £12, or £5 for students, and can be obtained from the Abbey Bookshop, or the MAMS Ticket Secretary, David Barton, on 824924 or d.barton763@btinternet.com. Alternatively, they can be bought online through the Malmesbury website [www.malmesbury.com/mams](http://www.malmesbury.com/mams).

## Area Board

The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council takes place at Crudwell Village Hall on Wednesday 4 July at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. This is an opportunity for residents to see their area board in action and to participate in discussions. All welcome.



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# High Street improvements

Plans from Wiltshire Council highway engineers for phase 2 of the proposed works relating to Sherston High Street have now been received by the Parish Council. These concern the area around The Rattlebone Inn whereas Phase 1 is for the area around the Old School.

The total cost of both phases is in the region of £30,000. Residents will recall that the improvements are being proposed for reasons of road safety – primarily pedestrian.

At a meeting of the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) on 12 June, it was recommended to the Malmesbury Area Board that the proposed scheme to improve Sherston High Street be submitted as a substantive bid for grant funding to Wiltshire Council. The bid is on the basis that CATG and Sherston Parish Council will provide £5,000 each towards the total estimated costs. The £20,000 balance is the sum sought from Wiltshire Council.

The bid has been endorsed by the Area Board and will be submitted to Wiltshire Council. If successful, the necessary works have to be completed in the current financial year. It should be noted that Wiltshire Council has made available additional funding this year for such local schemes as this. There is no guarantee that similar funds will be available in future years. A decision on the grant application is expected in the autumn.

The Parish Council has agreed to support the bid in principle and, if the scheme progresses, to fund it in the sum of £5,000. Financial contributions from parishes towards a particular scheme are seen as essential if a

substantive bid is to be successful. CATG now expects a contribution of 25% for small local schemes, ie those costing less than £15,000. In this case, the parish contribution is 16.67%.

The actual detail of the whole scheme will be subject to final approval by both the Parish Council and the conservation officers of Wiltshire Council. The detail includes items such as raised or flush pavements, provision or not of railings, as well as all other aspects of the scheme. There will be public consultation of the Rattlebone part of the scheme and further opportunities for comment on the Old School part. This will include any concerns over possible loss of parking provision in the High Street. Essentially, the details of the scheme have to be approved by the Parish Council if it is to proceed.

Martin Rose, the principal highway engineer who has drawn up the proposed scheme, is being provided with copies of all residents' written comments to date. He is also more than willing to attend a meeting of the Parish council or indeed a special meeting on this subject alone to hear comments on, and suggested amendments to, the scheme. These can then all be incorporated as necessary into a final form for approval, or not, by the Parish Council.

A copy of the latest proposals will be published in next month's Cliffhanger so as to give everyone an opportunity to comment.



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# Neighbourhood Plan

All residents are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 17 July at 7.30pm in the village hall to hear in detail about the neighbourhood plan for Sherston and, most importantly, to give everyone a first opportunity to say how they would like the parish to evolve over the next 15 years or so. The meeting will include a workshop session so that people can put forward their practical suggestions and views for the future.

Already a number of aspirations have come forward, including a new surgery, a standalone building for the pre-school, additional allotments, improved sports facilities, and further affordable housing for

both young people and families, as well as for the elderly. This list is by no means exhaustive, so please be prepared to put forward your own ideas.

Housing is always an important topic and is bound to cause debate. The meeting will hear the results of the recent housing needs survey which gives some invaluable data on the subject, particularly in respect of affordable housing.

The production of the plan is very much dependent on there being full consultation with residents as it develops. Indeed, at the end of the day, the plan will only carry any planning authority if it is accepted in a referendum of the parish by at least 50% of those taking part.

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# SherstonFest: 'wicked'!

Photos: Nick Holland

What a weekend; 18 musical acts, enough cider to sink a small boat, enough food to feed a small army, enough wind and rain to ... (well, actually just ENOUGH rain and wind ... please!). But, despite the weather, enough smiles to keep us going for the rest of our 'summer'.

It was, by popular vote, an extremely well-organised event that saw hundreds of people get into and out of the heart of the village over two nights with less disruption than an average Saturday night.

The musical highlights were legion, but on Friday the awesome Dub Mafia just about stole it. They, according to one youthful source, 'came and got crunk', which was echoed by a number of others variously describing them as 'bad', 'sick' and 'wicked' – all of which is apparently positive approbation (who'd have known, eh?)



*Barney Kenny of local band Case Study*



*Charli Shephard*

The Saturday music programme was designed for people to have a lazy afternoon sitting on the grass with a few cheeky ciders building to a party crescendo at the end. Well, the ciders happened and the party happened but the grass sitting was somewhat curtailed

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*Some of the Sherston Village People – or Ollie's mummy, Ben's mummy and Rosie's mummy as Oak class would know them*

due to the great British 'summer'. Again, there were way too many fantastic performances to single any one out, but with a final run in of Way Out West (hilarious), The Sherston Village People (related to half the crowd), The Rinky Dinks (can you really do that on a ukulele?), topped off with The Mighty Soul Destroyers, the party definitely went off with a bang.

As ever, there was a hard-working team at the heart of the event (Dave Shephard, Jason Read, Jenny Lamont, Carla Moulder and Martin Rea, in this case) but, like most things, it wouldn't have happened without the help of all of the volunteers who put in sterling shifts – in the rain – to get it up and running and – (ironically) in the sun – to pack it all down again ... you know who you are, so thanks to all concerned!

As always, there is lots more info on the web – the official website ([www.sherstonfest.com](http://www.sherstonfest.com)) has links to some fantastic photos taken by Nick Holland, and the SherstonFest Facebook page has even more.

So, 'what about SherstonFest 2013?' has gone up the cry ... Phew, give us a chance to catch our breath first. But, just in case, you'd better 'Save The Date' ...



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*Dub Mafia – getting 'crunk' (apparently!)*

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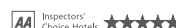
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**Saturday 7<sup>TH</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>TH</sup> July**

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## **Saturday 7<sup>TH</sup> Carnival Quiz Night**

8.00pm at the village hall. Bar.  
Tickets £15 from Sherston Post Office for a table of four.



## **Sunday 8<sup>TH</sup> Carnival Walk**

from village hall ending up at Rattlebone.  
11am - 1pm, guided. Turn up on the day, no charge.

## **Carnival Boot Sale**

8.00am - 12noon, at the Recreation Ground  
Refreshments. Pitches £10 on the day £5 in advance.  
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## **Tuesday 10<sup>TH</sup> Seniors' Afternoon Musical Tea**

2.30pm, British School Room  
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## **Folk Evening with The Packhorse Band**

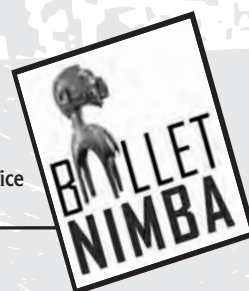
7.30pm in the Church of the Holy Cross. Bar.  
Tickets £5 (children under 16 £3) from Sherston Post Office.  
([www.thepackhorseband.co.uk](http://www.thepackhorseband.co.uk))

## **Wednesday 11<sup>TH</sup> Carnival Skittles**

8.00pm, Rattlebone. £5 entry - trophy to winner.

## **Ballet Nimba (African Dance)**

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## **Thursday 12<sup>TH</sup> Carnival Children's disco**

6 - 7pm village hall.  
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## **Carnival Cricket; Pinkney.**

4.30 Junior cricket  
6pm Rattlebone v. Village team.  
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## **Friday 13<sup>TH</sup> Carnival Football**

4pm, Junior 6-a-side football match  
7pm, Adults' football match in fancy dress  
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# Saturday 14<sup>TH</sup> In the High Street:

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## Colts Boules

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## Junior Boules

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# Sunday 15<sup>TH</sup>

## Carnival Treasure Hunt

Entry forms to be collected between 9 - 10.45am from Church porch.

Forms to be returned to a box in the Church porch by 1.30pm and prize giving at Mill Cottage teas.



## Local Artists' Exhibition

12 noon - 4pm, 9 Church Street

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## Carnival Tug of War

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## Thanksgiving Service

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Green Lane - Recreation Ground Car Park is for permit holders and disabled only.

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Thank you for helping make this such a great event!



# Gearing up for Sherston Gardeners' Day



Plans are coming together for Sherston Gardeners' Day to raise remaining funds for the Old School building. We're going green on Saturday 13 October in the playground with a veritable feast of horticultural and edible treats. The idea is to sell lots of lovely bulbs, indoor and outdoor plants, lavender bags, potpourri and other stocking-filler gifts to get you a step ahead of the Christmas shopping rush. And we'll be appealing as much to the not-so-keen gardeners as to the more green-fingered village people. If you're looking for ready-planted pots and containers, this event will be right up your street. If you prefer to do your own, you'll be delighted at the range of plants for winter and spring colour that we're putting together. There's a lot to do, so no time like the present to get started ... and, as was mentioned in last month's Cliffhanger, we need as much help as we can get. Some of you have already handed in empty

garden pots and hanging baskets for us to fill (thank you very much!) but we could do with LOTS more, as well as plants you would like to donate from your own garden.

If this first village Gardeners' Day is to make a real impact, then we need to wow people as soon as they enter the playground. Turn left for bags of alliums, lilies and tulips of every colour from palest pink to inky purple; turn right to browse pots of narcissi and daffodils combined with small flowering shrubs and conifers; and go straight ahead for hanging baskets filled with winter pansies. Find gifts galore at other tables, as well as lots of scrummy cakes, bakes and preserves. Get the idea?

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## Road closures

Residents have recently had to cope with a number of road closures for essential works – Noble Street, Tanners Hill, Sandpits Lane and Brook Hill. Fortunately, all has gone well and the roads reopened in good time.

In addition, we have had a road closure for a community event – the Jubilee street party – and this month sees the annual closure of the High Street for Boules Day. The cooperation of those residents who are directly concerned with these particular road closures, ie those living in the High Street and on the diversion route of Silver Street, Cliff Road and Church Street, is greatly appreciated. Without their assistance and goodwill, these events could not take place.

Earlier this year, there was some dismay when it was discovered that the provision of 'no waiting' cones by the police would no longer occur, with that task being transferred to Wiltshire Council. For the Jubilee, the Council provided cones at a cost of £50 on the basis that volunteers, rather than the police, deployed them for the event. Unfortunately, for Boules Day, no cones are available from the Council as they have been earmarked for events elsewhere in connection with the Olympics. Knowing how vital the cones are, however, the Boules & Carnival Committee has arranged to hire some for the day from a private contractor at a cost of £250. Volunteers will set out the cones overnight before Boules Day on 14 July.

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# Africa @ Sherston

Ballet Nimba (African Dance Theatre) visits Sherston as part of this year's Boules & Carnival on Wednesday 11 July at the village hall at 7.30pm. This is just prior to their appearance at WOMAD 2012 a few weeks later. Tickets, priced at £5 for adults and £3 for under-16s, are available from Sherston Post Office Stores or by phoning 840348. (A licensed bar will be available.)

Led by the irrepressible Idrissa Camara of Guinea, Ballet Nimba combines musicians and dancers from across West Africa to produce dynamic, compelling dance theatre with amazing musicianship and percussive beats that will outstand you. Expect to hear the sounds of a Fulani flute, Ngoni, Bolon Bata, Kirin, Djembe, Wassaoumba and the Doundoun drums, with six of the most agile dancers you've ever seen. For a video of Ballet Nimba, visit [www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWhpOR39TO0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWhpOR39TO0).

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# Rescued newts for school pond



Alex and Ben, both Year 4 pupils from Chestnut Class at Sherston School, have introduced five newts to their new home in the school pond. The day before, their very survival was in doubt after they had been left in a garden pond that had been drained and was being filled in by the new house owners near Swindon. The five, measuring less than 8cm (3"), are all smooth newts, and have since been spotted near the pond's edge by other children.

Along with the newts, came a dozen tadpoles. They will join more of their kind, and lots of tiny baby frogs that are enjoying the damp tall grass near the water's edge; sensitive to our footsteps, they can be seen jumping into the water as you get close.

The water is crystal clear at the moment, perhaps thanks to all the rain of recent weeks, making for good spotting, as several classes have found on their trips to the pond.

Also rescued were five large and very athletic frogs, which kept trying to escape from the bucket! Their new home is at Brinkworth Primary School, in their recently restored and opened Jubilee Pond at the Upper School. Hopefully, there are going to be reciprocal visits between the two schools later this term.

## Dragonflies are fun ...

... and what beauties they are too, as lots of children from Sherston school found out one morning, after five (female) wide-bodied chasers had hatched out at the school pond. Eager to find some support to unfold and dry their exquisite and fragile wings, they looked well suited on royal blue school jumpers! Males are equally attractive, being a brilliant shade of turquoise blue.

Other sightings around the pond have been small damsel flies, blue and red varieties.

The children have set up a monitoring group to record the different species visiting or living at the pond through the summer months.



Sherston school is the only school in Wiltshire to record dragonflies, and is hoping to have a visit from the County Dragonfly Recorder later in the term.

## Eyes down!

Jack and Sam keenly investigate what's in the net at the school pond. Pond dipping is fun, serious fun, as the children learn about water ecology. Lots of tadpoles, dragonfly nymphs and water snails – the signs of a healthy pond – among many smaller species. Also in the net is some blanket weed; not so good. We are trying to eradicate this fast-growing and all-smothering weed, which is proving to be a tedious and seemingly endless task.



*Crispian Huggill, Sherston School Environment Area Group*

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# Sherston's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

A unanimous decision was made early on the morning of Sunday 3 June to go ahead and hold our party and picnic as planned on the High Street. As we struggled to put up marquees, gazebos, etc, the rain poured down, but by 12noon people began to arrive clutching their picnics and umbrellas. The sun began to shine and the bunting all down the High Street looked wonderful, as did many of the houses that had been specially decorated.



We believe there were well over 300 people attending, and all seemed to be having a great time. The children loved the street drawings, face-painting and games, and, if not doing that, they were splashing in the puddles!

The aroma of the BBQ wafted in the air, and the bar did a roaring trade. Teas, coffees and cakes were in ample supply and children were seen clutching their Jubilee mugs.



'Just in Time' played some wonderful music and that really got the party going. The mass hokey cokey took some organising but was great fun. Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth sat regally beneath the Jubilee Tree looking on in amazement at all that was going on. The bells rang out from the church tower, and people flocked to see the wonderful flowers inside the church.







There were over 30 portraits on display in the village hall, painted by the children and the exhibition of Sherston's Coronation Celebrations was well attended.

On Monday evening, the Scouts lit the beacon on the Pennymead, followed by a stunning firework display, organised by the 1016 team, from the church tower.



The Parish Council would like to thank the Jubilee Committee for all the hard work and effort that went in to making this such a memorable event and, in particular, would like to thank:

Jill and Shane Caaney, Lynette and her team, Liz Walker and the brownies, Karen Valley, Pat Jones and Heather Martin, Dave Shephard, Just In Time, the 1016 team, the scouts, the church flower ladies, the bell ringers, Sue Ormiston and Beech Class, the PCC and the WI, with special thanks to the Cliffhanger team who provided the funds to pay for everything.

Lastly, thank you to everyone for coming on the day and making Sherston village proud.

There are still some Jubilee Mugs available at a cost of £5. Please ring Cilla Liddington on 840128 if you would like to purchase one.

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# TREEtalk

## JULY 2012

by Irene Johnston

### Scoop the poop!

If I could dish out my own ASBOs, it would be to the dog walkers in Grove Wood who don't care about anyone else. Just as you're enjoying a peaceful stroll, you realise you've stepped in something that's going to stick. Not pleasant, especially when it gets embedded in ridge-soled walking shoes. Why do some dog owners feel it's acceptable to inflict these canine excretions on the rest of us?

One of our volunteers has been brush-cutting the path edges recently and has had to clean his boots every time. Many people take their children along the top and the riverside paths to look at the wildflowers. Ramblers and other dog walkers also regularly use the wood. Nobody should have to be concentrating on where they put their feet rather than looking around and enjoying the scenery.

The people at fault know who they are. Please carry a plastic bag with you so you don't spoil the wood for the rest of us. Just because it's off road doesn't mean normal rules of hygiene don't apply. Thank you!

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### New boards to go up

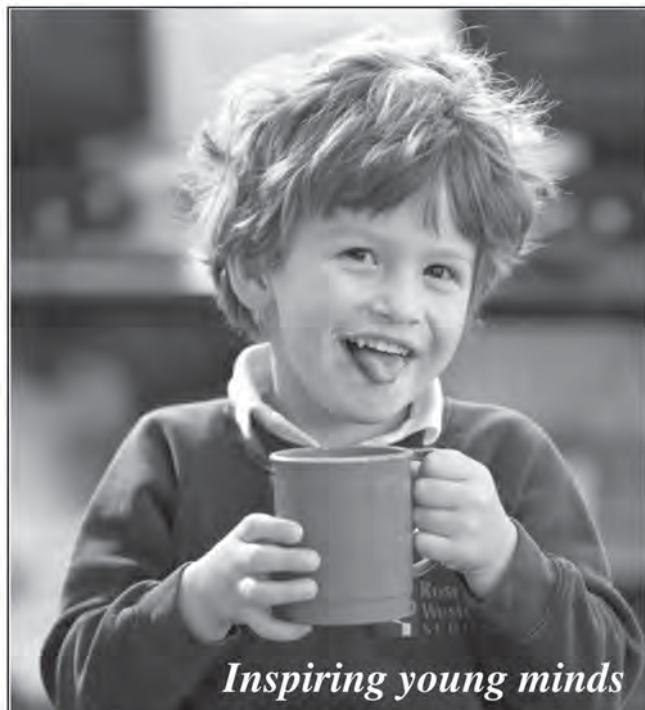
If you'd like to know more about what's been going on, what's still to be done, and what to look out for, you'll soon have all the information you need. New interpretation boards will be appearing at each end of the wood during this month. As a bonus, the text and illustrations will also be used in a full-colour leaflet that will ensure everyone in the village gets the chance to see the progress made by our volunteers in less than three years. Who knows, it may even prompt new people to join the team when we get going again in the autumn. Become a 'Grover' by helping on Sunday mornings between 10.00am and 1.00pm from late October to March.

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

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If you have children and want to get them out and about, try Lower Moor Farm near Oaksey. It's just the other side of Malmesbury (go to Crudwell and turn right towards Oaksey – on the edge of the Cotswold Water Park). It's at the centre of a number of reserves run by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and has a visitor centre and an area specifically for children, including a copy of a bronze age house and some small ponds. Nearby, there are water meadows, lots of orchids and lakes. For more information, visit the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust website ([www.wiltshirewildlife.org](http://www.wiltshirewildlife.org)).

Another great site that's really underused is Lower Woods, one of the largest ancient woodlands in the south-west of England, covering almost 700 acres. It is located near Wickwar and Hawkesbury Upton, off Inglestone Common (just the other side of the

A46), and it's only eight miles away. There are series of footpaths through a large variety of woods with lots to explore, and Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, which runs the site, has maps available on site and on its website ([www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk)).

Finally, there is Blakehill Farm, a 600-acre site just the other side of Minety (about one mile out towards Cricklade). It's an old RAF base where Dakotas took off from for Arnhem during the Second World War. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust has spent the last ten years restoring the site to a traditional hay meadow and it is one of the largest in the country. The wildflowers are fantastic as are the hares, kestrels and sky larks. Again, more details are available on the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust website.

If you would like any more information, have a look on the various websites or give me a ring on 840995. If you do visit one of the sites, let me know; alternatively, if you know of any other good local sites, I'd be very interested to hear from you.

And, finally, I saw my first ever marsh tit in Grove Wood – it's basically a black and grey version of a blue tit. At least, I was very excited!

*By Geoff Carss*



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The weather has been the dominant factor at the start of the season. Results have also been disappointing with the Saturday side still looking for the first league win of the season. But the Sunday side won their one and only league game that has been completed, beating Stone CC on 27 May by 65 runs, with Dan Pritchett (48\*) and Simon Hulance (39) being the stars with the bat and Ian Gould (5-29) and Ben Dickenson (4-15) being the stars with the ball.

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### 26 May Barnsley Beeches beat SMCC by 138 runs

Barnsley Beeches 272-7 (40 overs) Moore 3-36,

Gould 2-54

SMCC 134ao (34 overs) Moore 22

### 27 May SMCC beat Stone by 65 runs

SMCC 153-6 (40 overs) Pritchett 48\*, Hulance 39

Stone 88ao (24 overs) Gould 5-30, B Dickenson

4-15

### 16 June Chedworth beat SMCC by 5 wickets

SMCC 116 – 5 (40 overs) Fitch-Peyton 41, Harmer

27, Lovell 27\*

Chedworth 117 – 5 (33.3 overs) Kutchera 2-10,

Harmer 2-15

### 23 June NATS beat SMCC by seven wickets.

SMCC 105ao Harmer 38.

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Sunday 22: Tetbury (League), 2.00pm

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Sunday 29: Hanham (League), 2.00pm

Tuesday 31: Poulton (U15s) (League), 6.00pm



## Win up to £300!

Squares in the SMCC Cow Pat Lottery are selling well and there are a good deal fewer squares after a successful morning outside the post office on Saturday 16 June - thank you to all those who bought squares. Squares are £2 each and help support the cricket club with the maintenance of the ground at Pinkney Park. This season we are particularly looking to repair the sightscreens. The winning square will win up to £300, with adjacent squares each winning up to £50. If you have missed the opportunity of winning up to £300 for a £2 stake, we will be looking to sell squares again on Saturday 14 July at Boules Day. Look out for further events advertised in the Cliffhanger, online at [www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com](http://www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com) and on Twitter @Sherstonmagna.

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Refreshments include a hog and deer roast organised by local farmer Andrew Morgan with the help of a team of burly spit turners. The pigs are supplied from Andrew's own herd at France Lane Farm, while His Grace the Duke of Beaufort donates the deer from the Badminton Estate. To quench your thirst, the show bar will offer a range of local beers and ciders, including traditional real ales from local South Gloucestershire brewery, Cotswold Spring. Or, for a refreshingly luxurious twist for a summer's day, head to the Pimm's tent, organised by the Friends of St Mary's Church.

Entertainment commences on The Plain, with the crowning of the Carnival Queen (chosen from Hawkesbury Primary School) taking place from 1.15pm. She then heads for the showground, closely followed by the carnival floats and costume

procession, and a convoy of classic cars and vintage vehicles.

From 2.30pm, entertainment in the arena begins, with highlights this year including the amazingly fearless Zero Gravity BMX stunt display team (as seen on BBC Top Gear Live) and Wild West action from The Lawmen. In addition, a family of nine meerkats will be on show for handling and photo opportunities, while the Kids Painting Party Company will provide face painting, glitter tattoos and pre-cast plaster moulds to decorate and take home, not to mention the funfair, with dodgems, waltzers and plenty more.

At 5.30pm, show trophies and prizes will be presented by a local celebrity, followed by the eagerly anticipated Produce Auction, presided over by local auctioneer Nick Cragg from Country Properties, selling off many of the fantastic exhibits from the day to the highest bidder. Proceeds from the auction are ploughed back into show funds, with last year's auction raising a record amount.

Gates open at 12.30pm, with tickets priced at £4 for adults, £3 for senior citizens, £2 for children, and £10 for a family ticket. Pay at the gate or buy tickets in advance from The Village Shop & The Post Office, Hawkesbury Upton.

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# Doctor's Bag

by Judy Sharp, Practice Manager,  
The Tolsey Surgery

## Students home for the summer?

If you are back from university for the summer, please note that you should be ordering your routine medication from the doctor's practice with which you are registered. However, we will, of course, be happy to treat you as a temporary resident in an emergency.



## Online booking and repeat prescriptions

We have had a good response to patients registering for the new online system. We would just remind patients that the previous online system for repeat prescriptions will be switched off on 1 September, and would encourage you to register for the new system as soon as possible. All you need to do is request your online log-in details from the surgery, and bring some personal identification with you when you collect.

## New extended hours

We are changing our extended hours from 1 August to give greater patient choice.

We will now offer routine appointments on Wednesdays, early appointments with Dr Harris

from 8.00am to 8.30am and late appointments with Dr Watkins from 6.30pm to 7.00pm, and on Thursdays from 6.30pm to 7.00pm with Dr Pettit. We also offer routine nurse appointments through until 7.00pm on Thursdays.

Please note: the surgery opening hours are 8.30am to 6.30pm and the doors remain locked outside these times, except to allow access to patients with booked appointments during extended hours.

## Race for Life

Dr Harris took part in the Race for Life recently and is still collecting for the charity. If you wish to donate, please go to [www.raceforlifesponsorsome.org/lornaharris4](http://www.raceforlifesponsorsome.org/lornaharris4)

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# When will we see the defibrillators?

*By Phil Cutcher*

Those of you who kindly donated to the defibrillator fund may well be wondering why it seems to be taking so long to install them. It is taking a lot longer than expected, for two reasons.

Firstly, the amount we received in donations was substantially less than expected. We deliberately gave a suggested donation figure that was quite low in the hope that most people would donate; however, this plan didn't work to the level hoped. So we have been chasing other sources of funds.

Secondly, it took a long while to get through the bureaucracy of setting up the fund as a charity in order to reclaim tax on donations.

However, we have now received an extremely generous donation from an individual, and another from Cliffhanger funds. We hope soon to benefit from Sherston's share of a local charity and that will get us to the level to provide three defibrillators (in Sherston, Pinkney and Willesley), together with some training.

We need to find sites in each location to put the defibrillators. They can be mounted externally (in weatherproof boxes), but do require access to a very limited amount of power (to keep above freezing in winter). Ideally, they should be central, visible and not cause an obstruction. It has not proved possible to attach one to the Old School, but we are chasing an alternative site. Offers from Pinkney and Willesley would be much appreciated (to [phil@pleasantassociates.co.uk](mailto:phil@pleasantassociates.co.uk)).

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# Collect your undelivered mail from Sherston Post office

Following the closure of the Royal Mail Sorting Office at Malmesbury on 16 June, residents of Sherston can ironically enjoy an improved service by virtue of now being able to pick up undelivered mail from Sherston Post Office, rather than having to travel to Malmesbury before 12.30pm each day.

Initially the service will be restricted to Sherston village. However, the possibility of extending this to Pinkney and Easton Grey is being investigated.

Sub-postmaster Paul Mather said: 'We are really proud to offer this service, which would not have been possible prior to the relocation to The Old School. We identified an opportunity some time ago and invited Royal Mail to have a look at our facilities. They liked what they saw and we readily agreed to convert a store room in to a secure area to receive undelivered mail for the neighbourhood.'

It is simple process. Just bring down your calling card left by the postman and pop in to the post office to sign for your item of post.



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# THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

I am pleased to report that most of the difficulties arising from the Order's AGM in June have now been resolved, including the uncertainty over the appointment of this year's Mangold Maid.

Following the intervention of an independent adjudicator, the necessary interviews and inspections of the three prospective maids took place late last month. Neither Jason Read nor Graham Hayman was allowed to attend the proceedings which were held at a secret location at Norton. The chosen maid will be announced on Boules Day, Saturday 14 July.

The only outstanding issue from the AGM is Jason Read's continuing claim for compensation following the bite to his nether regions by the coypu, aka Ian Ashby. Both parties have agreed to deal with the matter by arbitration rather than embark on lengthy and potentially embarrassing civil litigation. The Order very much hopes that a sensible result acceptable to both parties will soon be reached.

Many of our members will be participating in this year's Boules tournament where their hurling skills can prove most advantageous. We wish them all the greatest of success.

Yarp! *The Keeper of the Quill*



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# Forest School news

A group of six- to 12-year-old children from five local schools, including Sherston Primary School, braved a very wet and windy June day to visit an exciting woodland location in the grounds of Rose Hill Westonbirt School with local Forest School leaders Niki Walden and Ann Dicks.

They all enjoyed participating in games, challenges, exploration and activities, including a scavenger nature walk, clay sculpting, tool work, and building, lighting and cooking over their very own campfires.

Forest School After-School Club will continue



at both Sherston and Luckington schools from September, and dates are also planned for more fun, extended sessions over the summer holidays.

If you would like your child to join or are interested in further information, please contact Niki at: [nikiwalden-forestschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nikiwalden-forestschool@hotmail.co.uk).

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**Sunday services** 8.00am Holy Communion; 9.30am Sung Eucharist (3rd Sunday 9.30am Family Service); 6pm Evensong (3rd Sunday Evening Holy Communion from the Book of Common Prayer)  
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  
A new Junior Church has started at the Church of the Holy Cross on the First Sunday of every month at 9.30am during the morning service, with storytelling then individual craft time, rejoining parents for Communion and refreshments in church. More information from Becky Fisher (Rural Schools and Churches Worker) on 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

**Junior Church** is held at Court House, Hullavington now on the first 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

## Sherston Churches are combining for FAMILY FEST

where all ages can come together on the 4th Sunday of the month between 4-5pm for Song – Prayer – Biblical Teaching – Craft – Play and afterwards refreshments, questions, discussion table-tennis, snooker and board games. The British Schoolroom Cliff Rd.

## Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

**Sunday Newspapers** On sale 8am - 11am every Sunday in Sherston village hall. Eggs, milk and sweets available too.

**Link** provides a voluntary car service for residents living in the Malmesbury area, taking those in need to hospital, the chiropodist, GPs' surgeries and to visit sick relatives.

For further information please call 01249 721532.

## 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.

**Boules at The Bull** Meet every Thursday at 7.15pm April till Sept at The Red Bull Inn, Malmesbury Rd. £2 per session, with winners getting half the pot. The annual subscription is £10 for adults and £5 for under 18s but the first 3 visits are free. We can lend boules for absolute beginners and we have a local supplier if you wish to purchase. Transport from Sherston is available. Further details from Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk

## Busy Hands Pre-school

Meets 9.10am - 12.10pm everyday in the village hall for 3 - 5 year olds. Further details call 07766 714544

**Charity Bingo** In aid of a different local charity each month on the 3rd Friday at 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 Rooms every other Tuesday 2.30 – 4pm (no meetings in June), 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

**Eudo Tae Kwon Do** Juniors every Tuesday at 3.15pm and Seniors Thursdays 7-9pm both in Sherston primary school hall. Abby Lees-Smith 510125 or email info@eudotkd.co.uk or see the website www.eudotaekwondo.co.uk

**Footpaths group** The group has published the booklet 'Sherston Walks - a new guide to local rights of way', featuring 9 local walks and is now on sale at the post office. If you would like to learn more about the footpath group and perhaps take part in some of its activities please come along to a meeting. For further information contact Maggie McKenna on 841047 or maggie.mckenna@harrispartnership.com

**Forest School Club** Weekly outdoor activities during term time at both Sherston and Luckington School and further fun extended sessions during school holidays. For further information please contact nikiwalden-forestschool@hotmail.co.uk

## Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

For details see 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 Gill Shaw on 825647 or email sgshaw@orchardshaws.co.uk

## Malmesbury Guides - Ingleburn Trefoil Guild

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, usually at St. Mary's Hall, Malmesbury at 7.30 p.m. Details from Helen Price, 503187 or retreatcottage17@btinternet.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. 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 2.30pm 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 eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk



**Sherston Badminton Club** We play every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from September to May. For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592.

## **Sherston Boules and Carnival 2012**

Any new ideas and offers of help in planning or just on the day gratefully received. For more details contact 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 5pm – 7pm every Wednesday. Sherston Brownies tend to come along if they don't join Scouts. Details from Ann Bye, 01454 218152, [ann.bye@virgin.net](mailto:ann.bye@virgin.net)

## **Sherston Cricket**

**Men's** Outdoor practise nets every week at the cricket ground at Pinkney Park. Men's nets 6.30 pm every Wednesday evening. Further details from Andrew Tremellen ([andrewtremellen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andrewtremellen@hotmail.co.uk) / 07979 388208) or Kevin Smith ([kevinarchersmith@btinternet.com](mailto:kevinarchersmith@btinternet.com) / 07970 740389).

**Ladies** We practice on Friday evenings from 6.30pm at Sherston cricket ground (Pinkney Park) with coach in Paul Jarvis. We need more girls/ladies of any age or ability to join us so please come along. We're all beginners, and our main aims are to have fun, get a bit of exercise and improve our skills. If you'd like any more info please contact Sarah Wilkinson at [swilkonite@hotmail.com](mailto:swilkonite@hotmail.com) or on 07919 911654. Otherwise just turn up. <http://sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp>

**Junior** Mini and Junior practice Monday evenings from 5.30pm. Under 15 training and matches on Tuesday evenings. Further details are available from Fiona Iliffe-Moon on [iliffemoons@gmail.com](mailto:iliffemoons@gmail.com) / 07877 400834. Non members should please contact Fiona Iliffe-Moon before coming to training.

**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** Summer Tennis Coaching for children of Sherston - children's coaching runs every year from Easter until early summer (end of June). The tennis courts are located on Knockdown Road, next to the football pitch. Membership fees again unchanged (family £80, adult £45). Club night is Thursdays from 6:30 pm - contact Belinda, and Men's Match tennis on Wednesdays - contact Kim or Nic. Your committee this year is: Nic Riley - membership, men's matches – 840682; Kim Stuckey - men's matches - 07710 981568; Gemma Bird - children's coaching - 840557; Belinda Robinson - club nights - 07944 782785

**Sherston Theatre Club** Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. Listings under [www.communigate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/](http://www.communigate.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 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors most welcome £3. 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 Cathy Garton on 841309 or email [cathy@jd-racing.co.uk](mailto:cathy@jd-racing.co.uk)

**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)

**Tots Of Fun On Fridays!** New drop in soft play sessions every Friday during the summer holidays at the Scout Hut, Green Lane, Starts 27th July! 10am-12pm Ages from 1-4 years, £3.50 per child, £1.50 for each additional sibling. Complimentary tea, coffee, squash and biscuits. For further details contact Emma on 841525 or [emmaliddington@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:emmaliddington@tiscali.co.uk)

**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.

**Wiltshire Walks** The Get Wiltshire Walking project has recently launched a new health walk in Malmesbury. Meet at 11.45 every Monday outside Malmesbury Town Hall, Cross Hayes for this free walk, all ages welcome. The walk last approximately forty-five minutes and often ends with a cup of tea or coffee. Further information contact Sarah Sims on [sarah.sims@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.sims@wiltshire.gov.uk) or 07846100233. For a full list of walking groups in Wiltshire please visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/getwiltshirewalking](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/getwiltshirewalking).

**Yoga in Sherston** A great opportunity to come and try a yoga class: 90 minute drop-in classes throughout the Summer. Journey through the Chakra system on Mondays: 16July – 20 Aug 7.30-9pm. £10/class. A new six week yoga course starts on Mon 3 Sep - 7pm for beginners and at 8.15pm more advanced. £45. All classes must be pre-booked due to limited spaces. Scout Hut. For further details call Kathryn 07903 802985, [yoga\\_in\\_sherston@hotmail.com](mailto:yoga_in_sherston@hotmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/Yoga.with.Kathryn](http://www.facebook.com/Yoga.with.Kathryn)

# What's on in 2012

## Dates for your diary

### 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.

## WHAT'S ON Sherston

### Boules & Carnival Week 7 -15 July 2012

Events include:

- Sat 7 Quiz night 8pm in the Village Hall £15 per team of 4, bar  
Sun 8 Car Boot Sale on the Rec 8am sellers 9am - 12 buyers, refreshments available  
Sun 8 Footpaths group walk departs from village hall 11am  
Tues 10 Afternoon musical tea in the British School Rooms 2.30pm £2 entry includes tea & cake  
Tues 10 Folk evening with the Packhorse Band 7.30pm Church of the Holy Cross £5  
Wed 11 Skittles Tournament at The Rattlebone 8pm £5;  
Wed 11 African Dance troupe (Ballet Nimba) pre WOMAD. Village hall 7.30pm £5  
Thurs 12 Children's Disco in the Village hall Primary school ages 6pm -7 pm No charge, refreshments available  
Thurs 12 Carnival Cricket at Pinkney Park - 4.30pm Junior 6pm Rattlebone vs Village team Bar and byo picnic  
Fri 13 Junior football match 4pm followed by adult match in fancy dress at 7pm, bar and BBQ  
Sat 14 - Boules Day & Carnival  
Boules Tournament starts at 9.30am in the High St, Colts tournament 10am and Juniors from 12 noon, French cafe, bar and live music, stalls, raffle, paint your own duck for the duck race and a fun packed 'WildWest' KidsZone in the village hall field. Cream teas, cakes and Pimms in the Village Hall 10am-4pm  
Exhibitions in the British School rooms - 'Best of British' and local artists at 9 Church St  
Sun 15 July -  
9am Treasure Hunt  
Local Art Exhibition 12-4 9 Church St

11am Tug of War Stretchline fields  
2.30pm Duck Race starts at Stretchline.  
Design and paint your own duck on boules day.  
from 2.45pm Cream Teas at the finish line at Mill Cottage,  
Raffle draw and treasure hunt prize giving  
6pm Thanksgiving service with the Salvation Army Village Hall field  
Please note:  
WC facilities in Village Hall and High St portaloos only.  
Parking: Please make use of the public car parks: Green Lane Recreation ground for permit holders (displaced residents' cars) and disabled badge holders only  
General car park: Sports Ground, Knockdown Road (from Didmarton, Malmesbury and Tetbury via Sandpits Lane and Stretchline car park, Brook Hill (from Luckington)  
Please see programme in centrefold for more details  
For further details call or visit [www.sherston.net](http://www.sherston.net)

### The Carpenter's Arms

Open under new management from beginning of July  
Check boards for details

### The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7.30pm Free entry and prizes for the winning team  
Annual Charity Boules Week Skittles Tournament Wed 11 Jul Please sign up at the bar for this annual spotting extravaganza  
Live music from Nobody's Business to kick off Boules weekend Sat 13 July BBQ outside  
See boards for more details of events  
Further details contact 840871 or [www.therattlebone.co.uk](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)

### SHOCC (Sherston Occasional Community Choir)

Meet every Tuesday in August at 7pm to sing madrigals  
Autumn session will commence 5 Sep - same time same place British School Room. For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or [nicki-heenan@btinternet.com](mailto:nicki-heenan@btinternet.com) or Jill Woodward 840578 or [jillwoodward222@btinternet.com](mailto:jillwoodward222@btinternet.com)

### Sue's Strolls

next walk: Boules and Carnival Walk 8 July starting from the village hall at 11am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 1pm  
For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or [susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk)

### Neighbourhood Plan

Tuesday 17 July at 7.30pm in the village hall. All welcome

### Knockdown

#### The Holford Arms

Sunday Pie & Quiz Night Every Sunday from 7pm food service and quiz begins at 8.30pm Big prizes, teams and individuals welcome  
Free house and restaurant - under new management Spring 2012  
For further details call 01454 238669

### Badminton

Beaufort Hunt Family Dog & Terrier Show  
Classes for all dogs including fancy dress (dog & owner)  
Bar, bbq, stalls Badminton Park Sun 29 Jul from 1pm  
Details from 07977 880130



## Grittleton

### Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Wed 25 July - HUGO (U) starring Jude Law and Asa Butterfield Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £5 in advance £5.50 on the door

**Summer break in August - next film Wed 26 Sep**

Grittleton Village Hall

For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or

email [l\\_palmer@btinternet.com](mailto:l_palmer@btinternet.com) or visit

## Westonbirt

### The Arboretum

**Free activities and trails** Kids go free and extra activities - all free 20 Jul - 31 Aug Spring & Summer admission: Adults £8 / Conc £7 Chd £3

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

**Walks:** Free guided walks take place every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday at 2pm, and 11am on Wednesday, from Easter to the end of October Walk Fit, Walk Off Weight and Walkactive Pace and Abs courses with Joanna Hall. Booking essential: See [www.joannahall.com](http://www.joannahall.com) for further details

**Wildflower Walk 10 Jul 10.30 free after admission**

**Summer 2012 Concerts:** July Fri 20 - The Wanted; Sat 21 Alfie Boe; Sun 22 - Steps £35-36.50 plus booking fee. Buy tickets at Westonbirt shop to avoid booking fee. New for 2012 - camping available for ticket holders £35 a pitch

**Workshops: Beginners and Advanced Digital Photography One Day Courses** Fri 20 Jul Beg £55 and both 10.30am - 3.30pm contact Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email [consult@abbey-studios.co.uk](mailto:consult@abbey-studios.co.uk)

**Workshops: Make a Windsor Chair** 2-7 and 9-13 Jul £275 Booking essential contact Paul Hayden 01373 836051 or [www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk](http://www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk)

Westonbirt Arboretum For further details call 880220 or visit [www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt)

## Westonbirt School

**Open House and Gardens** The House and Gardens will be open on Sunday 22 & 29 July, 5 August and 23 September from 11-4pm. Entrance for both House & Garden is £7.

No need to book, we welcome all ages and are happy to host dogs on leads! We are offering guided tours of the House and will be guiding with a maximum of 20 visitors per tour. You can wander at leisure around the stunning gardens, including Italian gardens and Camellia House and enjoy the peaceful pleasure gardens, all run by the Holfords of Westonbirt Trust

**Art Exhibition** Mon 2 - Sat 7 Jul

For further details call Laura Reid on 880333 or [lreid@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:lreid@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk) and Arabella for the open house and garden [aparr@westonbirt.org](mailto:aparr@westonbirt.org) or visit [www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk](http://www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Didmarton

### Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

**Painting Workshop - Colour confidence** Wed 4 Jul 11am - 4pm £25 full day / £15 half day Bring your own paints, brushes and supports and a packed lunch Didmarton Village Hall

**Coming Soon - painting classes in Watercolour, Acrylic and Mixed Media for beginners at Carpenters Arms Sherston! - when the pub re-opens.**

For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or visit [nicki.heenan@btinternet.com](mailto:nicki.heenan@btinternet.com)

## Easton Grey

### Whatley Manor

**National Gardens Scheme Open Day** Sun 1 Jul £4.50 admission from 2.00pm to 5.00pm

**Meet Patrouille Suisse Jet Pilots** Thurs 5 Jul Have dinner with Commander of the Patrouille Suisse, Daniel Hösli, with his entire aerobatic team of the Swiss Air Force prior to their show display during The Royal International Air Tattoo in Fairford 7-8 July. £75 includes aperitif, presentation in the cinema, three-course set menu, wines, coffee and petit fours

**Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner** Warhorse starring Benedict Cumberbatch Sun 22 July

**Tuesday Garden Tours** 3 July (sold out) Next 7 & 14 Aug 11.30 for 12 noon start Garden tour 2.30-4pm Welcome reception and 2 course lunch followed by private tour of the 12 acre garden by head gradener Barry Holman £42

Whatley Manor For further details call 834026 or visit [www.whatleymanor.com](http://www.whatleymanor.com)

## Malmesbury

### Malmesbury Carnival

30 July - 2 Sep Full month of events including quizzes, historical walks, poetry, music events, Caribbean salsa party, bike rides, Petticoat Lane in the High St on 26th Various locations in and around Malmesbury

For further details call [enquiries@malmesburycarnival.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@malmesburycarnival.co.uk) or call 823921 or 824361 or visit [www.malmesburycarnival.co.uk](http://www.malmesburycarnival.co.uk)

### Malmesbury Kite Festival

4-5 Aug 10am - 5pm free entry Car Park £2 a spectacular array of kites, including beautiful artistic and appliquéd kites, sport stunt kites, synchronised to music and inflatables. Bring your own kites, either bought or home made and experts on hand to help advise on flying them or on their design.

The Worthey's SN16 9JX For further details call [jules.caton@googlemail.com](mailto:jules.caton@googlemail.com) or call 07794 608280 or visit [www.malmesbury.com/news/20-news-and-announcements/general-news/1579-kite-festival-2012-update.html](http://www.malmesbury.com/news/20-news-and-announcements/general-news/1579-kite-festival-2012-update.html)

## MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP

Sat 14 Jul

Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall

For further details call [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 Music Society

**Rockhampton Wind Quartet** on Sat 14 July 2012 at 7.30pm

Tickets from the Abbey Bookshop or via website £12/ £10 members/ £5 student or chd

For further details call David Barton 824924 [d.barton763@btinternet.com](mailto:d.barton763@btinternet.com) or visit [www.malmesbury.com/mams](http://www.malmesbury.com/mams)

## Charlton Park

### WOMAD - World Music Festival

Thurs 27 - Sun 29 July

For further details or visit [www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park](http://www.womad.org/festivals/charlton-park)

## Tetbury

### Yellow Lighted Book Festival

literary events including some well known authors - see website for programme continues through July Free to £12.50. All events include refreshments and book discounts Book early to avoid disappointment as venues are small 21 Church St

For further details call 500221 or visit [www.yellow-lightedbookfestival.co.uk](http://www.yellow-lightedbookfestival.co.uk)

## Wotton-Under-Edge

### The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Jeff, who lives at home; Prometheus; Albert Nobbs; Moonrise Kingdom; The Angels' Share; Tortoise in Love; Royal Opera House Royal Ballet - Tales of Beatrix Potter check website for details

For further details call 01453 844601 or visit [www.wottoneph.co.uk](http://www.wottoneph.co.uk)

## Cirencester

### Gloucestershire Steam & Vintage Show

Fri 3 - Sun 5 Aug £10, juniors £5, under 5s free. Family ticket £25. Advance discounted tickets from Tetbury Tourist office. All in aid of local charities

For further details call 01453 762508 or visit [www.steamextravaganza.com/](http://www.steamextravaganza.com/)

## Cotswolds

### Cotswold Rural Skills

Dry Stone Walling Beginners course 14 - 15 July Cotswold Farm Park and 28-29 Jul Landsdown, Bath / Intermediate 21-22 Jul Coates, Cirencester 2 day course £99 Book ahead to avoid disappointment

Blacksmithing taster day 15 Sep Northleach £99

Lime Mortar - beginners 1-2 Sep Ebworth Centre

Green Woodworking 14-15 Jul Limpley Stoke, Bath £99 for 2 day course

For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or [david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](mailto:david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk) or visit [www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk)

## Bath

### Theatre Royal

The School for Scandal 5-21 Jul 7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33.50

Summer season:

Hysteria starring Anthony Sher 26 July - 18 Aug

The Tempest starring Tim Pigott-Smith 23 Aug - 8 Sep

Peter Pan 22-26 Aug

The Transformation Season : The Welsh Boy; deadkidsongs;

The Double

Book ahead for: Rough Justice; Relatively Speaking; Good Grief; Mansfield Park; The Ladykillers; The Plough and Stars; The Judas Kiss; Driving Miss Daisy; Alvert Herring ; The Lighthouse

For further details call 01225 448844 or visit [www.theatreroyal.org.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.org.uk)

## Slimbridge

### Wildfowl and wetlands centre

Landrover Safaris every weekend and daily in school holidays 11am & 2pm £5/£3 chd - book tours with David Bell 01453 891 223

Nature Detectives every weekend and daily in school holidays Free after admission

Slimbridge Wetland Centre

For further details call 01453 891223 or

email [elleanor.wise@wwt.org.uk](mailto:elleanor.wise@wwt.org.uk) or visit [www.wwt.org.uk](http://www.wwt.org.uk)

## Fairford

### Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF

### Fairford Sat 7 - Sun 8

Sat 7 - Sun 8 July 07.30 - 8.30pm £39 including car parking / unders 16s free with adult ticket holder Advance ticket sales only buy online or from a branch of Barclays Bank

For further details call 0800 107 1940 or visit [www.airtattoo.com/airshow](http://www.airtattoo.com/airshow)

## Lackham House, Lacock

### Shakespeare Live Open Air Theatre

Twelfth Night 9 - 14 July £12-20

For further details call 01225 722987 or visit [www.shakespearelive.com](http://www.shakespearelive.com)

## Hatherop Castle School

### Cotswold Arcadians Open Air Theatre

The Comedy of Errors Mon 23 - Sat 28 July Bring a picnic £16- 18 / £14 / £8

For further details call 01285 898019 or visit [www.arcadians.org](http://www.arcadians.org)

## Iford

### Iford Arts Festival

Opera & Music Festival July - Aug Opera: Falstaff (Verdi) 7 - 21 July; Susanna (Handel) 28 Jul - 8 Aug Picnic Proms Fri 10 Aug Final Fling - Sat 11 Aug

Iford Manor For further details call book via the Theatre Royal Bath Box Office 01225 44 88 44 or visit [www.ifordarts.co.uk](http://www.ifordarts.co.uk)

## Longborough

### Festival Opera June - July

Götterdämmerung 17,19,22 and 24 Jul

Download an entry form from website

Young Artists present Sweeney Todd 28-29 Jul

For further details call 01451 830292 or visit [www.longboroughopera.com/](http://www.longboroughopera.com/)

## Bishops Cleeve

### Vintage Sports Car Club's annual

### Prescott Speed Hill Climb

over 260 pre-war vintage cars race 4-5 Aug £5-£15 (Under 16s free) - cheaper if bought in advance from [www.vsccl.co.uk](http://www.vsccl.co.uk)

Prescott Lodge

For further details call 01608 644888 or visit [www.vsccl.co.uk](http://www.vsccl.co.uk)

## Gatcombe Park

Festival of British Eventing 13-15 July in 2012 due to the Olympics 8-5pm £12-18, family tickets available from £39

For further details call 0871 789 1423 or visit [www.gatcombe-horse.co.uk/](http://www.gatcombe-horse.co.uk/)

## Cheltenham Music Festival

Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of music 4-15 July Various locations in Cheltenham

For further details call 0844 576 7979 or visit [www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music](http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music)

## Bristol

### Bristol Harbour Festival

20 - 22 July Free events and entertainment all weekend see website for details

For further details call 0117 922 3287 or visit [www.bristolharbourfestival.co.uk](http://www.bristolharbourfestival.co.uk)

## Long Ashton

### Bristol Balloon Fiesta

Thurs 9 - Sun 12 Aug Mass launches Thurs - Sun at 6am and 6pm. Nightglow mass launches on Thurs & Sat at 9.30pm Red Arrows display Sun 5pm Free entry - car parking £6 if bought in advance, £10 on the day

Mass ascents daily at 6am and 6pm / Nightglows 9 & 11 Aug at 9.30pm

Ashton Court Estate, For further details call 0117 953 5884 or visit [www.bristolballoonfiesta.co.uk](http://www.bristolballoonfiesta.co.uk)