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Olympic fever hits Sherston school

by Fi Picton



Pupils at Sherston Primary School could be future Olympians if their performance at the Family Fun Day is anything to go by. Over 150 children took part in a kids' decathlon at the rec on Saturday 19 May, devised by a team of inspired dads. Well, how can you not be inspired when the theme is sport and the meetings are at that local watering hole, the Rattlebone?! Behind the idea were the Friends of Sherston School, consisting entirely of mums, who decided it was time that the dads joined in! The meetings were a little different, of course, with sophisticated spreadsheets, hand-drawn diagrams and hours ... and hours ... spent discussing how to score each sports event. With Doug McLeish and

John Pettit as Chief Event Organisers, and Jason Read and Finlay Evans running the Department for Burgers and Beer, they impressively signed up over 20 dads as volunteers for the day. They ran everything from the hugely popular long jump to the somewhat untraditional Nerf shooting. And the women? We kept well back behind the tea urn, of course, only too delighted to let the dads take centre stage. The day ended with a medal ceremony for the winners, complete with an eclectic range of national anthems (is the Spanish national anthem really the Gypsy Kings?!). Thanks to all the parents who helped and to everyone who came, we raised about £1,000 for the school.

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Sherston Senior Club

On 3 April, David Remington presented his beautiful butterfly slide show and this was followed, on 17 April, with our first outing of the year to Dobbies Garden Centre in Cirencester. On 1 May, we listened to a very interesting talk by Zoe Tointon on fundraising for cancer at the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

Looking forward, on 12 June, Irene Johnston will be updating us on what is going on at Grove Wood. This will be followed by our annual visit to Weston-super-Mare on 26 June (10.00am to 4.00pm). On 10 July, we will be holding our Boules afternoon tea with entertainment and on 24 July we will have an outing to Sidmouth (9.30am to 4.00pm).

Visitors are always welcome to attend any of our meetings or outings (space permitting). If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

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Annual Parish Meeting

There was a good turnout at the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) last month when some 40 residents gathered in the village hall. The APM gives residents an opportunity to raise any issues of concern in the parish – and this year the questions came in thick and fast.

The parish council chairman John Matthews gave his annual review, with the outstanding achievement being the progress made by SOSCIC in completing the Old School redevelopment both on time and on budget. With the new Post Office Stores up and running since last November and a number of tenants lined up for the rest of the building, the project could not have gone better since the premises were acquired in April last year.

Mike Johnson gave an overview of the work being done to produce a neighbourhood plan for the parish, in which he emphasised how important this was for residents, giving them a real say in what, how and where any future development takes place. One thing is certain: if no plan is produced the parish will leave itself open to unwanted development.

Residents' questions covered parking, which is one area that the neighbourhood plan will have to look at in detail, not only in relation to the situation in the centre of Sherston but also in other areas such as Green Lane. Speeding was another issue discussed, particularly the possibility of introducing a 20mph limit in Sherston itself. The continuing anomaly of Willesley having the national speed limit of 60mph was raised. And, of course, no parish meeting could go without mention of that most popular subject – dog fouling. Despite two new dog bins, unfortunately the problem persists. There has been some success of late with intervention by the dog warden - Cliff Road being an example – but this all depends on particular problems being reported by residents to Wiltshire Council. While the vast majority of local dog owners always 'pick up', it only takes one or two who don't to create an unsightly and unhealthy mess.

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New surgery?

As part of the process of producing a neighbourhood plan for Sherston parish, the Tolsey Surgery has revealed its ambition to seek new purpose-built premises.

At the annual parish meeting last month, Dr Simon Watkins set out the need for a new surgery, stating that the present premises were simply not capable of conforming to new requirements for a modern facility. In particular, patients' access to the consulting rooms was not satisfactory and there was insufficient space to provide all the services that the practice wishes to make available to its patients.

A new surgery would be entirely on the ground floor, thus eliminating any access issues. It would also be of a size to ensure that many minor services could be made available for patient, rather than them having to travel to Chippenham or elsewhere as at present. There was also the possibility of a new surgery being able to include a dental practice. The vital dispensing service would remain an essential element of the surgery. Any site would need to include space for up to 30 cars for the use of staff and patients. Dr Watkins informed the meeting that the new surgery would be as close as possible to the centre of the village. The provision of a new surgery in Sherston will depend on both a suitable site being made available and finance. The latter is a matter for the practice and the NHS which, as we all know, is presently undergoing a major reorganisation.

The surgery is an absolutely vital local service and the need for a new site will undoubtedly be a priority of the neighbourhood plan. It is, however, only one of a number of aspirations that local organisations have put forward at the beginning of the process in producing the plan. Others include a stand-alone building for the pre-school, additional allotments, improved sports facilities, and further affordable housing for young people and families, as well as for the elderly.

The neighbourhood plan will include as many of the aspirations of the community as possible and, most importantly, will identify sites where they can be accommodated. 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 carry planning authority only if it is accepted in a referendum of the parish by at least 50% of those taking part.

Over the next few months, full details of the neighbourhood planning process will be published both in the Cliffhanger and on www.sherston.org.uk. There will be plenty of opportunities for residents to make their own aspirations and views known. The first of these will be an open meeting in the village hall on Tuesday 17 July at 7.30pm. Full details of the meeting will be given in next month's Cliffhanger.

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: 23 and 24 June

Some new gardens are included on this year's Open Gardens Trail (it's also not too late to include your garden if you would like to offer it, so please get in touch - phone numbers below). The gardens will be open from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on the Saturday and 2.00pm to 5.00pm on the Sunday. Tickets are £5 per person to include tea and cake, served in the church, and will be on sale outside the post office from 10.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday then from the lychgate and also on Sunday from the church. You can spread your visits over the two days. Accompanied children under 12 are free but refreshments have to be paid for.

There will be stalls, children's activities, tombola and raffle in and around the church on 23 June from 2.00pm to 5.00pm, replacing the usual Church Fête. All proceeds from the weekend benefit the upkeep of our lovely church.

We would be most grateful for donations for any of the stalls:

Plants - can you pot up a few extra seedlings or divide overlarge perennials?

Produce - do you have spare vegetables or fruit from your garden, or pots of jam or chutney?

Homemade - do you make small items suitable for sale - in fabric, knitted or crochet?

Second-hand jewellery and accessories - use this opportunity to have a bit of a turn-out and make space to buy some more.

Prizes for the Raffle and Tombola are very welcome.

Lastly, we need lots of cakes, please!

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Playing chess for England

We caught up with chess whizz Emily Vaughan from Sherston school and asked her a few questions about how she got to be selected to play chess for England.

Q: When did you first take an interest in chess?

A: I began playing chess when I was in Year 2 at Sherston school (aged six) when I joined the Chess Club.

Q: What first attracted you to the game?

A: I wanted to try a new hobby.

Q: How old are you now?

A: I'm 10 now and play for the England Girls U 11's.

Q: How much time to you spend practising in an average week?

A: I practise about two hours a week on average. I play at fun days, against other people on the internet, against Chess Master on the computer, at school Chess Club, with friends and family and I have coaching in Swindon.

Q: What tournaments have you won?

A: Tournaments I've won so far are the West of England Championship, Wessex under 7, 8 and 9 Suprema and I play for the county under 11's.

Q: How did you get put forward to try for England Girls?

A: The manager of the England team wrote to the manager of the county team, who recommended that I was put forward for selection.

Q: What will happen next with you representing England Girls?

A: I have just played for England South/South West Girls against the North/North East Girls and our team won by one point! I won one game and lost one.

Q: How would you sum up how you feel about representing England Girls?

A: Playing for England makes me feel really proud and happy.

by Sally Clayton



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Showjumping success for Sherston school

Congratulations to the newly formed Sherston School Equestrian Team who have just qualified for the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) National Championships in October.

The team of Alex Harvey riding Baygo, Amy Peevers riding Obie and Charlotte Bailey riding Pudsey competed at the end of March in an NSEA show-jumping team competition at Summerhouse Equestrian Centre near Gloucester, in the 70cm category. They were against fierce competition, including last year's National Champions in this class, Pinewood School, on a tough track that was up to height. Although this was only their second competition, all three did double clear rounds, the only team in the competition to achieve this, and were therefore clear winners of the class. The fourth team member, Katie Pyle, did not ride on this occasion but played a critical role in keeping tabs on other teams scores and enabling Sherston to use the correct tactics for their rounds.

Amy, Alex and Charlotte also entered the 65cm warm-up class, which was for individuals rather than teams, and took three of the top four places! Charlotte did a blisteringly quick jump off round to take the win, with Amy coming third and Alex fourth.

The team, who are overjoyed at winning, will now go on to join another 23 teams from around the country to compete at the NSEA Championships which are to be held at Addington Manor in Buckinghamshire in October. Malmesbury School will be there too as they qualified a team in the 90cm class

'It is very exciting for the children to be going to compete in a National Final in such a prestigious venue. Actually, it's quite exciting for the parents too! We can't wait!' said Mrs Elise Harvey, summing up the feelings of all involved with the winning team.

by Sally Clayton

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Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

With all the plans now finalised and the bunting up we thought you'd like to have a run down of just what's on in Sherston for this important event.

Saturday 2nd June

FREE Queen's Portrait Workshop (Village Hall)

10 am – 12 noon

Flower Festival (Holy Cross Church) 10 am – 5 pm

Sunday 3rd June

Service of Thanksgiving (Holy Cross Church) 11 am

Street Party (High Street) 12 – 4 pm

Flower Festival (Holy Cross Church) 2 – 5 pm

Coronation Exhibition (Village Hall) 12 – 2 pm

Public Judging of Queen's Portrait (Village Hall)

12 – 2 pm

Ringin' of Bells 3 pm

Monday 4th June

Flower Festival (Holy Cross Church) 11am – 5 pm

Scout Beacon (Recreation Ground) 10:10 pm

Fireworks (Church Tower) 10:10 pm



Competitions

Portrait of the Queen: ages 0-5, 6-11 & 12-16

Entries to Village Hall by 12 noon on Saturday 2nd June. Either DIY or come along to our FREE workshop on Saturday morning 10am–12 noon - all materials supplied. All portraits will be on display in the Village Hall on Sunday 3rd June and the winners will be selected by public vote.

Best Decorated House: Enter by 1pm Saturday 2 June

If you are putting up the red white and blue why not enter this competition?

Make sure you fill in the entry sheet in the Post Office by 1pm on Saturday 2nd June.

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Street party 12 – 4 pm Sunday 3rd June

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Commemorative Mugs

Sherston Parish Council will provide a Diamond Jubilee mug for each child aged 0- 11 years of age in the parish, which will be distributed at the street party.

Exhibition 12 – 2 pm Sunday 3rd June

Many documents have come to light from the parish Coronation celebrations in 1953 and these together with a number of artefacts will form a small exhibition in the village hall on Sunday 3rd June from 12 noon. Anyone who has any commemorative items from the Coronation that could also be included should please get in touch with Cilla Liddington on 840128.

Flower Festival Saturday 2nd to Monday 4th June

The parish church will host a special display of flowers over the weekend.

Thanksgiving Church Service and Bells

11 am & 3 pm Sunday 3rd June

Sunday 3rd June at 11 am sees a special service of thanksgiving in the parish church at 11am. Music by Vivaldi and Handel will be played (organ and trumpet).

The bells will be rung at 3 pm on Sunday 3rd June as part of national celebrations.

Beacon and Fireworks 10:10 pm Monday 4th June

On Monday 4th June at 10.10 pm Sherston Scouts will light a beacon on the Recreation Ground. Sherston 1016 will follow this with a short but spectacular fireworks display from the top of the church tower. You should be able to see the fireworks wherever you live in the parish although for best effect why not view them from the Rec or a nearby street?

Help Needed

As usual we are in need of help in particular for the street party. We need manpower to help erect the marquees, put up tables and decorations in the High Street in readiness for the street party at 12 noon on Sunday 3rd June. Any help would be very much appreciated. Please contact either Jill Caine on 841380 or Cilla Liddington on 840128.

Sherston Primary School: open days



If you'd like to get a feel for Sherston school, look around the facilities and meet some of the staff and pupils, then come along to one of our open events:

- Tuesday 26 June, 1.30pm to 3.10pm – for children, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.
- Tuesday 18 September, 1.30pm to 3.10pm – for children and parents.

'The best way to get an impression of our school is to come and see us in action', says Nicholas Bowditch, Headteacher. 'During these open events, you'll meet staff members, visit classrooms, view some of the children's work on display, find out about the wide range of extra-curricular activities, and learn about the school's lunch arrangements and healthy eating agenda. And of course, there will be plenty of time for questions.'

So if you are contemplating schools for your children, come along and find out more.

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Family Fest

Run by Sherston churches together in the British School Room on 22 April, the first Family Fest proved most popular, attended by more than 12 families.

Over 60 folk crowded round the tables to be involved with craft and crayoning (courtesy of Becky Fisher), watch a DVD, or sing along with Junior Choir (new chorus led by Nicki Heenan). Stephen Heal from Castle Combe Congregational Church spoke after the DVD and Reverend Bryan (plus baby Jemima in arms) gave the final blessing. A good and heart-warming time was had by all.

The Family Fest Team arranged three sessions, each at 4.00pm, on the fourth Sunday in April, May and June – the next one being 24 June.

After the summer break, another three Family Fest sessions are planned for September, October and November, again at 4.00pm on the fourth Sunday of each month (ie 23, 28 and 25 respectively).

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Fun returns

The summer sees 'Fun in the Sun', the very popular free sports coaching sessions run by Wiltshire Council for all children aged 5 to 11 years, back in Sherston. The sessions run from 10.00am to 11.30am, starting on Wednesday 25 July and continuing every Wednesday until 22 August. Full details will be available next month. 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 unsuitable.


Housing needs survey: results

Following the parish-wide survey at the beginning of the year, Victoria Key, an officer of Wiltshire Council, will give a presentation of the result to the parish council at its meeting on 14 June. A copy of the final report will be available on www.sherston.org.uk.

Meeting of the parish council

The parish council meets on Thursday 14 June 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, Sarah Wood, on 840197 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. You can also contact the council via the response form on www.sherston.org.uk where minutes of meetings can be read.

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The next whist drive will be held at the village hall on Friday 8 June, 7.15pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. £1.50 entrance, including refreshments.

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Olympic fever hits Sherston school

(continued from front cover)

by Fi Picton

The following Wednesday the whole school went to see the Olympic torch pass through Royal Wootton Bassett. It was a long hot coach journey and a long hot wait to see wheelchair-bound torchbearer Kate Hincks from Cirencester. When she finally came into view, the children cheered wildly and waved hand-made flags. Sam Wodecki (Year 4) said: 'It was great - the Olympic parade with the trucks, the police cars and the Coke lorries, it was really good!'



The next day, Head Nick Bowditch led the school's own Olympic Opening Ceremony, with each child representing one of the countries taking part. He encouraged them to follow the Olympic motto 'Citius, Altius, Fortius' (faster, higher, stronger) as they embarked on a week of sporting activities, with special guests, including local equestrian Richard Meade, a triple Olympic gold medallist.



The sun was still shining on Friday as the bunting and the bean bags were dusted off for sports day. As everyone waited for the winning team to be announced, there was suddenly a glimpse of shining metal through the crowd as Richard Warren arrived with his Olympic torch. The children couldn't believe it, a real Olympic torch! Richard, who's from Hullavington, had taken part in the relay through Trowbridge on Tuesday 22 May. He has been a Special Police Constable – now a sergeant - for 44 years. His wife now has MS and they both actively support the MS Society. Here, Richard is perhaps best known for his roles both on and off stage with Sherston Drama Group. When I asked him what he's going to do with his Olympic torch, he said it wouldn't be going on eBay; he's going to give it to his grandchildren.



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As many of you will know, the Reverend Sue Harvey, our curate who was ordained last year, is to be priested on Sunday 1 July. The service will be held in Bristol Cathedral from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. On the day before, Saturday 30 June, Phil Daniels, who is joining us as our assistant curate, will be ordained, also in Bristol Cathedral, at 10.00am (see below).

In order to celebrate these events and to meet and welcome Phil to Gauzebrook, we plan to hold a get-together with light refreshments in Sherston church on the Sunday evening, once Sue is back from Bristol, which means a start time of approximately 7.00pm. There will be no evensong service that day.

For those wishing to attend Sue's priesting, transport to and from Bristol Cathedral will be arranged if there is sufficient demand; there will be a small charge. Transport will leave the High Street in Sherston outside the post office at 2.00pm. It will return from the Cathedral after the service, leaving at 6.00pm to arrive back in Sherston at 7.00pm for the social event. Some other pick-ups may be possible. We do not intend to provide transport for the Saturday service.

In order to give us some idea of numbers for the get-together and to assess demand for transport, there will be a list in Sherston church on the chest to complete. If you are unable to do this, please ring Pam Pickthall on 841072 or email pampickthall@hotmail.co.uk.

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News from Holy Cross Church

Although it was sad to say goodbye to Reverend Sarah Evans, her husband Nigel and sons Benjamin and Sebastian, it was a lovely farewell service at which Sarah preached and spoke of the vocation we all have to share the good news. She was presented with a gift from the parishes which she will put towards a pilgrimage around the seven churches of the Book of Revelation. Sarah will be licensed to her new post at 7.30pm on 12 June in Yatton Keynell church. It would be lovely if a good crowd of people from the village could support her and the family at this event.

As one ministry ends, so others begin: on Saturday 30 June at 10.00am, our new curate, Phil Daniels, will be ordained deacon in Bristol Cathedral. Phil comes to us from Box parish where he has been serving voluntarily as a licensed lay minister while working as an archivist for English Heritage. He also has teaching experience. Phil is married to Rhoda and they will be living in Chippenham.

There will be a special service to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Sunday 3 June at 11.00am - all are welcome to this all-age service of thanksgiving and celebration.

Over the winter, we experimented with a new time for the early morning service, but it has now returned to 8.00 am and will be reviewed at the end of summer time.

With people's changing lifestyles, services on Sunday morning may not work for all, especially young families. We're therefore asking families to let us know if there are new ways that the church can help them worship and explore faith together. For instance, would Sunday afternoons with a different style of worship be easier? Or more groups at school? Or is it just a matter of tweaking the timing of a Sunday morning family service? Please let Becky Fisher or me know at becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk or Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com

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WI May Meeting

May is the month when members of the WI discuss resolutions on important subjects ready to be submitted to the National AGM on 30 May. This year the resolution concerns 'The training and employment of more midwives in England and Wales to ensure services are adequately resourced and are able to deliver a high standard of care.' We had an interesting discussion with different points of view put forward, including from a former midwife and others with past nursing experience. A vote resulted in unanimous support for the resolution.

General business followed with details of outings to Kilver Court and Wells in May and Avebury Manor in June.

Chris Weedon reported on an interesting morning at The Wiltshire Heritage Centre in Chippenham, finding out how Sherston's history can be researched. The afternoon was spent with other villagers walking the back lanes and tracing how the village has developed. Rain eventually brought this to a halt.

Two teams have been entered for the Quizzical Pursuit evening at Sheldon School in June.

Sherston WI have been asked to help with catering on Jubilee weekend and will be baking 300 fairy cakes iced in patriotic colours.

Our newest member Anne Andrews told us of how she took part in a golf tournament recently, representing Wiltshire against Oxford and Berkshire at Faringdon. We are expecting great things from her.

After a break for refreshments, we came to the main part of the evening: 'Dinner Party Ideas'. Six members had prepared food to show ideas for starters, main course and desserts. They had each prepared samples and explained details of ingredients, preparation and presentation for each recipe. We then enjoyed tasting all the dishes, which were delicious, and getting a recipe to try at home. Our thanks are due to Di, Maureen M, Gwen, Jill, Audrey and Dorothy.

Our next meeting is on 7 June in the village hall, with 'Roses and Castles' being the title of Jane Clement's talk.

by Ann Wilcox



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Last date before our summer break
25 July: Hugo [U]

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The challenge involved a 12-mile course liberally scattered with 25 military-style obstacles, including 100 metres of muddy trenches, a log race, two sections designed to electrocute the runners, a five-metre plunge into a river and a field on fire.

Two days later, the pair were still aching from being hurled over four-metre high walls and crawling through drainage pipes, but were wearing their bruises with pride and looking to sign up for next year.

The photograph shows Gemma and Pat shortly after Gemma led the crawl through 'The Electric Eel' obstacle, intended to shock them each with 10,000 volts. Gemma dived through like a racing snake and Pat screamed like a girl.



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From the Parish Chest *by Cilla Liddington*

A special parish meeting was held on the 6 November 1952 to discuss how the village could celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth. Fifty-seven parishioners attended and it was decided unanimously that celebrations should be held.

Mr J Wilson proposed that the Coronation festivities should be paid for by public subscription, this was seconded by Mr W Thompson. The Rev Eric Wall proposed as an amendment that public subscription be gratefully accepted, but that a foundation be provided for by a small and suitable rate. This was seconded by Mrs Rowcliffe. On being put to the vote, the amendment was carried by 26 votes to 22.

A committee was elected and agreement was made to co-opt someone to represent Willesley and to empower the committee to co-opt others if deemed necessary.

Among suggestions put forward at the meeting for the celebrations were: a feast for the children; a combined service in the church; a prize for the best floral display; a commemorative tree; and something for the old people.

The following extracts are taken from the minutes of the 11 meetings held to organise the Coronation Celebrations.

2 December 1952

It was agreed that a school pageant should be held on Saturday 6 June.

Mr Jack Neal promised to make enquiries about the possibility of hiring one or two television projectors for the Rifle Range.

Mrs West reported that the WI would be responsible for organising a tea party for the old people on Thursday 4 June.

It was agreed that a tea party should be organised for the children on Coronation day in the school. Mr Dyson (Headmaster) said that the staff and their friends would organise this. It was also agreed that a sports event should be held in the evening.

It was agreed that an open-air dance be held on the night of Coronation day.

Mr Jones proposed that the Parish Council be asked to levy a 4d rate as a nucleus for the expenses of the Coronation celebrations. This was seconded by Mr Dyson and carried. Mr Hill suggested that further money be raised by concerts, dances, etc and said that he thought he could get a concert party from Malmesbury.

The secretary (Mr Barkway) was asked to get in touch with firms that could supply Coronation mugs for all children of and under school age. Mr Dyson estimated that 180 mugs would be needed. Mrs Platt suggested that a prize be given for the best decorated house.

20 January 1953

Mr Jack Neal reported that the idea of hiring televisions would probably not be worthwhile as only about 12 children could see properly on one set. Mr Dyson volunteered to make a list of people with TV sets and ask them if they would accept children as viewers and if so how

many. There would be roughly 170 children to cater for. He also suggested that the children have a free film show of the Coronation. (Wessex Cinemas provided sound film equipment, operator and the film 'A Queen is Crowned' at the Rifle Range, 18 July 1953, at a cost of £14.)

The programme.

It was agreed that a house to house collection be made, also collection boxes be placed in shops and other public places.

24 February 1953

The vicar asked to be relieved of his place on the committee due to his impending departure, but that he had ordered 300 copies of the order of service for the preceding Sunday.

The treasurer reported that the total to date of house-to-house collections was £103.15. 1/2d.

Tea for children: Mr Blunden asked whether children under school age would be admitted, Mrs Platt proposed that any child old enough to go to the tea alone be eligible. This was seconded by Mr Jack Neal and carried.

Widows: Mr Blunden asked whether widows would be eligible for the old folks tea party. After a short discussion, it was decided not to extend the scope of the original qualifications.

14 March 1953

Coronation Film: Mr Walsh reported that he had provisionally booked this.

Mr Blunden reported that he had received £5 from the Football Supporters Club and £11.15.0 from the WI as the result of their Whist Drive.

The Sun Insurance Office offered to insure visitors, onlookers up to £5,000 for a premium of 7/6d. It was agreed to take out the policy to this effect.

Quotations for medals and spoons: This was passed to the Sports Sub-Committee. Also quotations from various firms offering firework displays.

Mrs Platt confirmed that the mugs had arrived. Mr Jack Neal proposed that the account for them be settled.

The report from the Sports Committee was presented by Mrs West who said a carnival with ten classes, a dog show and sports had been arranged. Lady Blanche Scott Douglas offered to be one of the judges of the carnival. It was agreed that prizes for the sports should take the form of Coronation souvenirs.

Children's tea: It was agreed that the staff should arrange menus, get food permits and report progress.

Sweets: Mr Frank Knapp suggested that if considered desirable they should be bought soon.

Recreation ground. The Hon Secretary was asked to obtain permission for use of the ground for the whole week.

Lighting: It was agreed that Mr Harris suggest what he thinks is necessary and to let the committee know the cost.

Dancing: It was suggested that a buffet for the open-air dancing might be provided.

14 April 1953

Scouts Programme: Mr Dyson reported that this would depend on a camp fire being available. It was suggested

that he approach Mrs Rowcliffe or Mr Bert Neal for the provision of some timber.

Flood lighting: Mr Jack Neal reported that Mr Harris was trying to obtain necessary equipment on loan.

Buffet for dancing: Mr Dyson said that the school room could be used for this. It was agreed to ask members of the Football Supporters Club to organise this.

Sports Sub-Committee report was presented by Mrs West. She said prizes so far arranged would cost just over £12. It was agreed that this Sub-Committee be empowered to spend £20 on prizes.

Old folks' tea: It was proposed to give a souvenir tin of tea to anyone who could not be present. £10 would cover the cost of the tea.

School tea: Mr Dyson reported that £30 would be needed to provide a good meal and worthy decorations.

Mugs: Must be claimed on Coronation

5 May 1953

Flood lighting: Mr Jack Neal reported that the cost of this would be very heavy. Mr Harris had arranged to install fancy coloured lights in the High Street at a cost of £8.10.0d to include a microphone. It was agreed to accept this subject to a satisfactory rehearsal to be held a week before the appropriate date.

Buffet for dancing: Mr Jack Neal reported that the Football Supporters Club would organise this. It was agreed that the buffet should be open from 10.00pm to midnight each evening.

Financial statement: The secretary reported that since the last meeting the following amounts had been received: from the Young Conservatives £10.0.0d, from collecting envelopes £3.5.0d. The balance to date was £108.6.9d.

19 May 1953.

Buffet for dancing: Mrs Platt explained why the members of the Football Supporters club were not keen on organising this. Mr Dyson proposed the Committee provide tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits. This was seconded by Mr Blunden and carried.

It was agreed that Mr W Thompson be MC for the open-air dancing. Mr Walsh proposed that any surplus funds be divided between Sherston men serving in the forces. This was seconded by Mrs West and carried. Mr Dyson suggested that a check be kept on the electricity used at the school during the celebrations.

26 May 1953

Programmes: Had been delivered and it was agreed to sell any surplus copies on Coronation day for 2d each.

Transport: Mrs Offer said that three or four people would need conveyance from Willesley on the Saturday. Mr Walsh promised to be responsible for this. Mr Jack Neal reported that the Wessex Electricity Board would charge for current used for outdoor illuminations. Mr Blunden offered to try and get newly minted coins for the cash prizes. It was agreed to spend up to £1 in prizes for the Square dancing. It was agreed to present souvenir lapel brooches to the lady judges and a pipe to the Rev J.M Wickham. The policeman had asked for a deputy to assist in traffic control during the outdoor

dancing. The Hon Sec was asked to book the Rifle Range provisionally in case of inclement weather.

3 June 1953

Mrs Platt reported that there was a lot of food left over from Tuesday's buffet. It was agreed to sell it that evening during the square dancing. It was also reported that there was not enough mugs. Mrs Platt offered to try to get another dozen. The Hon Sec was asked to write to thank Major Rowcliffe for judging the decorated houses and shops. The prize for best tubs was awarded to Mr Walsh the only entrant. Miss Woods had intimated that she would not be able to judge the dog show. It was agreed that Mrs Platt ask Mrs Stanley to deputise for her. It was agreed that the Taylor family (deaf and dumb) be invited to the special Coronation film show.

9 June 1953

Mugs: Mrs Platt said she was unable to obtain any more of a design comparable with the original. Mr Walsh and the Rev S Blunden offered to try in Bath and Bristol the following day.

Prizes: Mrs West reported that the following were left over- a thermos flask, two spoons and a book. They were bought by members of the Committee. Mr Dyson reported that 54 units of electricity had been used for the school functions and he proposed to report the fact to the Directors of Education. *Gifts to Servicemen.* Mr Blunden proposed that a gift in cash or kind of a certain value be made to those serving abroad, and a gift of half that value be made to those in Sherston at the time. It was estimated that there were 13 men abroad and nine at home. The Hon Sec was asked to advertise a list of those eligible for ten days with a request for their addresses. It was estimated that £1 and 10/- respectively would be available for each recipient.

The final meeting of the Coronation Celebration Committee was held on 6 October 1953.

Mugs: One dozen had been obtained from Messrs Rawley of Bristol at a cost of £1.15.0d and all those eligible had received one. Mr Dyson reported that he had received no reply to his letter to the Directors of Education, so the matter was considered closed. The Hon Sec reported that 14 service men had written to thank the Committee for their gift. Mr Blunden reported 13 men serving overseas had received 22/- each and nine at home 11/-, a total of £19.5.0d. The total receipts were £151.16.2d and the total disbursements came to the same figure. It was agreed to ask Mr Davis to audit the a/c and put it up for public inspection. Mr Knapp said he was very grateful that the whole scheme had been carried through without any complaints or bad feelings. Mr Dyson said he had thoroughly enjoyed his part in the work and was more than delighted with the result. The Hon Sec suggested that as many members of the committee as possible should attend the next Annual Parish Meeting and that after the meeting the financial statements should be handed to the Clerk of the Council for safe keeping. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

True to their words, all of the receipts, thank you letters, etc were safely kept in the Parish Chest along with the minute book, to be shown 60 years later!



Fundraising continues – but what fun it is

Dr Phil's show on 1 May in Malmesbury Town Hall proved that laughter really is the best medicine. I'm still chuckling almost a month later. And I've managed to insert the phrase 'to pleasure yourself in a safe and sustainable way' with surprising regularity in quite a few conversations. It gets a smile even from those who were unlucky enough to miss the evening.

The great thing about the Rude Health Show, which Dr Phil has been taking round the UK for about three years, is its ability to mix laugh-out-loud humour with insightful comments on the state of medicine, the NHS and society in general. He had us rolling around one minute and nodding with understanding the next. That's quite a skill, especially as it seems effortless. He says he likes to 'suss out' his audience by chatting to people (or at least watching them) as they arrive. That way he gets a feeling for how far he can go. He certainly got it right in Malmesbury.

Even better, the profits, including the sales of books and CDs have boosted the Old School project by nearly £3,000. We are very grateful to Dr Phil (and it was his wedding anniversary too) for bringing us the Rude Health Show. To quote one satisfied customer: 'Damn good. I laughed out loud and learned things.'

Open for viewing.....

The 'public' got their first view of the completed Phase 2 conversion at the Open Morning on Saturday 5 May. There was a good turnout of villagers, curious to see how different the old classrooms and cloakroom spaces looked, now that the architects, builders and decorators have gone. It's fair to say everyone was impressed at the quality of the renovation and the careful inclusion of period detail within what is now (or shortly will be) working spaces.

Attention is now focused on clearing the old playground and deciding on its future use. (See Sherston Gardeners' Day for one imaginative event planned for October). In the short term, the area will be used by the tenants of each of the individual units to meet their own individual access and parking requirements. As we have said before, please remember that the space is not intended for use as a public car park.

Fundraising continues....

The gap in funding is shrinking but we're not resting yet. The profits from Sherston Gardeners' Day on 13 October and from the Winter Wonderland Ball in December will go into the fund. And do please remember personal donations are still extremely welcome and will be acknowledged on a permanent Pledges Board in the next few months. If you haven't already contributed, it's certainly not too late!

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In the first instance, we need volunteers to take cuttings from their favourite plants or to get going with a packet of seeds. Please get in touch with me to say what you would like to do towards Sherston Gardeners' Day. The event is for everyone and the more we have for sale, the more enjoyable and successful the day will be. Come on, get those thinking caps and gloves on, get those secateurs out and let's get growing for Sherston Old School.

Please phone or email Irene Johnston if you think you might be able to offer help or ideas: 841273, 07787 150971 or sherstonoldschool@gmail.com

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A discarded cigarette was the most likely cause of a house fire in Malmesbury on Friday 27 April that severely damaged the whole of the first floor. The bedroom where the fire started was destroyed.

Fires caused by cigarettes can be prevented by taking a few simple precautions:

- never smoke in bed;
- never leave lit cigarettes lying around;
- always use a proper ashtray and make sure it can't be knocked over;
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- test it once a week, by pressing the test button until the alarm sounds;
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First, a big thank you to all those people who have volunteered to help with this year's Boules and Carnival. Without this level of support and commitment, we were concerned that Boules and Carnival may have had to be scaled down, but now it is full speed ahead. If you volunteered, either Louise Osborne (louise.osborne@networkrail.co.uk) or Caroline Moore (caroline@carolinemoore.co.uk) will be in contact nearer the time to give exact instructions of where you need to be and on what day. Wagons start to role from the afternoon of Friday 13 July when equipment is moved down to the village and marquees are set up ready for the Saturday, when a 6.30am start is needed for the laying of the boules pitches. Activities continue on until Sunday when the last of the boules pitches are tidied away and eventually everyone can enjoy a cup of tea at Mill Cottage (thanks to Caroline and Phil), while the ducks swim into view.

Don't worry if you haven't volunteered but would like to, we have no upper limit for volunteers; the more, the merrier (and easier!) it is, so please contact either Louise or Caroline as above.

A flavour of what's to come

The week will start with the Boules and Carnival Quiz on Saturday 7 July, with the questions being set this year by the formidable team of the Dickensons

and Hollands, who will bring their own style of questions to the quiz with something for everyone. If time permits, we are also going to try and run a teenagers' quiz before the main quiz.

On the Sunday, there will be a walk with Sue McKechnie and a car boot sale on the rec. Senior teas will be on the Tuesday and skittles on the Wednesday. The kids' disco will be part of Thursday's activities in the village hall and, weather permitting, there will be some fine cricket being played at Pinkney Park that evening. Friday features the football extravaganza at, appropriately, the Football Field. On the Sunday after Boules Day itself, there will be a treasure hunt setting off from the village hall in the morning and a tug of war down at the river, and in the afternoon the mighty duck race, followed by teas at Mill Cottage and finally our closing church service.

Exact timings, venues, prices and 'twiddly bits' will follow in the July Cliffhanger.

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JUNE 2012 *by Irene Johnston*

A spring in the step

I hope some of you made it down to Grove Wood in May when everything was fresh and spring-like. The bluebells and wild flowers are becoming more prolific year on year and the range of foliage tones is changing too. It all looked sparkling during the recent Dawn Chorus walk led by Geoff Carss (though I missed it as I didn't get up in time!).

We plan to create a circular path through the wood at some stage so everyone can enjoy looking around (rather than just up and down as at present). Meanwhile, the river path is now finished, thanks to the Herculean efforts of Stephen Leonard, and has already proved it can withstand the river bursting its banks!

Updated information boards will soon be ready and the Community Payback team will be returning in the summer to get on with a general tidy-up. We've heard reports that a cuckoo has been heard in the vicinity. There was also the amazing sight of a huge branch in full leaf from a very old beech tree that had sheared off by the river on the opposite side of the road. Such are the wonders of nature!

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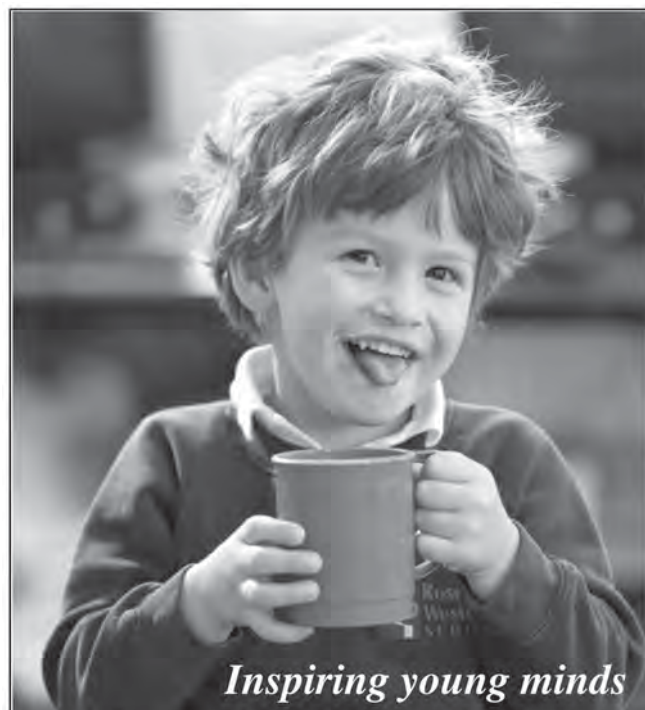
Malmesbury Area Board

Wiltshire Council's Area Boards aim to bring local decision-making back into the heart of the community. They try to find solutions for local issues, such as road repairs; traffic problems and speeding in villages; litter; facilities for young people; and affordable housing. To find out more or to have an issue raised at an Area Board meeting, please contact us. The next meeting is at 6.30pm for 7pm start on Wednesday 4 July at Crudwell Village Hall, Tetbury Lane, Crudwell SN16 9HB. www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council/areaboards.htm

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Walk on the wild side

Where has all the messiness gone?

The recent bout of sustained cold weather (which is thankfully now over) caused great concern for the animal life in the village. I suspect many of the birds trying to raise their broods were really struggling to find enough food and some chicks could well have starved due to the lack of insects. Having said that, from the number of birds mating around the village it looks like a second round of eggs are on their way.

The impact of the unseasonal weather got me thinking about the unintended effect we have on our local wild life. I have been talking to a number of people in the village who grew up here and are of a 'certain age'. They made observations such as 'We used to hear cuckoos every year - I haven't heard any for a while', 'My father used to take me out to pick mushrooms - you just don't see any any more' and 'There used to be so many wild flowers in the fields but they have all gone.'

If you walk around the footpaths, the fields appear to be healthy – and they are if you need to grow grass for cattle, fodder, etc – but, from a bird's or butterfly's perspective, the fields are mostly deserts: there is nothing to eat. Farmers have had a very real need to, for example, fertilise grassland to improve growth rates etc to earn a living and we need to respect this. This does mean, however, that flowering plants in fields have almost disappeared as the grass outdoes them as they need poor quality grassland to thrive. The consequences of this are, for example, a 50% reduction in the total number of birds in the last 50 years, a very sharp reduction in farmland birds, such as yellowhammers, some butterflies becoming locally or even nationally extinct, many meadow plants almost disappearing from around the village (when was the last time you saw a wild orchid?) and no

cuckoos. These are all very real, local consequences from our demand for cheaper food.

There are some great examples around the village of farmers putting some land into 'set aside'. I saw one patch of this last winter near Stanbridge with literally thousands of goldfinches, greenfinches, etc. It was a stunning and very noisy spectacle.

We need to make more space for our local wildlife to thrive and if we provide the opportunity it's amazing how quickly, maybe with a little help, plants, insects, reptiles and birds can bounce back. And it's not realistic or fair to expect farmers to do everything - it's in all of our interests to improve our environment. Wildlife needs 'messy' places to thrive but, with the pressure to increase yields, 'messy' gets tidied up.

I have a number of ideas which I will be exploring with various people over the next few months but if you have any suggestions, please do contact me on geoff_carss@hotmail.com or via my blog - sherstonwildlife.wordpress.com

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Results

12 May Adlestrop beat SMCC by 19 runs.

Adlestrop 82ao (29 overs) Gould 4-5, Tremellen 2-10, Stevens 2-20.

SMCC 63ao (22 overs) Cartwright 23.

19 May Stow-on-the-Wold beat SMCC by seven wickets.

SMCC 105ao Harmer 38.

Stow-on-the-Wold 106-3

20 May Bristol Ventures beat SMCC by six wickets.

SMCC 162ao (38.5 overs) B Dickenson 40*,

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Bristol Ventures 163-4 (38.3 overs) Howell 2-23,

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However, we have since discussed the idea with some of the patients and consulted with our patient participation group, FOTS, and it is evident that this is not a very popular idea. Patients would prefer to spend donated money on better, more modern equipment that doctors can use for treatment, diagnostics or minor surgery. We will be discussing further ideas at the next FOTS meeting.

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MVCAP (Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Partnership) meets regularly with the police and other community safety bodies to discuss ongoing priorities and upcoming initiatives. The public are welcome to attend and there are usually some refreshments available. If you can't attend in person, you can contact us and we will pass on any issues to the appropriate body.

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- families,
- single parents,
- vulnerable individuals living in our community area,
- people living on a low income, and
- those feeling isolated and lonely.

HEALS launched its website – www.healsbtck.co.uk – on Friday 18 May and in the first 24 hours over 500 visits were counted. HEALS is run by a committee of volunteers and is currently looking to recruit two more co-opted Committee Members, especially those with experience. Other positions available on the committee include:

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I have been writing these reports to the Cliffhanger for some years now and this month I regret to say the matters I have to reveal have caused me much anguish, soul searching and indeed sleepless nights.

Our AGM at the Football pavilion at Knockdown Park on Saturday 12 May in the early hours of the morning seemed to be going swimmingly - at first. The venue was loud with the usual banter amongst members of the size of their Normans, compliments on the quality of Sherston cider so kindly donated by the Holford Arms and much teasing of Ian Ashby who this year had come dressed as a coypu. Officers were duly elected and then came the item of the choosing of this year's Mangold Maid.

Three prospective Mangold Maids were duly proposed by Jason Read and Graham Hayman in their capacity as 'Keeper of the Maids'. It is customary for each candidate to be fully described in great detail by the proposers but this year it was soon apparent to many that one particular maid was being heavily promoted. Accusations soon arose that Messrs Read and Hayman were not acting in accordance in their clearly documented quasi judicial roles especially as both had been seen separately in the company of their obviously

preferred maid as far away as Clacton on Sea, Barry Island and even Leighterton. Within a few minutes copies of damning emails and texts were flying in all directions.

Suffice it to say matters soon turned extremely sour and the entire proceedings descended into chaos if not farce when Jason Read was bitten on his nether region by the coypu. At 3.05 am the proceedings were abandoned when sirens were heard coming from the Knockdown direction. Members dispersed the scene at great speed although the coypu spent the rest of the night entangled in the tennis court nets whistling the theme from Z cars.

The result of this disastrous AGM without this year's maid having being chosen was that Mangold Maid Making set for Whit Sunday 27 May had to be abandoned whilst advice was sought from our national association as to how best to proceed. Fortunately precedent was set in 1896 at Wincanton which allows an independently appointed adjudicator to make a decision. An appointment is expected in early June and the Mangold Maid declared for 2012 on Boules Day 14 July.

Yarp! *The Keeper of the Quill*




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Sunday services 8.15am from 6 Nov for 6 months 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 chiroprapist, 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.eudotackwondo.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@harriesspartnership.com

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 or Louise Osborne 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

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

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

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

Westonbirt Guides Meet in Querns Hall, Rosehill School, Westonbirt 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

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 / 07979 388208) or Kevin Smith (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 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 / 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 Tel. 840092 or Graham Instrell (Vice Chairman) 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

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

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 0779349115 or Gary@budotaijutsu.co.uk

Sherston Tennis Club

Summer Tennis Coaching for children of Sherston

Sherston Tennis Club is offering Saturday morning tennis lessons for school age children this summer beginning Sat 28 Apr ending Sat 30 Jun . 3 sessions of 10 per group. 9am-10am, 10am - 11am , 11am – 12 noon. The course of ten sessions costs £40, plus membership costs to Sherston Tennis Club: Child £15, Family £80. To sign up, please contact Gemma Bird 840557 or Sarah Ravenhill 01454 238394.

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)

Sherston Theatre Club Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. Listings under www.communitigate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/ or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or 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, 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

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

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

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

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 Glead 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. Glead.

Wiltshire Walks The Get Wiltshire Walking project has recently launched a new health walk in Malmesbury, and there is a great opportunity for local residents to become active, stay motivated, and meet new people in the beautiful local surroundings. The walk is completely free of charge and takes place every Monday at 11:45, meeting outside Malmesbury Town Hall, Cross Hayes. It's suitable for people of all ages and is aimed towards those who aren't currently doing any form of physical activity. The walk last approximately forty-five minutes and often ends with a cup of tea or coffee. For further information contact Sarah Sims on sarah.sims@wiltshire.gov.uk or 07846100233. For a full list of walking groups in Wiltshire please visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/getwiltshirewalking.

Yoga in Sherston Two 90 minute classes open to all levels of yoga experience On Thurs 10 May & 7 June 7.30 - 9pm Explore pranayama (breath work), asana (physical postures), meditation and finishing with a deeply relaxing yoga nidra (conscious sleep). A new six week yoga course starts on Mon 14 May - 7pm for beginners and at 8.15pm more advanced. All classes must be pre-booked due to limited spaces. Scout Hut. For further details call Kathryn 07903 802985 or 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

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

WHAT'S ON Sherston

The Carpenter's Arms

Curry Quiz Night Sun 3 Jun
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
Live music from The Acoustic Junkies Sat 2 Jun BBQ outside
Wine Tasting with Wine Expert Sarah Joll Thurs 14 Jun – only £5 per Head for a night of Fine Wines!
The Seven Year Itch Party Come and help us celebrate our seventh anniversary with Live Music from The Killertones Sat 30 Jun
See boards for more details of events
Further details contact 840871 or www.therattlebone.co.uk

SHOCC (Sherston Occasional Community Choir)

Every Wed 7.00pm Come and join us to sing a variety of music. £30 for the term / £20 for teenagers and over 65s
British School Rooms
For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or nicki-heenan@btinternet.com
Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Sue's Strolls

next walk 8 July starting from the village hall at 10am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 12 noon
For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or susanmckechnie@hotmail.co.uk

SherstonFest2012

"the South Cotswolds Cider, Music and Fine Food Festival"
Fri 15 Jun - in association with BBC introduces. Headline act Dub Mafia Friday tickets still on sale at £5

Sat 16 Jun - mellow family afternoon with plenty of kids' activities

Sat 16 Jun - evening party night with local favourites the Rinky Dinks and the Soul Destroyers NOW SOLD OUT Village Hall Field

For further details call email

info@sherstonfest.com or visit www.sherstonfest.com

Midsummer fete and open gardens trail in aid of Sherston Church

Sherston Church Fete Sat 23 June situated in and around the Church. There will be a raffle and tombola, plants and produce stalls, 'good as new' and children's activities, including a treasure hunt. Teas and cakes will be served

Open gardens trail 23-24 Jun in aid of the Church, will be open from 1 – 5 on Saturday and 2 – 5 on Sunday. The £5 ticket gives entry to a selection of large and small gardens around the village with some new ones this year, and includes tea and cake, available in Church.

For further details call Heather Martin 840375 or Pat Whitehouse 840640

Sherston Primary School Open Day

Thurs 26 Jun 1.30 - 3.10pm for children, parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles

Tues 18 Sep 1.30pm - 3.10pm for children and parents.

To register for one of these dates, and if you'd like a copy of the new school prospectus, please call 840237 or visit www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk

Celebrations in the Gauzebrook Group

Priesting of Revd Sue Harvey Sun 1 July The Service will be held in Bristol Cathedral and will last from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. Transport will leave the High Street in Sherston outside the Post Office at 2pm It will return from the Cathedral after the service leaving at 6pm to arrive back at Sherston small charge for transport

Church of the Holy Cross

For further details call Pam Pickthall on 841072 or pampickthall@hotmail.co.uk

Luckington Open Gardens

6+ gardens on show in aid of Luckington Church Sun 17 June 2- 5pm £5 pp including refreshments at Luckington Court Garden Entry tickets and map from Luckington Parish Church - parking in the Church car park

Luckington Summer Fete

Sat 2 Jun 2pm The annual village fete and BBQ will have a Jubilee theme this year. Stalls, pony rides, a dog show and tea tent together with special jubilee games and crafts for all the family
For further details call Candy Neale 840645

Coffee Morning and Book Sale in aid of PROPS

Fri 1 Jun 9.30 am- 12.00 noon in aid of Sharon's 2012 Bristol to Bordeaux Cycle Challenge to raise funds for PROPS who provides opportunities and support for those with special needs. Riparian House, Brook End, Luckington

Beaufort Polo Club Country Fair

International Test Match & Beaufort Polo Club Country Fair - including polo matches, shows and 80 stands Sat 16 - Sun 17 Jun 10.30am - 6.30pm Day entry from £10 adults

under 12s £5 International test match Sat 3.30pm
Charity Polo Match Sun Beaufort Polo Club
*For further details call 880510 or visit
www.beaufortpoloclub.co.uk/Fixtures/CountryFair.htm*

Badminton House Gardens Open Day

12 (NGS) and 14 June
*For further details call 01454 218203 or visit
www.badmintonestate.co.uk/*

Hookhouse Pottery spring/summer exhibition

The exhibition will include paintings, craft and sculptures, some of which will be displayed in the delightful Hookhouse Pottery garden Sat 2- Sun 10 June 11am - 6pm daily
Hookhouse, near Westonbirt
For further details call 880297 or hookhouse@hotmail.co.uk/

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Wed 27 June - The Woman in Black [12A] Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £5 in advance £5.50 on the door
Wed 25 Jul - HUGO (U)
Grittleton Village Hall
For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com or visit

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Jubilee Forest Picnic Sun 3 Jun
Specialist Wood Sales 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA Art Exhibition Creative Coterie 0 1-6 Jun Great Oak Hall

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 for further details Family Event: Tree Champions - free after admission

Westonbirt 10K run Charity run in aid of Hope for Tomorrow and £1 to the Arboretum Summer 2012 Concerts: June Fri 22 - Will Young SOLD OUT; Sat 23 - Plan B SOLD OUT; Sun 24 - Madness SOLD OUT; 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 on the concert night for £35 a pitch
Workshops:

Make a Windsor Chair 4-9 and 11-16 Jun £275 Booking essential contact Paul Hayden 01373 836051 or www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk

Woody Women Course - 20-21 and 23-24 Jun £135 incl entry and camping Ruth Goodfellow on 07794 054623 or email rgoodf@hotmail.com

Free activities and trails Kids go free and extra activities - all free 20 Jul - 31 Aug

Westonbirt Arboretum For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Spring & Summer admission: Adults £8 / Conc £7 Chd £3

Westonbirt School

Open House and Gardens The House and Gardens will be open on Sunday 24 June, 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.
For further details call Laura Reid on 880333 or leid@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk and Arabella for the open house and garden aparr@westonbirt.org or visit www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

Brokenborough

Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

Oil and Acrylic Painting classes at The Horse Guards on Fridays at 10.30am for beginners. The advanced class is now full, but if you are interested there is a short waiting list. £10 per session

Coming Soon - painting classes in Watercolour, Acrylic and Mixed Media for beginners at Carpenters Arms Sherston! Please enrol early for this new and inspiring course - 6 PLACES ONLY. No previous experience in painting necessary. The Horseguards Pub, Brokenborough
For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner Warhorse starring Benedict Cumberbatch Sun 24 Jun - SOLD OUT - extra date added - 22 July

Tuesday Garden Tours 1 & 29 May 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 gardener Barry Holman £42
For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

Tetbury

Yellow Lighted Book Festival

literary events including some well known authors - see website for programme May - July Free to £12.50. All events include refreshments and book discounts Book early to avoid disappointment as venues are small in Tetbury and Nailsworth. Children's festival in Sep/Oct
21 Church St

*For further details call 500221 or visit
www.yellow-lightedbookfestival.co.uk*

Woolsack Race

32 years of the world famous event Mon 4 Jun Races start at 2pm, entertainment and stalls from 10am See website for parking
Gumstool Hill

*For further details call tetburywoolsack@googlemail.com or visit
www.tetburywoolsack.co.uk*

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Pantagruel - masters in 17th Century Music, performed by a solo voice and two players using ancient instruments on Sat 23 June 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 or visit
www.malmesbury.com/mams*

MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP

Sat 16 Jun 12 noon - 1pm

Sat 14 Jul

Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall

For further details call www.jamesgray.org for information on surgeries or for online surgeries or email jamesgraymp@parliament.uk

Little Somerford

Embroiderers' Guild

'Modern Craft' by Janice Botterill. A contemporary artist using embroidery and textiles will take you on a whistlestop tour of modern crafts and textiles. Tues 12 Jun 7.30pm £5 for visitors
Workshop: 'Rag Rugs' by Jenni Stuart-Anderson. Come along for some prodding and hooking, learn the techniques that can produce not just rugs but wall-hangings, bags or whatever you fancy. Sat 21 Jun 10am - 4pm

at Little Somerford Village Hall
For further details call Ruth Vaughan 826597 or visit
www.malmesburyembroiderers.blogspot.com

Chippenham ChippFolkFest

1-4 Jun Concerts throughout the town
For further details call 01249 657190 or visit www.chippfolk.co.uk

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Best Exotic Marigold Hotel; Salmon Fishing in the Yemen; Le Havre; The Pirates! In an adventure with scientists. Opera Ballet season Tosca, Gisells, Barber of Seville check website for details

For further details call 01453 844601 or visit
www.wottoneph.co.uk

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Bowood House

Bowood Charity Dog Show and Summer Fair Sun 10 Jun 10 - 5pm Stalls and shows - featuring the Tractor Ted farm show - all in aid of local charities Adv tickets £6 £3 for children

Bowood House
For further details call 01249 812102 or visit
www.bowood-house.co.uk or bowooddogshow.org

Coopers Hill

Pie and Pint Festival and maybe an impromptu Cheese Rolling

Mon 4 Jun 12-8pm - Midday roll traditional English outdoor games, and maybe a last minute cheese roll on Monday 4 Jun Near Coopers Hill

For further details call & or visit www.cheese-rolling.co.uk

Cotswolds & Tetbury

Cotswold Rural Skills

Dry Stone Walling Beginners course 9-10 Jun Leckhampton Hill Cheltenham and 23-24 Jun Tetbury 2 day course £99 - NOW FULLY BOOKED Book ahead to avoid disappointment

Blacksmithing taster day 23 Jun Northleach £99

Lime Mortar - beginners 23-24 Jun Ebworth Centre £99

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

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For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or visit www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk.

Bath

Theatre Royal

Educating Rita 4-9 June

Volcano 11-16 Jun

Dancing in the Streets 18-23 Jun

The Lady in the Van by Alan Bennett 25 - 30 Jun

The School for Scandal 5-21 Jul

7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33.50

Book ahead for: Summer season: Hysteria; The Tempest;

For further details call 01225 448844 or visit

www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Charity Celebrity Cricket Match

Sun 3 Jun doors open 12.30 David English is bringing his Bunbury Celebrity Cricket Team to Bath in aid of Tetbury based Charity Hope for Tomorrow and the day promises to be fun filled and action packed. Hope for Tomorrow helps provide mobile chemotherapy services to rural areas. £5 under 16s free, Pimms & BBQ tent or bring a picnic Bath Cricket Club

Musicfest

Bath International MusicFest Festival celebrating the world's best jazz, classical, folk and world music - 30 May - 10 Jun

Various locations in Bath

For further details call 01225 463362 or visit

www.bathmusicfest.org.uk

Fringe Festival

25 May - 10 Jun Alternative comedy, dance, jazz, music and art including 'Affordable Art', Spoken Word, Digital Arts & Media, Standup Comedy, Cabaret, Physical Theatre, Circus Arts, Folk & World Music, Latin Dance, Jazz, at various locations in Bath Vary from free to £15

For further details call 01225 463362 or visit

www.bathfringe.co.uk

Cheltenham Science Festival

Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of science Free entry to the Discover Zone - chat to scientists and conduct experiments 12- 17 June 2011 Tickets selling out fast £5-£10

Various locations in Cheltenham

For further details call 0844 576 8970 or visit

www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science

Food & Drink Festival

various culinary events 15 - 17 June

Montpellier Gardens

For further details call 01242 521997 or visit

www.cheltenham-food-festival.garden-events.com

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 eleanor.wise@wwt.org.uk. or visit www.wwt.org.uk

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