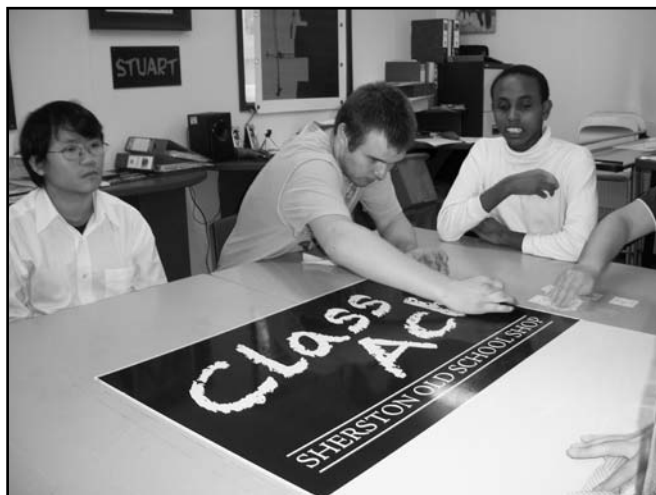




Thanks Guys



When sixth form pupils at Briarwood School Fishponds Bristol heard of the disappearance of the Old School 'It's ours!' banner they immediately offered to provide new signage completely free of charge. The banner had been originally produced by their colleagues at PROPS Business Enterprise at The Vassall Centre Bristol run by young people with severe learning difficulties like themselves.

Sherston Old School Community Interest Company (SOSCIC) was absolutely bowled over by this generous offer and by agreement the pupils produced a wonderful sign for the Old School Shop 'Class Act.'



The shop sells a large range of quality donated items in support of Old School funds and is open in the old classrooms for three days a week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10.00am until 4.00pm. It is proving very popular and making a real difference to the project's overall finances.

If you have anything you no longer require but feel might be useful to other people, or if you have a few hours to spare to help in the shop, please phone Marion Gee on 841147 or email manddgee@btinternet.com.

The Seven Year Itch

Talk about being thrown in at the deep end. When Paul and Gail Mather took up the challenge of running the village post office, exactly seven years ago, their combined relevant experience was minimal.

Granted, Paul knew about the challenges faced by small businesses from his time as a risk manager at Lloyds Bank TSB. Gail, meanwhile, had valuable experience in the retail industry from her previous positions at Marks & Spencer, first in Birmingham and then in Weston-Super-Mare. But as she recalled when she spoke to *Cliffhanger*, her main forte at M&S was bra-measuring, a skill she has not (yet) been called upon to use at the Sherston post office.

'It was a baptism of fire,' said Paul, looking back to 24 November 2004, when he and Gail took over, just as the busy Christmas season was beginning.

As they prepare for their move to new premises in the Old Village School, seven years later to the day, Paul and Gail have no regrets about the career change that brought them to Sherston. 'It's been exhausting, but we have such laughs,' said Gail.

Laughs, yes. But also one or two scares - such as the power cut that threatened to spoil their big day, five years ago, when the post office's second counter was opened following an extensive refit.

The popular couple said they are looking forward to moving across the road with a mixture of excitement and apprehension. Higher rates, rent and increased staff costs will lead to an increase in their overall outgoings. So too will self-funded initiatives such as the improved access facilities for disabled shoppers that will be available for visitors to the post office's new home. There will also be a much wider range of products available. One disappointment is that a request to be a National Lottery agent has been turned down. However, Paul is hopeful that if an increase in the number of terminals available is agreed by the Government at the start of 2012, Sherston will be high up on the list to be approved.

**Important information
about the
Post Office move
on page 20**

Malmesbury & Sherston Royal British Legion

by M Hillier

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If you are interested, contact Mr M Hillier at 14 Swan Barton. Tel 840737.

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What's On: contact Caroline Moore on 841405 or info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

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Success for Sherston Primary School



International School Award

Sherston Primary School has been re-accredited with the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award is a badge of honour for schools that do outstanding work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need to live and work as global citizens.

Sherston School has established links with a number of schools around the world. The school was officially opened in 2006 by Erich Ole Kasana, a Maasai Elder from Kenya. Since then Sherston Primary has supported the development of the Sherston Mosul School in Kenya, and the school's Deputy Head, Mrs Liddle, has visited the school to help with its construction. Sherston also has links with Sifoe Lower School in The Gambia, and visits and exchanges of work have been organised between pupils.

Headteacher Nick Bowditch said, 'I'm really pleased that we've been successful in gaining re-accreditation. It recognises the efforts that our teachers make to bring an international dimension to the curriculum. It means that all pupils are impacted by our international work and develop a real understanding of the world around them.'

John Rolfe from the British Council said, 'Many congratulations. We're very grateful to all the schools for their excellent commitment to the enriching, creative and innovative international dimensions of teaching and learning. Their inspirational work is vital preparation for all our young people, helping them to better understand their place in the world and supporting the development of their skills in an increasingly global economy.'

Lighten up

Could all those residents of the High Street who would like Christmas lights for the fronts of their houses please let Cilla Liddington know by the week commencing 21 November so they can be distributed before the end of the month. The lights are low energy and the parish council has all the sets safety checked every year. Contact Cilla on 840128 or email sherstoncilla@tiscali.co.uk

November Notebook



Sherston Old School COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

Getting ready...

November is the time for action stations in the Old School. Later this month, Paul and Gail will be opening up shop in the renovated hall whilst the French Fête will raise funds for the second phase of conversion. Progress has been steady since the builders started in the summer and we're bang on target for the critical deadlines in the completion of phase one.

Here's a quick run-through of the work to date: the roof retiling to the rear is finished, with imminent completion of the front slope as well as a new flat roof for unit 4. All re-pointing work should also be ready by the beginning of the month. In the main hall (the new Post Office & Stores), the floor, ceiling and replacement wooden panelling are complete whilst electrical works will shortly follow suit. An access ramp to the rear store is now in place.

And finally, all external windows have been installed with internal secondary double-glazed units due to be fitted soon.

When Paul and Gail receive their keys, they and their staff will have less than three weeks to complete the shop fitting, shelf-stacking and interior 'styling'. All being well, Sherston will have a modern Post Office & Stores within the old primary school on the 24th of November.

SOSCIC Members Meeting, 7 November

All members have received a personal invitation to the next SOSCIC meeting on the November 7 in the British School Room. (Coincidentally, this is

also the proposed date for the handover to Paul and Gail). The Board is hoping that as many members as possible attend for updates on progress, finance and fundraising for phase two. It's also a good opportunity to air your views and have your questions answered.

Fund-Raising steps up a gear

Our committee has some great plans for raising much needed cash to complete the final phase of conversion. Firstly, the ticket demand for the French Fête on 12 November surpassed all our expectations. Clearly, people have fond memories of this popular event as we had sold out within two hours and have been forced to run a waiting list.

Our next Fund-meeting is on 3 November at 6.00 in the Village Hall. Why don't you join us? We already have a great team of volunteers but there's always room for more. Achieving the remaining £150,000 target will require effort, imagination and dedication. We would love to have extra help in thinking up ideas and in organising events for next year.

Looking for Tenants...

The renovation of the classrooms is the aim of the second and final phase of the conversion. With their high ceilings and big windows, these light-filled rooms will make ideal offices, studios or workshops. There may be other potential uses so everything is open for discussion. The proposed rents are as follows:

Unit 1a – 12.58 sq meters (135 sq feet) £2100 per annum exclusive.

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Good rating

Sherston Primary School has been awarded a 'good' rating by the Church of England within the Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools (SIAS) for displaying signs of a distinctive and Christian institution.

The SIAS inspection focuses on the effect that the Christian ethos of the church school has on the children and young people who attend it.

The report summarised the inspector's findings as follows: 'There is a well-embedded and implicit set of Christian values which underpin relationships as well as decision and policy making in the school. Religious education is well-led and planned, creatively delivered and meaningfully assessed. As a result it makes a significant contribution to the school's Christian distinctiveness.'

It continued to say 'Collective worship is a much enjoyed time of the day in Sherston school. This was evident in the smiling faces of pupils of all ages and by the lively singing.'

Christopher Bryan, Priest-in-charge of Sherston, said, 'I am delighted by this excellent result. The school is a happy and welcoming community with a clear Christian ethos. Sherston Churches and the school have put a lot of effort into working together and it is wonderful that this is being recognised and affirmed.'



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Senior Citizen Club

by John Venning Tel. 840195

On 6 September Mary Clements showed us extracts from Sherston Millennium 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.' This brought back many happy memories to those who were involved or attended the performance at the time. Many members attended the interesting and informative Living History Day at the British School Room on Saturday 24 September arranged by the Athelstan Museum. It was a pity there were so few youngsters there.

On Tuesday 20 September we held our Harvest Auction which raised £120 in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. We were delighted that our vicar Chris Bryan was able to attend. He led us in a brief service before the auction and was very useful afterwards in distributing the lots to the winners.

The head teacher from our primary school, Nick Bowditch, will be speaking to us at 2.00pm on Tuesday 1 November, and on Tuesday 15 November we have our Christmas shopping outing to Cribbs Causeway (cost £8 departing 10.00am, leaving Bristol 3.00pm). We are also looking forward once again to the annual visit of the Children's Choir on Tuesday 29 November at 1.30pm (an event not to be missed). Our Christmas lunch will be on Tuesday 13 December - details next time.

Next meeting

The parish council meets on Thursday 10 November in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend and there are opportunities to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot make the meeting but have something to raise please contact the clerk Mrs. Sarah Wood on 840351 or email clerk@sherston.org.uk. 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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On Armistice Day, Friday 11 November, there will be an Act of Remembrance at 11.00am at the Lych Gate War Memorial and a Field of Remembrance will be prepared.

The Annual Service of Remembrance will be on Sunday 13 November at 10.45am in the Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston. Please be seated by 10.40am.

Members of Uniformed Organisations will parade at the Scout HQ in Green Lane at 10.00am, and then march to Church. The Royal British Legion will form up at the Lych Gate at 10.25am. There is prayer at the Lych Gate War Memorial at 10.30am before the parade breaks to fall out into the Church.

Clem's Club

Will meet every other Tuesday on 8 and 22 November. All friendly fellas welcome for simple chat and chat 2.30 – 4.00 pm (Alternating with the Senior Club) in the British Schoolroom, Cliff Road.



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Dear All,

Having had quite a good response to my last article about parking around schools, I thought I would use this opportunity to let you know that the priority set by the area partnership for all villages and communities around Malmesbury in the run-up to the end of the year is tackling antisocial and downright dangerous driving.

Keeping it relatively simple, I aim to target three problem groups of drivers who cause problems for the rest of us. These are drink drivers, those who use mobile phones whilst driving, and of course those speeding. Again I am going to ask for your help. If you know somebody who drinks and then drives let us know; if your mobile rings whilst you are driving in the car, do not answer it until you are stationary and it is safe to do so. Finally, all of us are affected by speeding, and I am asked weekly if I can do something about vehicles travelling at speed all over the area I cover.

Well, how successfully we as a community respond to this is largely down to us as a team. As an individual and with other officers, I can do speed checks and issue tickets which could easily take up all my time and still not satisfy everyone.

However, working in conjunction with Community Speed Watch (CSW) schemes, of which 10 are active in and around Malmesbury, including those in Luckington, Sherston, Corston, Startley and Dauntsey, we really can make a difference. If you

as an individual or community think that you have a problem with a particular road, you can approach the local Area Board which can arrange a speed checking device to be placed on that road to see if the problem is real or perceived. If real, funding is made available to train volunteers wishing to take part assisting in monitoring passing traffic. This in turn educates the motorist passing through that there is a problem and hopefully responsible drivers drive accordingly. Those thinking they are above the law and continuing to speed have their details sent to us and we target them specifically, thus increasing police efficiency.

If you have any views on this please let me know via malmesburynpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. This is a relatively new email address which has changed slightly from the old one. We still try to reply to all emails within 24 hours. Also, don't forget that for non-emergency calls to Police you can now dial 101, but if you prefer you can still use 0845 408 7000 for a few more weeks yet.

Thank you, *PC Steve Humphries*

Area Board at Sherston

The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council is now to take place at Sherston Village Hall on Wednesday 9 November with a 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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Cribbs trips

Following last year's successful trip to Cribbs Causeway two trips are planned for this year's Christmas shopping season.

Tony Weedon has kindly volunteered to drive the Cartmell Community Bus on Saturday 19 November and again on Wednesday 7 December. The bus will leave the High Street at 10 am and Cribbs at 3pm.

There is a maximum of 16 passengers per trip. To reserve your place please sign up at Sherston Post Office Stores and make a donation towards the cost – £4 is suggested.

Rec

Good progress is being made with the intended new play equipment for those aged 11 to 18.

Further recent successful fundraising by the family and friends of Mark Doyle has boosted his memorial fund which is so generously to help towards the cost. The parish council intends to use money due under at least one planning approval in the parish to help with the funding. Grant finance is to be sought to meet any outstanding balance as play equipment is always expensive due to the high safety levels required.

The final choice of equipment will follow consultation with those who will use it – all the 11 to 18 year olds in the parish.

If all goes according to plan it is hoped to have the equipment installed during the spring of 2012.

Supper time

A new mobile fish and chip service is to operate in Sherston on Thursday evenings between 5.30pm and 8.30pm. Starfish Enterprise will open for business in the village hall yard on Thursday 3 November. For more details visit www.starfishenterprise.info, email starfish.co@btinternet.com or Fish line 07719 326236.

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Remember, remember, the fifth of November

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In addition to Sherston 1016's fully insured and professional fireworks display, there will also be a BBQ as well as soft drinks and hot soup. Sparklers are not permitted at the display for safety reasons, but safe light-sabres and light-ropes will be on sale.

Entrance charges (non-refundable) are the same as last year, at £5 per adult and £3 per child on the gate, or £12 for an advance family ticket for two adults and up to three children, available from Sherston Post Office Store. All profit from the event goes towards the senior citizens Christmas vouchers.

If you can spare a few hours to help set up the field during the daylight hours of Saturday 5 November, please phone 840728 (daytime) or 840112. Please take combustible material to the site during the week leading up to the Saturday and put it over the wall into the bonfire field, which is on the right as you approach the farm buildings.

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Boules & Carnival Week - Call for Help and Thank You

Firstly, we would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who supported us this year on what was a very wet Boules Day, especially those who turned out at 6.30am on Saturday morning to help set up in the pouring rain. Only the British would do such a crazy thing. We would particularly like to thank our departing Chairman, Tony Weedon, for all his hard work over the past few years and to Stedman Nicholas from Bear Necessities who trudged back and forth in his van ferrying everything required for setting up the event and putting it away again and indeed has done so for more years than anyone can count. Both will be sorely missed.

It turned out to be a successful year despite the rain and donations will be made in due course once the final takings have been calculated. So, thank you all.

2012 Volunteers

Now, looking forward to 2012, we have an even bigger challenge to fill the shoes of Tony and Stedman. Hopefully we may have someone lined up to manage logistics, which is good news. However, there is a need for a new Chairman.

Maybe those of you who enjoy taking part in the event could give this some thought as, whilst we have a great team of volunteers who take on many roles to put the event together, we do need someone to keep us in



order and coordinate us! Actually we are quite capable and organised really, but we do need someone to take on this role. Do you think you could do it?

There are a host of other jobs that we would also love people to help out with. This needn't be anything too onerous; you may like to offer to co-ordinate a small team to organise things such as putting up bunting or clearing away tables and chairs or you may just wish to put your name down to help out on the day.

Please come along to the first meeting for Boules and Carnival 2012 on Thursday 10 November at 8.00pm at the Carpenters Arms if you would like to help out. Just turn up.

If you can't make it but would like to put your name forward then please email either Caroline Moore caroline@carolinemoore.co.uk or Louise Osborne louise.osborne@networkrail.co.uk or call Caroline on 841405.

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- Clearing the river for the duck race
- Logistics – help on Friday afternoon and evening moving equipment to the High Street, erecting marquees, setting up tables & chairs in the village hall, putting up signs
- Logistics – help on Saturday morning setting up marquees and pitches and in the evening taking it all down and putting it away in storage.
- Kids Zone – help required manning bouncy castles and other stalls
- BBQ, French Café, teas – help serving and/or preparing food
- Selling ducks, raffle tickets, tombola
- Bar shifts at any of the events during the week or weekend

These are just some of the obvious jobs but just having a pool of helpers on the day who can keep an eye out for an overflowing bin or run an errand to fetch and carry here and there would be wonderful.

There is one further big plea and that is for anyone who might be able to provide a van and trailer to move equipment on the Friday and Saturday of Boules weekend.

Date for your diaries for next year: Boules Day 14 July 2012. Many Thanks *The Boules & Carnival Committee*

W.I. October Meeting

by Ann Wilcox

President Sheila Harris welcomed 31 members to the Village Hall for their Birthday Dinner. Before the meal she presented Phyl Thorburn with a basket of flowers to mark her recent Diamond wedding anniversary. She also welcomed our recent new member, Judith.

Outside caterers provided an excellent two-course meal which was much enjoyed. There was much chatter, happy memories and plans for the future discussed. After the meal we were entertained by Nicki Heenan on keyboard which was a most pleasant end to the evening.

We are now looking forward to our Open Evening on 13 October in the Village Hall. Several members are helping out at the Arts Festival in various capacities. Many of us have been busy knitting mini bobble hats for Innocent Smoothie bottles. Over 100 will be taken to Sainsbury's, which will send 25p to Age UK for every hat knitted.

Our next meeting will be on 3 November at the British Schoolroom at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Maureen Hinton with the theme of 'Victorian Christmas' (flower arranging). The competition is a Victorian ornament. We are always pleased to see visitors.

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Anthony Price – Group Scout Leader

Mud, Sweat and Clouds

Within the first month after our summer break, members of the Scout Group have been getting stuck in with the worms, running to improve their fitness and soaring above the clouds. Expectations are high for more adventure to come.



Our Cub Pack has been working towards their Global Environment Badge. As part of this, the cubs took on the task of re-instating the wormeries at Sherston School, so we had to find some of the right type of worms. Luckily we could find the odd thousand little red tiger worms, which are just right to munch up waste food and veggie peelings. So after a quick lesson on what needs to go into compost, the Cubs were ready to make hand contact with our slippery friends.

The Cubs have also been round Grove Wood, to check on woodland progress. Our thanks to Sherston's team of tree wardens for making this another enjoyable evening.

Our pack entered a team for the annual district Raft Race on Corsham Lake. They had to build, launch and paddle their own raft around a large circuit on the lake. Staying dry is optional.



The whole Group held a 5k and 10k race on the last Sunday in September. With a little last minute publicity, the field was open to all, and several from the village took part in a test of fitness, endurance and following the route. The intention was to run as a combined group, and ensure that all finished.



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Everyone came back, but not everyone took the same route. Robin Outlaw finished first, but took the scenic route, so his race distance is not clear.

The first three Scouts/Cubs back in the 10k bash were Barnabas Whiffin, Kyle van Rooyen, and Luke Tappin. The first three positions in the 5k were Alistair Evans, Andre van Rooyen, and Caty and Oliver Tappin (together). Toby Tappin was the youngest to finish the 10k.

Well done to all.

When we repeat the challenge we will expect our guests to be a little higher placed.

The Scout Troop invited the Wiltshire Scout County Gliding Advisor to a recent troop meeting, and the following weekends eight Scouts and Explorer Scouts have been able to glide at Keevil Airfield. Gliding is a team effort, as the aircraft have to be positioned, lined up with the winch cable, and recovered afterwards. The reward for the hard work is the wonderful flights, some in an open canopy glider dating from the 1940s or in an aerobatic glider performing spins.

The Scout Group, 1st Sherston Brownies and members of our local Guide company will be parading on Remembrance Sunday with 84 Medical Supply Squadron RLC. The parade will assemble at the Scout HQ at 10.00 am before the Church Service.

The Scout Group will once again be offering a Christmas post service this year. Special stamps will be on sale, along with tickets for our popular Christmas hamper raffle, during December. May we ask all those who would like to receive Christmas cards through the scout post, to make sure that their house name or number is clearly visible? We know from experience that many houses in Sherston rely on good fortune to receive their post.

Perhaps now is a good time to check that your house has a Christmas card-friendly letterbox.

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October's walk to Easton Grey taking in the Roman camp proved very popular, with some 23 people taking part. As usual, the Rattlebone Inn came up trumps with a delicious soup to finish.

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 27 November, leaving the village hall at 10.00am and returning to the Rattlebone at around 12.00noon for a complimentary snack. Please note the earlier start time.

The walk is free with no need to book. Just turn up with suitable footwear and clothing for weather conditions on the day. Children are most welcome as are well-behaved dogs on leads.

Queen's Jubilee

With this national event scheduled for 2 to 5 June next year, there is a need to start planning in earnest for celebrations in Sherston. Already a number of ideas have been mooted but all now need to be coordinated. Accordingly, there will be an open meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 16 November at 7.30pm. If you're unable to make it that evening but have an idea or wish to be involved generally, please contact Cilla Liddington on 840128 or email sherstoncilla@tiscali.co.uk.



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Wildlife flocks to school

by Crispian Huggill, Sherston School Environment Area Group

Eighteen months after completion, Sherston School's pond is already teeming with wildlife. The vegetation has transformed the area into an established wildlife habitat. To date, five species of dragonfly have been recorded, along with damselflies, two toads, three frogs, countless snails, water boatmen and pond skaters, to name a few.

A kingfisher was a regular visitor in August.

Earlier in the year, a flock of waxwings provided a colourful spectacle in a nearby apple tree.

Recently, it became necessary to remove some of the pond weed. Undaunted, one of the frogs watched the action.



Next up is to equip the school with waterproof cards for the children to spot and identify wildlife on regular pond trips, as part of widening their environmental awareness and education.

Blooming marvellous!

The early October sunshine made for a late splash of colour at the front of Sherston School. The 2011 cohort of year six pupils completed a project in June to design and plant a flower bed, with plants kindly donated by Foxley Road Nurseries and Les Howells' garden at Pinkney (our thanks to them both).

The project is a legacy from former year six pupil Hannah Clegg, who won the national British Garden Competition in 2009 to design a garden for the 2012 Olympic Park.



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And what a show this year's team created. Following the past two years' very successful results, the new year six Sycamore Class has a high standard to attain. Work begins with some bulb planting in November.



Pick your own school lunch

Willow Class pupils at Sherston School picked blackberries from the school wildlife area, and apples from their allotment area, all served up as blackberry and apple crumble for lunch the following day. School puddings don't get much better than that.

This year has seen the school's fruit trees produce bumper crops. In August, the Victoria plum was weighed down with beautiful sweet fruit. The Falstaff and Egremont Russet produced apples in abundance. These and the other fruit trees have been kindly donated over the past three years by Whitehall Garden Centre, Morrisons Supermarkets (Let's Grow campaign), and Lara Farahar. Our thanks and appreciation to them all. As one of their environment projects, Willow Class look after the school's fruit trees.

Hedgelaying

As part of its rural skills programme, the Cotswold Conservation Board is running a hedgelaying course in Sherston over the weekend of 25 and 26 February 2012 at a cost of £99 for the two days. Perhaps an ideal Christmas present for someone interested in learning this skill?

For availability and booking or just for more details, contact 01451 862000 or visit www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk.

Fun in the sun

The free sport courses run by Wiltshire Council this summer on the Rec proved to be the most successful to date. Five courses were held during August, with 89 different children participating and a total throughput of 219. Sherston had the highest numbers participating overall in the whole county.

Feedback both from parents and children was very good. Many praised the high standard of the coaches, as well as the general organisation of the courses. Having the Scout Hut facilities available was also greatly appreciated – including the tuck shop which was especially popular with the coaches at the end of the sessions.

The parish council has written a letter of thanks to all those involved at Wiltshire Council and hopes that the scheme can be repeated next year.

Table amnesty

Two large brown tables and three small green ones have recently disappeared from the village hall. If you have borrowed them, please return them as soon as possible. Just leave them in the yard or take them to the Sunday Papers in the small hall. 'No names no pack drill.'

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From the Parish Chest - The Sherston Allotments

by Cilla Liddington

The Allotment Act 1887

Allotments and Cottage Gardens Compensation for Crops Act 1887 obliged local authorities to provide allotments if there was a demand for them. The local authorities resisted complying with the Act and so revision was required to strengthen it.

Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908

The Smallholding and Allotment Act 1907 imposed responsibilities on parish, urban district and borough councils to provide allotments. Further legislation in 1908 consolidated previous acts and resolved various anomalies.

To the Victorians, allotments were a productive use of time, keeping the poor away from the evils of drink, and providing wholesome food for the low paid worker.

Sherston parish council took this Act very seriously and at its annual parish meeting March 31 1896 the matter was discussed in great detail:

At the previous annual parish meeting applications were received for allotments, and a committee was at once appointed to ascertain whether the council could hire by agreement the Three Corner Ground measuring '20. 1. 23.?' then in the occupation of Mr Daniel Neal, farmer of Willesley, for arable allotments.

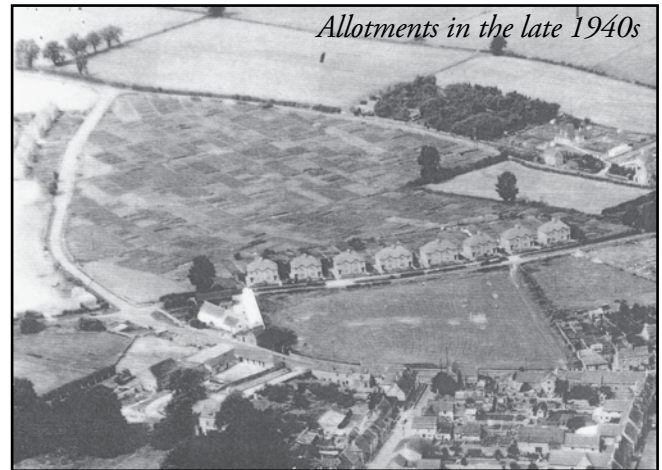
Several meetings were held, having reference to this question, and a long correspondence followed with the owner of the land Captain Holford, who has always treated the council in a most kind, straightforward and courteous manner.

In September last, it was decided to charge the tenants the sum of 33/- per acre, per annum, which was estimated to cover all expenses for the first year.

All the land was taken up by persons, who were willing to give the price of 33/- per acre.

It is thought by the council that later on, perhaps in a few months time, the price of the allotment lands will be reduced.

Mr Thomas Hillier of Knockdown, Mr George



Allotments in the late 1940s

Beak of Lords Wood and Mr C D Bridgeman of Sherston were elected allotment managers.

Several enquiries were made for land suitable for pasture allotments, but the council could not hear of any to let. (This is still very much an ongoing problem for the present parish council, where a need for more allotments is discussed at every meeting, with no land being available)

In December 1928 a letter was received from Wiltshire County Council Agricultural Committee, an extract of which states that

'Further to our interview on these allotments, I have reported to the Small Holdings Committee the condition of these allotments and that the Parish Council desire to be released of some of the land. I am instructed to make further enquiries with a view to formulating some scheme if possible before the next meeting of the committee. I shall be extremely obliged if you will let me know whether the Parish Council will be prepared in the event of the County Council agreeing to surrender the whole of the field known as Great Tynings and Jubilee Field at Lady Day 1930. In this event the Parish Council would be left with Little Tynings for allotments and increased rent over and above what is now paid for the whole would be required by the County Council'

Where was Jubilee Field? Maybe where the houses in Green Lane are built.



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Sherston Arts Festival

*Heather Martin
(on behalf of the Arts Festival Committee)*

As with all events, you seem to spend months planning and then it's all over in a flash. Sherston Arts Festival is over for another year or two. Thanks to all those people who helped make it run smoothly and to those who supported the events.

The exhibition in the Church was of a very high standard, although down a bit in number of pictures exhibited. The flowers were lovely and everyone said how beautiful the Church looked. The fused glass workshop was very successful – sixteen participants all made something quite special and many said they would like to learn more of this fascinating craft. The scarecrow trail was one of our best events – 86 'trails' were sold, which meant 86 families or small groups walking round our village, discovering hidden corners and the weird characters people had made. They were not that easy to guess and very few got all the right answers. The Young Musicians Concert on Saturday 8 October, organised by Katie Skeffington, was a sell-out and a lovely occasion. The Young Artists' exhibition had some great work, including a display of Young Craft Group pictures and puppets based on their recent trip to Giffords Circus, funded by a grant from the Malmesbury Area Board.

During the week, the Afternoon concert 'Traditional Scottish Airs' was provided by Nikki Heenan and some of her musical friends, delightful music from north of the border.

The second weekend featured the Photographic exhibition, which showed a very high standard of pictures and a special display of Nick Holland's prints. Lots of visitors admired and voted for their favourite. Delicious cakes and teas were served by Marion Gee.

The Sea Show by Squashbox Theatre – a Rural Arts Wiltshire touring event- was packed out with

children and their parents. The one-man show was very amusing, inventive and enjoyable. On the Saturday evening at the Sherston Musical Showcase, we were treated to a lovely mixture of classical, folk, and vocal items, including the SHOC choir. Piano, guitars, flute and the organ were played by local and not so local musicians. The Festival ended with the Festival Service in the Church, featuring some of the music heard at one or other of the concerts.

We have had good feedback from those attending the events and we are happy that the Festival has given pleasure. However, we are aware there is always room for improvement and would be pleased to receive any comments and offers of help for next time.

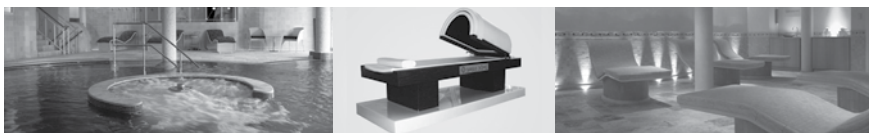
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Sherston Arts Festival Photographic Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the photographic competition which took place over the weekend of 14 and 15 October. There were over 100 photos entered showing the great talent that is hidden amongst the local residents. The trophy for Best in Show, which was voted by the public visiting the exhibition, was awarded to Nick BurrIDGE from Luckington for his lovely view of the canals in Venice.

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2012 Sherston Arts Festival Calendar

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The calendar costs £5, and can be ordered by dropping an envelope with your payment in to the Post Office by 13 November at the latest (cheques to be made payable to 'Sherston Arts Festival'). Please make sure you enclose your name, address, telephone number and the number of calendars you wish to order. There is a sample calendar in the Post Office stores if you wish to browse through it. The calendars will be delivered locally by the beginning of December at the latest.



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NOVEMBER 2011 *by Irene Johnston*

Let's get going....with more volunteers

The third season of work at Grove Wood will start on Sunday, 20 November. Hopefully, the weather will let us get a few sessions in before Christmas. We're ready to begin coppicing and clearing the final section, Quarry End, though it may take a couple of seasons to break the back of it. If you've been down to the wood during the last few months, you'll know just how much progress the group has made. Just think how much more work could be done with new volunteers.

Seriously, we could do with some younger members to work on the slopes and assist our expert John Lloyd in sawing mainly hazel stools and lugging the branches down to the fire. There are more than enough jobs to go round and many hands make light work. We have quite a large number of people on our group email but the regulars (who are all getting on a bit!) would welcome extra help.

If you are interested in a healthy workout on Sunday mornings, come down and join us between 10.00am and 1.00pm on the 20 November. Go on, give it a go and help in a worthwhile environmental project that benefits present and future generations of Sherston villagers.

P.S. Please let Sue or me know if you want to be included on our volunteer mailing list. Alternatively, visit our dedicated page on www.sherston.net for regular updates on what's going on.

Observing Nature's bounty

Spring 2011 was possibly the earliest on record and signs show that autumn has been early too. Some experts believe that autumn will be early because leaves have a shelf-life, so the earlier they appear on the trees, the earlier they will be shed in autumn. Others believe that trees continue growing and retain their leaves for as long as temperatures are high and water is available.

With such unusually warm weather in early autumn, this year's colour display is particularly spectacular. The Woodland Trust is inviting people to

record their observations on www.naturescalendar.org.uk/survey.

Some of the autumn events to look out for and record are:

Trees with vivid autumn tinting
Bramble and blackthorn producing ripe fruits
Fieldfares and redwings arriving
Ivy flowering
Fly agaric fungi blooming (be careful, it's poisonous!)

Further information from Sherston's Tree Warden, Irene Johnston on 841273, email: Ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk or Deputy Tree Warden, Sue McKechnie on 840601, email: suemckechnie@hotmail.com

Rock, Rhythm & Rhyme

Malmesbury Children's Centre is offering free music groups for the under 5s in Sherston Village Hall for a six week period starting in November. Children can learn action songs, play musical instruments and just have lots of fun. The sessions take place on Fridays from 2.00pm to 2.45 pm on 4, 11, 18 and 25 November and 2 and 8 December. To book a place call 825566.

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Wiltshire air ambulance appeal



by Noel Banks

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From our base in Devizes, WAA can be at a county incident within 11 minutes. You may have heard the phrase 'Golden Hour' – this is used to describe the hour directly after an incident has taken place. It is imperative that the injured party receives medical attention within this hour to minimise the risk of life-changing injuries or, in some cases, death.

WAA can fly and land at the scenes of road traffic collisions across our county roads or on motorways. Other situations include cardiac arrests, horse-riding accidents, work-related and sporting injuries, farm accidents, fires and burns. No two days are ever the same.

Since its launch, some 21 years ago, the WAA has attended thousands of incidents, providing an essential emergency medical service throughout the county. Wiltshire is extremely lucky to have the only Air Ambulance in the UK with the capability to fly at night saving even more lives.

In 2010, WAA attended 628 different incidences. 12% of these were night rescues.

In the year to the end of September 2011, WAA made 623 different rescues across the whole county. That is an average of more than two rescues a day.

134 of these rescues were at road traffic collisions,

94 were in response to cardiac arrests, 49 involved babies or young children, while 103 involved sporting incidents across the county.

To keep us flying we need to raise £700,000 each year to cover the running costs of the helicopter. We do not receive Government funding but totally rely on the generosity of people living in Wiltshire, local business, and those who have directly come into contact with WAA. We have established new ways to raise funds including our own lottery, a recycling scheme, and an events programme where you, our very loyal supporters, can work more closely with us at a planned event.

Our volunteers are crucial to our success as they support us locally in their community, raising funds and increasing awareness of our work. We always need more help. If you would like to know more, get in touch.

Our partnership with the Wiltshire Police is in place until 2014. We sincerely hope the partnership continues, but if the agreement is not renewed due to cuts in police funding, WAA will need to find funding in excess of £2 million per annum to stay in the air, saving lives.

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POST OFFICE

Despite our best endeavours, the Post Office has instructed us to close from Wednesday 16 November until we move to The Old School on 24 November. We will close for business at 5.00pm on Tuesday 15 November to allow a full audit to be completed.

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Whilst we will be unable to process any bill payments, the impact should hopefully be minimal, bearing in mind that we will still be open on 15 November when Wiltshire Council rates are due and most other utility bills arrive at the end of the month.

If you have any specific queries or feel that our closure will cause you insurmountable problems, please call in for a confidential chat.

SHOP

We will open every day during the period. As 24 November draws closer, our services will be reduced.

Wednesday 16 November – the shop counters, the Post Office and the main tills will all disappear. We may have to stop serving for short periods during the early afternoon to allow fittings to be removed.

Saturday 19 November - Shop to close at 12.00 noon to allow the shop to be stripped of fittings and replace stock.

Monday 21 November - Newspapers, bread, milk, drinks, chilled snacks, and other essentials to be served from table tops. Newspapers will continue to be reserved.

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Harvest Celebrations at Holy Cross, Sherston

Sue Robinson, Churchwarden

Harvest celebrations at Holy Cross began on 30 September when all the children from the primary school arrived in church with their Harvest gifts, after a Harvest Service in school led by Rev'd Christopher Bryan. They walked through the church, leaving their gifts in the choir, and went out through the Lady Chapel and vestry door, which fascinated some of the children who had never seen this area of the church before. The produce which they brought was used to decorate the church the next day and, together with the usual beautiful flower arrangements, make it ready for Sunday.

The 9.30am service on 2 October had a Harvest theme, but the main celebration of Harvest was held in the evening. During a special service, local farmer Nigel Freeth was interviewed by curate Rev'd Sarah Evans. He told the congregation, which included members of most of the farming families in the parish, about what it is like to be a farmer today and his concerns for the future of farming. Searching questions from people in the congregation raised some issues on which Nigel was able to throw light from the farmer's point of view leading, it is to be hoped, to a better understanding of this essential work which goes on at the heart of

our local community. The congregation included Mr. and Mrs. John Chambers from Victoria, Australia, descendants of the Cresswell family of Pinkney Park, who were able to compare notes about the weather for farmers here and in Australia.

After the service the Harvest Supper was held in church. This was a convivial event with the usual superb food and was enjoyed by everyone there. Donations of fresh produce were sold after the Supper and during the following week when the Coffee Shop and preparations for the Arts Festival brought more people into church. These sales raised £71 and this, together with the profit of £54 from the Supper itself, has produced a total of £125 for Christian Aid. All the canned and dry goods donated have been taken to the Sisters of the Church in Bristol, where they will be distributed to help people in need in the city.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to make the Harvest celebrations such a success – those who gave produce, decorated the church, took part in the services, and organised and ran the Harvest Supper.

Musical Pupils make the grade

Congratulations to eight pupils from Sherston School who have recently passed their music exams.

All received high marks from the world's leading music examining board, the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music:

Luke Tappin	Grade 1 clarinet
Emily Vaughan	Grade 2 flute and Grade 1 piano
Eleanor Stevens	Grade 1 piano
Imogen Wall	Grade 2 piano and Grade 1 oboe
Amy Peevers	Grade 2 cello
Edgar Nicolas	Grade 2 cello
Katherine Moyse	Grade 4 piano and Grade 4 flute
George McGrory	Grade 3 drums

Scarlett Furness, Molly Thompson, and Megan Thompson all passed their piano Prep Test.

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Doctor's Bag

by Judy Sharp, Practice Manager,
The Tolsey Surgery



Friends of the Tolsey Surgery

We have recently expanded our Friends of the Tolsey Surgery group (FOTS) to form a more representative Patient Reference Group. If you are interested in joining FOTS, please get in touch with Judy Sharp at the surgery. No special knowledge or skills are required, apart from being willing to give your views. You will be invited to provide occasional feedback, attend meetings (either face to face or virtually) and find out more about our services.

Patient Survey 2011

The first project the new group has been involved with is a Patient Survey, which we would like as many of our patients as possible to complete. This survey is really important, so please do pick up a copy and complete it next time you're at the surgery. It only takes a few minutes and names are welcome but not required.

The surveys will be ready for collection at the surgery, at Luckington Post Office, and various other locations around Sherston from Tuesday 1 November.

If you'd prefer to complete a survey online, this option will be available from 1 November via the surgery website (www.tolseysurgery.co.uk), or if you prefer, we're happy to email a copy to you to print off and complete at home. Just call Judy Sharp on 840270.

Please complete and return your survey by Friday 25 November. If you need a copy in larger print, please call the surgery and we will send one to you.

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The Bare Necessity A Calendar for 2012

The Doyles

Well, it is finally here. Not 2012 (yet) but the must-have calendar that will take pride of place on many walls in kitchens, offices, garages and garden sheds, not only in Sherston and surrounding villages, but many locations in the UK and internationally.

For several weeks now, willing volunteers have shed many layers of clothing to be photographed for the 2012 Calendar 'Doyle's Doll's'. The calendar, which was the brain wave of Linnie Willetts, comprises 11 beautiful pictures of many of our local ladies and one picture of some of Britain's finest men (ahem!).

All of these willing models were photographed within the village and surrounding areas over the last few weeks and fortunately we were blessed with fine weather. However, one of our finest landmarks - the boules pitch at The Rattlebone Inn - will never look the same again.

It would seem that everyone who took part really enjoyed themselves and we thank them all. Special mention must go to Nick and Pat who took photographs, strategically airbrushed additional material where necessary and organised what was a challenging activity. Thanks are also due to the digital printers, CPC Ltd (from Pinkney), for producing the calendar at a very generous rate.

We would also like to thank the many sponsors and generous people who allowed their venues and props to be used and finally everyone in advance who will hopefully buy a copy or two.

All proceeds from the calendar sales will be used to buy children's/youths' play equipment in the Sherston recreation ground.

There will be a launch night at the Rattlebone on Friday 4 November from 6.00pm where, along with the local press, you will be able to see the first viewing of the calendar.

The calendar will be on sale from that date onwards at Sherston and Luckington Village Shops and at a number of other local venues.

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Open afternoon at Sherston Primary School

Sherston Church of England Primary School is holding its open afternoon on Thursday 17 November 1.30pm – 2.30pm.

If you'd like to get a feel for Sherston school, have a look around the facilities and meet some of the staff and pupils, you are most welcome to visit. Parents, grandparents, and children are all welcome.

For a copy of the new school prospectus, call 840237 or visit the website www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk

Sherston Primary School has recently celebrated a run of good news, having been awarded a 'good' overall rating with some areas judged 'outstanding' by Ofsted. The Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools (SIAS) has rated the school 'good' for displaying signs of a distinctive and Christian institution. Then in September the school was re-accredited with the British Council's prestigious International School Award.

Headteacher Mr Bowditch commented, 'The best way to get an impression of our school is to come and see us in action.' So, if you are contemplating schools for your children, whether it is for the 2012 intake or beyond, we would welcome a visit from you.

Dog bins

Thanks to the efforts of parish councillor Claire Browett, new dog bins are now in place in Sherston. The long-awaited bins are at Brook Hill opposite Stretchline, Sopworth Lane by the footpath to the Cliff, and at Easton Town crossroads. Please note that all Wiltshire Council bins can now be used for bagged dog waste as well as ordinary litter. For this reason the old red dog bin by the gates to Baker Thompsons Field in Noble Street has been removed as there is another bin nearby next to the Jubilee Tree.

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The 2011 Sherston Hurl will surely go down as one of the most unusual in recent years. Unprecedented high temperatures encouraged a very large number of people to attend and enjoy the spectacle whilst basking in the sunshine ice creams in hand.

In fact the good weather almost caused the whole event to be in jeopardy. Excessive heat causes mature mangold crowns to sweat profusely and exude a creamy substance or 'myckle'. Whilst entirely innocuous, sweetly perfumed and apparently still used by some in this very parish as an aphrodisiac myckle can cause havoc with a hurlers grip. Fortunately members of the Ancient Order were well accustomed to the dangers of myckle and took the appropriate action to avoid its appearance on the day. This involved immersing the mangolds overnight in the cold waters of the river at Mill Cottage using a reconstruction of the parish ducking stool so lovingly created by Phil and Caroline Moore.

The myckle was initially discovered by our Summoner Graham Hayman whose acute sense of smell immediately warned of its presence when the mangolds were lifted the previous day to the Hurl. An intrepid band of members travelled over the border just before dawn to Newark



Farm at Ozleworth to lift the crop so kindly grown for us again this year by the Redman family. At the lifting there was some concern as to the size of the mangolds for it was clear that the dry spring had resulted in much smaller roots than usual. After much searching however a suitable number of Class A mangolds were lifted including some extra heavy Normans and brought triumphantly to the village in the customary cart.

Saturday evening saw the Normans duly anointed in the Rattlebone Inn by a somewhat nervous Mangold Maid Lizzy Ward who clearly found their size difficult to cope with. Fortunately assistance was forthcoming from ladies of much previous experience most notably Jennie Lamont who so readily casts aside all inhibitions at the sight of a mature Norman glistening before her.

Proceedings on the Sunday were commenced with a magnificent entry to the field by the Mangold Maid atop the cart and a most acclaimed first public performance on the Great Horn of Moyne by Graham Hayman as he summoned the Order. This year's rendition of an 'Ode to a Mangold Hurl' was thought by many to be one of the best ever.

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The Hurl itself attracted a record entry of 20 teams which in the course of the competition resulted in something of a crisis for the rules committee sitting in the Easton Town bus shelter when no less than 5 teams won through to the semi final stage. After much deliberation a knockout formula was devised to get proceedings back on track. Meanwhile the crowds of spectators enjoyed the musical entertainment provided by both the Dodington Parish Band and the Mangledwurzelz.

It was the Hawks team of Rob Punter, Duncan Stiles and Jock Walker that won the day beating the Gentlemen of Gien in a thrilling final. Kevin Smith was duly crowned Mangold King for 2011 after his superb effort in the longest hurl competition.

Thanks on the day must go to Paul Ormiston for keeping the lists, Margot Holland for the stalls, Jason Read on the bar and Lynette Willetts with friends and family for the BBQ. Special thanks too for Jill Caine and Shane McEwan. Who so gamely entered into the spirit of the whole event and in particular undertook their umpire duties with such professionalism.

Yarp! *The Keeper of the Quill*



Tracklements Open Day - Saturday 19 November 2011

The time is here again. This festive season, Tracklements is throwing its doors open to let you see the wonder of chutney making. That's right. On Saturday 19 November from 9.30am to 1.00pm why not bring friends and family to our factory in Whitewalls where you can follow the raw ingredients and spices on their adventure through chopping, stirring, simmering and bubbling right through to bottling. There will be plenty of mulled wine and delicious sticky onion marmalade sausages for you to enjoy and it's a great opportunity to get some stocking fillers whilst you are here. Our onsite shop will be open with jars galore and free recipe cards accompanying lots of products. We have also invited a few other speciality food producers to come along with their delicious offerings. With bespoke hamper-making on site, you've got all the ingredients you need to make the perfect Christmas present. We hope to see you there. Tracklements is located along the B4040 between Sherston and Malmesbury. Turn into Whitewalls and continue straight to the end. We are the last building on the left.

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Cricket Presentation Evening

by Chris Lovell

On Saturday 15 October Sherston Magna Cricket Club held its traditional end of season presentation evening over a fantastic four course meal at the Rattlebone Inn. Kevin Smith provided a summary of the season which has included not only competitive league cricket for the senior Saturday and Sunday sides, but has seen competitive cricket for the junior team and the successful introduction of a Sherston Ladies side. The ground has also hosted regular midweek cricket from the Rattlebone and Carpenters Arms representative sides.

The purpose of the dinner is to recognise those players who have had outstanding seasons for Sherston at cricket. The winners are listed below.

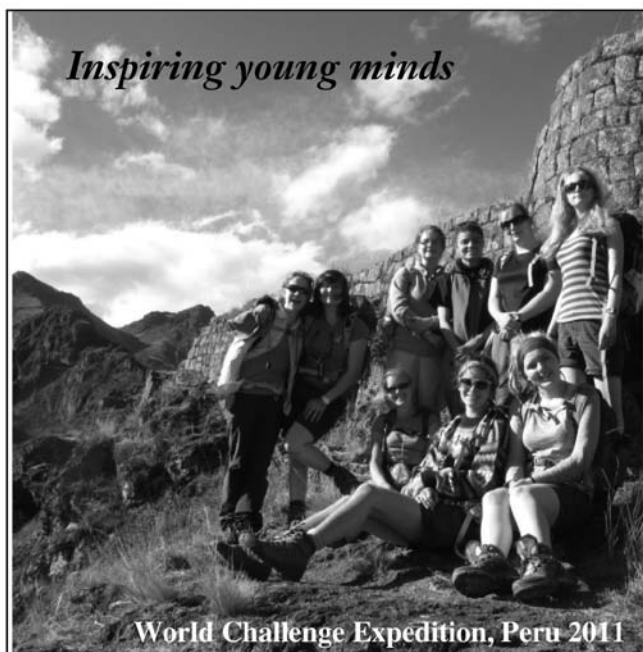
Matt Goodwin - Fielder of the Year

Having taken over as regular Saturday wicket keeper for the first time (a fact not missed by Kevin Smith) Matt took 11 catches, 2 stumpings and played in every Saturday league game. If this was not outstanding enough, Matt also scored 234 runs in a fantastic season.



Ben Littlejohns - Batsman of the Year

Ben scored 276 runs in 10 innings at an average of 34.5 on Saturdays. Having missed some games at the beginning of the season with a lingering elbow injury, Ben was on fire at the end of the season with back-to-back fifties in August. Ben also chipped in with 4 catches.



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James Kutchera - Bowler of the Year

James started his first season at Sherston with a flourish. Taking 27 Saturday league wickets he was clearly the leading wicket taker on Saturday. James also took 8 catches and scored 153 runs, so all-round a very satisfactory start at Sherston.

Milo Morgan - Young Player of the Year

Milo only had a few league games on Saturday, but showed enough potential and real ability to thrive in the future. His lack of fear when batting belied his age and he is clearly a star of the future.

Charlie Green - Sunday Player of the Year

Charlie has had a great season in the Sunday League XI. It has not always been easy with new sides in the league clearly destined for higher division often proving far too good for a village team. But Charlie always enjoys his cricket and has set a fantastic example to younger players.

Richie Cartwright - Player of the Year

Richie scored 461 league runs at an average of over 50 and was clearly the top batsman for Sherston in 2011. So much so that he also won the top batsman award from the Cotswold and District Cricket Association (CDCA), the organisers of the Saturday league. Richie also took 8 wickets including a near match winning 4 for 29 against league winners Adlestrop and 6 catches.

Paul Jarvis - Clubman of the Year

Paul has had his first season for Sherston this year and came in to the club with unquestionable playing and coaching credentials. By setting up weekly coaching and practice sessions for all the senior players the club has benefited with the emergence of fine young players such as Jamie Benson, Max Marq and Andy Pegg. Paul has also helped with the junior cricket and established regular ladies coaching and organised the first competitive game for the ladies team. The former England test player also helped out by playing a few games on Saturday including the season's best bowling performance of 6 for 33 against Adlestrop. Paul has recently been appointed England Ladies bowling coach but has still found time to support his local cricket club.

NOVEMBER FIXTURES

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Sat 5th November - 3.00pm

FA Cup

- Contact the club for more details

Sat 12th November - 3.00pm

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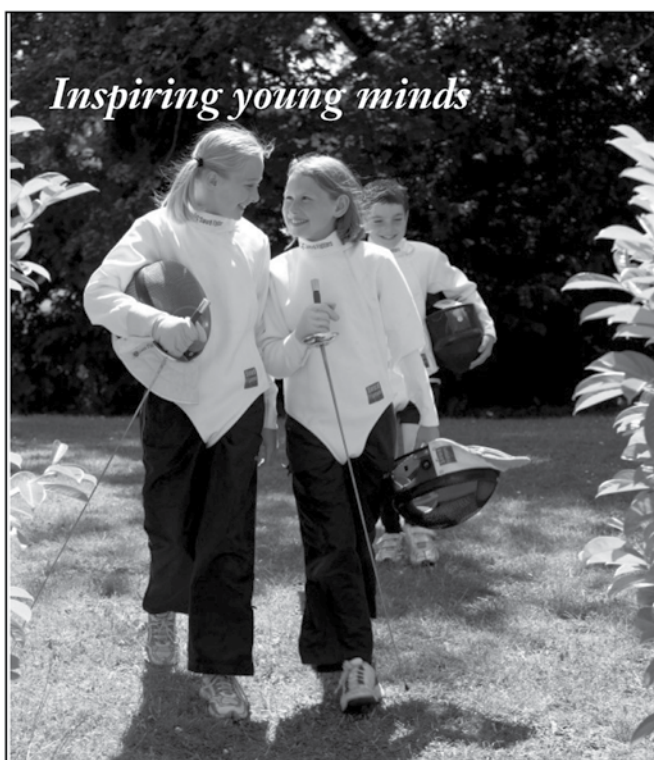
Sat 26th November - 3.00pm



Entry Prices

Adults - £15 (£13*)
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Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Holy Cross Church

The Coffee Shop -

Fair Trade tea and coffee with homemade biscuits

Open Thursday mornings 9.30 am – 12 noon till end of March

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

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

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

If you would like there to be more provision in Sherston for your children, the PCC and ministry team are looking for people who would like to help organise and run this. If that could be you please contact Revd. Christopher Bryan on 837522 or Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or Sue Robinson, churchwarden on 841263

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

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. Further details from Sue McKechnie 840601 or suemckechnie@hotmail.com

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, alternating with the Seniors. Donations to BSR expenses collected each week.

Eudo Tae Kwon Do

Juniors every Tuesday at 3.15pm and Seniors Thursdays 7-9pm both in Sherston primary school hall. Abby Lees-Smith 510125 or email info@eudotkd.co.uk 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@harriespartnership.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 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 840351 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 Rooms every other Tuesday alternating with Clem's Club.

Sherston 1016

Fundraising for local good causes and charities. For further details, contact Eric Thacker on 841344 or email eric.thacker@yahoo.co.uk

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 the new chairperson Sharon Doyle on 841233 or email sharon.doyle@sjpp.co.uk

Sherston Brownies

Meet every Wed during term time 6.15-7.30pm in the Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. If you're interested, please contact Snowy Owl (Liz Walker) on 840216 for more details

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

Membership of the Cub Pack is open to those between 8 and 10 ½ years old. The Pack has regular meetings on Friday nights in term times from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. There is a waiting list for Cubs, and those interested should contact Ray Sneddon-Jenkins to obtain an application form – raysneddonj@gmail.com

1st Sherston (John Rattlebone) Scout Troop

Is open to young people from the village and surrounding parish from the ages of 10 ½ to 13 ½. We meet at the Scout hut on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm to 9.00pm during school term times. To join contact Mark Sparrow on 840983 or e-mail mark@scorranstone.co.uk 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 5.30 – 7pm every Wednesday. Sherston Brownies tend to come along if they don't join Scouts. Details from Helen Price 503187 or email retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

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 – 9.30pm. £38 for 15 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 phone Annabel on 840592 or Maggie on 840969.

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

Sherston Tennis Club

Sherston Tennis Club play on two hard courts off Knockdown Rd. Fees for the 2011 are the same as 2010: Family £80, Adult £45, Senior citizen £20, Junior (18 and under) £15. As ever, there will be coaching for children, adults too if enough people ask. Speak to

Helen McLeish (840992) or Harry Stevens (840602). A men's team has been entered into the Chippenham & District Leagues, matches are on Wednesday evenings, and match captain Jeremy Nabarro (07973 517655) will be delighted to hear from anyone interested in playing. Club night is Thursdays, starting 5 May from 6.30pm. Louise Osborne (841238) is keen to see you at the courts. Further details contact Nic Riley 840682, Helen McLeish 840992, Louise Osborne 841238 (helen.mcleish@ukonline.co.uk)

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/ 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.

Further details contact Maureen Jolliffe on 840867

Sherston Young Craft Group

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

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

Yoga in Sherston

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

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 2011

Dates for your diary

December

9 Anglo Saxon Christmas Market

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

Email info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk 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 6 Nov

Check boards for more 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

British Sausage Week 29 Oct - 4 Nov

Game Week 12- 19 Nov

See boards for more details of events

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

Rock, Rhythm & Rhyme

Malmesbury Children's Centre is offering free music groups for the under 5's in Sherston Village Hall for a 6 week period starting in November. Children can learn action songs, play musical instruments and just have lots of fun. The sessions take place on Fridays from 2pm to 2.45 pm on 4,11,18,25 November and 2, 8 December.

Further details contact 825566

WEA courses

Literature course

A Quartet of Plays' with John Chambers 4 week course starting Fri 4 Nov. British School Room

Further details contact Carolyn Hewitson on 840295 or

Tony Wood on 840558

Bonfire & Fireworks

Extravaganza, Sherston

organized by Sherston 1016

Guy competition judging from 6.15pm. Barbecue, bar and hot drinks available Sat 5 Nov Fireworks from 6.30pm On entry £5 adult, £3 child. Advance family ticket £12 including 2 adults & 3 children only on sale at the PO.

Any help building the bonfire during the morning most welcome. Bring any combustible material to Lower Farm.

Further details contact 840728 (daytime) or 840112

Area Board meeting

The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council meet at Sherston Village Hall on Wednesday 9 November with a 6.30pm for 7.00pm start.

Boules & Carnival

Meeting to start planning for 2012 Carpenters Arms
Thursday 10th November 8pm

Armistice Day

Friday 11 November Act of Remembrance 11am
at the Lych Gate War Memorial

Remembrance Sunday Service

Correct date: Sun 13 Nov 10.45 - please be seated by 10.40
Church of the Holy Cross

Queen's Jubilee

Meeting to discuss parish celebrations
Wednesday 16 November 7.30 Village Hall

Sherston Primary School Open Day

Thurs 17 Nov 1.30 - 2.30pm

For a copy of the new school prospectus call 840237 or
www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk

Community bus shopping trip

Christmas Shopping at Cribbs Causeway day trip

Sat 19 Nov and Wed 7 Dec -10am - 3pm 16 places available
on the bus - book your ticket at the post office in advance to
avoid disappointment. £4 donation suggested. Under 14s
must be accompanied by an adult.

Grove Wood Sunday Clearing

Please come along and help clear, coppice and then plant
trees and hedges in Grove Wood

Starts from Sunday 20 November 10am - 1pm

finishing with hot homemade soup

Further details contact Sue McKechnie 840601 or
suemckechnie@hotmail.com

Sue's Strolls

Sun 27 Nov starting from the village hall at 10am returning
to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at
around 1pm

Further details contact Sue McKechnie 840601 or
suemckechnie@hotmail.com

Easton Grey

Festive open day at Tracklements

Tour the factory and enjoy some Mulled Wine and our
famously delicious Sticky Onion Marmalade sausages

Sat 19 Nov 9.30 - 1pm Whitewalls, Easton Grey

Further details contact 827044 or www.tracklements.co.uk

Whatley Manor

Christmas wreath making and table decorations with Rachel Wilson
Wed 16 Nov 10 for 10.30 start till 3.30pm £90 includes all
materials, festive drink, 3 course lunch with wine

Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner Gulliver's Travels
£39 includes film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch or dinner
Sun 27 Nov Sun 30 Oct - Black Swan

Jazz Sundays Solent City Jazzmen 12 - 15:30 Sun 20 Nov £39
including 3 course Sunday lunch in Le Mazot

Further details contact 834026 or www.whatleymanor.com

Luckington

Luckington Firework & Bonfire Night

In aid of Luckington Children's Playgrounds Charity

Fri 5 Nov 6.15pm Fireworks at 7pm Free

Luckington Playing Field

Grittleton

Beaufort Hunt Christmas Gift Fair

A large assortment of Christmas foods, wines, ladies and gents fashion, fashion accessories, jewellery, pictures, interior designs, gardening, equine & pet supplies & gifts plus much more. Tues 22 Nov 6-9pm £4 including a glass of wine. All proceeds to local charities. Grittleton House School

Further details contact Netia Walker netia@netiabibbert.com or www.beauforthunt.com

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Larry Crowne (Tom Hanks & Julia Roberts) (12A) Wed 30 Nov 7pm £5 in advance £5.50 on the door

Further details contact Lesley 01249 783157 or email l_palmer@btinternet.com

Panto: Dick Whittington and his cat

24 - 26 Nov Bar, raffle £8/ chd £4.50 Grittleton Village Hall

Further details contact Jacque Blake Tel: 01249 782791 or Email: jacq.blake@btinternet.com

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Enchanted Christmas illuminated trail Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening from 25 Nov - 18 Dec 5.00 - 8.30pm (last entry at 7.15pm).

The Enchanted Christmas returns with a new illuminated trail route through the Old Arboretum and more exciting festive activities, foods and stalls onsite. The hard paths are accessible for wheelchairs and electric scooters and these can be booked in advance

Guided Walks: Fungi Sat 6 Nov 10:30 - 12:30 £5 in addition to admission. Waterproof shoes essential. Sorry no dogs; Autumn Admission £9 adult /£8 concs/ £4 chd under 5s free

Workshops: Advanced Digital Photography

Fri 19 Nov 10.30-3.30pm £95 - limited to 10 places

Autumn Colours Digital Photography Days at Westonbirt

Sat 5 Nov 9am - 4pm £125 Booking essential for both photography events contact Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email consult@abbey-studios.co.uk

Further details contact 880220 or

www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Westonbirt School

Bonfire Party and Fireworks Sun 6 Nov 6.30pm

Autumn Lecture: Got a parking ticket and want to get out of it? by Chief Parking Adjudicator for England and Wales (and former Westonbirt pupil) Caroline Sheppard! Fri 11 Nov 7.30pm (followed by optional supper £15 - booking essential)

Westonbirt School

Further details contact 880333 or

lreid@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk or www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

Tetbury

Christmas Events in Tetbury

5 - 10 Dec 40 beautifully adorned stalls - Toys, Clothing, Jewellery, Artworks, Festive Foods and Mulled Wines, with the background of festive music, brass bands and local choirs. Tetbury Market Square

Further details contact Tetbury Tourist Information 503552 or www.tetburychristmasmarket.co.uk

Brokenborough

Painting classes with Nicki Heenan Oil and Acrylic Painting classes

10 week art course till 24 Nov - Register your interest for the new classes starting in February 2012 10am - 1pm Advanced (2 Years painting or more)/ Lunch / 2pm - 4.15 Lessons for absolute beginners 2012 timings : Thurs 10.30am - 12.45pm advanced 2.00pm - 4.15pm beginners £10 per session

The Horseguards Pub, Brokenborough

Further details contact Nicki Heenan 840883 or nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

Hullavington

Rural Arts Wiltshire

Theatre: Gonzo Moose: Grim & Grimmer

Gonzo Moose presents a comedy fairy tale adventure bursting with physical comedy, absurd jokes and magical illusion. Fri 4 Nov Hullavington Village Hall

Further details contact 837569 or www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk

Malmesbury

White Horse Pictures - Digital movie screenings Movies on Mondays

Check website for this month's listings

£6 at 8pm / 2pm and 5pm £4 /£3 chd

Further details contact 822143 or www.whitehorsepictures.co.uk/venues/wiltshire-north/malmesbury-town-hall.htm

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP

Sat 5 Nov 12 noon - 1pm

Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall

Further details contact www.jamesgray.org for information on surgeries or for online surgeries or email jamesgraymp@parliament.uk

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: The Guard, Jane Eyre, Crazy, stupid, Love; Mademoiselle Chambon; The Debt; The Lion King; Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy check website for details

World Cinema: Le Quattro Volte; My Afternoons with Margueritte The Electric Picture House

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

Nailsworth

Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Professional football only 20 minutes drive from Sherston.

Home matches: Sat 5 Nov 3pm v Alfreton Town, Sat 12 3pm v FA Cup and Sat 26 3pm vs York City Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2

The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth

Further details contact 01453 834860 or www.forestgreenroversfc.com

Cirencester

Sundial Theatre at Cirencester College

Dr Faustus Tues 1 Nov 8pm £13

Eleftheria Kotzia in concert Classical guitar Fri 11 Nov 7.30pm £13.00

Stalag Happy Thurs 24 Nov 8pm £13

Further details contact 01285 654228 or www.cirencester.ac.uk/sundial

Cotswold Rural Skills

Woodland Coppicing 13-Nov Snoshill, Broadway

Hedgelaying 26-27 Nov Fosse Cross 2 day course £99

Further details contact David Molloy on 01451 862000 or

david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk

Avon Valley Steam Trains

Santa Express - meet Santa on a 1 hour train ride through the Avon valley 27 Nov and Every weekend in Dec 6 departures from 10.30 am till 4.30pm £9

Further details contact 0117 932 5538 or www.avonvalleyrailway.org

Stroud

Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ The Apollo

Opera: Tosca Nov

Ballet: The Sleeping Beauty LIVE 15-Dec Stroud Apollo Cinema

Further details contact 0871 220 6000 or www.roh.org.uk/cinema

Bath

Bath Mozartfest

Daily concerts & performances Fri 11- Sat 19 Nov £10 - £40

Various locations in Bath - including Assembly Rooms, Forum & the Guildhall

Further details contact 01225 463362 or www.bathmozartfest.org.uk

Bath Film Festival

10 - 19 Nov with hundreds of films - old and new, British and world films £4-£10 various cinema locations throughout Bath
Further details contact 01225 463362 or www.bathfilmfestival.org

Bath Christmas Market

123 wooden stalls between Bath Abbey and York Street
24 Nov till 11 Dec 10am - 7pm / 9pm at weekends
Further details contact or www.bathchristmasmarket.co.uk

Theatre Royal

Basket Case Mon 31 Oct - Sat 5 Nov 7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33.50
End of the Rainbow Mon 7 - Sat 12 Nov 7.30pm / 8pm mat 2.30pm £16.50-£33.50
Steven Berkoff in One Man Sun 13 - Tues 15 Nov 7.30pm mat 2pm £9.50-£22
Moscow City Ballet present Swan Lake and the Nutcracker Wed 16 - Sun 20 Nov 7.30/8pm mat 2.30 £17-£35
All the fun of the fair - David Essex Mon 21 - Sat 26 Nov
Further details contact 01225 448844 or www.theatreroyal.org.uk

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NOVEMBER 2011

Tuesday 8th November - Moreton Market

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Saturday 19th November - Frankfurt Christmas Market
The Bullring Birmingham

Adult £14.00 Child £12.00

DECEMBER 2011

Sunday 4th December - Worcester Christmas Market

Adult £10.00 Child £8.00

Tuesday 13th December - Moreton Market

Adult £8.00 Child £6.00

Saturday 17th December - London Shopping & Lights

Adult £18.00 Child £16.00

Pick up points: Tetbury, Malmesbury and Sherston

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Email: ajcoaches@andrew-james.co.uk Website: andrew-james.co.uk

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Sat 18 Nov 8.30pm £8 in adv - contact Dave if 10+
The Globe, Cardiff CF24 3NS Call 029 2023 0130
Further details contact Dave Shephard 07860 448438 or email ds@oldbellhouse.com or www.soul-destroyers.co.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

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Sherston Parish Council 01666 840351

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