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When Ann Parkes, now Mrs Graham Simpson, a keen member of Sherston Band of Ringers announced that she was getting married in September she made it very clear that she would be ringing at her own wedding.

Accordingly, on Saturday 29 September following a quarter peal of plain bob doubles rung by a band drawn from the local branch, Ann rang with the Sherston ringers before she went into church. Dressed in a fetching white halter neck dress and high heels she comfortably handled her bell while friends and family looked on. No chances were taken with the dress because she wrapped an old curtain around herself while she walked up the steps to the ringing chamber.

After the wedding the home team rang a set of call changes named 60 on 3rds.

Ann, who learnt to ring when she was a child but gave up when tempted by other things has now been ringing for about 18 months. She acts as the Tower Correspondent which means she is the secretary to the band. New ringers are welcome in the ringing chamber any Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. If you are interested in learning to ring please ring Chris Pickthall on 841072; you don't have to get married.



# 1016 fireworks

Don't forget that Sherston's bonfire and fireworks extravaganza will take place this year on Saturday 10 November starting at 6.30pm at Lower Farm Easton Town.

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 10 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.

## Whist Drive

With regret there will be no more Whist Drives. Age, ill-health and very little support meant that we decided we could not continue to run the Whist Drives.

M Goulding and J Gleed

It is a great pity that for very understandable reasons the Whist drives have come to an end. Enormous thanks are due to all those who have organised the event every month over so many years.

### Clem's Club

Clem's Club will be meeting again on 6 and 20 November from 2.30pm to 4.00pm in the British Schoolroom, Cliff Road, Sherston.

Copy deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. Send to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk or hard copy to Sherston Post Office Stores.

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

The size and content of the Cliffhanger depends entirely on the amount of copy we receive from individuals and groups. So, if you feel you have something of interest, please don't hesitate to tell us. Around 400 words would be a maximum but the shorter the better and less editing would be needed.

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## Sherston School Council Speaks up



Sherston School Council took part in the 2012 Speaker's School Council Awards and has been awarded a prestigious certificate for taking part.

The scheme is run by Parliament's Education Service and is overseen by The Speaker of the House of Commons, the Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP. It is open to all schools – and encourages pupils to lead projects that make a difference to the school or the community.

The inspired School Council, which is made up of representatives from every class, decided it wanted to help the community and the environment. It put its energy into organising and running a car boot sale, that would encourage recycling of toys, clothes and books whilst also raising money.

The car boot sale took place on a lovely sunny Sunday afternoon and raised £80. The pupils are now deciding which charities will benefit from this money.

School Governor and local Policeman Steve Harvey attended the latest School Council meeting to congratulate the pupils and to award them with their certificate.

For more about the initiative go to www speakersschoolcouncil.org

For more information call Sally Clayton 07825 056840 or visit www.sherstonprimary.co.uk/index.asp



# November Notebook



We are delighted to reveal masses of good news this month:

#### Shear Class makes it a full house

The Old School is now fully let. Since we announced the arrival of the first group of new tenants in the October issue, it is fantastic to report that our popular Sherston hairdressers, Shear Class, will be relocating to the remaining former classrooms one and two. There will be shop fitting and other work to be completed and this will take place over the next month or two.

They join the Post Office/Stores and the four companies recently installed in the central part of the building: Electric Octopus Marketing, Balcony House Wine Cellars and Pulse Software who are also offering space to Compass Graphic Design. This is an interesting spread of retail and commercial businesses and fulfils one of the original objectives of the project that it would place the Old School at the heart of the community again.

In a nutshell, it means that within 18 months of SOSCIC taking control of the building, we have now completed, restored and let the entire premises. This leads neatly into why we are delighted to announce the following Award:

#### SOSCIC wins 'Community Leadership Award'

This was presented to SOSCIC by 'Wiltshire Council and NHS Wiltshire' at their Voluntary and



Community Awards Ceremony held on 2 October. We are advised that we won the Award because we fulfilled the following criteria: 'The award winner will need to demonstrate community leadership that inspires local people to get involved in playing an active part in their community .... the successful nominee will need to show how they inspire and lead others and what they have achieved for the community'. Our successful application recognised that the project had been undertaken with the backing of not only the SOSCIC Members (of whom there are now over 280) but also with the support of the whole village.

#### Fund-raising continues to go well

The recent Gardeners' Day was a great success and we are grateful to everyone who contributed. Many villagers donated plants and pots that helped to make the Village Hall a colourful and tempting scene on the 13 October. In addition to bulbs and winter-flowering containers, we had masses of perennials and shrubs thanks to villagers raiding their own gardens.

The profits from Gardeners' Day mean we are very close to reaching the end of our fundraising. With the money accruing from the Winter Ball on the 8 December and also from the raffling of an original painting generously donated by Neil Forster, we hope to achieve our target by the end of the year. This would indeed be a fitting end to 2012.

#### SOSCIC AGM this month

To reinforce the formal letter that all Members should by now have received, this is to remind you that the 2012 AGM will take place on 12 November at 7.30pm at the British School Room.

For further information on SOSCIC fundraising, please phone or email Irene Johnston on 841273, 07787 150971 or sherstonoldschool@gmail.com



# Allotment refugee seeks asylum

A large Viking motor mower (petrol driven) is surplus to requirements because the owner greatly reduced gardening commitments with the surrender of his former allotment, and needs the room. In good working order when last used. Free for a self-decided donation to one of the village's good causes. Contact Rev Richard Maslen on maslens@tiscali.co.uk or 840387.

# Advent Service of Light

The Church of the Holy Cross is recruiting for the Advent Service of Light at 6.00pm on Sunday 2 December. We are looking for an all-age choir for this event - no auditions, all welcome.

Lots of beautiful music to sing. Rehearsals will take place in the Church on Saturday 17 November 9.30am to 11.00am, Saturday 1 December 3.00pm to 5.00pm and on Sunday 2 December 5.00pm to 5.30pm for a 6.00pm start.

Further details from Ness Whiffin on 07774 524756, or just turn up on 17 November.

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# Sherston WI: October meeting

Twenty-five members from Sherston W.I. spent a very enjoyable evening on 4 October at The Mayfield Hotel, Crudwell, with a dinner to celebrate its 72nd birthday. We had much good fellowship and happy memories of the past.

October will continue to be a busy month. There is a Jewellery workshop on the 15 October in the small room of the village hall. This has been organised by Alison, one of our newer members.

Our President and Secretary will be attending the Annual Council Meeting of Wiltshire Federation W.I. on 29 October at the Civic Hall, Salisbury.

The November meeting will see Susan Johnas-Black from the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) talk to us about all the good work done by them in countries where water is in short supply.

The competition will be a set recipe cake, chocolate brownies. The winner will be awarded The Joyce Butler Cup.

In December there will be a talk entitled 'A Dickens of a Christmas' by Lynda Warren, followed by Afternoon Tea. Meetings in November, December and February are to be held in The British Schoolroom at 2.00pm. Visitors welcome £3.

by Ann Wilcox





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# Korky visits Sherston



Award-winning illustrator Korky Paul, who you may be familiar with if your children read 'Winnie the the Witch' and 'Aesop's Funky Fables', will be holding workshops at Sherston Primary School on 8 November. At the end of the school day, the Yellow Lighted Bookshop from Tetbury will be selling a range of his books which can be signed by Korky himself. A percentage of the profit will go to the Friends of Sherston School. For more information on Korky Paul, visit www.korkypaul.com

by Fi Picton



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# Seniors Club

Our mystery tour on 4 September took us via Caerphilly and its castle to the Welsh Natural History Museum at St. Fagans. With its castle and Welsh Village, this was a fascinating visit, even though a few of us found some of the walking quite hard. Then on 18 September we held our Harvest Auction with Malcolm Hillier as our brilliant auctioneer. This raised £107 which is being donated to Cancer Care at the Royal United Hospital.

Coming up, on 13 November, we have an outing to Worcester, which will be followed on 27 November by our Primary School choir coming to sing to us – one not to be missed.

by John Venning, Tel. 840915

## Walk with Sue

Sue McKechnie's next walk will be on Sunday 25 November. Please assemble at the village hall for 10.00am with a return to the Rattlebone Inn just around 12 noon in time for a complimentary snack. As ever children and well behaved dogs on leads are very welcome.

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3rd	£10	107	Mr Gee
4th	£9	266	L Robinson
5th	£8	95	Joan Weeks
6th	£7	306	Anne Lyall
7th	£6	319	Steve Dunn
8th	£5	312	Olive Spencer

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# TREEtalk

#### November 2012

by Irene Johnston



The new season at Grove Wood will start on Sunday 11 November. We're a friendly bunch of people who enjoy some fresh air and exercise on a Sunday morning. There has been fantastic progress in restoring the wood to a properly managed site over the last three years – and we're about to start working on the last untamed part. There's a job for everyone, from coppicing smaller trees to just feeding the bonfire; so there's something for every age and fitness level. No experience needed just enthusiasm and however much of your time you want to contribute. Just turn up anytime between 10.00am and 1.00pm and we'll find something for you to do.

It would be fantastic to welcome newcomers so hope to see you on Sunday 11 November. Or get in touch with us and we'll add you to the group email and keep you informed of what's going on.

Further information from Sherston's Tree Warden, Irene Johnston on 841273, email: Ie\_johnston@yahoo. co.uk or Dep Tree Warden, Sue McKechnie on 840601, email: susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk



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## Sherston Evacuees Reach Swindon



Year 4 children from Sherston school dressed up and took part in a role play as World War II evacuees as part of an education workshop at Swindon's STEAM museum.

Staff at STEAM became actors for the day to offer the children different learning experiences. They played the role of villagers who had to choose from the child evacuees waiting on a station platform, and recreated an air raid so the pupils could hear the siren and use a shelter.

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The children met local people who had lived through the war, and were able to ask questions about what it was like and listen to their memories.

Helen Berry, Year 4 teacher at Sherston Primary School, says, 'It's a fantastic topic to get everyone involved. Most children have members of their family who know someone who was involved in some way in the war. There are so many aspects to the topic that they can relate to as children, such as evacuation, air raids and rationing.'



The Education team at STEAM has been recognised for the high standard of its workshops. It's been awarded a Quality Badge from The Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, which promotes learning outside a school environment.

by Sally Clayton

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The cubs have been at it again with an exciting weekend away hiking in the Brecon Beacons. After a few interesting and fun evenings playing paralympic volleyball and trying to cook in the rain the Explorer unit has been working towards finishing its Duke of Edinburgh Bronze awards and by the time you read this the cubs should have completed their expedition and be having a well deserved rest, though a request to get a surfing trip in before Christmas has been made.

The Scouts welcomed three new members to the troop - Edgar Nicolas, William Jacques and Sam Hula. We look forward to getting to know you.

The Sherston Scouts' Fun-run went ahead in spite of the dreadful weather - 11 hardy athletes turned up for the 5km race. The results are as follows:

Competitor	Time	Position
Charles Price	00:25:12	1
Barnabas Whiffen	00:26:20	2
Jim Holland	00:27:23	3
Sam Hula	00:27:31	4
Luke Rogers	00:28:12	5
Zoe Metcalfe	00:28:16	6
Nikki Lea	00:28:46	7
Jo Lea	00:30:49	8
Maud Nicolas	00:38:07	9
Edgar Nicolas	00:38:07	9
Nadia Whiffin	00:40:13	10

Of the above, the scouts who don't already have them will be awarded their fitness badges.

We built a double-A-frame structure from poles and ropes. It was strong enough for every scout to do pull-ups from it.

We did a moonlight treasure hunt at the Cliff.

Our Skipper (Stuart Young) has had to reduce his involvement due to military commitments - we wish him all the best, but we'll see him from time to time.

#### Remembrance Day Parade

This will take the usual format with all Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Brownies at the Scout Hut for a 10.30am off in full uniform. We will than walk to the Church via the normal route for flags to be presented at the Lych Gate for 10.40am. All are welcome to the service and are asked to be seated by 10.40am.



#### Christmas Draw

The time has come again where the Scout Group will be holding the annual Christmas draw. We are looking for prizes at the moment, so if you have a service or prize you wish to donate, please contact kirstieblair@gmail.com or call 840096. We also welcome donations for the luxury hampers (wine, chocolates, luxury candles etc).

The draw evening will be having a change of location this year with a Family Evening at the Carpenters Arms on 13 December. The finer details are still being planned but we are aiming for a fun Christmas evening.

There have been a few changes in our personnel. Tina Walsh has stepped down as Chair for a new career challenge and we are pleased to say that



Kirstie Blair has moved from Secretary to take the Chair position. This means we're looking for a new secretary, so please call Kirstie on 840096 if you are interested.

We are also looking to strengthen out fundraising and social committee for future events. So again, please contact the above number if you have lots of fun bright ideas for us - you don't have to be currently involved in the Scout Group to join.

I volunteer, could you? Extra adults needed. We need extra adult volunteers to help with both our Tuesday evening Scout (10-14 years old) and Friday evening Explorer (14-18 years old) meetings.

Although we have a committed team of adults currently helping to

run each section more help is URGENTLY needed.

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## Sherston Drama Group Spring Play Audition – Actors Wanted

By the time you read this the Sherston Drama Group pantomime, 'Red Riding Hood', should be in full swing (31 October to 3 November). It might just be worth checking if there are any tickets left. But the pantomime is not the only thing we do. In Spring 2013, we are planning to produce Agatha Christie's classic play 'Spider's Web'. We are auditioning for this play in the British Schoolroom, Cliff Road, on Thursday 8 November at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to come and have a go – you don't have to be a Drama Group member and there are a number of smaller parts which would be very suitable for anyone wanting to try being on stage for the first time. No obligation to take part of course. So give it a try – we will be pleased to see you. Production dates are likely to be 3 to 6 April 2013 (the week after Easter).

Further information from the Drama group Chairman, Richard Skeffington on 840092 or richard. skeffington@virgin.net.



# New Events at Sherston Holy Cross Church

There are lots of new events especially for children each month at Sherston Holy Cross Church.

Little Lights is fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons at 1.30pm for all pre-school children and their parents. Story, music and craft are followed by free play while the grown-ups relax over tea and cake.

Mustard Seeds is a Saturday morning club for children aged four and over. This is like the popular Becky's Club at school but longer -two hours of sharing our news and stories, making things, enjoying a snack and praying. Lots of sharing from 10.00am to 12.00noon once a month. Next on 10 November.

Party Praise is a very short service at 3.00pm on the second Sunday of each month. Young children and their families are invited to worship which is interactive and fun - the natural next step in belonging to a church for those with toddlers.

For more information see the posters in the church porch or contact Becky Fisher on 07974 030212 or email becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk.



### Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox time again!

On Friday 16 and Saturday 17 November the British Schoolroom, Cliff Road, will be open from 10.00am until 12.00noon as a 'Drop off point' to receive boxes.



The latest DVD will be shown continuously.

#### Family Fest for Autumn

Family Fest continues on Sunday 25 November with the Light of the World. Informal family-friendly worship, followed by refreshments and games. Fourth Sunday from 4.00pm until 5.00pm, British School Rooms, Cliff Road.

More information from Becky Fisher becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk or Mary Clements clementsmary@btinternet.com.

### Meeting of the parish council

The parish council meets on Thursday 8 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 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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# More music successes at Sherston

The following pupils achieved great marks in their instrumental exams during the spring/summer period. The pupils listed below sat exams either with the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music or Trinity Guildhall examination boards.

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#### Piano

Anna Stevens Piano Grade 1 Scarlett Furness Piano Grade 1 Eleanor Stevens Piano Grade 2

#### Guitar

Oliver Howell – initial Grade Rhyss Cogbill – initial Grade William Jacques managed 2 grades in one term: Initial Grade, then Grade 1 in the summer.

#### Woodwind

Emily Vaughan – Grade 2 flute Luke Rogers – Grade 3 flute Imogen Wall – Grade 3 oboe.

#### Violin

Ruby Gould - Grade 1 Eleanor Stevens - Grade 1.

Headmaster Nick Bowditch said: 'We encourage all pupils to develop a broad range of musical interests. The children at Sherston always enjoy performing music whether in productions, singing and playing in class and assemblies or composing. We now have a significant number of children taking up instruments. Congratulations to all who have worked so hard and achieved these grades and to their teachers and parents who have supported them over the year.'

by Suzie Power 07717 743498



### Neighbourhood Watch

Crime is still quite low, however we still have the constant trickle of opportunist burglars.

Some of you take a keen interest in crime and policing in your area, if you have access to the internet, there are several sources of information

- 1. www.ourwatch.org.uk/ (then type in your post code)
- 2. Farm and rural watch ruralcrimeteam@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk
- 3. Wiltshire Police (policing in your area) and follow the links. This also includes your local police contacts.

Email: malmesburynpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk Telephone: 101

The nights are drawing in and we tend not to see what is going on outside. Always note the registration of strange vehicles parked nearby. As we are rural, burglars and thieves will tend to drive to their target.

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Ian Mace NHW Community Area Co-ordinator

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Doors open at 7.00pm with programme start 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 in advance, £6 on the door available from Lesley.

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by Lesley Palmer

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# Sherston Church Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday 24 November in the Village Hall

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Come along to get in the mood for Christmas and support your Church.

See posters for further details.







## Area Board

The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council takes place at Malmesbury Secondary School on Wednesday 7 November 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.

# Dog fouling

Last month saw a marked increase in the number of complaints received by the parish council on this continuing issue despite the provision of extra bins in the last year. Court Street seems to be particularly badly hit.

The problem is undoubtedly the responsibility of a very small proportion of dog owners who just won't clear up or who allow their animals to run loose. The only way of addressing the matter is for these owners to be reported to Wiltshire Council for the dog warden to take action . This can be done by phone 01249 706111 or by using the Councils on line street care reporting form at www.wiltshire.gov.uk In the age of mobile phone cameras a quick photo of the offending dog and/or owner would go a long way to helping the dog warden take the necessary action.



# Footpaths

The next meeting of the footpaths group takes place on Wednesday 14 November at 7.30pm in the village hall. On the agenda will be a reprint of the Sherston Walks booklet to include a new walk to Alderton and Luckington. All welcome.

# Seasonal lights

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 19 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

## Police election

Residents are reminded that the election for a Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire takes place on Thursday 15 November. For those registered in Sherston polling takes place at the village hall from 7am to 10pm.

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### Keep your chimney clean

There's nothing better than a roaring log fire on a cold night, but homeowners area are reminded to take extra care with their chimneys. Cleaning chimneys and flues eliminate the build-up of soot and clears obstructions such as bird and animal nests, leaves and debris, so a chimney should be swept on a regular basis. Chimneys for wood burning fires should be swept every three months when in use; if you burn smokeless fuels or bituminous coal the chimney should be cleaned at least once a year, while an annual clean is sufficient for oil and gas fires. A wide range of fire safety advice can be found on the Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service website - www.wiltsfire. gov.uk Also the following link provides additional information in the form of a leaflet produced by the National Association of Chimney Sweeps - www. nacs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Heat-Your-Home-Safely-Leaflet.pdf

## Thank you

To whom it may concern. A villager was distraught earlier in October when a watch, given as a gift, fell off her wrist when walking the dog. A number attempts to retrace the same route and find the watch, with various helpers, almost resulted in acceptance that the watch was lost.

But over a week later the watch was eventually recovered after someone had kindly found the watch and left it on top of the nearest fence post. Many thanks to that person.

## Open 4 Community

If you are looking for funding for a community project why not look at the council's website for further information. Here you will find a wide range of information including National Lottery information, charitable trust funding, government funding and much more. The council's website is www.open4community.info/wiltshire

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# Carers Rights Day 'Question Time' Event

Carer Support Wiltshire is hosting a 'Question Time' event on Carers Rights Day on Friday 7 December, 10.30am to 1.00pm at Devizes Town Hall. This will centre on the Welfare Reform Act and what it means for carers. The panel will consist of a local MP, DWP, CEO of Citizens Advice Bureau and the Development Manager for the Carers Trust.

If you are a carer and are affected by any of these changes and would like to ask a question to the panel then this event is for you. This event is free to carers but you must book to receive your ticket for the day by calling 0800 181 4118 or email admin@carersinwiltshire.co.uk



### **Boules & Carnival**

#### Donations from 2012

Despite the soggy conditions, this year's Boules & Carnival Week was a great success and the committee are pleased to announce that we have been able to distribute a massive £6,750 amongst all the clubs, societies, organisations and charities who put in a lot of time and effort in supporting and running the various events that took place. A big 'thank you' from all of us. We hope you enjoyed it.

#### 2013

This leads us onto next year. If we are to continue to be a great success we need your input now, please.

We would like to hear from all those clubs and societies who wish to raise funds again and who would like to help out in 2013.

We would like to hear from everyone with details of your club /society /charity /organisation including a contact name, telephone number and email address and a description of the job /event you would be willing to run or assist with. We would also be interested to learn of any particular projects that you are fund-raising for. Maybe you only are looking for £50 for new coffee mugs, £200 for equipment or a more substantial donation towards a named purchase e.g. shed, building repairs. This is invaluable information to try to meet groups' needs when they have them rather than just an arbitrary sum when they don't. Donations are balanced with the groups'



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needs but also with the help they have given to make Boules and Carnival a success.

You will all be aware of the regular items on the calendar such as, the duck race, tug of war, the cricket & football events, Senior Teas, Mill Cottage Teas etc. and we hope those who have run such events so well in previous years will come forward again to help out next year (but please let us know, so we can plan ahead).

However, there may be other opportunities that your club/society etc could offer help with in return for a donation, such as delivering programmes around the area, litter picking and general clearing up on Saturday evening (we are always short of help then), putting up bunting, setting out & collecting road cones, putting up & taking down marquees, helping out on the committee. The list is endless and you may have other suggestions that you would like to put forward.

If any individual feels they would like to help out either on the committee (we could do with a Chairman and someone to help co-ordinate the volunteers) or by doing anything else, then please email Louise at louise.osborne@networkrail.co.uk, or call Caroline on 841405 or drop a note in to Minnie at The Old Pharmacy, High St.

We look forward to hearing from you Many thanks The Boules & Carnival Committee





Sherston Young Craft Group













Sherston Young Craft Group have been working on self portraits this term. They started by drawing each other, then did stitched self portraits using black thread on white fabric, followed by creating their faces in clay. The Group has 20 members from the age of nine and above. We now have around fifty per cent boys, which is quite different from when we started when a boy was

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# Dorothy Hospice reminder

Don't forget that there is a quiz in aid of this local hospice. It will be held at the Crudwell Village Hall on Saturday 10 November. Tickets are £8 each and it is BYO alchohol.

Many people in Sherston have been involved with the Dorothy Hospice and if you would like to come and support it, if you are not involved with the Sherston Fireworks please call Beryl Clampton on 841201 if you require tickets.





### Adopt-a-Pig

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# Be vigilant

A number of burglaries have recently taken place in Sherston. These have been both in houses and outbuildings. The Police think they have found the people responsible but there is always somebody ready to take their place.

Please be vigilant and if you see anything suspicious please contact the Police on 101.

It is a good idea to have a pencil and paper handy to take the number of a suspicious vehicle if you are out and about. Be a 'nosey neighbour'. If you hear a burglar alarm going around your house it is a good idea to contact a neighbour just to see if it is genuine. If it is at night do not go outside or attempt to cope with the situation yourself. This is what the 101 number is for. Your local neighbourhood watch person is also a good person to whom to report anything suspicious.

Outbuildings can be protected by relatively cheap burglar alarms which do not need electricity to the outbuilding and can be set from the house. These can be purchased from B & Q or other DIY stores.

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The following information is taken from 'Heroes All' published by Sherston Parish Council and compiled by Cilla Liddington. The book commemorates all 52 men whose names are inscribed on Sherston's war memorial with their individual stories. It also gives fascinating insight into life in the parish during the war years. The book is available from Cilla Liddington at a price of £9.99 contact her on 840128 or email sherstoncilla@tiscali.co.uk. All proceeds go towards special parish projects.

# Lest we forget

Private 27311 Gabriel Wicks 6th Batt King's Shropshire Light Infantry



Who died aged 19 Sunday 31st March 1918

Son of James Wicks and Annie Elizabeth nee Neal

Remembered with Honour Pozieres Memorial, France

On 31 March 1918, the day Gabriel was killed, the 6th King's Light Infantry was responsible for stopping the German advance for a short time and causing them severe casualties.

As the fighting in the area continued for many days, there was little chance to recover the bodies of the dead. Most were left until the autumn by which time identification was impossible.

The Pozieres memorial stands in the centre of the 1916 Somme battlefield and includes 14,000 names of the men who sacrificed their young lives there.

# How Gabriel came home

When the Stone Memorial was commissioned to remember the Sherston men lost in the Great War, Gabriel Wicks's name was omitted.

It had been decided in 1920 to repair the church lych gate and this was thought an ideal opportunity to provide a place to include a war memorial. The then vicar would probably have put a notice in the local newspaper appealing for families to contact him with names of the missing.

Maybe Gabriel's family was no longer living in Sherston or perhaps they did not read the request. In any case Gabriel, along with several others, has not remembered on the original memorial.

When this book was being planned, the parish council received an email from a David Whithorn who was about to publish his own book Bringing Uncle Albert Home - the story of his research into the death of his great uncle at the Battle of the Somme.

Here began the strange series of events that led to Gabriel being at long last remembered alongside his friends and comrades.

David Whithorn's email related that he had visited a second-hand shop in Marlborough and bought an old photograph of a soldier of the Wiltshire Regiment. He discovered the man was Arthur Jobbins from Sherston who had been killed in 1918. Mr Whithorn visited Sherston the next week and provided a copy of the photograph for this book. He also kindly offered to help with the research.

It was then discovered there were 13 more men missing from the memorial stone, all of whom were either living or had been born in Sherston.

Mr Whithorn had planned a visit to France and offered to photograph some of the memorials where the Sherston men were commemorated for this book. One of them was Gabriel's at Pozieres.

Mr Whithorn found the memorial and was standing reading the names when a piece of



laminated paper blew past his feet. He picked it up with the intention of returning it to the colonnade nearby where people had laid tributes. He looked' at the sheet and read 'Pte Gabriel Wicks died 31st March 1918'. There was even a photograph of Gabriel in uniform.

Almost unbelieving, he read on and discovered the address of a school in St Albans, Herts, along with the name of a teacher.

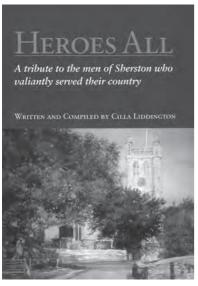
As soon as he returned home Mr Whithorn contacted the school and spoke to the teacher involved. He was told that, for the last few years, she had taken her sixth year students to the battlefield sites of France to learn about the horrors of the Great War and to understand the poetry written about that time. A national newspaper had heard about her trips and, for their 2001 Remembrance Day tribute, decided to send a reporter with the school to write a feature for the paper.

An elderly lady living in Swindon read the article and contacted the teacher telling her that her great uncle Gabriel Wicks had been killed at the Somme and, although she had never known him, her mother had always spoken of him. They even shared the same birthday. The lady asked whether, the next time the teacher went to France, she would try and find Gabriel's memorial and say a prayer for him. She sent a photograph to the school of Gabriel.

At this point, the teacher thought it would be a wonderful idea for the school unofficially to adopt Gabriel as their soldier so that, during future visits, the pupils would have their own soldier to focus on.

The teacher and her pupils went to Pozieres in November 2002. They stood and said a prayer for Gabriel and left the laminated paper with his photograph on the colonnade from where, six months later, it would blow in front of David Whithorn who was looking for his name amongst the 14,000 mentioned.

If ever a man wanted to be remembered after 90 years it was Gabriel Wicks whose name was inscribed on Sherston's new memorial in 2005.



### Spring Offensive

by Wilfred Owen (1893-1918)

Halted against the shade of a last hill,
They fed, and, lying easy, were at ease
And, finding comfortable chests and knees
Carelessly slept. But many there stood still
To face the stark, blank sky beyond the ridge,
Knowing their feet had come to the end of the world.

Marvelling they stood, and watched the long grass swirled By the May breeze, murmurous with wasp and midge, For though the summer oozed into their veins Like the injected drug for their bones' pains, Sharp on their souls hung the imminent line of grass, Fearfully flashed the sky's mysterious glass.

Hour after hour they ponder the warm field -And the far valley behind, where the buttercups
Had blessed with gold their slow boots coming up,
Where even the little brambles would not yield,
But clutched and clung to them like sorrowing hands;
They breathe like trees unstirred.

Till like a cold gust thrilled the little word
At which each body and its soul begird
And tighten them for battle. No alarms
Of bugles, no high flags, no clamorous haste -Only a lift and flare of eyes that faced
The sun, like a friend with whom their love is done.
O larger shone that smile against the sun, -Mightier than his whose bounty these have spurned.

So, soon they topped the hill, and raced together
Over an open stretch of herb and heather
Exposed. And instantly the whole sky burned
With fury against them; and soft sudden cups
Opened in thousands for their blood; and the green slopes
Chasmed and steepened sheer to infinite space.

Of them who running on that last high place Leapt to swift unseen bullets, or went up On the hot blast and fury of hell's upsurge, Or plunged and fell away past this world's verge, Some say God caught them even before they fell.

But what say such as from existence' brink
Ventured but drave too swift to sink.
The few who rushed in the body to enter hell,
And there out-fiending all its fiends and flames
With superhuman inhumanities,
Long-famous glories, immemorial shames -And crawling slowly back, have by degrees
Regained cool peaceful air in wonder -Why speak they not of comrades that went under?

# Walk on the wild side By Geoff Carss

It's that time of year

It's time to go outside to clean and fill the bird feeders ready for the winter. If you have any peanuts left over from last winter, check them very carefully for any mould - they can have some quite nasty things growing on them that could harm the birds.

Please do keep the feeders filled as your local bird population will keep returning. It seems we may be getting our first frosts soon so please remember they need fresh water too. You could also clean out nest boxes, but replace them on the tree or wall. In the winter you may get a number of different birds roosting in them in cold nights. Some birds, such as redwings and wrens, all pile in together to keep each other warm.

Recently, you may have noticed the change in the bird population around the village. The summer visitors have all disappeared off to sunny climes, and winter migrants have arrived from Scandinavia and Russia. There are some accounts of the poor summer in Scandinavia and Russia resulting in low levels of fruit and berries over there - this will encourage (or force, more likely) more birds to migrate, looking for new sources of food, so we may get the waxwings back.

Along the Cliff, there is a large population of fieldfares and redwings. Both are similar to a thrush but fieldfares are quite grey and the redwing has a flash of red under its wing. They are often together in





flocks and are very flighty.

Also arrived are migrating blackbirds, jays and starlings. The latter have been hanging around chimney pots with a fascinating 'clicking' call. In the sun they have a wonderful metallic colouring (this may not come out in the black and white photograph below) but if you get a chance, have a good look at one with some binoculars.

We just need the little egrets to return. These are broadly like herons but smaller and all white with a long crest. They have been visiting the Cliff each winter for many years. If you see one, do let me know - geoff\_carss@hotmail.com



### Green Lane

There have been reports of parking problems in Green Lane by vehicles blocking driveways. This is very annoying for residents who are considerably inconvenienced by this practice. In addition there are concerns about the speed of traffic especially as Green Lane is a popular route for children walking to and from both the school and the Recreation Ground.

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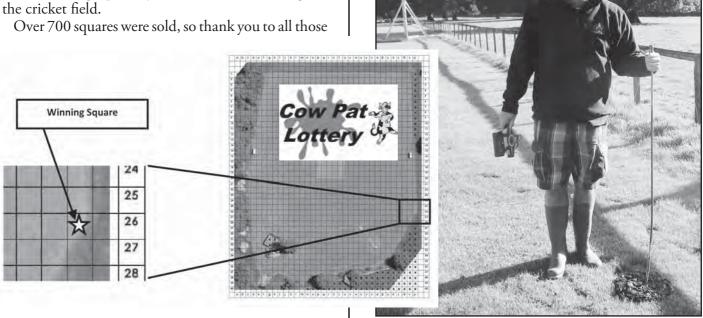


On a rare sunny day at the Cricket Ground at Pinkney Park - Saturday 29 September - one of Mr Hillier's finest cows was released to determine the winner of Sherston Magna Cricket Club's Cow Pat Lottery.

After a good deal of frolicking in the sunshine and the wide open spaces of the beautiful cricket ground, the bovine beauty eventually did its deed in the south western corner of the ground. The resulting outright winner of the £300 prize was Mr Richard Cartwright, a regular player in Sherston.

The winning square (µ26) was on the very edge of the cricket field.

who supported the cricket club by buying squares. The proceeds will be gratefully received by the cricket club which is in need of maintenance work on the sightscreens and the nets at Pinkney Park.



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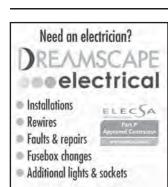
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# Doctor's Bag



Our own Dr Pettit was interviewed by BBC Wilts recently to talk about a very current issue regarding management of headaches. Here she explains some more about this subject.

#### Persistent headaches?

New NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence) guidelines explained

Headaches are very commonly seen in General Practice, and most people at some time in their lives suffer from a headache.

There are several different types -

Primary headache – no underlying cause is found; or Secondary headache – for example secondary to high blood pressure.

Most people have heard of the common types of primary headache

- Migraine;
- Tension headache;
- Cluster headache; recurrent severe headache usually behind one eye

There has been a lot of press recently about 'MOH' or 'Medication Overuse Headache'.

This is a headache caused as a result of using too much painkilling medication taken - yes, you have guessed it- to cure the headache!

New guidelines have been published by NICE to help doctors more clearly identify these medicationinduced headaches. It occurs really only when people are taking simple painkillers (such as paracetamol) for more than 15 days a month for 3 or more consecutive months, or complex painkillers (e.g. codeine or 'imigran') for more than 10 days a month for 3 or more consecutive months. Infrequent use of painkillers does not cause this problem.





So how is MOH treated? Simply stopping the medication; although not surprisingly this can result in unpleasant rebound headache. An alternative is substituting the painkiller for an alternative, such as ibuprofen. Other non-medication treatments like relaxation therapy, back/neck massage and acupuncture are worth exploring.

If you are concerned about headaches, particularly if you are worried about the level of painkillers you're

using, please come and talk to your GP.

The NICE guidelines may be downloaded via the NICE website, visit www.publications.nice.org. uk/headaches-ifp150/treatment-for-medicationoveruse-headache

by Dr Pip Pettit

#### CARERS - Who is a carer?

A carer is someone who provides help and support to a partner, relative, child, friend or neighbour who could not manage without their help.

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#### Are you a carer?

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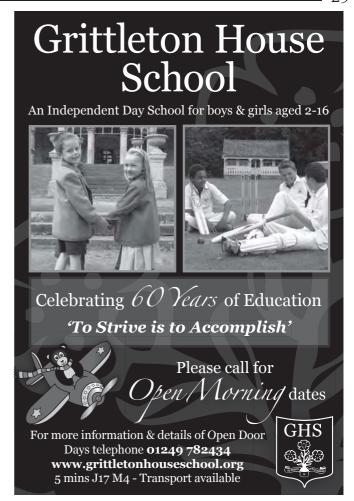


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 11.0am - Nov 18<sup>th</sup>- Service taken by Andrew W.Tarling.

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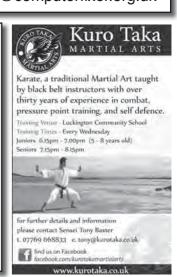
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# THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

What have the Littlehampton Gazette, the Pocklington Post and the Daily Telegraph all got in common? Well the answer is they all carried articles regarding the cancellation of last month's Hurl along with scores of other press outlets. The interest in the Ancient Orders plight from around the UK was incredible with many members being inundated with calls from newspapers and radio stations. Some were even forced to take their phones off the hook as the media frenzy reached a crescendo.

Regrettably the press attention failed to produce a source of sufficient mangolds to undertake a full Hurl although the Order is grateful to the Suffolk farmer who contacted the parish clerk with an offer of sugar beet as an alternative. A quick call to the Mangold Hurling Association as to the possibility of using sugar beet was though greeted with a resounding 'no' coupled with a warning as to serious disciplinary action should any alternative to mangolds be hurled.

Now as many residents are already aware a Hurl did in fact take place last month. Quite simply it was thought essential that if at all possible the tradition continued. To this end a small group of members moved heaven and earth to obtain some mangolds even though their condition and size left much to







be desired. It is rumoured that the 11 mangolds eventually sourced were purchased on e bay after a bitter bidding war with another Order based in Somerset with the mangolds themselves only arriving in the parish by special courier the night before the Hurl. As to the competition itself this took place at the appointed time and date on a field close to the former Glaziers Arms, Willesley, which has a long standing connection with the sport.

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Mangolds by Sybil Andrews

As to next year moves are already afoot to ensure a locally grown crop of mangolds. The situation is looking hopeful and as soon as matters are resolved I will be able to reveal all through the pages of this esteemed organ.

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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
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Little Lights is fortnightly on Tuesday afternoons at 1.30 for all preschool children and their parents. Mustard Seeds is a Saturday morning club for children aged 4 and over, from 10am - 12noon once

Party Praise is a very short service at 3pm on the second Sunday of each month. Young children and their families are invited to worship which interactive and fun. For more information see the posters in the church porch or contact Becky Fisher (07974 030212) or email Becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

Congregational Church - in The British Schoolroom Services first three Sundays of month at 11am – 12 noon followed by coffee/chat For further details see 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:

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.

#### Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

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

**Link** provides a voluntary car service for residents living in the Malmesbury area, taking those in need to hospital, the chiropodist, GPs' surgeries and to visit sick relatives. For further information please call 840861 between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday

#### 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 2 1/2 - 5 year olds. Now with Lunch Club Mon to Fri until 1pm and exciting new outdoor free flow area. All childcare vouchers welcomed. For further details call 07766 714544 any morning or 840232 all day.

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 char and a chat' in the British School Rooms every other Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm, alternating with the Seniors. Donations to BSR expenses collected each

#### Drawing Classes in Sherston The Autumn

Term starts on Wed 26 Sept in the British Schoolroom. There are two classes: 10am to 12 noon and 1.30 to 3.30pm. The classes are suitable for any level of experience, from those who have attended art courses for years to interested beginners. Individual tuition is given in a variety of media and subject matter is provided for observational drawing each week. For further information please contact Heather Martin (840375) or heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

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

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

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

### Malmesbury Area Board Meeting For details see www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Malmesbury Embroiderer's Guild

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

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

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

Malmesbury Villages Community Partnership
For details contact Sue Webb 824620 dennis.webb01@virgin.net

Malmesbury Rangers Girls over 14 years meet every 2nd Thursday in the month. Further details from Gill Shaw on 825647 or email sgshaw@orchardshaws.co.uk

Malmesbury Guides - Ingleburn Trefoil Guild Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, usually at St. Mary's Hall, Malmesbury at 7.30 p.m. Details from Helen Price, 503187 or retreatcottage17@btinternet.com

Parish Council Meeting Takes place on the 2nd Thursday each month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Minutes of meetings can be read online at www.sherston.org.uk. Further details contact Sarah Wood on 840197 or clerk@sherston.org.uk

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

Senior Club Meets at 2.30pm in the British School Room every other Tuesday alternating with Clem's Club.

Sherston 1016 Fundraising for local good causes and charities. For further details, contact Eric Thacker on 841344 or eric. thacker@yahoo.co.uk

#### Sherston Badminton Club

We play every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm in the Village Hall from September to May. New season starts 4 Sep. For more information contact Ray Clifton on 840592.

#### **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

Want to get fit? Lose weight? Our Club is a friendly and sociable group open to any ladies of any swimming ability from Sherston and the surrounding area. We swim at Westonbirt Leisure Centre on Wednesday evenings from 8 – 9 pm. For further information please phone Annabel (840592) or Heather (840375)

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

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

**Sherston Theatre Club** Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. Listings under www.communigate.co.uk/wilts/sherstontheatreclub/ 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 Gleed 840744 or Gwen Mason 840660.

#### Whist Drive – cancelled till further notice

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

Yoga in Sherston A new six week yoga course starts on Mon 3 Sep - 5.45pm Pregnancy Yoga, 7pm for beginners and at 8.15pm more advanced. £45. All classes must be pre-booked due to limited spaces. Scout Hut. For further details call Kathryn 07903 802985 yoga\_in\_sherston@hotmail.com or www.facebook.com/Yoga.with.Kathryn

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

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

New weekly quiz

very Sunday night 7.30 for 8pm start free entry, prizes

Live Music: Brendon Wed 21 Nov 9pm

Mexican night Wed 28 Nov Booking essential

Check boards for details For further details call 840665

#### The Rattlebone Inn

Monday Quiz Nights Every Monday at 7.30pm Free entry and prizes for the winning team

Authentic Curry Night with tableside magician

Thur 15 Nov

Game week Tue 20 - Sun 25 Nov

Live Music from Metson Sat 24 Nov

Check boards for more details of events

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

#### Sherston Drama Group

Auditions for Spring Play 2013- Agatha Christie's classic play 'Spiders' Web' Thurs 8 Nov 7.30pm in the British School Rooms Many smaller parts also available. No obligation to take part of course. So give it a try – production dates are likely to be 3-6 April 2013 (the week after Easter)

For further details call Richard Skeffington 840092 richard.skeffington@virgin.net or Sue Ormiston 840694

# Workshops at Sherston School with Children's illustrator Korky Paul

Thur 8 Nov after school Yellow Lighted Bookshop will be selling a range of Korky's books which can be signed by the author. A percentage of the profit will go to FSS For further details visit www.korkypaul.com

# Sherston 1016's Bonfire & Fireworks Extravaganza

organized by Sherston 1016 Guy competition judging from 6.15pm. Barbecue, bar and hot drinks available Sat 10 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. For further details call 840728 (daytime) or 840112

Sherston Photography Forum

A monthly group has formed in Sherston for anyone with an interest in photography Second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - next forum on 13 November. Village Hall. For further details call Nick Holland on 841019 or nholland63@btinternet.com

#### Church events

Remembrance Sunday Service Sun 11 Nov 10.45 - please be seated by 10.40

Advent Service of Light 2 Dec 6pm NOW recruiting an all age choir for this event Rehearsals in the church Sat 17 Nov 9.30-11am, Sat 1 dec 3-5pm and Sun 2 Dec 5-5.30 for 6pm concert

Further details from Ness Whiffin 07774 524756 Church of the Holy Cross

### Operation Christmas Child

**Shoebox drop off** Watch the latest DVD Fri 16 - Sat 17 Nov 10am-12noon British School Room

#### Sherston Church Bazaar

Sat 24 Nov 12.30-4pm Stalls, homemade cakes, tombola and raffle. Lunch - soup and bacon / cheese rolls. Father Christmas visit followed by mulled wine and mince pies Village Hall For further details call Heather Martin 840375

#### Sue's Strolls

Sun 25 Nov starting from the village hall at 10am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 12 noon

Next month: Sun 30 Dec

For further details call Sue McKechnie 840601 or susannemckechnie@hotmail.co.uk

#### **SHOCC**

#### (Sherston Occasional Community Choir)

Autumn session meet every Wed - 7pm
British School Room For further details call
Nicki Heenan 840883 or nicki-heenan@btinternet.com or
Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

#### Friends of Sherston School Christmas Fair

Craft stalls & festive cheer and even an early visit from Santa Fri 2 Dec 4 - 6.30pm free entry Free entry Sherston School For further details call 840237 or visit www.sherston.wilts.sch.uk/fss.html

#### Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

Painting Workshops - Beginners and Intermediates Wednesday 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm -£25 full day / £15 half day Bring your own paints, brushes and supports and a packed lunch

Advanced painters meet on Thursdays for En Plein Air painting at local sites, please contact me for details of location Workshop - Mixed Media and Mono Printing In association with Malmesbury Art Society - Sat 20 Oct . Suitable for teenagers GCSE and above. Places limited so please book early as space may not be available on the day to just turn up Charlton Village Hall

The Carpenter's Arms, Sherston For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or email nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

#### Knockdown

#### The Holford Arms

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

#### Lordswood Sherston

### Malmesbury Young Farmers Firework celebration of 80th anniversary

Fri 9 Nov Bonfire 6.30pm Fireworks 7pm £5 adult £2 under 16 £10 Family BBQ & Bar

Lordswood SN16 0JZ For further details email malmesburyyoungfarmers@hotmail.co.uk

#### **Didmarton**

#### Didmarton Bonfire Night

Bonfire and Fireworks Fri 2 Nov 7pm, gates open 6pm, Adults £3, Child £1 @ the Village Hall

Luckington

Firework & Bonfire Night

In aid of Luckington Children's Playgrounds Charity Mon 5 Nov 6.15pm Fireworks at 7pm Free Luckington Playing Field

#### Westonbirt

#### The Arboretum

Family Event: Autumnal highlights Mon 29 Oct - Fri 2 Nov 10.30am - 4pm - leaf craft activities and trails. Free after admission

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

Enchanted Christmas illuminated trail Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening from Fri 30 Nov till Sun 23 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 adva On Fridays, Friends of Westonbirt Arboretum members will receive a 50% discount on the full ticket price. Children (under 19s) accompanying

parent/ guardian FOWA members go free Admission £9 adult /£8 concs/ £5 chd / under 5s free
For further details call 880220 or visit
www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

#### Westonbirt School

Bonfire and Fireworks evening Followed by A Quiz with a difference Fri 9 Nov Quiz - £10 per team of 4-6
Italian tasting menu with wine by top chef Andrew
Walker Sat 1- Nov 7.30 for 8pm Black tie
Festive Fayre and wine tasting evening Fri 23 Nov
4-8.30pm free admission

Westonbirt School For further details call Laura Reid on 880333 or lreid@westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk and Arabella for the open house and garden aparr@westonbirt.org or visit www.westonbirt.gloucs.sch.uk

#### Grittleton

#### Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Wed 28 Nov - Shadow Dancer (15) Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start £5 in advance £6 on the door. Grittleton Village Hall

For further details call Lesley 01249 783157 or email l\_palmer@btinternet.com

#### Long Newton

#### Beaufort Hunt Christmas Gift Fair

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. A cafe serving lunch and afternoon tea. Bar opens at 6pm Mon 22 Nov 11am - 8pm All proceeds to local charities. Old Airfield, Long Newnton For further details call Netia Walker netia@netiahibbert.com or visit www.beaufortchristmasfair.co.uk

#### **Easton Grey**

#### Whatley Manor

Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo Sun 25 Nov £39 includes
film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch or dinner
Salmon Fishing in the Yemen Sun 27 Jan 2013
For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

### Hullavington

#### Mary Howard Charity Christmas Fair

Tues 13 - Fri 16 Nov 10am - 4pm £13 Hullavington Airfield For further details call or visit www.maryhowardsales.co.uk

## Malmesbury NCT

NCT Nearly new sale Maternity, nursery and children's clothes and toys Sat 10 Nov 10.30am -12noon (10.15 for NCT members) £1 entry

Malmesbury Secondary School For further details call Fiona on nearly\_new@malmesburynct.org.uk or 860508 or visit www.malmesburynct.org.uk

#### Sir James Galway in concert at Malmesbury Abbey

with the Orchestra of St John Sat 1 Dec 7.30pm £27.50 / £22.50 under 18s half price Malmesbury Abbey
For further details call Abbey book shop or 826666

#### MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP Sat 17 Nov 12noon - 1pm Sat 22 Dec Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall For further details visit www.jamesgray.org or email jamesgraymp@parliament.uk for online surgeries

#### Crudwell

#### Dorothy House Hospice Quiz Night

Sat 10 Nov 7pm for 7.15pm start Teams 4-6. £8pp to include Ploughma's. BYO alcohol

Crudwell Village Hall For further details call Judy Paignton on 577370 or jc.paginton@btinternet.com or Beryl Clampton on 841201 or beryl@clampton.com

#### Cirencester

Christmas Floral Event: Andrew Lloyd, Florist and demonstrator presents 'Countdown to Christmas' Wed 21 Nov 7.30pm (doors open 7pm) £10 Easy free parking. Refreshments available, raffle, tombola

Sundial Theatre at Circncester College For further details call Tickets from Sue 577125, Jenny 577455 and Dreena 860467

#### Charlton

#### Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – Malmesbury Local Supporters Group

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – Winter Talks Programme 2012-13 The Orca Killer Whale - social hinter of the seas by Bernard Purrier 7.30pm Fungi - edible, poisonous and folklore by Dave Shorten Thurs 13 Dec Admission £2.50, children free. Non-members very welcome. Charlton Village Hall

## Wotton-Under-Edge The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: Samsara; Hope Springs; To Rome with Love; Now is good; Looper; Ruby Sparks; World Cinema: Monsieur Lazhar (2011)

The Electric Picture House For further details call

### Swindon

#### Great Western Railway Museum

01453 844601 or visit www.wottoneph.co.uk

Christmas stalls @ Steam 1-2 Dec 10am - 5pm £2 adult £1 child and entry to whole museum at this price For further details call 01793 466646 or visit www.steam-museum.org.uk

#### Cotswolds Cotswold Rural Skills

Hedgelaying for beginners (Midlands Style) 3-4 Nov Westonbirt / 24-25 Nov Moreton in the Marsh 2 day course £99 Book ahead to avoid disappointment Stick Chair Making 17 - 18 Nov , 8-9 Dec Limpley Stoke, Bath £99 for 2 day course

Woodland Coppicing 6 Jan 2013 Coberley Glocs

For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or

david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or visit

www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk.

#### **Nailsworth**

#### Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Professional football only 20 minutes drive from Sherston. Sat 10 Nov 3pm v Stockport County Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2 Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2

The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth For further details call 01453 834860 or visit www.forestgreenroversfc.com

#### Bath, Stroud, Bristol Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet @ the cinema

Live and pre recorded screenings of opera and ballet from the ROH Covent Garden

Opera - Les Troyens (Pre-Rec) Tues 13 Nov Ballet - The Nutcracker (live) Thurs 13 Dec 19:15 Opera - La Boheme (live) Tues 15 Jan 19:15 Stroud Apollo, Odeon Bath and other Cinema For further details call 0871 220 6000 or visit www.roh.org.uk/cinema

### Bath

#### Bath Film Festival

14-25 Nov with hundreds of films - old and new, British and world films £4-£10 various cinema locations throughout Bath For further details call 01225 463362 or visit www.bathfilmfestival.org

#### Bath Mozartfest

Daily concerts & performances Fri 9- Sat 17 Nov £10 - £40 Various locations in Bath - including Assembly Rooms, Forum & the Guildhall For further details call 01225 463362 or visit www.bathmozartfest.org.uk

#### Theatre Royal

**Driving Miss Daisy** 

29 Oct - 4 Nov 7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33.50

Labyrinth of Love Tour 2012 - Rambert Dance Company 5 - 11 Nov

Charley's Aunt 12-18 Nov

The Sound of Music - Bath light operatic group 19-25 Nov Northern Ballet present Beauty and the Beast 26 Nov - 2 Dec Book ahead for: The Woman in Black

For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk

#### **Bath Christmas Market**

Bath Christmas Market - 123 wooden stalls between Bath Abbey and York Street 22 Nov till 9 Dec 10am - 7pm / 9pm at weekends For further details visit www.bathchristmasmarket.co.uk

#### **Bristol**

#### The Soul Destroyers in concert

Sat 17 Nov at Fiddlers in Bristol

For further details call Dave Shephard 07860 448438 or email ds@oldbellhouse.com or visit www.soul-destroyers.co.uk

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