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by Frank Hatt

On 25 August the SOSCIC directors and the project architect had a very encouraging meeting with the building contractors, Chappell and Dix.

They were pleased to see that considerable progress had been made since mid-July, when work had started. The interior of the building had been stripped out and a new floor had already been installed. Work had started on the roof and on constructing the new internal walls and partitions.

The contract with Chappell and Dix provides for completion of the first phase by the first week in November (subject to the prompt manufacture and delivery of the required replacement windows and new heating system), at which point Paul and Gail should hopefully be able to start fitting out the new post office and general store in time for a December opening.

Plans are under way for a grand Sherston Fete to be held in the village hall in early November, part of a programme of fundraising events. All being well, it should also be a celebration, marking the completion of the first phase of the Old School project.

It's Ours!



But where?

A week or so after Boules and Carnival, the 'It's Ours' sign was taken down from the old school building. It was to be added to with announcements at various stages of the works.

Unfortunately SOSCIC are unable to locate the sign. If anyone knows where it is, can they please return it to one of the board members or leave it behind the fence at the front of the building. The Parish Council invested £95 in the banner so its return and continued use would make the most of their investment.

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

Top tip: if you're telling us of an event coming up, write a short piece about it rather than just supply basic details or a poster. You will then get a short article published to help boost interest as well as a mention in our What's On section. Don't forget to tell us how your event went, with a photo if possible.

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Sherston Senior Club

by John Venning Tel. 840915

On 12 July, we had our annual Boules tea afternoon which took the form of an 'Old Time Music Hall' with the music and entertainment provided by 'Music and Mirth' which was enjoyed by all. A very good tea followed the entertainment. This was followed on Boules Day by our annual exhibition in the British School Room on the theme 'India and the East.' Although numbers were down on the previous year, this was a successful and interesting event and, together with the tea, raised £530. We thank all those that contributed by providing objects for the exhibition, making and selling the refreshments, acting as stewards, and not least, helping to set up and dismantle the exhibition.

On 26 July we had a coach trip to Ross-on-Wye Outlet Centre with teas provided yet again by Clem (what would we do without him?). I think many enjoyed the journey there and back (by different routes) and the Outlet was an interesting first for many of the members and friends who joined us.

On Tuesday 6 September, Mary Clements will be showing extracts from 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat,' followed on Tuesday 20 September by our Harvest Auction, which our Vicar Chris Bryan has kindly agreed to attend. Both meetings will be held at the British Schoolroom and start at 2.30pm. All are welcome and there is no lower age limit to being a Senior.

On Tuesday 4 October there will be a half-day outing to Moreton Market. The cost is £9 departing at 9.30am, leaving the market at 2.00pm.

NCT Nearly New Sale

A branch revival meeting was held early in the summer for Malmesbury NCT (which covers the surrounding villages). The meeting had a happy outcome as new and enthusiastic members came forward to save the branch. This autumn's Nearly New Sale can therefore go ahead on Saturday 8 October from 10.30am to 12.00noon (10.15am start for NCT members), at Malmesbury Secondary School. If you are looking for excellent quality baby and children's clothes that are as good as new or toys and equipment with many more games to be played, then please come along. Come early to get a good place in the queue as the bargains get snapped up. If you have any unused baby or toddler equipment, toys or clothes no longer in use which need a good home then contact Fiona at nearly_new@malmesburynct.org.uk as soon as possible for more information and a seller's pack. Volunteers are needed to help run the sale. Plenty came to help from Sherston at the last sale so please step forward again if you can spare the morning.

Not just the clocks changing

When the clocks go back in October there will be two changes to the service pattern for the Parish Church in Sherston.

Many people love the traditional language and rhythm of the Book of Common Prayer. For some time, Holy Cross church has included Evensong as part of the service pattern but has not recently offered a Prayer Book communion service. Starting on 20 November, this will change. For a trial period of six months the evening communion at 6.00pm on the third Sunday of the month will use the Book of Common Prayer, with the same readings as the morning service. Sherston Parochial Church Council hopes that this will widen the range of worship we offer and appeal to a wider constituency.

Also, the time of the early morning service will change on 6 November from 8.00am to 8.15am, again for a trial period of six months. This is to allow more time for the volunteers to set up for the service, and more travel time for the clergy when the weather is harsh. It may also make it easier for some people to attend the service.







We'd like to know about people's experiences of these changes, or indeed other aspects of worship, so please let the Vicar know on Christopher.bryan123@btinternet.com or 837522.

Book Sale

Sherston 1016's popular autumn book sale takes place at the village hall on Saturday 24 September from 9.00am to 12.00noon. Free entry. Make sure you're early to pick up the best bargains. Donations of books, videos, CDs and DVDs are most appreciated. They can be left with Mike Tarrant at Grays of Sherston. All proceeds to the senior citizens' Christmas voucher fund.

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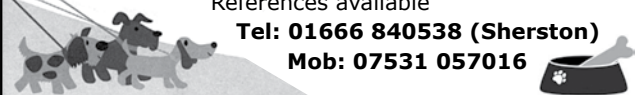
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Did you see any suspicious people or vehicles in the area around 4pm -5pm?

Of particular interest is a metallic silver/gold old style Audi or similar with 4 people in it

Did you give directions to anyone?

We would especially like to hear from the person who may have given directions by the entrance to Gaston Lane by the Wine Shop.

If you are able to help with any information, no matter how minor you may think it is, please contact:

Dc Anthony King on 0845 4087000 extension 7203566

Or phone Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Even though this occurred in Sherston and not Luckington, they may very well have travelled through the village before or after the crime and may have been looking for targets elsewhere.

www.wiltshire.police.uk

Clem's Club

Clem's Club will meet in September every other Tuesday again on 13 and 27 September. All friendly fellas welcome for simple char and chat. 2.30pm – 4.00pm (Alternating with the Senior Club) in British School Room, Cliff Road.



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Boules – last of the summer wine?

On Saturday 17 September the annual Lobber Jenkins Memorial Urn Boules Tournament organised by Sherston 1016 takes place at the Rattlebone Inn from 10.00am.

Following the success of the 2010 pairs competition, the same format will be followed this year. Up to 32 teams can enter at a fee of £12 per team. There will be the usual liquid prizes for the winners and runners up. Book your team over the bar at the Rattlebone Inn as soon as possible as 'Lob's Urn' is always extremely popular. For the avoidance of doubt this is an open competition and not limited to players in the Rattlebone leagues. If you've not played pairs before it's a whole new boules game even though the matches take as long as triples.

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Are you part of an organisation who would like to participate by arranging an event some time in the first week of October? The theme of UK Older People's Day is 'Full of Life.'

Wiltshire & Swindon Users Network, Age UK Wiltshire and Age UK Salisbury District, in association with Wiltshire Council, are organising an 'Age No Barrier' week to coincide with National UK Older People's Day on October 1.

The objectives of 'Age No Barrier' week are to raise the profile of older people across the county; to celebrate the contribution older people make to their communities and to recognise that age is no barrier for people to come together to make a positive contribution to their community. It will also provide an opportunity for different age groups to use their skills and knowledge in such a way that they learn, enjoy and benefit from one another. It is hoped that organisations across Wiltshire will arrange an event that interprets the UK Older People's Day theme and brings together all ages for a fun and informative meeting.

For further information and to give details of your event, please contact Nick Crane at the Wiltshire & Swindon Users' Network. Email nickcrane.wsun@btconnect.com or ring 01380 871800.



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Easton Grey - An Evening of Champagne and Song

Great credit must go to Nicki Heenan, not just as organiser, but also as performer at an evening concert in the church on 29 July, in aid of the organ fund.

An eclectic programme of music was given by Francis Aiden Fenn (soprano), Nicki Heenan (mezzo soprano) and Jonathon Adkins (organ).

Compositions by Gounod, Handel, Vivaldi featured, and the selection was very well received by a good number of music enthusiasts from the immediate area. There is always room for a few more people at these wonderful events, and the organisers would particularly welcome support from Easton Grey residents in raising much needed funds for the restoration of their church organ. Watch out for further announcements.

In the interval, champagne and canapés were served and enjoyed by performers and audience alike, providing an opportunity to mingle and discuss matters. The interval refreshments were provided by Sue Thompson who, once again excelled herself. All involved are extremely grateful for Sue's untiring efforts on behalf of the local community on so many occasions.

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WEA Courses in Sherston, Autumn 2011

by Tony Wood

Instead of the usual eight week course this autumn, the adult education association is providing two shorter courses, one of six weeks from Friday 16 September the second one starting on Friday 4 November for four weeks.

In September Paul Chapman is returning for a third time to talk about art and art history. The theme will be Russian Painting 1850 -1920. Topics will include Realism - the work of The Wanderers, Russian Avant-garde – the influence of European Modernism, and Neo-Primitive – rediscovery. If these names mean little to you the course could be just what you are looking for. It will equally suit those with some knowledge of the period but who might enjoy furthering their ideas in viewing and discussing selected paintings.

Meetings will be in the British Schoolroom, Cliff Road from 10.00am until 12.00noon. The cost is £29 for the course. Book in with Carolyn Hewitson on 840295 or Tony Wood on 840558 to reserve your place. Alternatively, just turn up on 16 September.

In November we look forward to another literature course with John Chambers in the form of 'A Quartet of Plays.' More details next month but in view of the popularity of this series you are strongly advised to book in advance as above.



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Sherston W.I.

by Ann Wilcox.

Mary Teed was our speaker at our meeting in the Village Hall with her title as 'Travelling Tales.' She told us of the hazards of driving on British roads in particular, from road works, diversions and wrong directions to adverse weather conditions. Her previous occupations of teaching and as a priest took her to a variety of places which led to many humorous incidents. She managed to convey her light hearted attitude to these happenings including one where she left her husband behind at a toll booth.

After refreshments the President went through events to come. The outing to Kilver Court Gardens in September is fully booked. Our Birthday dinner on 6 October will be in the Village Hall. Also in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 13 October we are having an Open meeting, when Sarah Champier, former florist to H.R.H The Prince of Wales, will speak of her experiences and give a floral demonstration. Tickets £3 including refreshments, are obtainable from members and the Post Office. We hope other W.I.'s and friends will be able to attend.

Some members will be helping at the Arts Festival in October. Plans are being made for a Jewellery Workshop in the New Year.

One of the highlights of the evening was a special

Sherston W.I. cake competition for the Joyce Butler Cup. There were a large number of entries and the winner was Jean Poole with Rose Singer, Pat Smith and Sue Hewitt as runners up.

Our next meeting is in the Village Hall on 1 September and will have Mike Marshman a County Local Studies Librarian speaking about the Development of Wiltshire Villages. The competition will be a photo of a Wiltshire village. Visitors are always welcome.

Can request

Having the cans available to us all at the two water taps is so useful but often cans are not returned to their nearest tap. Some people leave them lying about the churchyard in amongst the graves, leaving many of us searching for them when we come to water the plants of our own loved ones. 'Hunt the can' is not a game all of us are fit or able enough to play. Sadly, some people also choose to make one particular spot, close to the grave that they tend, into the 'home' of the watering can they favour. Keeping it there for their own personal use. This is rather thoughtless and a little bit selfish too. So please can you ask that users of the watering cans so generously provided, return them to the tap from whence they came so that everyone knows where to locate them and can use them without the frequent 'can hunt'?

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Please get in touch with Heather Martin (840375) if you would like to find out more.

Malmesbury Branch of the Embroiderers Guild

Our September meeting is a special one entitled—Come and see what we do. It is at Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 13 September, the A.G.M. for members is at 7.30 but from 8.00pm there will be a display of work in various techniques, demonstrations by hand and machine and information about the Guild itself. Malmesbury Branch is a thriving, lively group of creative people with a great programme of events – talks and workshops on a huge range of topics. We welcome anyone of any age or level of experience – come and see what we do. For further information please contact Ruth Vaughan 826597.

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Sherston Church of the Holy Cross - Harvest Supper

The Supper will take place in Church after the evening service (6.00pm) on Sunday 2 October. All are welcome to join in, regular Churchgoer or not. It will be a 'Bring and Share' event, also bring your own bottle. Please sign the list in Church and buy a ticket beforehand as seating space is limited.

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by Nicki Heenan 840 883

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Starting Thursday 22 September at Horse Guards Pub Brokenborough for 10 weeks

10.00am - 1.00pm Advanced Oil and Acrylic Painting (2 or more years' painting experience)

LUNCH

2.00pm - 4.15pm Beginners' Acrylic Painting (limited to 6 places)

Cost per class £10 which includes materials such as mediums and gesso. Please bring your own paints, brushes and canvass/paper. I'll have materials for the first day if you are unsure of what you may need. This is a different format from last year and you can attend classes on an individual basis but it will be advisable to ring ahead and book your space with me. For the beginners' class I'll email a schedule of topics that

we'll be covering in our lessons. Any enquiries please call me from Wednesday - Friday or email nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

If you are keen to paint but find group lessons too daunting or are housebound, a home tuition session can be arranged.

Get painting in time for the Sherston Arts Festival!

Badminton

7.30pm every Tuesday In Sherston Village Hall. New season starts 6 September. New players required. Contact Ray Clifton on 840592.

Sherston Ladies Swimming Club

The Club has been swimming for an hour each Wednesday evening over the summer while membership is lower. We would like to increase numbers for the Autumn and Winter so we can return to one and a half hours again so we are looking for new members and the return of lapsed members. Please get in touch with Annabel 840592, Maggie 840969 or Heather 840375 for details.

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The next meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council takes place at Malmesbury Secondary School Hall on Wednesday September 7 - 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. All are welcome and there are plenty of opportunities to contribute to the meeting.

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Macmillan Cancer Support in Wiltshire is gearing up for this year's World's Biggest Coffee Morning, which this year celebrates its 21st birthday.

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Every year, thousands of people from across the country get together in their communities to raise money and awareness for Macmillan while having a great time with family and friends. Since its launch in 1990, the World's Biggest Coffee Morning has raised over £60 million for Macmillan.

Last year, 570 people registered to hold their own coffee mornings in Wiltshire and our generous supporters raised £82,000 in this county alone, making a huge difference to the lives of people affected by cancer. Each day, ten people in Wiltshire are diagnosed with cancer, and Macmillan works to turn more days into good days.

2011 also marks another special occasion for Macmillan - our centenary. Since Douglas Macmillan founded the charity 100 years ago, Macmillan has been providing medical, financial and emotional support to people living with cancer and their loved ones.

Although caffeine-based events are the most popular, yours doesn't have to be about coffee – why not organise a craft fair and sell handmade goods to your community? Or celebrate our centenary in style with a champagne-filled garden party?

To find out more and for ideas for your own event, please visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee to register. Alternatively, you can contact Macmillan's local office on 01793 432252.

Volunteers help council to keep Wiltshire's libraries open

All of Wiltshire's libraries will remain open thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who have come forward to help the council safeguard the library service.

At a time when some local authorities are closing libraries due to government cuts, Wiltshire Council has remained committed to safeguarding all 31 of the county's libraries, ensuring they remain at the heart of local communities.

Following a major review of the library service, Wiltshire libraries' new opening hours will start from Monday, 5 September.

All five of its mobile routes will continue to take the service to the county's most rural communities and with help from more than 300 volunteers the 10 smallest libraries will also remain open.

Deputy leader of the council, John Thomson, said: 'I would like to thank local people who have played a huge part in helping to keep all our libraries open. It is wonderful that our libraries are so well supported and I hope people continue to use the excellent facilities they offer.'

Readers can find details of the new opening hours for their library on the Wiltshire Council website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries

Bookmarks giving details of the new opening times will also be available from all libraries.



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Next meeting

The parish council next meets on Thursday 15 September in the village hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend, 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.

Sherston Arts Festival – Stewards needed

We are looking for volunteers to steward the exhibitions which will be part of the Festival. The Art Exhibition is open in the Church every day from the 7 to the 16 October 10 am to 5 pm and Sundays 11 am to 5 pm and has to be stewarded all the time it is open. Stewards work in pairs for one and a half to two hours at a time, welcoming visitors and dealing with purchases.

The Young Artists Exhibition is open Saturday 8, Sunday, Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 in the British Schoolroom and also needs stewards. Please contact Margaret Crawford (841065) if you would like to help with either venue.

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101 is coming to Wiltshire

From 19 September as part of the National roll out, communities across Wiltshire will be able to dial 101, a new national non-emergency telephone number for the police service. Our current non emergency number 0845 408 7000 will be phased out.

While 999 is a well recognised number to report emergencies, the 2010 British Crime Survey found that only 54 per cent of the public knew which telephone number to call if they wanted to speak to their local police about policing, non urgent crime and anti-social behaviour issues.

Why is 101 being introduced?

- Easy way to speak directly with their local police to report and discuss all non urgent police-related issues.
- It is being introduced as part of the Government's wider work to improve access to the police, ease pressure on 999 and help the police efficiently and effectively tackle crime and disorder.
- Will not change the way we respond to non-urgent calls.

How does 101 work?

- 101 will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- The system will determine the caller's location and connect them to the relevant police force. If a caller is on a boundary between two or more forces or if the incident took place away from the callers location, a recorded message will give them a choice of which force to be connected to.

When should callers use to 101?

- To report less urgent crime or disorder and to contact the police with a general enquiry or to speak to a local officer.

Will it be more expensive for the public to contact the police on 101?

- With 101 it has been nationally agreed that a flat rate of 15p will be charged whether a member of public is calling from a landline or mobile, irrespective of how long their call lasts.

What will happen to the current 0845 4087000 number?

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Sherston Senior Club Boules Day Thank You

by Helen Quirk

Many thanks to Andy Walden and Martin Ward for their great help in transporting trailers full of items for the Boules exhibition in the British Schoolroom and just as important, for returning them.

Thanks also to Sue McKechnie and Sue Morris (Nesley) and Jean Thurgate and all the Senior Club members who helped in so many different ways to make the day successful.

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The Sherston Recreation Ground Committee was set up to help with continuing fundraising both to pay back the loan and to raise money for the upkeep of the land and surrounding walls. Two Minute Books were found in the Parish Chest. It would appear that this committee took its job very seriously as at the 1935 AGM held in the Rifle Range it was noted that during the past year it had met 23 times. With 3 General Meetings, that made an average of one a fortnight.

The secretary commenced his report. 21 March 1935

The chief work of the year had been the purchase of the Pennymeade, and the thanks of the village were due to Mrs Compton for her generous loan of £100 free of interest for two years. The Committee had taken care of the interest of the village by having one of the clauses in the agreement altered.

The Committee had asked Major Bampfylde and Major Menzies to be Trustees for the ground and these gentlemen had consented. On Messrs Clarke and Smith (Solicitors) stating that two trustees were hardly sufficient, the Committee had added the names of Messrs Stevens and Warren to the number of trustees.

Efforts at raising money had been the Fete which had brought in £17, and a Whist Drive and Dance which had produced between £2 and £3 in spite of a thunderstorm.

When the present secretary had accepted office two years before it had been on the condition that should a Fete be agreed upon, a special secretary should be appointed for it. For the last Fete the Committee had offered Mr Parkinson 10% of the profits, amounting to the equivalent of 35/- which he refused. The village was indebted to him for his generous action.

Rev. Povey then pointed out that although the Annual Meeting was now in progress, money was wanted at once. He proposed that subscriptions be asked for 1935. Mr Barnes seconded and this was also carried.

Mr A Goulding reminded the meeting that Mr Snell had offered to repair the walls of the Pennymeade, and Mr Sherwood offered to help him. Details of work to be done were to be left to the Committee.

13 September 1935

Mr Stevens expressed the thanks of the Committee to Mr Sherwood for his work on the walls and the Committee agreed to all his suggestions for further work. It was agreed to order 10 cwt of cement and 5 tons of grit as soon as it was necessary.

Mr Stevens offered to see Mr Harold Jobbins regarding the mending of the gate into Green Lane.

The secretary informed the meeting that as the stock of stone at the dump was exhausted he had written to the Clerk to the County Council asking if the Council would grant the Committee permission to dig stone from a quarry in a field rented by Mr S Dickenson near Mr S Berry's farm. An official from the Council had inspected the quarry, received Mr Dickenson's sanction to the stone being taken and had been shown the work in progress and had promised to report to the competent Committee who were meeting on 27 September.

The Committee agreed to let Mr H Evans graze his horse in the Pennymeade each evening after dark on condition that when permission was received to haul the stone, enough had to be hauled to ensure that Mr Sherwood's work should receive no more check.

Mr Goulding was deputed to convey this message and also to say that the Committee would take no responsibility for the horse.

The chairman then informed the Committee of an idea discussed between himself and the secretary of erecting a stone commemorating the voluntary work put into the walls. Mr Barnes thought that the ages of the workers should be included and Mr Stevens offered to ascertain their feelings on the matter. Mr Wilson said that he had a likely stone and Mr Underwood offered to inspect it.

The stone plaque is still to be seen in the wall beside the small gate, but is now in need of some restoration work.

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PC Steve Humphries

Having been your local officer for quite a while now I thought I would slightly change these articles I write to reflect what is going on in our communities. It is based on my own experiences of working in this area for the past 18 years and in this 'Big Society' or whatever we have, perhaps it's time to engage on more of an individual level so I will definitely welcome any feedback.

Being a Police Officer is a great job, but it can be frustrating when you're asked to address problems that have proved impossible over many years. One of these is parking around our schools and other locations where children and vehicles come together on a regular basis for a short time.

I am regularly asked by Governors and councils if I can look into parking problems at their local school. Many in our communities are affected by this, whether parents, neighbours or passing motorists.

What I can't do is ban parents driving their children to school.

What I could do but haven't is try to stop parking outside schools where it causes issues to passing traffic and residents. If I do this then at best it transfers the problem to other nearby roads/residents and in the real world my limited resources (which consist of PCSO Durrý Maule and me) would be even stretched further trying to enforce it.

What I have done is write in this and other local magazines asking for feedback on what you the reader think I should be doing. To date I have had only one reply: it suggested this is not a Police matter.

What I am asking is please can we all be tolerant

and work together. If you are a parent and you really cannot walk your child to school then please give yourself a little more time to park considerately and drive away at the earliest opportunity to clear the area. This will make it that little bit easier for other motorists who in turn will be more sympathetic in their driving around the school.

If you have any views on this, please let me know via malmesburynpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk. This is a relatively new email address changed slightly from the old one. We still try to reply to all emails within 24 hours.

On different matters, from a police perspective at least the Boules event went very well with no reports of antisocial behaviour and traffic flow maintained around the event. I am still investigating reports of walkers in the area being harassed by uncontrolled dogs and I would welcome any new witnesses coming forward. Finally, street briefings will recommence in October. The next meeting is on Tuesday 18 October on Sherston High Street by the Post Office at 2.30pm - 3.30pm. Please come along and have your say.

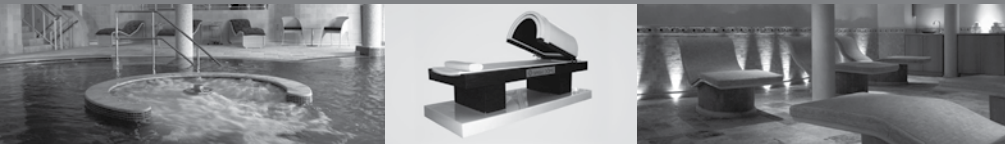
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The Tolsey Tornados!

Despite the wind and the rain our team battled for a place in the second round of the Boules Competition. Les Oeufs nearly cracked but was ultimately victorious finishing with a score of 11 to 9. Better luck next year!

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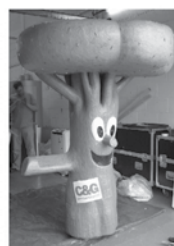
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Mangold Hurl

By Martin Rea

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The Village Hall plus other organisations such as Sherston 1016 have been approached by the Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers to help with the organisation of this year's Hurl as they wish to concentrate solely on the ceremonial and sporting aspects of the day. The hall committee is most honoured to help in ensuring the continuance of this most traditional and unique occasion.

Local groups and businesses are invited to take a stall at the event which will be available in the two halls - large and small - as well as under cover in a marquee on the field. There is also room for a limited number of stalls on open space on the field although as its October a gazebo might be a good idea. A 6 ft table plus a chair is supplied to all stalls. There is no



fee as such but rather a donation is expected at the end of the day dependent on how well you have done - this applies to all stalls whether or not items are being sold, money raised or are for solely promotional purposes.

There will be a BBQ, teas and cakes and of course the essential Bar.

To book a stall please contact Margot Holland on 01666 841019 or email mplholland@btinternet.com. Please respond quickly however as we will shortly be contacting potential stall holders from outside of the parish. When booking a stall please let Margot know what it is likely to be selling, publicising or fundraising for.

If you wish to take part in the hurl please see the Ancient Order's article on page 21. Should you have any other query please contact me on 01666 840348 or email martdrea@aol.com

In case you're wondering what quite goes on at a Hurl please visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DBdltvoDrQ to view a somewhat disjointed video of last year's event! For further information on Mangold Hurling generally visit www.mangoldhurling.co.uk

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Charli Shephard: From Studio to Stage

With a guitar in one hand and a box of CDs in the other, Sherston teenager Charli Shephard took to the stage at the local FieldView Festival, in Little Somerford, to a welcoming reception.

This year's festival was over three sunny days in August and hosted three separate stages. The 1,500 tickets on sale were in hot demand and sold out well in advance. FieldView buses were running from all over the country, including London and Bristol, to kick off a weekend of relaxation and good music.

Charli played the 'Village Stage' on Saturday, a stage which has played a key role in keeping the festival's cosy and intimate feel. She performed a number of tracks from her debut album, 'Brown Eyed Soldier', giving an acoustic and stripped-back performance with just vocals and guitar, and with the addition of a few covers she soon attracted a generous audience.

'It was amazing to be a part of such an organic and beautiful festival. It's run by a team of fantastic people and it was a great opportunity to showcase my new album,' said Charli who also played a major role as a sound engineer for the stage. 'The 14-hour shifts and 2am stage-changes were all worth it for such an amazing event with some great music'.

Charli has recently come back from studio time at Peter Gabriel's RealWorld Studios in Box where the



album was mastered by top mastering-engineers and is now available in hard copy or by digital download on iTunes, Amazon MP3 and Nokia Music.

'It was a lot to take on making an album at such a young age; I was juggling writing sessions, studio time and school work all at once, which was quite a challenge, but the end result has been well worth it. I'm really proud of the album and I hope other people enjoy it too.'

If you are interested in learning more, or if you want to buy a copy of her album, feel free to visit her website www.CharliShephard.com or don't hesitate to get in touch at charli-shephard-music@hotmail.co.uk

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THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

A palpable excitement is beginning to run through the parish as the Hurl approaches. This is no more apparent than in the Hayman household in Silver Street where our new Summoner Graham Hayman has been perfecting his technique with the Great Horn of Moyne. The Order apologises to all local residents who have so bravely endured a battering of their ear drums over the last few months as Graham mastered his Horn.

The Hurl takes place on Sunday 3 October on the Great Field (behind the village hall) from 12 noon. Whilst a full programme of the proceedings will appear in next month's Cliffhanger it is important that teams of three register with the Keeper of the Challenges Mr Paul Ormiston as soon as possible by contacting him on 840694 or email pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk.

Entry is £5 per team. Don't delay as demand is already heavy. There will also be a singles competition (entry £1 on the day) and a free children's competition.

An increased number of stalls



is planned for this year and if you are interested in booking one please contact the Keeper of the Market, Mrs Margot Holland, on 841019 or email mplholland@btinternet.com.

Music is very much a part of the day. This year will see the return of our old friends the Dodington Parish Band. Apparently for over a year they have been rehearsing that most famous anthem of Hurlers nationwide – the theme music from the Benny Hill Show. We will also be welcoming back after a 5 year absence the Mangledwurzels who will naturally enough be entering a team in their full 'wurzels' regalia. There will of course also be a bar, BBQ, teas and the infamous 'Agincourt Hurl' – a spectacle not to be missed! As always entry to the hurl for spectators is entirely free.

Don't forget to attend the 'Anointment of the Normans' at the Rattlebone Inn at 9pm on the eve of the hurl – Saturday 1 October. A bevy of Mangold Maids past and present will be performing their traditional washing of the Normans to the delight of many a member. All are welcome to attend but in view of the adult content the presence of under 16's can only be permitted with written parental consent.

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Cricket

by Chris Lovell

Car Boot Sale – 24 September

On Saturday 24 September, Sherston Magna Cricket Club (SMCC) will be holding a Car Boot Sale at the ground at Pinkney Park to raise funds for the club. The sale will be opening at 8am for cars with pitches and 9am for visitors and will run until 1pm. Tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches will be available. Pitch fees will be £5 for cars and £8 for trailer/vans, subject to a maximum of 40 pitches. Visitors will be charged £1 for car parking. Please come along to support your local cricket club and look for a bargain at the same time.

Top Partnership sees Sherston Home

An unbeaten partnership of 161 between Richie Cartwright (85*) and Ben Littlejohns (66*) saw SMCC beat Chedworth by nine wickets on Saturday 6 August.

Chedworth had started the day in second place, one position above SMCC in the Cotswold and

District Cricket Association (CDCA) Division 1. But Sherston knew that victory by 16 points would see the positions reversed.

The day had started well for SMCC, winning the toss and choosing to bowl. Opening bowlers Andrew Tremellen (5-40) and Andy Pegg (1-21) were soon as threatening as they were accurate and Chedworth found themselves at 40-4. Daryl Drinkwater is Chedworth's 'Wall' and when Jamie Benson (2-40) extracted him LBW after the drinks break, Chedworth were really struggling with five wickets down. But Chedworth have a long batting line-up and made a fair fist of a comeback finishing their 40 overs at 167-8, though they knew a minimum score of 200 would have been necessary.

In reply, Sherston's only blot came at the start of their innings when Andrew Tremellen, opening as a pinch-hitter, was bowled for 0. But that just brought Ben Littlejohns to join Richie Cartwright for the start of their magnificent partnership. And by only losing one wicket Sherston ensured the 16 point differential which saw them move to second in the league.



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Women's Cricket

Ladies of all ages and abilities are invited to join us for some fun and exercise. We meet every Friday at Pinkney Park at 6.30pm.

If you are interested, contact paul@jarvis2.co.uk or call 07887 486853

Recent results

20 August

SMCC beat Andoversford by 9 wickets

Andoversford 129-7 (40 overs)

Kutchera 2-16, Benson 2-29

SMCC 130-1 (21.3 overs)

Cartwright 67*, Littlejohns 31*, Kutchera 22

13 August

SMCC beat Cricklade by 62 runs

SMCC 179ao

B.Littlejohns 67, J.Harmer 56, Carwright 19

Cricklade 117-8 J.Kutchera 4-5, A.Tremellen 3-42

6 August

SMCC (19 pts) beat Chedworth (3 pts) by 9 wickets

Chedworth 167-8 (40 overs)

Tremellen 5-40, Benson 2-40.

SMCC 168-1 (33.3 overs)

Cartwright 85*, Littlejohns 66*.

30 July

Barnsley Beeches beat SMCC by 9 runs

Barnsley 124ao (35 overs)

Pegg 3-15, Kutchera 3-42, Moore 2-51

SMCC 115ao (36.4 overs)

Cavey 33, Harmer 27, Kutchera 19

Why not visit Pinkney Park to see your local cricket side play?

Home fixtures in September

Saturday 4 SMCC Vs Williamstrip 1.45pm

Saturday 11 SMCC Vs Oakridge 1.45pm

If you would like to play cricket for Sherston, or even check out the latest scores, you can find out more at www.sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com.

Sherston Tennis Club

As the 2011 season draws to a close, it's time to reflect on some of the highlights.


First, the Men's Team finished second in Division 4, losing only one match and gaining promotion for next year. Congratulations to Joseph Nabarro for guiding the team to victory, with a skilful blend of old and new talent. He'd love to hear from anyone who wants to turn out for Sherston next season on Wednesday nights.

Second, Thursday club nights have proved a great success, with a wide range of abilities represented from near beginners to grizzled veterans (Jeremy Nabarro). Many thanks to Louise Osborne for organising club nights. These will continue until we have insufficient light to play on Thursday evenings. There is talk of continuing through the winter on Sunday mornings if anyone is interested.

Third, junior coaching on Saturday mornings in Spring and Summer was well attended as usual.

Finally, new nets and posts were installed earlier in the season. Let's please look after them.

The Club will hold its AGM towards the end of the year, all members will be invited to participate. Anyone wanting a seat on the committee, please contact Nic Riley (840682) or simply come along, we're always keen to welcome fresh blood.



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See the Parish Life for more details

Congregational Church

Services each Sunday 11am - 12.00 noon

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

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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 841118

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 secretary Gwen Knight on 840731 or mommaknight@hotmail.com

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 Short Mat Bowls Club

Meets Wednesday from 7.30 pm in the village hall. £2 an evening (£1 for under 18s) all are very welcome. Season 3rd week in September to start of boules league in April. Any queries contact Tony Weedon 841377.

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.

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 Gemma Bird on 840570 or Lara Farahar on 840228

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. 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.

Women's Cricket

Ladies of all ages and abilities are invited to join us for some fun and exercise every Friday evening at Sherston Magna Cricket Ground, Pinkney Park at 6.30pm. If you are interested, contact paul@jarvis2.co.uk or call 07887 486853

Yoga in Sherston

Beginners adults yoga class. All welcome. No experience necessary. Mondays from 7-8pm or 8.15-9.15pm for those with some experience. £45 per 6 week term. New term starts Mon 13 Jun. Booking essential. Scout Hut. Further details contact Kathryn Chandler: 0790 380 2985 / 0117 902 4832 or email: yoga_in_sherston@hotmail.com

What's on in 2011

Dates for your diary

October

- 2 Mangold Hurl
7-16 Arts Festival
26-29 Pantomime

November

- 5 1016 Fireworks Party
26 Church Bazaar

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.

Useful Numbers

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Malmesbury Secondary School 01666 829700

Malmesbury Youth Centre 0799 0908550

MP James Gray 01249 652851

NHS Direct 0845 4647

Sherston Parish Council 01666 840351

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Sherston Village Hall (bookings) 01666 840633

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WHAT'S ON

Sherston

The Carpenter's Arms

Curry Quiz Night Sun 4 Sep
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
Cricket match: Rattlebone Last 11 vs The Young Farmers Thurs 1 Sep Sherston Magna Cricket Ground.
Further details contact 840871 or
www.therattlebone.co.uk

Lobber Jenkins Boules

Competition - pairs competition

£12 per team entry - all profits to Sherston 1016
Christmas vouchers Sat 17 Sep 10am.
Rattlebone Inn

SHOCC

12 week singing course begins on Wed 14 Sep 7.30pm
£30 for the term / £20 for teenagers and over 65s.
British School Rooms
Further details contact Nicki Heenan 840883 or
nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

Church special events

All Creatures Great and Small - Pet Service

A special Service of Thanksgiving for Animals Sun 18 Sep 9.30am Churchyard (in the church if raining).
Church of the Holy Cross
Further details contact Ness Whiffin 840185

Drawing classes

all levels of experience and ability and cover tuition in most media, both in monochrome and colour. Led by Heather Martin 10 week course starting 19 Sep Wednesdays 10 - 12 and 1.15-3.15 British School Room
Further details contact Heather Martin 840375

Athelstan Outreach Project

Living History in Sherston

Living in Sherston and neighbouring areas during and after WWII Free history day - all ages welcome.
Sep 24 11am - 5pm
British School Room

1016 Book Sale

Sat 24 Sep 9am - 12 noon village hall - free entry
Donations of books, videos, DVDs and CDs gratefully received.

Please deliver to Mike Tarrant at Grays of Sherston.
All proceeds to the senior citizens Christmas voucher fund.

Further details contact 840611

Sherston Magna Cricket Club Car Boot

Sat 24 Sep 8am for cars with pitches £5 / £10 for a van / trailer. 9 am entry for visitors £1. All proceeds to Sherston Magna Cricket Club Tea, coffee and bacon sandwiches will be available at the cricket ground till 1pm.
Pinkney Park

Macmillan Cancer Support - world's greatest coffee morning

Fri 30 Sep 9.30-12noon There will be a cake and produce stand, guess the weight of the cake, raffle, Christmas cards and new this year, potted bulbs to buy ready for Christmas.
Church of the Holy Cross

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers

Anointment of the Normans

Sat 1 Oct 9pm Free entry to the preparations of the sacred Normans for the hurl. Not suitable for under 16s. Rattlebone Inn

Further details contact 840871 or eat@therattlebone.co.uk

Annual Mangold Hurl

Sun 2 Oct from 12 noon - 5pm at the village hall and field. Bar, music, barbecue, and stalls. To book a stall please contact Margot Holland on 841019 or email mplholland@btinternet.com.

To enter a team, call Paul Ormiston 840694 or pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk

Harvest Supper

Sun 2 Oct immediately after the Harvest service at 6pm Bring and share supper and drink - see church board for tickets and food to bring. all proceeds to Christian Aid.

Church of the Holy Cross

Tickets on sale at PO or church

Sherston Arts Festival 7-16 Oct

Entry forms for the exhibitions at the Post Office and Church. Categories include: **Young Artist** (from 5 years but largely for secondary school age) - exhibition in the British School Rooms with the themes of the Circus, Heroes and Villains, The Farm, Bugs and Butterflies **Art exhibition** in the Church - any local artist or artist with local connection can enter. Work should be framed and ready to hang, and preferably for sale.

Photography exhibition in the Village Hall 15-16

Oct Categories: Sherston Faces, Camera Phone Shots, Sherston at Work and Play, Landscapes, Hidden Sherston. Scarecrow Trail theme is Heroes and Villains.

Further details contact Heather Martin 840375 or www.sherston.net

WEA courses

Russian Painting 1850-1920

Art and art history 6 week course with Paul Chapman
Fridays 10am -12 noon £29 for 6 Weeks.

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

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

West Side Story - digitally remastered Wed 28 Sep 7pm
£5 in advance £5.50 on the door. Grittleton Village Hall.

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

Brokenborough

Painting classes with Nicki Heenan Oil and Acrylic Painting classes

10 week art course from Thursday 22 Sep

10am - 1pm Advanced (2 Years painting or more)/ Lunch /
2pm - 4.15 Lessons for absolute beginners £10 per session.
The Horseguards Pub, Brokenborough

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

Malmesbury

Companions of the Order of Malta Gala Coffee Morning

Thurs 1 Sep 10.30am fundraiser for the day centre.
Aethelstan House

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Tom Winpenny gives an organ recital Sat 17 Sep 7.30pm
£12/ £10 members/ £5 student or chd.

*Further details contact Joy Smith on 840 865 or
David Barton 824924*

Embroiderers Guild Exhibition of work Come and see what we do!

a display of work in various techniques, demonstrations by
hand and machine and information about the Guild itself
Town Hall Gallery Tues 13 Sep 8pm Free admission AGM
for members is at 7.30pm.

Further details contact Ruth Vaughan 826597

NCT Nearly new sale

Maternity, nursery and children's clothes and toys Sat 8 Oct
10.30am -12noon £1 entry.

Malmesbury Secondary School

*Further details contact Fiona on : nearly_new@malmesburynt.
org.uk or www.malmesburynt.org.uk*

Whatley Manor

Tuesday Garden Tours 16 Sep 11.30 for 12 start, tour 2.30pm
- 4pm £41 including welcome drink and 2 course lunch, coffee
followed by a guided tour with the head gardener Barry Holman
Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner The King's
Speech £39 includes film, popcorn and either a 3 course lunch
or dinner.

Jazz Sundays Solent City Jazzmen 12 - 15:30 Sun 2 Oct £39
including 3 course Sunday lunch in Le Mazot

Further details contact 834026 or www.whatleymanor.com

Kemble

Battle of Britain Airshow

Vintage aircraft and vehicles, historic re-enactments and fly
pasts, Sat 17 & Sun 18 Sep 10am gates open flights start at
2pm £15 Advance sales only. No tickets on the day. Under
16s free Tickets online or from Malmesbury & Tetbury
Tourist Information Centres.

Kemble airfield

*Further details contact Buy tickets via the website or for
telephone bookings call See Tickets 08712 301 079 or
www.battleofbritainweekend.com*

Bluegrass Festival

Didmarton Bluegrass Festival

1-4 Sep £16 - £65 (incl camping), under 14s free.
Advanced sales now closed, tickets available on the door
(cash only). Kemble airfield.

Further details www.didmarton-bluegrass.co.uk

Cotswold Rural Skills

Dry Stone Walling for beginners 10 -11 Sep Tetbury, 17-18
Sep Lansdown, 24-25 Sep Naunton 2 day course £99 Book
ahead to avoid disappointment.

Lime Mortar 10-11 Sept Crickley Hill Gloucester 2
day course £99 **Thatching - taster weekend** 17-18 Sep
Northleach 2 day course £99.

*Further details contact David Molloy on 01451 862000 or
david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or
www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk*

Wotton-Under-Edge The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local
community This month: Beginners, Cars, Poetry, Sarah's
Key, Super 8, The Big Picture. World Cinema: My afternoon
with Margueritte. Golden Classic: Gone with the Wind
check website for details.

*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 3 3pm v Grimsby Town, Sat 17 3pm
v Southport and Tues 27 Sep 7.45pm vs Newport County
Adults £15/£13, Concessions £10/£8, under 16s £2.

The New Lawn Forest Green Nailsworth

*Further details contact 01453 834860 or
www.forestgreenroversfc.com*

Bath

Theatre Royal

The Syndicate starring Ian McKellen 5-10 Sep 7.30pm /
8pm £15-£33.50

Three Days in May 12-17 Sep 7.30pm / 8pm mat 2.30pm
£16.50-£33.50

The Mikado 19-24 Sep 7.30pm mat 2pm £9.50-£22

Earthquakes in London 27 Sep - 1 Oct 7.30/8pm mat 2.30
£17-£35

*Further details contact 01225 448844 or
www.theatreroyal.org.uk*

Jane Austen Festival

16-24 Sep All things Austen including Regency costume
promenades; guided walks;dances and teas. *Further details
contact 01225 443000*

Bristol

Bristol Cycle Festival

17 - 25 Sep Free events and entertainment - bike related
see website for details.

Further details contact or www.bristolcyclefestival.com

Brisfest

Music, comedy, street theatre, circus and art 23-25 Sep £8
see website for details.

*Further details contact 0117 328 1492 or
www.thebristolfestival.org*

The Soul Destroyers in concert

24 Sep Doors open 8.30pm £8 - contact Dave if 10+
Fiddlers, Willway Street, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 4BG
*Further details contact Dave Shephard 07860 448438 or email
ds@oldbellhouse.com or www.soul-destroyers.co.uk*