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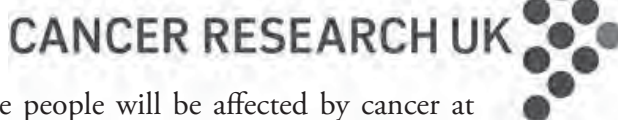


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Sherston author's new play

This month, just down the road in Corsham, for one night only, there's a chance to see the latest play by Sherston author Frank Hatt.

A number of Sherston residents made the journey to the Everyman Theatre in Cheltenham to see Frank's last play, 'The Amazing and Preposterous Constance Smedley', performed by Stroud Theatre Company. This time round he is hoping to see an even greater number of familiar faces in the audience.

The new play, 'Players and Gentlemen', will be at the Pound Arts Centre on Friday 21 September in a script-in-hand performance, again by Stroud Theatre Company.

It's a lively and entertaining piece set in the summer of 1921. Lives change and romance blossoms for the travelling players as they tour the Cotswolds, out to heal the scars of the Great War with Chekhov and cheerfulness. The gentlemen also are on the road, playing country house cricket and quaffing champagne and ale.



Stroud Theatre Company has a national reputation for innovative theatre. It received great acclaim for its recent national tour of an adaptation of George Orwell's 1984, a co-production with Northern Broadsides.

Frank Hatt's playwriting career spans five decades, having got off to a start at the Royal Court Theatre in the 1950s.

'Players and Gentlemen' is a work in progress. After the performance, the audience will be invited to discuss the play with the author, director and cast – an exciting chance to contribute to the further development of this new play on its journey to a full touring production.

This performance is funded by Creative Ecology Wiltshire with support from Pound Arts.

Tickets for the performance at 7.30pm on Friday 21 September are £6 (£5 concessions) available from the box office on 01249 701628, www.poundarts.org.uk.

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Drop in and see Wilts and Glos Standard reporter

Sherston could benefit from the closure of the Wilts and Glos Standard's Malmesbury office.

Sub-postmaster Paul Mather and reporter Tina Robins have struck a deal so residents can drop in and see her at Sherston Post Office Stores twice a month. It is an opportunity for people to speak face to face about local issues, as well as offer news items for the paper.

Tina will be at Sherston Post Office Stores between 3.00pm and 5.00pm on 7 and 21 September. She can also be reached on email at malmesbury@gwent-wales.co.uk or by calling 01285 627320/07967 339732. In addition, most Wednesdays she is based in Malmesbury library between 9.30am and 2.00pm.

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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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Drawing classes in Sherston

The autumn term starts on Wednesday 26 September in the British School Room, Cliff Road. There are two classes: 10.00am to 12.00noon and 1.30pm to 3.30pm. The classes are suitable for any level of experience, from those who have attended art courses for years to those who have harboured an interest since school days. 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 on 840375 or heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

Love to sing?

Sherston Occasional Community Choir will be starting the autumn session on Wednesday 5 September in the British School Room, Cliff Road, commencing at 7.00pm. Do come and give us a go.

More information from Nicki Heenan on 840833 or Jill Woodward on 840578.

A big thank you

A somewhat belated thank you for all the donations that were made on behalf of Ken Outlaw's requested charities. All the money has been collected and just over £700 was raised: thank you.

The money has been shared equally between Cancer UK and Macmillan Nurses who have also thanked everyone for their generous support.

The charity fundraisers that Ken so enjoyed will be continued by his friends; anyone wanting details of what is being planned in the future should contact Lynette Willetts.

Sarah, Sean and Birgit would also like to thank everyone for their continued support and kind words.

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Malmesbury Abbey Music Society (MAMS) is delighted to welcome the wonderful organist Andrew Lumsden to Malmesbury Abbey at 7.30pm on Saturday 8 September.

Andrew has been the organist and musical director at Winchester Cathedral since 2002. He trained at Winchester Cathedral, the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama and St John's College, Cambridge, before becoming assistant organist at Southwark Cathedral. He then became sub-organist at Westminster Abbey, later joining Lichfield Cathedral. Andrew will play a varied programme, celebrating 1,300 years of organ music, including works by Guilman, Sweelink, Bach, Avison, Mendelssohn, Messiaen, Bridge and Walton.

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

Book Sale

Sherston 1016's popular autumn book sale takes place at the village hall on Saturday 15 September from 9.00am to 12.00noon. Free entry. Make sure you're early to pick up the best bargains. Donations of books, 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.

Clem's Club

Clem's Club will be meeting again on 11 and 25 September from 2.30pm to 4.00pm in the British School Room, Cliff Road.



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The Rainbow Walk in aid of Hope for Tomorrow will take place in the beautiful grounds of the Badminton Estate, South Gloucestershire, on Sunday 9 September. Each year the walk raises around £6,000 for the charity and this year it is hoped to be the biggest yet.

The charity has been given exclusive use of the grounds and families are invited to make it a day to remember. There are three routes to choose from (10k, 8k and 4k), so there's something for all ages and abilities.

Water will be provided around the course and refreshments will be available at the finish, but walkers are more than welcome to bring a picnic.

There will be a fancy dress competition for children with prizes, as well as face painting and entertainment. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead.

The car park will open at 9.30am and registration will stay open from 10.00am to 12.00noon. The children's prizes will be given out at 1.00pm, so make sure you start by 10.00am if you would like to enter children into the competition.

All proceeds from the day will go towards Hope for Tomorrow. There are currently three units in operation – Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Somerset – with a fourth being launched in Hampshire in August. It costs £260,000 to build and maintain a unit for three years and, with increasing demand, Hope for Tomorrow needs to raise vital funds to continue providing this service to cancer patients.

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Seniors Club

Our annual Boules Week afternoon tea was on 10 July. We were pleased to welcome our visitors and we all enjoyed the entertainment from The End of the Track who were in their usual good form.

This year, our Boules Day exhibition was on the theme 'The best of British' arranged by our indefatigable secretary, Helen Quirk. We thank her and her team of helpers for all their hard work and for putting on such an interesting and impressive show. We also thank all those who lent us some fascinating items and the local businesses for their donations. I hope that we can have many more helpers next year.

On 24 July, 34 members and friends enjoyed a visit to Sidmouth. The weather was fantastic, the sea was calm and the ice-cream delicious.

On 4 September we have a mystery tour (10.00am to 3.00pm, cost £13 per head). Pick-up points are the Carpenters Arms, High Street and Luckington. This will be followed on 18 September by our annual Harvest Auction. The Rev Susan Harvey has kindly agreed to attend and bless the auction.

On 2 October we have a coach outing to Bourton-on-the-Water and Moreton-on-the-Marsh, returning via Bourton for those who wish to spend the day there.

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Sherston WI August meeting

It was a very wet Thursday evening when Sherston WI members met on 2 August. There was, however, a good attendance to hear our speaker Jenny Lane. Her talk was entitled 'Take a letter Miss Jones'. Her ambition from the age of four was to be an actress, and amateur dramatics boosted this aim. A sensible mother persuaded her to get some qualifications and training as something to fall back on if acting didn't bring in a regular salary. She had a flair for languages and this led to her taking a typing course at the Lycée Français in London.

We were given a very amusing account of her experiences in typing pools, offices and secretarial jobs from the 1960s to the 1990s. The tussles with heavy typewriter, carbon paper, temping and the rules regarding clothing, correcting spelling mistakes and errors were well illustrated by Jenny. It was interesting to hear about the changes in the workplace over the past 30 years. The introduction of word processors, copiers, computers, emails has made life easier for secretaries. Jenny became a personal assistant at several large companies and was also able to enjoy doing some acting. It was a very lively talk well portrayed by a lively lady.

After refreshments, we had some business to discuss. The president reported on a recent visit to Avebury Manor where we were given a guided tour of the house and were then free to wander round the village and the Stones.

Members will be visiting the BBC TV studios in Bristol in September, and a jewellery workshop is planned for October. In addition, our 72nd birthday will be celebrated with a dinner at The Mayfield Hotel at Crudwell on 4 October.

The next meeting is 6 September with a talk on 'Memory Boxes' by Jane Casseldon.

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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 (email contact preferred please L_palmer@btinternet.com or 07793 204885/01249 783157).



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Members will bring along finished items and work in progress. There will be a guest speaker talking about the arts and crafts movement, plus wine and nibbles, so come along and bring your friends.

Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Partnership AGM

The Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Partnership (MVCAP) AGM will take place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 26 September at Malmesbury Victoria Football Club's clubhouse (behind the large Co-op, opposite the Fire Station). All welcome. Visit www.mvcap.org.uk/index.php/meetings for further information.

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Malmesbury Area Board's next meeting will be on Wednesday 5 September at Sherston Village Hall. Come along from 6.30pm for a cup of tea or coffee and take the opportunity to have a chat with your councillor or others attending the meeting.

The meeting takes place between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. Topics for information, debate and decision include:

- the first Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner;
- a new community blog site for Malmesbury and the surrounding villages;
- victim Support - here to support local people;
- how your area board is dealing with your community issues; and
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by Cilla Liddington

The Sunday School outing and treat

Many thanks to those who helped to make these two events so successful. The members of the Choir were indeed lucky to have such a glorious day for their outing. We are glad to hear that the up-to-date mode of conveyance to Weston and back was so much appreciated. At the conclusion of the mid-day meal Mr Brinkworth on behalf of the choir, thanked the Vicar for making the necessary arrangements, and made a timely appeal to the members to be regular in their appearance at choir practice. In reply, the Vicar reminded those present that their thanks were mainly due to Col Turnor, who had kindly undertaken to defray the expenses of the catering. He thanked Mr Brinkworth for his speech, and added that he had thoroughly endorsed what he had said with regard to attendance at practices, upon which the efficiency of the choir so much depended.

The choir outing

On July 30th all the choir were taken to Weston-Super-Mare for their outing. The party was taken by char-a-bane, which added much to the day's enjoyment. They left Sherston about 8.30 in the morning, and the weather being fine everyone enjoyed the drive. Passing through Acton Turville, Tormarton, Codrington and Bristol they reached Weston about 11.15. A greater part of the morning was spent on the sands where the donkeys amused everyone, especially the boys. Lunch was served at Huntley's Restaurant facing the New Pier. The afternoon was spent by most of the party on the Old Pier, where there was different amusements; the cake walk, water chute, swich back &c; causing much fun. The party then went back to Huntley's Restaurant to tea. They left Weston at 7 o'clock. A short stay was made outside the Exhibition at Bristol which

was lit up beautifully. Then the journey home was taken through Sodbury, Yate and Badminton, Sherston was reached at 10 o'clock after a most delightful day. Many thanks were due to the Rev. A. Leslie and Mrs Leslie, also to Col. Turnor for providing lunch and tea.

Sunday School treat

On July 31st, the Sunday School children went to Cherry Orchard for their annual outing. As the London children were spending their holidays in the village, the Vicar kindly invited them to go also. The children assembled at the school at half-past one. At two o'clock all was ready to start. On reaching Cherry Orchard the children soon scattered, the boys for games of cricket and the girls soon made for the swings. About 4 o'clock it came on to rain, which was a great pity, but it did not seem to put a stop to the children's pleasure. At half-past four they sat down to tea, which they all seemed to enjoy very much. After tea they had races for small prizes of money and sweets. As it was still raining the Vicar decided it was best to go home. After each child had received a packet of sweets the waggons were loaded, and we then started for home reaching Sherston safely at half-past seven. Thanks are due to all who helped to make the afternoon enjoyable.

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Thomas began his business as a chemist. In 1895, his son Duncan began practising as a veterinary surgeon. He was mostly self-taught, having learnt most of his skills from local farmers. This was common practice in the countryside and some were very good at their job.

Duncan would mix medicines for many animal diseases, and also had a few concoctions for humans!

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We would really appreciate your support to help towards the final fundraising for Sherston Old School renovation project.

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The Malmesbury Area Board wants to receive funding applications for the November area board. The deadline for receipt of applications is 21 September for consideration on 7 November. If you are not sure about putting in an application, do talk to Miranda Gilmour as soon as possible as there is plenty of help available. The earlier you discuss an application, the easier it is. Please email miranda.gilmour@wiltshire.gov.uk or phone 01672 515742.

Malmesbury Area Board - Community Area Grants

- Up to £5,000 available (more in exceptional circumstances) for your community project
- Funding linked to local priorities
- Simple application process
- Up to and including £1,000 may be available for small projects, where there will be no need for you to find matched funding
- Up to 50% of the total cost of a project, where the total cost is more than £1,000
- Support for organisations making applications
- Signposting to other sources of funding

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Malmesbury Area Board - Small Grants

- Up to £350 available
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- No matched funding required
- Simple application process
- Groups do not require formal constitution

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Applications for Community Area Grants and Small Grants are invited in line with the criteria for funding.

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Arts Project Grant Scheme

Wiltshire Council Arts Service is inviting applications to the Arts Project Grant Scheme for creative projects that benefit the communities of Wiltshire and support the vibrant creative sector. Arts projects can cover a wide range of creative opportunities, including visual arts, crafts, media and digital forms, literature and performing arts. The scheme is open to all voluntary and community organisations, although not individuals. The autumn deadline is Sunday 30 September for projects that will take place between November 2012 and October 2013. The maximum amount that can be applied for per application is £4,000 and we encourage applications with strong partnership funding and support. Please visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/artsprojectgrants to download the application form, criteria and guidelines for the grant scheme.

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How Storysack will work: call the centre on 825566 to book your free 'Storysack' loan; collect from the mobile library stop, High Street, Sherston; and have fun for three weeks, and our Family Support Worker will then arrange to collect the Storysack.

Storycise @ Sherston Scout Hut The centre is running a free six-week 'Storycise' course for children up to five-years-old, on Thursday mornings from 10.30am to 11.30am at Sherston Scout Hut. The course starts on Thursday 13 September, and pre-booking is essential. Be transported to a brand new world through a fun, interactive story. Physically explore the story and its scenery, sounds and loveable characters together with your child.

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The Walks Group exists to encourage walking in the community area, particularly through the development of new signed walks and the publication of walking guides. Originally established by a local group of walkers, the group became a part of Malmesbury and the Villages Community Area Partnership in May 2011. For more information on the Walks Group or to get involved, visit www.mvcap.org.uk/index.php/walks-group.



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The annual Sherston Mangold Hurl takes place on Sunday 7 October from 12.00noon to 5.00pm at Sherston Village Hall and field.

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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 foot 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.

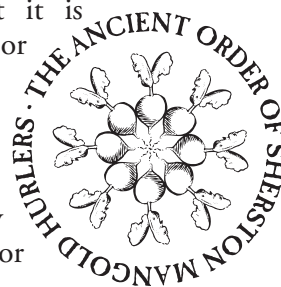
To book a stall please contact Margot Holland on 841019 or email mplholland@btinternet.com. Please respond quickly however as we will shortly be contacting potential stall holders from outside of the parish. When booking a stall

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 840348 or email martdrea@aol.com

In case you're wondering what quite goes on at a Hurl please search for 'mangold hurling' on youtube.com to view a somewhat disjointed video of the event! For further information on Mangold Hurling generally visit www.mangoldhurling.co.uk

Yarp! 



Caroline Lambert returns

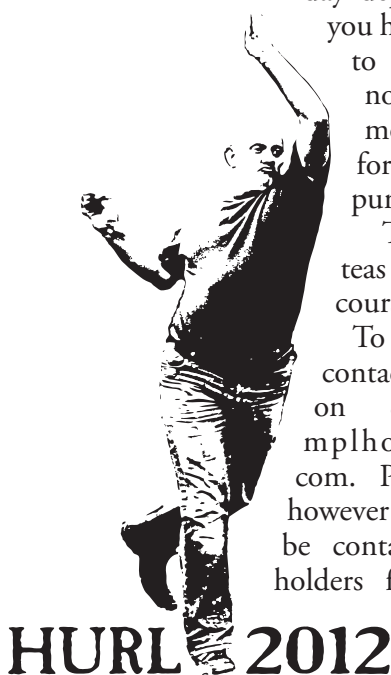
After her course at the Sherston Arts Festival, Caroline Lambert (www.carolinelambert.com) came back to do a glass fusion day course in the British School Room earlier this year.

This was another over-subscribed success, and two more have now been organised:

Friday 5 October, 1.00pm to 5.00pm in the British School Room, £18 plus cost of glass c£15, and

Saturday 6 October, 10.00am to 4.00pm in the British School Room, £25 plus cost of glass c£15.

There are four places available on the Friday. The Saturday is full, but you could go on the reserve list. If you are interested, please call Gill Ashley 840993.



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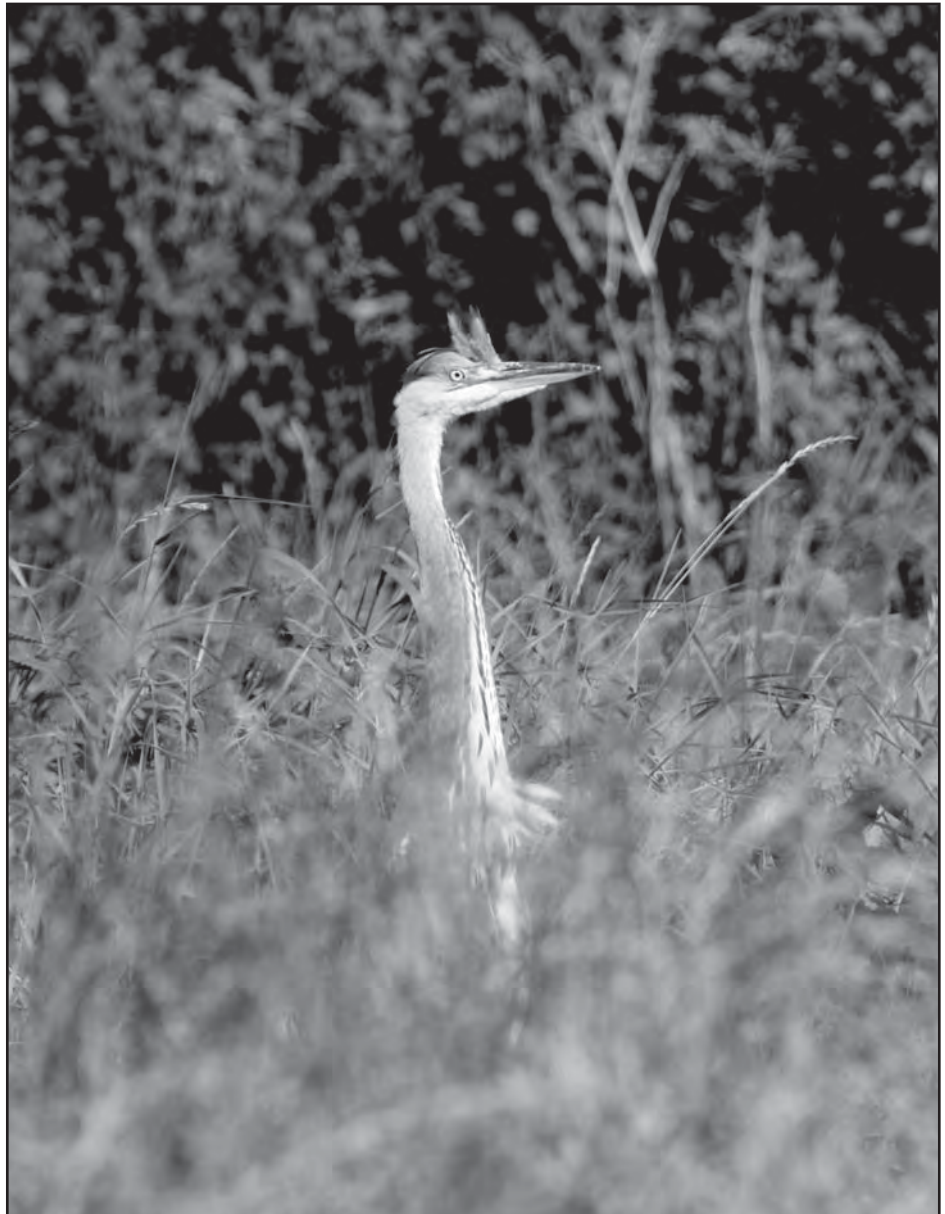
You may not have noticed but the swifts have already migrated to Southern Africa (they are the small noisy black birds that fly very fast and shriek), and the swallows and house martins are getting ready to go, hanging around on telephone lines around the village. We are at the start of the autumn migration.

Over the next six to eight weeks, many of the birds that have spent the summer here and raised chicks will head off for warmer climes, while a whole new influx of birds from Scandinavia will start to arrive, such as goldfinches, linnets and blackbirds to supplement the ones resident all year. Hopefully, the little egrets will return to overwinter – not least to cheer up the resident herons that are keeping their eyes peeled (see photo).

The migration will hopefully bring some more unusual birds too, such as the influx of waxwings a couple of years ago, so watch this space.

The recent warmer weather has resulted in a flush of butterflies in gardens and around the village. On a recent walk, I found eight different species so maybe not all is lost for them this summer.

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If you would like to enter a team in the Sherston Sixes tournament, please contact Andrew Tremellen on 07979 388208 or at andrewtremellen@hotmail.co.uk.



Participants in last years Sherston Sixes

Results

28 July

Oakridge beat SMCC by 8 wickets

SMCC 148ao (37.1 overs) James Harmer 43, Ollie Moore 43, James Kutchera 20

Oakridge 150-2 (25.4 overs) Andrew Tremellen 1-17, Charlie Green 1-28

4 August

Williamstrip beat SMCC 154 runs

Williamstrip 171-8 (40 overs) Simon Hulance 2-13, Andy Pegg 2-35, James Kutchera 2-38,

Jamie Benson 1-22

SMCC 17ao (12.1 overs)

11 August

Chedworth beat SMCC 98 runs

Chedworth 206-8 (40 overs) Andrew Tremellen 6-45, Ollie Moore 1-30, Richard Cartwright 1-30

SMCC 108ao (34 overs) Matt Goodwin 34, Chris Lovell 26

12 August

SMCC beat Bradley Stoke by 114 runs

SMCC 247-5 (40 overs) Mark Howell 89,

Richard Cartwright 69, Ian Gould 35,

David Fitch-Peyton 16

Bradley Stoke 133-5 (40 overs) Ian Gould 1-12,

Kevin Smith 1-17, Charlie Brock 1-19,

Alan Webb 1-28, Richard Hall 1-31

18 August

NATS beat SMCC by 8 wickets

SMCC 100ao (38.5 overs) Chris Lovell 38*,

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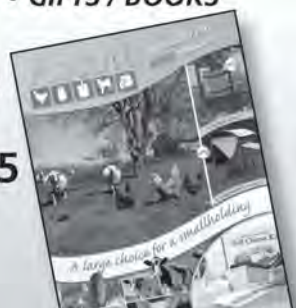
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THE ANCIENT ORDER OF SHERSTON MANGOLD HURLERS

A palpable excitement is beginning to run through the parish as the Hurl approaches. This is no more apparent than in the Pritchett household where our new Summoner Mr Dan Pritchett 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 Dan mastered his Horn.

Although the Order hopes for good weather at this year's event, a repeat of last year's 18°C temperature and sunshine nearly led to the abandonment of the Hurl. After an extraordinary meeting of the Order's Hurl sub-committee, it was decided to ignore the Over 12°C Abandonment rule to avoid another riot.



This year's Hurl takes place on Sunday 7 October on the Great Field (behind the village hall) from 12.00noon. 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.

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 9.00pm on the eve of the hurl - Saturday 6 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 16s can only be permitted with written parental consent.

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9.00am-10.00am

10.00am-11.00am

11.00am-12.00noon

The course costs £32, plus a reduced junior membership fee of £5 to Sherston Tennis Club (for those who are not already members).

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See the Parish Life for more details

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:

A Family Service is held at Holy Cross Church in Sherston at 9.30am on the third Sunday of each month. There are Family Services at other churches in the Group on other Sundays – see The Parish Life for details
A new Junior Church has started at the Church of the Holy Cross on the First Sunday of every month at 9.30am during the morning service, with storytelling then individual craft time, rejoining parents for Communion and refreshments in church. More information from Becky Fisher (Rural Schools and Churches Worker) on 07974 030212 or becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk

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

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

Sherston Churches are combining for FAMILY FEST

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

Easton Grey Parish Church

See Parish Life for details of services

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

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

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold

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

Busy Hands Pre-school

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

Charity Bingo In aid of a different local charity each month on the 3rd Friday at 7.30 for 8pm start in the village hall. 50p entry and 30p a book. Light refreshments available.

Church bell ringing Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 - 9.00pm. Call Geoff Martin 840375 or come along.

Clem's Club Clem invites 'cheerful chaps for a 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 week.

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 van rooyen at 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

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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.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 Hjqquirk@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

Tots Of Fun On Fridays!

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

Village Hall 300+ Club

Monthly draw with eight prizes ranging from £12 down to £5 for a £6 annual stake, plus a quarterly £5 bonus for seven non-winners. If any new members of the village would like to join, contact either Mary Goulding on 840794, Joyce Gleed 840744 or Gwen Mason 840660.

Whist Drive

A whist drive is held in the village hall on the second Friday in the month at 7.15 for 7.30pm. Admission £1.50 including refreshments. All profits to help maintain the village hall. Further details from G Mason, M Goulding and J Gleed.

Wiltshire Walks

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

October

7 Mangold Hurl

13 Sherston Gardener's Day

31- 3 November Pantomime

November

10 Sherston 1016 Firework night

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

Open under new management. 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

French Food Night Thurs 27 Sep

Check boards for more details of events

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

SHOCC (Sherston Occasional Community Choir)

Autumn session will commence 5 Sep - 7pm

British School Room For further details call

Nicki Heenan 840883 or nicki-heenan@btinternet.com or

Jill Woodward 840578 or jillwoodward222@btinternet.com

Tennis lessons for juniors

Saturday tennis lessons for school-age children start on Sat 8 Sep - Sat 27 Oct. Three sessions are planned (based on age and ability), with 10 spaces per group: 9am - 10am, 10am - 11am and 11am - 12 noon. The 8 week course costs £32, plus a reduced junior membership fee of £5 to Sherston Tennis Club (for non-members).

Further details contact Sophie Cheetham on sophcheetham@gmail.com or 07786 990045.

1016 Book Sale

Sat 15 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 Sixes

Sherston Magna Cricket Club fun day Sat 22 Sep 11am
A cow will be released onto the pitch at Pinkney Park for the cow pat lottery £30 per team entry

For further details call to enter a team at the Sherston Sixes, contact Andrew Tremellen on 07979 388208 or andrewtremellen@hotmail.co.uk

Sherston Scouts Fun Run

23 Sep 10.30 for a 10.45 start from the Scout Hut. There is a 5km option, which is all paved road, as well as a 10km option, which is mixed on-road/off-road

Route: www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/51065590

For further details call Riaan van Rooyen
riaan@pulse-software.co.uk

Free events in Sherston by Malmesbury Children's centre

'Storysack' Launch with the Mobile library at the High Street Stop 21 Sep 10.30am-1pm 'Storysacks' bring stories to life with a bag full of wonderful resources - Book your sack loan on 825566 and collect from the mobile library to enjoy for 3 weeks free of charge

Storycise @ Sherston Scout Hut Be transported to a brand new world through a fun, interactive story. Physically explore the story and its scenery, sounds and loveable characters together with your child (0-5 years) 6 week course starts Thurs 13 Sep 10.30-11.30am Free but must be prebooked

For further details call 825566 or malmesburycc@spurgeons.org

Macmillan Cancer Support - world's greatest coffee morning

Fri 28 Sep 9.30- 11.45am There will be a cake and produce stand and raffle. Church of the Holy Cross
For further details call Sue Thompson on 840378

Sue's Strolls

Sun 14 Oct starting from the village hall at 10am returning to the Rattlebone Inn for complimentary seasonal victuals at around 12 noon

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

Glass Fusion Course

Caroline Lambert Fri 5 Oct 1-5pm £18 and Sat 6 Oct 10am - 4pm £25 - both courses plus the cost of the glass approx £15 British School Rooms

For further details call Gill Ashley 840993

Ancient Order of Sherston Mangold Hurlers

Anointment of the Normans Sat 6 Oct 9pm Free entry to the preparations of the sacred Normans for the hurl. Not suitable for under 16s Rattlebone Inn

For further details call 840871 or eat@therattlebone.co.uk

Annual Mangold Hurl

Sun 7 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 mpholland@btinternet.com. To enter a team, call Paul Ormiston 840694 or pa.ormiston@homecall.co.uk

Harvest Supper

Sun 7 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 Gardeners' Day

In aid of the Old School Sat 13 Oct 10am-4pm
Old School playground
For further details call Irene Johnston on 841273 or
Ie_johnston@yahoo.co.uk

Sherston Church Bazaar

Save the date Sat 24 Nov Village Hall
For further details call Heather Martin 840375

Knockdown

The Holford Arms

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

Badminton

Rainbow Walk in aid of Hope for Tomorrow

Sun 9 Sep 9.30am The cancer charity has been given exclusive use of the grounds with three routes to choose from. Fancy dress competition for children, face painting and entertainment. Refreshments available but welcome to bring a picnic Dogs are welcome but must be kept
For further details call www.hopefortomorrow.org.uk or call 505055

Grittleton

Moviola - the Touring Rural Cinema Scheme

Wed 26 Sept 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' 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

Grittleton Strict and Particular Baptist Chapel

Heritage Open Day Sun 9 Sep 2-4pm
For further details call Matthew Butler on 01454 218036 or matthew.butler8@btinternet.com

Westonbirt

The Arboretum

Summer admission: Adults £8 / Conc £7 Chd £3
Specialist Wood Sales 2nd Saturday and Sunday every month 10am-1pm in aid of FOWA
Walks: Free guided walks take place every Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday at 2pm, and 11am on Wednesday, from Easter to the end of October
The fungi at Westonbirt and their trees. Sat 29 Sep 10.30am - 12.30pm and 2 - 4pm All book in advance on 880220. £5 per adult, £2 per child (in addition to admission). 20 places max.
Family Events: Forest Discovery Day Sun 30 Sep 10-4pm Free after admission Try family activities, crafts and trails or take a tour of Westonbirt's new propagation unit to discover how we grow our next generation of trees and shrubs. www.forestry.gov.uk/discoveryday
Workshops: Make a Windsor Chair Mon 3- Sat 8, Mon 10 - Sat 15 Aug £275 Booking essential. Call Paul Hayden on 01373 836051 or visit www.greenwoodcourses.co.uk.
Beginners' Digital Photography Mon 10 Sep 10.30-3.30pm £55 - limited to 10 places Booking essential contact Graham Light on 01285 653069 or email consult@abbey-studios.co.uk
Westonbirt Arboretum For further details call 880220 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/westonbirt

Westonbirt School

Open House and Gardens The House and Gardens will be open on 23 Sept from 11-5pm. Guided tours of the House with a maximum of 20 visitors per tour. Garden tours 2-5pm Sun 2 Sep and then 25-31 Oct You can wander at leisure around the stunning gardens, including Italian gardens and Camellia House and enjoy the peaceful pleasure gardens £5. Entrance for both House & Garden is £7, both include a hot beverage and biscuit. No need to book, we welcome all ages and are happy to host dogs on leads for the garden tours!
Autumn Term Lecture: Can Persian puzzles be solved?
By British Diplomat Peter Jenkins Fri 19 Oct 7.30pm Free Optional post lecture supper £15 - book by 12 Oct 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

Didmarton

Painting classes with Nicki Heenan

Painting Workshops - First Wednesday of the month 10.30am - 4.30pm £25 full day / £15 half day Bring your own paints, brushes and supports and a packed lunch
Didmarton Village Hall For further details call Nicki Heenan 840883 or email nicki.heenan@btinternet.com

Easton Grey

Whatley Manor

Sunday cinema screenings with lunch or dinner
The Iron Lady Sun 30 Sep
For further details call 834026 or visit www.whatleymanor.com

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Abbey Music Society

Organ recital by Andrew Lumsden, Organist and Musical Director of Winchester Cathedral Choir Sat 8 Sep at 7.30pm Tickets from the Abbey Bookshop or via website £12/ £10 members/ £5 student or chd
For further details call David Barton 824924 d.barton763@btinternet.com or visit www.malmesbury.com/mams

Embroiders Guild Exhibition of work

Showcase a display of work in various techniques, demonstrations by hand and machine and information about the Guild itself Town Hall Gallery Tues 11 Sep 7.30pm Free admission AGM for members is at 7.30pm
For further details call Ruth Vaughan 826597

MP's Surgery

Local MP surgery with James Gray MP Sat 1 Sep 12 noon - 1pm Sat 29 Sep, Sat 20 Oct
Hobbes Parlour, Malmesbury Town Hall For online surgeries or email jamesgraymp@parliament.uk or visit www.jamesgray.org for information on surgeries

Tetbury

The 10th Tetbury Music Festival

Daily concerts & performances One of the world's top pianists, Mitsuko Uchida presents a programme of Mozart, Schumann and Schoenberg 4 Oct at 7.30pm. Choral performance by The Sixteen has now sold out. Fauré, Schumann, Janáček & Beethoven programme devised by the Gould Piano Trio 6 Oct at 11am. Arcangelo play Bach concertos Sat 6 Oct at 7.30pm. Magdalena Consort brings the Festival to a close on Sun 7 Oct at 5pm with the Monteverdi 'Vespers'. £7 - £15 St Mary's Church Tetbury
For further details call Box office: Tourist Information centre 503552 or admin@tetburymusicfestival.org.uk or visit www.tetburymusicfestival.org.uk

Hullavington & Kington St Michael

Rural Arts Wiltshire

Family Show: the Shanty Theatre Company present
The Rime of the Ancient Mariner Sat 29 Sep 7.30pm
 Hullavington Village Hall
Music: The Croutons present Alphabet Soup Fri 19 Oct
 7.30pm Kington St Michael Village Hall
*For further details call 01249 701628 or email
 info@ruralartstouring.org.uk or visit www.ruralartswiltshire.org.uk*

Kemble

Bluegrass Festival

Didmarton Bluegrass Festival 30 Aug - 2 Sep £16 - £65
 (incl camping), under 14s free. Kemble airfield
For further details visit www.didmarton-bluegrass.co.uk

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers from the local community This month: **The Dark Knight Rises**; **Even the Rain**; **Ping Pong**; **Detachment**; **Sr Seuss The Lorax 3D**; **Take this Waltz**; **Brave 3D**; **The Wedding Video**; **Shadow Dancer**; **Samsara** check website for details
World Cinema: In a Better World Sun 2 Sep Danish with subtitles
The Electric Picture House For further details call 01453 844601 or visit www.wottoneph.co.uk

Cirencester

Cirencester Open Air Swimming Pool

Heated spring water open air pool run by volunteers as a non profit making charity Open 26 May - 9 Sep 7am-6.16pm midweek and 9/10 - 5.45 Sat/Sun. Mon & Wed Adult evening swim 6.45-7.45pm. Friday Youth Evening 7-8.30pm 10-17 year olds £4.20 / £2.20/ Family £11 Season tickets available. Cirencester Park, GL7 2EF
For further details call 01285 653947 or visit www.cirencopenair.co.uk

Nailsworth

Forest Green Rovers F.C.

Professional football only 20 minutes drive from Sherston.
 Home matches: Aug: Sat 1 3pm v Hyde; Tues 4 7.45pm v Ebbsfleet Utd; Sat 15 3pm v Alrefton Town 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*

Cotswolds

Cotswold Rural Skills

Dry Stone Walling Beginners course 8 - 9 Sept Tetbury; 22 - 23 Sep Naunton 2 day course £99 Book ahead to avoid disappointment
Blacksmithing taster day 15 Sep Northleach £99
Lime Mortar - beginners 1-2 Sep Ebworth Centre
Green Woodworking 1-2 Sep and 13-14 Oct Limpley Stoke, Bath £99 for 2 day course
 2 day course £99 *For further details call David Molloy on 01451 862000 or david.molloy@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk or visit www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk.*

Corsham

The Pound

Theatre: Players and Gentlemen The Stroud Theatre Company in a script-in-hand performance by Sherston playwright, Frank Hatt Fri 21 Sep 7.30pm £6 (£5)
Screen: Bel Ami Thurs 6 Sep and **In Darkness** Fri 14 Sep £5
 The Pound *for further details call Box Office 01249 701628 or visit www.poundarts.org.uk*

Bath

Theatre Royal

The Tempest starring Tim Pigott-Smith 23 Aug - 8 Sep
Rough Justice starring Tom Conti Mon 10 - Sat 15 Sep
Relatively Speaking starring Felicity Kendall Mon 17 - Sat 22 Sep
Good Grief starring Penelope Keith Tues 25 - Sat 29 Sep
The Transformation Season in the Ustinov: The Welsh Boy; deadkidsongs; The Double
Book ahead for: Mansfield Park; The Ladykillers; The Plough and Stars; The Judas Kiss; Driving Miss Daisy; Alvert Herring; The Lighthouse
 7.30pm / 8pm £15-£33.50 *For further details call 01225 448844 or visit www.theatreroyal.org.uk*

Jane Austen Festival

14-22 Sep All things Austen including Regency costume promenades; guided walks;dances and teas
For further details call Bath Box Office 01225 463362 or email boxoffice@bathfestivals.org.uk or online at www.bathboxoffice.org.uk

Slimbridge

Wildfowl and wetlands centre

Landrover Safaris every weekend 11am & 2pm £5/£3
chd Nature Detectives every weekend Free after admission
 Slimbridge Wetland Centre *For further details call 01453 891223 or eleanor.wise@wwt.org.uk or visit www.wwt.org.uk*

Ashton Court

Brisfest Music, comedy, street theatre, circus and art - line up includes De La Soul, Beardyman, Hawkwind and Roni Size 22-23 Sep £8 see website for details *For further details call 0117 328 1492 or visit www.thebristolfestival.org*

Cheltenham

The Cheltenham Literature Festival 2012

Varied programme of talks and events featuring all types of literature 5-14 Oct - booking open now Ten days, 450 events, everyone from literary legends to big screen stars Average £8-10 Various locations in Cheltenham
For further details call 0844 579 8970 or visit www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/literature

Useful Numbers

BT fault line	0800 800151
CLARENCE (Highway complaints)	0800 232323
Cllr John Thomson	01666 840785
Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	01249 652851
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Sherston Parish Council	01666 840197
Sherston Post Office	01666 840456
Sherston School	01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings)	01666 840633
Tolsey Surgery	01666 840270
Wiltshire Council	0300 4560100