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Soup Lunch returns to British School Room on 4 September



We look forward to welcoming you back to the British School Room for the Soup Lunch event. Last November, we offered the opportunity for people to join us for soup, pudding, cake and coffee on the first Monday of each month and it turned out to be very popular.

So we are providing this opportunity again during the winter months which will be an ecumenical venture supported by the Congregational, Methodist and Holy Cross churches. The first lunch will take place on Tuesday 4 September, 12.00noon-2.00pm.

There is no need to book a place, please just turn up at the British School Room for the chance to meet together and enjoy each other's company. There is no charge but any donations will go to a chosen charity. If you would like a lift, do let us know.

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Lino cut cards one-day course by Christine Felce

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Do bring an apron to protect your clothes. Materials cost £10 per person, cost of workshop will be around £45 (including materials). To register interest please see website www.sherstonartsfestival.com

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Sherston School has won a prestigious award for helping pupils become 'global citizens'.

Broadcaster and journalist George Alagiah presented deputy head teacher Debby Liddle with the highest level of the International School Award at a ceremony in London last month.

The award recognised the hard work done by pupils and staff to achieve seven international projects in one year, including links with Australia, the Gambia and Kenya.

'We believe international links bring a vitally important dimension to the education of our young people,' said Martin Davidson, chief executive of award sponsors the British Council.

'These links ensure our youngsters build the skills and understanding to become global citizens ready and able to take their place in the world.'

'And I'm delighted so many schools, local authorities and individual teachers agree with us.'

Sherston was one of 585 schools to pick up their awards on the day.

Debby Liddle will shortly set up a display in the school entrance for us to marvel at.

Did she get a chance to talk to George Alagiah?

'He did his best to speak to everyone and to make everyone feel involved and his speech was very good,' she replied.

Victory for bus lobby

The elderly and disabled of North End Gardens have at last got their bus back.

Two years ago, when Carriers Close was being developed on Sandpits Lane, the no 41 Malmesbury to Yate bus stopped calling at North End Gardens as the road was often blocked by construction traffic.

Following the completion of Carriers Close, it was expected the service would return. When this did not happen, residents and the parish council lobbied County Hall.

'The service was particularly important for the elderly and disabled people living in that part of the village,' said parish councillor Cilla Liddington.

'Now, however, the pressure we applied has worked and the service to North End Gardens will return from 2 November.'

A leaflet with full details is available from Sherston Post Office Stores.

Some readers may remember that the late journalist and broadcaster, George Alagiah, appeared in the second edition of the Cliffhanger, which, along with all previous editions, can be found on the Sherston Parish Council website: www.sherston.org.uk/#previous



SOSCIC:

How much do you know about us?



If you've moved to the village in the last 10 years, you may not know about the Community Interest Company (CIC) that the village owns.

What you will already know is that amongst the many advantages of living in this wonderful village is that it has its own Co-op store and Post Office, its own design and print business and various other facilities, all housed within the Victorian Old School.

The Old School building stood empty from 2005 onwards, made redundant by the opening of the current primary school on Knockdown Road. At the same time, the old Post Office Stores, which was a smaller premises on the other side of the High Street, was under threat for being inadequate. Given the twin threats of loss of yet further commercial premises at the heart of the village, and the proposed development of the Old School site for residential purposes, the village decided to buy the Old School.

A CIC was formed - because CICs are specifically designed to allow a business to operate as a social enterprise for the benefit of a defined community.

Approximately £1 million was required to fund the purchase, and to carry out the necessary restoration and conversion works to make it suitable for commercial use. Many people in the community became members of the CIC and made substantial donations directly to the project, underscoring the 95% who had voted in support of the initiative in a village-wide ballot.

The income from Sherston Old School is used to support many neighbourhood projects through the Parish Council. Most recently, Sherston Old School Community Interest Company (SOSCIC) donated £20,000 to the fund for the extension of Sherston Village Hall.

Given that there have been many changes in the village over the last 10 years, and we have some upcoming changes to the current tenancies, we are keen to bring in new members to ensure that Sherston Old School supports the needs of the village today. We would very

much like some new members with younger children to ensure we are addressing all generations!

There is no cost to join as a member and there is no time commitment. It's about having as many of you as possible involved in a key community project.

You will be kept informed of any changes and asked for your input regarding possible rental opportunities. At the AGM you will have the opportunity to talk to the board members about the project and the plans for the next year.

If you are interested in finding out more, then please email me at soscic.members@gmail.com and I will be happy to provide more information or chat to you. I look forward to hearing from you!

Janette Templeton

SOSCIC Membership secretary



Mike Johnson SOSCIC Chairman with the donation to the Sherston Village Hall fundraisers, Heather Martin, Ben Smee and Nic Riley

Sherston Village Hall 300+ Club

The Draw, 6 winners of £20 were: 61 Shirley Wood, 199 Jenny Griffiths, 220 Gail Whale, 356 Eleanor Lines, 360 Laura Edgecombe

Christmas Bonus currently £170

Do sign up - we still need lots more members!



I/We* would like to join/renew membership of the 300+Club for 2023 and enclose £10.00/£20.00 cash/cheque* (made payable to Sherston Village Hall), being the subscription for 2023.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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For help/queries contact Eric Meanwell (07789 280058) or Goug Wilcox (07788 558035)

Thank you for your continued support.

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Sherston Gardening Club



Next month's meeting is Tuesday 5 September: Speaker is Penny Jones of Westonbirt Arboretum 'Propagation' (with an expert propagator!)

Clippings

Sherston Gardening Club (SGC) is now having a summer sabbatical! However, members have met up to enjoy a couple of events: firstly, a special visit to the charming Zen Garden at Scots Farm in Pinkney, courtesy of Lawrence Jiko Barrow; and, secondly, our Summer Social at The Garden House, Westonbirt,



when we were blessed with perfect weather for wine and canapés on the terrace. Special thanks to Clare and James Turner for being such generous hosts!

Cuttings

Our September speaker will be Penny Jones who will share tips and advice as well as practical demonstrations, based on her expert knowledge of 20+ years as Chief Propagator at the National Arboretum at Westonbirt.

New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are welcome. It will also be a good opportunity to renew membership, if you haven't already! The good news is the cost is exactly the same as last year: £15 single, £25 joint, U18s free. For a membership form and a full programme, contact our Secretary: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Club meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at the British School Room, doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tasty refreshments, plant ID and sales, raffle and questions answered.

Connections

Don't forget to join the SGC Facebook group for photos, questions and answers (where possible!), and news of meetings and events. Anyone can join the group, it's an under-used resource so please click and share your ideas.

Community/Blooming Sherston

The planter outside the Co-op is proving very popular and there have been many positive comments. Gardening club members are ensuring regular watering and we hope to secure funding for a second trough. A small group of volunteers has expressed an interest in helping (thank you!) following the article in the June Cliffhanger. After the new village gate posts have been installed, Blooming Sherston will create attractive plantings around them.

We have also been asked to order bulbs to plant around the village in the autumn.

Calendar

No August Meeting! We're all still on holiday, gardening or relaxing with a G&T.

Tuesday 5 September: Penny Jones on Plant Propagation.

Tuesday 3 October: Lucy Bowles, Whatley Manor's new Head Gardener

Tuesday 7 November: Garden Designer, Laura Holmes on 'Creating your own space'

Tuesday 5 December: Julia Armstrong leads a wreath-making workshop

Sherston Guides' Summer Term ends with a splash!



The summer term at 1st Sherston Guides ended with a grand finale of activities featuring paddleboarding at the Cotswold Water Park, face painting and running games as part of the children's activities on Boules Day, and finally drying and organising the plastic ducks ready for next year's duck race. The Guides topped it all off with a splash in the river at Mill Cottage, followed by cake and ice cream!

We said goodbye to seven of our older girls, Amelie, Fleur, Esme, Kitty, Izzie, Tilly and Jessie, who are moving on from Guides to new adventures, and we celebrated Amelie and Fleur's amazing achievement of attaining a Guide Silver award and a Guide Bronze award respectively! These awards are given after completing various themed sections of the Guide programme, both at sessions and by doing badges at home.

Tilly, Rosie, Charlie, Isabella, Jasmine and Amelia, who were doing camp skills this term, were awarded their camp skillsbuilder badge. Interest badges that the girls had done included Backwoods Cooking, Fitness, and Whittling; the range of badges available to Guides is huge and includes Geocaching, Upcycling, being a Conscious Consumer, and Vlogging amongst many more!



If you'd like to register your daughter for Brownies or Guides in Sherston, please go to www.girlguiding.org.uk, click register, and select Sherston as your unit.

Brownies is for girls aged 7-10, and Guides is for ages 10-14, although girls can stay longer. Rainbows and Rangers are available at other locations within the Malmesbury area, and you can register your daughter via the same link.



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School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

World Religions Theme Week

Thank you to Becky Fisher and Revd Adam Beaumont for our visits to the Church of the Holy Cross to learn about prayer and spirituality. The children also enjoyed workshops with REonDemand exploring fasting and pilgrimage in Islam, learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah, the Hindu festival of Diwali and much more.



Anglo Saxon & Viking Day

A day of weaving, jewellery making, cloth dyeing, Viking warrior training, Hobbs House Bakery bread-making workshops and wattle and daub fence building! Thank you to everyone involved for making this such a memorable experience for our Chestnut and Willow class children.



Sports Day '23

Fun in the sun! Well done to all our children for their fantastic throwing, jumping, running, cheering and team spirit! Thank you to Tea Smart Photography for capturing this special event for us.





Rounders Champions

Congratulations to all our Y5s who took part in the Malmesbury Cluster Rounders Festival for a fantastic team effort and scooping the top spot as tournament winners!



Exploring 'Under the Sea'

Oak and Rowan class adventured through the world's oceans on their class trip to Bristol Aquarium, and Oak class took to the stage for their first assembly 'The Rainbow Fish', they are stars in the making!



Thank You Service

A little token of our huge appreciation for the wonderful contribution our school volunteers and members of our local community have made to our school during the last year. Well done to all our children for their beautiful thank-you prayers, poetry, songs and cards.

Fantastic Fundraising

Our FSS wrapped up another fantastic year of fundraising with the much-loved Olympic Day raising over £2,600! It was an incredible team effort by the FSS committee and parent volunteers, not to mention the wider community – special mentions to Richard Langley, Graeme Strachan, Tahiti & Riaan Van Rooyen, James Munson, Matt Thomas, Dave Shephard, Mike Whatley, Sherston Co-op, Sherston Cricket Club, Sherston FC, Sherston Scouts, Sherston Parish Council, Malmesbury Football Club and Hobbs House Bakery!

This academic year fundraising efforts have raised an amazing total of £12,174.21 to support the school, plus over £400 for the school to spend on books from the book fair! A huge thank you to team FSS, our school and local community.

Funds raised have supported the school in a variety of ways including: funding eight new iPads, STEM and RE theme weeks, the outdoor area and resources, Wiltshire Learning Resources, classroom resources (including a mud kitchen, Viking Day activities and playground items), Young Voices registration and coach, music and Twinkl subscriptions, plus subsidising school trips and contributing to the school defibrillator.



Farewell to Sycamore 'Class of 2023'

Y6 enjoyed an action-packed final term at Sherston Primary. They competed with great success in cricket and athletics inter-school tournaments, took to the stage for their fabulous Y6 Production 'Star Wars - The Umpire Strikes Back!' and left not a dry eye in the house at their Leavers' Assembly. Wishing Sycamore 'Class of 2023' all the very best in the next exciting chapter of their learning adventures. We will miss you!

Have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing all our children and families in September!

A hat trick of a different kind...

Sherston Magna CC Saturday 11 have followed a hefty 93-run defeat to league leaders Bishops Cannings with two consecutive victories, to climb the table in their bid for competitive respectability this season.

First, an away trip to Purton, who were disposed of by eight wickets, and then a home game against bottom-of-the-league Keevil who were beaten by 26 runs. Captain Chris Fisk was delighted with the two wins and wanted to put the defeat to Bishops Cannings behind them, disappointed as he was that Sherston could only muster nine players on that day. This is a further reminder that the club is keen to source new talent and anyone interested in the game is encouraged to contact Chris, or just turn up to practice sessions at 6.30pm every Wednesday at the beautiful Pinkney Park ground. You will be made very welcome.

Returning to the two victories, Chris was delighted that in both games Sherston produced a real team effort. Ben Dickenson was the man in form but over the two games everyone chipped in with runs, wickets or significant moments in the field. Chris was pleased to report that in both games he had 11 men on the field!

Those who read last month's article must be itching to know the journey that 'The Hat' has been on lately. (For those who don't know, the player who does the most laughable thing on match day, has to wear the ridiculous item of headwear on the Saturday evening

and turn up to the next game wearing it.)

Andy Tremellen was the awardee following the game at Purton. He was in a frivolous mood all day; singing whilst running in to bowl, signaling a wide off his own bowling and generally being a nuisance to his own teammates. The Captain, whilst admitting that Andy fully deserved the award, was reluctant to go through with it, because Andy was unable to play the following week due to Sherston School's Olympic Day. However, the award was unanimous and, to be fair, as those of you at Olympic Day will know, Andy wore the hat throughout! Please see photo evidence!

Strangely, he must have taken a liking to 'The Hat' as we haven't seen him or the hat since. Can anyone spotting either of them please attempt to return the hat, or Mr Tremellen, to the Club? If you want to talk about playing cricket, get in touch with Chris Fisk 07764 251668



Sherston Magna ladies' softball cricket



The smiles on the faces of Sherston ladies' softball cricket group lays testament to the fun and pleasure that we are experiencing in our first full season of training and matches.

To start the ball rolling (excuse the pun), we welcomed Box Ladies on Friday 2 June for a 'double-header friendly' and Sherston came out top in both matches.

Sunday 25 June saw us head off to Bathford for our first festival of the season and we began play on an inclined pitch (that was a first for us) so there was a need for us all to quickly adapt to the 'art' of up-hill bowling. We persevered and won both our matches on that pitch ... yet later we managed to lose our third match on a more regular flat pitch! Saara Sharman took three wickets and Sarah Wilkinson two and our

top run scorers were Penny Robinson with 52 and Nicky Gray 26.

On Sunday 9 July, we ventured to Box for our second festival and the outcome was a repeat of our previous outing, whereby we won two matches and lost one. We took an amazing 14 wickets, of which there were 10 catches. Sarah Wilkinson took five wickets and Bethany Potter three. Top run scorers were Penny Robinson with 35 and Kate Potter 25.

Sunday 16 July saw the group head off to the Chippenham Festival. The rain restricted the games to two - of which we won one and lost one. Bethany Potter took four wickets with Amalie Gray and Rachael Stinchcombe each picking up two. Penny Robinson and Rachael Stinchcombe put on a mighty 43 in their three batting overs in the second match.

As always, there is much to learn and improve on which the dedicated team of coaches of Alan Dickenson, Andrew Jarvis, Archie Walsh and Mark Howell are ensuring we are working on.

So, ladies, if you want a way to exercise whilst having fun but don't have an understanding of cricket ... don't despair, it's not a problem! Simply don some comfy clothing, pop on your trainers and shoot along and join us on a Thursday evening. To kick start a fun and healthy new adventure, give Caroline Dickenson a bell or text on 07876163997 for further details.

Sherston Magna CC BBQ: A sizzling success at Pinkney Park!



After not one, but two cancellations due to inclement weather, the Sherston Magna Cricket Club (SMCC) BBQ finally took place at Pinkney Park. The sun was shining, the grills were fired up, and approximately 150 people gathered to enjoy the evening.

The SMCC community truly knows how to throw a party, and the BBQ was no exception. Laughter filled the air, while the tantalizing aroma of sizzling sausages wafted through the cricket ground, making taste buds tingle in anticipation.

An intense U11s cricket match provided the backdrop for the festivities. The young players showcased their skills and determination, captivating the crowd with every run, catch and wicket. It was a nail-biting contest that kept everyone on the edge of their picnic blankets.

Well done to the organisers for their hard work in making the event a resounding success. Special

thanks go to Nick and Emma Wood, who generously 'sponsored the sausages'. A big thank you also to all those who donated at the bar, helping to support the club and its future endeavours.

If you missed out on this memorable BBQ, fear not! SMCC welcomes anyone interested in becoming a part of their community, whether you're a seasoned player or a cricket enthusiast, contact James Kutchera at jameskutchera@yahoo.co.uk or email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk. Exciting opportunities await!

If you're not quite ready to pick up a bat, Pinkney Park is always open to spectators. You can find the fixtures on SMCC's play-cricket.com page, so mark your calendars and prepare for some thrilling cricket action! Make sure to keep an eye out for upcoming events hosted by SMCC. There are more unforgettable experiences to come!

Sherston Taters

"The fans of a football club are its greatest and most constant asset. Players, managers and owners come and go. The fans remain." (Penny Mordaunt)

Sadly, Ewen Kenny the 'Taters' highly successful player manager of 21/22 season decided to relinquish his role to pursue an inviting career opportunity, and two of our star players were headhunted by Malmesbury Victoria FC so with the 22/23 season looming and Division 3 beckoning, was this a case of 'one step forward, two steps back'?

Definitely not - veteran player Adam Salt took over the managerial reins, I remained in full support, the bulk of our previous season's champions were hot to trot, fresh blood was appointed to fill the boots of the departed and team stability and morale were soon on the rise.

As the new season got under way, we were under no illusion that Division 3 was a giant step up the ladder for the Taters and that there would be no easy games at this level, but our team spirit was high so 'Bring it on' was the cry!

The Taters stormed out of the blocks in our first two games and made short work of our opponents with 7-1 and 6-2 victories respectively - but then the inevitable happened. We suffered our first defeat in over a year at the hands of high-flying Stroud United, losing 4-7.

This setback coincided with a series of injuries - most notably, in September 2022 Archie Walsh sustained a sickening knee injury that sidelined him for the remainder of the season.

Morale was at an all-time low because the results were just not coming our way but perseverance, conviction and belief saw the high return. Yes, it started with an 11-1 victory over Hardwicke 3rds, closely followed by a 4-0 win over Stonehouse and slowly but surely an amazing run of form set in which saw the Taters win six of our seven remaining matches.

This saw us climb to fourth position meaning we were eligible to enter the play-offs which we duly won and, hey presto, it's Division 2 for us in 23/24! Yes, we have moved from Division 5 to Division 2 in our first two seasons which really is an awesome achievement!

Come along to our home games on Knockdown Road every second Saturday beginning in August. You can also watch our recently formed Sherston Town Reserves (Division 5) and Sherston Town Veterans in action there.

Harry Andrews - sherstontownfootballclub@gmail.com



Harry Andrews, Marcus Toop aka 'Marlon' (Young Player & Golden Boot Awards 22/23) and Adam Salt (manager) at the end-of-season prize-giving.



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Fun on the water for Sherston Scout Group



To round off the end of term, 1st Sherston Beavers, Cubs and Scouts headed to Lake 86 at Cotswold Water Park for an evening of fun and adventure on the lake. Everyone worked up quite an appetite with all the paddling (and splashing!), so we finished the evening off with a lakeside BBQ, along with our AGM - thanks to all the parents who were able to stay for this ... and a big thank you to all the leaders for another fantastic year of Scouting!



A new play by Frank Hatt



'The Making of Lucy' is the latest play by Sherston author Frank Hatt, and it is being performed locally in September. It tells the story of Ernest Gimson and the Barnsley brothers and the three very different women who became their wives. Ernest Barnsley designed the wonderful Rodmarton Manor, but his wife was never happy in the Cotswolds.

This is a professional production by Stroud Theatre Company, directed by Chris Garner, designed by Sue Condie and with sparkling original music by Tom Johnson. Venues and booking details are as follows.

Saturday 16 September
Rodmarton Village Hall 5.00pm
www.guildcrafts.org.uk

Thursday 21 September
Museum in the Park, Stroud 7.30pm
www.museuminthepark.org.uk

Friday 22 September
The Goods Shed, Tetbury 7.00pm
www.shed-arts.co.uk

Saturday 23 September
Minchinhampton Market House 7.30pm
www.minchinhamptonmarkethouse.co.uk

Sunday 24 September
Regal Theatre, Tenbury Wells 5.00pm
www.regaltenbury.co.uk

Thursday 28-Saturday 30 September
Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham 7.45pm
www.everymantheatre.org.uk

Boules Festival – the show must go on!



Photos: Tea Smart

Early on the morning of Friday 14 July, the Boules Committee received the weather forecast (validated by ATC contacts at RAF Brize Norton) for Boules Day the following day: 50mph winds, torrential rain and thunderstorms! With the help of our wonderful team of volunteers, we restructured the event in the interests of public safety, banning all marquees and gazebos on the High Street and relocating all food and beverage offerings to the Village Hall, with Boules Control going into the Old School building and the Festival Family Field into the British School Room.



The conditions meant the entertainers were forced to improvise by operating from the bus shelter outside The Angel – but this didn't stop Jerri Hart (aka The Crooked Crooner) and O'rael delighting the audience with their performances. Jerri kicking off his set with 'Singing in the Rain'!



For the first time (and despite the conditions), we ran a full plate competition accommodating all first-round losers – representing an additional 32 matches. Along with full Junior and Colts competitions, this made the 2023 festival the biggest ever and, despite a few challenges, we managed to finish before it got dark and, by using the new pistes on the rec, we were able to re-open the High Street shortly after 8.00pm.



After two stunning open semi-finals in which Casanis (captain Mark Gay, Lesley Eastlake, Chris Garratt) defeated Bouledogs (Alan McInnes, Jacquii Anderson, Janet Weaver) in a match which went right down to the wire, and Team Wales (Derek Jones, Stewart Spencer, Con Tomczyk) overcame by a margin last year's winners Team Moriarty (Alex Moriarty, Guewen Chantreux, Phil Bradshaw), the overall tournament winners were Casanis (providing a seventh Sherston win for Mark Gay) with Wales runners-up.





The local winners were the TDTs (captain Tom Dryden, with brothers Peter and Mark Thornbury) who beat Gavin Corbett's Luckington Lords.

The Plate was won by London Pétanque (captain Bobby Welch, Adrian Costa and Keith Vines) who beat local team Run the Boules (Gary and Max Liddington and Mike Warner).



The Colts tournament was won by the Bomber Boys (Will Potter, Ben Meheust and George Breakspear) whilst the Junior winners were the aptly named Troublesome Trio (James Winwood, Max Tremellen and Henry Kutchera) – pictured below.



On the Sunday, the weather relented very slightly allowing the Duck Race and - equally importantly - the famous Duck Cream Teas, supplied and served by the Church Ladies (plus Nigel), to go ahead. The swollen river made for a fast race, with duck 267 romping home for Viv Harris. Second place went to duck 205 for Charlotte Holland, with 600 taking third for Jessica Robinson. Last place (154) went to Henrietta Butler.

The raffle results were as follows: Winner £100 #639 Turvey, Second £50 #842 Butler, Third £25 #990 J Bartlett.

Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen – there are too many of you to mention individually but we really couldn't have done it without you. And finally thank you Sherston for turning out in your droves to support us - despite the wind and rain.

Vive Le Sport!

Sherston Boules Committee

Movies@Malmesbury:

New tiered seating puts movies in the picture for Malmesbury

Cinema-goers to Malmesbury Town Hall can now watch their favourite films in comfort thanks to the installation of tiered retractable seating, funded by Malmesbury Town Council.

Old dining chairs have been replaced with pocket-sprung seats, at a cost of £50,000. The seating can accommodate 100 people with space at the front for wheelchair users. It's deployed at the touch of a button with setting up and stowing away taking only minutes.

An additional £40,000 has been spent replacing the unreliable projector. Half the cost for this has come from the council with the rest made up of donations, largely from local businesses and organisations.

The council funds have come from reserves but, with the extra income that the new seating is likely to generate – with more performances, including music and theatre productions, and bigger audiences – the investment will eventually pay for itself.

A steering group, led by Cllr Steve D'Arcy with volunteers from the Movies@Malmesbury project, was behind the initiative.

'People told us that the old seating was putting them off coming to see films and live-streamed events at the Town Hall,' said Cllr D'Arcy. 'In fact, some Malmesbury residents would travel to other venues, even if we had the films here first, simply because the seats were so uncomfortable. Nor could we ever show films with subtitles because the view was restricted.'

'This seating is a real gamechanger, because it's something the whole community can benefit from, and it will generate an income which we can use in Malmesbury. The retractable seating system allows the hall to continue to be used for all manner of community-based activities, but it can be transformed into a theatre, a cinema, a lecture and presentation theatre and a conference centre in a matter of minutes.'

The new seating, manufactured and installed by Wiltshire-based Audience Systems, also allows for better viewing of live streams. Malmesbury audiences have already enjoyed a performance of Verdi's *Il Trovatore*, live-streamed from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Movies@Malmesbury shows matinees and evening screenings at Malmesbury Town Hall, usually on Mondays and Fridays with live streamed musical concerts mid-week. For the cinema programme, screen times and to book tickets visit <https://cinema.malmesbury.gov.uk/in-cinemas>

Programme for August

Friday 4 August	2.00pm	Elemental
Monday 7 August	5.30pm	Elemental
Monday 7 August	8.00pm	Transformers: The Rise of the Beasts
Friday 11 August	2.00pm	Transformers: The Rise of the Beasts
Friday 11 August	8.00pm	Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny
Monday 21 August	2.00pm	Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

Tickets from Malmesbury Town Hall or online at <https://cinema.malmesbury.gov.uk/> 2.00pm and 5.30pm £5 & £4. 8.00pm £6

Please note: All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tel: 822143

For all of the latest information, schedules, synopses, trailers etc. check out our Facebook page at: [MoviesatMalmesbury](https://www.facebook.com/MoviesatMalmesbury)

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For more information, e-mail membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of the month (10.00am-12noon) at Malmesbury Town Hall.

Non-members are welcome for a 50p donation.

Please note there will be no monthly meetings during July and August as it is holiday season. Monthly meetings will resume in September, details are below.

Thursday 28 September Southern Reach - Al Sylvester

This epic tale focuses on how Al lead the RAF's first unsupported attempt on the geographic South Pole. He will describe how he selected and trained his team to survive in tents in Antarctica, and to ski 600 nautical miles to the bottom of the earth.

Al provides a personal account of day-to-day living

on the ice, of surviving on dried food, the challenges of toilet drills and of skiing in temperatures of -45 degrees!

There is little doubt that Antarctica is one of the most beautiful but hostile locations in the world. Al will conclude his presentation by recounting the effects of frostbite and the mental resilience and determination required to recover, so that he could again lead others to fulfill their dreams.

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North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

In July we had Anna Stevens showing us designs for hand-tied and table arrangements suitable for a celebration, and a demonstration from Elizabeth Gordon.

This month, we will be making an afternoon visit to the Special Plant Nursery and Gardens at Cold Ashton on Wednesday 16 August.

Entrance for members will be covered by subscription to include an introductory talk, tea, and cake. Non-members are welcome at a cost of £10 per person. Participants can either meet at Crudwell Village Hall at 2.00pm to arrange car-sharing or make their way directly to the venue for 3.00pm.

Training Course details

Stuck for a gift for family or friend – why not buy them a course of flower-arranging classes? Why not join us for some training covering 'Essential Principles of Floral Art', Oaksey Village Hall 7.00pm-9.00pm, with tutor Ms Sally Taylor on Tuesday 5, 12, 19 and 23 September. £60.00 (not including materials) No prior experience required.

Dates for the diary

20 September: Club Annual General Meeting

15 November: With Elizabeth Graham demonstrating at Malmesbury Town Hall.

Please check the club's website northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk prior to club meetings for further information. Any notifications of events from other clubs will also be posted on the website so it is worth checking it regularly. Tina 07484 705308

HOUSE WANTED IN SHERSTON

We are looking for a house in the High St/Cliff Rd/Silver St/Court St/Church St area with a level walk to the Village Hall.

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Local recycling and zero waste outlet information

Recycling Facilities:

Kerbside Collection - check the Wiltshire Council website for up-to-date information of what they do and do not take

The Household Recycling Centre at Stanton St Quinton - take a look at their website to see what they take, you no longer need to book in advance!

Soft plastics and batteries:

Tesco Tetbury and Tesco Yate - collection points available in the stores.

Sherston Co-op has a soft plastic collection scheme. A list of all the packaging they can accept can be found here: www.coop.co.uk/environment/soft-plastics/packaging-list

PLEASE ... NO compostables, NO hard plastic, NO plastic bottles and NO plastic trays and please make sure all the plastics are clean.

Batteries/low-energy light bulbs

Sustainable Sherston Collection Point at Dog Leg House, 19a Church St. Small batteries are now part of the council's kerbside collection - place in a transparent sandwich bag on top of blue-lidded bin.

Medicine blister packs

Unfortunately, the Superdrug/Terracycle scheme has changed and Superdrug will now only accept small amounts of medicine blister packs from individuals so Sustainable Sherston has had to close its collection scheme. Please take to Superdrug in Bath or Stroud.

Clothes and Shoes Collection Point :

Wiltshire Air Ambulance - Sherston Village Hall Car Park

Ink Cartridges:

Sherston High Street Telephone Box

Dental items:

(toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, electric toothbrush heads) Barley Mow Dental Practice, Malmesbury

Zero-Waste/Eco Shops:

The Sherston Market on Thursdays, 10.30am-1.30pm, in front of the Village Hall - a selection of artisan stalls (including The Loaf Shack) selling meat, fish, cheese, chutneys and vegetables.

The Loaf Shack - a community pop-up micro bakery specialising in small batch artisan bread and baked goods which comes to Sherston every Thursday morning, 10.30am-1.30pm.

Bennett's (Vending) Farm Shop, Tetbury Lane, Leighterton (GL8 8UP) - a self-service retail outlet open 7 days a week 8am-7pm.

Lucy Tom Interiors, Noble Street, Sherston - refills of cleaning materials, beauty products, shampoo and conditioner as well as reusable water bottles, keep cups, beeswax wraps and 'Who Gives A Crap' toilet paper

The Wild Food Company, High Street, Malmesbury

- large selection of zero waste and plastic-free goods, liquid refills and loose dry foods, and loose milk

The Greenshop, Holbrook Farm, Calf Way, Stroud GL6 7BX - a whole group of businesses dedicated to providing sustainable goods and services. See www.greenshopgroup.co.uk

Loose, 33 High Street, Stroud GL5 1BB - selling unpackaged foods and other household and personal care items in a largely plastic-free environment. Remember to take your own packaging!

Hobb's House Bakery, Malmesbury and Tetbury - take your own bags!

Allington Farm Shop, Chippenham SN14 6LJ - all manner of fruit and vegetables, butchers, deli counter and a huge set of freezers where you can scoop frozen fruit/veg/pastries/yorkshire puddings/fishcakes into your own containers/plastic bags

Abbey Farm, Burford Road GL7 5HF - brilliant organic farm, farm shop and cafe and a large selection of zero waste and plastic-free goods and liquid refills

Zero Waste online services:

Milk and More (www.milkandmore.co.uk) : milk, cheese, yogurt, fruit and veg boxes and zero waste groceries delivered to your door! Easy online ordering service.

Riverford (www.riverford.co.uk) : organic fruit & veg boxes - zero waste - and lots more delivered to your door (on Wednesdays)

Abel & Cole (www.abelandcole.co.uk) - organic fruit, veg, zero-waste groceries & household goods delivered to your door with very low plastic use

Local Food Growers

Home Farm, Highgrove, Tetbury - veg stall and loose organic milk

The Goods Shed, Tetbury - locally grown veg sold on Friday mornings

Shipton Mill Flour - locally grown and excellent online shop www.shipton-mill.com

Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Sherston

Regular Groups and Events in Sherston

Parish Council Meeting

2nd Thurs each month (except August) at 7.30pm in the village hall. Minutes of meetings can be read online at www.sherston.org.uk. Contact clerk@sherston.org.uk

Weekly farmers market at Sherston Village Hall

Thurs 10.30am-1.30pm Stalls include meats, fish, cheese, sourdough and bakes, chutneys, dog treats etc.

Sherston Village Hall

Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, parties etc. For details contact Margot Holland 841019 mplholland@btinternet.com

Village Hall 300+ Club

For an annual subscription of £10 support the Village Hall enter to win one of the four £20 prizes awarded in 10 draws each year. Contact: Eric Meanwell (07789 280058) or Goug Wilcox (07788 558035)

Sherston 1016

Fundraising for local good causes and charities. Contact sherston1016@gmail.com or 07717 424619.

The Hygiene Bank

Drop-off location in The Co-Op in Sherston and The George Vets, Malmesbury. The Hygiene Bank collects donations of new and unused hygiene products for local charities e.g. women's refuges and young person's hostels www.thehygienebank.com.

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

Every fortnight on Saturdays 10.30am – 12.45pm Sherston High Street mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk or visit <https://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/Library/Stop/65>

Link - (Malmesbury and District)

Link is a charity run by volunteers to provide transport for people living in the Malmesbury area to hospitals and other health related appointments. Volunteers always needed. Helpline: 840861 or coordinators@malmesburylink.co.uk

Children's Groups

Sherston Baby and Toddler Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. Meets every Mon 10-11.30am. British School Room with toys for all stages from wrigglers to toddlers, craft activities, music. Contact sherstonbabytoddlers@gmail.com or regular updates on www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

Sherston Brownies

Meet Weds 5.45-7pm in term time Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact 1stsherstonbrownies@gmail.com

1st Sherston Guides

Meet Wed 5-6.30pm in term time - Village Hall. Girls are welcome to join after their 10th birthday, no waiting list. Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Fi Picton via fi.picton@outlook.com

1st Sherston Beaver Scout Colony

Beavers is open to both girls and boys aged between 6 and 8 years old. Meet Mon 5pm to 6.15pm in term time - Scout hut. There is a waiting list for Beavers, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form.

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

Open to both girls and boys aged between 8 and 10 ½ years old. Meets Fri 6.30-8pm in term times - Scout hut. There is a waiting list for Cubs, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form

1st Sherston Scout Troop

Open to both girls and boys aged between 10½ to 14 years old. Meet on Tues 7-9pm in term times - Scout hut. There is a waiting list for Scouts, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

Explorers is open to both girls and boys aged between 14 and 18 years old, you don't need to have previously been a member of Scouts or Guides to join us. Meet Fri nights 8.30- 10pm in term times - Scout hut. Email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form

Sherston Shrews - Forest School

Occasional Fun Outdoor Events led by independent outdoor learning specialist Niki Walden. For further information please contact nikiwalden-forestschooll@hotmail.co.uk

Church and Faith Groups

Holy Cross Church

Sunday services 8am Holy Communion; 1st and 4th - Holy Communion, 2nd - Worship Together - a service for all age groups preceded by breakfast at 9am, 3rd - Family Service preceded by breakfast at 9am See the Parish Life for more details.

Church of the Holy Cross Coffee Shop Morning coffee every Thurs 10-12noon – small children's play area

Book the Church The church is often used for community events including concerts, lectures, exhibitions, pop-up cafes and so on. We also have groups (e.g. choirs) which use the space for rehearsals. Too book, contact the Church Warden via sherston@gauzebrook.org

Sherston Congregational Church

Sunday Service, 9.30am except last of the month, which is a communion service at 4.30pm. All services can be joined in person in the British Scholl Room, Cliff Rd. or via Zoom. Please contact Rev Andrew who will send a Zoom link.

Bible Study or Prayer Group, alternating Mondays 7.30pm, also via Zoom. Contacts: Minister - Rev Andrew Williams Tarling - awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or 07921 390878

Methodist Church

Sunday Service at 10.30am apart from 3rd in the month when service is held at Luckington. For further details see the Parish Life

Music, Culture and Social

Church Bell Ringing

Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 – 9 pm. Tower correspondent Graham Morris 07484 838330 or Jim Bartlett 07980 119320 or come along.

Sherston Community Choir

Meets at 7.30pm each Wed in term time in the British School Room on Cliff Road. £3 per session. All welcome. Contact Sheila Cutcher sheilacutcher28@gmail.com or 840067, or on Facebook.

Sherston Drama Group

The Drama group puts on plays and pantomimes as well as smaller dramatic and social events in and around Sherston. If you're interested in taking part or helping out contact Katie Skeffington (Chairperson): katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk.

Drawing Classes in Sherston

Classes Weds either 10am-12noon or 1.30-3.30pm British Schoolroom during term time. Contact Heather Martin heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or phone 840375

Footpaths Group

'Sherston Walks - a guide to local Rights of Way', featuring 10 local walks is on sale at the Post Office. If you would like to learn more about the Footpaths Group contact Tanya Burgess on 841498 or smythtanya@hotmail.com or visit www.sherstonwalks.org.uk

Sherston's Gardening Club

Meets 1st Tues each month apart from Jul & Aug, 7pm for 7.30pm start in the British School Rooms, bring and buy stall, quiz, refreshments, £15pa £25 joint, under 18s free. Contact sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com for more details.

Sherston Probus Club

Meets first Mon each month at 11am at the Rattlebone for interesting talks followed by lunch with 30 retired business and professional men in Sherston and the surrounding villages. Contact Secretary Alan Pugh pughaandg@btinternet.com

Senior Club

Meets at 2.30pm during summertime 2pm during winter in the British School Room, contact Helen Quirk 840516.

Sherston Sewing School

Beginners' Sessions in the British School Room on the 2nd Sat of each month, 10am-4pm £65 per day Phone Goug Wilcox on 07788 558035

Sherston Theatre Club

Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. <https://sherstontheatreclub.co.uk> or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com

Fitness

Exercise for over 60s with Synchronicity

Exercise and Movement for over 60's on Wed 10am Sherston Village Hall. All abilities, men and women. No exercises performed lying on the floor. First class always FREE. Contact Emma to reserve a place 07843 256081, emmacope@synchronicity.me.uk, FB: @exercise60plus.

Fresh Air Fitness

Total body outdoor workout for all levels (beginners to advanced) on Sherston Rec Mon & Fri 9 -10am. Info: www.pulse4life.co.uk Stuart 07986 003602 or stuart@pulse4life.co.uk

Sherston Nordic Walking classes

A gentle full-body workout, accessible for people of all ages and abilities. Contact Kate 07792 064438 or katemchardy@hotmail.co.uk

Sherston Pilates

Daytime and evening classes held in the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. Contact Saara on 07739 552336 or sherstonpilates@gmail.com

Ashtanga Yoga class

A strong flowing practice for mind and body (beginners to advanced) Fri 10.30-11.45am Sherston village hall. Contact Stuart 07986 003602 stuart@pulse4life.co.uk or www.pulse4life.co.uk

Hatha yoga class

Small breath driven relaxing Hatha yoga class Tues 6.45-8am and Wed 6-7.15pm. Support for anxiety, depression and quitting smoking offered. Please contact Russ on 07710 170081 or russellhtownsend@gmail.com

Yoga for All

Mon evenings 7.30pm to 8.45pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £8 educing to £7 if you take up the course. More details contact 07779 600786 after 6pm or leave a message.

Sports

Sherston Badminton and Table Tennis Club

Play every Tues evening from 7.30-9.30pm Village Hall from Sept to the end of May. New members welcome – mixed ages (over 18) and abilities. For more information, contact. David Boyle 841587, 07740 188882 or email djboyle@hotmail.com

Rattlebone Boules League

48 teams playing in 3 Leagues weekday evenings at the Rattlebone's boules pistes Apr – Aug. Contact Graham Hayman Grahamandgail@btinternet.com

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

See website / facebook for fixtures. If you'd like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the website <https://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk>

Sherston Velo Cycling Club

Rides and social events for cyclists of all experience levels from beginner to advanced, including families. Regular road, gravel, MTB and virtual rides. Regular ride timetable: Tues- Castle Combe circuit (in season) or Zwift racing Thurs Gravel ride or chain gang (alternate weeks, in season) or Zwift/ RGT social ride (winter months only) Sat- Club A, B and cafe rides starting from 8am.Sun- Group ride, cafe ride and beginner rides. More info sherstonvelo.cc or email secretary@sherstonvelo.cc

Sherston Town FC

Plays in Division 5 Stroud league at Knockdown Park on Sat afternoons - spectators and new players welcome. Please check socials or contact sherstontownfootballclub@gmail.com or 07771 515489.

Sherston Netball Club

Training every Mon at 7.30pm at Westonbirt Leisure Centre. All ages and abilities welcome. £3 per session. Contact Lauren (07885 597429), Saara (07739 552336) or Kate (07792 064438).

Sherston Short Mat Bowls

Meet every Thurs 2.30-4.30pm & 7.30 – 9.30pm Village Hall. Bring flat shoes, we have the woods. Contact Tony Weedon 841377 or Anne Andrews 840941

Sherston Tennis Courts

The courts are available to the village at no charge, at own risk. The courts can be slippery when wet. Please look after the courts and nets, take away any rubbish. A men's match team will have priority on Wed evenings over the spring and summer. Knockdown Road, next to the football pitch.

Outside Sherston in brief

Luckington Mobile -PO Service

outside The Old Royal Ship (SN14 6PA) each Wed from 1.30-2.30pm

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

see www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Malmesbury Concert Band

www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

Malmesbury Community Choir

www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org or www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir.

Malmesbury Morris

www.facebook.com/malmesburymorris
www.mamesburymorris.org.uk

Malmesbury Singers

www.malmesburysingers.co.uk

Malmesbury Film Society

www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk

Tetbury Art Society

<http://tetburyartsociety.org.uk>

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

Check in the main section of the Cliffhanger, their website / facebook/ contact details for dates and times.

Weekly farmers' market at Sherston Village Hall

Starting Jul 6 – every Thurs 10.30am-1.30pm
Stalls include meats, fish, cheese, sourdough and bakes, chutneys, dog treats etc. Organised by Holly from The Loaf Shack Bakery theloafshackbakery@gmail.com

The Angel Café with Rooms

Hot and cold drinks, breakfast, brunch, lunch and freshly made cakes daily 8am – 5pm summer (8am to 4pm winter), takeaways and bike parking in courtyard, accessed via Cliff Road (the gate is by the big red refuse bin). www.angel-sherston.co.uk/ menu and rooms /www.angel-sherston.co.uk/your-booking or 841627 for more details.

The Bridge Restaurant

Indian cuisine to eat in or take away daily from 5pm-10pm on the site of The Carps. Call 840665 or info@thebridge.restaurant www.thebridge.restaurant/sherston/

The Rattlebone Inn

Indoor & outdoor dining with delicious country cuisine restaurant menu and pizzas from the wood fired oven at weekends. Quiz & Burger Night Quiz starts at 8pm Mon
Check boards for more details, 840871, Twitter or visit www.therattlebone.co.uk

The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's

Illy coffee, tea and herbal infusions and homemade cakes in Tucks Yard with covered seating – takeaways available. Bicycle parking. 841433 or <https://lucytom.com>

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

In Sherston Every fortnight on Saturdays 10.30am – 12.45pm
Sherston High Street For further details call clerk@sherston.org.uk or mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk or visit <https://services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/Library/Stop/65>

Events at the Church of the Holy Cross

Church of the Holy Cross Coffee Shop
Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits, every Thurs 10am-12 noon. There is a play area for small children –

proceeds to the Church upkeep

Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits, every Thurs 10am-12 noon. There is a play area for small children – proceeds to the Church upkeep.

Sherston Congregational Church – Activities in The British Schoolroom

Brick Club: 3.30-5pm every Thursday during term time. Free entry. All are welcome

Toddlers Club 10– 11.30am every Mon including holidays and half terms except Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Admin/Bookings - Alicja Clark - alicjaclark076@Qmail.com Brick Club - Please register your interest with Alicja by email or find us on Facebook.

Churches Together 'Warm Space Initiative' *(Taking a break for July and August but back on 4 September)*

The Congregational Church, Methodist Church and Holy Cross Church invite people to join together on the first Monday of each month. It is a joint initiative, and everyone is welcome. No charge nor booking. Soup bread, pudding, cake and coffee will be served as well as companionship. 12 till 2pm in the British School Room and each month will support a different charity. Lifts are available on request.

For further information: Candi Williams Tarling, Revd Janet Evans, Revd Susan Harvey 840 696

Sherston Drama Group Pantomime

Panto performances will take place in Sherston Village Hall in Oct half term; to be in the cast you must be available every evening between 22– 28 Oct, and 28th afternoon for the matinee performance. You must also be free for the rehearsals which will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Sept and Oct. We need both children and adults for the cast – children must be aged at least 9 on 1 Sept to take part. email katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk

Sherston's Gardening Club

Bring and buy stall, quiz, refreshments, first Tuesday of each month, British School Room, doors open at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. £15pa £25 joint, under 18s free. Connections to: Our

Church garden, Sustainable Sherston and Sherston Allotments.

sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com for more details.

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Currently run an All Stars programme, have a thriving Junior Section with U9s, U11s and U13s teams, a Saturday League side, a Sunday friendly side and a new women's and girls' section <https://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk>

Sherston Apple Day date!

Sat 7 Oct, 10am-2pm, Sherston Village Hall and Field. Free entry! A proper village day out with apple-pressing demos on our small and larger presses. Plus local producers - and apple-themed games and refreshments from the Friends of Sherston School in the main hall. Bring your bottles and fill up with fresh apple juice straight from the press! Pasteurised, bottled Sherston apple juice will also be on sale on the day. Pasteurised juice lasts at least a whole year and can make a great mulled drink for the winter.

Sherston Arts Festival 2023

The Festival runs from 3 to 12 Nov including two main events, the Blaenavon Male Voice Choir on 4 Nov in the church and the Packhorse Ceilidh Band on the 11th in the Village Hall.

At the heart of the Festival is the Art Exhibition which runs every day in the church. Anyone is welcome to submit up to 5 works which must be 2D and be framed or appropriately presented. We

include work by professional and amateur artists, who come from the local area or have a Sherston connection. Please see website for more details www.sherstonartsfestival.com

Scarecrow Trail – Theme: Toys, Books and Games – and Wiltshire Scrapstore workshop on Sat 14 Oct at the Village Hall (1.30pm-4.30pm, £15 per group). All your material will be provided and you can build a scarecrow in an afternoon. It's great fun for all the family! Only 15 spaces available email asap to reserve your place: Kirsty.strachan@icloud.com

Packhorse Ceilidh Band

Save the date! Sat 11 Nov. Sherston Arts Festival is delighted to have the Packhorse Ceilidh Band back in the village hall for a brilliant evening of barn dancing to live music. More details www.thepackhorseband.co.uk

Knockdown

The Holford Arms - <https://theholfordarms.com> or call 01454 238669

Luckington

The Old Royal Ship - www.oldroyalship.co.uk or 840222

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The Arboretum www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt

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Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

Market Cross every Fri from 9am to 3pm with an enticing array of local, fresh and organic produce

Malmesbury Live Arts

Comedy and music each month:

www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whatson

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

Last Sat every month 11am-3pm - meet unique creatives, creators, makers, designers, producers and bakers. The Hub www.facebook.com/TheBigMalmesburyCraftFair/

Malmesbury Library

Rhyme times for babies and toddlers every Tues and Fri

Tuesday's Public Living Room is an opportunity to pop in and share a cup of tea and a chat

Reading group meets 3rd Wed each month

Repair Café Malmesbury are here to fix your household items on 3rd Sat each month

The Summer Reading Challenge for 4-11 year-olds takes place in all libraries from 16 July – 10 September. The Library offers free wifi, computer and scanner access, daily newspapers to read in the library, plus printing for a small charge, as well as latest bestselling fiction and a wide range of books to borrow. www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries or follow Malmesbury Library on Facebook.

Malmesbury & District u3a

Southern Reach - Al Sylvester (South Pole explorer) Thurs 28 Sept

500+ members and 40 different interest groups including history, gardening, dancing, languages, walking, book groups etc. Monthly meetings take place on the 4th Thurs of the month (10.00-12.00) at Malmesbury Town Hall. No meetings during July and Aug. Non-members welcome 50p donation.

www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

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Exhibitions, talks, concerts, cinema -

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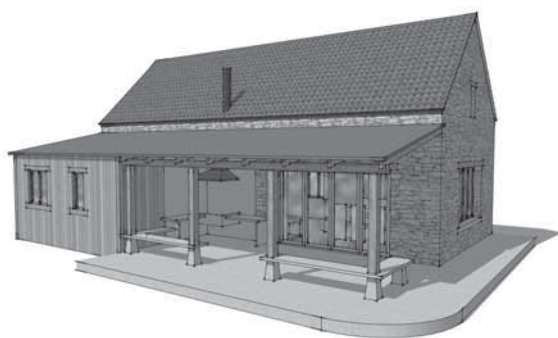
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