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Sherston Boules 2023



Join us at the Sherston Boules Festival, the ultimate family event that guarantees a day filled with laughter, excitement, and unforgettable memories! Our biggest village event of the year offers a unique blend of traditional French boules and a vibrant atmosphere. Bring your loved ones and experience one of the UK's biggest and oldest boules tournaments where 128 teams compete in a game of strategy and precision. But that's not all! Our festival also boasts a wide range of captivating activities for all ages, from face painting to live music and delectable food stalls. Whether you're a boules enthusiast or simply seeking a fantastic day out, the Sherston Boules Festival is the perfect destination for families to come together and enjoy a delightful celebration of community spirit and wholesome fun. *See centre pages for a full rundown of what's going on!*

French Wine Tasting Evening

Tuesday 11 July, Sherston Butterfly Hall, 7.30pm

Embark on a journey to the vineyards of France without leaving the village at our exclusive French Wine Tasting Evening at the village hall.

Experience the rich heritage and exquisite flavours

of renowned French wines as you sample a selection of reds, whites and rosés from prestigious regions like Bordeaux, Burgundy and Provence. Indulge in a delightful evening of sophistication, where you can expand your wine knowledge and discover new favourites.

Tickets £10pp

Available in advance online

www.sherstonboules.org/wine



We expect the weather to be hot this year so please take care and stay hydrated! Water stations will be located on the High Street so please bring your reusable cups and flasks.

One final reminder that the High Street will be CLOSED to ALL TRAFFIC from 7.00am - 9.00pm.

With all that going on - In other news our new piste over on the rec is ready! We are so excited to have been working in partnership with the Parish Council to make it finally happen! A club is being set up to maintain and run the piste alongside a booking system that will be implemented soon.



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Sherston residents!



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Names and email addresses should accompany articles so that all readers can identify ownership and enable Parish Council reply.

Please note that we will not be able to publish all letters.

Keith Robert Savage, Sherston Parish Council

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What's On: contact Caroline Moore at info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

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New Sherston market every Thursday

Hi everyone! Holly from The Loaf Shack Bakery here to give you all the details about the new and exciting Sherston market. As of Thursday 6 July, there will be a new weekly farmers' market taking place outside Sherston Village Hall every Thursday from 10.30am until 1.30pm.

As you may already be aware, I have been setting up my stall outside the village hall every Thursday for the last year or so. I sell a selection of speciality breads, sourdough, sausage rolls, quiches, scones, tray-bakes, loaf cakes, savoury pies and more! Everything I bake is completely artisan and all homemade by me in my newly converted garage. It has made such a difference now having my own micro-bakery, I feel like I am living in a dream! My love for baking came from my granny; as a child, I was always stood on a kitchen chair eagerly wanting to learn everything (and lick the spoon of course!). After being awarded an A* in Food Technology at A Level, I then went on to get a first class honours degree in Bakery and Patisserie Technology. When I finished my degree, we were in lockdown so I started offering home deliveries to local villages, this is how the Loaf Shack started and it kept growing and growing! I now set up several stalls each week in local villages, as well as offering event catering, home deliveries and wholesale. I am also starting bakery workshops- you can find more details of these on Facebook or my website.

I have organised the new Sherston market to give the locals of Sherston more access to local food producers. The other producers who will be attending are:

- Bisley Lane Farm (selling pork, beef and lamb)
- Padstow Fish
- Farmer Fred (selling a selection of vegetables)
- Margaret Dyke (selling a selection of jams, chutneys and preserves)
- We Love Cheese
- Suey's Mooey's Dog Chewey's

It is going to be a great market to showcase the fabulous local producers we have in the area! It would mean the world to see you all there- we can only keep it going with your support!

Look forward to seeing you for the first market on Thursday 6 July, 10.30am-1.30pm, outside Sherston Village Hall. Please get in touch for any further information: theloafshackbakery@gmail.com

Holly Weeks

Lin's Marmalade

Thank you to everybody who bought and donated to my marmalade this year, enabling me to make donations of £200 each to Sherston Senior Club and Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Shear Class moves to new village site

We are pleased to inform you that at the end of August, Shear Class Hair & Beauty will be transferring its salon to the premises that is currently occupied by Apples & Pears, opposite Sherston parish church. The manageress, Claire Broughton, says: 'This is a very exciting move for Shear Class, as the salon will remain in a prominent position within Sherston, whilst offering an ideal size and layout to accommodate the same extensive range of hair and beauty services, along with a large shop window, signage and dedicated customer parking.' A new beauty room will be fitted.

Shear Class, one of the original tenants at the Old School building, thanks the management for all their support over the past 11 years.

Malmesbury League of Friends buys blood pressure machine for Tolsey surgery



L-R: Practice Nurse Sam Gallagher, MLOF chairman David Hide, Health Care Assistant Sally Bishop and Dr Eve Miller with the blood pressure machine

Malmesbury League of Friends (MLOF) has purchased a special machine to measure blood pressure for patients at the Tolsey Surgery.

The machine will enable the blood pressure of patients to be measured over a 24-hour period and the data can then be downloaded at the surgery. This will mean that patients will no longer have to travel to hospital in either Bath or Swindon.

Practice Nurse Sam Gallagher said: 'We have a growing number of patients with blood pressure problems, so this small machine will undoubtedly help us to give our patients a better service. We are extremely grateful to the Malmesbury League of Friends for this very generous donation.'

MLOF chairman David Hide commented: 'We were, once again, pleased to have purchased this item of equipment for the Tolsey. I am also pleased to welcome a new MLOF trustee, Dr Eve Miller, who is registered as a patient at the Tolsey, which will ensure a continuing good relationship between our two organisations.'

SOSCIC update: Unit 4 available and Units 2 and 3 available soon



There are going to be a few changes at the Old School in the coming months. As you may recall, we recently advertised the availability of Unit 4, at the back of the premises, which was formerly occupied by James Pyle and then by James Harris. This attracted some local interest but, in the event, our existing tenants Shear Class decided to relocate from the front of the premises to this unit. Arrangements were being made to allow Shear Class to do this in July. However, before this could happen, Apples and Pears, which occupies the small shop unit on the corner of Church Street and Gaston Lane, announced that it was closing. Shear Class informed us that this premises was likely to serve its needs better over the long term and so will be leaving the Old School to relocate to Church Street. Having been our tenants for over 10 years now, we are sorry to see Shear Class go but wish them luck in their new enterprise.

Once Shear Class has vacated and stripped out its existing unit (likely to be sometime in August), this will be made ready for occupation by new businesses. The unit currently measures approximately 7.5 metres by 12 metres (90 sq. metres / 970 sq. ft) and can be accessed from both the front of the premises (via the existing porch) or the rear. This unit it should be noted is capable of being subdivided into two separate units (Units 2 and 3) – as per the original planning permission. Ideally, however, we would wish to be able to let it as a single unit. Planning consent already exists for a variety of uses, including retail and office. Other uses would be considered, subject of course to any necessary planning and/or building regulations. Electricity and water are already available to serve this unit.

This means that, in addition, Unit 4 is now of course once again available to let. This unit measures approximately 3.37 metres by 3.71 metres (approx. 12.5 square metres – 135 sq. feet). As above, planning consent already exists for a variety of uses, including retail and office, and other uses would be considered (subject of course to any necessary planning and/or building regulations).

Should you be interested in taking on any of these units or indeed wish to discuss any ideas that you may have for sharing or subdividing Units 2 and 3, please contact Richard Hulme rhulme456@gmail.com from whom further details can be obtained. Viewings by appointment only.

Theatre comes to the village hall field!



Pandora's Box, performed by the theatre company The Last Baguette, is coming to the village hall field on Saturday 22 July at 5.30pm. The riotous and ridiculous outdoor family theatre show is travelling to various venues around the UK this summer.

Written by Sunday Times award-winning playwright Tiff Woodsmith, Pandora's Box is a gallop through Greek mythology featuring goofy gods, hilarious heroines and daft deities. Expect a plethora of costume changes, a pantheon of Gods and a prohibited peek into a pithos as The Last Baguette retell the preposterous and problematic story of Pandora.

Bring a folding chair, blanket or some cushions, and your own refreshments for the interval, and enjoy some quality silliness. It's a show for anyone aged 6 to 126 who's ever asked the question why?

The Last Baguette make entertaining, accessible and eccentric work for family audiences, and are company-in-residence at Pound Arts, Corsham. The company was formed from a shared love of



theatre, bakery and humour in Paris by graduates of the Philippe Gaulier and Jacques Lecoq schools in 2010. They tour to festivals, arts centres and theatres throughout the UK, and have performed in France, Switzerland and Canada.

'We make visual theatre, and believe in the power of fast-paced physical comedy and silliness to talk about important issues of our times,' says Sidney Robb, producer. 'We are really excited to be touring a fun, family retelling of this Greek myth and bringing it to life for new audiences.'

So join the Baguettes as they lift the lid on this classic myth with physical comedy, visual storytelling, live music, un-Apollo-getically bad puns and lo-fi special effects.

Tickets £10 adults, £8 concessions, £6 child, £26 family (2 adults, 2 children)

From www.poundarts.org.uk or phone 01249 701628



Changes to Wiltshire Council's recycling



In May, Wiltshire Council announced some further changes to its kerbside blue-lidded bin and black box recycling collection.

New collection of small rechargeable electricals

In order that the valuable metals in them can be recovered, these should be put in a carrier bag placed alongside your blue-lidded bin.

Acceptable items include rechargeable toothbrushes and shavers, rechargeable headphones and earphones, mobile phones and tablets (delete data and remove sims) and smart speakers.

What they don't want is anything that's not rechargeable and anything that's bigger than a shoebox, including bigger rechargeable power tools and cordless vacuum cleaners.

Stopping collecting textiles

Wiltshire Council will no longer collect textiles in the black box, as it was proving difficult and

expensive to recycle. Good-quality textiles can be taken to charity shops, otherwise put them in the textile bank behind the village hall.

Stopping collecting shredded paper

Wiltshire Council will also no longer collect shredded paper in the blue-lidded bin. Instead, this should be composted at home, taken to the recycling centre or disposed of with your general waste.

Collection of small batteries

Wiltshire Council had previously confirmed the new collection of small batteries, which should be placed in a transparent sandwich bag on top of the blue lidded bin.

Further details can be found on Wiltshire Council's website www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recycling





Holy Cross: Churchyard update

Dear all, Adam (the Rector) here. The church has received a number of enquires about the grass cutting in the churchyard, so I thought I'd write to give everyone an update.

Over the last few years we have been reliant on the Community Payback Scheme (CPS) to manage the grass. However, on 14 June we received an email to say that they are changing the way they organise things and that they cannot commit to having a placement in Sherston over the next eight weeks. The Prison and Probation Service, which runs the CPS, will then review which placements it commits to eight weeks at a time. I suspect this is also part of the story as to why we haven't seen them as frequently as we would like to in recent months, it seems that they are short handed.

The church only has a small number of volunteers and a small financial resource, which is all managed very well, but also means we are unable to do anything more than keeping a few paths mown. This gives me an opportunity to say a big thank you to all who do volunteer, and to those who support us financially through donations, the café, or other fundraising events - thank you!

As they say, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, some love the long grass, others don't, and we are also very aware that many people are hugely fond of the churchyard - it is a really special place to remember loved ones and a beautiful place for a quiet moment with your memories. So if you do prefer the grass to be mown around your loved one's grave please do go ahead - people often bring a strimmer, or there are push mowers by the gate to Green Lane which you may borrow. Likewise if you would like to volunteer to do more than that then we would love to hear from you! We can arrange to meet you to talk about which areas are mown and which are not and we have a decent mower that is available too if it helps. In fact, if enough people came forward we could even have working parties (with a beer at the end?), or a rota so that we could work together to keep it a

wonderful space for remembering, for wildlife and for the village.

Out of interest, there are many important projects in churchyards that increase biodiversity. If you're interested there's lots more information if you search for 'living churchyards' on the web, or visit websites such as caringforgodsacre.org.uk. It is a core part of Christian living to take care of creation, and the (mostly) undisturbed grassland in a churchyard can give rise to lots of interesting plants and animals. To date, we have just kept some very small areas unmown, but it may be that we adopt a different management strategy which increases the amount of deliberately long grass if we are unable to keep as much of it short.

If you have any concerns or questions, or would like to volunteer, then please do get in touch with me at rector@gauzebrook.org or 311177.

Thanks, Adam

P.s. One final very polite plea. Could I gently remind everyone that it is against the churchyard regulations set by the Chancellor of the Diocese to introduce anything other than fresh cut flowers or spring bulbs into the churchyard without written permission. (Anyone who has had a headstone erected recently will have signed to say that they have read these regulations). We try to turn a blind eye to a few little things because we know how important they are to you, and we know that you only want your loved one's graves to be an extra special place, but introducing plants, weed barrier membrane, gravel, artificial grass, and glass or plastic items, or the removal of turf, apart from not being officially allowed, only makes the management of the grass more difficult in the long term. I absolutely don't intend or want to upset anyone by mentioning this but I'm afraid it really does add to the difficulties of churchyard management and makes mowing harder... again if you have any worries or concerns, or if I have inadvertently upset you with any of what I have said, then please do get in touch with me I'd love to chat to you. A.

Sherston Seniors Report

On Tuesday 16 May we were on our travels again, this time to 'Labels', the Ross-on-Wye Outlet Centre. This was a chance for some of our members to meet up with friends and family. We had lunch and a good rummage through the shops before returning via the scenic route alongside the River Wye.

Our next meeting, on Tuesday 30 May, was all about eco flower-arranging, ably presented by Julia Armstrong. We all learned something - who knew green oasis was so full of chemicals and took so long to degrade? There is an alternative that can be used instead of oasis, a fibrous wool block that is

kind to the environment. Julia showed us how to make a hand-tied bouquet and an arrangement for a table without using green oasis. She also showed us tricks to keep flowers in place by using sticky paper tape in a grid pattern on top of a vase. It was a very interesting and informative demonstration.

Looking ahead, we will have had our Garden Party by the time you are reading this report, weather permitting of course.

On Tuesday 11 July we will be having our Boules Festival Afternoon Tea. All welcome. Members £3.00 visitors £5.00. Please contact Helen Quirk for further information on 840516.

Spring and Summer fun at 1st Sherston Guides!



Spring sprung early at 1st Sherston Guides, with a gloriously sunny weekend away in March with all kinds of challenges for the girls to try at the PGL activity centre near Swindon.

Closer to home, the girls have been litter-picking on the back roads between Sherston and Luckington, ending at The Ship for some well-earned chips.

We've been to Westonbirt for orienteering, den-making and creating natural tracks using materials such as twigs, leaves and grass. Three new girls were the first to make their Guide promises referring to the King, instead of our late Queen, and chose a perfect spot under the trees for their ceremony.

On these warm summer evenings, we've been practising camping skills; pitching tents, planning the layout of a campsite, and cooking over firepits. The Guides planned and cooked a feast of vegetarian



sausage casserole and vegetable and halloumi kebabs, followed by dampers (dough wrapped around a stick, cooked and dipped in chocolate spread), and s'mores (two biscuits with a melted marshmallow sandwiched between them).

Come along and meet us! The Guides will be providing activities and games with the Scouts, on the 'Festival Family Field' (aka the Village Hall Field) from 10.30am-3.00pm on Boules Day, we look forward to seeing you there!

Guides is open to all girls, and we help girls know they can do anything. To register your daughter for a place, go to www.girlguiding.org.uk, choose Sherston as your unit, and we'll be in touch!



Sherston Village Hall 300+ Club

The Draw 5 winners of £20 were: 10 Eric Meanwell, 60 Barbara Wilden, 79 Victoria McNicol, 156 Christopher Brant, 363 Tom Langley.

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 _____

*Delete as appropriate – You may have more than one Membership

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

Thank you for your continued support.

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Sherston Open Gardens success



Sherston Open Gardens was a very successful weekend this year and there were many messages of appreciation from our visitors, who came from near and far.

Thanks to all those people who opened their gardens, made cakes, served teas, and donated and sold plants. It was also a sociable occasion for the community to meet up, chat, and all centred around our lovely Church of the Holy Cross.

The weather was much better than expected and we had about 233 visitors. This raised over £2,000 which will go towards the maintenance and running of our church, a welcome amount but, as you will appreciate, there are huge costs to looking after a building like ours. The scaffolding inside the church at present is there to prepare for a repair to the ceiling and to the organ which was damaged by falling plaster.

If there is anyone in the village who might be willing to donate towards this project or who can offer any help at all, please get in touch: heather@geoffmartin.plus.com or speak to anyone on the PCC or Rev. Adam Beaumont rector@gauzebrook.org

Come and hear us sing!

Sherston's Community Choir will be performing a free concert on Wednesday 12 July at 7.30pm in the British School Room on Cliff Road. This will feature a selection of easy listening and pop pieces that we have been learning recently, with opportunities for a little audience participation if the fancy takes you. Afterwards, you are cordially invited to join us for refreshments.

Membership of the choir is open to anyone; you don't need to audition or be able to read music. So if you think you may be interested in joining us, or if you just want to hear what we have been up to recently, please join us on Wednesday 12 July at 7.30pm.

You can also contact us via email shocc1016@aol.com or follow our Facebook page.

2023 Scarecrow theme revealed!



A trail that holds a very special place in Sherston is the Scarecrow Trail organised every two years by Sherston Arts Festival. It's always a fun way to see the village in a whole new light. In previous years, you might have had the pleasure of bumping into a larger-than-life Eddie the Eagle or have experienced the horror of the terrifyingly brilliant Trunchball! Running from Friday 3 to Sunday 12 November, the theme for 2023 is ... 'Toys, Books and Games'! It's a really big theme and could include anything from favourite fairy-tale villains to computer game characters!

It's free to enter a scarecrow and everyone is welcome to take part. We produce the trail and everyone has the fun of guessing the scarecrows. There are prizes for the top three scarecrows, as voted for by the public, and prizes for those who have guessed the scarecrows correctly. But really it's just a bit of fun for the whole village so please consider entering a scarecrow - the more, the merrier! We would love to see as many scarecrows as possible.

If you would like some expert help, we have a special Wiltshire Scrapstore workshop on Saturday 14 October 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! There are only 15 spaces available so pop Kirsty an email asap to reserve your place: Kirsty.strachan@icloud.com. It's the same address to enter a scarecrow on the trail too so pop us an email. The trail can only happen with lots of scarecrows so please get involved to make sure we keep this brilliant Sherston tradition!



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Sherston Magna Cricket Club Junior Section hits it out of the park!



After a rather soggy start to the summer, it seems like the sun has finally decided to grace us with its presence and, with it, the vibrant energy of the junior section of Sherston Magna Cricket Club (SMCC). With a flurry of U11 and U13 matches, Pinkney Park has become the go-to destination for cricket enthusiasts and families alike.

The sight of kids enjoying themselves on the cricket field is testament to the wonderful spirit of this community club. Whether they're perfecting their batting skills, diving to save a boundary or celebrating a wicket with a joyous leap, the young players at SMCC are giving it their all and, although the results have been mixed, the enjoyment is evident to see.

Speaking of results, we have a rising star among us! Harris Heathcock has made history by becoming the youngest centurion ever for the club. At just 12 years old, Harris's batting prowess and determination



have left everyone in awe. It won't be long before we see him dominating the senior league as well!

The SMCC warmly invites anyone who wants to join in the the

cricketing action, simply to contact James Kutchera at jameskutchera@yahoo.co.uk or drop an email to cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk. Opportunities for players of all skill levels and ages are available, so don't be shy!

If you're not ready to pad up and face the bowlers just yet, Pinkney Park still beckons you to soak up the atmosphere and watch future cricket stars in action. Check out the fixtures on sherston.magna.play-cricket.com to find the dates and times of upcoming matches. Bring a picnic blanket, some snacks and maybe a chilled drink and be prepared to witness some awe-inspiring cricketing moments.

Whether you're a budding cricketer or a passionate supporter, SMCC promises an unforgettable experience for all, so come along and join in the fun! Let's cheer on the young (and not so young) talent, enjoy some sunshine and revel in the magic of cricket!

Where did you get that hat?

If you happen to be in the Rattlebone on a Saturday night, you may spot one of Sherston Magna Cricket Club's players wearing a very unusual hat. The hat is a traditional piece of Maderian headwear. It can be adjusted in a certain way and this is designed to indicate to any potential suitors as to whether the wearer is available for romance, or not.

The hat is certainly not a current fashion statement which makes it entirely suitable for its purpose in Sherston – highlighting the wearer, in public, for somewhat different reasons. The hat is awarded at the end of each Sherston match as a punishment to the player who has done the most ridiculous thing during the game. The player has to wear the hat all evening and turn up wearing the hat to the next match.

The first recipient was indeed the Captain, Chris Fisk, pictured here wearing the hat. The award was for 'falling asleep on the pitch'. In his defence, he was actually knocked unconscious by the ball whilst fielding. A somewhat cruel award, proposed by a member of the team whose identity is being protected.

Amazingly, Chris then retained the hat the following week as his reward for forgetting to wear it to the next match! To be fair to Chris, he wasn't

actually playing due to concussion protocols, but again he got no sympathy from his teammates.

Subsequent awardees have been Ben Dickenson for throwing his bat in a tantrum and Andrew Jarvis for doing something that can't be mentioned here ...



On the pitch, it has been a very difficult start for Sherston. The first two matches were lost to the weather, seriously disrupting their preparation. Since then, Sherston have lost all five matches played. Player availability continues to be a problem to solve and to date Sherston have struggled to field anything like their best eleven. Sometimes have failed to field any 11. It's a difficult game when you only play with ten players.

If there is anyone new to the village who would like to join the team, or if you know of anyone who may be interested in playing for Sherston at the beautiful Pinkney Park ground, please contact the Captain direct. Chris Fisk 07764 251668.

Sherston Velo Cycling Club



There is a wealth of beautiful roads, lanes and bridleways in the Cotswolds that carry the two-wheeled explorer between quaint villages, rolling hills and steep-sided valleys, drawing them on to the next glimpse of a sweeping vista as they spin their meandering way through some of England's finest scenery.

The lure of the open road on a bicycle inspired a small group of local riders to set up Sherston Velo Cycling Club, which now boasts 60 members and a packed yearly programme of local rides and tours to iconic cycling routes across the UK and Europe.

The club runs several rides each week, with outings to suit riders of all abilities, ages and types of bike, from youth and novice riders starting out in group riding all the way up to experienced riders. Every weekend there are at least four group rides which will take in Cotswold routes of distances from 20 to 50 miles – always visiting a café for some all-important cake and coffee.

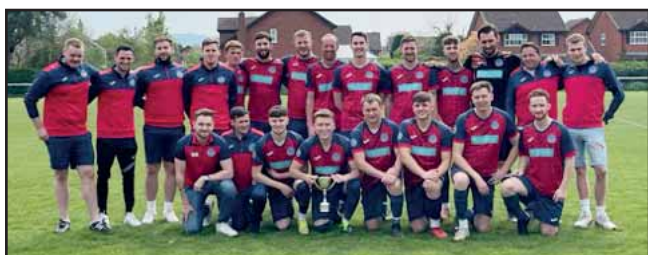
During the week in the main cycling season (April-September), there is a club ride at the Castle Combe circuit on Tuesdays and either a gravel ride, a supper

ride or a faster-paced team ride (great for developing fitness and group riding skills) on Thursdays. The club also organises mountain bike rides, visiting the nearby MTB hubs of the Forest of Dean or Bike Park Wales, or just heading out on some local rough stuff.

As well as the beautiful roads and trails of the Cotswolds, the club organises overseas tours so that members can have a taste of the iconic cycling roads and climbs that the professionals of the World Tour teams take on in the Grand Tours and Monument races. Every spring, there will be a tour to Belgium or the Netherlands to ride the routes of the tough Spring Classics races. Summer tours over the past few years have taken the club to the Alps, Pyrenees and Italy. This year, the club's flagship event is a week-long trip to the cyclists' playground of Mallorca.

Riders of all ages, abilities and on any bike are welcome to join the club on a ride. To find out more, email secretary@sherstonvelo.cc. You can also follow the club on social media: search for Sherston Velo on Facebook or Instagram.

Sherston Taters



Football is deeply ingrained in British culture so you won't find it strange to learn that a small group of locals who love and admire 'The Beautiful Game' took it upon themselves in 2021 to resurrect grassroots football for Sherston's villagers to enjoy.

Yes, myself, Jon Parkes, Ewan Kenny, Alex Scot, Adam Salt and Niamh Andrews chewed the fat over a few drinks, pondered the logistics, carried out in-depth research, secured benevolent sponsors and Sherston Town Football Club a.k.a. The Taters (apparently a name synonymous with Sherstonians) was born.

Having sussed out and secured a nucleus of football talent from Sherston, Luckington and Malmesbury, we proceeded to refurbish our near-derelict pavilion with the help of local trades and volunteers, knock the pitch into shape, erect new goalposts (provided by the Parish Council), mow the grass, mark out the white lines and remove the dog poop! Have I forgotten something? Ah yes and jump for joy when Caroline Scarlett volunteered to launder the kit and take on the

numerous housekeeping chores. Now we were all set to go - bring it on!

Our team was duly registered in the Stroud and District Football League and slotted into Division 5 for our inaugural 2021/22 football season and the rest, as they say, is history. Well not quite, how did we perform you may well ask...

We certainly looked the part in our sponsored red and blue football strip but the big question was: could we play the part? The results of the warm-up pre-season matches had us scratching our heads as we failed to win any of these games but WOW all doubt was definitely dispelled as the season's fixtures got under way.

In short, the Taters hit the ground running when it really mattered and as the weeks passed we proved to be in a class of our own. Apart from two games that resulted in draws, we crushed all oppositions, topped the group and were crowned Division 5 champions. Yes, 19 games played without a loss, amassing 108 goals and conceding a mere 26!

Although special mention must go to our star striker Jamie Packer with an impressive 47 goals, well-deserved praise must go to all of the lads who put in a great shift throughout the season and provided first-class entertainment for village followers.

We were rewarded with promotion to Division 3, a much tougher division, which has only recently concluded, so how did we perform?

Well, that's another story and all will be revealed in next month's issue.

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Tolsey News



We are delighted to announce that Dr Ian Quigley has joined the Tolsey Surgery as a salaried GP.

Dr Quigley is a very experienced GP. After qualifying from the London Hospital Medical College in 1989, he worked in East London as a junior doctor. He then worked as a GP in a large practice in Romford for almost 30 years before moving to Cirencester: drawn to the Cotswolds by the open spaces, the birdsong and his new grandson.

Ian has a breadth of experience, from treating diabetes and heart disease to primary care management and undergraduate teaching. He has done voluntary work in East Africa, Nepal and Namibia. In his spare time, he tries to play jazz guitar.

Ian is married to Tracy. They have two boys, and their grandson Zac. The next few years will see them balancing work and grandparent duties.

Ian said: 'I'm looking forward to working in my new role, helping to serve the communities.'

We are sure that everyone will make him feel very welcome!

We are also pleased to announce that Rachel Brown joined our dispensary team in March. Many will know that Rachel lives in the village and we are delighted that she is now part of our team.



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Sherston Boules Festival

Quick Reference Guide to Sherston Boules

Tuesday 11th

2:30 pm **Senior Tea Afternoon** The British School Room Everybody welcome, £5 non-members £3 for members.

7:30 pm **French Wine Tasting** in the Butterfly Hall. Tickets £10 via the website (www.sherstonboules.org/wine)

Wednesday 12th

From 7:30 pm **“Une Soirée Français”** - 3 course french dinner at The Rattlebone. £28 per head - book direct with the Rattlebone.

Thursday 13th

5:30 pm **Festival Cricket Evening** at Sherston Magna Cricket Club. BBQ and bar, fun for all the family! Ladies' Pimm's match, junior game plus much, much more!

Saturday 15th

8:00 am **Breakfast**, served at The Rattlebone - Bacon Sandwiches, Croissants and Pastries available from the French Café.

8:30 am **Tournament starts with a peel of church bells.**

9 am **Main Bar opens on the High Street**

9 am **Lego & Films On the Big Screen** With Sherston Onwards
Congregational Church at the British School Room.

10 am Approx **Plate Competition commences**

and Tournament 2023

to all the events of the
Festival 2023.



10 am
onwards

BBQ, Crêpes, Baguettes, Tea, Coffee and Cake, all
available on the High Street

10:15 am

Junior (primary school age) Competition by the Tolsey

10:30 am -
3 pm

Festival Family Field, Lots of fun activities for kids!
Village Hall Field

From noon

Hog Roast and Pizzas at The Rattlebone

1:30pm

Colts (12-16 year olds) Competition behind the Post
Office

Noon - 4 pm

Live Entertainment with Jerry Hart and O'rael.

5 pm appx

Boules Tournament Prize-Giving, High Street -
Boules Control

6:30 pm
Onwards

Full à la carte menu, at The Rattlebone.

Sunday 16th

2 pm

**Blessing of the Duck Race & Legendary Duck
Race**, start line is at Brook Hill near Stretchline.

3 pm

Cream Tea, Raffle Draw And Prize Giving
Mill Cottage Garden, Thompsons Hill

6 pm

Church Service, Village Hall

Tetbury Music Festival announces 20th anniversary season

23 September – 1 October 2023 Festival Patron:
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George Garnier; Mark Tantrum*

For the last 20 years, Tetbury Music Festival has welcomed world-class musicians to the ancient Cotswold town, promising a week of stunning music by candlelight as the autumn nights draw in.

This season, the festival is delighted to celebrate 20 years of music-making and will do so in style with the welcome return of founding Artistic Director, the acclaimed cellist Steven Isserlis. Together with pianist Connie Shih, Isserlis commemorates the 50th anniversary of Pablo Casals, one of the greatest cellists of all time.

Other highlights of the 20th anniversary season include two much-anticipated festival debuts: rising



star pianist Isata Kanneh Mason, fresh from the success of her latest album, *Summertime* (Decca Classics) and the Doric String Quartet, whose Bartok Cycles at Wigmore Hall and Aldeburgh Festival received widespread critical acclaim. The opening night will feature music for piano and two violins in both traditional and modern arrangements performed by Kristine Balanas, Roberts Balanas and Siqian Li. The season also includes the world-renowned vocal ensemble Tenebrae, showcasing unmatched vocal talent in what promises to be a spectacular festival finale.

In addition to the concert series, Tetbury Music Festival offers a selection of insightful lectures and interviews to guide the listener through each evening performance and share new ways of appreciating the context in which these fine works were written. Tickets are now on sale. Book now at www.tetburymusicfestival.org/



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Tetbury Goods Shed: Highlights for July

Saturday 1 July Your Song – A Celebration of Sir Elton John: Not a tribute band, a live concert celebrating the songs of Sir Elton John, performed by singer-songwriter John Reilly and pianist and composer Lewis Nitikman. 7.30pm. Tickets £14.50.

Sunday 2 July Red Priest: A stunning programme of truly baroque classics, arranged and performed with Red Priest's trademark energy. Includes Bach, Vivaldi and Albioni. 6.00pm. Tickets £20.

Saturday 8 July Shanties at The Shed: Come and join us for a jolly night of traditional and contemporary sea shanties led by Kate Raw. Lyrics are provided and the tunes are easy to pick up. 6.30pm. Admission free – al fresco performance!

Saturday 15 July Comedy Club: This month featuring the talents of Karen Bayley, Steve Day and, back by popular demand, one of the all-time favourite MCs, Cerys Nelmes! 8.00pm. Tickets £12.50.

Saturday 22 July Gareth Lockrane and the Tom Ball Trio: an outstanding evening of jazz with one of the UK's best jazz flautists and the Tom Ball trio. 7.30pm. Tickets £15.

Friday 28 July Union of Strings: acoustic folk-blues-rock duo David John Lloyd and Chris Ongers offer a repertoire, including Stereophonics, Paul Weller, The Foo Fighters, Prince and their own compositions. 7.30pm Tickets £12.50.

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Please note there will be no monthly meetings during July and August as it is holiday season. We will however be holding our members Summer Social at Charlton Village Hall on Thursday 13 July.

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 on 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 most hostile locations in the world. Al will conclude his presentation by recounting the effects of frostbite, the mental resilience and determination required to recover so that he could again lead others to fulfil their dreams.

Check our website for an up-to-date list of groups and other information: www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk. For more information e-mail membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk



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Cert: 15 – Run time: 2hr 06min.

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Director: Marc Forster

Based on the comical and moving No. 1 New York Times bestseller, A Man Called Otto tells the story of Otto Anderson (Tom Hanks), a grumpy widower who is very set in his ways.

Showing on Friday 14 July.

Doors open at 6.30pm for cash bar, and film show starts at 7.30pm. £5 on the door – we now have a card machine!

Please advise if attending as it helps for set up of chairs etc.

Luckington Open Gardens: Saturday 8 July

On Saturday 8 July (1.30pm-5.30pm) for just five pounds, you can visit 13 Luckington gardens — including, for the first time, the particularly delightful one at The Manor.

You start at the church where you buy your map (which is also your ticket), with refreshments being served in the village hall. If you can help serve refreshments, please make contact with Katherine Bennett katherinesbennett@gmail.com or Candy Neale on 07988 009499. All proceeds will go to the 'SplashOut' fund.

During the afternoon, Luckington School Gardening Club will be selling plants in the school garden to raise money for the materials they need for growing their plants. Vanessa Newman will be there on the day with some of the children who can talk about the Gardening Club.

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

We have advanced notice of a visit to Special Plant Nursery, Cold Ashton on Wednesday 16 August. This is the home of Derry Watkins, author of two books, and her architect husband who has contributed to its design. Derry specialises in unusual plants collected from her travels around the world, which she has used to create a splendid garden since purchasing a muddy field overlooking Bath in 1996. Entrance for members will be covered by subscription to include an introductory talk, tea and cake. Non-members are welcome at a cost of £10.00 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.

The 'Essentials of Floral Art' training course will now take place in September, tutored by Sally Taylor. It will consist of four sessions at Oaksey Village Hall in September. Further details to follow.

Also don't forget to put in your diary our Open Day at Malmesbury Town Hall on Wednesday 15 November with Elizabeth Graham demonstrating. An evening not to be missed!

Please check the Club's website - northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk - for further information. We are also on Facebook. Meetings take place at Crudwell Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month (postcode SN16 9HB), 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tina 07484 705308

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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 (from 6 July), 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 Cutchler 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

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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/areaboard

Malmesbury Concert Band

www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

Malmesbury Community Choir

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

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

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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

Letters to Tomorrow explain your hopes for future generations if leaders worldwide step up to protect the environment - and your fears about what life could be like if we don't slow down climate change.

Write your letter on www.letterstotomorrow.com website & share your letter on social media including #LettersToTomorrow & even send a copy to our local MP - e: jamesgraymp@parliament.uk (attach as a PDF and include your address & postcode to ensure it is not blocked)

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 Primary School Olympic Day

Following hot on the 'wheels' of Castle Combe, it's our well-loved summer event 'Olympic Day' on Sat 1 July. If you haven't been before we can assure you it's a fun-filled day for all the family. It's open to all local children (and beyond!) from pre-school to year 8. If your child is at Sherston Primary School you can purchase their Olympic passport ticket via ParentPay, otherwise just contact the Friends of Sherston School on fss@sherston.wilts.sch.uk. £5 per child.

Latest school news at www.sherstonprimary.co.uk or [Facebook.com/SherstonPrimarySchool](https://www.facebook.com/SherstonPrimarySchool)

Sherston Boules Week 11- 16 July

Ducks and Raffle squares on sale outside the PO Senior Tea Afternoon in the British School Rooms at 2:30pm All welcome, tickets will be £5 and £3 for members on the door. Tues 11 Jul

French Wine Tasting - expert-curated French Wine – Tues 11 Jul 7:30pm The Butterfly Hall - Tickets £10 www.sherstonboules.org/wine

'Une Soirée Française' a three-course French-inspired dinner at The Rattlebone! Wed 12 Jul Tickets £28 per head from the Rattlebone - limited availability so book now.

Festival Cricket Evening: BBQ and bar, fun for all the family! Ladies Pimms match, junior game plus much much more at Sherston Magna Cricket Club Thurs 12 Jul from 5.30pm

Boules Day Sat 15 Jul The big day! The 2023 Boules Tournament starts at 8:30am with the first round of matches being played in the High street.

French Cafe/BBQ at the ready with Bacon Sandwiches, Tea, Coffee and Pastries to get you going!

Juniors' tournament will start at 10:15 and the Colts matches will start at approx 13:30.

Crêpe stall, the BBQ will be serving Burgers and Sausages, and the French Cafe will provide fresh Baguettes.

Live music from The Crooked Crooner and our new act this year Singer/ Songwriter O'rael - in the High street

from noon.

Stalls – local and quality stalls in the high street Boules Festival Family Field in the Village Hall, hosted this year by the wonderful girl guides, there will be crafts and activities for all ages to get involved with.

High street will be CLOSED to ALL TRAFFIC from 7am -9pm on Saturday 15th. This includes all forms of transport including cyclists and horse riders.

The Duck Race on Sun 16. The blessing of the Ducks starts at 2pm at Strechline river. Finish line and Tea and homemade cakes at Mill House & Cottage garden from 2.30pm <https://www.sherstonboules.org> All proceeds to local groups and causes who help make Boules Week happen.

Sherston Drama Group

Pantomime Script Reading

Adults and teenagers who will be starting in school year 10 and up in Sept, come to a script reading evening, on 6 Jul, 7.30pm at Willow Trees, Hunters Field.

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

Fri 7 July: Summer Social at the Garden House, Westonbirt (with thanks to our hosts, Clare and James Turner).

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.

First Aid and CPR / AED Training Course

Sat 8 Jul, 9.45am for 10am start (2 hours) The Tolsey Surgery £23 per person - In Cash Please – (correct money please). PRE-BOOKED & Confirmed Places ONLY.

Comfortable clothing and flat shoes are recommended as some physical participation is involved with the CPR training. The Tolsey Surgery has kindly offered to provide the free use of their premises and light refreshments at no charge – thus enabling the cost of the course to be kept to a minimum.

To book a place on the course please email David Munn – dtwm@btinternet.com

Sherston Community Choir. (SHoCC)

Summer Concert Wed 12 Jul 7.30pm – free Old British School Room

Meet every Wed evenings in term time at 7.30pm. See our Facebook page or shocc1016@aol.com

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>

Open air theatre on Sherston Village Hall Field Pandora's Box

by The Last Baguette, brought to us by Rural Arts Touring

Join the Baguettes as they lift the lid on this classic myth. A gallop through Greek mythology featuring goofy gods, hilarious heroines & daft deities with physical comedy, live music and un-Apollo-getically bad puns. Sat 22 July 5.30pm

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



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Luckington Family Fun Day

Sat 1 July 1pm on Luckington Playing Fields. Children's play area. Bake Off, Mr Bert – circus skills - in the children's area. There will also be old favourites dog show, tombola, raffle, bar, BBQ and live music in the evening. Profits will be donated to Luckington Charities — School, Church and Playground. luckingtonfete@gmail.com

Luckington Open Gardens

12 Luckington gardens to visit — including, for the first time, the particularly delightful one at The Manor. Sat 8 Jul 1.30-5.30pm start at the Church where you buy your map £5 ticket. Refreshments are also available in the Village Hall. All proceeds will go to the "SplashOut" fund. Luckington School Gardening Club will be selling plants in the School Garden to raise money for the materials they need for growing their plants. Vanessa Newman will be there on the day with some of the children who can talk about their Gardening Club.

Westonbirt

The Arboretum www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt

Malmesbury**Athelstan Museum**

Talks and Exhibitions www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Movies@Malmesbury

Movies@Malmesbury is run entirely by volunteers with new tiered seating in the Town Hall or Facebook page: [MoviesatMalmesbury](https://www.facebook.com/MoviesatMalmesbury) or www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html for schedules, synopses, trailers etc.

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

Charlton Park**WOMAD**

World of Music and Dance – The World's Festival 27 – 30 Jul

Bombay Bicycle Club headline Friday night, along with star of the Brazilian music underground Emicida. On Saturday, don't miss out on the "heartbreakingly brilliant" The Cinematic Orchestra, as well as queen of fado Mariza. Rounding off the weekend, Afrobeat King and global star Femi Kuti and the Positive Force, and also the Grammy award winning Soul II Soul will be bringing their blend of soul, R'n'B and hip-hop. Make sure to grab a four-day ticket and catch the jewel-voiced princess of English folk music Kate Rusby, this year's Thursday night headliner as she kicks off the weekend. Full details and tickets including SN16 reduced priced tickets www.womad.co.uk

Didmarton

Flicks in the Sticks - A Man Called Otto (2023) – Drama

Fri 14 Jul £5 on the door – cash or card. Hall opens at 6.30pm with a cash bar, film at 7.30pm. Didmarton Village Hall. For further details or to book a seat call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

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Tetbury Music Festival – 20th anniversary season
 23 Sep – 1 Oct Festival Patron: HRH King Charles III
www.tetburymusicfestival.org/

Hullavington

Weekly Zoom French clubs for children contact Anna-Kate on admin@clubs4kids.com for more details.

Chippenham

Neeld Community and Arts Centre
www.neeld.co.uk or 01249 446699

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House - www.wottoncinema.com
 A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers

Cirencester

The Barn Theatre

Once The Musical 3 Jul – 12 Aug
 I'm Sorry, Prime Minister, I Can't Quite Remember world premiere 25 Sep will be at The Barn continuing till 4 Nov. Box office: 01285 648255 or boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk
barntheatre.org.uk or visit <https://barntheatre.org.uk>

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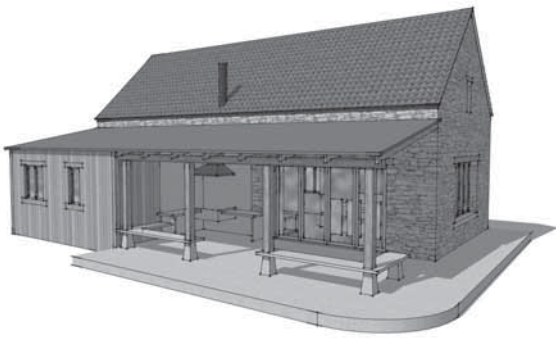
Summer holiday treats Horrible Histories and Hey Duggee go on sale today, alongside classic dramas Twelve Angry Men, And Then There Were None and The Woman in Black, award-winning comedies Abigail's Party and Noises Off, much-loved musical Oliver! and a Halloween spooktacular Buffy Revamped, plus David Morrissey comes to the Ustinov Studio in Spring 2024. 'The Score' will have its world premiere at the Theatre Royal Bath starring Brian Cox (HBO's multi award-winning Succession) as Johann Sebastian Bach. Produced by Theatre Royal Bath Productions, this astonishing new play by Oliver Cotton will be directed by Trevor Nunn Thurs 12 – Sat 28 Oct 2023. 01225 448844
www.theatreroyal.org.uk

Cheltenham

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www.sherston.org.uk/application/files/9216/2394/2215/Sherston_Emergency_Plan_March_2020.pdf

Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

emergency@sherston.org.uk (only during an incident)

Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100

EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk (only during an incident)

Floods: 0300 456 0105 or drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk

Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm

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Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP James Gray	0207 219 6237
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