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SOS – Tolsey Surgery breaking news . . . Integrated Care Board now supporting new surgery plan!



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We received the following update from James Gray (MP) following his meeting on 31 October with a senior executive from the Integrated Care Board (ICB):

‘The ICB have listened to us and will now look forward to working with us on our preferred new surgery plan.’

This is a fantastic result and was achieved following a concerted effort by the Parish Council, Wiltshire Council, GPs, MPs and you, the community. Thank you.

Individual thanks must go to Tanya Burgess (Chair, Sherston Parish Council), Martin Smith (Wiltshire Councillor for the Sherston Division) who fronted and drove the campaign and James Gray (MP) who offered his support very early in the campaign, ultimately meeting with senior executives from the ICB to achieve this outcome.

James Gray will issue a full statement shortly.

What’s next?

We still have a long way to go and must not take our

‘eyes off the prize’. Please, please continue to sign the petition we launched; we will still be presenting it to the ICB. You can find the petition in both the Co-op and the Tolsey Surgery and also online here:



<https://forms.office.com/r/GY8YAyFkBX>

The surgery has in the region of 3,500 patients, currently we have 532 signatures. We need many more please to ensure that your individual voices are heard.

The Campaign Committee (see page 2) will continue to meet, albeit less frequently, with the focus being to track progress towards our objective. Tanya Burgess, Martin Smith and Simon Watkins (GP) will start to work with the ICB in the next couple of weeks. The Parish Council will continue to provide regular updates as and when we have something to say.

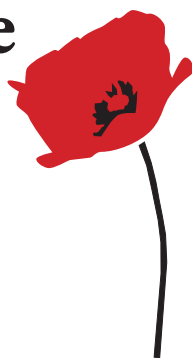
Thank you for your support so far. Please continue to help us to help you. For more on the work to save the Tolsey Surgery, see page 2.

Tanya Burgess, Chair, Sherston Parish Council

Remembrance Sunday



*Korean War
June 1950 - July 1953*



This year’s Sherston Remembrance Service will take place on Sunday 12 November and will be in full format again with the welcome support of 90 Headquarters Squadron of 9 Regiment Royal Logistics Corps from Buckley Barracks, Hullavington. All are welcome - from all denominations and none - to show our support for the armed forces in general, and for the army and youth organisations as they march through Sherston.

We are delighted that the Sherston Community Choir will lead the singing again.

Please be in place in Church Street by 10.45am and bring some money for the Poppy Fund Collection.

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The Parish Council is conducting a survey on your communication preferences, community interests and concerns. Please turn to the back two pages to complete the survey and find out more.



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SOS – Tolsey Surgery Update: Background to front page news



Following combined efforts involving GPs, Sherston Parish Council, Wiltshire Council, local MPs, residents and patients writing letters, emails, talking to local newspapers and local radio interviews, the Integrated Care Board (ICB) issued a statement last month fully retracting the recommendation – extract below:

Statement by BaNES and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) ICB

Following the email sending the PCN Services and Estates Toolkit Output documents to PCNs across BSW between 11-12th September, the ICB would like to apologise for any concerns or distress caused by the content of these documents to our GPs and GP Practice staff and our local residents.

The Toolkit was developed as part of a national programme aiming to provide a broad overview of primary care needs across diverse regions, and at this stage the documents were draft and intended as a starting point for local discussion and refinement within the

PCNs. However, we appreciate that this is not how the documents were received or interpreted in some areas, and that they have since been circulated widely.

For these reasons, the ICB are now fully retracting the Output document in full until a time when further work and review has been completed.

This was obviously great news for Sherston. However, following a public meeting held in the village hall on Thursday 5 October (attended by more than 250 people), it was agreed that we would continue with our campaign until such time as we had definitive support from the Integrated Care Board for the new surgery build.

Following the retraction, we formed a Campaign Committee to drive a series of ongoing actions to ensure that we continued to raise awareness of possible plans to close the surgery as part of a nationwide drive to reduce costs by 30%. More importantly, we needed to make sure that the value and importance of retaining the surgery in Sherston was understood by ALL decision-makers, and in real terms what the loss would mean to the local community and surrounding care networks.

What else happened?

- The Campaign Committee held its first meeting on Friday 13 October – a number of actions were taken forward by members.
- A petition was made available for all to sign at the Tolsey Surgery, Co-op and online. (As mentioned, this is still available to sign - please do!)
- Resolutions were passed by the following parish councils supporting the retention of the surgery in Sherston – Sherston, Malmesbury Town, Luckington, Didmarton and Sherston, St Paul Malmesbury without.
- James Gray MP met with the CEO of the ICB on Tuesday 31 October.

Copy deadline: 10th of the previous month.

Send to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk or hard copy to Sherston Post Office Stores.

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

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

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

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Sherston Church Bazaar: Saturday 2 December



Sherston Church Bazaar is on Saturday 2 December starting at 12.00noon in the village hall. We will be providing lunches - home-made soup with filled rolls. The stalls will include cakes, plants, produce, bric-a-brac, gifts, children's toys (good as new) and books. There will also be the popular tombola and raffle, which will be drawn at 2.45pm, before the bazaar finishes at 3.00pm.

We would be very grateful to receive any donations for the stalls, please deliver at 10.00am on the day or beforehand to the church.

Thank you for your support. Come along and enjoy the friendly atmosphere and support your church.

Sherston Arts Festival

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Sherston Arts Festival is now upon us but there is still time to think about attending events. Please look at the flyers, which were in the last edition of the Cliffhanger, or the Arts Festival website: www.sherstonartsfestival.com

The Preview Evening on 3 November, starting at 7.30pm in church, will be a fabulous opportunity to have a first look at the artwork on show and see the flower displays.

At the time of writing, there are still spaces on the lino cutting workshop on Saturday 4 November. If you have never tried this simple method of designing and printing your own cards (could be Christmas, but doesn't have to be!), you are sure to enjoy it. Really absorbing and fun. Lots of help from the tutor, Christine Felce.

Our Male Voice Choir concert on Saturday 4 November looks like it will be a sell-out so please don't turn up without a ticket.

On Sunday 5 November, we have a really great family show called 'Stories in the Dust' in the village hall, from the same team who brought us 'Shackleton' a few years ago, which was heartwarming and wonderful. Don't miss it.

Popular writer Sue Limb joins us on Thursday 9 November in the British School Room for an entertaining talk about her books and broadcasts.

A pop-up community portrait exhibition on Friday 10 November in the Butterfly Hall will show the photographs by Tea Smart of local faces and personalities.

On Saturday 11 November, join in with a barn dance with the Packhorse Band in the village hall. Great for all ages and families too.

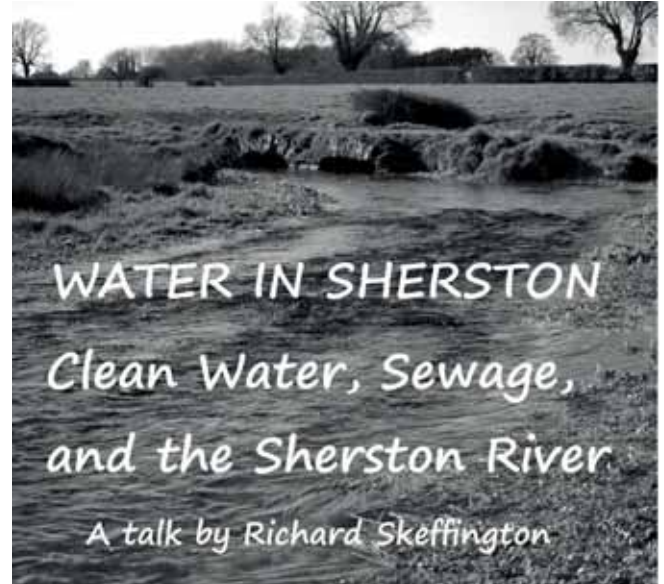
Over the weekend of 11 and 12 November in the British School Room we look forward to seeing a return of the Peg Village, an art installation by local children.

Not forgetting the Scarecrow Trail - which starts on the Saturday 4 November and runs for the week - hopefully the scarecrows will have a week of good weather to stay in place. The prizegiving will take place on the Sunday 12 November at 4.30pm in the British School Room.

Lastly, don't forget to sign up for the magical Advent House Trail - go to www.sherstonartsfestival.com for details.

Public talk: Local water quality


Sustainable
Sherston



Friday 17 November, 7.30pm, British School Room

I'm sure you have seen the headlines: 'Water Firms Illegally Spilled Sewage on Dry Days'; 'Raw Sewage Dumped into England's Rivers 375,000 times Last Year'; 'DEFRA Plan to Punish Sewage Polluters Exposed as "Pantomime"' and so on. But what's the situation locally? Is the Sherston Avon in a poor state, on the up, deteriorating? How do we compare to other places? Sherston has a new sewer - will this improve things? Are there threats other than sewage? Is it safe to paddle? How have we got into this situation? And how can we make things better?

To answer these and other questions, we need to look at where we get our water from and what we do with our wastes. How we have tackled these problems over the ages makes a fascinating story, and gives some clues as to what we might do in future. We can make a difference: but we need to understand what is possible - and decide what is affordable. One thing is for certain: we cannot continue as we are.

I hope you can join me in the British School Room, Cliff Road, at 7.30pm on Friday 17 November for a talk hosted by Sustainable Sherston. Tickets £5 on the door, doors open 7.00pm. Refreshments available. There will be a discussion afterwards for those who wish.

Richard Skeffington taught environmental science and researched water quality at the university of Reading for 20 years. He is currently a trustee of the Bristol Avon Rivers Trust.



SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

Next meeting

Tuesday 7 November - 'Creating your own Garden Space' with Garden Designer, Laura Holmes.

Cuttings

Over 50 members packed into the British School Room last month to hear Lucy Bowles-Lewis give an excellent talk about Whatley Manor's beautiful gardens. As Head Gardener, she has ambitious plans for conserving and extending the flower borders and kitchen gardens.

New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are always welcome. The cost remains the same as last year: £15 single, £25 joint, U18s free. For membership form and full programme contact our Secretary: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com.

Club meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at the British School Room, Cliff Road, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Tasty refreshments, test your knowledge with plant ID, plant sales, raffle, queries answered (mostly!) and useful tips passed on. It is always a relaxed, sociable and enjoyable evening.

Connections

Check out the Sherston Gardening Club Facebook group for photos, questions, answers (where possible!) and news of meetings and events. You can post photos of your own garden or a favourite one visited.

Community/Blooming Sherston

As you will have spotted, the Post Office trough has been cleared of its exuberant summer plants and has adopted more autumnal hues. Dozens of spring narcissi and tulips have been under-planted and should start appearing from February onwards. The village seems to appreciate this addition to our High Street; there were lots of compliments throughout the year! We also have some extra bulbs for community planting so let us know if you want to brighten up your patch.

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Calendar

Thursday 9 November:

Coach trip to RHS Wisley (subject to numbers)

Tuesday 5 December:

Julia Armstrong leads a wreath-making workshop

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Tuesday 2 January:

'No dig polyculture in your garden' with Nicola Hope

Tuesday 6 February:

Piers Lavan of Hortico (TBC).

Tuesday 5 March:

'Rosemary Verey, her legacy to C20th gardening' with Margie Hoffnung

Tuesday 2 April:

'Four Seasons Cotswold Style' with Mandy Bradshaw

Tuesday 7 May or 4 June:

'Clematis Growing with Andrew Jeans (TBC

Tuesday 7 May or 4 June:

'Gardening in Pots' wit Mandy Bradshaw (TBC)

It's that time again ... Annual General Meeting: Monday 20 November



SOSCIC is holding its AGM and warmly welcomes all members, including all of you who have recently signed up following our recruitment drive over the summer, to join us on Monday 20 November, at 7.00pm in the British School Room, Cliff Road, Sherston.

Ten years on and the community investment is still going strong and producing good returns which are helping to fund other community projects, like the contribution to the village hall project.

Come and hear what we have been doing on your behalf over the last 12 months and, in particular, what we are currently working on to ensure that the building remains well maintained and fully occupied, following the departure of two of our tenants in the last few months.

Latest SOSCIC information is available to review in advance of the meeting at www.sherston.org.uk/what-we-do/old-school-project



For any Sherston residents who are not currently members but are interested in finding out what is happening, you are more than welcome to join us.

Look forward to seeing you on Monday 20 November at 7.00pm!

Sherston living churchyard



Holy Cross churchyard is a living churchyard in more than one sense: it is an open churchyard, meaning that burials still take place there, and it belongs to the Church of England's Living Churchyard and Cemeteries Project (LCCP), which encourages the management of these areas with sympathy for wildlife. This work continues with the support of the county Wildlife Trusts. For many local people, the churchyard is an important guardian of family memories. It is a rare day that does not see several of them visiting and maintaining graves and possibly using one of the benches there to sit and reflect in peace and quiet. Ensuring that the churchyard is a sanctuary for wild flowers, birds and other wildlife can continue alongside its primary use as a place of rest and memories. Although we live surrounded by countryside, the churchyard is still one of the biggest green spaces inside the village, easily accessible and freely available to everyone.

Work to make our local churchyard an environmentally friendly area has been going on for about 15 years. We already know that there are areas of ancient grassland where orchids grew this summer, a veteran yew tree - which is 400-900 years old - and old limestone walls with important colonies of ferns

and plants that are specific to this habitat. The launch of the EcoChurch project has given a new impetus to this work. We hope to start a more organised and regular work programme from January 2024, beginning with a management plan which is already being developed

Would you like to help? Do you enjoy being outside and working actively with others? Are you concerned about preserving our environment and trying to prevent biodiversity loss? Have you got any specialist knowledge in identifying wild plants, insects, birds and animals? If so, please get in touch. We are:

Sue Robinson, Sherston LCCP organiser and EcoChurch rep, jimandsue4@btinternet.com

Tricia Lawrence, keen and well-qualified horticulturalist, pjlawrence46@gmail.com

This is for everyone – all ages are welcome and it could be a great way to introduce (accompanied) children to the natural world through outdoor activity. We have tentatively identified the first Saturday of each month as our meeting/working day so we hope to start on Saturday 6 January 2024 with a meeting in the churchyard. Come and find out what is happening and help to plan our future!



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Charity shops: Why should we be using them?



Sustainable Sherston welcomes this article from local A level student Lottie Ravenhill. Lottie has been encouraged to shop more sustainably, including making use of charity shops, after realising the impact that fast fashion has on the environment and learning more about the unethical manufacturing and production processes involved.

It's no news that fast fashion poses a detrimental effect on the world and many aspects of life, including the environment, pollution and sustainability. However, many people are unaware of the importance of shopping sustainably to protect the environment. One of the easiest methods of tackling this is right on our doorstep and is often overlooked: charity shops! I'm writing this article in the hope that it will enlighten people as to the vast benefits of charity shops and to persuade more people to choose them over and above high street and online shopping.

Everyone knows that fast fashion can have a negative impact, but I think it's often made out to be less of a problem than it actually is. Most people, whether they are conscious of the global crisis surrounding this topic or not, will still go to the average fast fashion shop or online website disregarding the impact that buying even just one item can have. To put it into perspective, fast fashion produces half a million tonnes of micro plastics a year; 20% of global waste water comes from textile dyeing; and more than US\$500 billion is lost every year due to the lack of recycling and clothing utilisation (<https://earth.org/fast-fashion-statistics/>). In addition to the shocking figures on the environmental impact fast fashion has, further incentives not to indulge in this culture, include the abundance of child labour and ill treatment of workers. Many workers in fast fashion factories are paid far below the minimum wage, for example US\$1.58 per hour which is far below the average legal wage. They are forced to work for endless hours in conditions that are often unsafe and unsanitary, and many young workers are subject to abuse (www.panaprium.com/blogs/i/fast-fashion-workers-conditions). So surely these facts serve as incentives to shop elsewhere?

My favourite charity shops in the local area:

- Longfield Hospice, Long Street, Tetbury
- Tenovus Cancer Care, Long Street, Tetbury
- Cotswolds Dogs & Cats Home, Market Place, Tetbury
- Break, Market Place, Tetbury
- Cancer Research UK, High Street, Malmesbury
- Sue Ryder, The Gant, Cross Hayes, Malmesbury
- Oxfam, High Street Malmesbury

Following my points throughout this article, I hope more people can be persuaded to shop in charity shops which, as a disclaimer, is not to say you shouldn't shop anywhere else. However, choosing alternatives to the regular shops can have a massive impact on the environment and improve sustainability.

Lottie Ravenhill

New website for Sherston Village Hall!

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VILLAGE HALL



For everything you ever wanted to know about Sherston Village Hall, go to <https://sherstonvillagehall.org>. There is information on how the hall is managed on behalf of the village, types of event the venue can host and much more. You will find information on all the clubs and activities with a calendar of events, information about hiring the hall(s), prices, capacities and terms and conditions. Why not take a look?

Our thanks to Tea Smart for her help with photography and to the many contributors from the clubs and activities.

Sherston School's 12 Days of Christmas raffle

To raise money for our wonderful village school, the Friends of Sherston School (FSS) are holding a '12 days of Christmas' raffle. There will be something for everyone - for children, individuals and families. Prizes include afternoon tea at The King's Head Cirencester, a Samsung tablet, a Pizza Express dine-out voucher, Molton Brown goodies, a Calcot Manor hamper, Cattle Country vouchers and a photoshoot with Judith Parkyn. All proceeds will go to Sherston School. Tickets will be available to purchase at various locations, including Sherston School and The Rattlebone, or you can contact us on fss@sherston.wilts.sch.uk to arrange ticket purchase.

The FSS will announce a winner each school day from Tuesday 5 December up until the last day of term on Wednesday 20 December. We look forward to announcing the lucky winners!

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There was an issue recently relating to a vehicle driving maliciously onto the football field causing damage. This resulted in the football club locking the gates for a few days, preventing access to the sports field at short notice. Historically, as a parish council, we have been quite relaxed about our approach to parking on the sports field. However, this incident, albeit hopefully a one-off, prompted a discussion about whether or not we should continue to allow, or restrict, parking.

The outcome of the discussion was that, rather than impose restrictions, which may involve expense, putting up signage and possible barriers, a softer approach was preferred. As a result of which, if you are using any of the facilities on the sports field, we would ask you not to drive across the field, e.g. to access the tennis courts. Please park your vehicle just inside the entrance and walk across to the amenities you are looking to use.

With your support, it is hoped that we can preserve the integrity of the sports field and avoid the need to impose any 'hard' restrictions moving forwards.

Tanya Burgess

Chair, Sherston Parish Council

Movies@Malmesbury: Programme for November

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| Mon 6 | 2.00pm | Klimt and the Kiss * |
| | 8.00pm | A Haunting in Venice |
| Tues 7 | 7.15pm | Don Quixote ** |
| Fri 10 | 2.00pm | A Haunting in Venice |
| | 8.00pm | The Creator |
| Mon 20 | 2.00pm | The Great Escaper |
| | 8.00pm | My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 |
| Fri 24 | 2.00pm | The Creator |
| Mon 27 | 8.00pm | The Great Escaper |
| | 2.00pm and 5.30pm | £5 & £4; 8.00pm £6; Except * £10 and ** £12. |

Tickets available from Malmesbury Town Hall or online at <https://cinema.malmesbury.gov.uk/>. Please note: Tickets may be purchased on the door via credit card, subject to availability.

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

Mrs Scrump's Christmas Market: Tuesday 28 November



Taking place from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Tuesday 28 November, this biennial fair will be held at the glorious Dauntsey Park House (SN15 4HT) again this year. A wonderful opportunity to visit an exciting and original selection of stalls in a glorious setting - perfect for presents. Refreshments and entry donation in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Everyone most welcome.

Enquiries: susannah@dibben.co.uk

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

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School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

School Days: Learning, Caring & Achieving Together

We've had an exciting first term filled with growth and discovery here at Sherston Primary! Our children have shown incredible dedication to their learning journey, embracing new challenges and expanding their horizons.



From cars to cave painting!

In science, Rowan class have been looking at different materials and their uses as part of their 'Going Places' topic this term. This involved an afternoon exploring ... Mr Moran's car! Meanwhile, Chestnut class have been stepping back in time to the Stone Age, investigating prehistoric animals, which included a visit from a woolly mammoth(!) and cave painting.



The Mayans and chocolate

Willow Class had a fantastic day at Cadbury World for their termly topic 'The Ancient Maya & Chocolate'. The day included a workshop about the ancient Mayans and a factory tour ... not to mention free chocolate samples for everyone!

Throughout these past few months, our children have shown tremendous compassion and empathy towards one another. From helping a friend in need to demonstrating kindness in the classroom, our young learners have truly embodied the spirit of caring.

Harvest Festival

We had a very special time celebrating Harvest Festival. We couldn't be prouder of all the children for their beautiful singing, readings and poetry. Thank you to Revd Adam Beaumont for a lovely service and to all our families who joined us. Our School Council chose the charity Doorway Wiltshire for our Harvest Festival food donations this year – thank you for your very generous contributions.



There have been a number of remarkable achievements from our children this term! From academic successes to personal growth and creative endeavours, the children have shone brightly. Their hard work, determination, and dedication have led to countless accomplishments, both big and small. We're incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

Y4 PGL Residential

Our Y4 children had a fantastic time at their PGL residential. They enjoyed lots of outdoor adventuring, including zip wire, giant swing, archery, climbing, orienteering and more! We couldn't be prouder of their 'have a go' attitude to all the new challenges and experiences.



Tag rugby festivals

Congratulations to all our children who took part in the KS2 Tag Rugby Festivals. They all showed fantastic team and sporting spirit. Huge thanks to all our parents for their wonderful support at these events. Go Sherston!

This term was another example of the incredible sense of togetherness that defines our school community. From collaborative projects in the classroom to the support and involvement in extracurricular activities, it's clear that our collective efforts make our school a special place.





School Days - continued

Save Our Surgery

Every pupil has written a letter either of support to the Tolsey Surgery or expressing their views to MP James Gray this term - that's 115 letters in total! Tolsey Surgery staff were delighted when our new School Council hand-delivered their letters last week.



All things apple!

From collecting 700kg of crabapples for Tricklements, to the apple juice label drawing competition and supporting the Friends of Sherston School and Sustainable Sherston Apple Day, it was fantastic to come together with our local community in the name of all things apple!



Fantastic first term!

Our Reception children settled in brilliantly to their first term at big school! We've been so impressed with how quickly they've adjusted to school life and the respect and kindness they've shown to each other. They've also risen to new challenges, including a super scarecrow performance at our Harvest Festival. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow during the term and the new friendships they've made across the school.



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Reception 2024 – school tours & open day

If you're looking for a Reception 2024 place, we're offering one-to-one tours across the week with our headteacher Mr Towers and will also be holding a dedicated Reception 2024 Open Day on Tuesday 28 November. To book a visit or find out more about our Open Day, please contact our friendly office team on 840237 or admin@sherston.wilts.sch.uk.

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Five Sherston juniors to represent Wiltshire Cricket



Huge congratulations to those who have been selected to represent Wiltshire Cricket next year:

Henrietta and Lola - Girls U15 (a year early!)

Harris - Boys U14 (Remarkably, Harris also won the prize for the most runs scored in Wiltshire Youth Cricket League U13 Div 2!)

Max - Boys U11

Digby - Boys U10

This is the the largest number of junior members who have been selected in one season, demonstrating how the Sherston Cricket Club is going from strength to strength.

If you would like to get involved in the cricket club, we have teams from All Stars (U7) all the way up to the seniors (some very senior). We also have a growing ladies' softball team. Please drop us a line at cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk

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November highlights

Saturday 4 November Bob Harris and Colin Hall:

Whispering Bob Harris OBE has been at the very heart of UK music scene for the best part of 50 years and this evening he and Colin Hall present 'The Songs The Beatles Gave Away', music they wrote but never recorded. Tickets £20. 7.30pm.

Sunday 12 November Honey and the Bear:

The British folk and roots duo Jon and Lucy Hart are joined by guests Evan Carson and Toby Shaer. Tickets £14.50/£10 for under 25s. 6.00pm.

Saturday 18 November Swing From Paris:

Described as the finest gypsy jazz in the Cotswolds, they are influenced by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli and present music from Edith Piaf to Gershwin and the Hot Club de France. Tickets £15/£10 for under 25s. 7.30pm.

Friday 24 November The Goldberg Variations:

Harpsichordist Nathaniel Mander will be playing one of Bach's most enduring masterpieces, which he has recently recorded on the Chronos label. It will be a magical evening. Tickets: £20/£15 for under 25s. 7.30pm.

To buy tickets and for more details of films, talks, exhibitions and afternoon music, visit our website: www.shed-arts.co.uk

Didmarton Rural Cinema: Friday 10 November



Where the Crawdads Sing (2022) – Drama, Mystery & thriller

Cert: 15 – Run time: 2 hr 05min.

Rotten Tomatoes audience rating: 92%.

Starring: Harris Dickinson, Daisy Edgar-Jones, Taylor Smith.

Director: Olivia Newman.

From the best-selling novel comes a captivating mystery. Where the Crawdads Sing tells the story of Kya, an abandoned girl who raised herself to adulthood in the dangerous marshlands of North Carolina.

Trailer: www.filmbankmedia.com/films/archive/details/33623-where-the-crawdads-sing#/video

Doors open at 6.30pm for the bar with the film starting at 7.30pm.

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Thanks, Jenny



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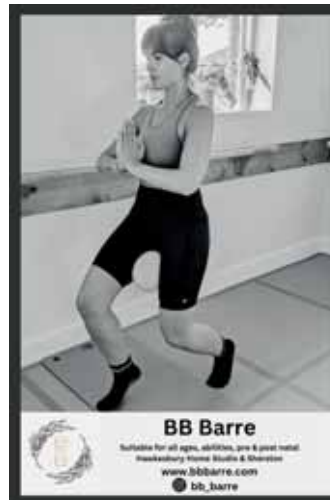
Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Thursday of the month (10.00am-12.00noon) at Malmesbury Town Hall. Non-members welcome. 50p donation.

Thursday 23 November: The Wicked Wit of Winston Churchill - Stewart Linford

Be prepared for another excellent talk but this time with a slight twist: our speaker will appear in the guise of Winston Churchill! Stewart will regale us with a series of amusing stories, anecdotes, observations and aphorisms attributed to the 'great man'. It will be an illustrated presentation of Churchill's life accompanied by many of his pithy observations, which were often humorous and invariably wise.

Stewart has won humorous speaking competitions as a long-standing member of Toastmasters International. His TV appearances include programmes hosted by Michael Portillo, Adrian Edmondson and Chris Packham. In addition to

being a supreme storyteller, Stewart is a renowned furniture maker. His clients have included The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, The Duke of Marlborough, National Trust, and Harrods. As the climax of his talk, Stewart will be unveiling a special limited edition piece of furniture with a secret compartment that would have been of particular significance to Churchill.



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North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club: Open meeting in Malmesbury

On Wednesday 15 November, we have an open meeting with Elizabeth Graham demonstrating at Malmesbury Town Hall. Not to be missed! The flower arrangements are included in the raffle and there is a special Christmas hamper raffle as well, bring your purse! Demonstration tickets available from the website: northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.com. If you have any queries you can contact us at: nwvflowerclub@gmail.com.

We are a thriving, enthusiastic group with plenty of fun and friendship thrown in. Our members and visitors come from throughout North Wiltshire and into Gloucestershire with varying expertise - some just wanting to relax and watch. There is a full 2024 programme already organised.

We normally meet every third Wednesday at Crudwell Village Hall (SN16 9HB), 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start, unless it is an outside trip. There is plenty of car park space available.


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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, Lighterton (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, second-hand book exchange.

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, weddings, parties etc. For full details and the booking calendar visit <https://sherstonvillagehall.org> or 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.

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

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. Holy Cross Café 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. To 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 Cletcher sheilacletcher28@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 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.

BB Barre

Barre fitness classes at Sherston Village Hall & Hawkesbury Home Studio. Full weekly timetable across most days. Suitable for all ages, and abilities, pre & post-natal. Visit <https://www.bbbarre.com> or @bb_barre on Instagram.

ABEL Pilates

Monday evening classes held in Sherston North Building (former pre-school building on the Rec). Fully certified BODY CONTROL teacher. All ages, bodies and abilities very warmly welcome. 6pm Mixed Ability Class, 7:10pm ABSOLUTE Beginners' Course. Contact Kate: 07957 313109 or kate@abelpilates.co.uk www.abelpilates.co.uk

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

The First team plays in the 2nd Division of the Stroud & District Football League, the Second team plays in the 5th Division at Knockdown Park on alternate Sat afternoons at 2.30pm. Sherston Veterans play on Sun mornings. Spectators and new players welcome. Please check socials or contact sherstontownfootballclub@gmail.com or 07771 515489.

Sherston Netball Club

Training every Thurs at SWR School Tetbury, between 7-8.30pm. 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 Tues 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

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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 market at Sherston Village Hall

Every Thurs 10.30am-1.30pm Stalls include locally produced meats, cheese, Home Farm veg, sourdough and bakes 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

Holy Cross Café Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits, every Thurs 10am-12 noon. There is a play area for small children – proceeds to the Church upkeep. 1st Thurs each month will have an Eco theme, with recycled cards, plants, fairtrade items for sale.

Sherston Remembrance Service

Youth organisations line up with the welcome support of 90 Headquarters Squadron of 9 Regiment Royal Logistics Corps from Buckley Barracks, Hullavington. All are welcome to show our support for the armed forces in general, and for the army and youth organisations as they march through Sherston. Sherston Community Choir will lead the singing again. Please be in place in Church Street by 10.45am and bring some money for the Poppy Fund Collection. Sun 12 Nov 10:45

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'

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 Gardening Club

Talk: Laura Holmes: 'Using your garden design to Create your unique space' Tues 7 Nov

Coach trip to RHS Wisley (subject to numbers)

Thurs 9 Nov

Christmas Workshop: Seasonal Floral Arrangements - Julia Armstrong

Tues 5 Dec

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.

Sustainable Sherston

Water in Sherston - Clean Water, Sewage and the Sherston Avon' Richard Skeffington Fri 17 Nov 7.30pm, British School Room. sustainablesherston@gmail.com

Sherston Arts Festival 2023

3 to 12 Nov Please see website for more details www.sherstonartsfestival.com

The Blaenavon Male Voice Choir on Sat 4 Nov in the Church – sold out

Art Exhibition preview evening on Fri 3 Nov then every day in the church, showing work by professional and amateur artists, who come from the local area or have a Sherston connection.

Scarecrow Trail – Theme: Toys, Books and Games 4-12 Nov The prizegiving will take place on the Sunday 12 November at 4.30pm in the British School Room.

'Stories in the Dust' a great family show in the Village Hall
Talk: Popular writer Sue Limb joins us on Thur 9 Nov in the British School Room to talk about her books and broadcasts.

A pop-up community portrait exhibition on Fri 10 Nov in the Butterfly Hall, will show the photographs by Tea Smart of local faces and personalities.

Packhorse Ceilidh Band Barn Dance

Sat 11 Nov: a brilliant evening of barn dancing to live music in the village hall. More details www.thepackhorseband.co.uk

Children's Art Exhibition and the Peg Village is in the British School Room 11 & 12 Nov

Christmas Advent House Trail – call for windows

Please email kirsty.strachan@icloud.com ASAP along with your address to sign up so we know the idea can go ahead again and we can get you on the map. Last entry date will be Friday 3 Nov. There are lots of photos on the Arts Festival website from previous years www.sherstonartsfestival.com

SOSCIC AGM

Mon 20 Nov 7pm in the British School Room, Cliff Road Latest SOSCIC information is available to review in advance of the meeting at www.sherston.org.uk/what-we-do/old-school-project

Sherston Church Bazaar

Sat 2 Dec at 12 – 3pm in the village hall. Home-made soup with filled rolls. Stalls will include cakes, plants, produce, bric-a-brac, gifts, children's toys (good as new) and books. There will also be the popular tombola and raffle, which will be drawn at 2.45pm. We would be very grateful to receive any donations for the stalls, please deliver at 10am on the day to the hall or beforehand to the church. Proceeds in aid of the church maintenance.

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

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

Didmarton Flicks in the Sticks

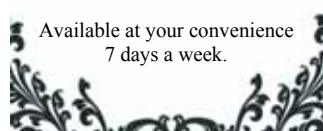
Where the Crawdads Sing (2022) – Drama, Mystery & thriller Starring: Harris Dickinson, Daisy Edgar-Jones, Taylor Smith. Fri 10 Nov. Doors open at 6.30pm for the bar, with film starting at 7.30pm. Cash bar. Didmarton Village Hall. For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com



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Forest Live Summer Concerts

Nile Rodgers & CHIC with guest Sophie Ellis-Bexter and DECO Fri 12 July - Tickets go on sale Thurs 2 Nov <https://www.forestlive.com>
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.

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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

Thursday 23 November: The Wicked Wit of Winston Churchill - Stewart Linford Thurs 23 Nov 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

Carols at Christmas with Malmesbury Singers

The musical ensemble of singers returns to deliver carols at Christmas with their concert, 'Choral Spirit' at 7.30pm on Sat 9 Dec in the Abbey. Malmesbury Singers will perform choral carol classics, including works from James Macmillan, Philip Stopford, Herbert Howells, Mack Wilberg, Morten Lauridsen, and Percy Fletcher, specially selected by Musical Director Thomas Mottershead. Tickets are available on the choir website: <https://malmesburysingers.com>.

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The Whistle Stop café open for takeaway coffees and takeaway food on Tues to Sun 10am-4pm www.shed-arts.co.uk

Long Newnton Beaufort Christmas Fair

Tues 21 Nov 9.30am-8pm £7.50 children under 16 free. Wide selection of tasteful stalls and café Newnton Dairy Farm SN16 9SR www.beaufortchristmasfair.co.uk

Dauntsey Mrs Scrupp's Christmas Market

Tues 28 Nov 10am to 4pm on Tues 28 Nov, this biennial fair will be held at the glorious Dauntsey Park House (SN15 4HT). A wonderful opportunity to visit an exciting and original selection of stalls in a glorious setting - perfect for presents. Refreshments and entry donation in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Everyone most welcome. Enquiries: susannah@dibben.co.uk www.dauntseyparkhouse.co.uk

Hawkesbury Upton Shop whilst supporting the local community Friday 1st Dec 6-9pm Hawkesbury Upton village hall, GL9 1AU

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

Grittleton Rural Arts Touring & Grittleton Village

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Malmesbury, Stroud, Wotton-Under-Edge, Bath, Bristol

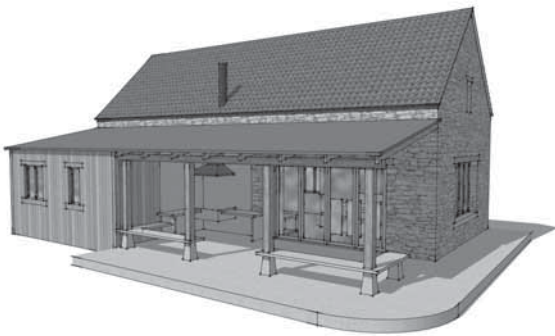
Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet
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Royal Wootton Bassett

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Cotswold Playhouse GL5 1LW Tickets from 0333 666 3366 or online

www.cotswoldplayhouse.co.uk/tickets

Bath Theatre Royal Bath

Upcoming shows this winter include Farewell Mister Haffmann, 2:22 A Ghost Story, A Voyage Round My Father, The Score, Machinal, I'm Sorry, Prime Minister, Quiz, Twelve Angry Men, Family pantomime, Sleeping Beauty 2024 season:

POIROT AND MORE: A RETROSPECTIVE David Suchet (Tues 23 Jan)

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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

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Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes

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

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www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack for a map of faults

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www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

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and communication preferences update

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Sherston Parish Council is conducting this survey to better understand the communication preferences, community interests, and concerns of local residents. Your feedback will guide the Council's future action plans. Kindly take a moment to fill out as much of the survey as you can. You can drop your completed form in the collection boxes mentioned at the end, or if it's more convenient, download, complete, and email the survey or even complete it online. Rest assured, all submissions are confidential. Any emailed responses will have the email address removed for privacy unless you indicate otherwise. Your identity will be protected, and you won't be contacted without explicit permission. This survey is designed for open feedback rather than pinpointed questions. Once all responses are analysed, the Council will evaluate the practicality and costs associated with the suggestions and refine the action plan accordingly.

All fields are optional but if you require updates or engagement then you need to supply the relevant contact information where indicated.

Your name

Address

Telephone

Mobile Number

Email

Communication
Preferences

(put a cross in box
for all that apply)

AREAS OF INTEREST UPDATES

I would like the Parish Council to keep me up to date on my selected areas of interest as indicated in this form by email **(make sure you complete your email above)**

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MONTHLY COUNCIL DIGEST SUMMARY EMAIL

I would like to receive the monthly council digest email summarising the activities of the Parish Council and updating on all ongoing matters **(make sure you complete your email above)**

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FUTURE TEXT UPDATES

I would like to receive text messages informing me of any urgent information such as road closures, events etc. **(make sure you complete your mobile number above)**

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I would like to receive the Cliffhanger by email instead of by post tick (this allows the Parish Council to save public funds and help the environment). **(make sure you complete your email above)**

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You can update your preferences or choose to stop receiving all communications by completing online preference form at Sherston.org.uk under contact us, emailing the Parish Council Clerk at clerk@sherston.org.uk, notifying one of your local councillors or sending a written note to the Clerk at: Donna Ford, Sherston Parish Council, PO BOX 1959, Yate, Bristol, BS37 0DJ



What makes you happy/proud to live in Sherston?

What would you like to change or what issues are most important to you that you would like addressed?

How do you get Village and Parish Council information (cross all that apply):

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glass noticeboard | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Facebook (please state) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sherston.org.uk | <input type="checkbox"/> Third party websites (please state) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Official Sherston | <input type="checkbox"/> A local business (please state) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook Cliffhanger | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus Stops | <input type="checkbox"/> The information notice board |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Village Hall | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) _____ |

Which facilities/activities within the village do you use/attend (cross all that apply)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Village Hall/British School Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Benches around the village | <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers' Market |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Grit Bins | <input type="checkbox"/> Tolsey Surgery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rec | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus Stops | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office/Co-op |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boules Pitches | <input type="checkbox"/> Play Area | <input type="checkbox"/> EV charging points |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Poo Bins | <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Boules Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state) _____ | |

Do you drive an electric car or are you planning on buying one soon or in the mid-future?

☐ Yes ☐ No

The village now has EV charging points opposite the Post Office, were you aware of them?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes will you make use of them?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments/
Feedback:

Would you like regular email updates about the Tolsey Surgery emergency we are facing?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Number of people in your household in each age band (optional)

<input type="text"/>	0-5	<input type="text"/>	6-18	<input type="text"/>	19-45	<input type="text"/>	46-65	<input type="text"/>	66-80	<input type="text"/>	Over 80
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Number of cars in household

Do any members of the household have a carer?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please detach these centre pages and return to:

The Village Hall, The Post Office, The Rattlebone Inn, Church of the Holy Cross or The Angel