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Speeding Issues in Sherston: An Update



Sherston Parish Council and Wiltshire Council have been working together over the last year to try to reduce the speed of traffic through the village.

At the request of Cllr Martin Smith, the Parish Council purchased some village gates for installation at the main entrances to the village; these are shown to reduce approach speeds. Wiltshire Highways has informed us that they should be installed by the end of the year.

Speed assessments were also requested by Cllr Smith late last year to get definitive speed data which could then inform the councils on what the next steps should be. These were done in May this year and the data has been discussed at the Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) which is the part of Malmesbury Area Board that looks at highway's issues. The data suggests that on many of the smaller streets the 30mph limit is respected by most drivers, but there is a view from residents that 30mph is too fast for narrow lanes with no pavements. Many vehicles speed on Easton Town but on average not at a high enough speed to trigger sustained action by Wiltshire Police. Therefore the LHFIG is now doing a feasibility study on whether parts of the village can become a 20mph zone and what it would take to comply with national regulations. Any such change would only be done after local consultation with residents.

The data taken on Tetbury Road was extremely alarming with very high speeds being recorded by traffic moving south. Unfortunately, the data was captured at a point that Wiltshire Police say invalidates the data. Parish Councillor Keith Savage is arranging for this particular speed assessment to be done again, so that we can request more robust action from Wiltshire Police at that location and potentially set up a Community Speed Watch (CSW) team. A council representative will visit and approve a site that conforms to the relevant criteria prior to the deployment. A similar exercise will be undertaken on Brook Hill and at Pinkney at the same time. CSW is a police-approved scheme that allows volunteers to monitor the speed of passing vehicles using an approved hand-held speed detection device. This will only be sanctioned by Wiltshire Police upon receiving proven excessive speed data and requires police training under strict supervision.

Councillors Smith and Savage are now investigating the use of flashing Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs) on Easton Town and Brook Hill as both these locations are where motorists need to rapidly adjust their speed. If these are feasible, they would have to be purchased by the Parish Council with installation by Wiltshire Highways.

Cllr Martin Smith

Cllr Keith Savage

Christmas Services in The Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston and in the Gauzebrook Group



Our Sherston Village Carol Service will be on Sunday 17 December at 6.00pm. Members of the Congregational and the Methodist Churches will join us in our Parish Church for a traditional service of Nine Lessons and Christmas Carols, followed by refreshments.

Our very popular and special Nativity Service will be on Sunday 24 December, Christmas Eve, at 4.00pm. This is a wonderful service and we welcome people of all ages, especially children who may wish to come dressed as a character from the nativity story. Join us as the children gather round our stable as we set the scene for the joy of the birth of Jesus Christ.

We will celebrate the first Mass of Christmas on Christmas Eve at 9.00pm. On Christmas Day, our morning service will be a Family Communion at 10.00am.

The Gauzebrook Group Advent service of Light will be at St Mary Magdalene Church, Hullavington on Sunday 10 December at 6.00pm. Details of other church services across the Gauzebrook Group are shown on the Gauzebrook.org website.

Advent House Trail 2023



Map and
details on pages 12-14

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Thank you to all those who bought plants from my stall during October or have donated to Ripple Effect recently. I will be forwarding £400 during the Big Christmas Give Challenge so your donation will be doubled!

Tricia Lawrence - pjlawrence46@gmail.com www.rippleeffect.org www.biggive.org

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Christmas Fair: Saturday 16 December

Rachel Watchorn and I set up Yak & Yarn in September as a space for anyone with a wool addiction to find a safe space to be. Over the October half-term, we were joined by a wonderful group of young people who wanted to learn to crochet. In particular two girls, Lucy and Izzy, who wanted to learn to be able to make things to raise money for their trip to Borneo.

After a lovely couple of weeks teaching them, we collectively decided to support them by holding a Christmas Fair from 1.30pm until 4.00pm on Saturday 16 December in the British School Room. The girls are making things to sell as are the Yak & Yarners.

There will be refreshments and a raffle.

We have a few tables available to others crafters if anyone is interested? There is no table fee but a donation to the children's trip. If you'd like a table, please get in touch with me (Candi Williams Tarling) on 07730 953812.

Here is some brief information about their trip:

Global Action trip to Borneo!

Lucy, Izzy and Toby from Sherston will be travelling to the Kinabatangan Rainforest in Borneo in July 2024. Their stay will involve working with local communities, teaching English to children and participating in environmental field trips. They will also be assisting in the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned orangutans at the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre.

We hope to see you at the Christmas Fair!

Candi Williams Tarling

(Yak & Yarn runs every Friday morning from 10.00am to 12.00noon in the British School Room, Cliff Road.)

Monday Soup Lunch: 4 December



Do come and join us for the December lunch - 12.00noon until 2.00pm in the British School Room. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book.

Each month we choose a charity where the donations will go to. If there is a charity close to your heart that you would like us to support, please get in touch.

In September, we supported the charity Doorway, which provides meals for those in need. In October, we donated money to the Spring Board Opportunity Group in Chippenham, which supports children with additional needs. Tess, a Sherston mum whose child uses the service, ran the half marathon in Bath to raise additional funds. In November, we supported Dorothy House.

So come along and join us there will always be company and good food. If you would like a lift do let us know.

For further information contact Candi Williams Tarling on 07730 953812 or Revd Susan Harvey on 840696

Sherston Seniors

In August, we had a very interesting and informative talk by Keith Mills, a paramedic with Wiltshire Air Ambulance. The service is entirely funded by the public via its charity. Originally, it shared costs with the police but, in 2011, a new charity was formed: Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charitable Trust (WAACT)

In 2012, Westbury charity shop was opened. In 2014, the WAACT lottery was founded, followed by a second shop in 2016 in Devizes. In 2018, the service moved into its purpose-built airbase in Semington, enabling all its aircrew and charity staff to be under the same roof for the first time. In 2021, the charity's costs rose to £4 million a year, hence the need for more financial support. In 2022, the charity received the Pride of Wiltshire Award at the annual Wiltshire Life Awards. Keith was a wonderful speaker and so full of enthusiasm that members were keen to support in any way they could.

Our next outing was the Autumn Colours Tour, a lovely ride through the countryside, before stopping at AV8 Café at Cotswold Airport for lunch.

Our next speaker, Susan Grey, told us about the history of pantomime. This was fascinating. Pantomime has its roots in 16th-century Italian Commedia dell'arte, a form of theatre with dance, music, tumbling, acrobatics and a cast of mischievous stock characters. In 1702, the 'father of English pantomime', John Weaver, staged a version of this at Drury Lane Theatre. Harlequin was very prominent throughout the years. Susan spoke with great clarity and enthusiasm.

On 31 October, Susan Mocker and Sue Poole, volunteers at Malmesbury's Athelstan Museum, made a welcome return. Previously, they told us about the Malmesbury hoard. This time, they told us how the museum was able to purchase the Turner painting of Malmesbury Abbey - a very interesting talk.

In November, we had the Jaybirds entertain us and also had lunch at The Ship.

Our final meeting of the year is on 12 December, when we will be having our Christmas party at the British School Room.

Our first meeting of 2024 will be on 9 January with a quiz and bingo. Membership renewal will be due - just £15 for the year. New members are always welcome. We meet every two weeks in the British School Room, Cliff Road, at 2.00pm in the winter, 2.30pm in the summer. Our club is very relaxed and informal. We have speakers covering a variety of subjects and, in the spring, we start our coach trips.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year!

Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust



Sherston Parish Council was recently approached by the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust Stay Safe Online Manager and asked to consider publishing an article in our village magazine highlighting the existence of the the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust (WBVT) and the free service on offer to Wiltshire's over-60s and those 18+ with registered disabilities. The WBVT is a charity and its survival and growth is dependent on referral so the Parish Council has duly obliged and presents their verbatim comments for your consideration:

Since 1998, the WBVT has worked in partnership with Wiltshire Police to provide a free home service for elderly and vulnerable people. Our operators are skilled carpenters/lock fitters, trained in crime reduction and Fire Risk Assessment and provide reassurance to clients. On arrival our operators conduct a security audit and with the permission of the client, fit the necessary security equipment to ensure the home is safe. In addition, they carry out a fire risk assessment, fit smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors if or when appropriate.

Finally, all aspects of home, personal and fire safety are discussed and practical measures provided. The service and equipment are provided free of charge and this vital work is funded by the WBVT.

The mission of the WBVT is to help elderly or vulnerable people who have been victims of or are at risk of house crime, hate crime, domestic abuse or fire. The trust was set up in 1998 and is the first of its kind to be established in England.

Below is a snapshot of the services on offer:

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Sherston Parish Council assumes no responsibility or liability for any of the aforementioned statements/claims. We are simply bringing this service to the attention of our village residents as requested.

For further information, please see the Sherston parish Council noticeboard or contact Toni Evans, WBVT Stay Safe Online Manager, at Toni@wbvt.org or 07860 779247.

STAY SAFE ONLINE
The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust (WBVT) is a registered charity, working in partnership with Wiltshire Police. The WBVT provides a team of trained and police vetted Stay Safe Online volunteers to offer one-to-one home visits and group talks.

Topics covered include:

- Improving your digital and cyber security knowledge
- Cyber and scam prevention advice
- Signposting you to future advice and resources
- Providing support and reassurance
- Offering basic practical skills to ensure you can check and understand privacy settings

Our Stay Safe Online Coordinator will discuss your online safety needs and one of the team will contact you to arrange a home visit or group talk. Visits are made by appointment only.

To book a Stay Safe Online visit or group talk:

Call: 01225 256887
Email: BobbyVanOnlineSafety@wiltshire.police.uk

HOME SECURITY
The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust also provides a free home security service.

Our aims are to:

- Improve the security of homes occupied by over 65s and 18+ with a registered disability to prevent house crime
- Improve the security of homes of domestic violence and abuse victims
- Reduce the incidence of repeat crimes
- Reduce levels of domestic fire incidents by promoting awareness of the safety, detection and prevention
- Offer reassurance and advice on crime prevention and sign-post to other agencies

Visits are made by appointment only. After our Bobby Van Security Operations have conducted a security check and fire risk assessment they will give expert advice on all aspects of home safety and security, and supply and install appropriate equipment to improve home security.

To arrange a home security visit or group talk:

Call: 01225 256887
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"I wish to thank you for providing the two operators who recently visited my home to give their expert advice on computer security and home and fire safety. They were both very thorough, patient and gave my husband and myself much peace of mind with their advice, together with the fitting of additional security measures."
- Mr & Mrs H. Swindon



Next meeting

Tuesday 5 December, Floral Decorations for Christmas: demonstration and workshop with Julia Armstrong

Cuttings: November's meeting was an enjoyable and lively talk about garden design. Swindon-based Laura Holmes described how she approached a client brief and she gave us some tantalising glimpses of garden spaces she had created. She fielded several questions before we allowed her a cup of tea!

Our December meeting will be a relaxed, sociable evening watching Julia Armstrong create beautiful floral decorations with a Christmas theme. Numbers and space permitting, there will be an opportunity for members to have a go too! Mince pies, mulled wine and a non-alcoholic apple juice version should jolly things along. A seasonal gardening quiz will test your knowledge if there's time.

Club meetings will remain throughout 2024 on the first Tuesday of each month at the British School Room, Cliff Road, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Refreshments,

plant ID, plant sales, raffle, gardeners' question time, and jobs to do for the month (in case you're not busy enough....)

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

Connections: Check out the SGC 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.

Blooming Sherston

Still awaiting the village gates so nothing new to report. Watch this space for action next year!

Calendar 2024

Tues 2 Jan 'No dig polyculture in your garden' with Nicola Hope

Visits to Highgrove, Lackham Campus of Wiltshire College and RHS Hampton Court are under discussion as well as NGS garden visits. More details to follow.

The Committee wishes all members of Sherston Gardening Club (present and future!) Festive Greetings and all the Best for a Happy New Gardening Year!

Charity Shops: Five reasons to use them



Following on from last month's article, Lottie Ravenhill is back with a quick round-up of reasons to use charity shops:

1. Increasing sustainability

Given the negative impact on the environment of fast fashion and shopping, charity shops provide the perfect opportunity to combat this and work towards sustainability. It's a form of recycling; 'one person's trash is another's treasure'. It creates a positive cycle of restoration of the life of clothes and products.

2. Reducing the demand for fast fashion

Using charity shops reduces demand for fast fashion production. In turn, fast fashion industries gain less of income and the popularity of this culture and these unethical ways of production can be reduced.

3. Helping those in need

Supporting charity shops is a great way of putting your money towards a good cause, whilst also getting something out of it yourself in an affordable, sustainable way. For example, there are more than 600

Oxfam stores across the UK, raising over £400 million for charity each year (2018/19).

4. Helping the community

Charity shops are a great means of supporting the community as, instead of using landfills, it creates new life for clothes and other items, and helps the economy.

5. Saving money

You can definitely find great bargains by shopping at charity shops. If you really commit to charity shopping and have a good rummage, you wouldn't believe the amount of money that can be saved - not something to be overlooked in the current cost-of-living crisis. Charity shops have provided me with everything from shirts, skirts and jumpers to bags and jewellery - all great quality. These items would have been very expensive new, but were being sold at extremely affordable prices. For example, I recently bought a skirt from a charity shop for around £2.50, in excellent condition, which would have been priced at around £35 new.

Lottie Ravenhill

Thank you from Paul

Just a brief note to thank everyone who voted for me to continue to serve on the Board of the Midcounties Co-op at the recent elections. With your help, I just managed to get across the line!

My term of office runs for three years where I will continue to represent members' interests (i.e. your interests) to best effect and ensure that the society continues to operate in line with its long-standing values and principles, including the important role

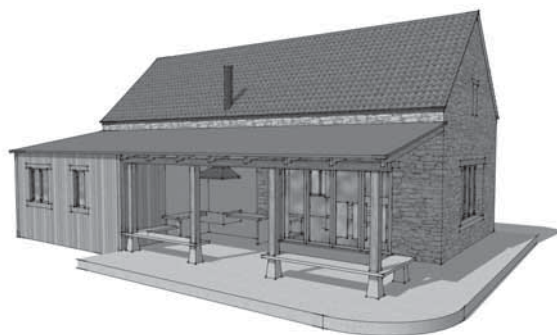
of active community involvement and support – which includes Sherston!

For any day-to-day queries you may have regarding our store in Sherston, I would please ask that you continue to liaise with the staff who I know are always keen to help. However, if you any wider issues that you would like to discuss or have any questions regarding the values and principles that are part of the DNA of the society, which differentiates itself from other organisations, I will only be too pleased to assist. Many thanks again, Paul Mather

Your chance to win a luxury hamper!



On the first two weekends of December, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be outside the Co-op selling tickets for our annual Christmas hamper draw. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, with all funds raised going towards the running of the Scout Hut. Tickets are just £1 each - cash only please! If you're not around to grab a ticket in person but would like to buy one (or some!), please get in touch with Sophie on 07786 990045 or sophcheetham@gmail.com



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Sherston Velo Mallorca trip



Sherston Velo's long-awaited trip to the cycling paradise of Mallorca was a great end to a busy season, with 22 members spending a week exploring the island's iconic rides.

The trip began with a warm-up along the stunning Cap de Formentor (of SEAT advert fame) on the twisty, undulating road to the lighthouse and its breathtaking views across the Med to Menorca.

We also rode the beautiful road from the bustling town of Andrax in the south along the Tramuntana mountain range and out across the central plain to have a spin on the open-air velodrome in the beautiful historic town of Sineu.

The highlight of the week was the famous Sa Calobra climb – not for the faint-hearted, as it is a down-and-up trip from the mountain pass down to the port.



The only way out of town is back up the mountain, climbing 700 metres in 9.5km (more than 2,000 feet in six miles) at an average 7% gradient with no fewer than 26 hairpin bends to negotiate.

The real stars of the week were our mountain riding novices, who rose admirably to the challenge of their first foray into the big hills – part of their cycling journey they will remember for years to come!

Following a great party in the famous Tolo's bar – and some very dodgy karaoke – on the last night, it was a shock to return to a frosty Wiltshire, but our riders had a great time developing their skills and fitness over the course of a fantastic trip.

The club welcomes new members from beginners to experienced riders, on any type of bicycle – we have a ride that will suit you! To join us for a taster ride and to find out more about joining the club, email the secretary, Kate Potter: secretary@sherstonvelo.cc

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Sherston Living Churchyard



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Work to support wildlife diversity in Holy Cross churchyard and to make it a more beautiful place for the community will begin at 10.00am on Saturday 6 January 2024.

Whatever the weather, at this first session we will tour the churchyard and look at some of the projects we would like to start over the year ahead. We already have some ideas but would like to hear what views and ideas other people may have.

The churchyard is already managed as a Living Churchyard within the Church of England's Living Churchyards and Cemeteries Project which aims to protect and enhance native wildlife. Our project will be working with this aim so, for example, planting will be confined to native plants. At the same time, we are working to achieve a Silver EcoChurch Award in the EcoChurch scheme which encourages all churches to consider their footprint on the Earth and their duty of stewardship in all they do.

Everyone is most welcome to come along to the first meeting with their ideas, enthusiasm and expertise. Let's plan for a transformative year in the churchyard in 2024!

Sue Robinson jimandsue4@btinternet.com
Tricia Lawrence, pjlawrence46@gmail.com

Water in Sherston



On Friday 17 November, local environmental scientist Richard Skeffington gave a talk in the British School Room entitled Water in Sherston: Clean Water, Sewage and the Sherston Rivers. This was the first of a series of evening talks hosted by Sustainable Sherston – watch this space for the next! Richard covered a wide range of subjects from the sources of our drinking water, now and in the past; how the Sherston Avon obtains its water; the techniques and politics of sewage disposal; how healthy is the river; and what threatens its health now and in the future. In discussion afterwards, members of the audience highlighted their own concerns about the river and changes they had noticed such as increases in silt; more algae blanketing the stream bed (also noted by the Environment Agency) and a decline in trout. Richard finished with a list of things we can all do to help our river back to health, including:

- Keep up the pressure on Government and water companies to invest in better sewage treatment;
- Don't contribute to sewer blockages by using 'flushable' wipes. Blockages caused by wipes are one of the biggest causes of raw sewage in rivers. Only put the '3 Ps' down the toilet (pee, poo and (toilet) paper). Only wipes meeting standard 4-02-06 are genuinely flushable without damaging the environment.
- Make sure water from your house roof and hard paving goes to a soakaway, not the sewer. This should be possible in Sherston and reduces the load on the sewage works, as well as entitling you to a rebate on your sewage bill if you are on mains drainage.
- Try to use less water
- Volunteer for river conservation work – for instance for the Bristol Avon Rivers Trust (bristolavonriverstrust.org).

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VILLAGE HALL

Sherston Village Hall 300+ Club

The final winners of 2023 were:

£25 Cash: 32 John Blake, 147 Richard McNicol, 172 David Hibbard, 244 Sheila Cutcher, 279 Nic Riley

£180 Bonus Prize: 8 Jenna Ind

Entry for 2024 is now open!

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

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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

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Sherston Drama Group – The Elves and the Shoemaker

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At the end of October, the curtains rose on Sherston Drama Group's production of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker', written and directed by Katie Skeffington. This was our first panto since 2019 and we were so excited to be back!

Sue Ormiston and Mandi Bailey-Turner played two brave and lovable elves, Twix and Curly, who had just arrived at King Nitwit's Palace on an important mission. The King, played with complete idiocy by Graeme Strachan, was meanwhile dealing with several problems of his own, including struggling to control his spoilt daughters (Tilly Baxter and Iona Breakspear were perfect as the obnoxious princesses), and trying to remember the names of his staff (Fergus Nicoll and Eva Edgecombe played the King's long-suffering assistants with tremendous comic timing). All good pantomimes have a messy scene and this one didn't disappoint as the King and his assistants were joined by palace chef Eggwardo (played with authority by Chris Fisk) to make a cake (cue: large amounts of gunge and the biggest mixing bowl you've ever seen!).

King Nitwit was also on the lookout for a wife and was delighted when Dame Dolly Doughnut turned up at the palace looking for work. Dolly was played by Clive Whitehouse who did a fantastic job of getting



in touch with his feminine side. Dolly's son, principal boy Joe (Sienna Badman) was also looking for a job at the palace, and was appointed as the Royal Shoemaker. Sienna put in a compelling performance as Joe and sang a beautiful solo, a love song to Elsie, principal girl and maid at the palace, played with great sensitivity by Kitty Strachan.

Riaan Van Rooyen and Andrea Sisson made a wonderfully evil couple – the Baron and Baroness, who were plotting to take over the palace. The menacing pair were helped by their henchman, dim-witted Blaze (Oli Kutchera, who showed an impressive ability to





mimic different accents) and Agnes, a witch on work experience (played by Stella Thacker with lashings of bad attitude). Judith Woolliams completed the line-up of baddies in her role as the superior Lady Olwyn, a more sophisticated witch.

Navigating all this chaos, the elves helped Joe to make some shoes in an enchanting shadow scene and then set off with their new friends into the forest, searching for goblins. Richard Warren and Dawn Gibbings played two long-nosed goblins with great character and were joined by junior goblins Eliza Evelyn and Amelia Gliddon, who performed a brilliant goblin dance. Richard also doubled as Frank, the Palace gardener and Dawn as the fearless Puss in Boots.

The younger members of the cast were kept busy, playing several parts each, and special mention should go to Eva Edgecombe as Chimes (a moody clock), Eliza Evelyn and Eva Edgecombe as princes, Amelia Gliddon and Eliza Evelyn as palace maids and Amelia Gliddon's portrayal of a scary bear in the forest.

Two awards are given out every production, and this year the Malcolm Jarrett award for Juniors was presented to Eliza Evelyn in recognition of her focus and helpfulness during rehearsals. The infamous Andrew Award for 'the hammiest acting' was won by Oli Kutchera, if you were watching the Friday night performance you'll know why!

Panto could never happen without a lot of help from a lot of people behind the scenes, and at last count we estimated a total of nearly 60 people were involved in this production! Too many to mention here but

a special mention should go to Helen Fisk for her fantastic choreography, Debbie Luter for somehow keeping everything under control in the dressing room, as well as masterminding the costumes, Sally Clayton for her expert prompting, Paul Ormiston and Laura Edgecombe for providing sound and light respectively, Vee Skeffington for heading the front of house team, Robin Turner who was in charge of props and Richard Skeffington and Kate Kutchera for their sterling work backstage getting scenery and props in the right places at the right time. Also a massive thank you to Tea Smart for taking these fantastic photos!

Spring production

If all this sounds like fun and you'd like to join our friendly group, don't hesitate to get in touch! We're always on the lookout for new actors but there are also many off-stage roles available - from prompting to scenery painting, costume sewing, set building, there's a job for everyone! Our next production will be a comedy (all adult cast) called 'A Bunch of Amateurs' by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman. The performances will take place in the week of 8 April and rehearsals will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the New Year. There will be a reading/audition on 12 December, 7.30pm in the North Building (the former pre-school on the recreation ground), anyone remotely interested in acting is very welcome to come along and meet us. For more information or to express an interest in helping in an off-stage role, contact Chair Katie Skeffington (katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk).

Sherston Remembrance Day Service 2023



The theme for this year's Remembrance Sunday service was the Korean War which ended 70 years ago in July 1953, often known as 'The Forgotten War'. Despite the cool damp and drizzly weather, there was still an excellent turn out for the 2023 Sherston Remembrance Sunday open-air service of around 350. As last year, the current armed forces contingent was from 90 Squadron Royal Logistic Corps, Buckley Barracks, commanded by Major Mike Fearnfield. Sherston's uniformed youth organisations were also in full attendance, this year accompanied by a contingent from Sherston Primary School and their headmaster Tommy Towers.

Before the service, the Sherston Band of Ringers started proceedings by ringing half muffled as the Union Flag flew over the tower. Revd Sharon Gleed led the service assisted by Revd Janet Evans of the Methodist Church and Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling of the Congregational Church. Roger Whitehouse, the verger, carried the cross.

After the two minutes silence Wing Commander Chris Pickthall recited The Exhortation. Captain Henry Jodrell and Eva Edgecombe read the names of servicemen of Easton Grey and Sherston who died in past conflicts. Private Atwood of 9 Regt RLC recited the Kohima Epitaph.

Wreaths were laid in memory of the fallen by:
Councillor Andy Tremellen,

Deputy Chair, Sherston Parish Council,
Lieutenant Oliver Stringer,
9 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps,

Suzanne Price,

Church Warden, Holy Cross Church

Philip Springate,

Congregational Church

Nicholas Hawkins,

Bristol Coldstream Guards Association.

1st Sherston Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Guides and Scouts

At the end of the service 90 Sqn RLC, followed by the youth organisations, marched past and Councillor Andy Tremellen took the salute.

Many thanks to all the people behind the scenes who help run this event to commemorate all those from our Armed Forces lost in conflict. In particular: Mike Whately who provided the excellent sound system (and as usual timed things to perfection); Scout Leader Shelley Vickerman who organised participation by the Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Guides and Scouts; WO2 (RSM) Matty Wallwork who organised the 90 Squadron RLC parade; Dr Pip Pettit and the Sherston Band of Ringers, Trudi Baker who led the Sherston Community Choir; the stewards, organised by Sqn Ldr Jim Robinson and comprising Lt Cdr Christopher Morgan RN and Claire Morgan, and Julian and Susan Squire and Gillian Noble; Nigel Freeth who managed the closure of Church Street and the traffic diversions; Paul Ormiston of Compass Graphic Design who designed the Order of Service and Alison Withers who printed them. We also thank Tea Smart and Nick Holland for taking the photos. Finally, thanks go to Chris Pickthall who has organised the Sherston Remembrance Sunday parade and service over many years and is finally standing down.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of Sherston Parish Council and the Clerk to the Council, Ms Donna Ford.

The collection at the service raised £670 which will be sent to the Royal British Legion.

Kevin Noble

Repair of the North Transept Ceiling and Pipe Organ



At the time of writing, Wheatley Plasterwork Ltd have removed the old ceiling in the north transept of the church and are now beginning to replace the wooden lathes and lime plaster. We hope that this major project will be complete by spring 2024. The new ceiling will need to dry and then be painted before the repair work to the pipe organ can commence. If you can help support our work, you can use our new contactless donation box in church or donate through our Parish Giving webpage Sherston - Parish Giving Scheme www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/sherston-malmesbury/ The church continues to be open during the repairs and our services continue, but please check the times of special services during Advent, Christmas and the New Year.



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Sherston Arts Festival 2023



This year's Arts Festival was a success from beginning to end. Lady Dyson opened the Preview evening by speaking about the importance of art in our lives, something which resonated with everyone there. A record number of artworks were shown in the exhibition, crossing a range of subjects and media, appealing to all tastes. The church was decorated with flower arrangements which complemented the exhibition.

The following day participants at a lino cutting workshop designed and produced their own Christmas cards. In the evening, the church was packed to hear a wonderful concert by the Blaenavon Male Voice Choir and singer Nicola Clark. What a night!

On Sunday 5 November, Rural Arts Touring brought us 'Stories in the Dust', a thought-provoking tale for all ages.

During the week, on Thursday, author Sue Limb amusingly talked about her life in comedy, working on radio shows and writing books.

On Friday we were treated to a heartwarming display of photographs, by Tea Smart, of local stars of our community.

Saturday evening was an opportunity for a good old-fashioned barn dance with the Packhorse Band, attended by villagers of all ages, all keen to join in. The Village Hall was a perfect venue, with the Butterfly Hall coming into its own.

To return to Lady Dyson's comments - the aim of the Arts Festival is to bring art in all its forms to the village and to celebrate creativity. Which has huge value. So, if you made a scarecrow, painted a picture, made a peg doll, created a linocut, thank you for contributing. If you attended the concert, looked at the exhibition (and bought a picture!), joined in with the dance or watched the play, thank you for supporting.

Thanks to our sponsors, who helped fund the events, and well done to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make it happen.


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Sherston Photography Portrait Exhibition

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came out and visited my Sherston Photography Portrait Exhibition as part of Sherston Arts Festival, at the new Butterfly Hall. The community support in this village is fantastic and as a freelance

photographer running my own business, it was incredibly heartwarming to have such a successful turn out. If you missed it, it is now available online at www.teasmart.co.uk/SherstonPortraits

- Tea Smart



Young Artists Exhibition 2023

Ten years after the first Peg Village in 2013 - Sherston's first Big Art Installation – the Arts Festival team wanted to help create another fantastic piece of art with a new generation of young artists. The Peg Village was exhibited in the British School Room during one very busy weekend in November - the young artists created an incredible collaborative piece of art!

The whole of Sherston School dived into the project with huge enthusiasm. Reception class made unique hand-printed trees. Years 1 and 2 focused on every mode of transport imaginable! While years 3 and 4 designed and built houses galore, with everything from chimneys to tiny windows. Year 5 brought the church to life in every season, while year 6 got stuck into a full-scale model of Sherston School, complete with fabulous mini-books and chairs.

Sherston's uniformed groups took on the challenge of the Peg Village too. Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts created an exciting landscape, including a haunted house, skate park, the school, lots of houses, the scout hut, the church and mini gardens. Getting messy with paint and glue to brilliant effect!

All of the young artists received a wooden peg and it was interpreted in so many amazing ways – from cricketers to Father Christmas and everything else in between. Each one had its own personality – bringing the village to life. Sherston schoolchildren also built giant box peg people. As part of Black History week, they took inspiration from several artists to build incredible works of art. Everyone who came to see the exhibition was bowled over by the creativity and talent on show.

Thank you to Mr Towers at Sherston Primary School for being so enthusiastic about this community project, to every teacher (particularly Miss Harrison!), teaching assistant, school team member and uniformed leader who contributed their time and fantastic creativity to this very special installation. A big thank you to James Pyle Estate Agents for sponsoring the exhibition and Kirsty Strachan for orchestrating it. Thank you also to everyone who helped set the exhibition up - particularly Clare Seymour, Sally Clayton, Nicky Gray, Sophie Cheetham, Jane Milne, Benedict Nicholas, Graeme Strachan and Javier Garcia - and to Dave Shephard and Mike Whatley for the snazzy lighting.

Finally, the most important thank you must go to every young artists who created this exhibition - they should all be so proud of themselves - it was a wonderful art show absolutely worthy of the Tate!

Advent House Trail 2023

The Advent House trail is back with over 70 windows and gardens taking part! Each night, a new section will light up to add a little extra sparkle to Sherston. See the map opposite. Pop out every night to see a different side to Sherston with the full trail lit on 23 December. Holy Cross will be the final scene on Christmas Eve. Also, it's not too late to get involved! You won't be on the map but if you are feeling inspired - just create a window or garden display and join in. Everyone is welcome in this fun community event!

Sherston Calendar 2024



The Sherston Calendar has returned for another year! The 2024 version is now available for just £10. This not-for-profit calendar is dedicated to supporting the community by contributing to The Holy Cross Church, The Senior Club, The Friends of Sherston School, and Sustainable Sherston. With only a limited number of copies on sale, grab yours today at The Courtyard Café or The Angel. Your purchase not only brings a beautifully curated calendar into your home but also makes a positive impact on the vital initiatives within our community. Don't miss out - grab your copy now and show your support for our community in Sherston!



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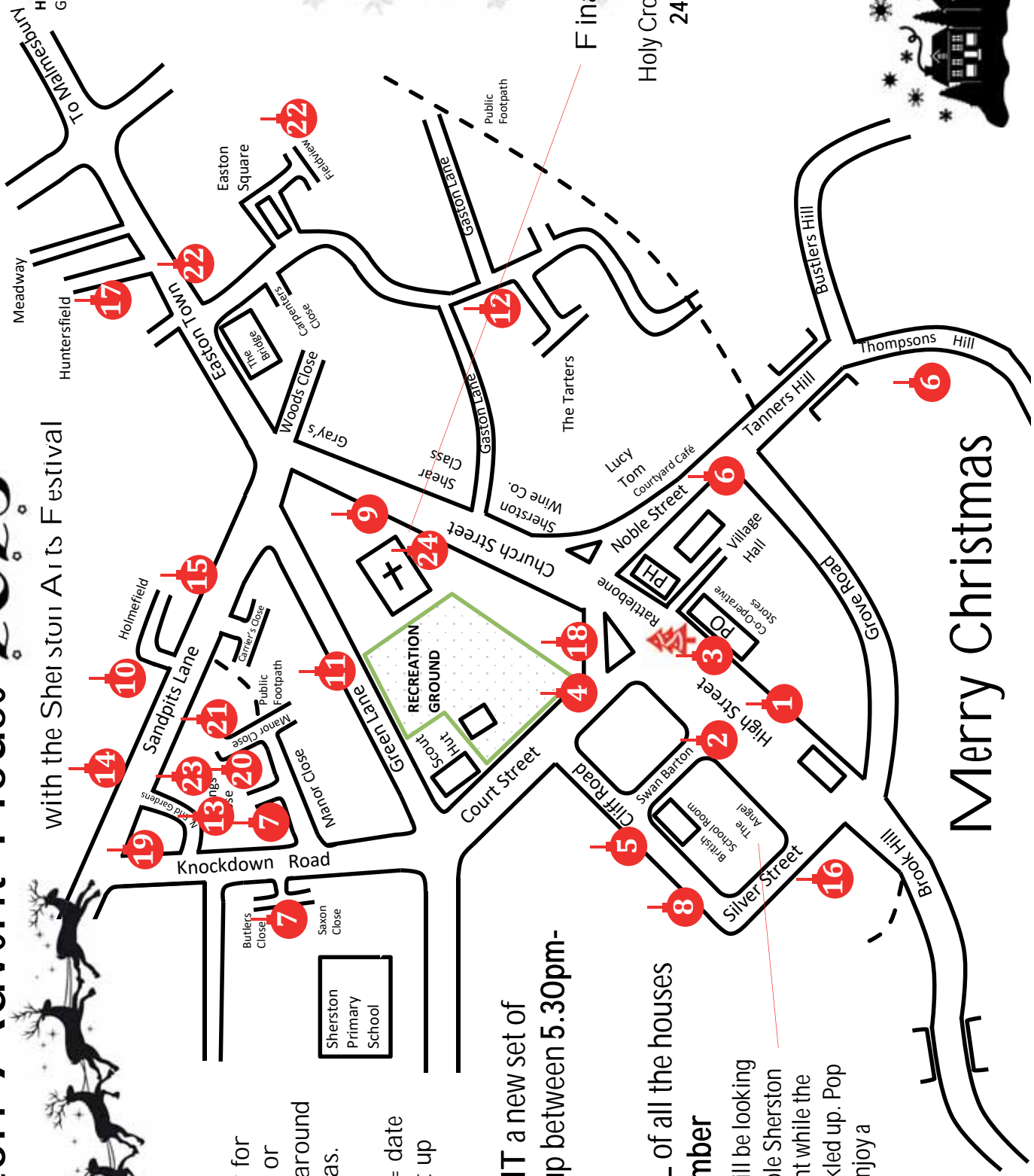
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Sherston Advent House 2023

with the Sherston Arts Festival



- Look out for windows or gardens around these areas.
- Number = date they light up

EACH NIGHT a new set of houses light up between 5.30pm-8.30pm

FULL TRAIL of all the houses on 23rd December

The Angel will be looking after the Sustainable Sherston Ink Recycling Point while the Phone Box is sparkled up. Pop in to recycle and enjoy a lovely cuppa and a treat!

Final Advent revealed at Holy Cross Church on 24th December



Merry Christmas



1 High Street
The Old Pharmacy, High Street

2 High Street
15 High Street
17 High Street
The Angel, High Street
37 High Street
39 High Street

3 The Village Christmas Tree,
High Street (organised by the *Boules Committee, Hortico Garden Centre and Sherston Co-operative Stores*)

4 Court Street
17 Court Street
19 Court Street
21 Court Street

5 Cliff Road
Yew Tree House, Cliff Road
1 Cliff Road
6 Cliff Road
12 Cliff Road

6 Thompsons Hill
9 Noble Street
Mill House, Thompsons Hill
Marden House, Thompsons Hill

7 Strong's Close/Butlers Close
2 Strong's Close
5 Strong's Close
12 Strong's Close
16 Strong's Close
3 Butlers Close

8 Cliff Road
Thimble Cottage
23 Cliff Road
33 Cliff Road

9 Church Street
5 Church Street
21 Church Street
21 Church Street
Anthony Close (Church St. Window)

10 Sandpits Lane
1 Holmfield
2 Holmfield
3 Holmfield
4 Holmfield

11 Green Lane
The Scout Hut, by Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
5 Green Lane
10 Green Lane
14 Green Lane
Summerstone, Green Lane

12 The Tarters
3 The Tarters
4 The Tarters
23 The Tarters
49 The Tarters
51 The Tarters

13 Strong's Close
6 Strong's Close
7 Strong's Close
18 Strong's Close
19 Strong's Close
31 Strong's Close

14 Sandpits Lane
The Hawthorns, Sandpits Lane
Carinya, Sandpits Lane

15 Carrier's Close/Sandpits Lane
Pheasant's Crossing, Sandpits Lane
5 Carriers Close

16 Silver Street/Brook Hill
5 Silver Street
14 Silver Street
13 Brook Hill

17 Hunters Field
Rowan Lea, Hunters Field
Willow Trees, Hunters Field

18 Court Street
Ivy Cottage, Court Street
Loft Cottage, Court Street

19 Knockdown Road/Norrend Gardens
2 Knockdown Road
1 Norrend Gardens

20 Strong's Close
20 Strong's Close
24 Strong's Close
25 Strong's Close

21 Manor Close
25 Manor Close
38 Manor Close

22 Field View/Easton Town
5 Field View
30 Easton Town

23 Strong's Close
26 Strong's Close
27 Strong's Close
28 Strong's Close

24 Holy Cross Church,
Church Street

Sherston Advent House 2023

with the Sherston Arts Festival



Scarecrow Trail 2023



This year saw more scarecrows than we have seen for over 12 years! It was a brilliant trail and, with the theme of 'Toys, Books and Games', it proved just the right side of tricky with keen-eyed adults confident on some scarecrows, while others had the children showing off their knowledge.

The people's choice vote was so close with only a few votes between them all - anyone could have won the much-coveted title! But ... drum roll... third prize went to Katie Skeffington's brilliant witch from Room on the Broom, while the Thomas family's Paddington scarecrow, complete with an excellent marmalade sandwich, claimed the second spot. First place went to the Butlers/Fiona Lewis for their flying Mary Poppins - practically perfect in every way! Thank you to Sherston Co-operative Stores for providing the prizes for each of the winners.

Each and every scarecrow deserved a prize though - it really was one of the best trails we have had in Sherston. From the reception class at Sherston Primary School's extremely wiggly worms to the cryptically mind-bending Famous Five, it was a trail to remember. Thank you so much to everyone who took part. Congratulations to Alice Nicholas and Eva Edgcombe for guessing the most scarecrows correctly. They also received a box of chocs!

See you in 2025 for the next trail!

1. Mary Poppins
2. Subbuteo Footballer
3. Ash Ketchum
4. Super Mario
5. Pikachu
6. Humpty Dumpty
7. Where's Wally
8. Hermione Granger (Harry Potter)
9. Betty O'Barley from The Scarecrows' Wedding
10. Minion
11. The witch from Room on the Broom
12. Paddington
13. Gollum from Lord of the Rings
14. Rubik's cube
15. Sir Gadabout from Zog
16. The Green Man
17. Kermit and Miss Piggy
18. The Famous Five
19. Minecraft - Creeper, Pig and Sheep
20. Furby
21. Green from Rainbow Friends Roblox
22. Ghost Blitz
23. Astrix and Dogmatix/Idefix
24. Snakes and Ladders
25. Lego toy
26. The Cheshire Cat
27. Little Red Riding Hood
28. Stickman



Malmesbury Live Arts

A month of spectacular moments! We hope you are well and looking forward to the yuletide season ahead of us. We've some great nights planned to help you on your Christmas journey - so open up your diaries and get yourself booked in (<https://www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/page.php/whats-on>) for some festive fun!

Christmas Comedy

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

Friday 8 December, The Kings Arms

Our Christmas Comedy night welcomes for the first time headliner Steve N. Allen who stars as a regular member of the news-desk team on Late Night Mash on UKTV/Dave; a show formerly known as The Mash Report. He is also an experienced comedian and host who is at home anywhere on the bill, with a warm and upbeat act that soon connects with any audience.

His material ranges from an observational look at life to up to date topical comedy - or shows solely based on the interaction with the crowd. He has also been a panellist for 'The Wright Stuff' and 'Jeremy Vine' (Ch5), 'Not The One Show' (London Live) and was the 'Anchor-man' on the 'News500' YouTube channel. With four other acts you know this will be a great way to add some Christmas sparkle to those winter nights!

Tickets www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/christmasgloryhole

Movies@Malmesbury: Programme for December

Mon 4	2.00pm	My Big Fat Greek Wedding
	7.00pm	Killers of the Flower Moon
Fri 8	2.00pm	Killers of the Flower Moon
Mon 11	8.00pm	Golda
Tues 12	7.15pm	The Nutcracker *
Fri 15	2.00pm	Golda
Mon 18	8.00pm	The Miracle Club
Fri 22	2.00pm	The Miracle Club

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. 2.00pm and 5.30pm £5 & £4, 8.00pm £6, except * £12

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

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Friday 8 December All On A Winter's Night, Johnny Coppin - one of England's finest singer/songwriters - presents another feast of traditional carols, new songs, stories, folklore and superstitions. 7.30pm-9.45pm. Tickets £20/£10 under 25.

Saturday 9 December The Bon Jovi Experience: The official tribute band to Bon Jovi, endorsed by the man himself, fronted by a lead singer so familiar, you won't believe he's not the real deal! 7.30pm-10.00pm. Tickets £20.

Friday 15 December Comedy Club: Come and enjoy festive fun at the Goods-Shed in the company of these comedy Christmas crackers Tom Glover, Samantha Day and Morgan Rees! 8.00pm-10.00pm. Tickets £12.50/£10 under 25.

Saturday 16 December Jack and the Bean Stalk: Join Jack on his giant adventure as he climbs the beanstalk to an enchanted land to rescue his friends and family from one very hungry giant! 2.00pm-4.15pm. Tickets £12 adults, £9 under 14, £35 family ticket for 4.

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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, 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, 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

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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.

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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

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Regular Groups and Events in Sherston

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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

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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 5.30-7.00pm in term time - Village Hall. Girls are welcome to join after their 10th birthday, there's 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. Too book, contact the Church Warden via sherston@gauzebrook.org

Sherston Congregational Church

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

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

Methodist Church

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

Music, Culture and Social

Church Bell Ringing

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

Sherston Community Choir

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

Sherston Drama Group

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

Drawing Classes in Sherston

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

Footpaths Group

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

Yak & Yarn

Every Fri morning 10 till 12 in the British School Room, Cliff Road

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 educating 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 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.

Luckington Mobile-PO Service outside The Old Royal Ship (SN14 6PA) each Tues 1.30 - 2.30pm

Luckington Village Hall Book via Stephanie Stephenson on 0778 6275328 or luckingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting see www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Malmesbury Concert Band www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

Malmesbury Community Choir www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org or <https://www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir>.

Malmesbury Morris www.facebook.com/malmesburymorris www.malmesburymorris.org.uk

Malmesbury Singers www.malmesburysingers.co.uk

Malmesbury Film Society www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk

Tetbury Art Society <http://tetburyartsociety.org.uk>

If you run a club, society or organisation in Sherston that holds regular events such as the above and wishes to be listed, please supply your details and we will add them to the Regular events list. If you have a particular event then please write a short piece about it and we can include it as an article and put the details in the What's On list for that month.



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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

Christmas Services

Sherston Village Carol Service Sun 17 Dec at 6pm together with the Congregational and the Methodist Churches in our Parish Church for Nine Lessons and Christmas Carols, followed by refreshments.

Nativity Service 4pm Christmas Eve. Children who may wish to come dressed as a character from the Nativity story and gather round our stable as we set the scene for the joy of the birth of Jesus Christ.

First Mass of Christmas on Christmas Eve at 9pm

Christmas Day Family Communion 10am

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 Living Churchyard

Work to support wildlife diversity in Holy Cross churchyard and to make it a more beautiful place for the

community will begin at 10am on Sat 6 Jan. Everyone is most welcome to come along to the first meeting with their ideas, enthusiasm and expertise

Sherston Congregational Church –

Activities in The British Schoolroom

Yak & Yarn, every Fri morning 10 till 12 in the British School Room, Cliff Road for everyone from inexperienced to expert

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 - Please register your interest with Alicja by email or find us on Facebook.

Christmas Advent House Trail

The Advent House trail is back with over 70 windows and gardens taking part! Each night a new section will light up to add a little extra sparkle to Sherston. More details www.sherstonartsfestival.com

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

Christmas Workshop: Seasonal Floral Arrangements -

Julia Armstrong Tues 5 Dec

'No dig polyculture in your garden' with Nicola Hope Tues 2 Jan

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.

Yak & Yarners Craft Christmas Fair

in aid of Sherston youngsters Global Action Trip to Borneo. Refreshments and a raffle

Sat 16 Dec British School Rooms Crafters welcome to take a table. There is no table fee but a donation to the children's trip. If you'd like a table, please get in touch with Candi Williams Tarling on 07730 953812

Sherston Drama Group Spring Play Auditions

The spring play is a comedy called 'A Bunch of Amateurs' by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman (an all adult cast) with performances w/o 8 April, and rehearsals on Tues and Thurs evenings starting Jan. Auditions on 12 Dec, 7.30pm at the North Building (the old pre-school) on Sherston recreation ground. Everyone welcome! Any questions don't hesitate to contact Katie Skeffington or Robin (robinandamanda@btopenworld.com), also get in touch if you're interested but can't make the audition date, or if you're interested in being involved in an off-stage role.

Sherston Seniors Club

Quiz and Bingo 9 Jan 2pm. Membership renewal will be due £15 for the year. New members are always welcome, we meet every two weeks at 2pm in the winter and 2.30pm in summertime in the British School Room. The club is very relaxed and informal we have speakers who relate a variety of subjects and in the spring we start our coach trips.

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

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

Westonbirt The Arboretum

Enchanted Christmas at Westonbirt Arboretum
 Westonbirt's captivating landscape and stunningly lit trees creates an enchanting world full of wonder and imagination 4-9pm, Fri -Sat 1-2, Fri -Sat 8-9, Fri -Sun 15-17 and Fri -Sun 19-23 Dec Time slots are every 10 minutes from 4.30pm – 8.20pm. Relaxed session time slots are 4pm or 4.15pm Advanced booking essential. www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt/enchanted-christmas

Forest Live Summer Concerts

Anne-Marie Fri 5 July
Nile Rodgers & CHIC with guest Sophie Ellis-Bexter and DECO Fri 12 July
<https://www.forestlive.com>
www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Christmas Late Night Shopping
 Festive fun and entertainment for everyone with; Santa's Grotto, carol singing, rides, food and more... Enjoy Malmesbury's vibrant High Street with it's many independent shops and 50 stalls, where you will find that special gift for friends and loved ones and treats for yourself too. Fri 1 Dec from 6-9pm, Malmesbury High Street

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.org 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

Astronomy - one giant leap in the last 50 years - Dr Mike Jones - Thurs 25 Jan 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,

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Tetbury

Tetbury's Santa Dash Come and take part in Tetbury's second Santa Dash in aid of Tetbury Hospital. Put on your Christmas jumper or Father Christmas outfit and we will provide you with a Santa hat. The Santa Dash will start at 11.30am on Sun 11 Dec at Market House, then set off down Long Street and walk or dash a designated route of the town, that is just shy of a mile - there will be mince pies and drinks for all on your return. Entry is £5 per person and includes a Santa hat, mince pies and drinks. Children under 5 are free and they will receive a free Santa hat and a Santa medal! Children under 14 must be supervised by an adult. Dogs on leads welcome too.

Tetbury Goods Shed

Ros's Organic Vegetables every Sat 11-1pm Daily picked locally grown seasonal vegetables
Exhibitions, talks, concerts, cinema - <https://shed-arts.co.uk>
The Whistle Stop café open for takeaway coffees and takeaway food on Tues to Sun 10am-4pm www.shed-arts.co.uk

Hullavington The Gauzebrook Group Advent Service of Light will be at St Mary Magdalene Church, in Hullavington on Sun 10 Dec at 6pm. Details of other church services across the Gauzebrook Group are shown on the Gauzebrook.org website

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

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Cirencester The Barn Theatre

Treasure Island 20 Nov – 6 Jan. Box office: 01285 648255 or boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk or visit <https://barntheatre.org.uk> for full cast details and tickets

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

Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet Live and encore screenings at local cinemas www.roh.org.uk/cinemas

National Theatre Live

Live and encore screenings from The National Theatre at local cinemas www.ntlive.com

Royal Wootton Bassett Carer Support Wiltshire are holding a new carer café in Royal Wootton Bassett and inviting anyone who is caring for someone to come along every month, meet other carers, gain information and enjoy free cake and a hot drink. The Angel Hotel, 47 High Street 10.30-midday on first Tuesday of the month.

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Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

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

Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

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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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