



# THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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## SOS -Tolsey Surgery – What's been happening since the November update?



We last provided an update in the November Cliffhanger, when we confirmed that, following significant pressure by residents, patients, GPs, Parish and Wiltshire Councils as well as local MPs, we had successfully managed to obtain confirmation from the Integrated Care Board (ICB) that it would support our plans to build a new surgery, and NOT close our existing provision.

Since that time, Cllr Martin Smith and I have met with the Director of Primary Care NHS Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire ICB, her team, and the GPs on three separate occasions. Martin has also met with the Chief Financial Officer of Wiltshire Council who has confirmed that we have his support.

As a result of these meetings:

- It has been accepted that Sherston needs to retain a surgery in the village.
- The GPs are working to revise their original business plan to better support their requirement for a surgery larger than the one we have now.
- The ICB is revising its methodology for assessing rural surgery requirements nationally (using Sherston and one other surgery as, if you like, guinea pigs). The ICB has advised that our challenge to the original proposal to close the Tolsey highlighted some failures in the ICB's

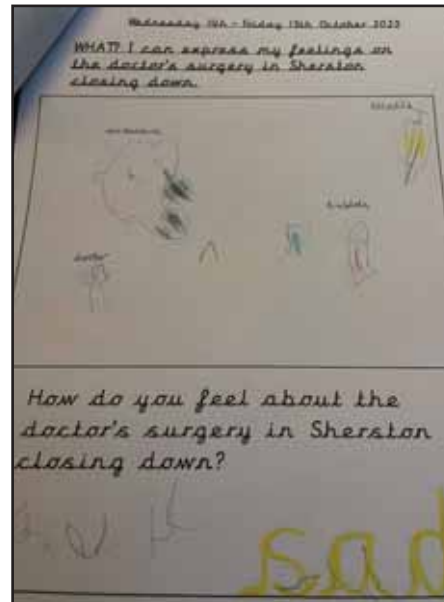
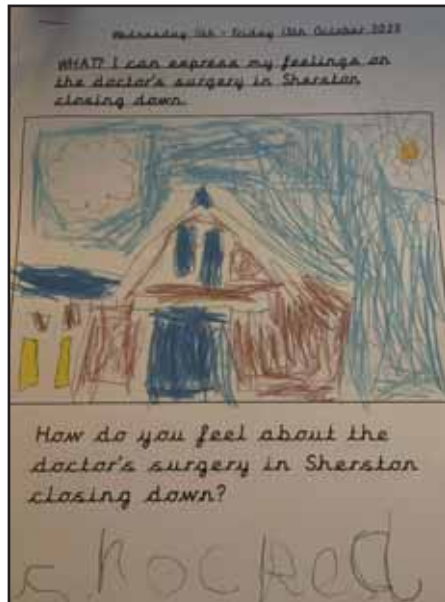
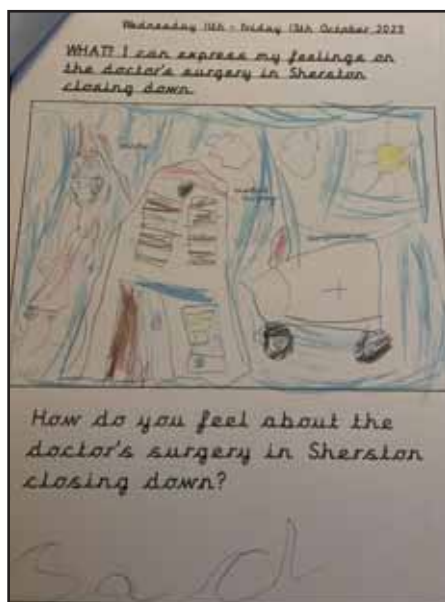
process in terms of understanding more rural surgery practice requirements – in essence the assessment process was geared more towards towns and cities, whereby people have direct access and transport links to access their local surgery provisions.

- The GPs and ICB will be holding bi-weekly meetings to ensure momentum is maintained.
- It is anticipated that the revision of the business plan together with assessment by the ICB should be completed in January. Assuming the ICB approves/supports the business plan it then needs to be approved by the NHS – the timescales of this are yet to be confirmed.

In summary, progress is being made, but we still have a long way to go and do need to keep the pressure up. As such, we will be presenting the recent survey undertaken by residents and patients, the many letters we have received, including some really delightful ones from the children at Sherston Primary School, to the Director of the ICB for our region at the Area Board on 20 February.

We will provide a further update following this meeting. This update will feature in the March Cliffhanger, although we will try to pop something on our Facebook page earlier.

*Cllr Tanya Burgess (Chair Sherston Parish Council)  
& Cllr Martin Smith (Wiltshire Councillor for the Sherston Division)*



## Sherston Community Choir

On Friday 8 December, Sherston Community Choir headed off to Westonbirt to sing at the Enchanted Christmas. Fortunately, it was a comparatively mild evening - versus last year, when we braved temperatures of -3 degrees. We sang two sets, warming up with tea and mince pies in between. The audiences seemed to enjoy singing along, and we raised over £130 for charity.

This year, we raised money for the Power of Music Fund, a charity that gives money to groups who support people with dementia or mental health issues. As members of a choir, we all know the benefits of singing together, so it's a cause close to our own hearts.

After a Christmas break we will be back together in the British School Room on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm from 10 January. Please feel free to join us, we'd love to see you. There's no audition and you don't have to be able to read music. You can follow our Facebook page for more details.

Wishing you all a happy New Year!

*Sheila, for Sherston Community Choir*

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## Sherston Footpath Group – planned works for January 2024



As many of you will be aware, we re-started a coppicing plan in Grove Wood a couple of years ago to pick up where the previous group of volunteers left off some 10 or so years ago.

We have completed two rounds with the help of a number of volunteers previously and are now planning our 3rd round for Sunday 28 January, starting at 09:00a.m.

We really could do with some help, it's a great way of meeting new people as well as getting some exercise and exposure to hopefully..... some vitamin D.

If you are able to spare 2-3 hours please do contact [nigel.freeth@sherston.org.uk](mailto:nigel.freeth@sherston.org.uk)

Many thanks

*Tanya Burgess (Chair, Sherston Parish Council)*

## Tolsey News Happy New Year!



We would like to wish all our patients a very happy and healthy New Year!

We would like to say thank you for all the support from the local community over the past 12 months as we try to get a new surgery built. It has been a challenging time and we still have a long way to go. However, there have been some encouraging signs in recent weeks and we hope to bring you a more formal update in the near future.

None of this would have been possible without the wonderful support shown by everyone. Thank you for all the letters, emails and vocal support that we have received. A special note of thanks to the children of Sherston Primary School who drew us the most beautiful pictures which we plan to display in the surgery.

### New Staff

The last few years has seen a lot of changes in personnel at The Tolsey. Sadly, this month we are saying goodbye to our Practice Manager, Sadia Chant, who is moving to a larger practice in Stroud.

We are also giving thanks for the many years of service that Sue Alexander has given the practice and our local area. Sue 'officially' retired nine years ago but was tempted back to provide nursing care to our patients. She has now decided that it is time to properly retire and we wish her the very best for the future.

We would like to welcome two new members of staff. Rex Mackrill is our new Practice Manager and Dawn Gibbings has joined our Dispensary team. We hope that they will be very happy in their roles and made to feel welcome by all our patients.



## Success for Sherston Scout Hut fundraiser: Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who stopped outside the Post Office in December to buy a raffle ticket from a chilly or damp Brownie, Beaver, Cub or Scout. We raised over £1,200 which will go towards the increasing running costs of the Scout Hut. Congratulations again to our hamper winners and thank you to Sherston Co-op for generously donating the contents for an entire hamper.

Best wishes for a happy New Year from 1st Sherston Brownies and Scout Group!

## On track for success



Nellie is aged six, lives in Sherston and goes to the village school. So far, so normal but ... Nellie has also just finished her first season racing in the rookies class of the FAB-Racing Championship 23.

She's done absolutely amazingly and has shocked everyone in her first year racing coming in the top ten in most of her races, including coming sixth twice and coming 11th in the championship out of around 25 riders.

From a very young age, Nellie has loved anything with wheels. First it was a balance bike, then she started riding her push bike at the age of three as well as her electric revvi bike. Shortly after her fifth birthday, Nellie began riding her mini motorbike at M4 Karting in Hullavington where she trains regularly.

During her first season, Nellie has had a lot to learn and has progressed massively. She has travelled all around the country racing and training at different tracks. She also travelled to Spain last March for a whole week to train which she loved. She's made some great friends during her time racing and it's so lovely to see the friendships the children have made and how they have supported Nellie as she is one of the younger ones racing.

Sherston School has been very supportive of Nellie's racing, and Nellie absolutely loves showing videos and pictures to all of her class friends after a race weekend.

Nellie has a parent-run Instagram account @nelliemoto44 if you wanted to have a look and to support, we are also asking for any one who would like to come on board with Nellie's racing and help to sponsor her, please contact us. We would be very great for any support received.

Nellie's aiming for podiums next season which will be a huge achievement ... watch this space!

## The Ocean in a Drop: A realistic optimist's perspective on how we create change

Sustainable  
Sherston



A talk by Dr Roz Savage MBE  
Friday 12 January, 7.30pm  
British School Room, Cliff Rd  
Entry £5 on the door

Following an environmental epiphany, Roz Savage rowed solo across three oceans (Atlantic, Pacific, Indian) to raise awareness of our ecological crisis.

Her voyages took her to places - both literally and figuratively - that gave her deep insights into the systemic changes that are needed if we're going to set course for a more sustainable future. Join Roz in a conversation that spans the personal, local, national and international, and paints a positive vision of how we can all be the change we want to see in the world.

## Sherston Living Churchyard



The first meeting for volunteers who would like to help make the churchyard a more beautiful and wildlife-friendly place will be held on Saturday 6 January from 10.00am:

- Listen to our plans for the future
  - Take a guided tour
  - Get active – a short work session, weather permitting
- Please bring spades and edging tools if you have them.

Sue Robinson 841263 jimandsue4@btinternet.com  
Tricia Lawrence pjlawrence46@gmail.com

## Poppy Appeal

The 2023 Poppy Appeal in the Malmesbury District, which includes Sherston and Luckington, raised a record total of over £19,000 and there will be some late donations to add to this wonderful total. I wish to thank all our supporters on behalf of the ex-service community.

Derek Tilney PAO

# Village Treasure: The British School Room/ Congregational Church

Chapel founded 1822; subsequently British School Room (BSR) founded 1844.

British school rooms were donated across the country in the early 19th century for 'the free Education of labouring, and other needy classes'.\* It is said that in the whole of London only one remains.

Sherston's BSR was erected in 1844 when an indenture dated 17 May involving Edward Boulton and the Reverend Richard Knibb gave power of ownership to the Reverend D.B. Sherry of 'Great Sherston'. This gentleman sold it on 26 April 1861 for £190 to 10 local trustee benefactors to secure it 'in perpetuity for public use and the advancement of the Christian faith'.\*

The 10 trustees in 1861, who were all linked to the free chapel in Cliff Road, were:

- The Reverend Thomas Mann of Trowbridge.
- The Reverend John Spicer Binder of Great Sherston.
- William Somerville the younger of Bitten, a 'Gentleman of Gloucester'.\*
- Handel Cossham of Pucklechurch, a 'Gentleman of Gloucester'.\*
- Henry Holborow of Great Sherston, a 'Farmer'.\*
- William Newth of Great Sherston, a 'Farmer'.\*
- Samuel Jobbins of Great Sherston, a 'Farmer'.\*
- Ebenezer Witchell of Sopworth, a 'Corn Merchant'.\*
- William Pritchard of Easton Grey, a 'Miller'.\*
- Peter Cook of Tetbury, a 'Draper'.\*

\*Quotes from copy of the original deeds.

(It is worth knowing that at one time Sherston was a bigger and busier marketing town than Tetbury.)

On the first page of Sherston Congregational Church's ancient 'Minutes Book' (which is safely lodged in Chippenham Archive Centre), it states that in 1822 preachers regularly came (probably on horseback from Bristol) to a house in Cliff Road which became so crowded that a hole had to be cut in the ceiling so that those upstairs could hear! The number of believers grew so rapidly that a farmer offered his barn (which was in Cliff Road) to become a Free Chapel. (It's worth knowing that the Pilgrim Fathers were Congregationalists – dissenters from the status quo, some of whom were martyred for their faith.) This barn or 'Free Chapel' was accessed from the High Street and the large entrance eventually housed a beautiful little pipe organ. The Chapel was well attended throughout both World Wars for over 100 years, until 2008. Photographs are in our display.

In November, after 15 years, Roger and I made the decision to step down from trusteeship of Sherston's BSR in the hope that new, younger trustees will pick up responsibility for this precious legacy. It is time to pass the baton on. New trustees can be appointed by vote of the Membership of Sherston Congregational Church (SCC) during 2024.

Our main remit over those years has been to painfully



*'History Exhibits' now on display in The British School Room lobby*

- and with great difficulty - liquidise the ancient SCC assets that had accumulated over 202 years from an amazingly generous membership. These assets were all, totally, in two decaying properties - the Old Chapel and Manse in Cliff Road. Eventually, we were consequently able not only to purchase a new Manse for part-time ministry, but also to use these assets to relocate our worship to, modernise, and hire out for public use, the precious BSR/SCC, keeping the aim stated on the original deeds (which we hope to add to the display soon, plus many other proofs of all the facts given above). That aim was - and remains - 'For the Advancement of the Christian Faith'.

We wish to pay tribute to the regular users of the BSR/SCC who have become friends and supporters over more than a decade, often donating generously and taking more interest and care than necessary – thank you SO much, all of you – a special mention in particular to Heather Martin who did FAR more in the early years to keep things going than is generally known.

Sadly, we suffered a very large financial loss last year so it may well be necessary to run one or two events to raise funds in 2024. If so, it would really help if there were a 'Friends of the BSR' group willing to be contacted to see if they could spare a couple of hours on any given date. We would promise not to ask too often but be very grateful for any support. If you think you would be willing to be one of these 'BSR Friends' please phone, text, or email us on or 07778 934742 or clementsmary@btinternet.com.

The BSR/SCC has a very efficient Booking and Admin Officer, Alicja Clark, who would like it to be known there are now THREE rooms available for hire: the Hall, the Quiet Room, and the Upper Room, each with its own sink, and kettle. Alicja can be contacted on alicjaclark076@gmail.com and would be happy to show you around if you wish.

SCC services take place at 10.00am Sundays and can alternatively be attended via zoom by contacting Rev. Andrew Williams Tarling at awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you for patiently reading this far. Please, all 'users', carry on 'using', we need you! Here's to the next 202 years!!

*Mary and Roger Clements*



## SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

**First meeting of 2024:** Tuesday 2 January, 'No dig polyculture in your garden', Nicola Hope.

### Cuttings

At our last meeting of 2023, we made seasonal floral centrepieces, enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies, and rounded off the proceedings with a festive quiz. And that was the end of a successful 2023!

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 (which we're sure everyone always observes strictly).

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](mailto:sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com). It's also worth pointing out that all new members who join between January and March 2024 will have valid membership until April 2025.

### Calendar 2024

- 6 February** Piers Lavan of Hortico TBC.
- 5 March** 'Rosemary Verey, her legacy to C20th gardening' with Margie Hoffnung
- 2 April** 'Four Seasons Cotswold Style' with Mandy Bradshaw
- 7 May** 'Stumperies, Ferns and Shady Friends' with Andrew Tolman
- 4 June** 'Growing Clematis and other Climbers' with Andrew Jeanes
- 5 July (Friday)** Summer Social at The Garden House, Westonbirt (back by popular demand!)
- August** No meeting but there will be a trip TBC
- 3 September** 'Garden Design for Nature and Wellbeing' with Rachel Emous-Austin
- 1 October** 'Growing a Cut Flower Garden' with Rachel Golding Barrett
- 3 December** 'The Victorian Gardener' (a Christmas theme) with Francis Burroughes

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.

Happy New Gardening Year to all our fantastic members!



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# School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

## Happy 2024!

As we embark on a new year at Sherston Primary School, we find ourselves not only looking forward with anticipation but also taking a moment to reflect on the remarkable journey we shared in the previous term. The playground echoed with laughter, classrooms buzzed with curiosity, and the spirit of learning thrived within our vibrant community.

The past term was a testament to the resilience and dedication of our children, teachers, and wider staff. There were many highlights, from Art & Black History Week and Year 6 Bikeability training, to our Carols by Candlelight and Christingle services,

a magical Nativity performance and more. As we turn the page to a new year and fresh chapter, we eagerly anticipate the adventures, growth, and accomplishments that await us. With a wealth of exciting events and educational opportunities on the horizon, Sherston Primary is poised to continue nurturing young minds, fostering creativity and building a foundation for success.

Coming up this term, we have a visit to the Bristol Zoo Project, Children's Mental Health Week, the Young Voices concert, a visit from the Air Ambulance and the launch of our new Art Club. Join us in this exciting journey as we set sail into the promising expanse of the academic year ahead.







### New Reception space for Sherston School

I am delighted to be able to share the plans for our new EYFS space launching this September. Just scan the QR code to view our new Reception classroom.



Thank you to all the families who came along to our Reception Open Day last year. I am still offering 1:1 tours in the run-up to the application deadline on Monday 15 January. Just call 840237 or email [admin@sherston.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sherston.wilts.sch.uk) if you would like to book an appointment.



Wishing everyone a happy and healthy start to 2024,  
*Tommy Towers, Headteacher*

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### ARTS CENTRE



### January Highlights

**Saturday 13 January William Howard:** In concert with Matthew and Emma Denton for a programme of music by Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn. 7.30pm Tickets: £22.50 in advance, £26 on the door.

**Friday 19 January The Beatles for Sale:** The Fab Four's music recreated as it was in their 60s heyday by a group who have worked with stars such as Mary Hopkins, Morrissey and Nancy Sinatra. 7.30pm. Tickets: £20.

**Wednesday 24 January Playtime:** Join Ratty and her friends for a gentle intro to theatre with storytelling, music, puppetry and games for pre-school children and their families. 10.00am-11.00am. Ticket: £5 per child.

**Thursday 25 January Film: Oppenheimer** – the award-winning film comes to your local screen! 7.30pm. Tickets: £7.50.

**Saturday 27 January Paprika:** The UK's leading Balkan band fuse together Eastern European, Balkan, gypsy and classical music and have played at Glastonbury and the Albert Hall. 7.30pm. Tickets: £14.50.

For more details of the above and for our talks, exhibitions and other events and to book tickets visit our website: [www.shed-arts.co.uk](http://www.shed-arts.co.uk)

## 300+ Club 2024 now open



Like all of us, the Village Hall has seen a very large increase in its bills, especially for electricity. This used to be £58 but is currently £531 per month. The other major monthly expense is for the cleaning. This is around £325 per month.

The 300+ Club was set up some years ago to support the running of Sherston Village Hall. Half the money collected has to be returned as prizes so the current contribution of the 300+ Club is around £100 per month. There will be 10 draws through 2024 with

one £50, one £30 and one £20 prize. There will also be a Bonus Draw for Christmas which is expected to be up to £200.

We need more people, as well as our loyal contributors, to join in supporting the Village Hall. Please join for 2024, and encourage your family, friends and neighbours to also become part of the 300+ Club 2024. There is no restriction on the number of entries you can make.

I/We\* would like to join/renew membership of the 300+Club for 2024 and enclose £10.00/£20.00 cash/cheque\* (made payable to Sherston Village Hall), being the subscription for 2024. Please complete this form and return it together with your payment, in an envelope, to the POST OFFICE or contact your assigned collector

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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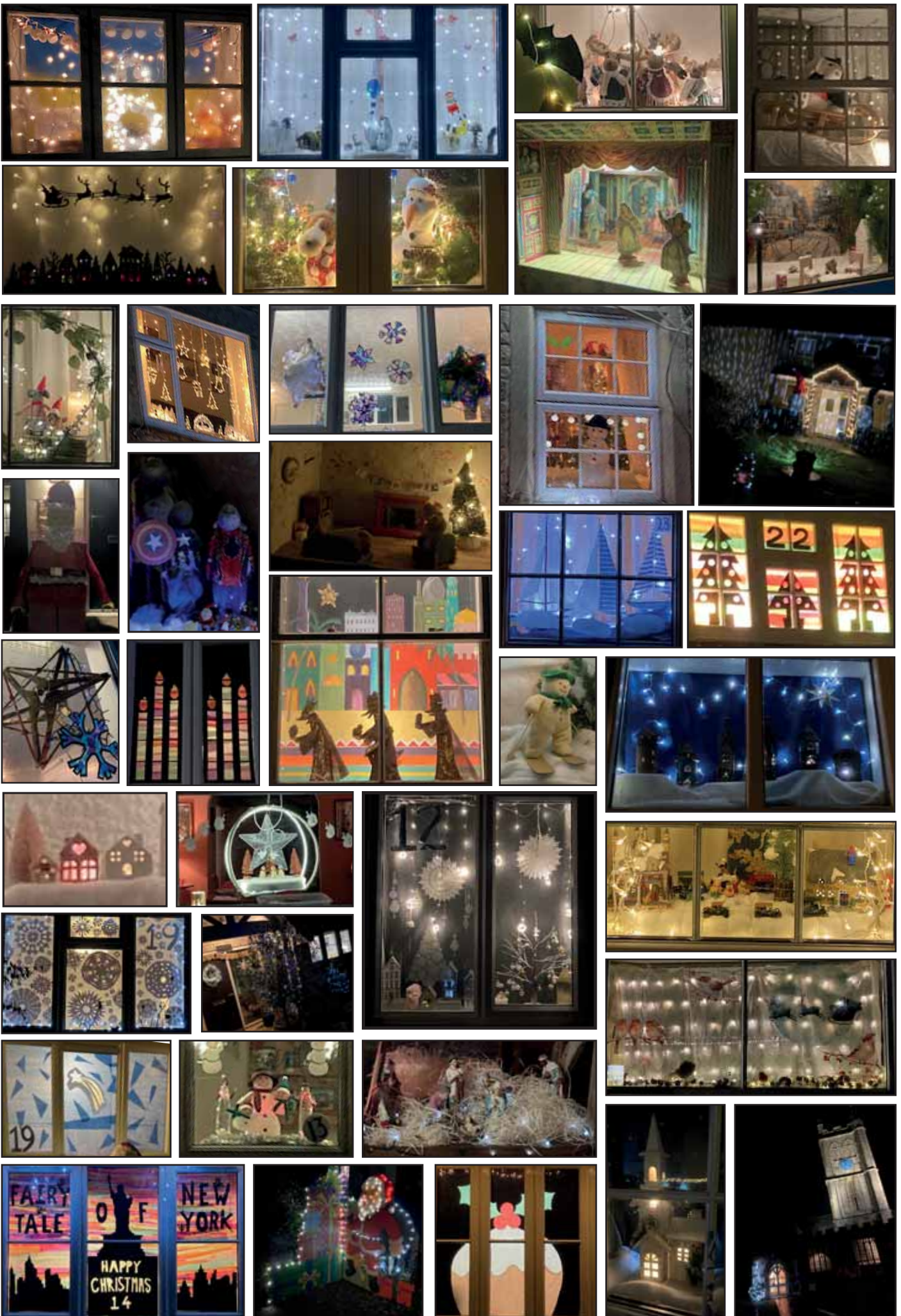


# Advent House Trail

With over 70 houses taking part in the 2023 Arts Festival trail, December in Sherston was absolutely magical. There was a liberal sprinkling of gnomes, tiny houses, snowmen, reindeers - from superheroes saving Sherston to tissue-paper creations - stars, trees and toys, and even a visit from Hollywood royalty with Miss Piggy and Kermit! We were treated to everything from beautiful nativities (including a dog nativity!) to intricate jam jar phone box displays with so many more inventive ideas in between. Thank you to every single person who contributed to creating a window or garden display - each one was fantastic - a real joy on the dark nights providing a Christmas sized helping of community spirit for the whole village to enjoy.









## Didmarton Rural Cinema: Friday 12 January

**The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (2023) – Drama**

Cert: 12A – Run time: 1 hr 48 min. Rotten Tomatoes audience rating: 65%. Starring: Jim Broadbent, Earl Cave, Penelope Wilton. Director: Hettie MacDonald

When Harold learns his friend Queenie is dying, he is moved to act. He leaves home, walking to the postbox to send her a letter, until he realises a letter is not enough. In that moment, Harold decides to keep walking, all the way to her hospice.

We will be showing it on Friday 12 January. Doors open at 6.30pm for the bar, with film starting at 7.30pm. If you can let us know if you're coming beforehand as it helps with chairs: [jenny.body1@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.body1@gmail.com)

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## North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Our Open Meeting in November at Malmesbury Town Hall was a resounding success with demonstrator Elizabeth Graham doing wonderful arrangements. The raffles, nibbles and fizz all contributed to a fantastic evening. For those of you who have a new 2024 diary please mark the date 20 November for a similar event with Angela Turner.

Following on from our outside trip to Pam Lewis' place in December, our first meeting in 2024 is Wednesday 18 January with Coral Gardiner demonstrating Ornamental Orbs at Crudwell Village Hall. Should be fascinating.

Wednesday 21 February is a demonstration entitled 'My family and other Animals' by Selina Denham who is a South West Area Demonstrator.

Please check the Club's website [northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub](http://northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub) for further information. If you have any queries you can contact us on [nwvflowerclub@gmail.com](mailto:nwvflowerclub@gmail.com).

We are a thriving, enthusiastic group with plenty of fun and friendship thrown in. Our members and visitors come throughout North Wiltshire and into Gloucestershire with varying expertise some just wanting to relax and watch. There is a full 2024 programme already organised so why not join us! We normally meet every third Wednesday at Crudwell Village Hall 7.00pm for 7.30pm start unless it's an outside trip. There is plenty of car park space available postcode SN16 9HB.



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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.

Details of our monthly meetings in January and February are below.

**Thursday 25 January: Astronomy - one giant leap in the last 50 years - Dr Mike Jones**

Covering the massive advances in technology from the moon landings to the current day. Mike graduated from Newcastle University with a degree in Astronomy and Astrophysics. He went on to get a PhD from Cambridge in his speciality subject, Black Holes, and had a varied career working in the airline, space, music and smart lighting industries.

A continuing interest in astronomy led to him founding the 'Somerford Gazers' with two friends in Little Somerford.

This should be a fascinating talk about a huge subject!

**Thursday 22 February: Sustainable Fashion. What does the fashion industry currently look like? - Jenny Garcia**

How have things changed since the movement towards sustainability became 'fashionable'? And what does that mean for our wardrobes?

Jenny has worked in the fashion industry for 26 years, including as Head of Buying at Topshop. She is now a sustainability advocate, a personal and commercial stylist, owner and founder of The Curatory vintage preloved clothing business.



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# Movies@Malmesbury:

## Programme for January

Monday 8 January	2.00pm	Hunger Games
Monday 8 January	5.30pm	Wish
Monday 8 January	8.00pm	Napoleon
Friday 12 January	2.00pm	Napoleon
Friday 12 January	5.00pm	Hunger Games
Friday 12 January	8.00pm	Hunger Games
Monday 22 January	2.00pm	Maestro
Monday 22 January	8.00pm	Dance First
Wednesday 24 January	6.45pm	Rusalka*
Friday 26 January	2.00pm	Dance First
Friday 26 January	5.30pm	Wish
Friday 26 January	8.00pm	Maestro

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.

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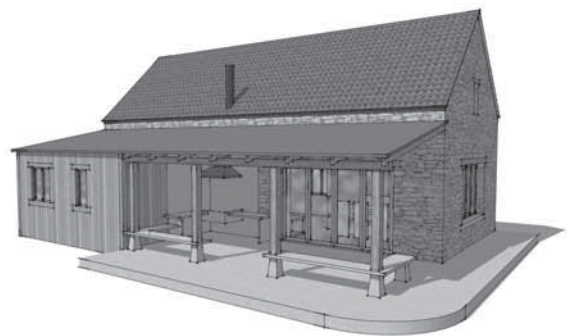
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# Malmesbury Live Arts

## Theo May album launch, jazz masterclasses and Beethoven meets Bowie!

Album launch and premiere for Theo May's Odd Unit

Wednesday 10 January

The Kings Arms, Malmesbury

Doors: 8.00pm

Tickets: £12

[www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/theomay](http://www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/theomay)

Join Theo May and his full band for Odd Unit's album launch and premiere at The Kings Arms, Malmesbury, presented by Blue Tone.

Here's what Theo has to say ...

'My original music for Odd Unit is a rich weave of the jazz, folk and classical music which has always surrounded and inspired me - it's difficult to pigeonhole easily into any one genre, but people seem to be struck by its energy and enjoy the way it sits at the crossroads of musical paradigms they know and love.

'Though led by my violin playing, it is the stellar line-up of young players from the London jazz and classical scenes who are responsible for the sound of the band.

'High octane and fiercely frenetic tunes inspired by Bulgarian folk dances contrast with dark and mysterious soundscapes and melancholic and lyrical pieces. For Odd Unit's first album, I wanted to weave a vibrant and rich musical tapestry of pieces that encapsulated many of my earliest influences.

'For me, getting variety into the suite of music was of paramount importance, so some of the pieces draw heavily on the sound world of the avant-garde and make use of experimental soundscapes, whilst others are immediately listenable, groovy and have strong ties to folk and modal jazz music. It is music of fierce intensity, but hopefully featuring variety and scope of musical territory that will appeal to listeners from a wide range of musical backgrounds.'

Be there for this memorable occasion!

Alive in the Forest of Odd is released on 10 January on Discus Music.



## Jump Start Jazz - Masterclasses

Starting on Sunday 21 January

([www.three-cups.co.uk](http://www.three-cups.co.uk))

The Three Cups Inn, Malmesbury

Doors: 4.00pm

Tickets: £175 (6 sessions)

[www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/jazzmasterclasses](http://www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/jazzmasterclasses)

Following on from our brilliant first Jazz Jam, our Artist in Residence Andy Nowak will start rolling out his Jazz Masterclasses towards the end of January.

If you play any instrument or sing (grade four and above) and have an interest in demystifying jazz and improvisation with a supportive experienced tutor in a fun group environment then this could be for you. The classes run once a month between January and June.

More info here: [www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/jazzmasterclasses](http://www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/jazzmasterclasses)

## Beethoven Bowie with The David le Page Ensemble featuring Paul Morley

Saturday 3 February

Malmesbury Abbey

Doors: 7.30pm

Tickets: £24

[www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/beethovenbowie](http://www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/beethovenbowie)

We are proud to announce this spectacular event which will take place at Malmesbury Abbey in February. Two years in the pipeline, David Le Page and his ensemble will head to Malmesbury with author, writer, journalist Paul Morley to perform Bowie pieces in a Beethovesque way. The performance draws on the parallels between these two remarkably talented mavericks, with Paul reflecting on their comparable personalities in-between pieces. David Le Page is one of the country's most respected and in-demand violinist and composers and currently directs the Orchestra of the Swan and curates the Harbough Concerts. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them for this seasonal highlight.

Have a Happy New Year filled with Live Arts in Malmesbury!

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# Local recycling and zero waste outlet information

## Recycling Facilities:

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

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

### Soft plastics and batteries:

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

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

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**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.abelandcole.co.uk)) - organic fruit, veg, zero-waste groceries & household goods delivered to your door with very low plastic use

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# Groups and Regular Events in and around 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](http://www.sherston.org.uk). Contact [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto: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 [mpgholland@btinternet.com](mailto:mpgholland@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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sherstonbabytoddlers@gmail.com) or regular updates on [www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers](http://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](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact [1stsherstonbrownies@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and follow the parents link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Fi Picton via [f.picton@outlook.com](mailto:f.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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:join@sherstonscouts.org.uk) for an application form

## Church and Faith Groups

### Holy Cross Church

Sunday services 9.30am - 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays - Holy Communion; 2nd Sunday - Family Service. Coffee is served after the morning service  
6pm - Book of Common Prayer Evensong or Holy Communion. Please check on [gauzebrook.com](http://gauzebrook.com) for exact 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:smyhtanya@hotmail.com) or visit [www.sherstonwalks.org.uk](http://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](mailto:sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com) for more details.

### Sherston Probos 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 [pughhaandg@btinternet.com](mailto:pughhaandg@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](mailto:helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com)

### Yak & Yarn

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

## Fitness

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### Sherston Nordic Walking classes

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:stuart@pulse4life.co.uk) or [www.pulse4life.co.uk](http://www.pulse4life.co.uk)

### Hatha yoga class

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### Yoga for All

Mon evenings 7.30pm to 8.45pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £8 reducing 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](http://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](mailto:kate@abelpilates.co.uk) [www.abelpilates.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://sherstonvelo.cc) or email [secretary@sherstonvelo.cc](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:luckingtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

**Malmesbury Area Board Meeting** see [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)

**Malmesbury Concert Band** [www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk)

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*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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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, Close Farm veg, fish, 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](http://www.angel-sherston.co.uk/menu) and rooms [www.angel-sherston.co.uk/your-booking](http://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/](http://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](http://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

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](mailto: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

## Sustainable Sherston Talk

### The Ocean in a Drop: A Realistic Optimist's Perspective on how we Create Change"

A talk by Dr Roz Savage MBE Fri 12 Jan 7.30pm at the British School Rooms. Entry £5 on the door.

## Sherston Gardening Club

### Talk by Piers Lavan of Hortico Tues 6 Feb

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](mailto:sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com) for more details.

## SHOCC

After a Christmas break we will be back together in the Old British School room on Wed evenings at 7.30 from 10 Jan - There's no audition and you don't have to be able to read music . you can also follow our facebook page for details.

## 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.

## Butterfly Hall Musical Afternoon

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### Malmesbury

**Athelstan Museum** Talks and Exhibitions  
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 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](http://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](http://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/](https://www.facebook.com/TheBigMalmesburyCraftFair/)

**Malmesbury Library**  
 Rhyme times for babies and toddlers every Tues and Fri  
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**Malmesbury & District u3a**  
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**Sustainable Fashion: What does the fashion industry currently look like?** - Jenny Garcia Thurs 22 Feb  
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## Cirencester The Barn Theatre

Treasure Island 20 Nov – 6 Jan. Box office: 01285 648255 or [boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk](mailto: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](http://www.roh.org.uk/cinemas)

### National Theatre Live

Live and encore screenings from The National Theatre at local cinemas [www.ntlive.com](http://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](mailto:emergency@sherston.org.uk) (only during an incident)

### Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport

24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100

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