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HELP! Make our Village Roads Safer

A recent traffic survey requested by Sherston Parish Council has confirmed 'residents' perception' that a high percentage of the vehicles travelling along Tetbury Road exceed the 30mph speed limit by a concerning margin.

Wiltshire Police fully acknowledges and identifies this to be a traffic infringement that 'in the first instance' warrants the setting up of a Community Speed Watch (CSW) team.

CSW is a police-approved scheme that gives local people the power to help reduce traffic speeds and improve the quality of life in their community.

Local community volunteers are provided with special equipment and trained by Wiltshire Police staff in the use of handheld speed devices so that they can record the speed of passing motorists.

A minimum of two and a maximum of four dedicated volunteers wearing approved high-visibility jackets are permitted to operate a specific site where they must be in clear view of vehicle drivers at all times.

NB. Sessions last approx one hour and preferably operate around peak traffic times but can be flexible if need be!

If you are passionate about road safety in our village and have time to commit to this venture please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Keith Robert Savage - Sherston Parish Council
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Sherston Neighbourhood Plan - Review Required

Sherston's Neighbourhood Plan (NBP) requires a review and update. It was officially approved on 20 May 2019, so it's now coming up to five years old. The Wiltshire Draft Local Plan is also likely to be approved later this year. Wiltshire's plan includes the requirement for Sherston to accommodate a further 30 houses on top of the ones already allocated in the current NBP. Work is therefore required to assess and decide where that new housing can best be located. We also need to decide whether other parts of the NBP need amendment or additions.

A working group has been set up by the Parish Council to undertake this review, but we need more people with specific skillsets to join and help us in this endeavour. If you have current or previous experience in planning, architecture, report writing or engineering and are prepared to actively contribute to this process, please get in touch at martin.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk

Part of the process will involve public meetings where people can input ideas for inclusion in a future amended plan and where proposals can be reviewed and commented upon, but first we need an active working group.

Cllr Martin Smith



Vote for Sherston School at Tetbury Tesco



Sherston Primary School now has a 'voting bin' at Tesco in Tetbury until the end of March. If you are passing by and are going to buy something (no matter how big or small), please collect a little blue token and be sure to vote for Sherston School. Each customer will be offered one token per transaction. We will then receive either £500, £1,000 or £1,500 as a grant which will be spent on playground

Teatime Concert: Saturday 3 March



Sherston Village Hall, 3.00pm

It's a year since the official opening of the annexe to Sherston Village Hall, now called The Butterfly Hall. This new space has been a huge success, improving our facilities and offering so much more to everyone who has used it - parties, events, the Arts Festival, drama productions and hosting a huge number of people sheltering from the rain on Boules weekend.

We are celebrating this first anniversary with a relaxed concert by 'One Note' (some people may remember they performed at a lovely garden garty at 1 Thompson's Hill in August 2022). There will be tea and cake served in the interval. No need to buy a ticket, just turn up, a small donation may be made if you wish. All welcome.

Copy deadline: 10th of the previous month.
Send to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk
or hard copy to Sherston Post Office Stores.

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

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

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

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Sustainable Sherston:

11 March, a date for your diary



FarmED is a demonstration farm in Shipton-under-Wychwood.

Farming, Food and Nature Recovery

A talk for everyone at 7.30pm, Monday 11 March at the British School Room, Cliff Road, Sherston.

By Ian Wilkinson, co-founder and Director of FarmED, Gloucestershire.

Ian is based at Honeydale Farm in the Cotswolds, a diverse, 107-acre mixed demonstration farm in Shipton-under-Wychwood.

He has put his farming knowledge to good use, using his farm as an educational space and increasing biodiversity while designing a natural flood management scheme, hosting a micro dairy plus arable land with herbal leys and small numbers of sheep and cattle, along with running a kitchen garden under the Community Supported Agriculture scheme.

We are in the midst of huge changes for the farming community, with new farming initiatives seeking to support soil restoration, following generations of fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides.

Can farming communities thrive under the new plan?

Is this good news for food production in Sherston and surrounding areas?

Sherston is in the midst of farmland. By understanding how our soil supports us and how we can support the soil in our climate emergency, we can reduce emissions and improve animal welfare, working with our Cotswold brash with its mixture of limestone and clay.

Eleanor Lines



SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

Next Meeting: Tuesday 6 February
Speaker: Piers Lavan of Hortico

Cuttings

The New Year got off to a cracking start with a talk by Nicola Hope about creating a no-dig polyculture in the garden. Nicola was our first-ever speaker in 2022 and she is an impassioned advocate of no digging. She used slides of her own and clients' gardens to illustrate the impressive results of this approach for both produce and companion flowering plants. Her enthusiasm has won us over, in terms of both the sustainability of the practice and the health benefits for aching backs.

Piers Lavan, co-owner of Hortico and college lecturer, is paying us a reciprocal visit at our next meeting on 6 February. He will talk knowledgeably about ... well, you'll have to come along and find out because, as of copy deadline date, he hasn't confirmed his subject choice. It'll be good, whatever he decides!

Club meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month at the British School Room, Cliff Road, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are always welcome. For membership form and full programme, contact our Secretary: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Concluding (with an evocative piece of travel writing to brighten up the February days!)

Huge, gnarled, ancient olives, the kind worthy of frescoes, lined up in groves that we drove through for days. I don't think I'd ever imagined what an olive tree could be till I saw them. Even the ones we walked through weeks later in northern Italy paled in comparison. As we travelled out to the Adriatic coast, and then into the Abruzzo mountains, I loved soaking up the changing greenery through the car window. Among it all was one plant that I will remember above the others: a rosemary plant that defied belief. It covered a wall 30 feet tall and 15 wide- an enormous living habitat for moths, butterflies and other pollinators. Each morning, we'd marvel as huge grasshoppers took flight before our eyes. I won't be able to plant rosemary again without thinking of those (sunny) Umbrian mornings. Alice Vincent, Gardens Illustrated 2024.

Sherston Living Churchyard



A very successful first meeting was held on 6 January. A group of some 12 people met and were given a tour of the churchyard while the plans for its future were explained. After refreshments in church, with a chance to look at a display of photographs and information, everyone took the plunge and signed up to come and help on future work days. We were also very fortunate to recruit someone to manage our online presence, so you can now see us on the village Facebook page. People with special interests and knowledge have offered to record the birds, butterflies and flowers to be found in the churchyard. These records will form part of national databases helping to track the health of our wildlife.

Since that first meeting, several more people have expressed an interest so we now have around 20 supporters. As a result, we are confident that the project will continue and we can further develop our plans, which continue to be brought together in a written management plan.

There is a lot to do and more volunteers are always welcome. Our next meetings will be at 10.00am on Saturday 3 February and Saturday 2 March. Please come warmly dressed and be prepared for whatever weather comes along. If you can bring your own gardening tools that would be helpful.

We hope to see you there but do get in touch if you have any queries beforehand.

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Tricia Lawrence pjlawrence46@gmail.com

Could you be the New Village Hall Bookings Clerk?

SHERSTON



VILLAGE HALL

Are you new to the village and want to be more involved in village life? Or, have you lived in Sherston for a while but now have more free time? Sherston Village Hall is looking for someone to join its dynamic committee as Bookings Clerk.

Please call Margot Holland on 07909 973 845 to find out more.

D-Day 80th anniversary

626th Engineers of the American Army

in Sherston



In March 1944 the American Army arrived in Sherston in preparation for the D-Day landings. Their recollections were recorded in a book compiled by veterans of the 626th. Extracts will be published in the Cliffhanger each month leading up to the 80th anniversary on 6 June.

Dead tired best describes our physical condition upon arrival in this historic hamlet around 3 a.m. There was no fanfare due to the wee hours of the morning and blackout conditions gave the village an eerie ghost-like appearance like something out of 'Hounds of the Baskervilles'. The enlisted men were billeted at the Tolsey, others at the Angel and Swan public houses, some in private homes while the 1st platoon was housed in old Home Guard barracks formerly occupied by C Company, 2nd Battalion of the Sherston Home Guards. After making sure that everyone had a place to sleep the men finally hit the sack around 0330 hours. Sweet dreams guys.

Our officers were housed in Easton Gray Manor owned by Captain Treyman, a retired British officer. Lt. French remembers, 'Upon arrival at the manor house I told Treyman's butler not to wake us up in the morning or to serve us any tea and crumpets. By morning there he is waking us up with the tea.' French used some choice four letter words in the process and the poor fellow literally fled the room. We were never served tea and crumpets again.

At 0630 hours the company was ordered to fall out for roll call. We had about two hours of sleep and our rear ends were dragging. This was our first opportunity to see our surroundings. Tom Jensen recalls his first impression of Sherston at that first roll call. 'An amazing sight greeted us. It was like a fairy tale Christmas card with all the little lights in the windows. We all fell in love with the village and its people.'

On the downside, washing and toilet facilities were abysmal. Toilets consisted of a long row of barrels or as we nicknamed them, 'Honey Pots', upon which were placed toilet seats. If the truck that emptied them failed to turn up on schedule, they filled up rapidly. Washing was done at a long wooden trough-

like sink with many faucets supplying cold water only. The cold water woke us up in a hurry but it was tough on shaving.

Our mess hall was in the Swan Barton which Sgt. Kielecki had to slightly modify to suit our requirements. Rationing was a key issue in England and strictly adhered to by all the Allied forces. The rule set down by Capt. Mussomeli was simple, if you took food, you must eat it all. No one was permitted to throw away food not eaten. An NCO was assigned to ensure that no food was dumped in the garbage pails. The captain's reasoning was that if the citizenry had to endure the shortages so would the troops.

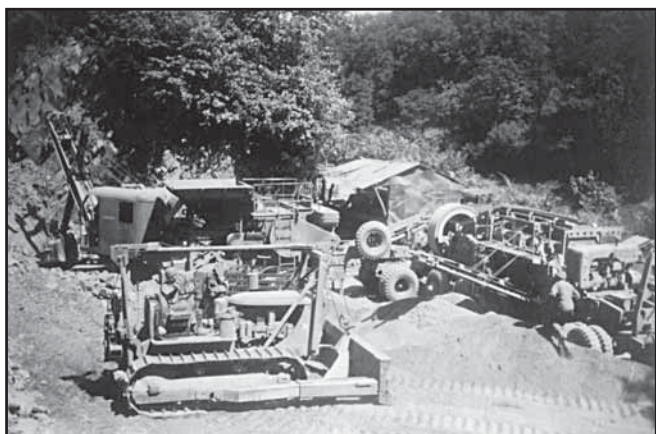
Our company CP was located in an office on high Street where Capt. Marino Mussomeli was laying out an agenda to get the 626th up and running. An immediate priority was to set up a motor pool and training area in a meadow about two miles south east of town. This particular meadow was surrounded by a high fieldstone wall. A detail cut an opening 20 feet wide in the wall but on the other side a large tree was obstructing the entrance. We cut the tree down and found a nest of ravens and some baby squirrels.

All of the ravens were dead except for one so we kept it as a mascot. Vernon French remembered, 'The baby squirrels were no bigger than a minute and when we couldn't find the mother we took them back to our Orderly Room and began feeding them. They ate like pigs and then fell asleep on the mantle of the fireplace to keep warm. When we went to our chow table those squirrels were right in there with us. We had a new lieutenant transferred into the 626th by the name of Amas Davidson who didn't like the squirrels and at the first chance he killed both of them. If I could have got my hands on him I would have strangled him, but I didn't.'

The raven had a perch in the 1st platoon barracks and we fed him little pieces of meat. He grew up in a hurry and would hide anything that looked shiny, so we had to duck our coins or any other small objects he might grab. At our roll calls he would land near the First Sergeant and stand there as though he was a part of the company formation. After a couple of months he flew off and that was the last we saw of him.



Where the 626th were based in Sherston



The 626th in action at a quarry near Vire, Normandy, June 1944



Normandy landings

D-Day, 6 June 1944

On D-Day, the Allies landed around 156,000 troops in Normandy. The American forces landed numbered 73,000: 23,250 on Utah Beach, 34,250 on Omaha Beach, and 15,500 airborne troops. In the British and Canadian sector, 83,115 troops were landed (61,715 of them British): 24,970 on Gold Beach, 21,400 on Juno Beach, 28,845 on Sword Beach, and 7,900 airborne troops.

Some 11,590 aircraft were available to support the landings. On D-Day, Allied aircraft flew 14,674 sorties, and 127 were lost.

In the airborne landings on both flanks of the beaches, 2,395 aircraft and 867 gliders of the RAF and USAAF were used on D-Day.

Operation Neptune involved huge naval forces,

including 6,939 vessels: 1,213 naval combat ships, 4,126 landing ships and landing craft, 736 ancillary craft and 864 merchant vessels. Some 195,700 personnel were assigned to Operation Neptune: 52,889 US, 112,824 British, and 4988 from other Allied countries.

By the end of 11 June (D + 5), 326,547 troops, 54,186 vehicles and 104,428 tons of supplies had been landed on the beaches.

As well as the troops who landed in Normandy on D-Day, and those in supporting roles at sea and in the air, millions more men and women in the Allied countries were involved in the preparations for D-Day. They played thousands of different roles, both in the armed forces and as civilians.



Meet the Headteacher



I have always had a passion for music and performing. As a young adult, I loved being on stage and entertaining a crowd but began to realise I was not going to be able to do that for a living. I'll never forget thinking to myself, 'What can I do where I get to stand up in front of people and perform every day?' Before I knew it, I was a primary school teacher!

I spent the first 10 years of my career teaching in Central London where I met my wife, Jenna, also a teacher. I loved my time there; living and working in the community felt special. Jenna and I both worked in the closest primary school to Grenfell Tower. Everyone in the community lost someone they knew in that awful disaster and almost half of our school were placed in temporary accommodation. During this time, we did not close the school for a single day. It was a unique time that I look back on with great sadness, but also immense pride, knowing that the work we did for those children and families made a huge difference.

Jenna and I left London in 2018 and decided to move to Tetbury, close to family. I became deputy head of a prep school in Cricklade.

Working with children is one of the most rewarding things you can do; they bring a magic and innocence back into adult life. Despite this, Jenna and I were certain we didn't want children of our own. Why would we when we spent all day with children? Skip to November 2021 and our identical twin boys, Rafferty and Ramy, were born! Their birth, coupled with the

passing of my father, led me to re-evaluate my life. I always knew I wanted to work in a village primary school and spotted the job advert for the headship in Sherston Primary around Christmas 2022. It took just one visit for me to realise that this was the school for me.

Jenna and I knew we wanted to be part of the community and, before we knew it, we'd sold our house in Tetbury and had had an offer accepted on our new home in Sherston.

The children, staff, parents and wider community have all been open to my vision of how a school should look and feel. The 'modern' child's life is very busy, particularly at weekends. Therefore, it is crucial that school is an antidote to that. The vision for Sherston Primary is a calm, peaceful environment, where clutter is minimised, surfaces are utilised for display and colours are not overstimulating, enabling us to realise our whole school vision: 'Learning, Caring and Achieving Together'.

I am now into my third term and I am loving it. It's a remarkable school, with incredible children and hardworking, committed staff. I feel honoured to be part of something so special and am truly excited for the future of the school.

Tommy Towers



Wiltshire Wellbeing



Malmesbury Library is extending a warm welcome to all this winter and offering:

- A free warm space to sit, stay and take part in activities
- Free self-service hot drinks
- Warm packs (including a blanket, hot water bottle, hat, scarf and gloves) for anyone who would benefit from some free essentials
- Basic energy advice and referrals to the energy advisers at Warm and Safe Wiltshire
- Signposting to community partners and agencies that can offer support with the rising cost of living.

For more details, drop in or call us on 823611, email libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk or

visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-news.

For more information to support you through the rising cost of living, visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living

Bath Textile Artists Exhibition



Come along to Textures of Time at The Pound Arts Centre, Corsham (SN13 9HX) from 29 March to 27 April, Monday-Saturday 9.30am-9.30pm.

There is also an Exhibition Opening Event and Meet the Artists on Thursday 28 March, 6.30-8.30pm.



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Boules Day 2024



The excitement is building, and we're searching for enthusiastic and creative individuals to join our Boules Day Committee! If you have a passion for event planning, community engagement and, of course, boules, we want YOU to be part of the team that makes Boules Day 2024 the best one yet! Get in touch and get involved! Email: sherstonboules@gmail.com



Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: 8-9 June

Put the date in your diary to make sure you don't miss this opportunity to explore the village visiting a selection of large and small gardens, to buy plants and to enjoy refreshments in church. If you would like to open your garden, please get in touch, new gardens are always welcome (and it doesn't have to be perfect!): heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

Discover the beauty of Barre

I'm thrilled to introduce you to the world of Barre, a fitness practice that seamlessly combines elements of ballet, pilates, and yoga. Nestled in the serene village of Hawkesbury Upton, my home studio is where this graceful yet powerful workout comes to life.

A brief history of Barre

Originating in the 1950s, Barre was crafted by Lotte Berk, a visionary dancer and fitness expert. Her unique approach fused ballet exercises with rehabilitative movements, birthing a workout that not only sculpts your body but also enhances flexibility and posture. As fate would have it, I had the incredible opportunity to train directly under Lotte Berk's daughter, continuing the legacy of this transformative fitness regimen.

What to expect in a Barre class

At our cosy studio, each Barre class is carefully designed to engage your muscles through precise movements, using the ballet barre as a support to tone and strengthen your body. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced practitioner, our sessions cater to all fitness levels, offering modifications to suit individual needs.

Experience the benefits

Barre isn't just a workout; it's a holistic experience that uplifts both body and mind. By incorporating elements from various disciplines, it fosters not only physical strength but also mental resilience and a sense of balance. Expect to leave each class feeling invigorated, revitalised, and one step closer to achieving your fitness goals.

Join us at the studio

I invite you to join our vibrant community here in Hawkesbury Upton. Come and experience the transformative power of Barre in a welcoming and supportive environment. New clients are welcome to join a class for an introductory offer of just £5 by quoting Cliffhanger.

For class schedules and further inquiries, please contact me at bea@bbbbarre or take a look at our website www.bbbbarre.com. I look forward to welcoming you to the Barre family.

BB Barre

Movies@Malmesbury:

National Theatre Live returns to Movies@Malmesbury for 2024

We are delighted to announce that National Theatre (NT) Live productions are being added to our regular schedule this year, beginning with Joseph Fiennes starring in James Graham's *Dear England* last month and continuing on 22 February with Andrew Scott's sensational appearance in *Vanya*, adapted by Simon Stephens from Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya*.

The Movies@Malmesbury NT Live schedule will bring a live, or pre-recorded live, theatre production to Malmesbury each month, augmenting our existing live programme of events from the Royal Opera House and the Royal Ballet.

February's programme has a little something for everyone. Younger (and older) viewers will enjoy Timothy Chalamet's *Wonka*, 'proof that the best things in life begin with a dream, and if you're lucky enough to meet Willy Wonka, anything is possible'.

By way of contrast, Saltburn tells the story of Oliver Quick, struggling to find his place at Oxford University and drawn into the world of the charming and aristocratic Felix Catton, who invites him to Saltburn, his eccentric family's sprawling estate, for a summer never to be forgotten.

Our first live event from The Royal Opera follows with *Manon*, an adaptation of Abbe Prevost's novel by Kenneth Macmillan.

For the sport fans - especially the petrolheads - we will then be screening *Ferrari*, with Adam Driver as Enzo Ferrari and Penelope Cruz as his wife, following how the motor-racing dynasty struggles come to terms with the death of their beloved son, Enzo.

One Life, starring the magnificent Anthony Hopkins, tells the story of Nicholas Winton, a British stockbroker who visits Czechoslovakia in the 1930s and forms plans to assist in the rescue

of Jewish children before the onset of World War II, in an operation that came to be known as the Kindertransport.

We end the month with Andrew Scott in *Vanya* (a matinee performance to be added to the schedule) and *From Monet to Matisse*, a documentary based around the sell-out show at the Royal Academy of Arts, featuring Claude Monet's paintings of gardens and the influence it had upon other major artists of the day.

Programme for February

Monday 5	2.00pm	Wonka
Monday 5	8.00pm	Saltburn
Wednesday 7	7.15pm	Manon, Live from the Royal Ballet, London*
Friday 9	2.00pm	Saltburn
Friday 9	8.00pm	Wonka
Monday 19	2.00pm	Ferrari
Monday 19	8.00pm	One Life
Thursday 22	7.00pm	Vanya, Live from the National Theatre*
Friday 23	2.00pm	One Life
Friday 23	8.00pm	Ferrari
Tuesday 27	7.30pm	Monet to Matisse**

Tickets are 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 and ** £10

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TETBURY GOODS SHED ARTS CENTRE



February Highlights

Sunday 4 February Voodoo Room: Join us to celebrate the music of Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton and Cream with the Voodoo Room trio. Tickets: £18 in advance. 6.00pm.

Wednesday 7 February Playtime: Join Ratty and her friends for an introduction to theatre for pre-schoolers and their families. You can all enjoy storytelling, music and puppetry. £5 per child. 10.00am-11.00am.

Friday 9 February Miss Sasha Blaze: Join our favourite drag queen for a night of comedy and cabaret. You can sing along to songs from Abba to Shirley Bassey. Tickets: £14 in advance. 8.00pm.

Saturday 17 February The Ben Holder Quartet: One of the most exciting jazz violinists in the UK and his quartet will be playing music from the jazz hits of the 20s and 30s. Tickets: £15.50 in advance. 7.30pm.

Saturday 24 February The Big Brunch Band: Based in Ashton Keynes, the band are a 20+ mix of big band, Latin, film themes and pop. Tickets: £15 in advance. 7.30pm.

To buy tickets and for more information about other events, such as talks, cinema and exhibitions, please visit our website: www.shed-arts.co.uk

Malmesbury & District u3a

Retired? Semi-retired? Looking for new interests? Why not join us? We have over 500 members and 40 different interest groups. Check our website (www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk) for an up-to-date list of groups and further details or, for more information, email membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk.

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

Details of our forthcoming monthly meetings in February and March are below.

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'? What does that mean for our wardrobes?

Jenny has worked in the fashion industry for 26 years as former 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.

28 March: A year in the life of a Nurseryman. Mike Hinwood

From Market Garden in 1948 to Retail Nursery in 2024, this talk will describe how Foxley Road Nurseries has evolved over the past 76 years and how the Spring Equinox, the seasons and climate change affect the growing year.

Mike Hinwood was born and grew up at Stockham's Leaze, Foxley Road, next door to Foxley Road Nurseries. After a two-year cycle ride around Australia with a friend, he trained in Landscaping at Merrist Wood Horticulture College in Surrey. After working as a landscaper in London and Hertfordshire for five years, he returned in 1987 to take over the nursery from his father, Bob Hinwood, when he retired. Carole, Mike's wife, joined the nursery in 1989. Alongside running the nursery, sowing hundreds of annuals from seed, Mike also does specialist pruning in local gardens as well as judging local horticultural shows. For anyone who loves plants and gardening, this should be a fascinating talk!



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Malmesbury Singers back at Malmesbury Abbey



Mark your calendars for Saturday 9 March! The Malmesbury Singers return to Malmesbury Abbey for their captivating 'Celestial Journey: Passion & Requiem' concert, promising an evening of profound emotion and spiritual transcendence. Prepare to be transported through the depths of passion and the solace of redemption as the choir brings to life two masterpieces of choral literature: Gabriel Fauré's ethereal Requiem and César Franck's poignant Les Sept Paroles du Christ en Croix.

This immersive experience isn't just another concert; it's a unique pilgrimage through the human soul. Witness the UK premiere of Thomas Mottershead's evocative arrangement of Franck's piece, featuring a stunning ensemble of organ, violin, cello and harp,

alongside the choir's soaring harmonies. Be captivated by the stellar lineup of soloists – Rusnė Tušlaitė, Osian Wyn Bowen, and Matthew Welch – their voices resonating with each character and emotion.

As Lent begins, this concert offers a profound reflection on themes of sacrifice and renewal. Fauré's Requiem, a cornerstone of the choral repertoire, whispers of eternal rest with its delicate harmonies and haunting melodies. Franck's Les Sept Paroles delves into the final utterances of Christ on the cross, a stark contrast to Fauré's lyrical beauty. Each movement immerses listeners in the depths of human suffering and divine compassion.

'This concert is a true highlight of our season,' explains Thomas Mottershead, Director of Music. 'The Malmesbury Singers will pour their hearts into these pieces, bringing them to life with raw emotion and technical mastery.'

Don't miss this unforgettable opportunity to witness these masterpieces in a breath-taking setting. Come along for a journey that will leave a lasting impression.

Tickets cost £20 each (£5 for children and students) and are available online at <https://malmesburysingers.co.uk/> or at Malmesbury Abbey or from choir members.



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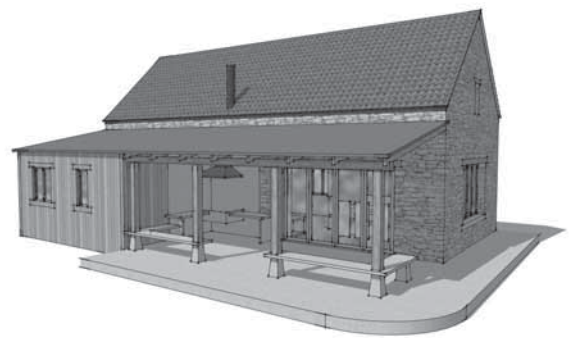
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Malmesbury Live Arts



Gloryhole Special with Tony Law

Friday 16 February

The Kings Arms, Malmesbury

Doors: 8.00pm Ticket price: £14

Our Gloryhole Comedy Club goes bigger with a one-act double bill featuring the amazing Tony Law. Hand-selected and tracked down by Gary, we are delighted to be bringing comedy of another level to Malmesbury!

For more details and to book, go to www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/tonylaw

Jaz Delorean presented by Malmesbury Acoustic Sessions

Saturday 17 February

The Kings Arms, Malmesbury

Doors: 8.00pm Ticket price: £14

Undeniably Jaz with his soulful lyrics and grainy voice singing songs of tender observations of our fragile and sometimes twisted existence alongside tragic stories from growing up around a travelling funfair! A must-see!

For more details and to book, go to www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/jazdelorean

Poco Drom - Electro Pop-Punk Party for Mini Ravers! Presented by Famalam

Saturday 24 February

Malmesbury Town Hall

Doors: 2.00pm Ticket price: £10 kids (£5 over 18s)

Yay! What a lovely burst of YELLOW to brighten up our month and, yes, you read that right ... we have secured WOMAD regulars Poco Drom to come and visit Malmesbury the weekend after half-term!

Crafts and rainbow tattoos will be provided beforehand so that the kids can get right into the rave vibe before we go crazy! Adults and kids all boogying together in an awesome mid-winter rave feast!

What are you waiting for? Grab your tickets here: www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/pocodrom

Didmarton Rural Cinema: Friday 9 February

The Great Escaper (2023) – Drama

Cert: 12A Run time: 1hr 37min.

Rotten Tomatoes audience rating: 88%

Starring: Michael Caine, Glenda Jackson, John Standing

Director: Oliver Parker

In the summer of 2014, a World War II veteran sneaks out of his care home to attend the 70th anniversary commemoration of the D-Day landings in Normandy.

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 or 01454 238358 or 07875 406637.

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Our first meeting of 2024 was with Coral Gardiner demonstrating Ornamental Orbs. Our next meeting, on Wednesday 21 February, is a demonstration entitled 'My family and other Animals' by Selina Denham who is a South West area demonstrator. The meeting will be at Crudwell Village Hall.

Please check the Club's website northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub for further information. If you have any queries, you can contact us 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 is an outside trip. There is plenty of car park space available (postcode SN16 9HB).

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

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

Soft plastics and batteries:

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

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

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

Batteries/low-energy light bulbs

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

Medicine blister packs

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

Clothes and Shoes Collection Point :

Wiltshire Air Ambulance - Sherston Village Hall Car Park

Ink Cartridges:

Sherston High Street Telephone Box

Dental items:

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

Zero-Waste/Eco Shops:

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

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

Bennett's 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!

Hobbs House Bakery, Tetbury - take your own bags!

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

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

Zero Waste online services:

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

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

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

Local Food Growers

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

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Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

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Regular Groups and Events in Sherston

Parish Council Meeting

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

Contact clerk@sherston.org.uk

Weekly farmers market at Sherston Village Hall

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

Sherston Village Hall

Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, weddings, parties etc. For full details and the booking calendar visit <https://sherstonvillagehall.org> or contact Margot Holland 841019 mpiholland@btinternet.com

Village Hall 300+ Club

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

Sherston 1016

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

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

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

Link - (Malmesbury and District)

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

Children's Groups

Sherston Baby and Toddler Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. Meets every Mon 10-11.30am . British School Room with toys, 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 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 for exact details

Holy Cross Café Morning coffee every Thurs 10-12noon – small children's play area

Book the Church for concerts, lectures, exhibitions, pop-up cafes. Book 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 Contact Graham Morris 07484 838330 or Jim Bartlett 07980 119320 or come along.

Sherston Community Choir

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

Sherston Drama Group

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

Drawing Classes in Sherston

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

Footpaths Group

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

Sherston 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 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 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

YogaForEveryone

An inner awareness practice open to all levels focussing on functional mobility and strength. Tuesdays 9am-10.15am at North Building on the Recreation Ground. (former pre-school). More details from Sheila on 07584 177712, sheila.chapman@urbankandy.com or www.urbankandy.com

Sports

Sherston Badminton and Table Tennis Club

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. 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 Hercule.Laboule@outlook.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 rides include Castle Combe circuit, Gravel ride or chain gang, RGT social ride. 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

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If you run a club, society or organisation in Sherston that holds regular events such as the above and want it to be listed, please send details to info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

If you have a particular event, please write a short piece about it, send in to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk 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, 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 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

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 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

Talk: Farming, Food and Nature Recovery by Ian Wilkinson, co-founder and Director of FarmED, Gloucestershire. Mon 11 Mar 7.30pm British School Rooms

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 for more details.

SHOCC

Sing 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. Follow on facebook for details.

Butterfly Hall Musical Afternoon

Celebrating one year since the Official Opening of the Butterfly Hall, the major improvement of Sherston Village Hall, there will be a Musical Afternoon with a relaxed concert by 'One Note', with Tea and Cake in the interval on Sat 2 Mar 3pm. No need to buy a ticket, a small donation may be made if you wish. All welcome.

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend

Date for your diary 8 & 9 June: explore the village visiting a selection of large and small gardens, buy plants and enjoy refreshments in church. If you would like to open your garden please get in touch, new gardens are always welcome (and it doesn't have to be perfect) heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

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Skye & Imogen's Burns Night

Sat 3 Feb 7pm £20 incl Burns supper, Ceilidh band raising funds for year 11 Borneo trip. Cash bar. Luckington village hall. Tickets from fionamenace@hotmail.com

Westonbirt The Arboretum

Forest Live Summer Concerts

Anne-Marie Fri 5 July, Nile Rodgers & CHIC with guest Sophie Ellis-Bextor and DECO Fri 12 July
www.forestlive.com
www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt

Didmarton Flicks in the Sticks

The Great Escaper (2023) – Drama Doors open at 6.30pm for the bar, with film starting at 7.30pm. Cash bar. Didmarton Village Hall. For further details call Jenny Body 01454 238358 or jenny.body@btconnect.com

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www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

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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 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

Beethoven meets Bowie by the David Le Page Ensemble Sat 3 Feb £24

Gloryhole Comedy Club presents the amazing Tony Law 16 Feb

Acoustic sessions present Jaz Delorean 17 Feb

Malmesbury Singers

Celestial Journey: Passion & Requiem Concert

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Malmesbury Library

Rhyme times for babies and toddlers every Tues and Fri
Tuesday's Public Living Room is an opportunity to pop in and share a cup of tea and a chat

Reading group meets 3rd Wed each month

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

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

Malmesbury Riverside Community Centre

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT - Music and Movement

Sessions fortnightly music and movement group for people affected by dementia along with any carers/family and friends. £3.50 per person and includes tea and biscuits and the first session is free.

SATURDAY FRIENDS

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membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

WOMAD 2024 Early bird tickets on sale for WOMAD 2024 25-28 July 2024 Charlto Park <https://www.womad.co.uk>

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

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

Chippenham

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

Wotton-Under-Edge

The Electric Picture House - www.wottoncinema.com
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Cirencester The Barn Theatre
Sherlock Holmes & the Whitechapel Fiend, a new Comedy Adventure, till 9 Mar 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

24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100

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

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

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Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes

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

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

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www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

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www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/

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Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
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