



THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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Welcome!



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Sherston Parish Council welcomes all readers to the 'new look' Cliffhanger and trusts that the introduction of colour brings a sense of warmth and joy to all. Is it true that colour photographs capture the essence of a moment in a way that feels true to life? Only you can answer this!

The change from black and white to colour happened more by accident than by design because such a change was always thought to be 'cost prohibitive'.

Purely out of curiosity, this perception was recently put to the test when a spur of the moment due diligence exercise was undertaken, the positive outcome being that we can now present our readers with a colour publication that costs less than its black and white predecessor!

The continued success of our parish newsletter is dependent on a number of important people and factors that we now choose to bring to the forefront of our readers' minds.

A dedicated team of volunteers, two of whom, Caroline Moore and Paul Ormiston, have been actively involved since the inception of the first 'four page' Cliffhanger released in October 2008.

An editorial team who prepare material and proofread copy, a design/artwork coordinator who is responsible for the graphics and layout, an advertising coordinator who is responsible for procuring enterprise adverts and finally an extensive delivery team of around 25 people.

It's the expertise, time, patience and selfless dedication of all of the aforementioned that enables 'The Sherston Cliffhanger' to arrive at your doors each and every month.

A further significant factor is the crucial involvement of the Cliffhanger's advertisers because it's their financial contribution that invariably softens the shortfall of the annual printing cost payable by 'your' Parish Council from 'your' funds.

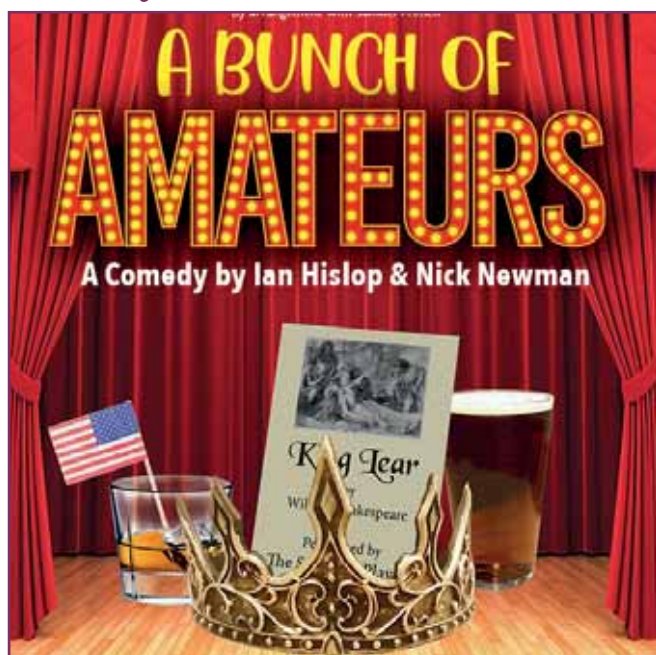
We would ask all readers to take note of this contribution and show your appreciation by giving serious consideration to the services and products advertised in the Cliffhanger.

In conclusion, we endorse the message from the Cliffhanger Team that the size and content of YOUR magazine depends entirely on the amount of copy received from YOU! This clear message goes out to individuals, groups and organisations who have something interesting and 'colourful' to share.

Enjoy!

Sherston Parish Council

Get your tickets now!



At the time of writing, there are still some tickets remaining for Sherston Drama Group's production of 'A Bunch of Amateurs' (10-13 April,

**SHERSTON
DRAMA
GROUP**

7.30pm, Sherston Village Hall). This hilarious comedy, written by Ian Hislop (from 'Have I Got News for You') and Nick Newman, is funny and moving in equal measures. The play follows a fading Hollywood action hero, Jefferson Steel, as he arrives in England to play King Lear in Stratford, only to find that this is not the birthplace of the Bard but instead a small rural town, and the cast are a bunch of amateurs. Jefferson's monstrous ego, vanity and insecurity are tested to the limit by the enthusiastic am-dram thespians; as rumours circulate and acting worlds collide, Jefferson begins to discover some truths about himself! Contains strong language. Tickets (£10/£8.50 concessions) are on sale from Sherston Co-op (cash or cheque) or on TicketSource (ticketsource.co.uk/sherston-drama-group, booking fee applies).

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Revision of Sherston's Neighbourhood Plan: Request to Landowners

As part of the process of revising the Neighbourhood Plan and bringing it up to date, we need to request landowners to suggest possible sites in the village for new development. The new draft local plan from Wiltshire Council requires that Sherston accommodates an additional 30 houses (on top of those already planned for in the existing Neighbourhood Plan).

Any landowners should inform the Clerk to the Parish Council of their proposals via email at clerk@sherston.org.uk (with the reference 'For the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group').

Cllr Martin Smith

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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Ocean adventurer inspires Guides



1st Sherston Guides were fortunate to have a very special visitor in March. Despite a busy schedule, Roz Savage MBE came to the village hall to meet our enthusiastic bunch of girls and to talk about her amazing adventures rowing single-handedly across not one but THREE oceans - the Atlantic, Pacific and the Indian Ocean. She was the first woman to achieve this.

The Guides had so many questions to ask and Roz answered them all with insight. She told us all about the highs and lows of setting herself this extraordinary challenge including blistered hands, exhaustion, and breaking her oars, which she fixed with duct tape! The year she rowed across the Atlantic was the worst ever for named storms so she had a very tough time. The wildlife she encountered included turtles, dolphins and even a massive whale shark. One day a group of flying squid landed on the deck of her boat! There was a more sobering message about raising awareness of plastic pollution and climate change and how it is affecting some of the low-lying islands she visited.

We found out that Roz was not only a Guide but in fact she was a Queen's Guide too. She believes that her Girlguiding experience shaped her own attitude to life and life's challenges.

Here are comments from some of the Guides:

She was very brave to row across three oceans and even when her oars, satellite phone and camping stove broke she kept going – Grace

She was so honest that she could tell us that she cried a lot – Eve

She was an inspiration because she rowed so that people would listen to her about the environment – Amelia

She challenged herself on the way even though she wanted to turn back – Val

She is incredible for having won so many Guinness World Records. Also, she was a normal person and now she's famous and such an inspiration – Ava

She didn't do it to raise money, she did it to raise awareness – Eliza



SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

Next Meeting & AGM: Tuesday 2 April.
'Four Seasons Cotswold-Style' by Mandy Bradshaw

Cuttings

There was a fantastic turnout for our March meeting. Around 65 members were treated to an impassioned profile of the influential 20th-century garden designer, Rosemary Verey. Margie Hoffnung has the added advantage of speaking from first-hand experience; she was Verey's assistant for a decade, had researched her career meticulously and her illustrated talk revealed original design plans, jottings from her famous notebooks, examples of her work and fascinating anecdotes. Verey's formal style may be less popular nowadays but Margie acknowledged her lasting contribution and influence on a new generation of garden designers. It made for a fascinating evening!

Our April Meeting is also our AGM. Before the business side gets going, guest speaker Mandy Bradshaw will describe 'Four Seasons Cotswold-Style'. With over 20 years of journalism to draw on, Mandy will provide glimpses of the beautiful gardens of the Cotswolds, proving that, with the right planting, a garden can sparkle all year. Lots of inspiration to draw on.

Clippings

Club meetings take place 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. For a membership form and full



The famous Laburnum Walk at Rosemary Verey's former home, Barnsley House

programme, contact our Secretary:
sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Community

Blooming Sherston may be going through a 'dormant period' but will spring to life when fences are eventually installed on verges into and out of the village. Look out for flowering shrubs and bulbs.

The Post Office trough continues to reflect the changing seasons, with a fanfare of tulips coming in April and May.

Coming up

Thursday 25 April Trip to Wisley Gardens

Tuesday 7 May 'Stumperies, Ferns and Shady Friends' with Andrew Tolman. Judging by Liz Cooper of our Spring Bulb Photographic Competition

Wednesday 15 May Horticultural tour of Lackham Campus, Wiltshire College (more details later)

Sherston Velo Summer Time Trials

New for this year, Sherston Velo cycling club is celebrating its 10th anniversary by launching a series of monthly 10-mile time trials.

To be held on Thursday evenings through the cycling season, the 'Club 10' is a great way to test your fitness and speed in a friendly competitive environment - it's also a great training session for cyclists and triathletes alike.

Club members taking part will be competing for the inaugural club handicap TT championship and, as this is a new event, the course record is up for grabs! Non-members are also welcome - entry is £5 per event.

If you're new to cycling or time trialling, why not come and have a go? You can ride any type of bike and the only other equipment required is a helmet and working front and rear lights.

We also welcome volunteers to help run our events - if you'd like to help your local cycling club please get in touch.

Series dates:

Thursday 25 April
(club members only)

Thursday 23 May

Thursday 20 June

Thursday 18 July

Thursday 12 September (pot luck two-up Team Time Trial - teams drawn on the night)

For more information, contact the club Time Trials Organiser, Simon Vannerley, by email (info@sherstonvelo.cc) or on 07772 187857.

Residents should note that the start line for the event is in Easton Town: this is the only road in the village where any racing will take place. Riders will start at 60-second intervals and leave the village on the B4040 towards Malmesbury. The event has been organised under the Regulations of Cycling Time Trials, the national governing body for cycling time trialling. The police have been notified of this series of events, which are held in accordance with the Road Traffic Act 1988 and the Cycling Races on Highways Regulations 1960.



Time Trials Event Secretary
SHERSTON VELO

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D-Day 80th anniversary

626th Engineers of the American Army

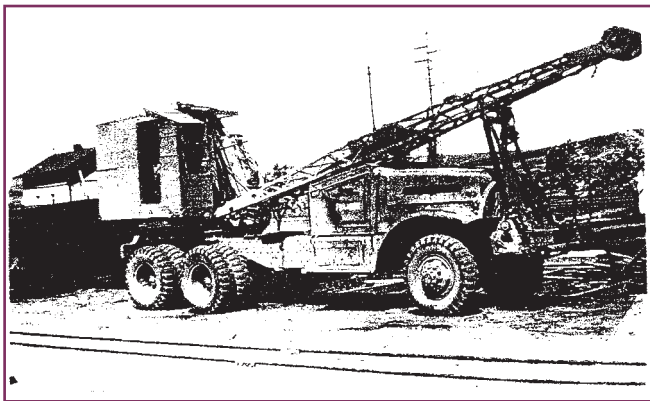
in Sherston



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.

Part 3

We had to learn how to drive on the opposite side of the road. It took a little while to get used to it, but what made it tougher is that our steering wheels were mounted on the left side of our vehicles while the British had their steering column on the right hand side. The English roads are extremely narrow, especially going through some of the villages that wind through the many hills and valleys. Moving heavy equipment on their roads was a real adventure. The only way we could haul our D-7 bulldozers was to angle the blades as far as possible, even so, we scraped some buildings and other vehicles.



The Quickway crane was a real workhorse. It was mobile and dependable.

The one pictured was John Tyrrell's and Irv Kozola's. Bob Stech and Russ Dockstader had similar cranes.

Quickway truck cranes and crawler cranes also presented unique travel problems, such as low bridges and power lines and tight turns through small villages.

Usually one operator would climb out on the boom and guide the other operator in swinging right or left or booming up or down to clear the obstacle. Picture Irv Kozola or Russ Dockstader sitting out on the end of the stick directing Ray Tyrrell or Bob Stech around a tight 'S' turn.

As equipment operators we marvelled at the expertise and ability of the men who drove the huge armored tank retrievers, commonly called 'Dragon

Flies.' These monsters capable of carrying 40-ton tanks managed to negotiate the narrow roads and turns through the many small villages without damaging property.

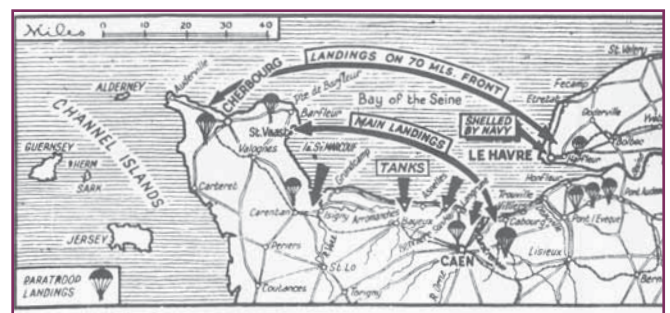
As a training assignment and as a gesture of thanks from the 'Yanks,' to the people of Sherston we used a variety of our equipment to level Pennymead field for soccer and cricket.

Our Post Exchange was located above Ye Old Rattlebone Inn, named in honour of the village's hero, John of Sherston whose surname was Rattlebone. He was the Captain of the local militia and was known for his prowess with a sword. He was a great fighter and a leader of men. In 1016 King Canute came with a great army with the intent of conquering the area surrounding Sherston. It was the centre of England and was called Mercia. Dreff Wenn was the ancient name of Sherston, but in the 9th century was called Scorrandstone.

John of Sherston mustered his militia and joined the Saxon King, Edmund Ironside. After two fierce days of fighting, King Canute retreated and returned to London. John of Sherston suffering from a gaping abdominal wound fought on to the end using a stone tile to hold his intestines in.

Church of the Holy Cross was erected in the 11th century in the Norman style architecture. On the east wall is a weathered effigy of John Rattlebone clutching a tile against his abdomen. Sherston is a city of historical interest having been invaded by the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. Evidence of Roman ramparts, earthworks ditches and what appeared to be a Roman villa have been found in and around Pennymead field.

The Rattlebone Inn built in the 17th century was a popular meeting place for the local populace. Our PX on the upper floor was just as popular with the children of the village when we received our weekly ration of tobacco, toiletries, candy and gum. The by-word of the local children and evacuees from London was, 'any gum chum?'



Sherston Scout Group



Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been having a fun and busy few months, with Burns Night and Chinese New Year celebrations, science experiments and rocket-launching and, of course, hikes and fires.



In other news, we have recently welcomed Rachel Watchorn as a new Cub leader. If anyone else is interested in becoming a leader or helping out occasionally with any of the sections, please get in touch with Sophie Cheetham (Beaver Leader): sophcheetham@gmail.com or 07786 990045.



The Group has also been busy sprucing up the Scout Hut - the hall has been repainted thanks to leaders and parent volunteers, and new blinds have been installed thanks to Andrew Jarvis of Sherston Blinds & Shutters. Don't forget the hut is available to hire - for more info or to book, contact Victoria Meheust: tvmeheust@gmail.com

Monday Soup Lunch: Change of date for April



Due to Easter, the April soup lunch at the British School Room will take place on the second Monday of the month: Monday 8 April, 12.00noon-2.00pm.

Do come and join us; everyone is welcome. There is no need to book because there is always enough food for everyone.

Each time, we choose a charity where your donations will go; we have supported many charities over the two years we have been offering a community monthly lunch. So come along and join us - there will always be company and good food!

If you would like a lift, do let us know.

For further information, please contact Candi Williams Tarling or Revd Susan Harvey on 840696

The Sun in April



Due to the rumoured News Corporation's takeover of the Sherston Cliffhanger on 1 April, Sherston Parish Council's monthly newsletter is now able to add a splash of colour. A move to a 'red top' style, local gossip focused publication is one of many proposals in the offing.

Any articles supplied to the publication will now have to pass the strict editorial policy that has been the bedrock of our ethical journalism for decades. Please note, edited photographs are not accepted.

THIS AND ALL PREVIOUS ISSUES ARE AVAILABLE TO VIEW AND DOWNLOAD AT WWW.SHERSTON.ORG.UK

Rattlebone Boules League

The Boules League held its 2023 Annual Prizegiving Evening on Thursday 29 February in the Rattlebone Inn, Sherston.

As usual, the event was well attended. Everyone enjoyed the splendid buffet laid on by Jason and his catering team. The somewhat shambolic evening was compered by Huw Bowles and Graham Hayman and the winners were presented with their trophies by Elisabeth Johnson.



The League 1 winners were Tykes Exiles. Captain Chris Fisk is pictured here (left) with fellow Yorkshireman Andrew Jarvis (right) and local honorary Tykes, Robin Outlaw, Archie Walsh and Harry Stevens.



The League 2 title was won by Bill's Boules Hitters, captained by Bill Breakspear, narrowly beating LL Boules J on points difference. Elisabeth Johnson is shown handing over the trophy to Bill, alongside Danny Butler, Riaan Van Rooyen and Juliet Blows.

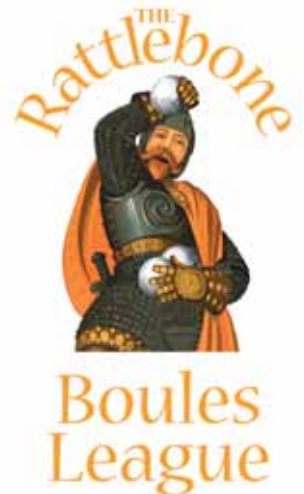


After a short absence, Les Piste Artistes - Nathan Elphick, Ryan Russell and Craig Fuller - returned to the League, taking the League 3 title by a wide margin.

The Tony Towle Trophy was won by Tykes Exiles after they defeated The Youngsters in a close final. They thus pulled off a remarkable League and Cup double.

The Leagues play scheduled games Monday to Friday evenings throughout the summer. The three 'pistes' in the pub gardens are generally available for casual use by anyone at weekends and there are usually spare sets of boules available behind the bar. Joining in is a particularly good way to socialise and meet people and, very importantly, support our local pub. So, if you are new to the village or are just curious to find out about a new pastime, pop into the Rattlebone Inn one weekday evening to see what it's all about. You will be made most welcome.

If you would like further information, please contact Graham Hayman on 07976 242830.



Celebrating Age Wiltshire: Free Live Concert at Sherston Village Hall

Friday 26 April, 2.00pm-4.00pm

Come along and be entertained by Frankie who brings her silky vocals to musical theatre favourites and great swing songs. Sing along and tap your toes to these nostalgic tunes. Tea/coffee and cake will be served after the show. This is a FREE event organised by Celebrating Age Wiltshire. To book your place please contact 07955 249288 or CAWSupport@wiltshiremusic.org.uk.



Tolsey News



Surgery Premises

The NHS Integrated Care Board is meeting to work through the finances for the new surgery and we are expecting to hear what their estates strategy is very soon. Thank you all for your continued support and we'll let you know as soon as we know more.

Dispenser

We are looking for an enthusiastic NVQ 2 qualified dispenser to join Team Tolsey. Anyone interested is welcome to drop in a CV to reception. We will also advertise in the usual way.

Could you be the New Village Hall bookings clerk?



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.

Sherston Badminton goes from strength to strength!

Last year, we adopted the name 'Sherston Badminton and Table Tennis Club' as we gained members who are mainly interested in table tennis rather than badminton. We extended our hiring to the small hall, as well as the main hall, in the Village Hall so as to regularly accommodate the TT table and now the badminton players can play the odd game of table tennis in between games of badminton.

This is possible because we now have some new members and, with the increasing numbers, we are likely to have to sit out in between games. Indeed, we are thinking of having to start a waiting list if we get any more people asking to join so that we still can enjoy a few games each Tuesday evening. The club remains a friendly group of people of all abilities in both badminton and table tennis and our only restriction is that we cannot supervise under-18s due to current legislation.

Now that the dreaded COVID is behind us, we are beginning to contact other friendly clubs again and we have an evening planned for April where we are organising a match with Crudwell Badminton Club. They have very kindly offered to host us in their village hall.

You are likely to see some of our members outside the village shop selling raffle squares in advance of the annual Boules Festival in July where we would be happy to talk about the club. You won't see any of our moves though, as we definitely don't want to be showing those off in public!

Your Village Needs You!



Sherston Old School
COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

Sherston Old School Community Interest Company (SOSCIC) was set up in 2010 to renovate and convert for commercial and community use the Old School premises in Sherston High Street, with the twin objectives of helping preserve the character of the High Street and providing increased employment opportunities and services for the community.

SOSCIC is looking to grow its team of volunteers on the committee, specifically at this time someone to work alongside Geoff Martin on the finance side with a longer-term view to a graduated takeover of that role within the committee.

The time and commitment required is not onerous, less so because it will be a shared role in the short term, but accountancy experience is important.

If this is something you would be interested in getting involved with, and would like to know more, please contact Geoff at soscic@geoffmartin.plus.com or on 840375.

Claire & Lucy return to Shear Class



Shear Class Hair & Beauty is delighted to announce that Claire and Lucy are both returning to the salon in April after finishing their maternity leave. They both had boys, arriving last August. Claire's little boy Albie was born first and then Lucy's boy Freddie arrived the very next day. They are both doing really well and starting to do all the things that young boys do!! However, it's time for the mums to return to see all their lovely customers.

As many will know, the salon transferred last summer to opposite the church in Sherston. Claire has been regularly popping in throughout her maternity and says: 'all of the staff are absolutely thrilled with the new salon and from the feedback given, clearly our customers are delighted with the vibrant environment and comforts which it now offers. The magnificent church gives us a lovely outlook and the sound of the clock makes sure that we are always on time!'

Claire and Lucy will be joining the team of Tara, Mitch and Sarah, who have done a fantastic job in keeping the salon buzzing whilst they have been away. It will be great to have the team all back together.

Shear Class Hair & Beauty – www.shearclass.co.uk
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School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

Wiltshire Cricket Taster Day

The children enjoyed a fantastic 'cricket taster day' as part of the Wiltshire Cricket All Stars and Dynamos Roadshow for ages five to 11. As voted for by our School Council and their classmates, we'll be running free cricket after-school clubs for Y1-6 pupils as one of our summer sport offerings. For more details about children's cricket sessions, get in touch with Sherston Magna Cricket Club: cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk



New Y6 classroom furniture!

A huge thank you to the Friends of Sherston School (www.facebook.com/FriendsSherstonSchool) from Year 6 for their fantastic new Sycamore class furniture!



World Book Day

We had a wonderful day celebrating World Book Day. The children enjoyed 'secret reader' story time with all the staff, 'book buddy' activities, our 'big book swap' and lots of other literary-themed fun throughout the day. A big thank you to our Literacy Lead, Mr Moran for organising the day, and to Judith Parkyn Photography for capturing this special event for us.



Grow Greener@Holy Cross Sherston Living Churchyard



Our churchyard working party at the beginning of March had to be cancelled due to snow. What a surprise that was! When we started work in January, a visitor from the St Mary's Church, Tetbury EcoChurch project remarked on how optimistic we were to be planning outdoor work so early in the year. Well our sessions in January and February were very successful but not so in March! All is not lost however, because volunteers have been working regularly in the churchyard whenever they have time to spare. A gradual evolution is taking place.

As well as looking at the primroses that are flourishing all over the churchyard and have been spread to new areas, this year look out for the wood anemones flowering in the wooded area near the small gate into Church Street. These flowers are an indicator of ancient woodland where you see them in the wild and do not like disturbance. The ones in the churchyard were planted more than 10 years ago and this is the first year they have flowered, so success does not always come quickly. Perhaps they have enjoyed all the rain.

The snow did not stop the plant stall from starting up in March. Nearly all the plants people had donated were sold and the money will go to funding work in the churchyard. There will be further plant sales on 4-7 April and 2-5 May.

Please join us in the churchyard on Saturday 7 April and Saturday 4 May from 10.00am to see what is happening and join the working party. Be prepared for mud and any kind of weather, but not snow! If you can bring your own gardening tools, particularly grass rakes and wheelbarrows, that would be very helpful. Refreshments will be provided

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Silver EcoChurch Award for Sherston Church of the Holy Cross



After more than five years of work by the congregation at the Church of the Holy Cross, we have finally achieved a Silver EcoChurch Award. This has involved taking all sorts of measures to make our church more environmentally friendly, from recycling more to installing LED lighting. Most recently, as you will already have seen reported in the Cliffhanger, we have set up a churchyard management plan with the aim of making the churchyard a better place for people and wildlife. Have you already noticed some of the changes taking place? This is the time to admire the new plantings of spring flowers, all native British species. On the west side of the churchyard are two new compost bins which will help to keep things tidier as green waste is put into them rather than left in various places around the churchyard. They also mean that less of our waste is being sent away for disposal by Wiltshire Council, saving resources. These are ideas that you may be able to use in your own gardens, if you don't already. The small actions of many people can make a big difference.

We intend to keep up our efforts to change the way we do things in the church building and churchyard. A big challenge ahead is cutting emissions from our church heating. A recent environmental audit organised by the Diocese of Bristol told us that our electricity supply is not adequate to support a heating system at present so we will have to face some difficult and expensive decisions when our current aged oil boiler needs replacing

We are also getting our congregation to think about their own lifestyles. At a recent service, people completed a questionnaire designed to make them think about changes they could make. The EcoCafé on the first Thursday morning of each month, has lots of information about what people can do to make a difference

We're celebrating our Silver Award but there is still much to do. Please think of how you can join us on this journey of change by making changes in your life.

Sue Robinson, EcoChurch rep. Contact me;
jimandsue4@btinternet.com

Proposed Solar Park Near Sherston

Lime Down Solar Park is a solar park with energy storage development proposed for north of the M4 motorway and the village of Hullavington, south-west of Malmesbury, and east of the B4040 in Wiltshire, across six sites comprising approximately 857 hectares (2,118 acres). A detailed map of the proposed area can be found here www.limedownsolar.co.uk/s/4_SolarSites.pdf



The initial stage of consultation for this project is currently underway. See below for details of information events to find out more about the proposals, speak to members of the team and provide comments.

Online Community Webinar

Wed 17 April 5.30pm-7.00pm - Details on how to join can be found at www.limedownsolar.co.uk/this-consultation

Community Information Drop-in Events

Tues 9 April 3.30pm – 7.30pm - Goss Croft Hall, Startley Road, Upper Seagry, SN15 5HD

Wed 10 April 3.30pm – 7.30pm - Corsham Town Council Hall, 65 High St, Corsham, SN13 0EZ

Thurs 11 April 3.30pm – 7.30pm

Shaw Village Hall, The Beeches, Shaw, Melksham, SN12 8EW

Local concerns have been raised, see <https://stoplimedown.com>

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Sherston Farmers' Market

Visit Sherston Farmers' Market every Thursday from 10.30am to 1.30pm outside Sherston Village Hall and support your local producers! Each week there is a great selection of stalls selling cakes, bread, meat, fish, cheese, honey and vegetables.



New to the market are stalls selling olives, flowers and beauty products. Why not come down and find out what you can buy at Sherston Farmers' Market, every Thursday. See you there!



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Details of our forthcoming monthly meetings in April and May are below.

Thursday 25 April: 100 Piers - Painting at the Water's Edge - Paul Tracey

Back in 2018, Paul started a project to make paintings of all the piers in the south of England. The project grew to include most UK piers, then a few in Europe, which were often influenced by British design. Finally, he added some from the US, whose development mirrored that of the UK structures. The project expanded into collections of old litho prints, postcards, and newspaper reports from when the piers were first built. After five years, all this is now published as a large-format book, '100 Piers, Painting at the Water's Edge'.

Our 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. Check our website for an up-to-date list of groups and other information: www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk or, for more information, email membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

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Sunday 7 April The Bubble Show: Join Mr Bubbles and his extraordinary soap bubbles of all shapes and sizes for a programme of magic and storytelling. Ages 3+. Tickets £32 for family of 4 or £9 each. 2.00pm.

Saturday 13 April Hells Bells AC/DC tribute band: This Bristol-based band is the best-known AC/DC tribute band, covering four decades of their music. Tickets: £20. 7.30pm.

Friday 19 April My Mountain Life with Simon Yates: This talk features spectacular images and film from some of the most remote and rarely visited mountain ranges of the world. Tickets: £18. 7.30pm.

Saturday 20 April Kiki Dee and Carmelo Luggeri: These two have been touring their amazing acoustic show for 25 years and feature original songs as well as cover songs by artists like Kate Bush. Tickets: £23. 7.30pm.

Sunday 21 April Gardeners' Questions: Join our panel of local experts to get all your horticultural hassles sorted in time for summer! Tickets £6.50. 2.00pm.

Wednesday 24 April Motorways of the Industrial Revolution -The pioneering Cotswold canals & their revival today: Illustrated Talk by Louise Nicholson. Tickets £8.50. 7.30pm.

Saturday 27 April Alice Neary and Viv Mclean: A cello recital of sonatas by Beethoven, Faure and Debussy by cellist Alice and pianist Viv – two experts in their field. Tickets: £22. 7.30pm.

For more details of our other events including film, talks, exhibitions, and afternoon tea concerts and to book tickets visit our website: www.shed-arts.co.uk

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April screenings

Two evenings of ballet from the Royal Ballet in London, five films and a documentary fill our programme for April at Movies@Malmesbury.

- Mon 8 2.00pm Argylle
8.00pm Wicked Little Letters
- Tues 9 7.15pm Macmillan Triple, Ballet from the Royal Ballet *
- Fri 12 2.00pm Wicked Little Letters
8.00pm Madame Web
- Tues 16 7.30pm John Singer Sergeant **
- Mon 22 2.00pm Madame Web
8.00pm Dune: Part 2
- Tues 23 2.00pm John Singer Sergeant **
- Wed 24 7.15pm Swan Lake, Ballet from the Royal Ballet *
- Fri 26 2.00pm Dune: Part 2
8.00pm Bob Marley: One Love
- Mon 29 2.00pm Bob Marley: One Love

Tickets: 2.00pm and 5.30pm £5 & £4, 8.00pm £6
Except * £12 and ** £10

Tickets for all performances can be purchased from Malmesbury Town Hall, online at www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema or, subject to availability, on the door. Note that we have had several 'sell-outs' recently so it is unwise to rely upon tickets being available on the door.



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Recycling Facilities

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

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

Soft plastics and batteries

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

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

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

Batteries/low-energy light bulbs

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

Medicine blister packs

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

Clothes and Shoes Collection Point

Wiltshire Air Ambulance - Sherston Village Hall Car Park

Ink Cartridges

Sherston High Street Telephone Box

Dental items:

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

Zero-Waste/Eco Shops

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

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

Bennett's 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

The Goods Shed, Tetbury - locally grown veg sold on Saturday mornings

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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.

Contact clerk@sherston.org.uk

Weekly farmers market at Sherston Village Hall

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

Sherston Village Hall

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

Village Hall 300+ Club

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

Sherston 1016

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

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

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

Link - (Malmesbury and District)

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

Children's Groups

Sherston Baby and Toddler Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. Meets every Mon 10-11.30am . British School Room with toys, 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 - 7.30pm 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 smyhtanya@hotmail.com or visit www.sherstonwalks.org.uk

Sherston Gardening Club

Meets 1st Tues each month apart from Jul & Aug, 7pm for 7.30pm start in the British School Rooms, bring and buy stall, quiz, refreshments, £15pa £25 joint, under 18s free. Contact sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com for more details.

Sherston Probus Club

Meets first Mon each month at 11am at the Rattlebone for interesting talks followed by lunch with 30 retired business and professional men in Sherston and the surrounding villages. Contact Secretary Alan Pugh pughaandg@btinternet.com

Senior Club

Meets at 2.30pm during summertime 2pm during winter in the British School Room, contact Helen Quirk 840516.

Sherston Sewing School

Beginners' Sessions in the British School Room on the 2nd Sat of each month, 10am-4pm £65 per day Phone Goug Wilcox on 07788 558035

Sherston Theatre Club

Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. <https://sherstontheatreclub.co.uk> or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com

Yak & Yarn

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

Fitness

Exercise for over 60s with Synchronicity

Exercise and Movement for over 60's on Wed 10am Sherston Village Hall. All abilities, men and women. No exercises performed lying on the floor. First class always FREE. Contact Emma to reserve a place 07843 256081, emmacope@synchronicity.me.uk, FB: @exercise60plus.

Fresh Air Fitness

Total body outdoor workout for all levels (beginners to advanced) on Sherston Rec Mon & Fri 9 -10am. Info: www.pulse4life.co.uk Stuart 07986 003602 or stuart@pulse4life.co.uk

Sherston Nordic Walking classes

A gentle full-body workout, accessible for people of all ages and abilities. Contact Kate 07792 064438 or katemchardy@hotmail.co.uk

Sherston Pilates

Daytime and evening classes held in the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. Contact Saara on 07739 552336 or sherstonpilates@gmail.com

Ashtanga Yoga class

A strong flowing practice for mind and body (beginners to advanced) Fri 10.30-11.45am Sherston village hall. Contact Stuart 07986 003602 stuart@pulse4life.co.uk or www.pulse4life.co.uk

Hatha yoga class

Small breath driven relaxing Hatha yoga class Tues 6.45-8am and Wed 6-7.15pm. Support for anxiety, depression and quitting smoking offered. Please contact Russ on 07710 170081 or russellhtownsend@gmail.com

Yoga for All

Mon evenings 7.30pm to 8.45pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £8 educating to £7 if you take up the course. More details contact 07779 600786 after 6pm or leave a message.

BB Barre

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

ABEL Pilates

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

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

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Sherston Shooters Netball Club

Training every Thurs at SWR School Tetbury, between 7-8.30pm. All ages and abilities welcome. £3 per session. Contact Lauren 07885597429, Julia 07791783905 or Penny 07846123455 or sherstonsshooters@gmail.com

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/areboards

Malmesbury Concert Band www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

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

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Malmesbury Singers www.malmesburysingers.co.uk

Malmesbury Film Society www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk

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

If you run a club, society or organisation in Sherston that holds regular events such as the above and 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. Bike 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 services.wiltshire.gov.uk/MobileLibrary/Library/Stop/65

Events at the Church of the Holy Cross

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

Sherston Living Churchyard

Work to support wildlife diversity in Holy Cross churchyard and to make it a more beautiful place for the community will take place from 10am on the first Saturday of every month. Everyone is very welcome to come along and see what is happening, and to join in

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with the work if they want to. If you can bring your own gardening tools, particularly grass rakes and wheelbarrows, that would be very helpful. Refreshments will be provided. **Plant stall** Thurs -Sunday 4-7 Apr, 2-5 May www.gauzebrook.org/churches/holy-cross-sherston

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. **April Mon 8 due to Easter.** No charge nor booking, Soup bread, pudding, cake and coffee will be served as well as companionship. 12 till 2pm in the British School Room and each month will support a different charity. Lifts are available on request. For further information: Candi Williams Tarling, Revd Janet Evans, Revd Susan Harvey 840 696

Sherston's Gardening Club

'Four Seasons Cotswold Style' with Mandy Bradshaw Tues 2 April

Trip to Wisley Gardens A coach trip to one of the most beautiful of all RHS gardens. Thurs 25 Apr coach leaves



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The Angel at 9am, returning by 6pm. Tickets (£30 all-inclusive) may still be available.

Stumperies, Ferns and Shady Friends with Andrew Tolman Tues 7 May

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

Free Live Concert at Sherston Village Hall

Come along and be entertained by Frankie who brings her silky vocals to musical theatre favourites and great swing songs. Sing along and tap your toes to these nostalgic tunes. Tea/coffee and cake will be served after the show. Fri 26 Apr 2 - 4pm

This is a free event organised by Celebrating Age Wiltshire. To book your place please contact 07955 249288 or CAWSupport@wiltshiremusic.org.uk.

Sustainable Sherston

Sustainable fashion comes to Sherston

Preview fashion show of pre-loved garments, plus speakers on the theme of recycling and sustainability, with wine and nibbles fri 14 June. On Sat 15 June, there will be an opportunity to purchase new and pre-loved fashion. All in aid of charity. So put the dates in your diary. Think of what you might like to donate. sustainablesherston@gmail.com

SHOCC The choir 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.

Sherston Velo Summer Time Trials

'Club 10' is a great way to test your fitness and speed in a friendly competitive environment - it's also a great training session for cyclists and triathletes alike. Thurs 25 Apr (club members only); Thurs 23 May; Thurs 20 June; Thurs 18 July; Thurs 12 Sept (pot luck 2-up Team Time Trial - teams drawn on the night). For more information, contact the club Time Trials Organiser, Simon Vannerley, by email (info@sherstonvelo.cc) or on 07772 187857.

Residents should note that the start line for the event is in Easton Town: this is the only road in the village where any racing will take place. Riders will start at 60-second intervals and leave the village on the B4040 towards Malmesbury.

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Sherston Drama Group Spring Play

A Bunch of Amateurs!

This hilarious comedy, written by Ian Hislop (from 'Have I Got News for You') and Nick Newman, is funny and moving in equal measure. Contains some strong language Wed 10 - Sat 13 April at 7.30pm in Sherston Village Hall. Tickets (£10/£8.50 concessions) are on sale from Monday 4 March from Sherston Co-op (cash or cheque) or on TicketSource (ticketsource.co.uk/sherston-drama-group, booking fee applies).

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

Knockdown The Holford Arms - theholfordarms.com or call 01454 238669

Luckington

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

Westonbirt The Arboretum

Forest Live Summer Concerts

Gregory Porter Thur 4 July, Anne-Marie Fri 5 July, Nile Rodgers & CHIC with guest Sophie Ellis-Bexter and DECO Fri 12 July www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt

Malmesbury

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Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

Market Cross every Fri from 9am to 3pm with an enticing array of local, fresh and organic produce

Malmesbury Live Arts Comedy and music each month: www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whatson

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

Last Sat every month 11am-3pm - meet unique creatives, creators, makers, designers, producers and bakers. The Hub www.facebook.com/TheBigMalmesburyCraftFair/

Barn Dance in aid of St Aldhelm Church Hall Fund

Barn dance with ploughman's supper with music by the Packhorse Celidh Band. Fri 19 Apr 7.30-10.30pm Malmesbury Town Hall. Tickets £15 from Gabrielle 838391 or Mary 07771 656331

Malmesbury Library

Rhyme times for babies and toddlers every Tues and Fri Tuesday's Public Living Room 1.30-4pm an opportunity to share a cup of tea and a chat

Reading group meets 3rd Wed each month

Rethink Mental Wellness 2nd Fri 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 ends 10 Sept. The

library offers free wifi, a warm space and free self-service hot drinks, 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, or call 823611.

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

Refreshments, variety of activities inc. talks and visitors – usually first Saturday of the Month, except August GOLDEN ZUMBA Seated Exercise Thurs 2-2.45pm www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk

Malmesbury & District u3a

100 Piers, Painting at the Water's Edge - Paul Tracey Thur 25 Apr

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Malmesbury Singers Concert 'Midsummer's Eve: Folk, Fancy, and Faith'

Sat 22 June: The Malmesbury Singers return to the magnificent Malmesbury Abbey for a Midsummer's Eve concert filled with enchanting choral delights. 'Folk, Fancy, and Faith' will weave a captivating tapestry of tradition and innovation, featuring some of Gustav Holst's charming folk songs, Cecilia McDowall's playful Celtic dance, and Ola Gjeilo's uplifting Sunrise Mass. Concert ticket price: £20 adults, £5 students/children Available from: <https://malmesburysingers.co.uk> via the Abbey or from Choir Members

WOMAD 2024 – Early bird tickets on sale for WOMAD 2024 25-28 July 2024 Charlton Park www.womad.co.uk

Tetbury Tetbury Goods Shed

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

Warden Led Local Walks

Tetbury Circular via Ashley

Tues 2 Apr Start: 10am, Difficulty: moderate Duration: 3.0 hours Distance: 6.5 miles

Start point: Old Station Yard Car Park Tetbury Goods Shed GL8 along the old railway path to Ashley, return to Tetbury across fields. No dogs allowed, sadly

Beverston

Garden Opera: Don Giovanni returns to Distillery Farm (SN16 9RJ) Fri 14 and Sat 15 Jun Garden open 6.30pm for 7.30pm performance. Interval for your picnic under cover. Book soon to avoid disappointment! Regents Opera will perform Mozart's darkly comic Don Giovanni at Distillery Farm in Minety; this performance will be presented in the round, in a tent, in elegant Regency silhouette, set in 1817. This will be a witty and thrilling, beautifully presented performance. Tickets £75 Antonia and Charles Filmer 0783 6767811 afilmer@outlook.com

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

Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet

Ballet: Macmillan Celebrated Tues 9 April 7.15pm

Ballet: Swan Lake Wed 24 April 7.15pm

Opera: Carmen Wed 1 May 6.45pm

Ballet: The Winter's Tale Wed 22 May 7.15pm

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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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Bath Theatre Royal Bath

2024 season: Drop the Dead Donkey; The Full Monty; Blood Brothers, The Glass Menagerie; Life Of Pi; English Touring Opera; What The Butler Saw; Animal Farm; Laughing Boy; Mind Mangler; Party Games
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Cheltenham The Festival

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Arts & Science Festivals

2024 dates for your diary:

Cheltenham Science Festival 4 - 9 June

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