



THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

Communities across the country are coming together for The Great Big Green Week from Saturday 8 to Sunday 16 June.

Here in Sherston, we have a variety of events to encourage people to enjoy our open green spaces - visiting gardens, Sherston Living Churchyard, the community orchard, Grove Wood and the Bristol Avon - to recycle clothes and to learn more about Malmesbury Area Board's work fighting the climate crisis.

Saturday 8 June - Open Gardens around the village, with teas and plant stall at Holy Cross Church

Sunday 9 June - Open Gardens, with teas, plant stall, I-Spy Trail and family-friendly activities in Holy Cross Churchyard

Tuesday 11 June - Malmesbury Area Board Climate Action Networking Event in the Village Hall and visit the community orchard

Thursday 13 June - Eco-themed Holy Cross Café - 10.00am -12.00noon

Friday 14 June - Future River Soundings with Uninvited Guests - 6.30pm; Sustainable Fashion Preview event in the Village Hall - 7.00pm

Saturday 15 June - Sustainable Fashion Sale of new swimwear and lingerie, and quality pre-loved clothing in the Village Hall - 9.30am-3.00pm

Sunday 16 June - Future River Soundings with Uninvited Guests - 2.30pm

You will find more details about all these events elsewhere in this Cliffhanger.

Please show you care about the future of our planet by supporting these events organised by Sustainable Sherston and Grow Greener@ Holy Cross
www.greatbiggreenweek.com

The Big Hymn Sing for Music Sunday



On Sunday 9 June, which coincides with our Open Gardens weekend (see page 9), we have replaced our usual morning service with a special service of morning praise at 11.00am based on the Big Hymn Sing as we celebrate Music Sunday. We have collected votes and chosen some of your favourite hymns.

Afterwards, ploughman's lunches will be available in church (£5) prior to the Sunday afternoon session of Open Gardens. The gardens will also be open on Saturday 8 June and refreshments and afternoon teas will be served in church on both days.

Thank You, Caroline!

Sherston's Parish Councillors wish to extend their sincerest thanks and best wishes to Caroline Moore for her exceptional service and contribution to The Sherston Cliffhanger over an impressive 15 1/2-year span!

'From its inception in 2008 to present day, your attention to detail ensured that our readers were always fully informed as to "What's On" and what "Groups and Regular Events" existed in and around Sherston. Rest assured that your work ethic, commitment, team spirit and selfless dedication has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by us all.'

We trust that our Cliffhanger readers also acknowledge and fully endorse these sentiments.

If anyone is interested in joining the Cliffhanger team (you don't have to commit to 15 1/2 years!), please get in touch: info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk





Dispensary Issues

We would like to apologise to our loyal patients for all the recent difficulties that the Dispensary has been having. As you might have all heard we have had to cope with unexpected illness affecting members of our team stopping them from working. This, unfortunately, coincided with Adam leaving the practice (see below) and pre-booked locum dispensers cancelling their shifts at the last minute. There remains a nationwide problem with medication availability and all of these factors have resulted in significant delays in the dispensing of medications. The service has fallen well short of what we would usually try and provide for our patients, and once again we apologise for this. We are grateful to those that have been supportive during these difficult times and hope that normal service will soon resume.

New Dispensary Manager

We are pleased to report that Kirsty Plummer has taken on the role of Dispensary Manager at the Tolsey Surgery. Kirsty has worked for us as a locum in the past and she has most recently been the Pharmacy Manager at Devizes Pharmacy. In her spare time she enjoys walking her dogs and riding and taking care of her horses.

We are sure that everyone will make Kirsty welcome as she settles into the role and gets to meet all our patients.

Adam Dickens

It is with great sadness that we had to say goodbye to Adam, our Dispensary Manager, when he decided to leave the Tolsey Surgery. He is moving away from dispensing and starting a new career in the Civil Service.

We would like to thank Adam for all his hard work during his time at the surgery. We know that he will be greatly missed by all those that were helped by him. We feel that his dedication to the role, caring manner and dispensing skills will be a great loss to the profession but we wish him well for the future.

His last day was on the 19 April 2014.

Dr Simon Watkins, GP Partner, The Tolsey Surgery

Parish Council Notices



Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday 13 June at 7.30pm in the North Building, Sherston Recreation Ground, Green Lane, Sherston SN16 0NP. Everyone's welcome to attend and there are opportunities for you to raise questions and pass comments. If you cannot attend the meeting but have something to raise, please email: clerk@sherston.org.uk or write to Sherston Parish Council at the above postal address.

Parish Councillor Vacancies

Applications are warmly invited to fill two vacant councillor positions that have arisen on the Parish Council. If you are passionate about what goes on in Sherston and would like to help shape the future of your local community, come along to our next Parish Council Meeting and get an insight as to what's involved! Failing that, simply speak to one of your local councillors or email: clerk@sherston.org.uk for further information.

Your Parish Needs You!

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 us 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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Parish Maintenance Person

If you are looking for an opportunity to top up your income or pension and stay active in your community, this 'part-time job' might be right up your street.

You will be employed to carry out a wide range of small but essential maintenance jobs around the parish to help keep it clean, tidy and safe, and to make it a great place to live.

Duties include:

vegetation and hedge cutting, minor building maintenance, playground equipment repairs, footpath sweeping, tree pruning, painting, etc. NB. Half day a week or one day a fortnight to suit.

For further information please email: clerk@sherston.org.uk or write to Sherston Parish Council, North Building, Sherston Recreation Ground, Green Lane, Sherston SN16 0NP

Your Parish Needs You!

Community Speed Watch Team - Tetbury Road



To say that our Community Speed Watch team of eight is growing more and more exasperated due to unforeseeable delays since March is an understatement. The latest feedback from Wiltshire Police is that: 'We have quite a few teams joining us at the moment, so a lot of "risk assessments" need to be completed.'

Thankfully for us, once a new team has gone live, which is a result of the risk assessment paperwork being completed/signed off and passed to the team leader, the team can go out and carry out speed checks at the approved location. Roll on that day we say, it can't come quickly enough!

Pyramid Climbing Frame



Thursday 16 March saw workmen arrive on Sherston Recreation Ground and commence installing the new four-metre-high pyramid climbing frame which should be fully operational before we go to print! We trust that this play apparatus creates a challenge for its young users, gives them a sense of achievement and brings a smile to their faces.

Traffic Survey Update



A traffic survey was conducted on Pinchmore Lane, Pinkney, at two different locations from Monday 15 April to Sunday 21 April. The traffic volume recorded in both directions was 580 vehicles, with only eight exceeding the 40mph speed limit.

To warrant consideration for Community Speed Watch, the 85th percentile speed (the speed at or below which 85 per cent of vehicles travel on a road segment) within a 40mph speed limit zone must fall between 46.1mph and 49.9mph. To warrant police involvement/enforcement, the 85th percentile speed in the same instance must be in excess of 50mph.

The Pinkney traffic survey found that the 85th percentile speed was 32.8mph (south) and 31mph (north) which puts them well below the 46mph threshold criteria. This evidence therefore refutes the perception of excessive speeding.

Relevant Survey Criteria

All speed monitors must be securely fastened to existing roadside posts or trees.

They must be positioned within and at least 100 metres from the principal road speed signage/village gates.

They must be sited where most traffic is travelling at a constant speed across the rubber tubes.

They must not be positioned where vehicles are accelerating or decelerating due to sharp bends and steep inclines.

Preferred sites can be overridden by contractors if they are deemed to be high risk for installation workers resulting in compromises being sought.

Two further traffic surveys have been requested by concerned residents - one on Easton Town/Easton Grey Road and the other on Willesley Road (within the hamlet). As both roads have derestricted speed limits, advice is being sought from Wiltshire Council on how best to proceed and find a solution to both issues.

• Traffic surveys – Malmesbury 2022 to 30 April 2024

Wiltshire Council

Title	Result	Survey start date	Speed limit	85th percentile	CPT	Area Board
Brinkworth - B4042	No further action	11/09/2023	50	50.7	RWB	Malmesbury
Crudwell - The Street	Speed education	13/11/2023	30	35.8	RWB	Malmesbury
Great Somerford	No further action	04/02/2023	60	40.7	RWB	Malmesbury
Great Somerford - C82 Startley	Speed education	04/02/2023	30	38.4	RWB	Malmesbury
Malmesbury - B4014 Filands	No further action	19/02/2024	40	40.2	RWB	Malmesbury
Malmesbury - B4042 Lea Crescent	Police	10/01/2022	40	50.39	RWB	Malmesbury
Malmesbury - B4042 The Spinney	No further action	10/01/2022	40	45.63	RWB	Malmesbury
Malmesbury - C68 Gloucester Road 042-020	No further action	15/05/2023	30	18	RWB	Malmesbury
Malmesbury - C68 Gloucester Road 042-023	No further action	15/05/2023	30	27.2	RWB	Malmesbury
Malmesbury-B4042-Burton Hill	Speed education	11/09/2023	30	38.3	RWB	Malmesbury
Minety - B4040, Silver street	No further action	28/06/2022	30	31.62	RWB	Malmesbury
Minety - B4040, Station Road	Speed education	28/06/2022	30	35.78	RWB	Malmesbury
Sherston - B4040	No further action	07/12/2023	40	31.6	RWB	Malmesbury
Sherston - B4040 Church Street_Easton Town 042-001	No further action	15/05/2023	30	30.1	RWB	Malmesbury
Sherston - B4040 Easton Town 042-002	No further action	15/05/2023	30	33.4	RWB	Malmesbury
Sherston - B4040 High Street -042-004	No further action	15/05/2023	30	25.2	RWB	Malmesbury
Sherston - C27 Tetbury Road VOID SEE NOTES 042-007	No further action	15/05/2023	30	69.9	RWB	Malmesbury
Sherston - C78 Knowckdown Road 042-005	No further action	15/05/2023	30	26.2	RWB	Malmesbury
Sherston - Tetbury Road	Speed education	07/12/2023	30	36	RWB	Malmesbury
Sherston - UC Green Lane 042-003	No further action	15/05/2023	30	25.2	RWB	Malmesbury
Sherston - UC Sandpits Lane 042-006	No further action	15/05/2023	30	25.7	RWB	Malmesbury

Village Gates



The first of the long-awaited village gates arrived on site on Tetbury Road on Thursday 16 March and are now in situ. We remain optimistic that the remaining seven pairs will soon follow.

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Floristry Workshop



Our popular floristry workshop will be held this year on Saturday 27 July at 10.00am. Come and learn how to make a hand-tied seasonal bouquet. The workshop will be suitable for beginners as well as those with more experience of floral displays. All materials will be provided, cost is £45.00 per person and more advice will be available by registering with Julia Armstrong on 07766 687731 or jarmstrong58@sky.com.

Future River Soundings: What would you like the River Avon to be like in the future?



It's time to register for Future River Soundings on Friday 14 or Sunday 16 June. How would you like the river to be in 20, 30, 40 years' time? Future River Soundings is a project funded by the University of Bristol which aims to capture participants' thoughts about the future of the River Avon, and use storytelling techniques and music to generate scenarios that can be shared with others, notably DEFRA, which is interested in radically different ways of engaging people in decision-making about the future of freshwaters.

Sherston has been selected by Bristol-based theatre company Uninvited Guests to represent the upper part of the river. There will be two chances to take part: on Friday 14 June at 6.30pm or Sunday 16 June at 2.30pm, starting from the British School Room in Cliff Road. Each session will take about two hours. You will take a short walk along your local river and into the future. As you walk, an app on your phone will guide you to imagine and write about how you would like the river and its environment to be in years to come. We can lend you a phone if you don't have one. When you return to the British School Room, you will hear all your stories of the future told by a performer while a musician creates an improvised immersive soundtrack. Afterwards, we will get people talking about what steps could be taken towards the futures we want for the local environment. As well as being entertaining, the event hopes to build a sense of responsibility for our rivers. This is one of a series with communities along the Avon, from the river's source to its mouth.

Everyone is welcome, but places are limited and must be booked. There is no charge, and there are refreshments at the end! To book, please email me at r.a.skeffington@gmail.com stating whether you want to take part as a single person, a pair or a family, with the names of people taking part. If you have already heard from me, there is no need to do it again! Look forward to seeing you all on either 14 or 16 June.

Richard Skeffington for Sustainable Sherston

Food, Farming and Nature Recovery



Monday 11 March saw the last talk in our winter/spring series with Ian Wilkinson, Co-Director of FarmED, sharing his accumulated knowledge from farming life in the Cotswolds.

Soil improvement was the focus of his talk. Ian described the decreasing nutritional value of foods grown in depleted soils after years of intensive production and soil 'improvement' by fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides. Large supermarket chains have driven food prices down, but the costs to food quality and the soil have been high.

With 75% of the UK being used as farmland, and costs for farm machinery increasing as the size of tractors and combine harvesters grow, farmers have to keep production high in order to make a profit. In the process, hedges have been destroyed while the quality of our soil has been undermined by successive applications of chemicals. Biodiversity has suffered as a result of large, arable monocultures. Our food security is under threat.

FarmED is at the forefront of research to calculate whether nature-friendly farming can give us back our fertile soils and create the biodiversity we need to meet our net-zero climate pledges - reducing carbon emissions and the effects of climate change.

We need more local food supplies, less ultra-processed food and a new willingness to prepare and cook seasonal food from scratch.

Farmers can help make these changes by joining forces to link farmland and help nature recover. Since the talk, a new farm cluster is being launched in the area, led by Harry Long (from Yatton Keynell), which will set farmers on the road to nature recovery, with increased resilience and biodiversity. See page 9 for more info.



At the talk, we also welcomed representatives sharing information from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (Chelsie Fuge, Head of Nature Recovery); Cotswold National Landscape (Lorna Baggett); Wiltshire Biological Records Centre (Jon Isherwood); Soil Association (Adrian Steele), and the Future Farming Resilience Fund (Adam Langford).



School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

We are immensely grateful for the exceptional community that surrounds us. Your dedication, support and involvement greatly enrich the lives of our children, creating unforgettable experiences. As we reflect on the standout moments of this summer term so far, from successful events to heartfelt gestures of kindness, it's clear that our community spirit shines brightly, leaving a lasting and positive impact on us all.

Rolling of the school field



Our Reception and Year 1 children were very excited to watch the 'rolling' of the school field this term - thank you to Andrew Hibbard for volunteering his time and his tractor!

Collecting crabapples for a great cause

Every autumn, friends and family of the school and the wider community collect crabapples for a great cause. Planet-friendly condiment makers, Tracklements, then transforms the community's spare crabapples into delicious English Crabapple Jelly, donating 50p for every kilo of crabapples collected to Sherston Primary and local youth groups, and a further 25p from the sale of every jar sold nationwide.



The team from Tracklements presented a cheque for £947 to Sherston School and local youth groups for the funds raised from the autumn crabapple collection and last year's jar sales. Thank you to Tracklements for this generous donation, Sarah Nelson and Helen Shoubridge for coordinating the collection and everyone in the community who collected crabapples.

Running Club is Back!



Organised by parents, sessions take place every Wednesday on the school field and are open to all Y1-6 children. No sign-up required and no experience needed - it's all about having fun, getting a bit of running experience and helping with fitness. Thanks to Sarah Nelson, Penny Robinson and James Britton for organising this fantastic club for the children.

Tesco Grant



And finally ... thank you to everyone who voted for Sherston School by using the 'voting bins' in Tetbury Tesco recently. The Friends of Sherston School will soon be in receipt of £1,500 which will be used to help enhance playground equipment and playtimes for all the children.

Charity Fundraiser Afternoon Tea and Games **props** Bristol to Bordeaux

Please come along for afternoon tea and children's games (with a French twist)!

When? Saturday 1 June, from 2.00pm

Where? Sherston Park / Scout Hut

Why? To raise funds for Bristol-based charity Props (empowering adults with learning difficulties)

In July, Sherston's Victoria Méheust and Sarah Nelson will be cycling from Bristol to Bordeaux to help raise awareness and vital funds for Props. Having already funded the



ride themselves, all money raised will go straight to the charity. We hope to see you there!

Any cake donations welcome - please drop on the day or contact Sarah on 07810 511954 sarahjnelson1@outlook.com

If you can't make it to the fundraiser but would still like to donate, go to www.propsbristol.org/fundraising/victoria-and-sarah-ride-bristol-to-bordeaux-for-props/ or scan the QR code. Thank you!



Sherston Magna Cricket Club: Latest news



Junior Cricket: Finally, some play!

The sun shone - even if only very briefly - so we have finally been able to start practising and playing cricket.

The U11s played Avebury CC and in a very entertaining and extremely close game, the young Sherston Magna players held their nerve to secure a fantastic victory. I think the tension amongst the spectators was higher than on the pitch!

That afternoon, the U15s took on Calne CC - the reigning league champions. Sherston chose to bowl first and had the visitors 53/6 after 15 overs. This was an amazing start, and the team were sensing something very special ... but unfortunately the weather intervened and the match had to be abandoned.



Senior Cricket

The cricket season finally got started for the senior team on Saturday 4 May, with Sherston Magna playing host to newly promoted Swindon NALGO 2.

Pinkney Park was set with sunshine, however, as everyone knows it hasn't stopped raining for the majority of the last six months and, as such, the wicket was still fairly soft underneath. In cricket terms, it was a wicket you had to win the toss on! Thankfully, the skipper did just that and put the Swindon-based team in to bat first. Sherston made a fantastic start, consistently taking wickets in the first 20 overs, leaving the opposition at a precarious 70-7. Special mention to young Harris Heathcock who took three wickets in four overs for the expense of just 14 runs! However, Swindon NALGO were able to recover their inning somewhat, with the help of some lusty blows from their captain who came in to bat a little out of position at 8, finishing all out for 149.

Sherston started their innings with excitement, chasing an achievable target. Unfortunately, the

excitement dwindled fairly fast with the quick dismissal of one of their opening batters in the first over. With the exception of the one or two small partnerships, this first wicket was followed pretty quickly by another nine! Sherston sadly struggled along to 100 all out, leaving them a total of 50 short. Not the opening day that we all wanted but lots of positives to take from it.

If you are keen to try or come back to cricket, we would love to hear from you - we have an offering for all ages, from five to 105(-ish). Please get in contact at cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or call James Kutchera on 07985 050791.

For upcoming matches please see <https://sherstonmagna.play-cricket.com/Matches>

Ladies' and Girls' Softball Cricket

Our ladies' team played their first-ever indoor games in a tri-team competition in Melksham in April. They secured a steady win against Biddestone in their first game, with Kate Potter scoring a mighty 26 out of a team total of 55. They then produced a magnificent win against Malmesbury, scoring 88 while the opposition only managed to get 20. Great work from all the team.

This year's training started on a very cold Thursday at the beginning of May, but thankfully the sun appeared when we welcomed 10 new recruits to our three-week taster/return-to-cricket course on 9 May. We are hoping they will form part of the main group for the season.

If anyone else is interested in joining, we train on a Thursday evening, 6.15-7.30pm, weather permitting, throughout the summer until early September. We welcome anyone 16 years and above, no upper age limit. If you are interested, please contact Caroline Dickenson on email cpdickenson@aol.com or 07876 163997



Pantomime auditions!



It's panto audition time! Oh yes it is! And we're on the lookout for people to join the cast! The performances will take place in Sherston Village Hall in October half term; to be in the cast, you must be available every evening between Sunday 27 October and Saturday 2 November, as well as the afternoon of 2 November for the matinee performance. You must also be free for the rehearsals which will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in September and October in Sherston. We need both children and adults for the cast – children must be aged at least nine years old on 1 September 2024 to take part.

An audition is being held for juniors on Thursday

6 June at 7.00-9.00pm in the British School Room. This is for anyone who will be starting in school Years 5-9 in September and will involve acting, singing and dancing in groups. It's open to all abilities – if you're not sure if you can do any of these things, this is your chance to come and give it a try! We will use the audition to decide who will form the pantomime chorus, and some children in this age group may also be considered for larger roles.

Adults and teenagers who will be starting in school Year 10 and up in September should come to a script reading evening, which will take place on Thursday 13 June at 7.30pm at Willow Trees, Hunters Field - again, everyone is welcome!

If you and/or your child are planning to audition, it would be great if you could let me know by email (katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk) just so that we have an idea of numbers and because it will help with script selection. Also feel free to contact me if you have any questions, would like any more information or if you would like to be considered for a part but cannot come to the audition/reading.

Sherston Apple Day 2024



Sunday 6 October, 10.00am-3.00pm, at the Village Hall and VH field. Save the date!

There will be freshly pressed, pasteurised Sherston apple juice on sale plus many other local talents and entertainment at the Village Hall for Sherston Apple Day! Come for a great day out. Refreshments available.

Save your apples and bring any spares from Sunday 29 September and leave them in the bag to the left of the village hall (to the right of the big wooden shed). We will be pressing, pasteurising and bottling during the week and will have our own apple press, making juice outside the village hall on Apple Day, too, plus our small demonstration press available for all to try!



Charity Fashion Event at Sherston Village Hall: 14 and 15 June

This is a big fundraiser for the village and Cancer Research with the support of Cancer Research Malmesbury, Sherston Village Hall and Sherston Church Social Committee. All the items are being donated and the profits distributed to Sherston charities. The distribution will be published in the Cliffhanger.

Cancer Research Malmesbury is bringing an eclectic collection from their stock for the event. Anyone wishing to purchase directly from them needs to bring cash (the Post Office is open all day on Saturday 15 June) or cheques.

Friday night, from 7.00pm, is the big ticketed event: Tickets cost £7.50 and are available from Sherston

Post Office. The themes are Looking after the Planet, Keep those Clothes out of Landfill and Looking after Ourselves. There will be short talks on these themes supported by the Malmesbury Belly Dancers and a fashion show of some of the donated pieces. Seating will be around tables, nibbles provided, and there will be a bar.

The Saturday is an open event from 9.30pm till 3.00pm. Entry is free.

We still need good-quality ladies' clothing to supplement the swimwear and lingerie already donated. Lucy Tom at the Courtyard Café has generously offered to accept your donations or phone Goug Wilcox (07788 558035) to arrange collection.

Sherston Town Football Club Vets



This was the second season in the Bristol Corinthians League for the Sherston Town Vets. Competing in the Over-35s Division 4, the team was keen to build on the previous season's mid-table finish.

A new formation and a couple of new faces helped the team get off to an excellent start in September, with back-to-back home wins in the league and cup.

The following month offered up a greater challenge. While an 80-mile round trip to play in Weston-Super-Mare demonstrated the depth of the squad's commitment, it resulted in their first defeat. This was followed by losing an away cup tie, albeit with a strong performance against a higher-ranked opposition.

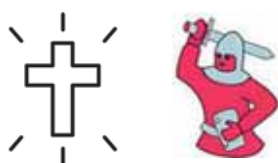
The reaction to these defeats was superb, with the Vets building an incredible winning streak in the league over the wet winter period. Slick passing football and a ruthlessness in front of goal propelled

the Vets to the top of Division 4 and built up an impressive goal difference. This put the Vets in the driving seat going into the final fixtures, going up against their title rivals. A 4-1 home win against West Country Utd was followed by a 3-1 away win at Easton-in-Gordano, putting the Taters out of reach with a game to spare. The following week, Sherston Town Vets received their trophy as Division 4 Champions!!

A massive well done to everyone in the squad for a highly entertaining and successful league campaign. Everyone has worked hard for this and shown great team camaraderie, both on the pitch and in the Rattlebone! And thank you to everyone who has come along to watch us play. On to Madrid now, for the end of season Vets tour and their final match of the season ¡Buen viaje!

End-of-season reports from the First Team and Reserves to follow [next month]

iSingPOP



Pupils from Sherston Primary School will be raising the roof in church on Wednesday 12 June with a celebratory iSingPOP concert. This follows the children's workshop in school during the previous week, which is run by Christian charity iSingPOP. We look forward to welcoming the children and their families to this fantastic concert which reflects school, church and community exploring worship together. iSingPOP's mission is to help empower children to find their voice and discover their potential in a changing world. Singing can really help to build a community, boost mental health, restore physical health and increase confidence. The workshop and concert is supported in part by the Anne Brayne Foundation. If you would also like to support this work, please contact our churchwarden sherston@gauzebrook.org.

Yoga for Everyone

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WHAT IS FUNCTIONAL MOBILITY?

Mobility is the ability to move in the various range of motion that our joints are design to move. Functional mobility is the awareness of incorporating strength within those movements. Conditioning muscle to support our joints to take on life's challenges!

Open Gardens Weekend: 8-9 June



We finally have some sunshine and warmer temperatures after a long, wet and grey, early spring. Our gardens have responded by putting on an enormous amount of growth and making up for lost time, and are now beginning to look wonderful. This year we have 15 gardens which are open for visitors, large and small, all around the village. We always have visitors coming from a distance as a result of our online advertising but many local people don't take advantage of this opportunity to have a great afternoon out without using their car! Each year, there are a different selection of gardens to visit, most are open both days, a few just on one day.

Trail tickets will be on sale outside the Co-op from 10.00am to 12.00noon on Saturday; after that, they will be sold from the church.

Gardens will be open from 1.00pm to 6.00pm on Saturday, and 12.30pm to 5.00pm on Sunday. Tickets are £6 per person to visit the gardens. Teas in church, served from 2.00pm, with homemade cakes and tea or coffee, are £4. There will also be a plant stall at church (please bring donations of seedlings and plants if you have them).

New for this year, a simple ploughman's lunch will be served in church at 12.00noon on Sunday after the special Big Hymn Sing at 11.00am for Music Sunday, a national initiative (see front page). Tickets for the lunch are £5 and should be bought in advance if possible, alongside buying tickets for the gardens. Cash or card can be used.

Don't miss this special weekend and help to raise money for the maintenance of our lovely Holy Cross Church.

What is a farmer cluster?

The idea is a simple one: farmers and landowners group together, 'cluster', to form a loose community with shared goals. Clusters are inherently environmental by design; if each member makes small adjustments to the way they manage their business then genuine landscape-level improvements can be achieved. These might include bolstering and reintroducing hedgerows, soil quality initiatives, or water quality and natural flood management projects. Through neighbouring land managers making small coordinated and complimentary changes, a more connected landscape can be established.

Farmer clusters first started appearing in the Marlborough Downs and chalk stream valleys of south Wiltshire (Wylve and Nadder) almost ten years ago. Now, there are over 100 in Great Britain, yet within the Bristol Avon catchment, there are very few.

The South Cotswold Fosse farmer cluster is an attempt to re-energise three groups that have all attempted to start over the past few years but have not quite got off the ground. As the name suggests, the ancient Fosse Way provides the backbone across the landscape stretching from Bath to Cirencester. To date, over 50 farms have joined this start-up community and a funding application has been submitted. It is hoped in the coming weeks the cluster will be able to get off the ground slowly and steadily!

We will be arranging talks based on various agricultural and environmental topics. These will be presented by a panel of experts in those subjects and form the mainstay of the cluster's activities. However, with time and consistency, it's members gathering and sharing knowledge regularly that really generates the cluster community.

We look forward to being able to publicise our events calendar.

300+ Club

Draw 1

£50 Winner No. 348 Dr Vaux
(donated to the Village Hall)

£30 Winner No. 120 Carey Smith

£20 Winner No. 165 Viv Hibbard

Draw 2

£50 Winner No. 218 Karin York

£30 Winner No.266 Nick Wiles

£20 Winner No 344 Mrs RHC Vaux
(donated to the Village Hall)



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

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

Thank you for your continued support.

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 have been published in the Cliffhanger each month leading up to the 80th anniversary on 6 June.

Part 5

While we were in Sherston we would occasionally listen to the BBC radio to a British traitor, William Joyce who used the name 'Lord Haw Haw' when broadcast ing propaganda from Berlin. He would play soft music and try to convince us we were being used as pawns by the British. He would also chide British troops fighting far from home that the Yanks were having a wonderful time with their wives and girlfriends while they were gone.

On another day he thanked one of the Army Air Force (AAF) bomber groups for dropping him a number of the latest American 'Swing music' records in a container with a note informing 'Haw Haw' that they were tired of the same old songs. He obligingly played their music along with the usual propaganda that hundreds of airmen were dying each day for the Wall Street warmongers. Most of the men ignored his broadcasts, others saw it as a form of entertainment. In September 1945 he was found guilty of treason and hung for his admiration of Adolph Hitler and at tempting to destroy British morale.

On 1 June 44 the 299th was sent on detached service to a provisional engineer task force. Lt. Col. Milton Jewett knew all of his companies were equally proficient and decided to flip a coin to determine who was to go where. Capt. Ambrose Manion of B Company won the coin toss and chose Utah Beach where they would clear obstacles and mines for the 4th Infantry Division. H & S, A and C Companies, a 299 Medical detachment plus men from the 2nd Engineers, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 382nd, 383rd and 684th Medical collecting companies were divided into boat teams. They would be assaulting Omaha Beach in the 4th wave behind amphibious tanks in support of the 1st and 29th Infantry Divisions of the V Corps.

According to various sources the 1128 ECB, not being attached to the provisional engineer task force was to be used as a reserve along with many other engineer groups. If the beaches could not be taken on schedule the reserve was prepared to move as direct support for the infantry. By D+2 or D+3 bulldozers,

graders and truck cranes were engaged in clearing up the beach of wrecked vehicles and other debris and building exits and roads leading away from the beaches.

The 626th was to land in Normandy in the 11th wave which would have been D+7 or 8. Extremely bad weather prevented our preparations for a move to an embarkation port. About this time the Germans began launching V-1 buzz bombs. We observed a number of them near our bivouac area. They had a distinct sound and when the ram jet engine shut off, would fall aimlessly on some unsuspecting target. Many innocent civilians were killed or seriously wounded and an untold amount of property damaged or destroyed.

Knowing we would be receiving embarkation orders, Mike Barrett rearranged his duffel bag so that he could hide, 'Medic' in order to get him aboard our landing craft.

Shortly before D-Day we exchanged our American and British currency for invasion Francs. Weather conditions played havoc with embarkation orders and it wasn't until June 18th that we bade farewell to the City of White Walls, Sherston, Wiltshire.





Sherston Velo Summer Time Trial Series – Round 1



Competitive racing and a tight battle for the top spot in the club Time Trial (TT) Handicap Championship saw the top three separated by less than a minute, on a night when rain and a car crash threatened to derail the inaugural Sherston Velo 10-mile TT before it had even begun.

Fortunately, the clouds parted and the A433 was cleared shortly before the start, with Kate Potter the first rider off the line in this new event, taking the honour of leading out the race and establishing the women's course record of 32:06.

As the evening went on, it became clear that the road bike category would be hotly contested, with Ollie Setterfield (27:26), George Lockett and Mark Walsh all crossing the line with less than 20 seconds separating their times. Jim Power was less than a minute back from Setterfield in fourth.

In the TT bike division, lone competitor Simon Vannerley set 26:12 as the open category course record.

Our time trials are held monthly through the summer (see www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/club-events for details). Non-members are welcome: any type of bike may be ridden, but it must have working front and rear lights fitted and approved helmets are mandatory. Entry is £5 (club members £3): registration is in the village hall car park from 6.15-6.45pm. For more information contact the club TT organiser, Simon Vannerley at info@sherstonvelo.cc or call 07772 187857.

Sherston Velo Club Handicap TT Championship

Standings after Round 1

1	Mark Walsh	26:43
2	Simon Vannerley	+12s
3	Ollie Setterfield	+43s
4	Jim Power	+50s
5	George Lockett	+1:12
6	Richard Greatrex-Smith	+2:19
7	Tony Bugg	+2:32
8	Kate Potter	+2:37
9	Pete Clegg	+3:23
10	Chris Potter	+4:29



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SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

Next Meeting: Tuesday 4 June, 'Growing Clematis' with speaker Andrew Jeanes.'

Cuttings

There isn't a lot that Andrew Tolman doesn't know about stumperies, and we all knew a lot more ourselves by the end of the May meeting. Andrew illustrated his talk with slides of stumperies and shady gardens he has created, accompanied by a cornucopia of favourite ferns, snowdrops and shade-loving perennials. In response to blank looks when more unusual gardens or plants were mentioned, he exhorted us to 'get out more'! An entertaining and well-informed speaker.

On Tuesday 4 June, we shall be welcoming our guest speaker, clematis expert, Andrew Jeanes. As Sales & Marketing Manager with Guernsey Clematis, Andrew is ideally placed to answer any questions you may have on clematis in particular and climbers in general. Just the ticket for a time of year when early summer colour is starting to pop in our gardens (well, we hope so anyway!).

Results are out for our Spring Bulb Competition. Thanks to Liz Cooper for galvanizing us into submitting over 20 online entries which were shown at the meeting. Alliums by Chris Frost and Tulips by Jane Milne were voted first and second respectively by a country mile. Jane can also take credit for achieving third place too!



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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. For membership details and full programme contact our Secretary: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com Also, please don't forget to rejoin if you haven't already done so. Rachael will be on hand at the next meeting to collect payments (in a friendly, non-threatening manner ...).

Sherston Gardening Club now has a web presence on the sherston.net website and can be found in the drop-down menu. It will be updated with the monthly newsletter, programme and information about meetings and visits. Don't forget to check in with our Facebook page as well.

Community

By now, our two 'Blooming Sherston' troughs will be displaying soft, early summer colours, building up to a crescendo later in the year. (If this doesn't happen, sack the gardeners!)

SGC is also running the Plant Sale on Boules Day so contributions (help, as well as plants) will be warmly welcomed. Just let us know at the next meeting.

If you feel there are parts of the village that would benefit from an injection of colour, drop us a line.

Calendar

Late June tbc

Summer Social Evening at The Village Hall Field

August

No meeting but possibly a garden visit tbc

Tuesday 3 September

'Garden Design for Nature and Wellbeing' with Rachel Emous-Austin

Join Malmesbury Singers for Midsummer's Eve: Folk, Fancy, and Faith: Saturday 22 June

The Malmesbury Singers return to the magnificent Malmesbury Abbey on Saturday 22 June 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.

Conducted by Thomas Mottershead, Musical Director of Malmesbury Singers, it promises to be a genuinely unforgettable midsummer's eve at Malmesbury Abbey – the perfect backdrop to what will be a beautiful summer evening concert. Don't miss it!

Tickets cost £20 for adults, £5 for students/children and are available from our website (<https://malmesburysingers.co.uk>), via the Abbey or from Choir Members. Tickets are non-refundable.

Sherston Living Churchyard



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Our working party

Saturday in May was a beautiful spring day which was much appreciated by us all; there have been so few of those to enjoy so far this year. There were three new recruits to the team this month. Some others, who feel they are no longer want to undertake strenuous work, have started joining us for coffee at 11.00am. Their support is very welcome, especially as some people have provided brownies and biscuits – it all helps to keep things going and make this a real community endeavour

A poignant reminder of how hard life could be in the past was discovered by people cutting back the enormous overgrown box tree near the north-east corner of the church – a memorial to the children of one family in 19th century Sherston:

In Affectionate Remembrance of the Beloved Children

of HENRY OSBORNE and ELIZABETH NEALE
of this parish

AMY died March 29th 1869 aged 6 months

CLARA died January 25th 1871 aged 2 years + 5 months

Also ANNIE died July 21st 1875 aged 5 years

WALTER OSBORNE died February 12th 1880 aged 3 months

Suffer little children to come unto me

Is it possible the first two were twins? Some research at the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre in Chippenham could be revealing. The inscription is very well-preserved probably due to the protection from the weather afforded by the tree. We have cut back the branches so that you can go and see the memorial. Local history is important in the Living Churchyard, as well as wildlife

Please join us in the churchyard on Saturday 1 June from 10.00am to see what is happening and join the working party if you would like to. Be prepared for mud and any kind of weather as we will still go ahead except in the worst conditions. If you can bring your own gardening tools that would be very helpful. Refreshments will be provided. That day we will also be starting some of the church's Count for Nature so that results can be displayed during the Open Gardens Weekend on 8-9 June (see page 9).

For June only, the plant stall will *not* be during the first weekend of the month but will instead be on 8-9 June to coincide with Open Gardens Weekend, with all proceeds going towards repairs to the fabric of the church. You can explore your village churchyard more closely during the weekend by following an I-Spy Trail using a specially produced leaflet; see things you have never noticed before!

The EcoCafé will be moved to 13 June so that it will be during Great Big Green Week. You can find more about that on the front page.

Sue Robinson 841263 jimandsue4@btinternet.com

Hullavington Church Fête and Dog Show: Saturday 8 June, 1.00-4.00pm

The annual church fête and dog show is one of the highlights of the Hullavington village calendar. It's held in the beautiful gardens of Court House, next to the church in Hullavington.

Parking for visitors is available at the village hall, it's a cash-only event.

There is something for everyone on the day, including a bouncy castle and games for children, a fun dog show with classes for every kind of dog, a BBQ, homemade cream teas, Pimm's, live music, tug of war, lots of stalls with plants, jigsaws and homemade produce, a silent auction and a raffle.

It's a cracking day out - please come along and enjoy!

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

We had a wonderful meal, filled with good food and friendship at the Old Royal Ship, Luckington, last month. More than 20 of us were able to attend and it was a lovely evening.

This month, on Wednesday 19 June, we have a very skilled demonstrator coming to create wonderful flower designs for us. Her name is Lucy Ellis and her title is 'Limelight'. We shall be selling tickets for the raffle of her creations at the end of the evening. Well worth it!

We meet in Crudwell Village Hall at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. We also do a Best Bloom Competition (what is growing in your garden) to raise money for a charity and there is tea and cake provided. Do come and join us.

For further information, visit <https://northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk/> or email nwvflowerclub@gmail.com.

Malmesbury League of Friends Donates £10,000 to Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Wiltshire Air Ambulance (WAA) has received a donation of £10,000 from Malmesbury League of Friends (MLOF).

MLOF decided to make this substantial donation after WAA were called to 20 potentially life-saving incidents in the immediate Malmesbury area in the last 15 months. WAA previously received a donation of £25,000 from MLOF in 2019.

MLOF provides funds to help local people with specific medical needs. In particular, it provides badly needed equipment for use by Malmesbury Primary Care Centre, Athelstan House and by patients in their own homes.

MLOF chairman David Hide said: 'Although most of our donations are for items of medical equipment, we know what an absolutely vital service the WAA provides. It is essential that it is able to continue its life saving work and we are delighted to help in this way.'

WAA deputy chief executive Barbara Gray said: 'This amount of money is hugely welcome and we cannot thank MLOF enough. Our service is vital in Wiltshire, Bath and the surrounding areas and this will go a long way to keeping us flying. We literally are funded by you, flying for you.'



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Malmesbury Concert Band's Summer Programme

The Malmesbury Concert Band (MCB) is back in action with a busy schedule for summer 2024, and its most varied musical programme ever.

The following dates have been announced so far:

Sunday 2 June:

Town Gardens, Swindon 3.00-4.30pm

Thursday 6 June: Cuckingstool Mead, Malmesbury – D-Day 80th anniversary 8.15pm

Saturday 15 June:

Great Somerford Fete 4.00-6.00pm

Sunday 7 July:

John Coles Park, Chippenham 3.00-5.00pm

Sunday 21 July:

Abbey Grounds, Cirencester 2.30-4.30pm

The summer programme includes numbers from the Beatles, musicals, films, jazz and established favourites, such as Moon River and Nine to Five, made famous by Dolly Parton.

Art Robb, MCB Musical Director said: 'We are already rehearsing every Friday evening in preparation for this year's programme. We would warmly welcome more members, especially trombone, horn, clarinet and bassoon players. Details are on our website: www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk.





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Highlights for June



Saturday 1 June Carmenco Pocket Opera: Based on the story of Bizet's Carmen but told from her point of view! The cast are all Royal Academy of Music graduates and soloists in their own right. Tickets: £15. 7.30pm.

Friday 7 June D-Day concert with the Big Brunch Band: Celebrate Tetbury's part in the D-Day plans with music from the 1930s and 40s. Tickets: £12.50. 7.30pm.

Saturday 8 June Music for Miniatures: A baby-friendly summer concert for a young audience and their families. Tickets: £15 family of 4 or £6 adults. 10.30am.

Saturday 15 June Comedy Club: This month we feature Adam Beardsmore, Kate Martin and headlined by Mr Roger Monkhouse. Tickets: £13.15. 8.00pm

Saturday 22 June Keith Thompson Band: The British blues rock musician has been touring Europe for over 30 years and we are delighted to welcome him to Tetbury. Tickets: £15. 7.30pm.

Saturday 28 June Eusebius Quartet: The first of our classical series. The string quartet formed in 2016 and have gained a reputation for imaginative music. They'll be playing Haydn, Beethoven and Elgar. Tickets: £24. 7.30pm.

Please note we offer ticket price reductions for people under 25. For more details of our other events including film, talks, exhibitions, and afternoon tea concerts and to book tickets visit our website:

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Mon 3	2.00pm	Back to Black
	8.00pm	Swede Caroline
Tue 4	7.30pm	My National Gallery *
Fri 7	2.00pm	Challengers
	8.00pm	Civil War
Tue 11	2.00pm	My National Gallery *
	7.15pm	Andrea Chenier **
Mon 17	2.00pm	Civil War
	8.00pm	Challengers
Mon 24	2.00pm	Swede Caroline
Fri 28	8.00pm	Two Tickets to Greece

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

Tickets for all performances can be purchased from: Malmesbury Town Hall; online at <https://www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema>; or, subject to availability, on the door. We have had several sell-outs recently so don't rely on tickets being available on the door.

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

Malmesbury & District u3a

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

Details of our forthcoming monthly meeting in June is below. There will be no monthly meetings in July and August as it is holiday season but we will be holding our members' Summer Social in July.

Thursday 27 June: From corporate suits to mountain boots: Everest, the seven summits and beyond - Jo Bradshaw

Jo, a former comfort-loving business advisor, turned her very safe corporate existence into a fulfilling, adventurous life outdoors by donning her 'brave pants' a little more often. With a lot of encouragement from great friends, she went from jumping out of a perfectly good plane for charity in 2003 to standing on top of Everest in 2016 via an earthquake on the mountain the year before. This is not the whole story. You will be taken around the world to visit six of the seven summits of the highest mountains of seven continents. The seventh is proving elusive!

Local recycling and zero waste outlet information



Recycling Facilities

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

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

Soft plastics and batteries

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

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

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 bread, meat, fish, cheese, honey, chutneys, vegetables and small plants.

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 oat 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 - semi-skimmed milk (loose), take your own 1litre glass bottles - and 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

Milk in glass bottles (no plastic!)

Loose milk is no longer sold at Close Farm (Highgrove, Tetbury) or Church Street Grocers, Tetbury (now closed) - nor at Bennett's Farm, Leighterton or at Hobbs House Bakery, Malmesbury (now closed), but is still available from Hobbs House Bakery in Tetbury (semi-skimmed only, from Cotswold Dairy). For raw (unpasteurised) milk, try Dora's Dairy, Quarry Farm, Purton (Jon Cook). Email: dairymaid@dorasdairy.co.uk Note: Any dairy farmers able to supply milk for possible dispensing in Sherston, please contact Eleanor Lines on 07949 292741.

Oddbox (Oddbox.co.uk) 'Fighting waste one curvy cucumber at a time'. Small to large boxes of veg (plus optional fruit) delivered overnight to your door. Also great recipes, easy exclusion options, etc.

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

Close Farm, Highgrove, Tetbury - veg stall

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

Shipton Mill Flour - locally grown and excellent online shop www.shipton-mill.com

Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Regular Groups and Events in Sherston

Weekly farmers market at Sherston Village Hall

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

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Every fortnight on Saturdays 10.30am – 12.45pm Sherston High Street mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk or visit apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/Route/Index/17

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

1st 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 f.picton@outlook.com

1st Sherston Beaver Scout Colony

Beavers is open to both girls and boys aged between 6 and 8 years old. Meet Mon 5pm to 6.15pm in term time - Scout hut. There is a waiting list for Beavers, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk 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 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 russelltownsend@
gmail.com

Yoga for All

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

BB Barre

Barre fitness classes at Sherston Village Hall & Hawkesbury Home Studio.
Full weekly timetable across most days. Suitable for all ages, and abilities,
pre & post-natal. Visit 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

Zen Meditation Group

10am -12am on a Sunday. All welcome. If you would like to have an
introduction to Zen meditation, contact Lawrence Barrow -
ljikob@gmail.com / 07947 792919 [lawrencebarrow.com](http://www.lawrencebarrow.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. Full programme of rides
every weekend. Club 10-mile time trial and midweek rides Apr-Oct,
midweek e-sports racing and rides Oct-Mar. 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 www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir.

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

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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
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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 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 Thursdays 10am-12 noon. Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. There's a play area for small children. Eco café theme on the 1st Thurs of each month (except for this month when it's Thurs 13 June), with recycled cards & fairtrade items for sale. Proceeds go to the upkeep of the Church.

Sherston Living Churchyard

1st Saturday of the month 10am - work to support wildlife diversity to create a more beautiful place for the community. Everyone welcome. Come along and see what's happening, and join in if you like.

Plant stall 8-9 June

Love Your Burial Ground Week, – 8-16 June.

Organised by the charity Caring for God's Acre (see caringforgodsacre.org.uk) www.gauzebrook.org/churches/holy-cross-sherston

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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 monthly Soup lunch has paused for the summer and will resume on Monday 2 Sept.

Christmas Day Dinner 2024 – if anyone can volunteer to help prepare Christmas Day lunch, please contact either Candi Williams-Tarling at cwilliamstarling@gmail.com or Rev Susan Harvey at susan.harvey055@gmail.com

Sherston Drama Group

Thu 6 June junior auditions for the autumn pantomime, Thu 13 June teen & adult auditions, see editorial pages for full information and times. Contact Chairperson Katie Skeffington via katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk if you're going to attend.

Sherston Gardening Club

Tuesday 4 June 'Growing Clematis and other Climbers' with speaker Andrew Jeanes

Late June, Summer Social Evening at The Village Hall Field date TBC

August - No meeting but possibly a garden visit TBC
1st Tuesday of each month; bring and buy stall, quiz &

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Sustainable Sherston

Future River Soundings, what would you like the River Avon to be like in the future?

Fri 14 June 6.30-8.30pm & Sun 16 June 2.30pm – start at the British School Room in Cliff Rd, and walk along the river. (Approx 2 hrs). An app will guide you to think about how you would like the river and its environment to be in future. Mobile phones can be borrowed. Please book by contacting Richard Skeffington via r.a.skeffington@gmail.com, with names of participants.

Sherston Apple Day Sun 6 October 10am-3pm at the Village Hall & Field, stalls, activities and apple pressing.

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

Thurs 20 June, Thurs 18 July, Thurs 12 Sept - '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, (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 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.

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend

Sat 8 & Sun 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

On both days, there will be a plant stall. Donations of plants will be very welcome.

Great Big Green Week

8 June - Open Gardens around the village, with teas & a plant stall at Holy Cross Church

9 June - Open Gardens, teas & plant stall, I-spy trail and family friendly activities in Holy Cross churchyard

11 June - Malmesbury Area Board Climate Action Networking Event in Village Hall, plus visit to community orchard

13 June - Eco-themed Holy Cross Cafe - 10am -12 noon

14 June - Future River Soundings with Uninvited Guests - 6.30pm

14 June - Charity fashion preview event in Village Hall - 7pm, tickets £7.50 from Sherston post office, new swimwear, lingerie & quality pre-loved clothes

15 June - Charity fashion sale event in Village Hall, 9.30am-3pm, free entry

16 June - Future River Soundings with Uninvited Guests - 2.30pm

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Alderton Art Classes: Intro to drawing and painting. Suitable for beginners and improvers. 7 weeks starting Weds 7 Jun, 7-8.30pm, £70. Alderton Village Hall. More info: claire@clairesanders.co.uk or 07717 734955

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

Athelstan Museum

Talks and Exhibitions www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Movies@Malmesbury

Movies@Malmesbury is run entirely by volunteers with new tiered seating in the Town Hall or Facebook page: MoviesatMalmesbury or www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html for schedules, synopses, trailers etc.

Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

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

The Long Players Saturday 15 June at Malmesbury Town Hall, The Long Players bring you a celebration of Jarvis Cocker's iconic Pulp album 'Different Class'. Tickets now available at: www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/longplayers

Malmesbury Concert Band The band has performances locally throughout June and July. www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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

Malmesbury Library

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

Reading group meets 3rd Wed each month

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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

Thurs 27 June - From corporate suits to mountain boots: Everest, the 7 summits and beyond – a talk by Jo Bradshaw. Malmesbury & District U3a has 500+ members and 40 different interest groups including history, gardening, dancing, languages, walking, book groups etc. Monthly meetings take place on the 4th Thurs of the month (10am-12pm) at Malmesbury Town Hall. No meetings during July and Aug. Non-members welcome, 50p donation. www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

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

Carer Support Wiltshire with Dorothy House Hospicel

Mon 3 June, 2pm-4pm – Bereavement Help Point, Kings Arms, 29 High Street, Malmesbury. A community based drop-in service for anyone who is bereaved to talk with others in an informal and supportive setting. Free.

Tetbury Tetbury Goods Shed

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Didmarton

Friday 14th June, Wicked Little Letters (2023) – Comedy, mystery, history, thriller. Didmarton Village Hall. Doors open 6.30pm film starts 7.30pm. Cash bar. If you wish to attend contact Jenny Body as it helps with chair numbers. 01454 238358 or via jenny.body@btconnect.com

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 A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers

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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

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Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator
emergency@sherston.org.uk (only during an incident)

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www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/
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Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
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MP James Gray	0207 219 6237
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Sherston School	01666 840237
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