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## A Broadcast on behalf of Your General Practice Party!



As we all prepare to go to the polls once again, the Tolsey team want to make you all aware of the current crisis facing GP services in the UK.

For The Tolsey Surgery to stay afloat, we generate income, like many rural dispensing practices, from two major sources: core NHS Funding and our dispensary. This income goes back into the business and helps pay for patient services, staff salaries and our running costs.

You will have all heard us talk previously about the vital importance of our patients using our dispensary to help generate some of this income. Sadly, recent months have seen a further decline in its use and the loss of more of our patients to online delivery services.

Now our core funding is also being eroded.

Here are a few simple facts to help explain why Primary Care is in crisis:

- 90% of all NHS consultations take place in Primary Care but Primary Care only receives 10% of the total NHS funding.
- GPs are now responsible for 18% more patients than in 2015.
- Every day in the UK GPs are seeing more than 1 million patients.
- The profession has lost 1,790 full-time GPs since 2015.
- 106 GP practices have closed in the past year.
- Hospital waiting lists are increasing, meaning patients come back to their GP for more support whilst waiting.

Like our patients, our business is facing rising costs (electricity, water, medical supplies, staff wages) and yet we have received no additional funding to compensate for this.

GPs have been offered an annual uplift of only 1.9% for next year's contract which falls well below inflation. As a result, all practices are struggling to stay afloat, and the profession is currently in dispute with NHS England. If this continues, then your local practice may disappear; you would have to get your medications from elsewhere, and you would need to move to a neighbouring practice.

At The Tolsey Surgery, we are feeling the pressure and are working as hard as we can to provide the best care for our patients. Sometimes this might mean that our team re-direct you to another service (e.g. a Minor Injuries Unit or a pharmacy) to best help you with your problem.

We are concerned and distressed about the current situation too and wish we could do more. We are currently unable to recruit more clinical staff and struggle to fund replacements for retiring staff. All of these factors contribute to longer waiting times for appointments and delays with other services.

If, like us, you feel strongly about these issues then, whichever party you give your support to this July, we urge you to ask them about this before casting your vote. In the meantime, we will continue to do our best to support our patients and provide the personalised care that we take great pride in delivering to our community.

We appreciate your support and consideration during these difficult times for General Practice in the UK.

## Thank you Margot



After many years' hard work on the Village Hall Committee, Margot Holland stood down last month. She first got involved when her daughter Charlotte was just four years old; Charlotte turns 28 next month!

Margot has taken on a variety of roles on the committee over the years, most recently as Bookings Clerk. Having done an excellent job for four years, she has now handed over 'The Book' to Jake Peplow who will be in charge of

bookings and looking after the schedules, supported by Ryan Clark. You can contact Jake on 07857 657454 or [jakepeplow87@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jakepeplow87@hotmail.co.uk).

Margot will be using her new-found free time for more travelling with her husband, Nick, in their camper van. We thank her for her efforts and enthusiasm over the years, and wish her all the best with her travel adventures!



## Full 2024 Boules Festival programme on centre pages



## Parish Council Notices



### Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is on Thursday 11 July 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](mailto: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](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk) for further information.

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### Your Parish Needs You!

Sherston Parish Council is delighted to report that a 'maintenance person' has been appointed to help tackle the wide range of small but essential jobs that frequently pop up in and around our village.

With this accomplished we would now like to call on the watchful eyes of all residents, yes 'your parish needs you' to help identify and report jobs that in your opinion need doing!

Rest assured that your input will go a long way in assisting the appointee whose efforts in conjunction with our Wiltshire Council's Parish Steward will keep our village clean, tidy, hazard-free and a safe place to live!

They want to learn of things that can be fixed like overgrown grass, weeds, nettles, tree branches, shrubs, blocked drains, potholes, broken pavements, obscured road signage etc, etc and all potential hazards that might lead to injury.

Your Parish Council can resolve many of these issues so please feel free to email [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk) and we will act accordingly

**Your Parish Needs You!**

## Revision of Sherston's Neighbourhood Plan



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 is requiring that Sherston accommodates an additional 30 houses (on top of those already planned for in the original Neighbourhood Plan).

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

*Cllr Martin Smith*

## Community Speed Watch Team - Tetbury Road



Yawn - Consideration for the safety of our team is paramount so we are obliged to await on Wiltshire Police completing a 'risk assessment'!

Won't be long now!

## Traffic Survey Update - Easton Town (Forlorn) & Willesley Roads



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Wiltshire Council Traffic & Network Management have been made aware of perceived excessive speeding and the danger to pedestrians on these derestricted roads and intend to inspect and hopefully determine a way forward.

Watch this space!

## North Building (former Pre-School) on the Recreation Ground.



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We are delighted to advise all that these premises are now available for recreational, educational and meeting purposes.

In addition to a substantial floorspace there is an office, kitchen and toilets (includes disabled).

The hire rate is £10.00 per hour with a minimum of two hours.

Please note: No alcohol is allowed on the premises.

For booking information, including payment details, go to the Parish Council website - [sherston.org.uk](http://sherston.org.uk).

To arrange a pre-visit, contact: Mike Tarrant ([mike.tarrant@sherston.org.uk](mailto:mike.tarrant@sherston.org.uk))

## Wine Tasting Evening, Butterfly Hall, Sherston Village Hall



Whether you're a seasoned connoisseur or simply curious to explore the world of wine, come along to an exclusive wine tasting evening in the village hall's Butterfly Hall on Tuesday 9 July at 7.00pm. You'll be tasting a range of fine wines from around the world, expanding your wine knowledge and discovering new favourites. Enjoy an elegant evening, guided by a renowned sommelier, and sample a selection of reds, whites and rosés from South America, Europe and England! Appetizers will be provided. Tickets are £20 per person and available to book in advance online via: [www.sherstonboules.org/wine](http://www.sherstonboules.org/wine)

## Sherston Senior Club

We had a very enjoyable visit to Gloucester Quays in May. The Quays offer such a variety of things to see and do: historic docks, the cathedral, boat rides and not forgetting the outlet centre where many bargains can be found.

At our next meeting, member Goug Wilcox told us all about the round-the-world cruise she and her husband Eric had been on. Eric was co-presenter and showed us pictures of the lovely scenery, plus various dancers they encountered, particularly the Zulus. A very enjoyable afternoon.

Looking forward, on Tuesday 9 July, we will be having our Boules tea afternoon with entertainment. Visitors are welcome at £5.00 per head. Members £3.00. Tea afternoon starts at 2.30pm in the British School Room on Cliff Road.

For further information, please contact Helen Quirk 840516.

## Visitors throng to Open Gardens weekend



This was a great success, with around 235 visitors, many of whom came from outside the village to enjoy a selection of large and small gardens. We had a huge range of gardens, from shady wildlife spaces to stunningly colourful displays. Fifteen gardens were open to the public, and we thank the owners for their generosity in sharing their private spaces, we couldn't do it without you. Many thanks also go to all those people who sold tickets, provided plants, made wonderful cakes, served tea and washed up. Every effort was appreciated and contributed to a wonderful sociable weekend. It also did not rain! Visitors were asked to vote for the most enjoyable garden for the John Knight Award. The most votes went to Pip and Jim's at The Doctor's House. All proceeds go towards the maintenance of Holy Cross Church.



# In a Galaxy Far, Far Away ...



## Scouts



Sherston Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all came together for the May bank holiday for a fabulous Star Wars themed Group Camp. Over three days, Jedi training activities included capturing asteroids, avoiding stormtroopers, survival skills, team-building, brain training, shooting practice and

competing in the Battle of Jabiiim. Bonus points were awarded for teamwork, remaining calm under pressure, and perseverance.

Thanks to Sean Richards for providing a fantastic campsite and to the parents who helped with the cooking and who helped set up and pack up camp.





## Sherston Velo Summer Time Trial Series – Round 2



The second round of the Sherston Velo Summer Time Trial Series on Thursday 23 May saw a field of 19 riders from across North Wiltshire, Gloucestershire and Bristol contest the 10-mile course, with a strong tailwind on the opening 6km sector seeing the course records tumble.

In the Open category, Matt Lelliot (Severn Road Club) set a new course record of 24:01, with Simon Cox (Chippenham Wheelers, 25:10) in second place and Simon Vannerley (Sherston Velo, 25:35), the first home club rider to cross the line, in third place. In the female category, Emma Angove (Chippenham Wheelers) was first with a female course record of 28:53, with Kate Potter (Sherston Velo, 31:37) second.

In the Club Handicap TT Championship, Simon Clarke moves into 1<sup>st</sup> position ahead of Simon Vannerley, with Mark Walsh dropping to third overall. In the female championship, Kate Potter remains in first place. Thanks to the favourable conditions on the night, every club rider improved their best time for the course, with an average improvement of 50 seconds across the field.

Our time trials are held monthly through the summer (see [www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/club-events](http://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, 6.15-6.45pm. For more information contact the club TT organiser, Simon Vannerley, at [info@sherstonvelo.cc](mailto:info@sherstonvelo.cc) or call 07772 187857.

### Sherston Velo Club Handicap TT Championship Standings after Round 2

	Name	Average Time
1	Simon Clarke	25:47
2	Simon Vannerley	+47s
3	Mark Walsh	+56s
4	Ollie Setterfield	+1:26
5	Steve Buckley	+1:45
6	Jim Power	+1:46
7	George Lockett	+2:02
8	Richard Greatrex-Smith	+2:38
9	Andy Fisher	+3:00
10	Kate Potter	+3:19
11	Tony Bugg	+3:28
12	Pete Clegg	+3:40
13	Chris Potter	+4:32

# Sherston Magna Cricket Club



On a sunny Friday evening, we officially ‘opened’ our solar powered PV unit, an off-grid system which gives the cricket club electric power! We marked the occasion with a club BBQ, junior training, and an U15s match against Swindon.

This project has taken many years to get off the ground but, with the continued support of the Gloucester Cricket Foundation (especially from Steve Silk and Scott Tremain), plus the ECB County Grant Scheme, we were able to install our system at the end of 2023 in time for the 2024 season.

We would also like to thank our other funding partners as without their support we wouldn’t have been able to get over the line to complete this project, namely: Malmesbury Area Board, Sherston Parish Council and Sustainable Sherston.

The ability to boil a kettle, have cool drinks and turn a light on has been such a great joy and we are further looking to enhance our social space with an additional county grant from the ECB this year under the banner of ‘Welcoming Environments’. More details to follow soon.

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## SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 2 July. Speaker: Chris Frost of Sage Garden Design.**

### Cuttings

Another month, another Andrew! Our June speaker was Andrew Jeanes, International Sales & Marketing Manager with Guernsey Clematis, who delivered a masterclass in how to select, grow and prune different groups of clematis. He recommended a new prize-winning variety, 'Guernsey Flute', with masses of beautiful, white flowers which is easily maintained. When he discussed the importance of sterilising secateurs and pruning snips, there were a few of us in the audience who realised we were guilty of slipping standards! There's always something to learn or remember at our meetings.



*Guernsey Clematis introduced its new 'Flute' on a recent trade stand*

### Clippings

SGC member, Chris Frost of Sage Garden Design, will present at our next meeting on 2 July.

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 form and full programme contact our Secretary: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com Please don't forget to rejoin if your membership has lapsed. It's safe to say that the 2025 programme of talks and visits is shaping up well. Garden writer and broadcaster, Val Bourne, and plant expert, Derry Watkins, are just two of the speakers already booked. There will be something to suit all tastes and interests.

We communicate with members via a monthly newsletter, on the sherston.net website and on Facebook. Please share comments and photos on our Facebook page. It's always good to hear from you.

### Community

We would welcome help running the plant stand on Boules Day, if you can spare some time. The bigger the rota, the less time each person has to give. Useful if your team is on a winning streak!

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

Now that the new village gates are finally in position, the Blooming Sherston initiative will spring into action with autumn bulb planting at each site.

### Calendar 2024

Friday 12 July Summer Social Evening at Village Hall Field. Tickets to be bought in advance, please

### August

No meeting, a coach visit to Waterperry Gardens is being planned. Date tbc

## A Chance to Get Involved - School Governor Vacancies



Sherston School is currently looking for two volunteers to join the school's friendly Governing Body and get involved in the strategic planning and oversight of the school. Being a school governor is a voluntary role and would suit someone who is keen to have a positive impact on the school and outcomes for the children. Governors do not have any involvement in the day-to-day running of the school so experience in the educational sector is not essential. If you would like to find out a bit more about the role and what's involved, please email the Chair of Governors, Belinda Robinson, msrobinson@sherston.wilts.sch.uk

## New benches for Community Orchard



Sustainable Sherston is fundraising for one or two oak benches to be located in the community orchard in the village hall field. This is a nice quiet place to rest your feet and enjoy the trees and wildflowers. If anyone would like to contribute towards a bench, possibly in memory of a loved one, please contact Ben Smee on 07443 508391.

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# Sherston Town Football Club: End-of-season reports

## First Team

The 2023-24 season took us through various emotions - we have had excitement, pride, frustration, and disappointment, but one constant throughout has been the sense of togetherness and camaraderie of the squad.

After back-to-back promotions, we all knew this season would be a challenge. However, after bolstering the squad with several new and returning players, we were feeling positive. A five-game unbeaten run proceeded to kick start our campaign. We first tasted defeat in our sixth match but soon bounced back to go on another unbeaten run of seven games including three games in the Wiltshire County Cup.

Hitting the mid-point of the season, we were in a fantastic position: we found ourselves in the County Cup semi-final and holding second place in the league with games in hand. However, we were then hit with long-term injuries to several key players. After promoting several reserve team players and the timely return of Archie Walsh, out of action since the beginning of last season after an ACL operation, we knuckled down and ground out result after result.

Unfortunately, however, the County Cup dream ended in the semi-final with a narrow 2-1 defeat to eventual winners Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

In the league, it was all in our own hands: three wins from the remaining five games would crown us champions. With three of the fixtures being to teams within the top five, we knew we would need to be on top form. What followed can only be described as a disappointment: we registered just one win in this run of games.

On reflection, we can be extremely proud of our season. As well as reaching the semi-final of the County Cup, we finished fourth in Stroud Division 2 with 17 wins, one draw and six losses. This is a fantastic achievement, and the disappointment has been channelled into a desire to kick on next season and right some wrongs!

Finally, I would like to address the fantastic support that we receive from the village - everyone from the Parish Council, residents of the village (especially Knockdown Road / North End Gardens) and friends and family of the players; it does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. We are without doubt one of the best supported clubs in this league and, without this, the club would not be where it is today, so thank you on behalf of myself and the whole first team squad.

We look forward to welcoming you back to Knockdown Road in a few months' time. Roll on the 2024-25 season!

Adam Salt  
(1st Team Manager)

## Reserves

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome at the start of the season!

Following some great pre-season training sessions where all the players worked really hard to demonstrate their individual talent, we started off with three pre-season friendlies. We put out a strong performance in each and won all three (including a 15-0 victory). What a pre-season start!

Our goalkeeper has improved throughout the season, making some fantastic saves along the way. Great work, Harry Wilson!

Our defenders, Adam Wealer, Steve Simpkin, Ethan Park, Liam Brown, Harry Deacon and Alex Elms, have all worked hard to protect our goalkeeper and have come together to be a tough defence.

Sat just in front of the defending back four, Jake Woolliams, our central defensive midfielder, has had a great season and has been key in distributing the ball around the pitch.

Our midfielders, Luke Strutt, Charlie Cook, George Dangbridge, John Slade, Tyler Quinnell, Ollie Sinclair and Cameron Martin, have also had a great season playing some unbelievable football up and down the pitch.

Last but not least, our strikers, are David (Jerry) Philips and Taylor Clarkes. Jerry started scoring for us from the start and has been a strong player who other teams have struggled to stop. He has had a great season having now moved up to the first team, along with Charlie Cook, halfway through the season.

Taylor asked to join halfway through the season after seeing how well we had played as a team. Taylor settled in really well and is enjoying the game again.

Overall, it has been a great season for all the players involved who have worked really hard and deserve all the praise for their first season together. It has been a pleasure to coach such a good bunch of lads and I cannot wait for next season!

Jay Martin  
(Reserves Coach)

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# Sherston Living Churchyard



To start with, an important update about the grass areas in the churchyard.

As many of you will know, we rely heavily on regular visits from a Community Payback team to mow and trim our grass. On 31 May, they were scheduled to work in the churchyard for the whole day, but their visit was cancelled. Previously, on 17 May, they came for half a day but with only two people available to work. The result of this is that, at the time of writing, we have not had much grass cut by them for seven weeks. We realise that some parts of the churchyard currently look uncared for. That is not part of the Living Churchyard plan but due to circumstances outside our control. We would like to thank the volunteers who have stepped in to try and keep some of the active burial areas tidy. More Community Payback visits are scheduled but we do not know in advance if they will go ahead. In the meantime, those volunteers we do have are doing their best but it is an enormous task. Most of these volunteers are not young! We would welcome any younger people who could spare an hour or two to help with grass cutting to get in touch.

Sherston Living Churchyard took part in the Open Gardens weekend with a display of our plans for the churchyard. The new churchyard I-spy trail leaflet was handed out to visitors, along with their map of the village gardens which were open, and visitors can pick up a copy of the trail leaflet in church from now on. Results from the church's 'Count on Nature' were on display: 38 varieties of plant, many of them flowering and so of great importance to insects, have been recorded on the iNaturalist app and the information will feed into national databases and help to build up a picture of how wildlife is faring nationwide. We hope to extend this recording to include butterflies and other insects, and the observations of birds which are already being made each month.

Quite a few people were interested to learn more about what we are doing and were very supportive of the work. One or two expressed definite views that wildlife had no place in the churchyard. It was noticeable that opinions were divided by age, with younger people seeing a connection between the urgent need to support the natural world and the work of the Living Churchyard. In February, the General Synod of the Church of England passed a motion to move biodiversity up the agenda of its Environment Programme. Here is the motion:

*'Unprecedented changes in climate and biodiversity, driven by human activities, have combined and increasingly threaten nature, human lives, livelihoods and well-being around the world. Biodiversity loss and climate change are both driven by human economic activities and mutually reinforce each other. Neither will be successfully resolved unless both are tackled together.'*

Sherston Living Churchyard is part of this national movement in the Church of England and other churches. As the paper supporting the Land and Nature motion says: 'Caring for nature is central to Christian faith and mission.' We think it is also part of a fight for the long-term existence of our world as we know it.

Please join us in the churchyard on Saturday 6 July from 10.00am to see what is happening and to join the monthly 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. In July, we will be supporting the plant stall for Boules weekend so bring along anything spare from your garden to be sold in the High Street that weekend. For further information, contact either Sue Robinson 841263 jimandsue4@btinternet.com or Tricia Lawrence pjlawrence46@gmail.com

## 300+ Club

There will be 2 draws next month to enable more people to join or renew their membership. The contribution of the 300+ Club is vital to the running of the Sherston Village Hall in helping to pay the monthly bills. Half the money collected has to be returned as prizes. Contributions from all in the village is really needed to keep the Hall running.



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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Thank you for your continued support.

# Guides go out and about!



1st Sherston Guides have had an action-packed time this summer term with lots more to come! Some of the highlights so far have been a visit to the Cotswold Wildlife Park and a Wellbeing Day at our North Wiltshire Guiding Centre at Maud Heath near Chippenham.

*'At the Wildlife Park we made up a song as we went round on the train!'* - Eve

*'We got to spend time as a unit and we met other Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and Rangers from North Wiltshire and saw lots of animals. I liked the peacock. It looked unreal and was shaking its feathers'* - Ellie

*'I loved the the meerkats, penguins, capybaras and naked mole rats'* - Eliza

*'I liked the reptiles- snakes, crocodiles and the snakes'* - Saffie



On the Wellbeing Day, the girls met up with guides from other units, made friends and learnt new skills. Former Sherston guide and Malmesbury club coach in Tae Kwon Do, Martha Dennis, ran a workshop which was very popular. The girls also made face masks, bath bombs, and smoothies (whilst pedalling a bike attached to a blender!) plus much more besides.

*'Wellbeing Day was really really fun. It was a self-care day as well as getting to know other Guides from Malmesbury and Great Somerford'* - Charlie

*'The smoothies were nice and I used mango, pineapple juice, blueberries and raspberries in mine'* - Grace

*'You had to ride a bike to make it blend into a smoothie'* - Zoe

*'The faster you pedalled the faster the smoothie maker went!'* - Val

*'Tae Kwon Do was fun. It let you get all your energy out'* - Rose

*'I loved learning the side kick in Tae Kwon Do with Martha.'* - Val

Continuing on the bike theme, at a subsequent session, the girls completed a long bike ride to Leighterton and back which was challenging but lots of fun.

*'We pushed for it and got to the top on some of the hills without getting off. My favourite bit was going downhill!'*- Kate

A big thank you to our volunteer helpers, Victoria Meheust, Simon Vannerley and Sarah Nelson from Sherston Velo for accompanying the Guides on the bike ride.



The Guides have also enjoyed learning about breadmaking and how to set up a business with local baker, Holly Weeks, and they've been orienteering at Westonbirt Arboretum.

Before the end of term they will be back at Westonbirt Arboretum learning about photography with Tea Smart, they'll have a yoga session run by Rosie Seeds, and go paddle-boarding at the Cotswold Water Park.

Don't forget that the Guides will be running the children's activities in the Village Hall and Field on Boules Day, so do come along and say hello!



## Future River Soundings – Dreaming the future of Sherston's River



*The group at the river,*

*Our words performed  
back to us*



Between downpours on Friday 14 June, a group from the village joined the theatre company 'Uninvited Guests' in walking the river, and imagining the future of the river and of Sherston. Our words were then spoken back to us, integrated into a musical soundscape.

The event at Sherston paralleled events at Avonmouth and Shirehampton. The project is a University of Bristol initiative, looking at original ways of understanding what riverside communities want and need from their rivers. The output will be made available as a resource to policymakers and bodies such as Wessex Water. If the project is successful, the method will be used for other community inputs for the local environment. We will hear more later in the year, possibly meeting other groups.

We thoroughly enjoyed the activity, stepping outside our usual practical concerns to imagine what could be. Focusing from the usual general environmental concerns onto the specifics of the future of the river really focused the mind.

Of course – never work with children or animals, the heifers in the field were very taken with our group and had to be discouraged by Richard Skeffington!



*The other uninvited guests!*

# Boules Festival 9-14 July 2024

## TUESDAY 9

- 2:30pm **Senior Tea Afternoon** British School Room  
Everybody is welcome.  
£5 non-member £3 for members
- 7:00pm **Wine Tasting Evening** Village Hall  
Tickets £20 via the website  
[www.sherstonboules.org/wine](http://www.sherstonboules.org/wine)

## WEDNESDAY 10

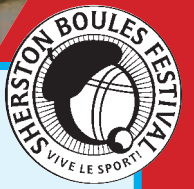
- From 7:00pm **Une Soirée Française** The Rattlebone  
3 course French Dinner.  
Book direct with the Rattlebone

## THURSDAY 11

- 5:30pm **Festival of Cricket Evening** Sherston Magna Cricket Ground  
BBQ, bar, fun for all the family!  
Including the return of the Ladies much-loved Pimm's match!

## SATURDAY 13

- 8:00am **Full English Breakfast** served at the Rattlebone  
**Bacon Sandwiches, Croissants/Pastries Tea & Coffee** at the French Café
- 8:30am **Peal of bells** to signal the start of the Tournament
- 9:00am **Main Bar, Pimm's Bar** and stalls open on the High Street. Lego & films on the big screen at the **British School Room**
- 10:00am **Junior** (Primary school age) High Street **Competition** commences
- 10:45 am (appx) **Plate Competition** commences
- 11.00am **BBQ, Crêpes, Baguettes, Tea, Coffee and Cake** available on the High Street



- 11am - 2pm **Kids Zone** in the Village Hall opens up lots of fun activities provided by the Guides and Friends of Sherston School - including **fun games, cake cafe** and a **sweet shop!**
- 12:00pm **Hog Roast** at The Rattlebone  
Live performances from **Soul Singer O'rael** & **The Magnificent AKs** on the High Street
- 1:00pm **Colts** (Senior school age) **High Street Competition** commences
- 3:00pm **Pizzas** at the Rattlebone
- 5:00pm (appx) **Boules Tournament finishes** with prize-giving ceremony @ Boules Control on the High Street
- 6:00pm **Full à la carte menu** available at The Rattlebone



## SUNDAY 14

- 2:00pm Start of the **Legendary Duck Race** near Brook Hill/Stretchline
- 3:00pm **Cream tea, raffle draw** and **prize-giving ceremony** Mill Cottage Garden, Thompsons Hill
- 6:00pm **Church Service**, Village Hall

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## Friends of Sherston School Olympic Day raises over £2,000!



Thank you to everyone who attended our glorious day. It's always a joy to see the Rec jam-packed and full of children and adults making the most of a brilliant sporting and social event. Those of you who were there, we hope the event spoke for itself - it's clear to anyone who attends that it takes a whole village to put this on. It is so much bigger than the Friends of Sherston School (FSS).

It's genuinely impossible to thank everyone but we will give it a go! So, thank you to:

The original organisers for dreaming it up for London 2012 and for setting the best foundations for us to build upon. Everyone who attended, experienced and enjoyed the day with us. Everyone who was on a rota, a sports station or part of the various planning groups! It's simply too big an event to run without the generous donation of your time and efforts.

Sherston School, Sherston Magna Cricket Club, Malmesbury Youth Football Club and Sherston Football Club for generously loaning out your sports equipment. Mike Whatley and Dave Shephard for letting us borrow their tech equipment and setting us up with our trusty PA system.

Our sponsors: Sherston Doggy Day Care and Kennels and Lansdown Partners. Our FSS 'alumni', for staying in touch and continuing to support us long



after their children have left Sherston School. Tahiti van Rooyen for volunteering her time so generously on a full-day bar shift! Richard Langley for his BBQ skills, trailer and for helping us move all the sporting equipment. Nick Stavri and Chris Gascoyne for being on the BBQ station in the heat! Sherston Scout Group for the tents and use of the Scout Hut.

The Parish Council for letting us borrow the North Building for storage and fridge space. The Midcounties Co-op for their kind donations of food, drink and ice.

Wallace Hibbard for the straw bales and the excitement that ensued when his tractor arrived to take them away! Hobbs House for the donation of bread rolls. Jesse Smith for supplying the best burgers and sausages around! The Rattlebone for agreeing to an early pizza window to re-fuel us.

Matt Thomas and Duncan Buchanan for stepping in and running our tech system – and Riaan van Rooyen for designing it all those years ago and making it so easy to hand over. Rachel Watchorn for single-handedly organising and running the tombola!

The children from nearby schools who took part; Luckington, Westonbirt, St Joseph's, Leighterton, Stanton St Quintin to name a few. New Reception intake parents for bringing their children along. It was lovely to see and meet so many of you. David Bracewell for leading the children in their warm-up.

Finally, thank you to the children for taking part and showing determination, perseverance, respect and kindness throughout the day. What a marvellous bunch of children. Thanks to everyone's help, we were able to put on an amazing sporting event for the children, a wonderful social event for the parents and raised more than £2,000 for Sherston Primary School.





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# Luckington Fete Celebrates 65 Years

The sun is out and summer is here, which means the Luckington Fete is happening soon! Taking place on Saturday 6 July, this year's event promises to be an amazing day out.

Luckington Fete has been running for 65 years and hasn't always been held on the green. For many years, it rotated through different gardens around the village. Candy Neale, a lifelong attendee, recalls, 'I can remember it being held at the court, the manor, Bridges Court, the old rectory, and the parsonage. I have many happy memories of wonderful people running wonderful stalls and competitions. The star of the fete was the tea and cake stall.'

The fete moved to its now permanent home on the village green over 10 years ago. Visitors can find all of the traditional stalls selling wonderful cakes, plants and books. The kids' zone has now expanded into a whole area with bouncy castles, magicians, face painting and plenty more to keep the little ones busy. For the more energetic, no trip to the fete is complete without wangling a welly or competing against your friends in the tug of war. Finally, we mustn't forget the dog show, where our local dogs get their moment to shine and/or embarrass their owners in front of an audience!

This year, the beer tent, BBQ and delicious deli stall

will be joined by a prosecco bar! Additionally, the fete will feature live broadcasts of the Euro games and DJs for entertainment.

Don't miss out on this cherished community event that brings everyone together for a day of fun and festivities.



*Candy Neale, aged 9, as Olly Onion, Luckington Fete, 1967.*

## New Chairman takes the reins at Malmesbury League of Friends



The Malmesbury League of Friends (MLOF) has elected a new chairman following the retirement of David Hide. Hayley Webb, a long-standing Malmesbury resident, has succeeded David, who has retired after seven years in office.

Hayley, a former Malmesbury Town Councillor, has been a trustee for five years. She said: 'I'm delighted to be taking over from David, who leaves the MLOF in very good shape. I'm confident we can continue making donations that will improve health and social care services for the people of Malmesbury and the surrounding area. I'd like to thank David for his hard work and hope I can follow from his excellent lead.'

David has retired after 12 years as a trustee and seven years as chairman.



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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

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

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

Please make sure all the plastics are clean.

### Batteries

Batteries are collected by Wiltshire Council with its kerbside recycling, placed in a sandwich bag on top of the blue-lidded bin. Batteries are no longer collected by Sustainable Sherston in the village.

### Low-energy light bulbs

Sherston High Street telephone box. Please no candescent or halogen light bulbs.

### Medicine blister packs

Small quantities only can be taken to Superdrug in Bath or Stroud.

### Clothes and Shoes Collection Point

Collection points at Sherston Primary School car park to fundraise for the school and Sherston Village Hall car park in aid of Wiltshire Ambulance.

**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-1pm, 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-1pm.

**Bennett's Farm Shop**, Tetbury Lane, Leighterton (GL8 8UP) - a self-service retail outlet open 7 days a week 8am-6pm.

**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](http://www.greenshopgroup.co.uk)

**Loose**, 33 High Street, Stroud GL5 1BB - selling unpackaged foods and other household and personal care items in a largely plastic-free environment. Remember to take your own packaging!

**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](mailto: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](http://www.milkandmore.co.uk)) - milk, cheese, yogurt, fruit and veg boxes and zero waste groceries delivered to your door! Easy online ordering service.

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

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

## 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](http://www.shipton-mill.com)

# Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

## Weekly farmers' market at Sherston Village Hall

Thurs 10.30am-1pm. Stalls include meats, fish, cheese, sourdough and bakes, chutneys, dog treats etc.  
Organised by Holly from The Loaf Shack Bakery  
theloafshackbakery@gmail.com

## 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 change contact to Jake Peplow 07857 657 454

## Village Hall 300+ Club

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

## Sherston 1016

Fundraising for local good causes and charities. Contact [sherston1016@gmail.com](mailto:sherston1016@gmail.com) or 07717 424619.

## Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

Every fortnight on Saturdays 10.30am – 12.45pm Sherston High Street For further details email [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk) or [mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk) or [www.apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/route/Index/6](http://www.apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/route/Index/6)

## Link - (Malmesbury and District)

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

## 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.

[www.gauzebrook.org/churches/holy-cross-sherston](http://www.gauzebrook.org/churches/holy-cross-sherston)

## 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 Rooms with toys, craft activities, music. Contact [sherstonbabytoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonbabytoddlers@gmail.com) or regular updates on [www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers](http://www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers)

### 1st Sherston Brownies

Meet Weds 5.45-7pm in term time at the Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk> and follow the parents' link to register your interest, for all other queries contact [1stsherstonbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:1stsherstonbrownies@gmail.com)

### 1st Sherston Guides

Meet Wed 5.30-7pm in term time at the Village Hall. All girls are welcome to join after their 10th birthday, there's no waiting list. Visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and follow the parents' link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Fi Picton via [fi.picton@outlook.com](mailto: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 at the Scout hut. There is a waiting list for Beavers, email [join@sherstonscouts.org.uk](mailto:join@sherstonscouts.org.uk) for an application form.

### 1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

Open to both girls and boys aged between 8 and 10 ½ years old. Meets Fri 6-7.30pm in term times at the Scout hut. There is a waiting list for Cubs, email [join@sherstonscouts.org.uk](mailto:join@sherstonscouts.org.uk) for an application form

### 1st Sherston Scout Troop

Open to both girls and boys aged between 10½ to 14 years old. Meet on Tues 7-9pm in term times at the Scout hut. There is a waiting list for Scouts, email [join@sherstonscouts.org.uk](mailto:join@sherstonscouts.org.uk) for an application form

### Sherston Whitewall Explorers

Explorers is open to both girls and boys aged between 14 and 18 years old, you don't need to have previously been a member of Scouts or Guides to join us. Meet Fri nights 8.30- 10pm in term times at the Scout hut. Email [join@sherstonscouts.org.uk](mailto:join@sherstonscouts.org.uk) for an application form

## Church and Faith Groups

### Holy Cross Church

Sunday service 9.30am - 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays - Holy Communion; 2nd Sunday - Family Service. Coffee is served after the morning service

6pm - Book of Common Prayer Evensong or Holy Communion.

Please check on [gauzebrook.com](http://gauzebrook.com) for exact details

Church of the Holy Cross Coffee Shop 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](mailto:sherston@gauzebrook.org)

### Sherston Congregational Church

Sunday service 10am. All services can be joined in person in the British School 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 the Minister - Rev Andrew Williams Tarling - [awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk) or 07921 390878

### Methodist Church

Sunday service at 10.30am apart from 3rd in the month when service is held at Luckington.

## Music, Culture and Social

### Church Bell Ringing

Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 – 9 pm. 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. No auditions and you don't have to be able to read music. Contact Sheila Cutcher [sheilacutcher28@gmail.com](mailto:sheilacutcher28@gmail.com) or 840067, or on Facebook.

### Sherston Drama Group

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

### Drawing Classes in Sherston

Classes Weds either 10am-12noon or 1.30-3.30pm British School Room during term time. Contact Heather Martin [heather@geoffmartin.plus.com](mailto:heather@geoffmartin.plus.com) or phone 840375

### Footpaths Group

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

### Sherston Gardening Club

Meets 1st Tues each month apart from Jul & Aug, 7pm for 7.30pm start in the British School Room, bring and buy stall, quiz, refreshments, £15pa £25 joint, under 18s free. Contact [sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto: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 [pughandg@btinternet.com](mailto:pughandg@btinternet.com)

## Senior Club

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

## Sherston Sewing School

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

## Sherston Theatre Club

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

## Yak & Yarn

every Friday morning 10am till 12 noon in the British School Room, Cliff Road. A friendly group for anyone who wants to knit, crochet or do anything with yarn, whether experienced or a beginner!

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.pulse4life.co.uk) Stuart 07986 003602 or [stuart@pulse4life.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sherstonpilates@gmail.com)

### Ashtanga Yoga class

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

### Hatha yoga class

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](mailto:russellhtownsend@gmail.com)

### Yoga for All

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

### BB Barre

Barre fitness classes at Sherston Village Hall & Hawkesbury Home Studio. Full weekly timetable across most days. Suitable for all ages, and abilities, pre & post-natal. Visit [www.bbbarre.com](http://www.bbbarre.com) or @bb\_barre on Instagram.

### ABEL Pilates

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

### 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](mailto:sheila.chapman@urbankandy.com) or [www.urbankandy.com](http://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](mailto:djboyle@hotmail.com)

### Rattlebone Boules League

48 teams playing in 3 Leagues weekday evenings at the Rattlebone's boules pistes April – August. Contact Graham Hayman Hercule. [Laboule@outlook.com](mailto: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](mailto:cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk) or visit the website <https://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk>

### Sherston Velo Cycling Club

Rides and social events for cyclists of all experience levels from beginner to advanced, including families. Regular rides include Castle Combe circuit, gravel ride or chain gang, RGT social ride, group ride, café ride and beginner rides. For more info [sherstonvelo.cc](http://sherstonvelo.cc) or email [secretary@sherstonvelo.cc](mailto:secretary@sherstonvelo.cc)

### Sherston Town FC

The First team plays in the 2nd Division of the Stroud & District Football League, the Second team plays in the 5th Division at Knockdown Park on alternative Sat afternoons at 2.30pm. Sherston Veterans play on Sun mornings. Spectators and new players welcome. Please check socials or contact [sherstontownfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:sherstontownfootballclub@gmail.com) or 07771 515489.

### Sherston Shooters Netball Club

Training every Thurs at SWR School Tetbury, between 7-8.30pm. All ages and abilities welcome. £3 per session. Contact Lauren (07885 597429), Julia 07791783905 or Penny 07846123455 or [sherstonshooters@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonshooters@gmail.com)

### Sherston Short Mat Bowls

Meet every Thurs evening 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Village Hall, September through to May. 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.

## Pubs and cafés

### The Angel Café with Rooms, Sherston

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### The Rattlebone Inn, Sherston

Indoor & outdoor dining with delicious country cuisine restaurant menu and pizzas from the wood-fired oven at weekends. Mondays 8pm - Quiz & burger night. Weekday evenings April – Aug Rattlebone Boules League matches. Check boards for more details, 840871, Twitter or visit [www.therattlebone.co.uk](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)

### The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's, Sherston

Illy coffee, tea, herbal infusions & homemade cakes in Tucks Yard with covered seating – takeaways available. Bicycle parking. 841433 or <https://lucytom.com>

### Holy Cross Café, Sherston

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, with recycled cards & fairtrade items for sale.

### The Holford Arms, Knockdown

<https://theholfordarms.com> or call 01454 238669  
The Old Royal Ship, Luckington  
[www.oldroyalship.co.uk](http://www.oldroyalship.co.uk) or 840222

## The Whistle Stop café, Tetbury

Open for takeaway coffees and takeaway food on Tues to Sun 10am-4pm [www.shed-arts.co.uk](http://www.shed-arts.co.uk)

## Hullavington

Weekly Zoom French clubs for children contact Anna-Kate on [admin@clubs4kids.com](mailto:admin@clubs4kids.com) for more details.

## Luckington

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

Luckington Village Hall book via Stephanie Stephenson on 0778 6275328 or [luckingtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:luckingtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

## Malmesbury Athelstan Museum

Talks and Exhibitions [www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk](http://www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk)

## Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

## 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/](http://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

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 'Marvellous Makers' for 4-11 year-olds takes place in all libraries 13 July to 7 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](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries) or follow Malmesbury Library on Facebook, or call 823611.

## Carer Support Wiltshire with Dorothy House Hospice

Every Monday, 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.

## Malmesbury & District u3a

Wide and varied interest groups - for an up-to-date list and other information: [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk) or e-mail [membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk)

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## Malmesbury Riverside Community Centre

Alzheimer's Support - 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, a 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](http://www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk)

## Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

see [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards)

## Malmesbury Concert Band

[www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk)

## Malmesbury Community Choir

[www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org](http://www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org)

[www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir](http://www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir)

## Malmesbury Morris

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## Malmesbury Singers

[www.malmesburysingers.co.uk](http://www.malmesburysingers.co.uk)

## Malmesbury Film Society

[www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk)


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

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

*If you have a particular event, please write a short piece about it, send it to [editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk](mailto: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.

## Sherston Churches Together: Soup Lunch

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

## Yoga for Everyone

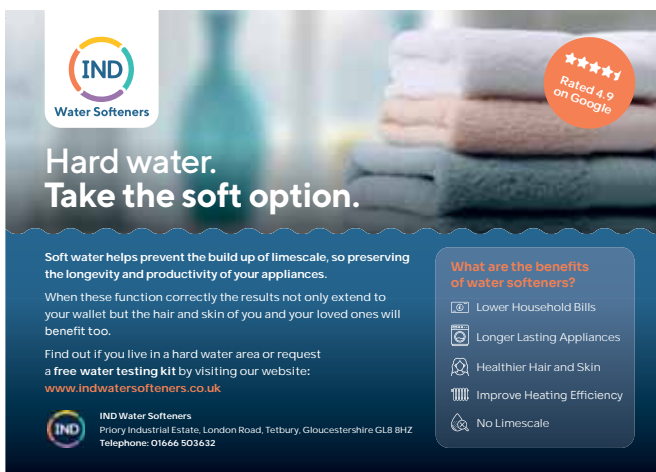
Every Tuesday in July, 6.30pm, the North Building, Sherston Rec. Free 'Move and Mingle' classes. Come and experience a foundational level movement class. Nibbles and refreshments will be provided, people can mingle and get to know one another and are encouraged to open conversations about exercise and mobility. This is to get an awareness and understanding of the movement needs of the community. More details from Sheila on 07584 177712, sheila.chapman@urbankandy.com

## Sherston Gardening Club

Tuesday 2 July. Speaker: Chris Frost of Sage Garden Design. 7.00pm for 7.30pm. British School Room  
Friday 12 July. Summer Social Evening at Village Hall Field. Tickets to be bought in advance: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

## Sherston Velo Summer Time Trials

Thursday 18 July - see [www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/club-events](http://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/club-events) for details. Non-members welcome: any type of bike may be ridden, but it must have working front and rear lights fitted and approved



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helmets are mandatory. Entry is £5 (club members £3): registration in the village hall car park, 6.15-6.45pm. For more info, contact the club TT organiser, Simon Vannerley, at [info@sherstonvelo.co](mailto:info@sherstonvelo.co) or call 07772 187857.

## Luckington

### Luckington Fete and Family Fun Day

Saturday 6 July, 1pm until late, Luckington Playing Field.

Plants and book stalls, kids' zone with bouncy castle, magic show, interactive bubble show, arts, crafts & face painting. Welly wanging, tug of war, bake-off competition, skittles, coconut shy, dog show. Beer tent, BBQ, teas, cakes, ice creams, deli stall and prosecco bar. Evening entertainment: live music, DJ, Euro 24 quarter finals on the big screen. More info on Facebook: [fb.me/luckingtonfamilyfun](https://fb.me/luckingtonfamilyfun)

### Family Farm Open Day

Saturday 13 July, 10.00am-4.00pm, Luckington Farm, What3Words:///trio.eggplants.wept  
BBQ, family fun, farm walk, craft beer, farm produce on sale.

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### Athelstan 1100

Tuesday 2 July-Sunday 21 July. A selection of events to celebrate the anniversary of King Athelstan's historic reign. More info: [www.athelstan1100.co.uk/](http://www.athelstan1100.co.uk/) or visit Malmesbury Town Hall

### Athelstan Museum

Talks and Exhibitions [www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk](http://www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk)

### Malmesbury & District u3a

No monthly meetings in July and August as it is holiday season but we will be holding our members' summer social in July:

Thursday 18 July, Charlton Village Hall. This will also be a celebration of Malmesbury u3a's 10th anniversary. [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk) [membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk)

## Tetbury

### Tetbury Goods Shed

Exhibitions, talks, concerts, cinema: <https://shed-arts.co.uk>

### Tetfest 2024

Saturday 13 July. Cirencester Rd, Tetbury GL8 8R. 12.00noon-11.00pm. Tetbury's annual live music event. Bar, live bands, food stalls, free kids' entertainment, silent disco. For tickets and info: <https://tetfest.co.uk/>

## Music, Cinema and Theatre

### Theatre Royal Bath

Tel 01225 448844 [www.theatreroyal.org.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.org.uk)

### Cheltenham Music Festival

6 – 13 July [www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music](http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music)

### The Barn Theatre, Cirencester

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## Didmarton Rural Cinema

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## WOMAD 2024

25-28 July, at Charlton Park near Malmesbury. For tickets and info: [www.womad.co.uk](http://www.womad.co.uk)

## Movies@Malmesbury

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

## Malmesbury Live Arts

Comedy and music each month:  
[www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whatson](http://www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whatson)

## Malmesbury Concert Band

The band has performances locally throughout June and July. [www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk)

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## Westonbirt 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](http://www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt)

## The Electric Picture House, Wotton-Under-Edge

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers – check website for upcoming films [www.wottoncinema.com](http://www.wottoncinema.com)

## Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet

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[www.roh.org.uk/cinemas](http://www.roh.org.uk/cinemas)

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

### Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport 24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100 [EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk) (only during an incident)

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### Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm)

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