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Boules Festival 2024: Vive le Sport!

Saturday 13 July dawned with perfect weather conditions as 157 teams converged on the High Street to compete for five trophies over 24 pistes. The throng was amply provisioned by a veritable army of festival volunteers staffing our main bar, Pimm's bar, French café, BBQ and crêpes stand. High Street entertainment was provided by O'rael and the Magnificent AKs whilst the children were occupied in the Village Hall and British School Room.



In the Local Tournament, No Sharking (Nick Brock, Dan Pritchett and Chris Gough) swept all before them, beating the valiant Sprout Graders in the final.



The Open Tournament produced a stunning final in which local lad Alex Moriarty helped Team Alex (Phil Bradshaw, Steve Daykin, and Alex Moriarty) to victory over last year's winners Cassanis.



The Plate Competition became something of a war of attrition with Bouleton Squanderers (Andrew Shoubridge, Ben Heeralall-Evans and Will Pascoe) eventually triumphing over Petonkers.





In the Colts section (under 16s), Gucci Gang (Finn MacLeod, Harris Heathcock and Zac Howell) got the better of We've Got Boules, whilst in the largest ever Junior Competition (under 11s) the Troublesome Trio, aka FGR Friends (Max Tremellen, Henry Kutchera and James Winwood) retained the trophy by defeating Willow Wallys.

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Parish Council Notices



Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 12 September, 7.30pm at the North Building on the Rec.

Parish Councillor Vacancies

Applications are warmly invited to fill two vacant councillor positions 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, speak to one of your local councillors or email clerk@sherston. org.uk for further information.

Your Parish Needs You!

Parish Council Welcomes

A warm welcome to our new Parish Council Clerk, Mrs Jane Curtis, who is a villager and who has recently taken up her new role. We also welcome Ryan Russell, our new maintenance man for the village. Please contact our clerk for any jobs that need reporting: clerk@sherston.org.uk

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

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Reported Break-ins: Be Vigilant!

There have been a number of reported break-ins and attempted break-ins locally in recent weeks, with thieves seemingly targeting local farms.

Please be vigilant and supportive of your neighbours and report any suspicious activity to the police – you never know when you are likely to be a potential target! Thank you for your support, Sherston Parish Council

Use the MyWilts App!

Sherston Parish Council would like to remind villagers to use the MyWilts app to get things done by Wiltshire Council. The app is available for Apple or android devices and is also accessible through the Wiltshire Council website (https://my.wiltshire.gov.uk/). Recently updated, MyWilts now offers improvements including upgraded mapping technology for street scene and enforcement reports, plus improved email communication, so users can receive more updates about their report. It is the quickest and easiest way to report issues from road defects to fly-tipping.

Owls Needed!



We are currently looking for some new volunteer Owls to join the friendly team who run 1st Sherston Brownies. Sherston has a thriving Brownie pack of girls aged 7-10 years which has been running for many years. We meet on Wednesday evenings 5.30pm-7.00pm in the North Building.

We aim to provide the girls with a wide range of activities and experiences that are fun and exciting, as well as challenging and relevant to our community. Last term our activities have included making and flying our own kites, fun at Westonbirt after hours, paddleboarding at Lake 86 and running a café for friends and family on the rec to raise money for charity.

We are ideally looking for two or three people willing to do some admin, which can easily be done from home; and one or two willing to help plan and run the sessions.

Girlguilding is a fantastic international organisation and being part of it is a great experience. All new Owls will get a DBS and safeguarding training. Owls running sessions will also be able to do a day's first aid course (paid for by Girlguiding). All of these are really useful to have on your CV.

So, if you feel able, please consider joining the team in whatever way you can. We'd be delighted to hear from you. You don't need to have any previous experience and can be any age – 18-100! For more information or to express your interest, please email Helen Thomas (hrlinstead@yahoo.co.uk).

Sherston Beavers Join District PGL Trip BEAVES

Last month, more than 200 Beavers, Cubs and leaders from the North Wiltshire District had an amazing weekend at PGL Liddington - and Sherston Beavers were among them! It was a fantastic experience for all, jam-packed with activities from 5.00pm Friday until 2.00pm on Sunday! From testing their archery skills, working as a team on buggy building and the sensory trail to facing their fears on the giant swing, it was a trip full of firsts and they took it all in their stride!













Bristol to Bordeaux: Done and Dusted!



We have just returned from our four-day, 300mile cycle ride between Bristol and Bordeaux, in aid of Bristol charity Props.

Although we had been training since the beginning of the year, we were still quite nervous as we rolled out of Bristol on the first day but the first 68 miles down to Portsmouth in both sunshine and showers went smoothly.

That evening, we caught the overnight ferry to St Malo before setting off on the next 79 miles through Brittany to Nantes. As well as lots of endless, straight roads, it was quite hilly (870m to be precise!), there were some very fast lorries and we finished in the

The weather started warming up on Day 3 as we headed further south down to Rochefort, just south of La Rochelle. This was the longest ride (81 miles) but it was a beautiful one, through sunflower fields and pretty red-roofed villages.

Day 4 was the most spectacular! The last 75 miles took us through vineyards, past beautiful chateaux and into Bordeaux where all the riders finished together at the Monument de Girondins.

Although a real challenge,

it was also an amazing experience and, so far, we have raised more than £3,700 - every penny of which will go to Props. During the ride, we met four of the trainees who benefit from their work, which has helped us to appreciate what a worthwhile cause

Thank you to everyone who sponsored us and who came to our afternoon tea fundraiser back in June. Thanks also to Sherston Velo who supported us during our training.

If you'd still like to donate, it's not too late! www. propsbristol.org/fundraising/victoriaand-sarah-ride-bristol-to-bordeaux-forprops/#donate

Sarah Nelson and Victoria Méheust





School Days - news from Sherston Primary School

Summer term highlights from Sherston CofE Primary School ...

iSing POP Concert in Church

Well done to all our children for their superb performances. Thank you to Sherston Parish Church of the Holy Cross, and to the Friends of Sherston School (FSS) and Anne Brayne Trust for funding the workshops and concert.





Y6 North Wilts County Cricket Champions!

Sherston outshone over 120 teams from across North Wiltshire to clinch the title. Their victory is a testament to the teachers' dedication in school and the excellent coaching and facilities provided by Sherston Magna Cricket Club where most of the team play. A wonderful example of how inspiration, teamwork and community support can lead to extraordinary achievements.



Skateboard Taster Day

The children had a fantastic opportunity to broaden their skills with our exciting skateboard taster sessions, introducing them to a fun new activity and emphasising the importance of balance, coordination and trying new things.









Sports Day

The summer term was a true celebration of sports and Sports Day is always a magical event. Thanks to Mr Stewart, the staff and the FSS for helping to put together such a great afternoon.











Boules Taster Day

A great opportunity for the children to get a first taste of boules or brush up their skills for Sherston Boules Festival. Thank you to Pétanque England coach, Malcolm Brooks and Gill Brooks, along with Doug Kendall, Sue McKechnie, Gary Muchmore and Bob Rumble from Sherston Boules Committee.



I Can & I Am Bus

Y4 - Y6 children enjoyed interactive workshops providing valuable tools to help improve self-esteem and maintain good mental health. Sessions on board the bus included cooking pizza and discussions about how the children could maintain their own sense of self-belief.









A very fond farewell to Sycamore Class of 2024

Your cooperation and camaraderie, enthusiasm and sense of fun will be what we remember most about you. We are so proud of you all and wish each of you the very best as you head off on your next adventure.

Wishing all our families and community a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing all our returning children in September and welcoming our new Reception 2024 class and children joining us across the year groups.



Sherston Velo Summer Time Trial Series – Round 3



The course record was broken yet again in Round 3 of the Sherston Velo summer time trial series with a barnstorming performance by Jamie Richardson-Paige of Magspeed Racing, shaving 11 seconds off the previous best time despite being held up by traffic at Close Farm corner.

Simon Vannerley (Sherston Velo) and James Rogers (Royal Navy Cycling) resumed their rivalry from Round 2, with Vannerley crossing the line half a minute up on Rogers to round out the podium with second and third places respectively.

In the female classification, Kate Potter continued to improve her time for the course, edging ever closer to breaking the 30-minute barrier for the course.

Despite the lower number of competitors than previous weeks due to another sporting event taking place in Germany, the racing remained competitive, with most of the Sherston Velo riders continuing to improve their best times for the course as the series progresses.

Our time trials are held monthly through the summer (see www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/clubevents 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.

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Sherston Velo Club Handicap

TT Championship: Standings after Round 3

	Name	Average Time
1	Simon Clarke	25:47
2	Simon Vannerley*	+44"
3	Mark Walsh	+56"
4	Ollie Setterfield	+1'26"
5	Jim Power	+1'46"
6	Steve Buckley	+1'57"
7	George Luckett	+2'02"
8	Richard Greatrex-Smith	+2'38"
9	Tony Bugg	+2'43"
10) Kate Potter*	+2'49"
11	Andy Fisher	+3'00"
12	2 Pete Clegg	+3'40"
	3 Chris Potter	+4'32"

^{*} denotes qualified for end of season standings (min 3 rides)

Holy Cross Café



Feeling hot in August? Find a cool, peaceful space at our weekly café, every Thursday 10.00am until 12.00noon. Bring your visitors, have a look round our wonderful church, and enjoy a coffee or tea with cake. Pay by donation, cash or card. All welcome and there is an area for small children to play.

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Next Meeting: Tuesday 3 September, with speaker Rachael Emous-Austin.

Cuttings

At our July meeting, Chris Frost gave us a fascinating glimpse into various gardens (including his own) designed and landscaped by him and his team at Sage Design. Chris is a local, an SGC member and a proper hands-on gardener who is as happy discussing plant suitability as he is patio construction. He is happy to welcome us to his lovely garden so we'll work out a suitable date.



Delightful courtyard garden by Sage Design. Definitely one for quiet relaxation

There will be no August meeting as even hard-working gardeners need to switch off occasionally. We'll resume on Tuesday 3 September with a presentation entitled 'Garden Design for Nature and Wellbeing' by Rachael Emous-Austin of Austin Design Works. More on this next month.

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. Plant ID, plant sales, raffle, gardeners' question time, jobs in the garden for the month and friendly chat over homemade refreshments. New members are always welcome. Cost is £15 single, £25 joint, U18s free. We communicate with members via a monthly newsletter, on the sherston.net website and on our SGC Facebook page. Our Secretary can be contacted at sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Enjoy the month of August (more sun, less rain please) and see you all again in September.



A corner of the formal gardens at Waterperry

Coming up

Tuesday 3 September 'Garden Design for Nature and Wellbeing' with Rachel Emous-Austin

Friday 13 September Coach trip to Waterperry Gardens near Oxford. Tickets may still be available

Tuesday 1 October 'Growing a Cut Flower Garden' with Rachel Golding Barrett

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Boules Festival 2024 continued

On the Sunday the fine weather continued for the Duck Race and a decent flow in the river made for a fast race with Duck 795 claiming victory for Will Harris, hotly pursued by Ducks 1 (Jane French), 407 (James Siddall) and 202 (Chris Coolen). Last place went to Duck 593 (Katie Rae).

The raffle results were as follows: Winner £100 #122 Vicky, Second £50 #635 Nigel Freeth, Third £25 #661 Mia Kasinksy.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's festival – there are too many of you to mention individually but we really appreciate your help and support.

Vive le Sport!













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Sherston Apple Day: Sunday 6 October







We are looking forward to an autumnal village day on Sunday 6 October and seeing everyone there (Sherston Village Hall, 10.00am-3.00pm)!

We will be washing apples, mashing them, then bottling and pasteurising the juice. If you'd like to take some pressed mash away for your compost heap or allotment, please let us know and leave your contact details with Eleanor Lines on 840369. There will be plenty of mash available on Apple Day and in the week before. Bring bags or wheelbarrows! Pasteurised bottles of Sherston Apple Juice will be on sale on Apple Day for just £3 per bottle. Pasteurised juice lasts for more than one year. Once it is opened, treat it like fresh juice and keep it in the fridge.

If anyone would like to take part in apple pressing - either on the day or in the week before - please contact Eleanor on the above number. All are welcome!

There will be free tasters of the juice, straight from the press - and lots more going on at the village hall. Come for a great day out on Sunday 6 October. Enjoy local produce!

P.S. We will be collecting apples from Sunday 29 September by the right-hand side of the wooden shed, to the left of the old hall. There will be a builder's bag for the apples, so please just add your spare apples to the bag. Call the above number if your apples are likely to be ready before the 29th. Or just bring along your spare apples on Apple Day and see them pressed!

Sherston Living Churchyard

Mowers and Strimmers Needed!

Unfortunately, the Community Payback team of mowers and strimmers let us down badly during May and June ... while the grass grew and grew! And then it rained on Saturday 6 July, our monthly Working Party morning! Hopefully, the situation will have improved before you read this, but please be aware our Grass Management Plan is for SOME areas to be left long with mown paths, but the areas around newer graves should be cut regularly.

Do come and join our team of volunteers on Saturday 3 August from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. If you can bring a mower or strimmer, you will be especially welcome!

No plant stall in August, but we will be selling good-value bulbs, as well as plants, on Saturday 7 September and Saturday 5 October.

Grow Greener @ Holy Cross

On the first Thursday of each month from 10.00am-12.00noon, Holy Cross Café has an eco theme with

recycled cards for sale and books on sustainability and the environment to borrow.

Explore Sherston Living Churchyard with our I-Spy Trail - updated with the seasons - fun for all the family.

Contact Sue Robinson (841263) jimand sue4@ btinternet.com or Tricia Lawrence (840934) pjlawrence46@gmail.com for more information



Sherston Senior Club

We had an interesting talk by Jon Wort about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in June. It's mission is to engage and inform the public, particularly younger people, of the work entailed in looking after 1.7 million graves and memorials throughout the world. This talk was very relevant coming shortly after the D-Day anniversary. Most of the graves relate to the two world wars. Young people are encouraged to get involved in the archeology necessary when artefacts are found. Horticulture is also a branch of employment (maintaining the beautiful memorial gardens).

Last month, we had our boules afternoon tea, where we were entertained by Brian Slade and his music. Our thanks go to the committee for their hard work and for providing the lovely tea. We also had a mystery outing last month - more on that next month.

Coming up, on Tuesday 6 August we have a mystery speaker.

All are welcome to attend our meetings in the British School Room every two weeks: visitors £2, including refreshments. If space allows, visitors may also join us on our coach trips. For more information, contact from Helen Quirk on 840516.

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Classes currently being held every Wednesday at:
Charlton Village Hall 10am-11am and Badminton Memorial Hall 6pm-7pm
and, Friday 10-11am at Vowley Farm, near Royal Wootton Bassett and
1.30-2.30 at The Activity Zone in Malmesbury

Please contact Emily on 07867 755772 or emily@qigongwithemilyking.com

300+ Club

Results for Draw 3: £50 347 Annabel Clifton, £30 229 Hazel Jarrett, £20 54 Jan Atwell. Results for Draw 4: £50 141 Mike Hibbard, £30 349 Mrs HRC Vaux, £20 87 Richard Morgan.

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

Name(s)	
Address	

^{*}Delete as appropriate – You may have more than one Membership For help/queries contact Eric Meanwell (07789 280058) or Goug Wilcox (07788 558035) Thank you for your continued support.

Tolsey News



Flu Clinics

Summer hasn't even arrived and yet we are already planning the autumn flu and, hopefully, Covid clinics! This is a reminder to book early and please use The Tolsey Surgery for this important service.

Dispensary

Each month we have many uncollected medications that have been requested by patients. Very surprisingly some of these have included antibiotics for acute infections. As well as taking up limited space in our busy dispensary, this is a waste of valuable medication that cannot always be returned to stock.

Staff News

We are delighted to welcome Emily Wieczorek to our dispensing team. Emily is an experienced dispenser and we know that our local community will make her feel very welcome.

Remembering Michael Mosley

Our Practice Manager, Rex Mackrill, was privileged to have met the wonderful Michael Mosley when Rex was Director of The Times Cheltenham Science Festival. Rex found him to be as warm, friendly and engaging as so many others found. He shared simple ideas that make a positive difference to people's lives – you can listen to more of them in his series 'Just One Thing' available on the BBC Sounds app.

We appreciate that some of his advice may not be suitable for everyone, depending on their medical history and any medications they may be taking. However, here is a reminder, with thanks to the BBC, of the top health and wellbeing tips he brought to us:

Eat Less on Two Days a Week

Michael's 5:2 diet, eating only 600 calories on two days a week which he pioneered wanting to reverse his type 2 diabetes, helped him to lose over a stone in weight improving his blood glucose and cholesterol.



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Try exercise snacks like brisk walking, taking the stairs, and press-ups. Short bursts whenever you can. *Embrace the Cold*

Exercise in the cold, sleep in a cool bedroom, turn down the thermostat and turn your shower to cold for 30 to 40 seconds! Michael found that just a few degrees difference could improve fat and bloodsugar metabolism, boost mood, and might even protect against type 2 diabetes.

Do Squats and Planks

'It's the best simple exercise you can do,' said Dr Mosley. When muscles are tensed and held still, research suggests there is a sudden rush of blood when you relax, which can reduce blood pressure.

Make Good Food Choices

Plenty of fruit and vegetables, cut back on fatty and sugar-laden foods. Cold pasta leads to a smaller spike in blood glucose and insulin than freshly boiled pasta. Cook tomatoes to release lycopine, a powerful antioxidant, bake your beetroot from raw, or drink the juice for the nitrates, and enjoy fermented foods like yoghurt, kefir, kimchi and sauerkraut to introduce live microbes into the gut and so improve your immune system and reduce inflammation.

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North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club

Our annual meal, held at The Old Ship in May, was a great success. We had our own room and the service and food were lovely.

We had a lovely evening with Lucie Ellis in June when she did her beautiful arrangements for 'Limelight' which we then raffled at the end of the evening. Some were foam-free to meet the necessary requirements of the RHS and local churches. It was all good fun followed by free tea/coffee and cake. Lucy was delightful and very friendly and chatted through her designs.

Unfortunately, our July demonstrator was unwell and unable to come but we had a fun workshop instead where we each brought foliage and some garden flowers (the club also provided flowers).

We have agreed a garden visit for Wednesday 21 August to Jenny and Jonathan Blanch's farm garden, very near Crudwell. A donation of £5 to Jenny's chosen charity is proposed, as is afternoon tea. We are looking forward to this sociable event.

September is time for our annual AGM followed by a talk by renowned speaker Andrew Tolman.

Movies@Malmesbury August

Fri 9 2.00pm The Bikeriders

5.30pm Inside Out 2

8.00pm A Quiet Place: Day One

Mon 12 2.00pm Inside Out 2

5.30pm Inside Out 2

8.00pm The Bikeriders

Mon 19 2.00pm A Quiet Place: Day One

7.00pm Horizon: An American Saga

Chapter 1 *

Fri 23 2.00pm Horizon: An American Saga

Chapter 1 *

5.30pm Despicable Me 4

* To be confirmed by distributor

Tickets (2.00pm and 5.30pm £5 and £4) available in advance from Malmesbury Town Hall or online at https://cinema.malmesbury.gov.uk/. Tickets may be purchased on the door via credit card, subject to availability. For all of the latest information, schedules, synopses, trailers etc, visit our Facebook page at: MoviesatMalmesbury

Advance notice: in September, we will be showing Prima Facie from the National Theatre Live, starring Iodie Comer.

We are a friendly club, meeting at Crudwell Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm with 7.30pm start. There is plenty of parking space, free tea/coffee and cake - and a welcome for all visitors. Do join us. We all love flower but have different levels of experience and expertise with arranging them. Some of us are florists; others are just folk who love flowers. Our programme is varied and includes a mix of workshops, demonstrations, social events and visits. You are very welcome to join us. Visit our Facebook page or contact us on nwvflowerclub@gmail.com





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

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/softplastics/packaging-list

Please make sure all the plastics are clean.

Batteries

Soft plastics

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 long 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

(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 (inlcuding 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

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 (semiskimmed 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

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 Jake Peplow 07857 657 454

Village Hall 300+ Club

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

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

Every fortnight on Saturdays 10.30am – 12.45pm Sherston High Street For further details email clerk@sherston.org.uk or mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk or www.apps.wiltshire.go.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

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

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 or regular updates on 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 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 5.30-7pm in term time at the Village Hall. All girls are welcome to join after their 10th birthday, there's no waiting list. Visit https://www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the parents' link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Fi Picton via fi.picton@outlook.com

1st Sherston Beaver Scout Colony

Beavers is open to both girls and boys aged between 6 and 8 years old. Meet Mon 5pm to 6.15pm in term time at the 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 $10 \frac{1}{2}$ years old. Meets Weds 6-7.30pm in term times at the 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 at the 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 at the Scout hut. Email 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 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

Sherston Congregational Church

Sunday service 10am. 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 the 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.

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.

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 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

Senior Club

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

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 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.

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 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

Sherston Sewing SchoolBeginners' 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

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

ABEL Pilates

Monday evening classes held in Sherston North Building (former preschool 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 www.abelpilates.co.uk

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

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

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 Fri 9 -10am. Info: www.pulse4life.co.uk Stuart 07986 003602 or stuart@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

Sherston Bootcamp

Every Saturday on Sherston rec, 8-9am. Starting 3 August. £10 per session. Drop in - no commitment. Contact Coach Jonze on the Sherston Bootcamp Facebook to sign up.

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

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.

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 www. urbankandy.com

Sports

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

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

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 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

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.

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 or 07771 515489.

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 or email secretary@sherstonvelo.cc

Pubs and cafés

The Angel Café with Rooms, Sherston

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.angelsherston.co.uk/your-booking or 841627 for more details.

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 //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 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

The Holford Arms, Knockdown

theholfordarms.com or call 01454 238669

The Old Royal Ship, Luckington

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

Hullavington

Weekly Zoom French clubs for children contact Anna-Kate on 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

Malmesbury

Athelstan Museum

Talks and Exhibitions 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 https://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 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 or e-mail membership@ malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Monthly meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of the month (10.00-12.00) at Malmesbury Town Hall. Non-members are welcome. 50p donation.



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, 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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

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.mamesburymorris.org.uk

Malmesbury Singers

www.malmesburysingers.co.uk

Malmesbury Film Society 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

If you have a particular event, please write a short piece about it, send it to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk and we can include it as an article and put the details in the What's On list for that month.



WHAT'S ON

Sherston Churches Together: Soup Lunch

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

Malmesbury

Malmesbury Library

Listen and Craft Workshops with Sue Chadd and Lindsey Fellows

Suitable for 5yrs-12 yrs.

Marvellous Makers. Weds 14 August: 2.30-4pm. Come and hear the legends of Arachne and her quarrel with Athena, the Goddess of Weaving, Wayland the Blacksmith and his magic anvil, and how a humble Japanese carpenter won his bride. Then we'll show you how to weave your own placemat, make a horseshoe game from re-cycled cardboard and create a person from raffia, all to take home with you.

Legends of Egypt

Weds 28 Aug: 2.30-4pm. The Egyptians were a great civilisation that lasted for thousands of years. Their Gods, Goddesses and Pharaohs were greatly revered. Wny not come and listen to storyteller Sue's renditions of their colourful stories followed by a session of making an Animal God Mask, try your hand at pyramid gift boxes with your name written in hieroglyphs, making gem encrusted crescent shaped collars to wear.

These workshops are free, but you need to sign in at the library to be sure of a place.co.uk/#events





Kids' Stuff at The Cups

Sat 3 Aug. Children's craft session: clay beads. 11am-12noon. Free. More info and to book: https://three-cups.co.uk/#events

Malmesbury Carnival & Festival 2024

Thurs 1 Aug - Sun 1 Sept. Various events. For more info: www.malmesburycarnival.co.uk/

Athelstan Museum

Talks and Exhibitions www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Malmesbury & District u3a

No monthly meeting in August as it is holiday season. www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Tetbury Goods Shed

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

Westonbirt House and Gardens

Sun 4 Aug. Open house and gardens in conjunction with the National Garden Scheme. 10.30am-4.30pm. Tickets must be booked in advance: www. eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-house-and-gardens-ngstickets-808965366187



Westonbirt, The National Arboretum

Sat 31 Aug. Freedom In the Forest: Ecstatic Dance and Cacao Ceremony. 1.30pm - 4pm. Come and join us as we dance a somatic journey that is wild, barefoot, and free! Tickets: £28.88. For more info and to book, visit: www.forestryengland.uk/ westonbirt/ecstatic-dance

Music, Cinema and Theatre

Theatre Royal Bath

Tel 01225 448844 www.theatreroyal.org.uk

The Barn Theatre, Cirencester

Until 17 August, Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'em, the loveable accident-prone Frank Spencer fails to navigate even the easiest of daily tasks. 23 August-14 September. Stones in his Pockets. What happens when two Irish extras become the stars?! This rediscovery of the multi award winning worldwide phenomenon, will again capture the magic of the original production.

Box office: 01285 648255 or boxoffice@ barntheatre.org.uk or visit https://barntheatre.org. uk for full cast details and tickets

Didmarton Rural Cinema

No film in August

Movies@Malmesbury

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 Live Arts

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

The Electric Picture House, Wotton-Under-Edge

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers – check website for upcoming films www.wottoncinema.com

Covent Garden Royal Opera House and Ballet

Live and encore screenings at local cinemas www.roh.org.uk/cinemas

National Theatre Live

Live and encore screenings from The National Theatre at local cinemas www.ntlive.com



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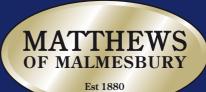
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EMERGENCY RESPONSE

If you are in immediate danger call 999

The public version of Sherston's Emergency Response Plan can be found on the Sherston website: www.sherston. org.uk/application/files/9216/2394/2215/ Sherston_ Emergency_Plan_March_ 2024.pdf

Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

emergency@sherston.org.uk (only during an incident)

Wiltshire Council

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

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

Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes www. wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/ roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm

Utilities

ELECTRICITY – SSEPD Power track To report a problem or for information call 105 www. ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack for a map of faults 0800 072 7282 or 0345 072 1905 from a mobile phone @SSEPD for updates on twitter

WATER - Bristol Water

www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

WATER - Wessex water

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

Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

BBC Wiltshire can be heard via:

West Wilts area

(Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge): 104.3FM





Useful Numbers

BT fault line	0800 800151
Wiltshire Highways issues	0300 4560105
Cllr Martin Fausing Smith	01666 840865
Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP Roz Savage	07808 719881
Sherston Parish Council	01666 800242
Sherston School	01666 840237
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Sherston Co-op PO Stores	01666 840190
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