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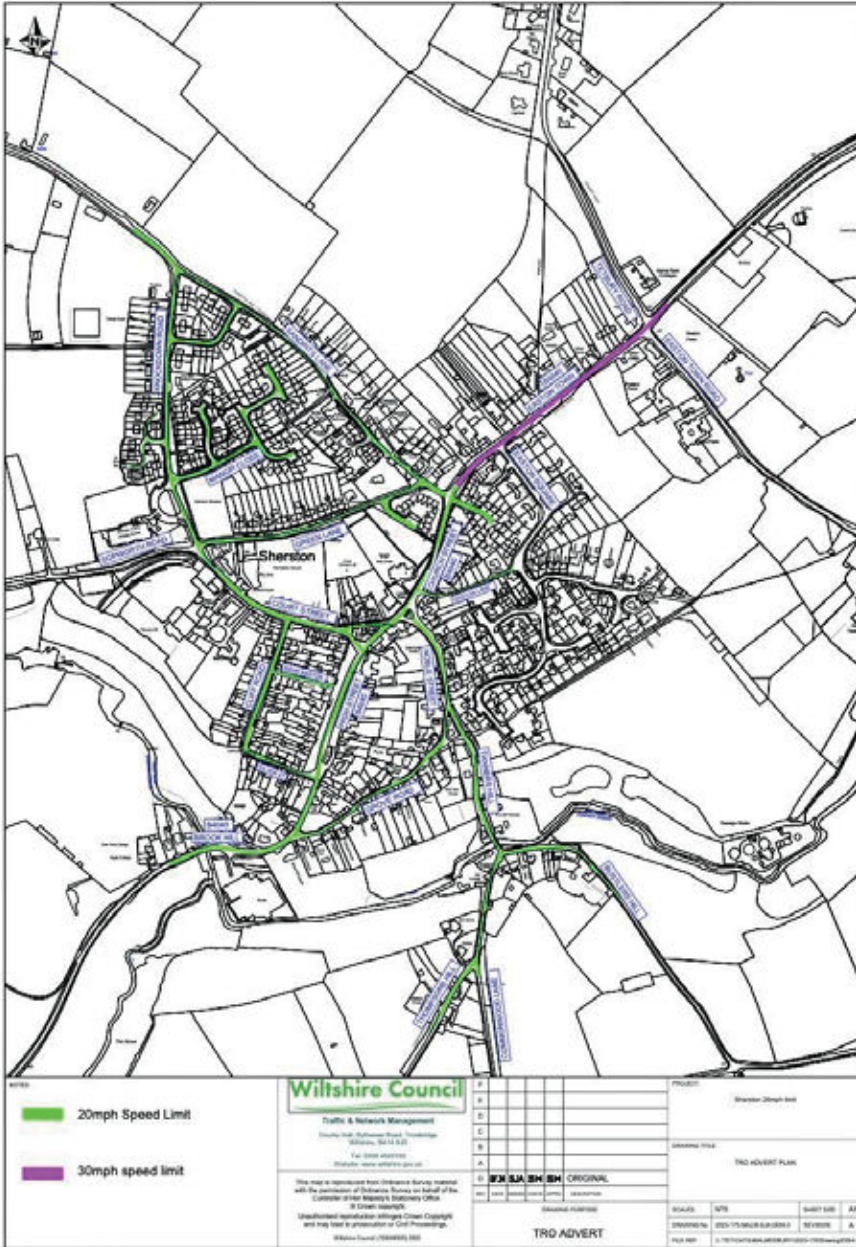


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Have your say! Consultation on 20mph speed limit



Wiltshire Council measured traffic speeds and volumes around the village and, based on the data collected, made this proposal. When this was last discussed at a Parish Council meeting, it was agreed that the proposal should be put to public consultation.

Residents of Easton Town may be disappointed that this has not been included in the scheme; however, the average speed there was measured at 27.2mph. The issue facing residents is that, while 30.6% of motorists were indeed exceeding the speed limit and 10% were travelling over 35mph, unfortunately current Wiltshire Highways policy states that a 20mph speed limit will be approved only where recorded average speeds are at or under 24mph. In mitigation however, I'm working with the Parish Council on a Speed Indicator Device for Easton Town; these do have a proven impact on reducing speeds.

Please take the time to respond to the consultation whether you are in support of it, or not.

Martin Smith

The consultation period ends on 9 September 2024. Comments on this proposal, quoting reference LJB/TRO/SHER may be made by:

email to trafficorderconsultations@wiltshire.gov.uk
or in writing to:

As reported previously over many months, I have been working in collaboration with the Parish Council and Wiltshire Highways on a 20mph scheme for Sherston. This was triggered by contact from many residents over their concerns about speeding on the B4040 and down our narrow lanes, many having no pavements.

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Highways & Transport
Sustainable Transport Group
County Hall
Bythesea Road
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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 Jayne 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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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.

Delays to plans for the new GP surgery; an update from Cllr Martin Smith

On Wednesday 21 August, at the instigation of our new MP, Roz Savage, I attended a meeting with her and Sue Harriman, the CEO of the Integrated Care Board (ICB, which is the part of the NHS that looks after GP surgeries). This was on the back of a lack of communication since earlier in the year on progress towards getting a new building for our GPs in Sherston.

We impressed upon them the urgency of sorting things out given the potential cliff edge we are approaching as regards the lease on the Tolsey. We also mentioned the difficulties in retention and recruitment that this is causing the practice. I reiterated that no NHS capital budget is required due to the combined plan of Wiltshire Council and the developers - they understood all these points.

We asked them what the next steps are. There is still the need to further refine the data in the toolkit they use to define the future service provision and requirement for buildings across North Wiltshire; they then need to prioritise, make the decision and get approval from NHS England before we know we can build a new GP surgery.

I asked them for timelines as to when they think decisions will be made; one of the ICB Directors will be getting back to us on that in the very near future. I will share that with residents as soon as we get it.

Sustainable Sherston hosts Apple Day at the Village Hall and Field



Preparations are well underway for another great Apple Day, to be held on Sunday 6 October, 10.00am-3.00pm.

Both our apple presses will be in full swing, with taster juice available fresh from our smaller, demonstration press. There will be apple-themed games for children in the hall and refreshments organised by the Friends of Sherston School.

Stock up on your Sherston Apple Juice! Freshly pressed, bottled and fully pasteurised, bottles of our local juice will be available for sale. And there will be special offers on the day, too!

On the field, local food producers and businesses will be offering a range of produce, from vegetables and cheese to olive oil. Get to know your local food providers!

APPLE PRESSING - PLEASE BRING YOUR APPLES!

Apple pressing will now be taking place on two occasions, to prepare the juice for sale on Apple Day. We will be pressing on Thursday 25 September and Monday 30 September to make sure we have enough

bottles of juice! Not only is our juice local; but using our hand-driven presses means that any carbon emissions are minimal (just our hard work!)

So, if you have bags of surplus apples, please bring them along to the village hall. The huge apple bag will be in place ready for your contributions from the afternoon of Sunday 29 September. But if your apples tend to be ready earlier, please do contact us so we can estimate quantities and be ready to press on our first date (25 September)!

We look forward to seeing everyone on Apple Day at Sherston Village Hall and field!



Local hero's grave uncovered

On Saturday 10 August a group of Sherston Living Churchyard volunteers lifted the canopy of the large conifer near the path to the vicarage to reveal the hidden graves below, and nearby we discovered the grave of Lt. Col. Keith Graham Menzies, OBE, MC, who served with the Welsh Guards. He was born on 6 May 1888 and died on 7 December 1952.

He was awarded the Military Cross in 1918 for 'conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty', and the King allowed him also to wear the Croix de Guerre awarded by the President of France for distinguished service.

In 1922 he married newly widowed Mrs Violet Keppel and they lived at Easton Town Farm, Sherston. He died in Malmesbury Hospital. His brother, Major General Sir Stewart Graham Menzies, KCMG, DSO, MC (1890-1968) bought Bridges Court in Luckington in 1923 and from 1939-1952 was Head of the British Secret Service (known simply as 'C'), meeting Winston Churchill over 1,500 times during the 2,064 days of WW2, and led the Enigma codebreakers at Bletchley Park. His ashes are laid to rest in Luckington churchyard.



Photo of Keith & Stewart taken in 1914.



Photo of grave taken 10/8/24

News from the Tolsey Surgery



The Tolsey is delighted to welcome our new GP Trainee (Registrar), Dr Sima Gurung, to the practice.

Dr Gurung has spent several years working at the Great Western Hospital in Swindon as part of her training towards becoming a GP. She has a wealth of experience; before qualifying as a doctor, she trained as a nurse.

She will be with us until at least autumn 2025. During that time she will be taking her Royal College exams alongside seeing patients at the surgery.

We know that everyone will do their very best to make her feel welcome and part of the team.

Uncollected Medication:

Following last month's article about uncollected medication, we thought it might be useful to show a photo of the uncollected medication for July (see below). Some of these items are regular medications requested by patients, whilst others are acute prescriptions including antibiotics.

Not only is this a waste of medication but also a waste of practice money. The value of the medication in the picture is several thousand pounds. If medication isn't collected then we are unable to claim for the cost of the items that we have had to buy in. Many cannot be reused once issued to a patient and so this results in a financial loss to the practice.

We all have a duty to try to prevent the harmful environmental effects of medicine wastage in the UK, as well as helping our village practice stay financially viable. We therefore strongly urge patients to collect their medication to help with this situation.



Grab a Crabapple for a Jelly Good Cause!



This September, Tricklements, the award-winning condiment maker based in Easton Grey, is encouraging the local community to don their wellies, take a walk in the countryside and start collecting crabapples for a terrific cause!

Tricklements is partnering with Sherston Primary School to collect crabapples to make English Crabapple Jelly: 50p for every kilogram of crabapples donated is given to the school, as well as a further 25p from every jar sold nationwide. Running for over 20 years, the project has raised over £13,500!

Not only does the project raise money for the school, it is also a great way to teach Sherston's young people about the provenance of their food by showing them the process from tree to jar, as well as using fruit which may otherwise go to waste.

A forager's delight, crabapples are small, 'wild' apples which, whilst hard and inedible raw, make an exquisite, jewel-coloured jelly. Associated with love and marriage, crabapple trees can often be found in British hedgerows, nestled amongst other trees.

If you would like to support the children of Sherston and you are planning a country walk this September, why not take a bag along and see if you pass any wild crabapple windfalls? Tricklements would love them.

All you need to do is drop them off at Tricklements, Whitewalls, Easton Grey, SN16 0RD (827044, open 9.00am-5.00pm Monday-Friday) between Sunday 1 September and Monday 30 September.

If crabapples isn't your thing but you still want to support the school, buying a jar of this scrumptious jelly gives the school a donation, while you enjoy it with sausages or roast pork!

To view the full range and find out more about the project, visit www.tricklements.co.uk.



Our Living Churchyard – tackling the greenery after a summer of growth!

Much work has taken place in the churchyard at the Holy Cross since the beginning of August. Our usual monthly volunteer session was held on Saturday 3 August and saw four people at work with strimmers, and others mowing and raking up grass.

As I write this, the Community Payback team has just spent a full day in the churchyard with five people mowing and strimming. There is still a backlog of work to bring the state of the churchyard to that envisaged in the Living Churchyard Management Plan, but we are heading in the right direction. For the future a lot depends on the weather and the availability of Community Payback. Let's hope we have good fortune with both!

Once again we repeat our plea for volunteers; if you would like to help, and particularly if you have strong feelings about the need to keep certain areas of the churchyard more closely managed, why not help to make it happen? Come along at 10am on the first Saturday of the month and you will be very welcome.

Please remember that your village church is solely run by volunteers and everything is paid for by voluntary contributions and fund-raising. We have no financial input from the central Church of England to maintain the churchyard or the building, so local support is vital.

Our next volunteer 'work day' starts at 10am on Saturday 7 September in the churchyard. As usual, the 4 days around that weekend follow our theme of Grow Greener@Holy Cross. The Coffee Shop will have an eco theme on Thursday 5 September. Our Bring & Buy plant stall will be back outside the church from Thursday 5 September to Sunday 8 September, and good value bulbs will be for sale from 10am-12 noon

on Thursday 5 September and Saturday 7 September. Look at WhatsApp, "LivingChurchyard" to find more details

We hope to see you soon.

Sue Robinson 841263 jimandsue4@btinternet.com

Tricia Lawrence pjlawrence46@gmail.com

Wiltshire Living Churchyard Project Annual Seminar

The Wiltshire Living Churchyard Project (LCCP) is holding an Annual Seminar again this year after a break caused by Covid. It's on Saturday 28 September from 10.00am to 3.00pm at St Katharine's Church in Holt near Melksham.

There will be a talk on bats in churches and churchyards, moth-trap viewing and a tour of the churchyard, which is being managed for the benefit of wildlife. It's always interesting to meet other people from around Wiltshire and hear about what they are doing to make their churchyards wildlife friendly.

All the churches taking part in the LCCP scheme receive a Bishop's Certificate in recognition of their work; you may have seen ours on the noticeboard in the porch at Holy Cross.

If you would like to go to the seminar, please contact Ivan Randall from Stanton St Quintin, Wiltshire organiser of the LCCP, via ivanrandall27@gmail.com or contact Sue Robinson, details above. A voluntary donation of £8 includes a ploughman's lunch.

Floristry workshop benefits church



The floristry workshop was a great success, raising £180 for the flower fund at Sherston Parish Church.

Seasonal flowers from local growers, a generous donation of blooms from Sherston resident Pat Jones' garden plus the creativity from those who attended was a perfect recipe for making beautiful gift-wrapped bouquets to take home.

Thank you to everyone who came along for a fun and creative morning, and to the volunteer flower team who made the event possible.

All proceeds will go towards keeping the church in bloom throughout the year.

Sherston Velo Summer Time Trial Series – Round 4



In a gripping evening of time trial racing, three record-setting times were posted by three separate competitors in the latest round of the Sherston Velo summertime trial series.

The overall course record was broken twice: first by Kevin Thomas of Bradford-on-Avon Cycling Club, who posted 23:37, also taking the record time for a standard road bike. Jamie Richardson-Paige then bettered his own PB and set the new fastest time for the course in 23:11.

Sherston Velo rider Paul Chessell then set a new club road bike record of 25:41, taking advantage of his recent overseas training camp to power through the gusty headwind and cross the line as the fastest club member on the night.

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

Sherston Velo Club Handicap

TT Championship: Standings after Round 4

Name	Average Time
1 Paul Chessell	24:29
2 Simon Clarke	+1:18
3 Simon Vannerley	+2:02
4 Jim Power	+2:11
5 Mark Walsh	+2:14
6 Ollie Setterfield	+2:44
7 Steve Buckley	+3:04
8 George Lockett	+3:20
9 Richard Greatrex-Smith	+3:56
10 Tony Bugg	+4:01
11 Kate Potter	+4:07
12 Andy Fisher	+4:18
13 David Hyman	+4:21
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SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

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

Cuttings

We took gardening leave in August and our first meeting of autumn will be a fascinating delve into nature and wellbeing; specifically, an illustrated talk by the Stroud-based landscape architecture firm, Austin Design Works. Co-owner Rachael Emous-Austin will share slides of the beautiful spaces the firm has created for its clients, 'The process of designing a landscape is a journey, undertaken in collaboration with our clients. We take a holistic approach that incorporates the unique history of your land and property with a deep understanding of the needs and identities of the people who use the space today.' The photo shows part of the Museum in the Park project at Stratford Park, Stroud. Austin Design Works has reclaimed a garden which for 50 years was allowed to fall derelict.



Clippings

Club meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the 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

Community

Mixed narcissi and tulip bulbs are on order for the new gates on the main roads into the village. We'll get a working party organised for planting up these spaces and anyone interested in joining us will be

very welcome indeed. Let's make entry into Sherston as colourful and welcoming as possible.

Thank you to everybody who visited – and donated plants to - the Gardening Club stall on Sherston Boules Day in July. We hope people's gardens will be nice and colourful as a result of their purchases!

Calendar for the rest of 2024

Fri 13 September Coach trip to Waterperry Gardens near Oxford. A few tickets may still be available

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

Tue 5 November 'Winning on my Allotment' with Sally Oates

Tue 3 December 'The Victorian Gardener' (with Christmas theme) with Francis Burroughes

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A summer of fun for 1st Sherston Guides!



No sooner had the summer term ended than the Guides were busy on Boules Day in the Kids Zone; facepainting, running a clay table, and helping children launch rockets powered by Alka-Seltzer tablets and water!



In August it was our Malmesbury Division summer camp in the Wye Valley with wide games in the woods, canoeing, cooking over wood fires, and sleeping under the stars (without tents on the last night!)



Back in the 'shire, the girls had a lovely afternoon helping to paint a mural at Whatley Manor Hotel & Spa with artist Matt Willey. He's on a mission to paint 50,000 bees on murals worldwide to raise awareness of their importance.



Sherston Scout Group Makes a Splash!



Sherston Scout Group (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) enjoyed a joint outing to Lake 86 at Cotswold Water Park at the end of the summer term. The weather was fantastic, so everyone spent as much time in the water as on the paddle boards, kayaks and big raft. There were burgers all round once back on dry land, skilfully cooked by the Scout Group volunteer team!



Volunteer Opportunities at Westonbirt Arboretum



Photo: Alison Whaley

Do you enjoy being outdoors and working with people?

We are currently looking for volunteers to join our Learning Team and our new Woodland Support Team; you can view the role details and how to apply at the link below.

We are also recruiting additional volunteers for our Silk Wood Community Planting Project. We are holding a recruitment Open Morning on Wednesday 4 September where you can come and find out more about this specific volunteer opportunity. If you would like to attend the open morning, please also check out the role information and how to sign up to attend the open morning here:

www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt/volunteering

Volunteers at Westonbirt are really passionate about what they do, and over 300 of them work across all sorts of roles. Their contribution is invaluable to our work to maintain this beautiful and important plant collection.

It's a great community and extremely rewarding, and not a bad place to work either! Keep an eye on our volunteering web pages as more volunteering roles will be advertised very soon including Westonbirt Arboretum Guides. Full induction, training and uniform provided, plus a variety of volunteer benefits.

If you would like to know a little more, please feel free to get in touch at volunteer.westonbirt@forestryengland.uk

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Local Author Talk: 'Past, Present, Presence', a companion guide to the Athelstan Pilgrim Way



Many of you will have known or heard of Hilary Peters. She called herself a part-time hermit and lived for the last 15 years of her life in Worcester Lodge, Didmarton, the gatehouse for the Badminton Estate which is visible to us from many different places in our beautiful countryside around here.

As caretaker and gatekeeper, no one could have asked for more. Hilary would share her home with any stranger who wished to drop in, and impart her extensive knowledge of the Lodge and estate along with provision of her home-made refreshments. For us who knew her, she was the warmest and most truly sincere person we have probably met. The late Duke wished her to live in Worcester Lodge as 'she was the right person'.

Unbeknown to almost everyone, Hilary had been on a 'church crawl' (her words) around the churches of the North Wiltshire deanery, with a few of her close friends. She had mentioned to Catherine Price, who works for Malmesbury Abbey, about creating some sort of pilgrim way or passport, between these churches.

And then Hilary suddenly died. And by chance, I met Catherine. My book, 'Past, Present, Presence' is an account of Hilary, her life, achievements, and how she is the inspiration for the newly created Athelstan Pilgrim Way, linking over 30 churches that she visited and wrote brief notes about. My book is the companion guide to the Athelstan Pilgrim Way, and I talk about each of the churches, taking Hilary's thoughts, and discovering for myself

the history, people, villages, communities, and of course, the churches, involved.

I am telling the story of what I discovered about Hilary and how the Athelstan Pilgrim Way came about from a conversation between two friends. Whether you knew Hilary, or would like to find out who she was, she is remembered for 'an extraordinary life well lived'.

Badminton Benefice is presenting my talk at Didmarton Village Hall, GL9 1DS at 4.00pm Saturday 12 October, where I will also be signing copies of 'Past, Present, Presence'. Tickets (including refreshments) are £8/£15 for two. Advance reservations can be made by calling or texting 07990 576514.

By Carole Britton, author of Past, Present, Presence

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300+ Club

Thanks for your continued support....

The latest winners are: £50 360 Laura Edgecombe, £30 188 Gail Hayman, £20 109 Jane Harden

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Flying Monk Art Trail



The 2024 Flying Monk Art Trail includes six artists and crafts people in Sherston. It takes place in the British School Room from 10.00am to 5.00pm on Saturday 21 September and from 12.00noon and 5.00pm on Sunday 22 September. There will be art (some framed and unframed) textile art, woodturning and jewellery, cards and some surprises!

So make sure you drop in for tea/coffee and biscuits - we look forward to seeing you.

Talks on offer by Malmesbury & District u3a

Hosted at Malmesbury Town Hall. Non-members welcome for a 50pm donation.

Thursday 26 September, 10.00am-12.00noon, Ian Caskie, The SS Great Britain: from launch to re-launch.

Ian was born and raised on Merseyside spending many an hour watching the arrivals and departures at Liverpool's busy Pier Head in the 1950s and 60s. Ian's enthusiasm for his subject is clearly evidenced in his illustrated talk. This tells the ship's remarkable story, from her original design through the different phases of her working life. It describes life on board and her incredible salvage and return to Bristol in 1970, her restoration, preservation, and re-launch as a multi award winning museum of international renown. Ian has delivered his talk at the National Maritime Museum as well as Probus, Rotary, Inner wheel, WI, National Trust, Arts societies as well as U3a groups. Ian has been a visitor experience volunteer and tour guide with the SS Great Britain Trust since 2007. This should be a fascinating talk about a much-loved icon of Britains' maritime heritage.

Thursday 24 October - Stewart Linford - The remarkable story of our national chair 'The Windsor'. Stewart is a chairmaker. He has created chairs to celebrate great British heroes. He made a limited edition Churchill chair in beautiful walnut wood, one of which he brought to our meeting when he visited in 2023. In this talk Ian will tell us the remarkable story of this, our national chair.

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British Heart Foundation annual Coffee Morning

BHF North Wilts Fundraising Group are holding their annual Coffee morning on Saturday 19 October at Kington Langley Village Hall from 10am – 12.30pm. As well as hot and cold refreshments there will be a range of local stallholders selling quilts, terrariums, cakes, preserves, glasswork and art. There will also be a raffle, a used books and jigsaw puzzles stall and a chance to buy BHF Christmas cards. Entry is free and there is plenty of parking behind the hall. See you there!

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music to snatch your feet swift into dance,
and words to bewitch you, given half a chance...*

A night of storytelling and dancing, with magical music from acclaimed folk musicians Paul Hutchinson and Matt Norman. Storyteller and caller Hannah Moore interweaves the wild imagination of the Grimms' fairy tales with magical ceilidh dances. Come and dance your way through the story!

Tickets for this Rural Arts Touring show on Friday 18 October at Sherston Village Hall will be available online from www.poundarts.org.uk. The show is suitable for all ages from about 10, anyone who likes music, dance and storytelling. A very different kind of an evening!

More details next month.

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club Update

North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club is a group of people who all love flowers, but we have different levels of experience and expertise in arranging them. Our programme is varied with a mix of demonstrations, workshops, social events and visits.

Wednesday 18 September is our (painless) AGM followed by renowned speaker Richard Ricketts with his talk 'Buzz in the Garden'. Our big annual autumn event is an open evening at Malmesbury Town Hall on Wednesday 20 November with national demonstrator Angela Turner, titled 'A Natural Christmas'. Last year it was a real success, so we are expecting this year to be great too, with stalls and a raffle for the flower arrangements, as well as a Christmas hamper raffle. For the next one on Wednesday 19 November 2025 we have already booked national demonstrator Katherine Kear. It may feel a long way off, but please save the date in your diary!

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month in Crudwell Village Hall, at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. There is plenty of parking and a warm welcome for all visitors. We usually have a raffle and free refreshments.

For more information, join our Facebook page North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club, or email us via nwvflowerclub@gmail.com. You can also call Cathy Caroll on 07703 299277.

Merriment and Mayhem at the British School Room with Café Church

On Sunday 23 June there was much merriment and mayhem in the British School Room (Sherston Congregational Church). The first 'Café Church' was taking place and, thanks to some super posters publicising the event, over 30 folk arrived, many of them families with toddlers and babies, plus one adorable puppy and a newly adopted kitten (in its travel box).

There were toys galore (all over the floor), and Lego, crafting, film clips, songs, bubbles, short scriptures, hymns, more bubbles, tea, coffee, cakes, other delicacies, plus serious moments of prayer. We all stood at the end as requested by Pastor Andrew Williams-Tarling, to say the Lord's prayer before singing a hilarious final screen animal chorus song entitled 'All God's creatures gotta place in the choir!'

As they left folk asked "When is the next one?" SO! Please save the date! The next Café Church will be at 4.00pm on Sunday 22 September (we may try and hold them bi-monthly.) Come along and make some new friends. Children welcome, and bring any (reasonably well-behaved) much-loved four-legged friends with you to delight the little ones.



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Local recycling and zero waste outlet information



Recycling Facilities

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

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

Soft plastics

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

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

Please 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

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

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

Hobbs House Bakery, Tetbury - semi-skimmed milk (loose), take your own 1litre glass bottles - and take your own bags!

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

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

Milk in glass bottles (no plastic!)

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

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

Zero-Waste online services

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

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

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

Local Food Growers

Close Farm, Highgrove, Tetbury - veg stall

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

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

Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

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.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

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 ½ 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

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 pughandg@btinternet.com

Sherston Sewing School

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

Sherston Theatre Club

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

Yak & Yarn,

every 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 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 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

BB Barre

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

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

Zen Meditation Group

10am-12noon on a Sunday at Scots Farm, Pinkney. All welcome. If you would like to have an introduction to Zen meditation, contact Lawrence Barrow - ljikob@gmail.com / 07947792919 / lawrencebarrow.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.angel-sherston.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.

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Malmesbury Riverside Community Centre

Alzheimer's Support - Music and Movement Sessions fortnightly music and movement group for people affected by dementia along with any carers/family and friends. £3.50 per person and includes tea and biscuits and the first session is free.
Saturday Friends - refreshments, 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.malmesburymorris.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.

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WHAT'S ON

Sherston Churches Together: Soup Lunch

Monday 2 September, 12.00noon, British School Room. The monthly soup lunch resumes - with a twist ... it's a ploughman's lunch (not soup!) this month!

Café Church

4pm, Sunday 22 September. Children welcome, and bring any (reasonably well-behaved) four-legged friends too.

Apple Day donations

Afternoon of Sunday 29 September, Village Hall. A huge bag will be outside the Village Hall to collect your donated apples.

Apple Day

10am-3pm Sunday 6 October, Village Hall & Field. Apple themed games, refreshments, selection of stalls, Sherston Apple Juice for sale.

Crabapple collection deadline

Monday 1st October, is the last day to take your crabapples to Tracklements.

Flying Monk Art Trail

10am-5pm Saturday 21 September & Sunday 22nd September 12noon-5pm, six artists and crafts people display art, textile art, woodturning, jewellery, cards. Refreshments available.

Sherston Gardening Club talk

7pm for 7.30pm start, Tuesday 3 September, British School Rooms. Speaker Rachel Emous-Austin, on 'Garden Design for Nature and Wellbeing'.

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Malmesbury

Choir Concert

Friday 13 September, 7.30pm, Malmesbury Abbey. Dursley Male Voice Choir, Innsworth Military Wives Choir and soloist Tilly Charlton-Hunt. Fundraising for St Aldhem's RC Church New Parish Hall. Tickets: £25 (includes a drink) <https://ticketlab.co.uk/event/id/27043#/>

Athelstan Museum

Talks and Exhibitions www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Malmesbury & District u3a

10am-12 noon, Thursday 26 September, Malmesbury Town Hall, u3a talk with Ian Caskie, 'The SS Great Britain: from launch to re-launch'. www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Tetbury

Tetbury Goods Shed

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

Westonbirt Arboretum

Volunteer recruitment open morning, 9.30am - 1pm Wednesday 4 September, specifically for the Silk Wood Community Planting Project. For more info and to sign up: www.forestryengland.uk/westonbirt/volunteering.

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Kington Langley British Heart Foundation N. Wilts Fundraising Coffee Morning, 10am-12.30pm, Saturday 19 October. Range of local stallholders, raffle, refreshments, free entry and parking.

Melksham The Wiltshire Living Churchyard Project Annual Seminar, 10am-3pm, Saturday 28 September, St. Katharine's Church, Holt, nr Melksham.

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