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## Five years of Christmas creativity!

What fantastic creativity and joy everyone brought to the fifth year of the Advent House! The Sherston Arts Festival would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who decorated their window or garden - bringing extra sparkle to Sherston - you are all on the good list for the year! What a brilliant community we live in. It was lovely to see so many of you out and about enjoying the windows, we had everything; a magical fairy realm phone box, a wonderful working snow globe, family fun cut-outs for pictures, glorious tissue paper creations, sweet toy windows, impressive crochet and origami makes, recycled and lovely hand-drawn scenes, gorgeous lights, funny windows, one very naughty elf and the church looking lovely on Christmas Eve. We have tried to squeeze in as many pictures as we can, see pages 6-11!



More on pages 6-11

## Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting is on Thursday 9 January at the North Building on the Rec.

Everyone's welcome to attend - you will have the opportunity to raise questions and pass comment.

If you're unable to attend but have something to raise, please email [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk).

## Grove Wood Coppicing: Year 4



At 9.00am on Sunday 19 January, work will start again to continue the coppicing programme in Grove Wood. We urgently need volunteers to help with the wood coppicing and to tidy the steps, which will increase the range of habitats for plants and wildlife, for all of us to enjoy.

Walkers (with and without dogs) and runners regularly use Grove Wood and enjoy the path by the stream daily, so if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact : [nigel.freeth@sherston.org.uk](mailto:nigel.freeth@sherston.org.uk) or [tanya.burgess@sherston.org.uk](mailto:tanya.burgess@sherston.org.uk)

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The size and content of the Cliffhanger depends entirely on the amount of copy we receive from individuals and groups. So, if you feel you have something of interest, please don't hesitate to tell us. Around 400 words would be a maximum but the shorter the better and less editing would be needed.

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## Speeding update

When I was elected, a priority - based on feedback from residents - was to address speeding in the village. As you will no doubt have seen, working with the Parish Council, we have installed 'village gates' on Easton Town, Tetbury Road, Knockdown Road and Brook Hill.

Some months ago, Wiltshire Council consulted on a proposed 20mph limit for the centre of the village; I'm hopeful that soon we will get a recommendation from council officers for that project to go ahead. Wiltshire Council will pay 70% of the cost, with the Parish picking up the rest.

Again, working with the Parish Council, we have permission from Wiltshire Highways for Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs) on Easton Town and Tetbury Road. These are devices that display the speed of an oncoming motorist. The one on Easton Town should be in place shortly. The one at Tetbury Road will follow later in the year.

With all these things combined, I believe we will see a positive impact on speeding in the village, and all road users - motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders - will feel safer.

*Cllr Martin Smith, Wiltshire Councillor for Sherston*

## Tolsey News



### Thank you from the Tolsey Surgery!

All the staff at the Tolsey would like to thank everyone who kindly gave cards and presents to the surgery this Christmas. It is greatly appreciated and a much-needed tonic for all the staff during the long winter months.

We would like to wish all our patients a very happy and healthy New Year!

### Mental health

Winter can be challenging for mental health as many of the activities we might do to help improve our mood become more difficult. Getting outside and doing exercise can help boost our wellbeing, while financial pressures and loneliness can take their toll. At the moment, the cold weather and dark nights may make being outside for exercise more challenging, but you can still use the outdoors to help bring your life into balance.

There are some useful tips to help improve your mental health on the NHS website. One is that mindfulness is beneficial. This means taking time to notice how you are feeling, noticing your surroundings. You can use mindfulness exercises to help support your mental health.

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## 2025 with Sustainable Sherston



Think global, act local! It's not just about the recycling!

Sustainable Sherston (SuS) works on a wide range of local sustainability activities and promotes information and resources about the global issues that affect us all.

In 2024, SuS tested river water quality, planted trees at The Tarters, Grove Wood and Commonwood Lane, hosted a talk about oceans by Roz Savage (now our local MP), hosted FarmEd for a talk on food, farming and nature recovery, helped publicise local sustainability groups at the Malmesbury Area Board, hosted Future River Soundings with the University of Bristol, maintained the community orchard (with its new bench to enjoy the orchard), recycled printer cartridges, donated towards a solar panel system at Sherston Magna Cricket Club, supported Boules Day and, of course, held Apple Day in conjunction with the Friends of Sherston School (FSS).

Our 2025 programme builds on last year's work, continuing close links with Sherston School, the FSS, Sherston Living Churchyard and local sustainability groups. A Sherston favourite, the Village Garage Sale, will make its return this year.

Here are the planned highlights, with some dates to keep in mind:

**January** First Sherston After-School Gardening Club Meeting

**January/February** Tree planting, various sessions

**Monday 10 March** Evening Event with speakers

**Saturday 10 May** Support Sherston Living Churchyard, Malmesbury Natural History Society BioBlitz at Holy Cross Church

**Saturday 7 June - Sunday 15 June** Support Great Big Green Week at Holy Cross Church

**Saturday 14 June** Village Garage Sale

**Saturday 12 July** SuS at Boules Day

**Sunday 12 October** Apple Day 2025, with FSS

**November** Recycling workshop with Sherston School

Throughout the year, SuS will continue river water sampling in the local waterways, working with the school on energy saving, maintaining the community orchard on the village hall field and other informal tree planting and maintenance activities.

Details of events will be available via the Cliffhanger, posters, the SuS website, Facebook and our WhatsApp news group. If you are interested in getting involved, email [sustainablesherston.org.uk](mailto:sustainablesherston.org.uk). Please provide your name and mobile number in the email if you would like to be invited to the SuS WhatsApp group.

Also, don't forget that the SuS Thermal Imaging Camera is available for hire, £10/day. To arrange hire, contact: [kevnoble@gmail.com](mailto:kevnoble@gmail.com).



## Sherston, your village needs you!

In March 2024, an ex-military friend, Dan, and I took on The Great Tommy Sleep Out challenge in Sherston and raised around £1,200 for The Royal British Legion. We crept into the woods in Pinkney (don't worry, we had permission!) slung up our 'bashes' and cooked up some dinner - I had steak, broccoli and a beer, while Dan, for some inexplicable reason, cooked the world's most disgusting boil-in-the-bag fish!

The Great Tommy Sleep Out is a national award-winning fundraising challenge designed to support veterans who are experiencing homelessness in the UK right now. During the month of March, volunteers sleep out beneath the stars and fundraise for veterans across the UK. While the challenge doesn't replicate rough sleeping, it does give an idea of the situation that far too many of the nation's heroes find themselves in.

Dan and I are going to do it again this year but realised we'll be asking the same friends for sponsorship, so the only way to truly raise funds would be to invite more people to join us.

So who's up for it?

Here's our plan, a plan that can involve the whole village. We are going to invite over-18s to join us for one night from 8.00pm to 8.00am for a simple sleep out under the stars - in and out in 12 hours and leaving not a trace behind us.

Sherston Scout Group leaders are on board and will be organising something for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Families, mums, dads, kids and pets, please have your own back garden sleep out!

And finally, a no less important group who we will call 'The Stay At Home Guard'. If you are in any way unable to sleep out, simply sleep in, 'basha out' on the floor or the sofa and stay involved too.

I'm talking with Lisa Cooksley-White, the CEO of Royal British Legion Industries and she loves the idea, we will be the first community to attempt this!

More information will follow next month but for now, save the date: FRIDAY 28 MARCH! Give up your comfort and sleep out!

Be proud to raise vital funds to give homeless veterans a safe place to call home.

Contact Pat to register your interest, we don't know how big this is going to be: [Pat@starkecreative.co.uk](mailto:Pat@starkecreative.co.uk) and title your email 'GTSO' please. You can also find out more about the challenge here: <https://rbli.co.uk/rbli-events/the-great-tommy-sleep-out/>



# Sherston School News

## Reading for success

At Sherston Primary School, reading is much more than just a skill - it's a gateway to imagination, knowledge and confidence. This dedication to literacy has led to exceptional outcomes, with our Key Stage 2 reading results exceeding the national standard.

Our approach combines tailored learning, small-group teaching and a strong focus on making reading fun. From the youngest to the oldest children, we inspire a genuine love of books through interactive lessons, lively library sessions and opportunities to share favourite stories with peers.

The start of the New Year is the perfect time to think about resolutions. Why not make reading together as a family one of them? Setting aside time to share a story or explore a new book can create precious memories while boosting your child's confidence and skills. Whether it's a nightly chapter or a weekend trip to the library, every page turned makes a difference!

At Sherston Primary School, we're committed to giving every child the tools and inspiration to thrive as readers. This January, let's resolve to make reading a bigger part of all our lives - opening doors to endless adventures and boundless possibilities!



## Christmas at Sherston School – the heart of our community

Christmas is a time to come together as a community, and 2024 was no exception at Sherston Primary School. Our festive celebrations brought warmth, joy and a sense of togetherness, setting the perfect tone for the end of term.

We were thrilled to gather at the church for two very special events: our Carols by Candlelight service and our end-of-term Christingle Service. These beautiful occasions were filled with heartfelt singing and the magic of the Christmas story, creating memories that will stay with our children for years to come.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the church community for their generosity in hosting us. Their support in providing such a welcoming and festive space made these events truly special. It's moments like these that highlight Sherston's strength as a community and our shared commitment to nurturing our children's sense of wonder and belonging.

For our children, these services offered a chance to reflect on the meaning of Christmas, celebrate their

friendships, and embrace the joy of giving and sharing. From the twinkling candles to the harmonious carols, the atmosphere was nothing short of magical, reminding us all of the importance of community and connection.

We're proud to celebrate traditions that bring us together. Our Christmas events not only marked the end of a busy term but also set the stage for a joyous holiday season, filled with love, warmth and gratitude.



## Early Birds and Fireflies: warm and welcoming wraparound care

We are proud to offer Early Birds and Fireflies, our wraparound care service that has quickly become a cornerstone of support for families since its launch in September. Open from 7.45am to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday, this service is designed to provide a safe, nurturing and engaging environment for our children.

What makes our wraparound care special is that it's run by our own dedicated school staff, who understand the unique needs of our children and families. Whether parents need extra time for work or just a moment to catch up on life's demands, this flexible service offers a helping hand. Sessions can be booked as needed, and children can still participate in other after-school clubs, making it an adaptable option for busy schedules.

We have worked hard to ensure that the atmosphere in Early Birds and Fireflies reflects the same calm and peaceful ethos found throughout Sherston Primary School. Recently, thanks to additional funding, we have been able to enhance the care environment even further. The space is being transformed into a cosy hybrid classroom-come-common room, featuring soft seating, calming decor and areas for both creative play and quiet activities. This inviting setting helps children feel at home and unwind after a busy school day.

We have also invested in exciting new play resources, exclusively for use during our wraparound care sessions.

From imaginative games to creative craft activities, these additions provide endless opportunities for fun and engagement.

Feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the consistency and care provided by our staff and the sense of ease it brings to their daily routines. With nutritious snacks on offer and a friendly, familiar atmosphere, Early Birds and Fireflies is more than just a childcare option - it's a place where children thrive.



## Sherston After-School Gardening Club



Sherston After-School Gardening Club will be starting this month. We are registered with the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and will be working towards School Gardening Award Level 1 this spring.

Our work this term - depending on the weather - will include building a 'dead hedge' and raised 'keyhole garden' for growing vegetables, cutting back and replanting the existing autumn raspberries and planting bare-root fruit trees, renovating the bug hotel and creating wildlife habitats, and learning about compost, ecosystems and biodiversity - and tool safety.

We will need walling stone to make our keyhole garden, a wheelbarrow and a few more tools. If anyone has some spare walling stone or would like to donate or sponsor a wheelbarrow, tools, bare-root fruit-trees or rhubarb crowns, please get in touch with [sustainablesherston@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablesherston@gmail.com).

We hope to be ready to sow seeds and plant up in spring and to have produce and flowers by summer! Do follow our progress on the Sustainable Sherston Facebook page and in future Cliffhangers.

## A big thank you from Sherston Scout Group



Thank you to everyone who supported the 2024 Sherston Scout Group hamper raffle. We raised a fantastic £1,280. This will go towards the ongoing upkeep of the Scout Hut, as well as towards making adventures more accessible for our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and opening new possibilities for camps and experiences.

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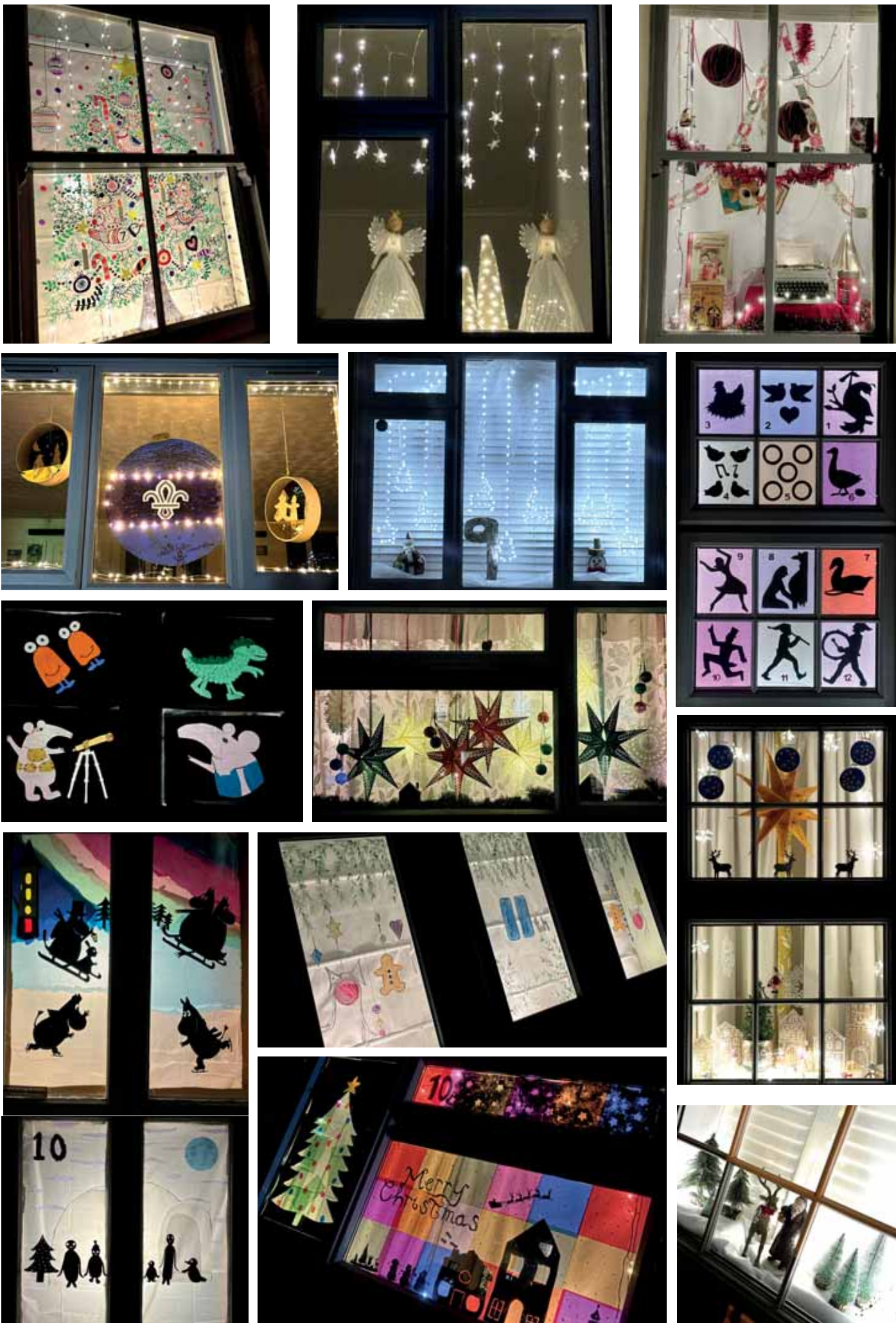
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We look forward to seeing you all  
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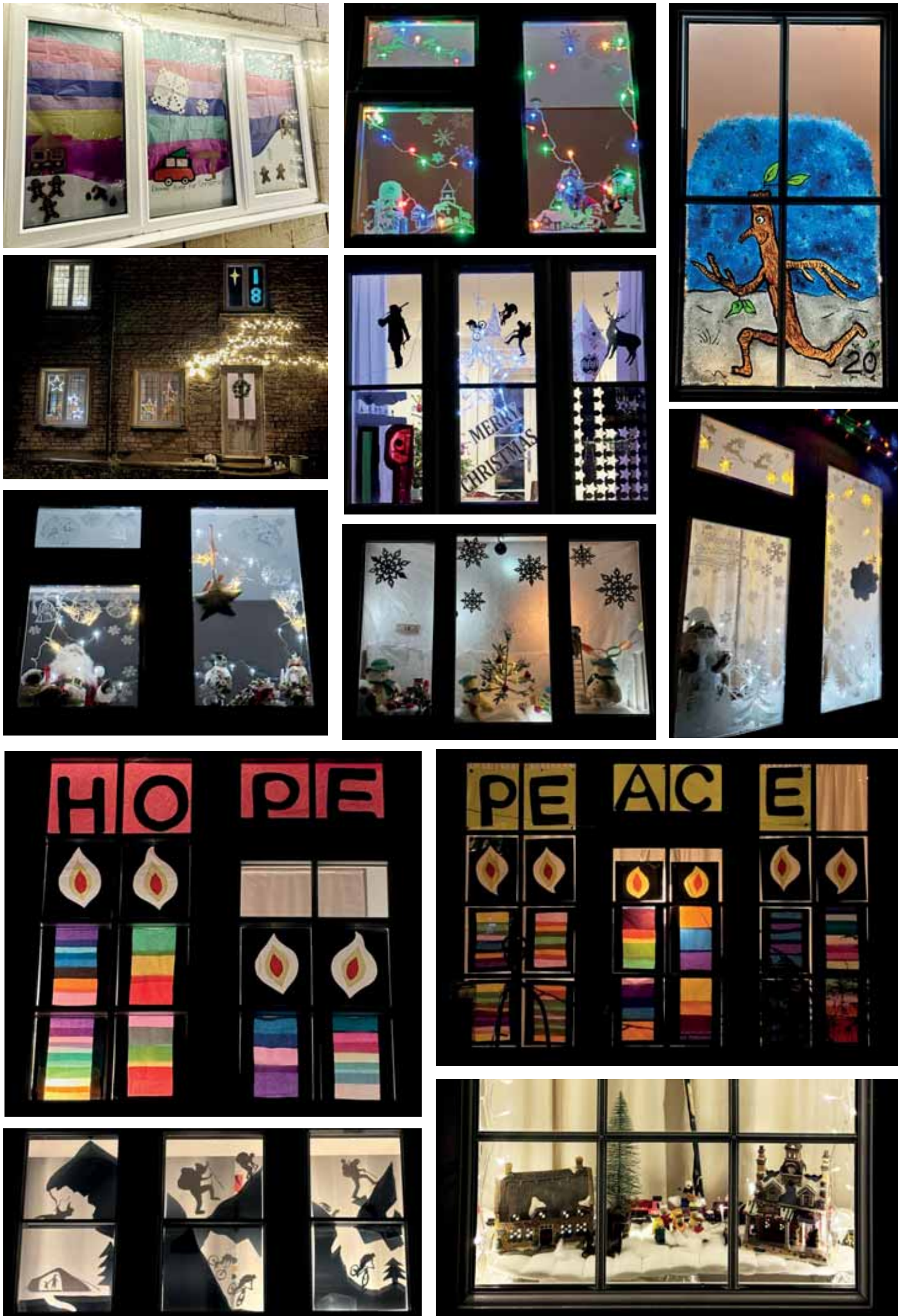














# Sherston Living Churchyard



The fierce winds and rain brought by Storm Darragh affected many people, especially as this storm followed so swiftly on the heels of several predecessors. As far as the Living Churchyard was concerned, we felt it safer to cancel our work party in December. The Community Payback team also had to cancel a planned visit as the church was closed due to another fall of plaster from the ceiling, so they would have had no access to the toilets and kitchen which is a requirement when they come. All was not lost, however, as they arrived unexpectedly the following week and strimmed quite a large area of grass. We are continuing to make progress towards a tidier churchyard. If you would like to help with this, do please get in touch

Our meeting this month will see the first birthday of the renewed Living Churchyard project and we plan a celebration of everything we have achieved over the past year. Our work made a valuable contribution towards getting the Silver EcoChurch Award in 2024. We are one of only 18 churches with this award in the Diocese of Bristol where the North Wiltshire Deanery is leading the way in terms of EcoChurch awards. Come along to our next working party on Saturday 4 January to start the new year with some invigorating exercise and good company in the churchyard. There's no need to go to a gym when there's a 'green gym' right on your doorstep. We will celebrate with soup and a birthday cake at the end of the session!

Sue Robinson jimandsue4@btinternet.com  
 Tricia Lawrence pjlawrence46@gmail.com

## Best Kept Village Competition

In February, entries will be invited for Wiltshire's Best Kept Village Competition (BKVC). Categories are large, medium and small villages. There are 15 prizes of up to £200. It's a great way of getting villagers together to keep our villages looking good and to build on our community spirit. Entry is simple and must be received by CPRE Wiltshire by Thursday 17 April. Details are at [www.cprewiltshire.org.uk/category/awards/](http://www.cprewiltshire.org.uk/category/awards/) or call 01380 722157 and leave a message if necessary.

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# Guides & Brownies enjoy an evening of fun and fundraising for Malmesbury Foodbank



The Guides tell us that this fundraising evening is the most exciting event of their autumn term (well, except perhaps for their Christmas outing to The Barn Theatre in Cirencester!). It's proved so popular that it's now become an annual event. The girls love organising and running the whole evening themselves at the village hall, with minimal guidance from the adults. They plan competitions, games and activities together in small groups, working out all the resources they need and who will bring them. This year they also ran a café in the Butterfly Hall. They then invited the Brownies, their siblings and parents to come and join in the fun, and to bring a donation for Malmesbury Foodbank. The joint effort raised £70.50, as well as lots of food contributions. Our thanks go to the parents who supported the event this year.

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## SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

Next meeting: Tuesday 7 January. Speaker: Hugh Vaux on Capability Brown, and members' photos.

### Cuttings

At our December meeting, we had a very different speaker and topic to entertain us. Francis Burroughes BEM proved quite a find. As the son of a Victorian head gardener who had worked for William Robinson of Gravetye Manor (now a famous hotel), Francis had information and anecdotes galore to share. There were old photos and gardening tools to pass round, whilst his dry sense of humour and delivery kept us all amused. Mulled wine, bubbles and mince pies lifted the mood too!



At our meeting this month - on Tuesday 7 January - we're delighted that member Hugh Vaux has volunteered to talk about the eminent landscape architect Capability Brown. To brighten the winter night, we'll also watch slides of members' colourful summer gardens.

### Clippings

Club meetings will remain throughout 2025 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



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### Community

They're in! We've planted an assortment of narcissi bulbs around the gates at each end of the village and also updated the post office and jubilee troughs with seasonal planting and spring tulips.

### Calendar 2025

Tuesday 4 February: 'Diary of a Seed Saver' by Adam Alexander.

Tuesday 4 March: 'Year Round Interest in a Small Garden' by Tricia Lawrence.

Tuesday 1 April: AGM

Tuesday 6 May: 'A Year at Spring Cottage' by writer and broadcaster, Val Bourne.

Thursday 8 May: Trip to Moreton Hall, Worcestershire

Tuesday 3 June: 'Looking after the Legacy of Rodmarton Manor' by John Biddulph

Tuesday 1 July: 'Gardening with Climate Change' by Sally Morgan.

Tuesday 2 September: 'Gravel Gardening with Low Maintenance Plants' by Derry Watkins.

Tuesday 7 October: 'Confessions of a Plant Freak' by Nick Macer.

Tuesday 4 November: 'Gardening with Wildlife' by Dede Liss.

Tuesday 2 December: Christmas Decoration Demonstration with Julia Armstrong.

Happy New Year to gardeners and non-gardeners alike from the SGC committee!

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## Community Christmas dinner a cracker!



A massive thank you is due to all those who made the Community Christmas Day Dinner in the British School Room a success: Ems Newby, Sophie Cheetham, Colin Smith, Rachel Watchorn, Tony Watchorn, Mary Clements, Kate Kutchera, Lisa Neal, Alex Butler, Shelley Vickerman and her mum Phyllis, Victoria Meheust, Fi Picton, Polly Clements, Phillip Springate, Gill Springate, Linda Fisher, Susan Harvey, Janet Evans, Sharon Gleed, Edward Gleed, Carol Fromentin, Vincent Fromentin, Maggie Harris, Penny Hutchings, Ben Smee, Emily Stavri, Pat Jones, Clive Hermann, Reuben Cheetham (who played the piano beautifully), Barry Dunne, Sherston Sprouts, The Co-op and anyone else we've forgotten, plus anyone who made financial donations. Everyone listed here either donated, shopped, cooked, served, helped to prepare the room, tidied up or helped in some other way: a community event made possible by the community! It was a privilege to do this once more. Thank you again. And finally thank you to each of the guests who came along to make our Christmas day so full of fun and laughter. *Andrew Williams Tarling*

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## Local Author Talk: Saturday 25 January



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 - 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 those of 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, her 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 a 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'.

Launched earlier this year in Malmesbury Abbey, the Athelstan Pilgrim Way includes Sherston, Alderton, Luckington and all the other churches in the Gauzebrook Group. Our patron is author and historian Tom Holland.

My talk is at Holy Cross church, Sherston, on Saturday 25 January, from 3.00pm. All are welcome, and refreshments will be available. I will also be signing copies of 'Past, Present, Presence'. For more information, please email [sherston@gauzebrook.org](mailto:sherston@gauzebrook.org)

Carole Britton, Author and Poet, Past Present Presence, The Companion Guide to the Athelstan Pilgrim Way

## Physio Excellence celebrates 10 years in Sherston!

Physio Excellence is proud to celebrate 10 years of providing physiotherapy care to the Sherston community. Located within The Tolsey Surgery, our private clinic offers a professional and comfortable setting for treatments. Experienced Chartered Physiotherapists Heather McKibbin and Lisa Dawe are dedicated to helping you regain mobility, manage pain, achieve your goals and improve your quality of life.

### A little bit more about us ...

With an MSc in Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy, Heather's experience includes being a pitch-side physio at Bath Rugby for six seasons, completing research on knee replacement outcomes at Oxford University and being an NHS advanced physiotherapy practitioner. She established Physio Excellence in 1994, with the main clinic and office base in Lacock, before opening the Sherston clinic 10 years ago.

Lisa has experience of rehabilitation, eg ACL reconstruction and trauma, within the Army and Navy. She has worked within football and rugby, plus with GB Veterans in basketball and swimming.

Our experience enables us to make a diagnosis, explain the diagnosis and give appropriate treatment. We help patients to help themselves by teaching personalised exercises and giving advice based on our years of experience. This ensures patients can progress between treatments.

We offer:

- Pain relief through hands-on physiotherapy techniques
- Rehabilitation after operations eg joint replacement, injury or accident
- Posture and flexibility improvement for everyday comfort
- Sports injury recovery and prevention
- Management of back pain, sciatica, weak core and arthritis
- Physio for neurological problems eg Parkinson's, stroke, MS, poor balance
- Preventative care to maintain long-term health eg bone density and strength
- Advice on whether you need an x-ray, MRI or consultant referral

Our goal is to help you feel better, move better, and live better.

Whether you've been with us from the start or are considering physiotherapy for the first time, we're excited to offer some special promotions to mark our 10-year milestone in Sherston. See page 23 for more details (terms and conditions apply).

For those unable to come to us, we also provide home visits. In addition, we offer hydrotherapy in Chippenham and have a clinic in Malmesbury, as well as Lacock and Sherston. You do not need to see your GP first, to make an appointment or for more info, just call 01249 730132 or email [physio@physioexcellence.co.uk](mailto:physio@physioexcellence.co.uk)

## 300+ Club

It's been another successful year for the 300+ Club – the team distributed over £1,000 of prizes to numerous lucky winners over the year, as well as raising the same amount towards the upkeep and running of Sherston Village Hall. Many thanks to the small team of collectors (who actually deliver applications and prizes, rather than collect

anything), and many thanks to you all for supporting the Village Hall.

Please sign up and join for 2025, the more members, the bigger the prize pot! And if you want to volunteer to help us, please contact Nic Riley or Jeanna Ind.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2025.



## Roll up, roll up – time to join the 300+ Club to win big cash prizes!

Last draw of 2024: £50 Jill Nash, £30 James Harmer, £20 Guy Tullberg, **£230 Christmas Bonus Wendy Payne.**

Please complete this form and return it in an envelope to the Co-op/Sherston Post Office. There

will be 10 draws over the year starting in March with big cash prizes, plus a generous Christmas bonus to a lucky winner. Half the money collected is distributed as cash prizes and the rest goes to help running Sherston Village Hall.

I/We\* would like to join/renew membership of the 300+ Club for 2025 and will pay £ ..... (£10 per person) by:

Cash       Cheque made payable to Sherston Village Hall

Bank Transfer to Lloyds Bank Sort Code: 30-12-04, Account No. 01406463.

Please use the first line of your address as a reference.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

For help/queries, please contact Nic Riley (07768 603160) or Jeanna Ind (07887 853476)



## Recycling Facilities

**Candles** - Holy Cross Church porch. The Recycled Candle Company will make them into more candles.

**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.

### Soft plastics

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

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

Please make sure all the plastics are clean.

### Batteries

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

### Low-energy light bulbs

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

### Medicine blister packs

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

### Clothes and Shoes Collection Point

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

**Ink Cartridges** Sherston High Street Telephone Box

## Zero-Waste/Eco Shops

**The Sherston Market** on Thursdays, 10.30am-1pm, in front of the Village Hall - a selection of artisan stalls (including The Loaf Shack) selling bread, meat, fish, cheese, honey, chutneys, vegetables and small plants.

**The Loaf Shack** - a community pop-up micro bakery specialising in small batch artisan bread and baked goods which comes to Sherston every Thursday morning, 10.30am-1pm.

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

**Lucy Tom Interiors**, Noble Street, Sherston - refills of cleaning materials, beauty products, shampoo and conditioner as well as reusable water bottles, keep cups, second-hand book exchange.

**The Wild Food Company**, High Street, Malmesbury - large selection of zero waste and plastic-free goods, liquid refills and loose dry foods, and loose oat milk

**The Greenshop**, Holbrook Farm, Calf Way, Stroud GL6 7BX - a whole group of businesses dedicated to providing sustainable goods and services. See [www.greenshopgroup.co.uk](http://www.greenshopgroup.co.uk)

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

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

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

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

### Milk in glass bottles (no plastic!)

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

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

## Zero-Waste online services

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

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

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

## Local Food Growers

**Close Farm**, Highgrove, Tetbury - veg stall

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

**Shipton Mill Flour** - locally grown and excellent online shop [www.shipton-mill.com](http://www.shipton-mill.com)

# Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

## 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 [sherstonvillagehall.org](http://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 Mike Tarrant (07790 593058)

### Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

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

### Link - (Malmesbury and District)

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

### Sherston Living Churchyard

1st Saturday of the month 10am - work to support wildlife diversity to create a more beautiful place for the community. Everyone welcome. Come along and see what's happening, and join in if you like. [www.gauzebrook.org/churches/holy-cross-sherston](http://www.gauzebrook.org/churches/holy-cross-sherston)

## Children's Groups

### Sherston Baby and Toddler Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. Meets every Mon 10-11.30am

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

### 1st Sherston Brownies

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

### 1st Sherston Guides

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

### 1st Sherston Beaver Scout Colony

Beavers is open to both girls and boys aged between 6 and 8 years old. Meet Mon 5.15pm to 6.30pm in term time at the Scout hut. There is a waiting list for Beavers, email [join@sherstonscouts.org.uk](mailto:join@sherstonscouts.org.uk) for an application form.

### 1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

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

### 1st Sherston Scout Troop

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

### Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

### Ballet with HD Dance Studios

Ballet classes for primary-aged children. Fridays at 3.45pm. More info: Harriet Dyke on 07810 864162 or email [hd\\_dance@outlook.com](mailto:hd_dance@outlook.com)

## Church and Faith Groups

### Holy Cross Church

Sunday service 9.30am - 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays ; 2nd Sunday, service at 10.00am which moves around the eight churches of the Gauzebrook Group. Check [www.gauzebrook.org](http://www.gauzebrook.org) or [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11839/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11839/) or the noticeboard near the lychgate. Sunday evening services November-March at 4.30pm please check our website to confirm details.

Church of the Holy Cross Coffee Shop Morning coffee every Thurs 10-12noon – small children's play area

Book the Church for concerts, lectures, exhibitions, pop-up cafes.

Book via [sherston@gauzebrook.org](mailto:sherston@gauzebrook.org)

### Sherston Congregational Church

Sunday service 10am. All services can be joined in person in the British School Room, Cliff Rd, or via Zoom. Please contact Rev Andrew who will send a Zoom link.

Bible Study or Prayer Group, alternating Mondays 7.30pm, also via Zoom. Contacts the Minister - Rev Andrew Williams Tarling - [awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk) or If you would like to book the British School Room for any event, please contact our Administrator (Alicja Clark): [alicjaclark@gmail.com](mailto:alicjaclark@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:heather@geoffmartin.plus.com) or phone 840375

### Footpaths Group

'Sherston Walks - a guide to local Rights of Way', featuring 10 local walks is on sale at the Post Office. If you would like to learn more about the Footpaths Group contact Tanya Burgess on 07979 702869 or [Tanya.Burgess@sherston.org.uk](mailto:Tanya.Burgess@sherston.org.uk) or visit [www.sherstonwalks.org.uk](http://www.sherstonwalks.org.uk)

### Sherston 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](mailto:sheilacutcher28@gmail.com) or 840067, or on Facebook.

### Sherston Drama Group

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

## 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 Theatre Club

Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. 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 sherstonsshooters@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](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)

## The Holford Arms, Knockdown

[theholfordarms.com](http://theholfordarms.com) or call 01454 238669

## The Old Royal Ship, Luckington

[www.oldroyalship.co.uk](http://www.oldroyalship.co.uk) or 840222

## The Whistle Stop café, Tetbury

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

## Alderton Village Hall

### Ballet with HD Dance Studios

Ballet classes for primary-aged children. Fridays at 3.45pm. More info: Harriet Dyke on 07810 864162 or email [hd\\_dance@outlook.com](mailto:hd_dance@outlook.com).

**Art classes with local artist Claire Evans.** Weds 6.30-8pm (7 session £80 including materials). More info: [claire@clairesanders.co.uk](mailto:claire@clairesanders.co.uk) or 07717 734955

**Pilates with Penny.** Every Thursday 12-1pm. 07796 955304

## Hullavington

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

## Luckington

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

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

## Malmesbury

### Athelstan Museum

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

### Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

### The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

Last Sat every month 11am-3pm - meet unique creatives, creators, makers, designers, producers and bakers. The Hub <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](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries) or follow Malmesbury Library on Facebook, or call 823611.

## Carer Support Wiltshire with Dorothy House Hospice

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

## Malmesbury & District u3a

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

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](http://www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk)

## Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

## Malmesbury Concert Band

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

## Malmesbury Community Choir

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

## Malmesbury Morris

[www.facebook.com/malmesburymorris](http://www.facebook.com/malmesburymorris) [www.malmesburymorris.org.uk](http://www.malmesburymorris.org.uk)

## Malmesbury Singers

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

## Malmesbury Film Society

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

## Tetbury

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

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

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

David Brooks Antiques

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Antique, Vintage and Retro Furniture

Jewellery, medals, watches, pens, silver, collectables

Single items or complete house contents purchased

### COMPLETE HOUSE CLEARANCE SERVICE

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[david@crosshayes.co.uk](mailto:david@crosshayes.co.uk)



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# WHAT'S ON

## Sherston

**Monday 6 January** 12noon-2pm, British School Room. **Sherston Churches Together Soup Lunch.** All welcome. Free but donations encouraged!

**Tuesday 7 January** 7pm for 7.30pm start, British School Room. **Sherston Gardening Club. Speaker: Hugh Vaux on Capability Brown,** and members' photos. New members are always welcome. Cost is £15 single, £25 joint, U18s free. Contact our secretary for more info: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

**Sunday 19 January** From 9am, **Grove Wood.** Come along to help with the wood coppicing and to tidy the steps! To volunteer or for more info, contact: nigel.freeth@sherston.org.uk or tanya.burgess@sherston.org.uk

**Saturday 25 January** 3pm Holy Cross Church. **Local author Talk.** Carole Britton talks about her new book, 'Past, Present, Presence', a journey through the life, legacy and words of Hilary Peters of Worcester Lodge. All welcome, refreshments available. Signed books on sale. For more information, please email sherston@gauzebrook.org

## Malmesbury

**Wednesday 8 January** 7.30pm-9pm, The Assembly Room, Malmesbury Town Hall. Malmesbury WI Meeting. **Julia's House Dorset & Wiltshire Children's Hospices Charity-** A talk about the history and services offered. Visitors £5.

**Monday 13 January** 7.30pm, Charlton Village Hall. Malmesbury and District Garden Club. An illustrated talk by Mike Hinwood on 'A year in the life of Foxley Road Nursery' [www.malmesburygardenclub.org.uk](http://www.malmesburygardenclub.org.uk)

**Wednesday 15 January** 7pm for 7.30pm North Wiltshire Villages Flower Club. **Workshop - DIY demonstrations.** For further info: [www.northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk](http://www.northwiltshirevillagesflowerclub.co.uk)

**Friday 24 January** 8pm, The Kings Arms. **Gloryhole Comedy Club.** Nothing beats those winter blues than a night of laughter so gather your besties and plan ahead. Tickets: £12 [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gloryhole-comedy-club-presents-tickets-100353786777](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gloryhole-comedy-club-presents-tickets-100353786777)

**Thursday 30 January** 10am-12noon, Malmesbury Town Hall. u3a meeting. **Paul Davies - Travel adventures in**

**the Galápagos Islands through the eyes of an amateur photographer.** Paul has been a keen photographer since his early 20s which together with his love of travel is a good combination. Though he is keen on all forms of photography, he especially loves wildlife and landscapes and this talk will focus on both these aspects of the Galápagos Islands. Non-members welcome, 50p donation. Check our website for an up-to-date list of groups and other information: [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk). For more info, e-mail [membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk)

## Tetbury

**Friday 10 January** 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Totally Blondie:** Chloe is a stunning look-alike for Debbie Harry so come and relive her greatest hits with this wonderful backing group. Tickets in advance £20. [www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk)

**Sunday 12 January** 6pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **The Andrews Massey Duo: From The Roots.** With flute and guitar this folk duo bring their own interpretation of traditional British folk music. Tickets in advance £15. Table for two from £35. [www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk)

**Saturday 18 January** 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. Classical series: **Harpichordist and Flautist Tom Foster and Georgia Browne** offer a glimpse into the musical world of Versailles in the time of Louis XIV and VI. Tickets £24 in advance. [www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk)

**Saturday 25 January** 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Cardiff Cotswold Opera Present Murder At The Opera:** an evening of music, mischief and murder as some one murders the top diva! Tickets £13.50 in advance. [www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk)

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### Didmarton Film Club

Friday 10 January Doors open at 6.30pm for the Bar with film starting at 7.30pm Didmarton Village Hall Donation of £5 per film. Guests are welcome. Bar available. To join or to become a member of the Film Selection Committee, email [jenny.body1@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.body1@gmail.com).

### Movies@Malmesbury

Run entirely by volunteers, for schedules, synopses, trailers etc, visit the [MoviesatMalmesbury](https://www.moviesatmalmesbury.org.uk) Facebook page or go to [www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html](http://www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html)

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

### The Three Cups, Malmesbury

Live music each month: <https://three-cups.co.uk/#events>

### Tetbury Goods Shed

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

### Wiltshire Council

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