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Wiltshire Council's emerging Local Plan proposes a residual housing requirement for Sherston of 30 additional homes. In order to deliver this housing requirement, Wiltshire Council states that site allocations will generally be made in neighbourhood plans. By allocating additional land for housing in our neighbourhood plan, the community is able to shape development in our village, as well as communicate our expectations and aspirations for where housing should go, what it should look like and what infrastructure would be needed to support it.

The Parish Council and Working Party are therefore considering a range of available sites to meet our housing requirement. All land put forward for development has undergone a detailed site assessment, but now it's time for you to have your say on which sites you would prefer to be developed.

We are holding a drop-in exhibition on Saturday 8 March from 10.00am to 4.00pm at the Village Hall. Please join us to view the sites and assessment results, and take the opportunity to talk to the Working Party and our supporting planning consultants. We want to hear from as many people as possible.

We will also be looking to present the output from the recent survey many of you kindly completed.

Please do come along and share your comments and thoughts to help us develop a plan that works for the whole community.

Thank you! *Your Sherston Neighbourhood Plan Team*

Water quality in Sherston Avon and Luckington Brook



Did you know that a group of volunteers regularly monitor the water quality in our local waterways through sampling and chemical analysis? This initiative measures the nutrients phosphate and nitrate in the river, and monitors plant growth and the state of the riverbed.

This year, a second method of monitoring is going to be undertaken: riverfly testing. Riverflies are at the heart of the freshwater ecosystem and are a vital link in the aquatic food chain. Their common characteristics and presence throughout the year make them good indicators of water quality. Riverfly testing takes place right across the UK and is supported by a range of organisations, including anglers, conservationists, scientists and relevant local and national authorities. Riverfly testing is dependent on volunteers to carry out the work in the field (or rather – in the water!).

So, how does it work? Monthly checks of the riverbed look for the presence of eight key invertebrates, counting the number of those present and then calculating a score. The expected minimum score is set by The Environment Agency. If the score is not met, the Agency is informed. They undertake investigation to locate the cause and take any appropriate action, typically with landowners and water companies.

Pictured top right are three of the eight invertebrates we're checking for: (centre) cased caddis, (left) stonefly, (right) mayfly.



To start with, monitoring will take place on Luckington Brook as it enters Grove Wood. This is a site designated by the Environment Agency. Once this is established and up and working well, there is a further site on the Sherston Avon that can be monitored.

I've attended a number of these tests on the Gauzebrook at Hullavington, with a local group of volunteers and decided to get formal (free!) training with the Bristol Avon Rivers Trust (BART – see <https://bristolavonriverstrust.org/>)

If you'd like to find out more or, better still, come along and see how it's done, please contact me on the email below. It would be good to establish a small band of volunteers willing to carry out the monitoring once a month to help make sure our local rivers are in tip-top condition.

Richard Morgan rjmorganuk@hotmail.com
See www.riverflies.org/ for more information.

**Important Lime Down
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On behalf of the Parish Council, many thanks to the ten volunteers who coppiced another part of Grove Wood last month, especially Cllr Nigel Freeth, who organised the morning. This is part of the council's management plan for the wood which encourages the growth of wildflowers and increases biodiversity, without harming the trees. The prunings are used to create 'dead' hedges or wildlife corridors. By coppicing different areas each year, this should maintain the wood as a great place for walkers.

Cllr Martin Smith

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Community Speed Watch in Sherston: What's it all about?

I was recently asked: Who are you? What are you doing? Why are you doing it? Where are you doing it? When are you doing it? On whose authority are you doing it?

I have no doubt that others in our community would appreciate clarification of some or all of the aforementioned, so I pen this article in the hope that it sets residents' minds at ease.

Back in 2023, Sherston Parish Council heeded residents' perceptions that excessive speeding was prevalent within the village, and arranged for traffic surveys at nine suspected locations. The data validated excessive speeding at only one of the nine chosen locations: Tetbury Road.

Wiltshire Police accepted this finding to be a traffic infringement that, in the first instance, warranted the setting up of a Community Speed Watch Team on Tetbury Road, hence our existence and involvement.

We are a mixed team of Sherston volunteers. Five members reside on Tetbury Road and three in other parts of the village. Our agenda is to draw motorists' attention to the 30mph speed limit on Tetbury Road in the hope that they will slow down and help make it safer for fellow motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, domestic pets, livestock, horse riders and wildlife. There are no pavements or paths along Tetbury Road so pedestrian lives, in particular, are constantly at risk.

All sessions must be conducted from a specific location on Tetbury Road that has been risk assessed by Wiltshire Police for the safety of all. We must wear hi-vis vests that are branded 'Police Community Volunteers' and we must stand in full/clear view of motorists from either direction.

We were briefly operational last September but the risk-assessed site back then was deemed to be too far removed from the locations surveyed so we stood down and awaited the approval of a more useful site. A reassessed site was eventually police-approved on 11 December and we plan to reconvene speed watch sessions in the very near future, weather permitting!

We operate under the direction of Wiltshire Police and are obliged to report any threats, acts of intimidation or violence directed towards us. We are equipped with a handheld device that can accurately detect a vehicle's speed, and all excessive speeds are logged and passed on to Wiltshire Police to action.

The Community Speed Watch Team does not enforce the law but those identified as exceeding the speed limit can expect to receive an advisory letter from the police.

Community Speed Watch is an approved scheme that gives local people the power to help reduce traffic speeds and improve the quality of life in their community. We hope we have your support.

Keith Robert Savage

Community Speed Watch Team Leader

Four reasons to pick up after your dog

There has been a noticeable increase in dog waste around the village lately. With recent examples including people unfortunately treading in dog mess and walking it into the toddler group, dog owners bagging up their dogs' mess and then throwing the bags into hedges and gardens, particularly around the Tartars public right of way, and dog owners generally not clearing up after their dogs in and around the village, as well as in and around local fields.

If you are a dog owner, please be considerate to other people, and ensure you pick up after your dog EVERY time, irrespective of where you are.

In the UK, it is the law for dog owners to clean up after their dog in public places:

- Failure to clean up: You could be issued with a fixed penalty notice of up to £100, or face a maximum fine of £1,000 if taken to court which could leave you with a criminal record.
- Leaving waste behind: You must not leave bags of dog waste on the ground or in a hedge.
- Litter: You must not litter in public.
- Burying or covering: It is not enough to bury or cover up dog waste, it must be removed.

You should always carry a poop scoop or bag to pick up and carry the mess to a litter or waste bin – there are plenty of them dotted around the village. Please note that you can now put dog waste in the round black and gold general waste bins (they will be marked up shortly). You can also buy dog poo bag dispensers that attach to your dog's lead.

Registered blind people are not required to clean up after their guide dogs.

If you need further encouragement, please consider the following four reasons why you should pick up after your dog:

1. It will not break down on its own

If you believe that dog poop will break down or just wash away, you're wrong. Dog waste can take up to 12 months to fully break down. Plus, when rainwater washes over dog poop, it flows into the drainage systems. The contaminated water is then carried into lakes, streams, and rivers.

Parish Council Meeting

Our next meeting is on Thursday 13 February 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.



2. Dog waste contains disease-causing bacteria and parasites

The parasites and bacteria in dog waste can spread disease to other dogs, and even you, if not properly picked up. E. coli and salmonella are some of the bacteria that are carried in dog waste. Your dog may not have any symptoms, but their waste can carry diseases that are harmful to humans and other pets.

The parasites and bacteria can stay in the soil for years. By not picking up after your dog, you're putting other people's pets at risk for exposure to harmful bacteria. Children who play outside and gardeners are at the most risk for contamination.

3. It's common courtesy to pick up after your dog

Picking up after your dog is not only common courtesy but your duty as a pet owner. When faeces are not picked up, the smell can quickly become overwhelming. It stinks! When you take your dog for a walk away from your home, you are entering public property. Because you own your dog, any waste your dog produces is your responsibility to pick up. Plus, it's just good manners.

4. Dog poop is not a fertilizer

If you think, as many people do, that dog waste is a natural fertilizer, think again. Since most dogs' diets are high in protein, it actually has the reverse effect of fertilizer. Dog poop is exceptionally high in nitrogen and phosphorus, so if you leave your dog's waste in your grass, it can cause burns in your lawn. It will kill your grass if it isn't picked up because it's so acidic.

Dog waste isn't the same as cow manure since cows eat plant matter. While cow poop can be used as compost in gardens and fields, dog poop can contaminate fruit, vegetables and surrounding areas with harmful bacteria if not composted properly.

Please help us to help you by reminding owners to pick up their poo!

Sherston Parish Council



Flooding; Impact and Action



Monday 10 March, 7.00pm, British School Room
Sustainable Sherston is holding an event with speakers looking at climate change, the impact of flooding, and the response by national organisations and voluntary local groups.

More details to come in the March Cliffhanger.

No need to book, it's £5 on the night, including refreshments.

Bouncing the night away!



Sherston Beavers and Cubs (and their leaders) enjoyed an exciting Saturday night sleepover at AirHop Bristol last month. It was a huge District event with 200 Beavers/Cubs and 50 leaders altogether! AirHop Bristol had never before hosted such a massive sleepover!

After two hours of bouncing, jumping and sliding, it was time for pizza and hot chocolate before snuggling down in one of the party rooms.

Sunday morning started with packing up, then breakfast and more bouncing before heading home to rest (well, for the leaders anyway!).

And what did the Beavers and Cubs think?

'Not only did I get to bounce with my friends, but then we had pizza! It was awesome!' Cub Elliott

'It was great, I loved the obstacle course because of all the slopes and turns, the stick battling bit and the maze!' Cub Conrad

'I enjoyed the sleepover because I had pizza and hot chocolate before bed, with my friends.' Beaver Pearl

'It was really exciting and the best part was trampolining with my friends!' Cub Henry

'It was amazing. The things I loved about the sleepover was the pizza and hot chocolate and in the morning we got to play on ANYTHING we wanted.' Beaver Olly

'It was brilliant and I really liked doing the obstacle course with my friends.' Cub Henry

'The slide and assault course were amazing!' Beaver Eliza





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SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

Next Meeting: Tuesday 4 February. Speaker: Adam Alexander on 'Diary of a Seed Saver'.

Cuttings

There was a rapid change of plan in January when member Hugh Vaux was sadly unable to deliver his talk on Capability Brown due to illness. (We shall be rescheduling, hopefully adding it to our April meeting.) Pat Jones stepped into the breach with a delightful presentation on planning her gardening year which was full of interesting tips and advice. Liz Cooper also proved her skill with a camera, showing slides of her own and members' colourful gardens from last summer.



Our February meeting promises to be another fascinating insight into other people's passions. Adam Alexander is a filmmaker, writer and seed saver. In his own

words: 'My interest in discovering rare, endangered but above all, delicious vegetables from around the world began as the result of meeting a remarkable lady in a vegetable market in Donetsk, Ukraine in the late Eighties whilst making a documentary series there.' Based on his book, 'The Seed Detective', Adam will describe his journey of discovery and learning about the social and cultural relationships we have with what we grow and eat, based on his library of over 500 varieties of vegetables collected on his travels.

Clippings

Club meetings will remain throughout 2024 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

Coming up

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

Tuesday 1 April: AGM

For full calendar, see

<https://sherston.net/sgc-programme-and-speakers/>

Calling all Sherston families!



Preparation is forging ahead here at Sleep Out HQ for our big sleep out on Friday 28 March in aid of homeless veterans with The Royal British Legion.

We have a small group of hardy souls signed up for the adult sleep out and are hoping for many more. The aim of the sleep out is to experience a little of the discomfort suffered by the men and women who have fallen on hard times after leaving the services. Not going to lie - it's also about us, as a community, raising as much as we can for the cause.

Sherston families, your challenge is both simple and fun. Yes, it would be amazing to camp out in the back garden but equally why not set up camp in the house and bed down on the floor?

Email pat@starkecreative.co.uk to register and we'll send you a welcome pack and get you on our list of heroes!

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Sherston School News

Exciting new clubs

At Sherston Primary School, we're always looking for ways to enrich our children's learning experience and make school life more exciting. This term, we are thrilled to announce the launch of three brand-new clubs: Gardening Club, Code Club, and Woodwind and Piano Tuition. These clubs provide unique opportunities for our children to explore their passions, develop new skills and connect with the wider community.



Gardening Club is led by Tricia Lawrence, an experienced gardener, along with volunteers from Sustainable Sherston and Sherston Gardening Club. This hands-on club will see children working towards the prestigious RHS Campaign for School Gardening awards. From building a raised 'Keyhole Garden' for vegetables to creating a dead hedge and planting bare-root fruit trees, the children will gain invaluable practical gardening experience. They will also learn about soil, composting and eco-friendly gardening techniques, ensuring they cultivate a love for nature while contributing to our school's green spaces.

Code Club offers an exciting introduction to the world of programming. Run by Paul Haenel, a software engineer with over 20 years' experience in digital technology, this club allows children to create games, animations and websites while learning key programming languages like Scratch, Python and HTML/CSS. Offering more than just coding, this club nurtures vital life skills such as collaboration, creativity and problem-solving in a fun and accessible way.

Woodwind and Piano Tuition brings the joy of music to our children. Annabel Elkington, a talented music tutor, offers lessons across a range of instruments, including piano, recorder, flute, clarinet and saxophone. Whether children are beginners or more advanced, Annabel's engaging lessons cater to all skill levels.



Art at Sherston: a canvas for creativity

Art is thriving at Sherston Primary School, and we're proud to provide a rich and diverse creative curriculum for our children. From EYFS to Year 6, children explore a wide range of artistic media, including clay, ceramics, 3D modelling, sketching and painting. We believe art is as vital as core academic subjects, offering a platform for self-expression and imagination.



Miss Ponting, our EYFS Lead and new Art Lead, is passionate about her role in driving art education forward. With a Fine Art degree and an eye for creativity, she is bringing fresh ideas and expertise to the subject. Under her leadership, children are engaging in projects that push boundaries, develop fine motor skills and inspire a lifelong love of art.

Our art curriculum not only fosters technical skills but also encourages critical thinking and emotional expression. Recent projects have included large-scale collaborative murals, intricate ceramic sculptures, and innovative 3D designs. Children are proud to see their work displayed throughout the school, celebrating their achievements and inspiring others.

Art at Sherston is about more than just creating beautiful pieces. It's about building confidence, encouraging perseverance and fostering joy. As Miss Ponting aptly says, 'Art isn't just a subject; it's a way of thinking and seeing the world'. With her leadership and the enthusiasm of our children, the future of art at Sherston looks incredibly bright.

Creating a calm and inspiring learning environment

We believe that a calm, well-organised environment is key to effective learning and happy children. We've worked hard to transform our school into a serene and inspiring space that supports every child's education.

One of the most noticeable changes has been in our main corridor. Gone are the towering bookshelves that once loomed over the children. In their place, we've introduced child-height surfaces adorned with fascinating artefacts, captivating books and eye-catching displays designed to spark curiosity and imagination. These thoughtful changes ensure that every corner of the school feels welcoming and engaging.



Decluttering has been a priority throughout the school, creating an atmosphere of order and tranquility. By reducing visual noise, we've crafted a space that allows children to focus, explore and feel at ease. This calm environment acts as an antidote to the busy, fast-paced lives many children lead outside school, providing a sanctuary where they can thrive.

Our efforts are already paying off. Children have shared how much they love their refreshed school, describing it as 'safe, peaceful, and happy'. For us, that's the ultimate reward. As a community, we will continue to nurture this environment, ensuring Sherston Primary School remains a place where children's minds and hearts can flourish.

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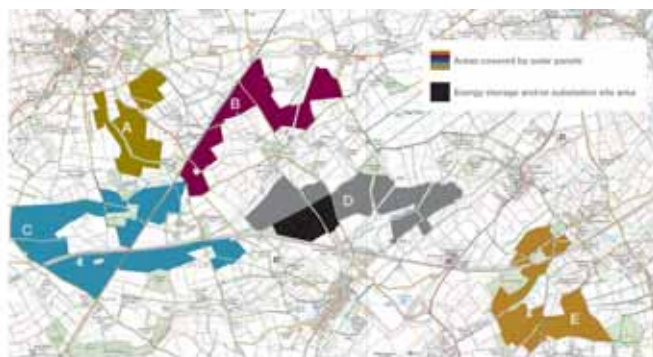
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Have your say on the Lime Down Solar proposal

Lime Down Solar Park is a proposed utility-scale solar park and battery energy storage.

The project involves the installation of solar panels and an on-site battery energy storage facility, with an underground cable connection into the national grid at Melksham substation. Electricity generated would be made available for homes and businesses across the UK.

On the opposite page, we provide readers with an update from the developers, Island Green Power, and from Stop Lime Down, a campaign group against the development.



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From Stop Lime Down

As many of you will know, Island Green Power (IGP) is proposing an enormous industrial-scale solar development covering 2,200 acres of agricultural land and biodiverse countryside. Spanning nine villages and 50 square kilometres, the proposal could include over one million solar panels, each 4.5 metres tall and a massive lithium battery storage facility with the entire area encircled by three-metre-high fencing and CCTV. The development would permanently alter our local landscape, potentially disrupt our roads during a lengthy construction phase and risk irreparable damage to our environment, heritage and local economy.

As Lime Down has been designated a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, the decision process involves a Development Consent Order. This is not a done deal with the final decision unlikely before late 2026. This rigorous process provides opportunities for local residents to voice their concerns and participate in shaping the outcome.

IGP is about to hold a series of local statutory consultation meetings to share updates on its proposals.

These sessions follow initial consultations in 2024, where IGP acknowledged that 88% of respondents opposed the project. Despite this opposition, IGP is pressing ahead and it is critical that we remain vigilant and strategic in our responses.

This period of statutory consultation is a crucial opportunity for our community to ask questions, share concerns, and show that we are fully engaged with this significant development proposal. A strong turnout will demonstrate the importance we place on safeguarding our countryside and heritage, while holding IGP accountable for addressing community concerns.

The team of volunteers at Stop Lime Down will be giving guidance about how and when individuals can best express their personal concerns, and on completing IGP's Feedback Questionnaire.

For further information about the dates and locations of the consultation meetings and to register your support for Stop Lime Down, please visit www.stoplimedown.com

Lime Down is the wrong size, wrong location and in the wrong ownership.

From Island Green Power

Island Green Power invites you to take part in the second-stage of public consultation on its refined plans for Lime Down Solar Park – the solar and energy storage park proposed on land in Wiltshire, plus associated infrastructure to connect it into Melksham substation.

The consultation began on Wednesday 29 January and runs until Wednesday 19 March.

Join us at any of the in-person or online information events we're holding to speak with the project team, find out more about our proposals and how you can provide us with your thoughts.

Event details

- Wednesday 5 February (6.30pm–8.00pm) – online webinar (Zoom)
- Friday 7 February (2.30pm–7.30pm) – Sherston Village Hall, SN16 0LQ
- Saturday 8 February (11.00am–3.00pm) – Hullavington Village Hall, SN14 6EB
- Wednesday 12 February (2.30pm–7.30pm) – Grittleton Village Hall, SN14 6AW
- Thursday 13 February (2.30pm–7.30pm) – Corsham Town Council Hall, SN13 0EZ
- Friday 14 February (2.30pm–7.30pm) – Malmesbury Town Hall, SN16 9BZ
- Saturday 15 February (11.00am–3.00pm) – Luckington Village Hall, SN14 6NP
- Tuesday 25 February (2.30pm–7.30pm) – Goss Croft Hall, SN15 5HD
- Wednesday 26 February (17:30–20:30) – Shaw CofE Primary School, SN12 8EQ
- Thursday 27 February (6.30pm–8.00pm) – online webinar (Zoom)

Will Threlfall, Senior Project Development Manager at Island Green Power explained:

'After carrying out an initial stage of consultation last year, we've continued to refine our proposals for Lime Down taking into consideration feedback received and the findings from our ongoing environmental and technical studies. This next stage of 'statutory' consultation will give people the opportunity to provide their input and find out where we're proposing to locate equipment and biodiversity measures, provide more details on the proposed route for an underground cable connecting the project into the national grid at Melksham substation, and show how we are proposing to minimise impacts associated with the operation and decommissioning of the development. We're also asking for suggestions on community benefits that the project could incorporate into its design and provide through a fund.'

He added: 'We want to encourage as many people as possible to participate and have their say. Continued engagement with local communities is crucial in helping us deliver a renewable energy project that makes an important contribution to the future energy needs of the country while also respecting the priorities of communities neighbouring the development.'

People wishing to receive updates about the project and the consultation direct should register on at: www.limedownsolar.co.uk

For further information about the project, please contact the Community Relations Team on:

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Happy first birthday to the revived Sherston Living Churchyard Project



It was VERY cold for our first meeting of 2025 but, nevertheless, eight of us gathered at 10.00am to trim and rake grass, trim a tree and carry out some general tidying-up. Everyone was wrapped up in lots of layers and managed to keep warm enough by being active. Four 'indoor' supporters kept us going with coffee at 11.00am and then hot soup at the end of the session. A résumé of all we had done in 2024 showed that we actually had achieved, or gone a long way towards, all the targets set in the management plan at the beginning of the year. These included managing the grass areas for the benefit of wildlife, installing two large compost bins, creating a dead hedge for the benefit of insects and small mammals and to help manage shrubby waste and planting a variety of native British flowering plants and bulbs. Looking back is an excellent way to understand how much progress you have made when the day-by-day effort and occasional setbacks may make it difficult to see this clearly. Impressed by all we have done we celebrated with a delicious birthday cake – chocolate, of course – made by Tricia

The natural world moves on at a gathering pace as spring arrives and so we will be back in the churchyard from 9.30am on Saturday 1 February and Saturday 1 March, trying to keep on top of the many jobs that need doing. A new plan of action for 2025 is in development. We need to maintain much that was started in 2024 but exciting new possibilities include making the churchyard a hedgehog habitat and having bee hives. Would you like to help with either of these projects? Have you got any knowledge or skills that could help bring success? If so, do please get in touch. More volunteers would increase what we can do and support our overall vision to make Holy Cross churchyard a haven on earth for people and wildlife.

The first plant stall of 2025 will be on Saturday 1 March.

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I would like to sing and play Sunday School songs! (Also those much loved in school assemblies)



Back in 1996, I kept meeting people who said, 'I just want to sing for fun', so I started SHOCC (Sherston Occasional Community Choir) and I'm thrilled that, thanks to a succession of dedicated committees, musical directors, and even founder-members, it still flourishes (Wednesdays 7.30pm in the British School Room, all welcome!).

But now, I keep meeting people who say, 'I miss those cheerful, positive, Sunday School songs, and wish my grandchildren knew them'. So ... I'm going to sing them on Saturday mornings from 1 March, 10.00-11.00am, in the British School Room. Is anyone willing to join me? All ages would be welcome, nought (with parent or guardian) to 90! Tea/coffee/toddler toys/a table of Lego will be available.

If anyone does join me, we could spend the first 15 minutes chatting, then for half an hour sing the best-known short action songs whilst children play – then chat again – and finally, finish with something rousing - a chorus, or it could even, occasionally, be their favourite Hokey Cokey or Hands, Knees, and Bumps a Daisy!

This is a personal 'independent initiative', because the hard-pressed, admirable, skeleton staff of our three local churches already have enough to do, without committing to Saturday mornings as well.

Folk and families of all faiths or none, the curious, the furious, the fed-up, and the fun-starved would all be welcome. Please try to come, let's raise the roof with childish enthusiasm! (Donations on the day towards the hire of the hall will be gratefully received.)

Remember these ...?

Give me joy in my heart - He's got the whole world in His hands - Kum ba yah - Oh when the Saints go marching in - If I were a Butterfly - The wise man built his house upon the rock - This little Light of mine - Jesus bids us shine - Jesus loves the little children - God's not dead - My God is so great - Jesus loves me - Bind us together Lord! - For I'm building a people of power - From Heaven you came, (servant king) - Shine Jesus Shine - Lord of the dance - He who would valiant be,

... and so many many more -let the next generation hear them!

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□ I Would Love to Sing & Play □

Sunday School Songs and those much loved in Junior Assemblies - So I am going to sing as LOUDLY as possible on Saturday mornings from 1st March 2025 (10am to 11am)

Do Join Me If You Can in the British Schoolroom where: "Even Two of us Could Raise The Roof". All ages welcome from nought to ninety (with a parent of guardian).

Enjoy- Tea & Coffee/Toddlers Toys

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Stitch it and See: Saturday 8 February

A 'Stitch it and See' workshop, run by Janice Botterill for Malmesbury Textile Group at Little Somerford Village Hall, will take place on Saturday 8 February, 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Reflecting on your own work and interests and using the materials and skills you already have, you will generate new ideas, start a new project and make a creative plan for 2025. You will be drawing, sketching, writing and collaging in the morning, stitching and making in the afternoon. The aim is for everyone to leave the workshop with a notebook full of ideas and the beginnings of a new project to take them forward in their individual practice.

Materials and resources to bring: - A small selection of your favourite fabric to work with and threads of your choice - A copy of a painting or image that is important to you - A piece of writing that is significant to you - Your favourite or current piece of work - Sketchbook/notebook or large piece of paper - Hand sewing kit

Janice Botterill is a textile artist who reuses and repurposes found fabric and threads in her work. You can see examples of her work on Instagram@slowquietwork. Cost £45 for non-members. To book, email Ruth Vaughan: r.vaughan56@btinternet.com



Famalam presents Poco Drom Acoustic: Saturday 15 February



You may remember Poco Drom, WOMAD regulars who hosted our kiddies' rave last year. Well, they are back but this time in the intimate setting of The Hayloft at The Three Cups, Malmesbury, performing acoustic and gentle music. It'll still be full of panda love and cosmic energy but this time you'll be invited to sit and listen, gently sway or boogie, or sing along to the songs. Children must be accompanied by their adults (who can drink beer!) and the target age is two to seven years old. Space is limited so book soon!

Show time: 3.30pm. Doors: 3.00pm

Tickets: £8 kids /£5 adults www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/pocodromacoustic

Tolsey News



Elizabeth Rattenbury

The Tolsey staff were deeply saddened to learn of the recent death of their former colleague, Elizabeth Rattenbury. As many of you will be aware, Elizabeth was the Practice Manager at the Tolsey Surgery for several years. During that time, she worked alongside Drs Pettit, Harris, Watkins and Heathcock. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew her.

Appointment Troubles

We are aware that many people have struggled to get an appointment in recent weeks due to the phenomenal pressure that the NHS is currently experiencing because of winter illnesses. However, we have also seen a large rise in patients not attending their pre-booked appointments. Over the last few months, there have been on average 14 GP appointments and 88 nursing appointments missed each month. This is valuable clinical time that has been wasted.

All we ask is that if you book an appointment but then cannot make it for whatever reason, please notify the surgery as soon as you can. We will easily fill the space as there are many in need right now.

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

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): _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

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

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 Doras 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 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 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 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 5.15pm to 6.30pm 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 time 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

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

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 or 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

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 or If you would like to book the British School Room for any event, please contact our Administrator (Alicja Clark): 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 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 or visit 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 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 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

An excellent practice to develop whole body strength & flexibility whilst calming the mind. (NB. you don't need to be flexible to do this class!) Frid 10.15-11.30am Sherston Village Hall. For a free trial, contact Stuart 07986 003602 stuart@pulse4life.co.uk 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

A fun, total body workout in the outdoors for all levels. Fridays 8.55-9.50am Sherston Rec. For a free trial, contact Stuart 07986 003602 stuart@pulse4life.co.uk www.pulse4life.co.uk

Hatha yoga class

Small breath driven relaxing Hatha yoga class Tues 6.45-8am and Wed 6-7.15pm. Support for anxiety, depression and quitting smoking offered. Please contact Russ on 07710 170081 or russellhtownsend@gmail.com

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=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

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.

Art classes with local artist Claire Evans. Weds 6.30-8pm (7 session £80 including materials). More info: 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 for more details.

Luckington

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

Luckington Village Hall Book via Stephanie Stephenson on 0778 6275328 or luckingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Malmesbury

Athelstan Museum

Talks and Exhibitions www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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

Malmesbury Library

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

Reading group meets 3rd Wed each month

Rethink Mental Wellness 2nd Fri each month

Repair Café Malmesbury are here to fix your household items on 3rd Sat each month

The Summer Reading Challenge 'Marvellous Makers' for 4-11 year-olds takes place in all libraries 13 July to 7 Sept.

The library offers free wifi, a warm space and free self-service hot drinks, computer and scanner access, daily newspapers to read in the library, plus printing for a small charge, as well as latest bestselling

fiction and a wide range of books to borrow. www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries or follow Malmesbury Library on Facebook, or call 823611.

Carer Support Wiltshire with Dorothy House Hospice

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

Malmesbury & District u3a

Wide and varied interest groups - for an up-to-date list and other information: www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk or e-mail membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

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

Malmesbury Riverside Community Centre

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

Saturday Friends - refreshments, a variety of activities inc. talks and visitors – usually first Saturday of the month, except August

Golden Zumba - seated exercise Thurs 2-2.45pm

www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Malmesbury Concert Band

www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

Malmesbury Community Choir

www.malmesburycommunitychoir.org or www.facebook.com/MalmesburyCommunityChoir.

Malmesbury Morris

www.facebook.com/malmesburymorris www.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

Saturday 1 February 9.30am-12noon, Holy Cross Churchyard. **Sherston Living Churchyard**. Come prepared for the weather and bring tools and wheelbarrows if you can. Refreshments will be available.

Monday 3 February 12noon-2pm, British School Room. **Sherston Churches Together Soup Lunch**. All welcome. Free but donations encouraged!

Tuesday 4 February 7pm for 7.30pm start, British School Room. **Sherston Gardening Club**. Speaker: Adam Alexander, filmmaker, author and seed saver. New members are always welcome. Cost is £15 single, £25 joint, U18s free. Contact our secretary for more info: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Friday 7 February 2.30pm-7.30pm, Sherston Village Hall, Island Green Power, 2nd stage of public consultation for **Lime Down Solar Park**. For a list of all consultation events see page 8 & 9.

Thursday 6 February 10am-12noon, Holy Cross Church. EcoCafé. Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits, with recycled cards and Fairtrade items for sale. Play area for small children.

Malmesbury

Friday 7 February 7pm-10pm, Rausing Building. **Athelstan Museum Quiz Night**. Do join us for a light supper, prizes, raffle and fun! Quiz will cover a wide range of topics so suitable for all. Come on your own and join a team on the night OR come as a team of 4. Cash bar on the night. Tickets: £10 <https://athelstan-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

Saturday 8 February 7pm, Malmesbury Town Hall. JRW Magic in conjunction with Malmesbury Town Council present **Moments of Wonder**. Magic, memories and wonder. Tickets: £10 (includes a drink) from Malmesbury Town Hall or www.ticketsource.co.uk/jrwmagic

Wednesday 12 February 7.30pm-9pm, The Assembly Room, Malmesbury Town Hall. Malmesbury WI meeting. **Silk painting with Nicola Davies**. A silk card painting workshop. All women 18+ welcome. Visitors: £7. For more info: malmesburywi@gmail.com

Friday 14 February 2.30pm-7.30pm, Malmesbury Town Hall. Island Green Power, 2nd stage of public consultation regarding **Lime Down Solar Park**. For a list of all consultation events see page 9

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Saturday 15 February 3pm for 3.30pm start, The Hayloft at The Three Cups Inn. WOMAD regulars **Poco Drom** perform acoustic music for children, accompanied by adults please. Tickets: £8 kids /£5 adults www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/pocodromacoustic

Wednesday 26 February 2.30pm (tea and cake) for 3pm start, Athelstan Museum. **Behind the Scenes at the Museum** - What, Why & Where is the collection. Athelstan Museum holds nearly 5,000 objects in its collection. How do we take items into the collection? Why and how do we move them out? How do we know what we have and where it is? How do we look after the collection? How do we make it accessible to the public? Plus a look at some of the fascinating and perhaps surprising objects that you may not know we hold! Tickets: £7 <https://athelstan-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>

Friday 28 February 10am-12noon, Malmesbury Town Hall. u3a meeting, change of day for this month only from a Thursday. **Liberal Democrat MP Roz Savage** will talk to us about her amazing rowing achievements before she became an MP and her long-held interest in environmental matters. Non-members welcome, 50p donation. For more info www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk or e-mail membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Tetbury

Saturday 1 February 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Very Santana**: An authentic re-creation of music from guitar master Carlos Santana and his band. Tickets £20 in advance. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk

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Wednesday 26 February 10am, Tetbury Goods Shed.
Playtime Theatre: Join Ratty's band for cheesy tunes and fun theatre for 2-6 year olds from the Last Baguette Company. Tickets in advance adults £5, children over 1 £5, babies free. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk

Wednesday 26 February 8pm, Tetbury Goods Shed.
Blue Wales – the Return of the Giants: a film and talk by Hugh Pearson, producer of Blue Planet. Tickets in advance £8.50. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk

Little Somerford

Saturday 8 February 10.00am-4.00pm, Little Somerford Village Hall. **'Stitch it and See'** workshop, run by Janice Botterill for Malmesbury Textile Group. Drawing, sketching, writing, collaging, stitching and making. £45 for non-members. To book, email Ruth Vaughan: r.vaughan56@btinternet.com

Music, Cinema and Theatre

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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..

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

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Tetbury Goods Shed

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