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Tetbury Road Community Speed Watch update

Community Speed Watch (CSW) is an education and prevention scheme, not enforcement, and it is considered as the first response to address speeding issues. However, where problems persist, Community Policing Teams (CPTs) work in partnership with CSW volunteers, meaning that enforcement can - and will - be undertaken.

Every two weeks, CPTs review nationwide data that CSW teams have submitted to identify which locations need to be prioritised. Priority is given to locations with the highest recorded individual speed and the most recorded number of speedsters and, lo and behold, the data from our inaugural speed watch sessions resulted in the inclusion of Tetbury Road on this list.

A Speed Enforcement Officer report is subsequently provided to the CSW team leader highlighting the recorded activity by police and the inevitable outcome. The following report relates to a police officer's surveillance:

'I carried out a session on 26/3/2025 on Tetbury Road and 12 vehicles have been issued with notices of intended prosecution for excessive speeding. The fastest vehicle was captured at 45mph in a 30mph zone. Depending on previous convictions and history, 10 drivers will be offered a Speed Awareness Course, two drivers will face £100 fine and get three points.'



Proceedings will now be undertaken to ensure the most appropriate outcome for the offenders takes place, which includes checking for MOT, insurance and point totters. Captured footage can and will be analysed for other offences like unfastened seat belts and mobile phone use whilst driving!

In addition to all of the aforementioned, I would like to draw readers' attention to another significant contributing factor, namely: the intelligence gathered by CSW teams is also used by the police to identify hotspots and to target individual persistent speeding motorists. Our CSW peak time vehicle counts confirm beyond a shadow of a doubt that Tetbury Road is a 'rat run' for commuters and therefore a likely hotspot for further speed enforcement.

Sherston Parish Council has approved a soon-to-be-installed Speed Indicator Device on Tetbury Road so my team and I remain hopeful that we can continue to play a productive role alongside this technology and slow down motorists.

With a young family with two preschoolers having recently moved in on Tetbury Road, we are more determined than ever to help make it safe.

*Keith Robert Savage -
Tetbury Road CSW Team Leader*

Stepping down

After nearly 11 years, I have made the difficult but necessary decision to step down from my role as Minister of Sherston Congregational Church.

In the next month or so, we will be leaving Sherston to live closer to our eldest daughter - whether she likes it or not! We're not moving far and plan to keep close ties with Sherston. Candi plans to continue as Cub Leader and keep Yak and Yarn going too.

As we'll probably not get the chance to thank everyone personally, we'd like to give it our best shot here in The Cliffhanger ...

We'd like to thank everyone who has supported any of the work that we've been part of in the Congregational Church. This includes everyone who attended and helped with the running of Brick Club, everyone who worked with us and

attended Soup Lunches and Christmas Day meals, all who came to Candi's Crafternoons, and all who supported various church events that we have had the honour to be part of.

I'd especially like to thank fellow Ministers and friends Rev Susan Harvey, Rev Sharon Gleed and Rev Janet Evans. Hosting joint events with you and 'competing' as part of 'The Holy Rollers' on Boules Days have been a privilege and a pleasure.

There are many, many kind and generous people in Sherston whose friendship and support mean more to us than we can express. Gill Springate and Rachel Watchorn deserve a special mention.

We wish all in Sherston Congregational Church the very best in whatever the next chapter brings.

Thank you Sherston. God bless.
Rev Andrew and Candi Williams Tarling

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20mph speed limits for Sherston



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As residents will be aware, there is going to be a 20mph speed limit covering the following streets within Sherston village: Church Street, Woods Close, High Street, Grove Road, Cliff Road, Silver Street, Court Street, Knockdown Road, Northend Gardens, Anthony Close, Sandpits Lane, Green Lane, Strongs Close, Manor Close, Butlers Close, Saxon Close, Brook Hill, Noble Street, Tanners Hill, Bustlers Hill and Thompsons Hill.

The latest update from Wiltshire Highways is that the signs will start being installed around mid-July. Once the signs are in place, the speed limit takes effect.

Cllr Martin Smith

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

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.

Top tip: if you're telling us of an event coming up, write a short piece about it rather than just supply basic details or a poster. You will then get a short article published to help boost interest as well as a mention in our What's On section. Don't forget to tell us how your event went, with a photo if possible.

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The Cliffhanger team needs help!



The Cliffhanger team are looking for a new recruit! Could you spare a little time each month to help with the advertising? We are very grateful to Keith Savage, not only for keeping the advertising in order for the last couple of years, but also for being the driving force behind the Cliffhanger changing to colour printing. However, understandably Keith would now like to step down to focus on his retirement so we are looking for a fresh pair of hands!

If you can help or would like to find out more about what's involved, please contact Keith at advertising@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

Parish Council meeting



The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 May in The North Building at 7.30pm. Please note the change of day to accommodate the VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations (see opposite for more on this). Everyone is 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.

Sherston Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting



Let's not call it a meeting, instead let's call it a 'get-together'. A get-together for your Parish Council and all Sherston community groups to meet up and chat about how things are going, our needs and our future.

Sherston is a vibrant community with a great range of groups - from Scouts and Brownies to the Gardening Club, from Boules to the Community Choir, and so many more. Let's work together to keep all this activity healthy and blossoming

Do come along to join in the fun, co-operation and playing a part. The evening will be informal, we can chat about anything that favours our community growing and working together. The choice is yours!

Please make a note of this get-together in your diary: Sherston Village Hall Thursday 22 May at 7.30pm.

All are welcome to attend these meetings.

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: 7 & 8 June

We are gathering together a list of gardens to open on the Sherston Open Gardens trail so, if you are thinking about it, do get in touch. Your garden might have wild corners, lots of wild flowers (we don't like to call them weeds!), or you might prefer neat edges and a tidy look - we don't mind, any style is fine! What would be really nice is to include gardens that haven't been opened before.

Let us know by the third week of May to be included. heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

VE Day 80th anniversary celebrations: What's happening in Sherston?



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Timetable for Thursday 8 May:

6.30pm: A 'bring your own' picnic will take place on the village hall field (or inside the hall if wet)

9.15pm: Church bells will sound

9.30pm: A beacon will be lit on the church tower

9.30pm: Residents asked to light a lantern/candle and place in their windows to commemorate those lost



Sherston Old School Community Interest Company



Peter Sidebottom

We are very sad to announce the passing of Peter Sidebottom who was the First Chairman and subsequently Life President of the Sherston Old School Community Interest Company (SOSCIC). He will be sadly missed.

Peter lived in the village for most of his life and was always keen to ensure that he did his best for the community. When SOSCIC was formed in 2010 'for the purpose of renovating and converting the Old School to provide increased employment opportunities and additional services for the community and help preserve the character of the High Street', he played an important role in fundraising and indeed drawing up the plans for the conversion of the Old School to commercial use.

In recognition of this great service and as a permanent reminder of the important role Peter played in ensuring the success of this project, we have made arrangements to place a plaque in the foyer leading into the Co-op premises.

SOSCIC Annual Donation

I am pleased to report that the SOSCIC Board has found itself in the happy position to make a donation of £10,000 this year to the Parish Council which is to be put towards 'village good causes'. We understand that half of this money will be made available to the Parish Church to help pay for urgent repairs to the nave ceiling and the windows of this important Grade 1 listed building with the rest being put towards necessary improvements to the sports facilities at the football ground.

Mike Johnson (Chairman SOSCIC)

Tolsey News



Rex Mackrill

Our Practice Manager, Rex Mackrill, will be retiring at the start of May due to ill health. Rex joined the practice in December 2023 and has helped steer the practice during some challenging times. We all wish him the very best.

Vaccinations

If you're turning 65, or are aged 70-79, or are 50 and over with a weakened immune system, you're likely to be eligible for a free shingles vaccination. Shingles is an unpleasant illness that can have serious complications, and vaccination improves outcomes and reduces the severity: www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/shingles-vaccine/

Blood donation

Aged 17 to 65? Generally fit and well? Weigh more than 7st 12lbs (50kg) and less than 25st (158kg)? You could help by donating blood as stocks are critically low. If you're able to donate, see if you can find an appointment here:

www.blood.co.uk/ or

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Sherston Arts Festival 2025: 7-16 November

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Put the dates in your diary so you won't miss this year's Arts Festival. We have lots of great events already booked and we make no apology for a return visit by the very popular Packhorse Band on Saturday 8 November. A fun evening is promised, barn dancing with live music and a caller. Instruments will include concertina, hurdy gurdy, fiddles and mandolin. This is an event for all the family.

Watch out for further events announced each month in the Cliffhanger.



Sherston School News



Showcase of creativity and dedication

This term, we proudly hosted our very own Art Exhibition, inspired by the Royal Academy of Arts' Summer Show. This event celebrated the incredible talent and dedication of our children, many of whom submitted their artwork to the prestigious Royal Academy. The exhibition provided an opportunity for our community to admire the children's creativity and hard work displayed, with pieces ranging from detailed sketches to bold paintings. At Sherston, we recognise the importance of nurturing the whole child, which includes a strong emphasis on creative subjects alongside academic achievements. Thank you to Miss Ponting for her vision and hard work in organising such a successful event. It was a joyous reminder of the artistic talent within our school and community.



Experience Easter Day

We pride ourselves on being at the heart of the community, and this was particularly evident in our recent Easter celebrations. The school was transformed into a place of reflection, creativity and joy as we took part in an Experience Easter Day, run by our wonderful local church. The whole school came off timetable for the day, with children working together in their house groups to journey through the Easter story. Each station brought the story to life through different activities – crafting, food tasting, acting and opportunities for deep reflection. It was a day filled with warmth, kindness and togetherness, strengthening the bonds of our school community. The experience culminated in a beautiful Easter service at the church, where children, staff, and families gathered to celebrate and reflect. A huge thank you goes to Becky and the church team for their unwavering support and generosity in making this such a special occasion. Their kindness and dedication truly enriched the experience for all. An additional thank you to Judith Parkyn for taking such wonderful photos.





Learning computing through fun

We believe that learning should be engaging, exciting and, most of all, fun! Computing is one of the many subjects where our children have the chance to explore and enjoy learning in a hands-on way. Our strong computing curriculum ensures that children are well-equipped for the digital world, with weekly computing lessons that cover essential skills such as coding, sequencing and digital recording. But it doesn't stop there – laptops are integrated across the curriculum, helping children develop their research skills, enhance their presentations and gain confidence in using technology as a tool for learning. To further inspire our young digital minds, we have launched a weekly Code Club, where children can extend their skills, experiment with programming and explore the limitless possibilities of computing. Watching the enthusiasm and excitement of our children as they develop their digital skills is a joy, and we are proud to be preparing them for the technological world of the future.





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Sherston's Great Big Green Garage Sale 2025: Get on the Garage Sale Map!



Following up on our article in April's Cliffhanger, now's the time to get your garage sale stall onto the map! The sale will take place on Saturday 14 June from 10.00am until 3.00pm. You can join in from your home or garage, or by taking a table at the village hall or field. Sell what you wish - household or garage items, baked goods, or plants.

It's £5 to show your location on the map along with a short description. Just send your name, address and a description, e.g. 'children's books and toys', to: sustainablesherston@gmail.com We'll organise payment with you and put your location and description on the map.

The Garage Sale Map will appear in next month's Cliffhanger.

Sherston's Great Big Green Week



Communities across the country are coming together from 7 to 15 June. Here in Sherston, we have a variety of events to encourage people to enjoy our open green spaces - visiting gardens, Sherston Living Churchyard and The Community Orchard, seeing what Sherston Primary School children have grown in their school garden and another Great Big Green Garage Sale, with stalls around the village and at the village hall (see above). Here's rundown of events:

Saturday 7 June: Sherston Open Gardens around the village, with teas and plant stall at Holy Cross Church - 1.00pm-6.00pm

Sunday 8 June: Sherston Open Gardens, with teas and plant stall at Holy Cross Church - 12.30pm-5.00pm

Monday 9 June: Greenfingers After-school Gardening Club: Come and see what the children are learning about gardening and nature, Sherston Primary School - 4.00pm-6.00pm

Saturday 14 June: Sherston's Great Big Green Garage Sale around the village, with more stalls and refreshments at the village hall.

There will be more details about these events in the June Cliffhanger.

Please show you care about the future of our planet by supporting these events organised by Sustainable Sherston and Grow Greener@ Holy Cross.

Let's swap together for good.

www.greatbiggreenweek.com



SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB



Part of Spring Cottage, home of our May speaker, Val Bourne

Next meeting: Tuesday 6 May.

Speaker: Val Bourne, award-winning gardening writer, on 'A Year at Spring Cottage'.

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Cuttings

At our April meeting, member Hugh Vaux provided a fascinating insight into the life and work of gardening genius, Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. Hugh described how Brown became the UK's most famous landscape designer of the 18th century, his nickname coming from his fondness for describing country estates as having great 'capabilities' for improvement. He designed vast landscapes as a setting for mansions such as Bowood, Stowe and Blenheim which were surrounded by woodland, parkland dotted with trees, serpentine-shaped lakes, temples and bridges. Hugh is a former member of the Kent Gardens Trust and has delivered talks and contributed to books on Capability Brown. We were delighted to give him the opportunity to do it again!

At our May meeting, we're pleased to welcome Val Bourne to talk about 'A Year at Spring Cottage', her Cotswold house near Bourton-on-the Water. Val is quite a legend in gardening circles, having won many awards for her writing in books, newspapers and magazines. As a self-confessed plantaholic, she maintains her windswept cottage garden without chemicals and still finds time to judge flower trials and sit on RHS committees. We're grateful to be fitted into her busy schedule!

Clippings

Club meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month at the British School Room, Cliff Road, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Plant ID, plant sales,



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raffle, gardeners' question time, jobs in the garden for the month and friendly chat over homemade refreshments.

New members are always welcome. There has been a small increase in fees from 1 April (the first in three years!) so the new cost is £20 single, £35 joint, U18s free. We communicate with members via a monthly newsletter, on the sherston.net website and on our SGC Facebook page. Our Secretary can be contacted at sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Community

Tulips have emerged in both village troughs, taking over from the earlier daffodils and narcissi. It won't be long before we get ready to plant dahlias and other summer-flowering plants to keep up year-round colour (that's the aim, anyway!).

Coming up

Thursday 8 May:

Trip to Morton Hall, Worcestershire, for Tulip Festival.

Tuesday 3 June:

'Looking after the Legacy of Rodmarton Manor' by John Biddulph.

Tuesday 1 July:

'Gardening with Climate Change' by Sally Morgan.



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Sherston Senior Club

On 18 March, Commander Benford gave us an in-depth and illustrated talk on his career in the Navy as a submarine officer. The training that had to be done was quite rigorous, in order to assess the suitability for life beneath the waves. Quick responses were necessary for the world we live in today.

At our next meeting - on 1 April - we welcomed Hazel Jarrett, who followed up the previous meeting's talk with anecdotes about her family's experiences serving as crew on submarines. Hazel's father-in-law, husband Malcolm and her son all had a career in the submarine service. Photographs were shown, together with medals received and many an anecdote shared.

This very interesting talk was followed by Mary Clements singing, in her beautiful voice, songs the audience knew well. Mary also played a tape she had composed and performed on, to commemorate the various milestones in her children's lives. This was a very enjoyable afternoon.

We had our first outing of 2025 on 15 April - to Highfield Garden centre - and on 29 April, we had our AGM followed by a quiz and bingo. More on these next month.

Looking forward, on 13 May, we will be going on a mystery tour, leaving at 10.00am and returning at 3.00pm. Please contact Helen Quirk on 840516 for more information.

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Sherston Magna Cricket Club



With such glorious weather in April, the ground staff team have made an incredible start on getting the ground 'match fit' and, thanks to all the help on our groundforce days in March and April, we have the pavilion, nets and covers up and ready for the season.

Last year, we received a grant from the ECB for our new welcoming environment and much of it was in place by the end of the season, but we have now finished it off with the addition of new flooring in the pavilion, an ice-cream freezer and all our picnic tables are made and in place ready to welcome players and spectators alike.

The cricket season has already started with our U11s taking on Malmesbury and our U15s having two matches before the end of April against Swindon and Corsham.

Our home fixtures this month are:

Saturday 3 May:

Senior side v Swindon Super Strikers – 1.00pm

Monday 5 May: U11s v Cricklade – 10.00am

Tuesday 6 May: U13s T20 v RWB – 6.15pm

Friday 9 May: U15s v Cricklade – 6.15pm

Sunday 11 May: U13s v Swindon – 1.00pm

Saturday 17 May:

Senior side v Coastal Cobras – 1.00pm

Sunday 18 May: U11s v Poulton – 10.00am

Sunday 18 May: U15s v Purton – 1.00pm

Tuesday 20 May: U13s T20 v Malmesbury – 6.15pm

Sunday 25 May: U11s v Chippenham – 10.00am

Sunday 25 May: U13s v South Wilts – 1.00pm

Saturday 31 May:

Senior side v Marlborough – 1.00pm

Come on down and enjoy the cricket, the bar will be open on match days on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, as well as Bank Holiday Monday.

If you are interested in joining the club, we offer cricket from five years old in our All Stars programme and have a full junior section with U9s, U11s, U13s and U15s. We have a Ladies' Softball team and Saturday and Sunday teams. This year, Ben Dickenson is our Saturday captain, carrying on from last season, and Oscar Power is our new Sunday captain.

Our Training Nights are

Monday – U13s

Tuesday – U9s and Seniors

Wednesday – U11s

Thursday – U15s and Ladies' Softball

Please contact James Kutchera for Juniors and All Stars on 07985 050791, Ben Dickenson for Saturdays on 07979 831960, and Caroline Dickenson for Ladies' Softball on 07876 163997.

Hullavington Church Fête and Dog Show: Saturday 14 June

Come along to Court House, Hullavington (SN14 6DU) on Saturday 14 June (1.00pm-4.00pm) for a fun afternoon for all the family, including dog show classes and agility, BBQ, cream teas, beer and Pimm's tent, fantastic stalls, children's games and races, tug of war, raffle, silent auction and bouncy castle. Entrance: £2 for 16+ (children free). Parking at the village hall (with disabled drop-off/pick-up available at Court House). Bring cash (not card) to spend! For further info, please contact: harrydicks@btinternet.com

Save the date for disco bingo!!!



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Holy Cross News



It was lovely to have the children from our village school in church for their end-of-term and Easter celebrations (see page 4 for more on this). Our services during Lent included for this year a well-attended special evensong for Palm Sunday. We managed to fit everyone in, despite the presence of the scaffolding in the nave, and we expect that, by the time you are reading this, the replastering of the ceiling will be well underway. The church will remain open during repairs, and you are welcome to visit; the Lady Chapel is available for quiet reflection and prayer. We are very grateful for the donation from SOSIC towards the cost of the repairs to the ceiling and for our longer-term project to maintain the integrity of the stonework around the windows.

We have printed copies of our annual report, and these are available in church prior to our annual parochial church council meetings, which will be after morning service on Sunday 4 May.

On Thursday 8 May, our VE Day celebrations will start with a VE-themed coffee morning in the Holy Cross Café. We will be serving the special VE Day orange and ginger cake and hope that you will be able to join us. Later in the day, the Sherston Bell Ringers will ring the church bells at 6.30pm in a national celebration and give thanks for those who offered their services and many lives, that we might know peace. The bells that ring out throughout the country are a call to us to renew our commitment, people of all faiths and none, to work for peace in our communities and in God's world. At 9.30pm, the beacon on the church tower will be lit and the VE Day 80 proclamation will be read at the lychgate.

Our services are always advertised on the notice board at the lychgate but, if you wish to be kept updated by email, please email admin@gauzebrook.org for you to be added to our mailing list.

Christian Aid Week: 11-17 May



The annual Christian Aid Week is taking place this month and, once again, the parishes of the Gauzebrook Group are fundraising in a variety of ways. In Sherston, we will be making a door-to-door envelope collection as usual. This collection has been taking place for more than 20 years. Thank you for your generosity in supporting some of the poorest and most disadvantaged people in the world.

Please look out for the red envelope coming through your door. Your collector may come back and knock on a particular day. If you don't want to be disturbed just leave your envelope out that day, empty or filled. Some collectors may ask you to return the envelope to them yourself. If you prefer, you can give via the website: christianaid.org.uk. Anything you do to help will be greatly appreciated

Sue Robinson, Gauzebrook Christian Aid Week rep

Sherston Living Churchyard



The first plant stall of the season in March was very successful in raising funds to carry forward work in the churchyard. As I write, the April plant sale got underway this morning and there will be another one from 2 to 5 May, and in June, the Living Churchyard will be supporting the Church Open Gardens weekend by holding the Plant Stall on 8 and 9 June. All funds raised that weekend will go towards maintenance of the church fabric.

We now have two large compost bins in the churchyard which are helping to retain our green waste on site rather than sending it all away for disposal. On the east side of the churchyard, under the trees near Anthony Close, is a newly constructed dead hedge. This is formed from two rows of heavy stakes; tree prunings and other large pieces of green waste are held in between them and slowly rot down. In the process, they form a valuable habitat for small mammals and insects.

Love Your Burial Ground Week, organised by the charity Caring for God's Acre (see caringforgodsacre.org.uk) takes place 8-16 June. This coincides with Great Big Green Week, which you can read about on page 5. Look out for information coming about what will be happening in the churchyard. We hope to be taking part in Churches Count for Nature so that we can let you have some information about exactly what wildlife there is in the churchyard. The information will also be fed into national databases to help better understand the environmental role of churchyards.

Please join us in the churchyard on Saturday 3 May from 10.00am to see what is happening and join the working party if you would like to. Be prepared for mud and any kind of weather as we will still go ahead except in the worst conditions. If you can bring your own gardening tools, particularly grass rakes and wheelbarrows, that would be very helpful. Refreshments will be provided

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BioBlitz at Holy Cross Church: Saturday 10 May



What wildlife grows and lives in the Holy Cross churchyard? Would you like to find out? Well, on Saturday 10 May, we'd love you to join us surveying the grounds for anything and everything we can find. No expertise is needed, just a willingness to have a go.

Malmesbury and District Natural History Society will bring equipment like bat detectors, hedgehog footprint tunnels, bee nets, trail cameras, magnifying glasses and guides – all you need to do is make notes and take photos of everything you see.

We will make a 'hub' area for you to bring examples of photographs to and identify them ready for recording on the free iRecord app – you might like to download this yourself just for fun!

Both children and adults can join in and enjoy this activity. There's so much to find out and you know you are really contributing to knowledge of the natural world in your area.

We will start at 9.00am but you can join us at any time throughout the morning. It's free to take part but we do need to know how many people will be coming so please register at <https://malmesburynaturalhistory.co.uk/event/bioblitz-2/> to join in the fun!

If you have any questions, please contact: malmesburynaturalhistory@gmail.com

Holy Cross Café



If you haven't already tried the Café at Holy Cross Church, every Thursday from 10.00am to 12.00noon, you would be made most welcome. We have ground coffee, hot chocolate and tea, homemade cakes or biscuits, and you can pay by donation with cash or a card. On sunny days, you can sit outside, although on really hot days (when we get them!) you may welcome the cool inside. On the first Thursday of each month there will be a plant stall. We also have a play area for small children so it's a great place to meet up with friends.

On VE Day, Thursday 8 May, there will be a special themed café so do come along for that if you can.

Best of all, you are supporting our church and helping to pay for essential repairs to our very special place.

P.S. We could do with another couple of volunteers to help run the café on duty once every four-six weeks - if you think you can help, pop in to speak to us. Thank you.

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Beavers and Cubs join in charity sleep out

Sherston Beavers and Cubs thoroughly enjoyed doing their bit to support The Great Tommy Sleep Out at the end of March. They set up fabulous cardboard dens inside the Scout Hut, before s'mores outside on an open fire and hot chocolate all round. In the morning, after packing up, the children tucked into a breakfast of waffles, before heading home. The leaders then made a beeline for The Rattlebone for a complimentary - and very welcome - breakfast (thanks Matt and Charlie!).



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Tea, chocolate and connection

I run Wild Roses - a weekly women's yoga circle in Sherston. We gather in the village hall for yoga, meditation and to sit in a circle with cups of herbal tea and chocolate. I started this 'yoga class with a difference' because I was craving community and connection myself.

I had run circles in London since 2018 and found them to be a beautiful practice. Whilst it's not therapy, the experience can be incredibly cathartic. It can be profound sharing your voice with no agenda, knowing that all emotions are welcome! Most importantly, there's no advice, interruptions or feedback, and nothing that is shared goes beyond the walls of the village hall. Wild Roses takes place each Wednesday, 7.30pm-9.00pm in Sherston Village Hall.

Women's circles are ancient practices that have been around for thousands of years. At their simplest forms, they are where women of all ages come together to sit in a circle, often around a centre piece which can be as simple as a candle, and talk and listen to one another.

I have now created 'Gather', a monthly two-hour circle where we incorporate an activity - often a craft or a collaboration. So far, we've had sound baths, tarot reading, block printing, journaling, crystal workshops, and, last month, we went into the woods to make nature terrariums, and sit around a fire amongst the bluebells and the blackbirds for World Earth Day! The next Gather, 'Blossom', is on Tuesday 13 May 7.00pm-9.00pm at the Red Pepper Project, near Tetbury (GL8 8PH). We'll



gather either outside or in the cosy polytunnel for tea, sweet treats, meditation and sharing before we create our own flower moons from willow wreaths and stunning locally sourced dried flowers. We will then sit around the fire to close our circle under the magic of the full moon, lanterns and festoon lights.

These circles are open to women of all ages and I encourage you to come along if you are curious. There is never any pressure to share, just being with like-minded folk and listening is a beautiful way to spend an evening.

I also run private circles or ceremonies for special occasions, such as hen dos, baby showers and birthdays. These can be a wonderful alternative way to honour milestones; I can incorporate yoga, meditations, rituals and sound healing into the event. I also offer wellness events for businesses which can be a great way to boost employee health and wellbeing.

For bookings and more information on upcoming events and my other holistic therapy offerings, visit my website: www.roseseedsalchemy.com or drop me an email: hello@roseseeds.co.uk *Rosie Tweedale*

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Sherston entertained by Rumours

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Last month, Sherston Drama Group performed Neil Simon's fast-paced comedy, *Rumours*, co-directed by Katie Skeffington and Tahiti Van Rooyen. The story follows four couples getting together to celebrate the 10th wedding anniversary of Charles and Vivian Brooks. However, when the guests arrive, they find Charles has been shot, and Vivian is nowhere to be seen! The play follows the guests as they attempt to make sense of what's happened and work out how to save their hosts (and themselves) from scandal.

Simon's script contains many twists and hidden links (which left the cast and crew still debating the finer points of the plot even after three months of rehearsals) as well as an abundance of witty one-liners. The first couple to arrive were Ken (Clive Renton) and Chris (Nicola Pearce-Smith). Audiences enjoyed Ken's strained attempts to keep everything under control and Chris' handling of every bizarre situation that was thrown at her.



Meanwhile, Graeme Strachan played Leonard, a sarcastic and irritable accountant who had just had his BMW t-boned. The play came to a climax with Len's monologue near the end of the second half – a comic masterpiece that somehow simultaneously made no sense at all but also explained everything. Leonard's wife, Claire was played by Joanna Maddams, who delivered her lines with dry wit, providing a refreshing contrast to the hysteria found elsewhere.



Clive Whitehouse perfectly portrayed Glenn, a politician preoccupied with his own image and coping with his jealous wife, Cassie (played by Sheelagh Hudleston who relished acting out crystal loving Cassie's eccentric tendencies). Another big character, Cookie, was played by Andrea Porter with great timing and physical comedy. Meanwhile Caroline (Sue Ormiston) tried to use her professional skills as a therapist to remedy the situation but may have needed therapy herself by the end. Rounding up the cast, Richard Skeffington played Sergeant Cusack with verbose authority.





The set-build was an enjoyable challenge, and the result captured a sophisticated London home in the 1980s, with plenty of doors for comic purposes and even an upstairs landing. The cast had fun sourcing costumes which fitted the era, and special mention to Sheelagh Hudleston who sewed two of the dresses herself. More special mentions should also go to Paul Ormiston who operated the lights and sound effects, backstage manager Debbie Luter, lighting designer Colin Wootton, Helen Fisk for running the box office, Vee Skeffington and Minnie Hulme who organised Front of House and Richard Warren as prompt. Also a massive thanks to Tea Smart Photography for the amazing photos you see here!



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We had so much fun with this production and enjoyed watching the audience leave with smiles on their faces. We're always looking for new members, both onstage and off, so don't hesitate to get in touch if you'd be interested in joining our friendly group! contact Katie Skeffington (Chairperson) via katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk.

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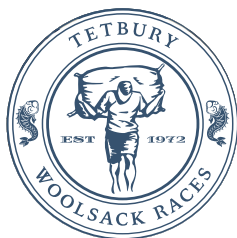


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Malmesbury Concert Band plays the Market Cross: Saturday 17 May



The Malmesbury Concert Band will be entertaining passers-by and shoppers in Malmesbury's Market Cross/ Birdcage Walk on Saturday 17 May from 10.30am to 12.00 noon, with a selection from its new summer programme. The band will be playing from a varied repertoire, which includes popular numbers from artists such as Abba, Lady Gaga and Amy Winehouse.

Director of Music Art Robb said: 'We always look forward to playing in the Market Cross/Birdcage Walk, a regular engagement for us, and we know how much the public enjoy our music. We will be delighted to see local residents and visitors alike.'

As well as playing at the VE Day 80th anniversary event at Cuckingstool Mead on Thursday 8 May, this will mark the start of a busy summer schedule for the band, with local fêtes and bandstand performances in Keynsham, Stroud, Swindon, Cirencester and Chippenham.

The Malmesbury Concert Band is a concert wind band with around 25 playing members. The band is currently seeking brass players, including trumpet, bass, trombone and euphonium.

Sherston 300 Club: April winners



The second 2025 draw of the 300 Club has taken place and the winners are:

- 1st prize (£50): June Jupp
- 2nd prize (£20): Dave Shephard
- 3rd prize (£10): Sue Pike

The draws will continue every month until the end of the year, plus there will be a special draw for

a generous Christmas bonus too. There's still time to enter, simply complete the form and return to the Co-op and pay £10 per person by cash, cheque or bank transfer.

Half of all money raised is distributed in prizes, the rest goes to the Village Hall to help pay the running costs and fund major upgrades like the new heating system we're planning this year.

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: _____

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

Local recycling and zero waste outlet information



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's Dairy, Quarry Farm, Purton (Jon Cook). Email: dairymaid@dorasdairy.co.uk Note: Any dairy farmers able to supply milk for possible dispensing in Sherston, please contact Eleanor Lines on 07949 292741.

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

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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

Weekly farmers' market at Sherston Village Hall

Thurs 10.30am-1pm. Stalls include meats, fish, cheese, sourdough and bakes, chutneys, dog treats etc.

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Sherston Village Hall

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Village Hall 300+ Club

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Link - (Malmesbury and District)

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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 Room with toys, craft activities, music. Contact sherstonbabytoddler@gmail.com or regular updates on www.facebook.com/sherston.toddler

1st Sherston Brownies

Meet Weds 5.30-7pm in term time in the North Building. 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, 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 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

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Holy Cross Church

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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): via email only: alicjaclark076@gmail.com

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Drawing Classes in Sherston

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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 Cutchner 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

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Sherston Theatre Club

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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

Women's Yoga Circle

A gentle and strengthening yoga class for women followed by tea and chocolate. Wednesdays 7.30pm-9pm at SHerston Village Hall. Book online: roseseedsalchemy.com £15 drop in/ £11 block booking.

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



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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 Antony Lodge antonylodge8@gmail.com

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

See website / facebook for fixtures. If you'd like to get involved with local cricket please email cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk or visit the website <https://sherstonmagnacc.co.uk>

Sherston Shooters Netball Club

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

Sherston Short Mat Bowls

Meet every Thurs evening 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Village Hall, September through to May. Bring flat shoes, we have the woods. Contact Tony Weedon 841377 or Anne Andrews 840941

Sherston Tennis Courts

The courts are available to the village at no charge, at own risk. The courts can be slippery when wet. Please look after the courts and nets, take away any rubbish.

Sherston Town FC

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

Sherston Velo Cycling Club

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

Pubs and cafés

The Angel Café with Rooms, Sherston

Hot and cold drinks, breakfast, brunch, lunch and freshly made cakes daily 8am–5pm summer (8am–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.

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

WHAT'S ON

Sherston

Thursday 1 May, 6.15pm registration, 7pm first rider, Sherston Village Hall car park. **Sherston Velo Time Trial Series 2025**. Distance: 10miles. Entry: non-members £5 per event, members £3. Open to riders aged 16+. (Note: Under-18s parental/guardian consent required – email us for details: info@sherstonvelo.cc) Visit www.sherstonvelo.cc/timetrial to find out more.

Thursday 2-Sunday 5 May Holy Cross Church porch. **Plant sale**. Bring and buy good-value plants with all proceeds to Sherston Living Churchyard funds.

Saturday 3 May 1.00pm, Sherston Magna Cricket Club. **Cricket: Senior side v Swindon Super Strikers**. Come on down and enjoy the cricket, the bar will be open!

Saturday 3 May 10.00am-12noon, Holy Cross Churchyard. **Sherston Living Churchyard working party**. Come prepared for the weather and bring tools, especially grass rakes and wheelbarrows if you can. Refreshments will be available.

Monday 5 May 10.00am, Sherston Magna Cricket Club. **Cricket: U11s v Cricklade**. Come on down and enjoy the cricket, the bar will be open!

Monday 5 May 12noon-2pm, British School Room. **Sherston Churches Together Soup Lunch**. All welcome. Free but donations encouraged!

Tuesday 6 May 7.00pm for 7.30pm start, British School Room. **Sherston Gardening Club meeting. Speaker: Val Bourne**, award-winning gardening writer, on 'A Year at Spring Cottage'. New members are always welcome. Cost is £20 single, £35 joint, U18s free. Contact our secretary for more info: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Tuesday 6 May 7.30pm, The North Building. **Parish Council Meeting**. All welcome. If you're unable to attend but have something to raise, please email clerk@sherston.org.uk.

Tuesday 6 May 6.15pm, Sherston Magna Cricket Club. **Cricket: U13s T20 v RWB**.

Thursday 8 May 10.00am-12.00noon, Holy Cross Church. **VE-themed coffee morning** in the Holy Cross Café, with special VE day orange and ginger cake.

Thursday 8 May **VE Day Anniversary** 6.30pm, village hall field (or inside the hall if wet). 'Bring your own' picnic. 9.15pm, Church bells sound. 9.30pm, Beacon lit on church tower. 9.30pm, Residents to light a lantern/candle and place in their windows.

Friday 9 May 6.15pm, Sherston Magna Cricket Club. **Cricket: U15s v Cricklade**. Come on down and enjoy the cricket, the bar will be open!

Saturday 10 May From 9.00am, Holy Cross Churchyard. **BioBlitz**. What wildlife grows and lives in the Holy Cross churchyard? Would you like to find out? Join us surveying the grounds for anything and everything we can find. No expertise is needed, just a willingness to have a go. Both adults and children welcome. Malmesbury and District Natural History Society will bring all manner of equipment l- all you need to do is make notes and take photos of everything you see. Please register in advance at <https://malmesburynaturalhistory.co.uk/event/bioblitz-2/>. Any questions, please contact: malmesburynaturalhistory@gmail.com

Sunday 11- Saturday 17 May. Door-to-door envelope

collection for **Christian Aid Week**. Please look out for the red envelope coming through your door. If you prefer, you can give via the website: christianaid.org.uk.

Sunday 11 May 1.00pm, Sherston Magna Cricket Club. **Cricket: U13s v Swindon**. Come on down and enjoy the cricket, the bar will be open!

Tuesday 13 May 10.00am-3.00pm. **Sherston Senior Club mystery tour**. For more info, contact Helen Quirk on 840516.

Saturday 17 May 1.00pm, Sherston Magna Cricket Club. **Cricket: Senior side v Coastal Cobras**. Come on down and enjoy the cricket, the bar will be open!

Sunday 18 May 10.00am, Sherston Magna Cricket Club. **Cricket: U11s v Poulton**. 1.00pm, Sherston Magna Cricket Club. **Cricket: U15s v Purton**. Come on down and enjoy the cricket, the bar will be open!

Tuesday 20 May 6.15pm, Sherston Magna Cricket Club. **Cricket: U13s T20 v Malmesbury**.

Thursday 22 May 7.30pm, Sherston Village Hall. **Sherston Parish Council Annual Meeting**. A get-together for Sherston Parish Council and all Sherston community groups to meet up and discuss how things are going, our needs and our future. The evening will be informal, we can chat about anything that favours our community growing and working together. Do come along.

Sunday 25 May 10.00am, Sherston Magna Cricket Club. **Cricket: U11s v Chippenham**. 1.00pm, Sherston Magna Cricket Club. **Cricket: U13s v South Wilts**. Come on down and enjoy the cricket, the bar will be open!

Saturday 31 May 1.00pm, Sherston Magna Cricket Club. **Cricket: Senior side v Marlborough**. Come on down and enjoy the cricket, the bar will be open!

Badminton

Saturday 17 May 9.30am: gates open, 9.45am race registration starts, 11.00am race starts. **The Bolt at Badminton Estate 2025**. 5K and 10K race. Children under 5 are free and children under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult. BBQ and refreshments available. For more info or to buy tickets, visit: <https://race-nation.co.uk/register/the-bolt/the-bolt-at-badminton-estate>

Malmesbury

Saturday 3- Thursday 22 May The John Bowen Gallery, Malmesbury Town Hall. **'Creative Horizons' Art Exhibition**. Pauline Rance and Liz Bradley.

Saturday 3 May 7.30pm, Malmesbury Abbey. **Lucis Choir - Haydyn**. Tickets: £20 (under-16s free) from www.bathboxoffice.org.uk. Further info: www.lucischoir.com

Sunday 4- Monday 5 May 11.00am-4.00pm, Charlton Park SN16 9LL. The Sealed Knot presents **'Wiltshire at War'** - an English Civil War conflict to secure

Malmesbury. £20 per family (2 adults and 3 children), £10 per adult, £5 concessions. More info: thesealedknot.org.uk

Thursday 8 May From 8.30pm, Cuckingstool Mead **VE Day 80th Anniversary**. Please join Malmesbury Town Council from 8.30pm as we prepare to light the Beacon of Peace at 9.30pm. (Note: The Proclamation will be read by the Mayor at 8.00am outside Malmesbury Town Hall. All welcome to attend.)

Tuesday 13 May 4.00pm-5.00pm, Malmesbury Abbey. **Contemplative Gathering**: Flourishing. In a time of quiet stillness, using scripture to guide our prayer, we will enjoy drawing closer to God with a variety of reflective practices and gentle music. All are welcome.

Wednesday 14 May 7.30pm-9.00pm, The Assembly Room, Malmesbury Town Hall. Malmesbury **WI: A visit by Fruitful Malmesbury**. Come and find out more about work that Fruitful Malmesbury do within the town. All women 18+ welcome. Visitors: £5. For more info, email: malmesburywi@gmail.com.

Friday 16 May 7.00pm start, Malmesbury Town Hall. **Quiz Night**. In support of Medical Aid for Palestinians. £6 per person, teams of six. Prizes and raffle. Tickets available from Caerbladon (24 High Street) or online.

Saturday 17 May 10.30am-12.00 noon, Malmesbury's Market Cross/ Birdcage Walk. **Malmesbury Concert Band** playing a selection from their new summer programme. Free.

Saturday 17 May 8.00pm-10.30pm, The Three Cups. Malmesbury Live Arts. **The Blue Tone Sessions** presents Whiskey Moon Face. Tickets from: malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk.

Thursday 22 May 10.00am-12.00noon, Malmesbury Town Hall. Malmesbury & District u3a monthly meeting. **Ian Pickering's Weather Roadshow**. Ian has had an avid interest in the weather since 1976 with a passion for how the weather 'machine' works. He has been on two storm chasing holidays to 'Tornado Alley' in the USA. Ian also has an interest in historic weather, so if you want to find out how our weather happens, this is the talk for you! Non-members are welcome. 50p donation. Check our website for an up-to-date list of groups and other information: www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk. or e-mail membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Thursday 22- Sunday 25 May 9.00am-11.00pm, Charlton Park. **Shindig Festival 2025**: Back2Love. Full line-up and tickets: www.shindigfestival.co.uk

Saturday 24 May 7.30pm (licensed bar from 7.00pm), Malmesbury Abbey. **'Aldhelm and his Legacy 675 to 2025'**. An important talk by Tony McAleavy. FREE but ticketed. Tickets from: tonymcaleavy.eventbrite.co.uk

Thursday 29 May 7.00pm for 7.30pm start, The Whole Hog. **Wine company: Oxford Wine**. Royal Wootton Bassett & District Rotary. Wine-tasting dinner. Three courses. South African theme. In aid of rotary charities, both local and international. Tickets: £45 from Ray Sanderson: malmesbury@tiscali.co.uk or 07710 082085.

Tetbury

Friday 2 May 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Deeper Purple**. The band deliver the most authentic tribute to the giants of classic rock. Tickets £22 in advance: www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Saturday 10 May 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Red Priest**. Following their last, sold-out, appearance at the Goods Shed, be prepared for another stunning programme of classics arranged in their own unique way. Tickets £24 in advance. 7.30pm. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Tuesday 13 May 7.00pm-9.00pm, Red Pepper Project, nr Tetbury (GL8 8PH). **Gather - Blossom**. We'll Gather either outside or in the cosy polytunnel for tea, sweet treats, meditation and sharing before we create our own flower moons from willow wreaths and stunning locally sourced dried flowers. We will then sit around the fire to close our circle. More info and to book: www.roseseedsalchemy.com/gather

Saturday 17 May 10.00am, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Drawing Class with Claire Sandars**. Whether you are looking to hone your skills, reignite old enthusiasms, or have a go at something new, you will come away feeling refreshed and inspired. Tickets £20. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Saturday 17 May 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **The Haar**. This folk band of high-level improvisers produce ever-changing musical soundscapes, while Molly Donnery lets her sublime vocals flow to stunning effect. Tickets £16 in advance. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Saturday 18 May From 10.00am. **Charity walk - or run - in aid of Tetbury Hospital**. Starting and finishing in Shipton Moyne. Starting 10.00am-11.00am. Two routes: five and seven miles. Hog roast 12.00noon-2.30pm, and bar open from 12.00noon. Tickets: £20 per adult and £15 per child include hog roast. Children under five are free. Dogs on leads welcome. Tickets are available from friendsoftetburyhospital.co.uk/event/tetbury-hospital-hike-18-may-2025/

Saturday 24 May 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Julie July Band Acoustic**. With over a decade of gigging and recording experience, Julie July Band make their debut performance at Tetbury Goods Shed. Tickets £14.50 in advance. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Monday 26 May 10.00am-5.00pm, Tetbury Town Centre. **Tetbury Woolsack Races 2025**. A unique day out that combines sporting challenge, traditional heritage and family entertainment. And it's not too late to enter! For full event details, race registration, and more information: tetburywoolsack.co.uk

Wednesday 28 May 10.00am, Tetbury Goods Shed. Playtime Theatre. A play-along theatre adventure for 2-6-year-olds and their grown-ups. This month: **'A Woodland Wonder'**. Tickets: £5 (under-1s free). www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Music, Cinema and Theatre

Theatre Royal Bath

Tel 01225 448844 www.theatreroyal.org.uk

The Barn Theatre, Cirencester

Until Saturday 10 May. In the Mouth of the Wolf. Based on a true story about Sir Michael Morpurgo's uncles during World War II, Francis is a fierce pacifist, and Pieter is a man who believes that peace can only be achieved by action. Age Guidance 8+. **From Friday 16 May: Educating Rita**. Willy Russell's timeless British classic brings together Rita, a working-class hairdresser who dreams of breaking free from her mundane life together with Frank, a middle aged disillusioned academic. A life-affirming hugely funny play. Age guidance: 12+. Box office: 01285 648255 or boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk or visit <https://barntheatre.org.uk> for full cast details and tickets.

Didmarton Film Club

Thursday 15 May 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, or to let us know you're coming beforehand (this helps with chairs), email jenny.body1@gmail.com.

Movies@Malmesbury

Run entirely by volunteers, for schedules, synopses, trailers etc, visit the MoviesatMalmesbury Facebook page or go to www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html

Malmesbury Live Arts

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

The Three Cups, Malmesbury

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

Tetbury Goods Shed

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

The Electric Picture House, Wotton-Under-Edge

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

Covent Garden Royal Opera House & Ballet

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

National Theatre Live

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

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

If you are in immediate danger call 999

The public version of Sherston's Emergency Response Plan can be found on the Sherston website: www.sherston.org.uk/application/files/9216/2394/2215/Sherston_Emergency_Plan_March_2024.pdf

Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

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

Wiltshire Council

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

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

Useful Information

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

Utilities

ELECTRICITY – SSEPD Power track

To report a problem or for information call 105 www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack for a map of faults

0800 072 7282 or 0345 072 1905 from a mobile phone @SSEPD for updates on twitter

WATER – Bristol Water

www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

WATER – Wessex water

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

Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

BBC Wiltshire can be heard via:

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Cllr Martin Fausing Smith	01666 840865
Malmesbury Activity Zone	01666 822533
Malmesbury Library	01666 823611
Malmesbury Police 101	(emergency 999)
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP Roz Savage	07808 719881
Sherston Parish Council	01666 800242
Sherston School	01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings)	07857 657 454
Sherston Co-op PO Stores	01666 840190
Tolsey Surgery	01666 840270
Wiltshire Council	0300 4560100



Summer events

Summer Floristry Workshop

Saturday 24th May, 2pm start
Enjoy a relaxing workshop with master florist Emily Hepworth of Persephone Violet. Creating a stunning floral arrangement of summer flowers to take home and enjoy a delicious Afternoon Tea with a glass of fizz.



One Day Wellness Retreats

Luxury Wellness Retreats with Fleur Bailey – Nutritional Therapist, Pilates Teacher and Breathwork Coach.

This exclusive series of wellness retreats, led by nutritional therapist and movement coach Fleur Bailey, offers a chance to pause, reset, and reconnect with your body and your mind.

2025 Retreat Themes:

- Gut Health Reset - Saturday 8 June
- Sleep & Restore - Saturday 5 July
- Pilates & Breathwork Escape - Saturday 2 August



Book online, call events on 01666 834 026 or [email events@whatleymanor.com](mailto:events@whatleymanor.com)



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