



# THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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## Campaign for new surgery: We need your support again!



### Background

As residents and patients will know, there has been a plan for a new GP surgery in Sherston for many years. We have been involved over the last four years working with the GPs, MPs (both previous and current) and the Integrated Care Board (ICB), which is the part of the NHS that covers GPs and primary care.

You may remember, we led a campaign 18 months ago - strongly backed by Sherston Parish Council and the community - to oppose a proposal to merge the Tolsey with Malmesbury Primary Care Centre. After the community pulled together and showed their concern at these proposals, the ICB withdrew its plan. Since then, we have had numerous meetings with the ICB, GPs and Roz Savage MP.

Despite warm words from the ICB directors, we are no closer to a decision on a new building for the Sherston surgery. The last update recognised again that Sherston cannot just be shoehorned into Malmesbury, but there were still no timescales for any decision! We're acutely aware that there is not much time left on the lease on the Tolsey building; we need new surgery space in Sherston very soon!

With continuing housing development in Malmesbury, the demand on the Primary Care Centre will become intense; the thought of Sherston patients having to go there as well is a completely mad idea, with the prolonged journey times, increased traffic

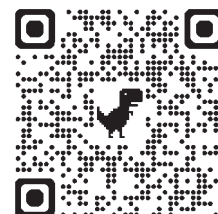
congestion through Malmesbury's narrow streets and the likelihood of not finding a parking space.

### How can you help?

To enable Roz Savage MP to raise this matter in Parliament and voice the huge concern of the community with ministers, it's very important that we all sign her online petition. We know we've done petitions before, but sorry we need to do it again. The link is here: [www.rozsavage.uk/campaigns/sherston-surgery](http://www.rozsavage.uk/campaigns/sherston-surgery) or use the QR code below.

There is also the opportunity to fill in the petition on hardcopy forms at the Co-op and the Tolsey Surgery. If you have campaigning experience and can help in any way, please contact Jayne, our clerk, via [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk)

Many thanks for your help on this important matter.  
*Cllr Martin Smith - Wiltshire Councillor for Sherston*  
*Cllr Tanya Burgess - Chair of Sherston Parish Council*



## Open Gardens Weekend: 7 & 8 June



We have another selection of lovely gardens to visit for this year's Open Gardens Weekend - some small, some large, some neat, some wild - all loved and cared for by their owners. If you are new to the village, it's a great way to discover areas you didn't know about, look behind gates or walls or even through a house. We are delighted to include two new gardens this year.

Tickets (which are also your trail map) will be on sale outside the post office from 10.00am to 12.00noon on

Saturday 7 June, then after that from the church. They cost £6 per person and can be used both days, children are free. Gardens are open from 1.00pm on both days, and until 6.00pm on Saturday and 5.00pm on Sunday.

Finish your trail with a cup of tea and delicious home-made cake (£4) in church, or climb the tower (see pg 7). On Sunday, we will also be serving a simple ploughman's lunch (£5) in church at 12.00noon - buy a ticket in advance if you can, after Music Sunday service at 11.00am.

All proceeds go towards the upkeep of our beautiful Church of the Holy Cross. We still have scaffolding inside to repair the plaster ceiling, which fell down last autumn. We always need your help!



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## Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12 June in The North Building at 7.30pm. 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](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk).

## Sherston Village Hall AGM



Sherston Village Hall AGM will be held in the small hall at the village hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday 4 June.

Everyone living in Sherston is entitled to come and very welcome to attend. Find out about our plans for the coming year, share your thoughts on the management of the hall, vote for the committee and officers, and maybe even volunteer to join the committee.

*Nic Riley, Chair Sherston Village Hall*

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## Dog poo... yes, I'm afraid it's that subject again!

Attention ALL dog owners: Despite numerous polite attempts recently to highlight the reasons why you should pick up your dog's poo, there seem to be some owners who think this does not apply to them.

Not only has the situation on the public right of way behind The Tarters worsened (with upwards of 20 poo bags being dumped on the side of the path), certain owners also seem to think that the public area outside The Rattlebone is a 'dog toilet' - yes, you have been spotted on CCTV!

The parish council maintenance man is not employed to clear up your dog poo bags; he has many other (more pleasant) jobs to be getting on with. There are plenty of bins around the village to dispose of your dog poo bags or, failing that, take them home to dispose of.

We would like to remind dog owners that it is the law for dog owners to clean up after their dog in public places. A few points to bear in mind:

- Anyone who fails to clear up after their dog can be issued with a fixed penalty notice of up to £100. If taken to court, this could result in a fine of up to £1,000 and a criminal record.
- Not having any bags is not an acceptable excuse, so make sure you have some with you when you leave your home.
- You must not leave bags of dog waste on the ground or in a hedge.
- It is not enough to bury or cover up dog waste; it must be removed.

We hope that 'offenders' will take heed of these notifications. However, rest assured, if you do not, we will seek to name and shame (where we have evidence) and to issue fines/prosecute identified repeat offenders.

*Sherston Parish Council*

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• Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 June: Sherston Open Gardens - around the village with teas and plant stall at Holy Cross Church.

• Monday 9 June: Greenfingers Gardening Club - come and see what the children have learnt about gardening and nature at Sherston Primary School. All welcome. 4.00pm-6.00pm.

• Saturday 14 June: Great Big Green Garage Sale - with stalls around the village and in Sherston Village Hall (along with refreshments). Bargains galore! 10.00am-3.00pm. See opposite for more details.

[www.greatbiggreenweek.com](http://www.greatbiggreenweek.com)



# Come along to Sherston Olympic Day!



The Friends of Sherston School (FSS) warmly invite you to join us for our annual Olympic Day on Saturday 28 June, 11.00am-3.00pm, at Sherston Rec. This event will be open to all local children from preschool age up to Year 6, with gold, silver and bronze medals for the top children in each year group (medal ceremony will be held after 3.00pm).

There will be 10 events, including long jump, netball, boules, archery and shooting. To take part, children will need a 'passport' (a special ticket for recording their scores on the day) which costs £6 per child.

Passports are available here:

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or via the QR code.



A BBQ, bar, refreshments and tombola will also be running during the day and there will be a pizza van after 4.00pm. We hope to see as many of you there as possible for this fun-filled family day and important FSS fundraiser.

*Friends of Sherston School*

## X marks the spot: buy and sell treasures at the Great Big Green Garage Sale!



Bag a bargain as you walk around the village on Saturday 14 June, 10.00am to 3.00pm. See page 13 for the latest map at the time of going to print. Pick up a copy of the final map from the village hall or online at [sustainablersherston.org.uk](http://sustainablersherston.org.uk). Who knows what treasures you might find! If you would like to be a seller, it's £5 to put your garage sale location on the Great Big Green Garage Sale Map, or to take a table at the village hall. Just email [sustainablersherston@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablersherston@gmail.com) with your name, address and a short description of what you will be selling. Alternatively, there is a form on [www.sustainablersherston.org.uk](http://www.sustainablersherston.org.uk). Absolutely the last date to get on the final printed map is Wednesday 11 June, but please get in touch as soon as possible!

# Tolsey News



## New Practice Manager

We are delighted to announce Catherine Taylor has joined as our new Practice Manager. Catherine is a very experienced Practice Manager who has been running Cricklade surgery for the last 10 years. She is, therefore, very aware of the challenges that rural dispensing practices currently face.

We feel that she will be a great addition to the team and hope that everyone in the local area will make her feel very welcome as she settles into her new role.

## Prescription charges will not increase

There will be no increase in NHS prescription charges in England this year. The decision means the basic cost of a prescription will remain at £9.90. The Government claims the 'freeze' will save patients £18 million this year.

## Election thanks



Thank you so very much to the 954 residents who voted for me as your Wiltshire Councillor for the Sherston Division covering the areas of Alderton, Backbridge, Brokenborough, Burton Hill, Corston, Easton Grey, Foxley, Knockdown, Luckington, Milbourne, Norton, Pinkney, Rodbourne, Sherston, Sopworth, Twatley and Willesley.

It is an honour to be re-elected to continue to serve our special communities. I will do my utmost to support all residents and improve things in our beautiful part of the world.

Full results:

Martin Smith Lib Dem 954 (51.2%)

Sue Godwin Conservative 562 (30.1%)

Rosie Clark Reform 310 (16.6%)

Jackie Muggleton Labour 37 (1.9%)

The Liberal Democrats are now the largest party with the largest share of the vote, but we do not have a majority on Wiltshire Council; therefore, following the first full council meeting on 20 May, we have formed a new administration with the support of independent councillors. I have the honour and challenge of being the Cabinet Member for Highways, Streetscene and Flooding. This is a big role which, amongst other things, will involve looking after 2,800 miles of Wiltshire roads. As we all know, most of these have seen better days; given budget and government constraints, it will be a real challenge to get them improved, but that is my mission.

*Cllr Martin Smith, Wiltshire Councillor for the Sherston Division, Cabinet Member for Highways, Streetscene and Flooding*



# Sherston School News

## Reception numbers on the rise



We are thrilled to announce that in September, we will be welcoming over 20 children into our Reception Class! This marks the second consecutive year that our Reception numbers have doubled compared to 2023 and are significantly higher than the local authority's projections. Such growth is testament to the school being 'on the up' and reflects the strong connection we have with our community. Reception is a foundational year, and we are immensely proud of our current Reception children who recently held their first-ever class assembly. Focusing on their topic of minibeasts, each child took on the role of a minibeast, presenting life cycles with enthusiasm and creativity. Their retelling of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* was nothing short of spectacular, showcasing their learning and confidence to an audience of delighted family members. As part of their learning, the children also cared for their own class caterpillars, which they recently released as butterflies - a magical moment that perfectly captured the wonder of nature and growth. These moments truly highlight the joy of early learning at Sherston Primary.

## Celebrating through fun and creativity



Fun is at the heart of everything we do at Sherston Primary, and our recent VE Day celebrations were no exception. The day was a wonderful blend of history, creativity and community spirit. The children were captivated by the stories shared by local veterans, gaining a personal insight into the past. Alongside



these moving tales, the children made vibrant bunting,

enjoyed various themed activities, and joined together for the evening picnic. This event not only brought learning to life, but also strengthened bonds both within our school and with the wider Sherston community. It's days like these that remind us of the joy that comes with shared experiences, and the value of connecting generations.

## An exceptional learning environment

Our learning environment is truly something to celebrate - from bright classrooms to versatile spaces, we provide a setting that inspires and supports every child. Recently, Sustainable Sherston has done incredible work revamping our garden area outside the school, transforming it into a beautiful and functional space. Two of our children even designed a new logo for our after-school gardening club, aptly named 'Greenfingers'. As part of Sherston's Great Big Green Week events, Greenfingers will be opening its gates to parents and supporters to see what the children have learnt, built, sown and planted over the last six months. Do come and visit us on Monday 9 June (between 4.00pm and 6pm) - enter through the playing field gate. This initiative not only showcases the creativity and commitment of our children but again strengthens our connection with the community.

We are proud that our school is a thriving hub where learning, community, and fun come together seamlessly. Whether it's celebrating milestones in the classroom, embracing local history or cultivating green spaces, our children are at the centre of it all. Here's to another fantastic term filled with growth, joy and shared successes!





## Pantomime 2025 - auditions!

It's panto audition time! Oh, yes it is! And we're on the lookout for people to join the cast. The famous Sherston panto will again be performed in Sherston Village Hall during October half-term. As usual we're looking to create a cast of adults and children (aged 9+) who will work together in a friendly and supportive group to produce a great show!

To be in the cast, you need to be available every evening between Sunday 26 October and Saturday 1 November, as well as the afternoon of 1 November for the matinee performance. You must also be free for the rehearsals which will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in September and October in Sherston. Children must be aged at least nine as of 1 September 2025 to take part.

An audition is being held for juniors on Thursday 19 June, 7.00pm-9.00pm, at the British School Room. This is for anyone who will be in school years 5-9

from September and will involve acting, singing and dancing in groups. It's open to all abilities – if you're not sure if you can do any of these things, this is your chance to come and give it a try!

Adults and teenagers in school years 10 and up from September should come to a script-reading evening, which will take place on Thursday 26 June, 7.30pm, at the British School Room - again, no experience necessary, everyone is welcome to just come along and give it a try!

If you and/or your child are planning to audition, it would be great if you could let me know by email ([katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk)) so we have an idea of numbers and because it will help with script selection. Also feel free to contact me if you have any questions, would like any more information or if you would like to be considered for a part but cannot come to the audition/reading.



## Sherston Senior Club

Our outing to Highfield Garden Centre was well attended, and members were delighted to see the bluebells in Dursley woods on the return journey.

On 29 April, we held our AGM, with the committee being re-elected en bloc. It was unanimously agreed that our meetings should start at 2.00pm all year round, as from the clocks changing in October. It was also agreed that, as from August, outings will cost £15 per head (including visitors). We agreed to have a Christmas party in December, with a New Year's lunch in January. Our financial situation was much improved, as we were allocated £600 from Sherston Parish Council which was much appreciated. The Chair/Secretary thanked everyone for their contribution to the smooth running of the club.

In May, we had a mystery tour and a musical afternoon with Ruth Sandiford and her harp. More on these next month.

Looking forward, on Tuesday 10 June we will have our Garden Party (a members-only event).

For further information, please contact Helen Quirk on 840516.

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## Stop Lime Down events

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Join us on Saturday 8 June for a walk up the Fosseway and through our beautiful countryside which is now at risk of development for Lime Down Solar Park. Bring family, friends and dogs! Meet at 10.00am. Maps and parking details on website: [www.stoplimedown.com](http://www.stoplimedown.com) There will be collections and refreshments to raise funds for Stop Lime Down. We will be walking in solidarity with other communities across the country fighting similar threats to their countryside. They will be walking their own affected footpaths.

**BBQ & Music Evening: Friday 6 June**

Come along for an Argentinian BBQ and music by Jigsaw Band at Sherston Village Hall, fundraising for Stop Lime Down.

Tickets: £10 entrance (or £20 with the BBQ) - children under 12 go free. Pay-as-you-go bar.

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## SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB



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**Next Meeting: Tuesday 3 June, with speaker John Biddulph of Rodmarton Manor.**

### Cuttings

After some 'technical' difficulties (resolved just in time!), our May speaker proved as entertaining as she was knowledgeable. Val Bourne is an award-winning gardening journalist, author and lecturer who still finds time to maintain her own delightful garden in the upper Cotswolds. We heard about her early introduction to gardening with her grandmother and saw photos of her patch of ground where a garden didn't exist when Spring Cottage was purchased about 20 years ago and how it looks now: a riot of colourful, fabulous plants which she maintains without chemicals or any help.



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At our June meeting, we're delighted to welcome John Biddulph who will talk about Rodmarton Manor, near Tetbury. He and his family are the fourth and fifth generations of Biddulphs to live in the famous Arts and Crafts house with its eight-acre garden so the fitting title of his presentation is 'Looking after the Legacy'.

### Clippings

Club meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month at the British School Room, Cliff Road, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Plant ID, plant sales, raffle, gardeners' question time, jobs in the garden for the month and friendly chat over homemade refreshments.

New members are always welcome. There was a small increase in fees from 1 April so the new rates are £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](mailto:sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com)

### Coming up

Tickets are still available for our Summer Social Party at the home of Lisa and Chris White of Hookhouse Pottery. This is the last year that they intend to open their garden under the National Garden Scheme so it's definitely worth visiting on **Thursday 5 June**, from 6.30pm-8.30pm. Guests welcome, £10 per ticket to include drinks and canapes.

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

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



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# Sherston clangers: the bells, the bells ...

You hear us every Wednesday evening, and most Sunday mornings, and probably have a vague idea of what we do, but would you like to know more?

We have six church bells in Sherston (Holy Cross Church) and they have been rung regularly since first hung several centuries ago. Church bell-ringing started as a method to summon the community to services and weddings, whilst also marking important occasions – you might have heard us ringing for the VE Day celebrations last month.

Bell-ringing in Britain is different to anywhere else as the bells are hung beneath a large wheel which enable the bells to move in an arc over 360 degrees, importantly this enables the bell's movement to be halted at the top of that arc which then enables the sequence of the bells to be changed – change ringing. Bell-ringers are not campanologists (they study bell-ringing, whilst ringers ring the bells) but bell-ringing does involve some homework and it takes some time to master how to 'handle' the bell well enough to become confident in the more complicated sequences (changes) of the bells in what is known as 'method ringing'. It is good exercise, the heaviest bell weighing just over eight hundred weight (425kg), but also tests your mental and listening skills whilst working in a team. And it's also very social – most evening rings are followed by a visit to the 'bone'.

If you would like to know more, why not come and have a look at the bells, give them a 'ding' and have a visit to the top of the tower - it will be open on the Saturday of Open Gardens Weekend for ticketed timed visits (see below).

## Climb Sherston's church tower!

Have you ever wondered what it feels like to chime a church bell? Or, have you ever wondered what the view is like from the church tower in Sherston? Well, now is your chance to do both!

For one day only - Saturday 7 June - we are offering an insight into the wonders of church bell-ringing and a view from the top in a single ticket! Each entry will be timed. First entry 1.00pm, last entry 4.00pm, £10 per adult, £5 per accompanied child. (No unaccompanied children under 16.) Booking essential - tickets will be on sale outside the post office, 10.00am-12.00noon. All monies raised will go towards new ropes for the bells.

## Very well done to the Grove Wood working group!

I invited Ann Skinner to cast her expert eye over Grove Wood late in April. She spent many years with the Environment Agency as a Senior Naturalist and now looks after the Corston Quarry and Pond Local Nature Reserve. As you may know, Grove Wood is a relatively small, isolated fragment of ancient woodland, which means the land has been continuously wooded since at least 1600 AD. Such woodlands are considered irreplaceable habitats because of their high biodiversity and the unique ecosystems they support.

Ann was very complimentary about the health and biodiversity on display in Grove Wood. She praised the working group of volunteers (ably led by Cllr Nigel Freeth) for their 'excellent hazel coppicing in rotation', which has encouraged the growth of 29 species of plant and 20 types of tree. Five species of bird were also heard during the one-hour visit.

Ann picked up on a couple of things to work on in the future but, overall, she commended how it was being looked after. If you are interested in joining this working group, we will be improving the top path on Saturday 26 July. Please email the Parish Council clerk to get involved: [clerk@sherston.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk).

In the meantime, when you visit the wood, please stick to the paths, pick-up after your dogs and help us to help the wildlife in the wood to continue for the next 400 years! *Cllr Martin Smith*

### SHERSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

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# VE Day: News headlines



The VE Day newspaper above was purchased by my father Harold F. Turner on 8 May 1945. He was born in 1903 and raised in Chipping Sodbury. Being too old for the armed services in 1938, he joined the ARP (Air Raid Precautions). He served as full-time Rescue Deputy Superintendent and Chief Training Officer. His war was not without trauma as part of his role was finding and reporting UXBs (unexploded bombs) after German bombing raids, meaning he was also one of the first to deal with casualties.

The VE newspaper is one of many documents in a tin trunk that I inherited from him which have given me a fascinating insight into what was happening nationally and especially his part in it.

*Robin Turner*

# VE Day celebrated at Northend Gardens



To mark VE Day, Howard Harding of Northend Gardens set up a marquee in his garden full of English, French, German, American and Japanese military memorabilia.

The main display told the epic story of World War II heroine Violette Szabo, the Anglo-French spy. She was recruited after her husband, Étienne, a French Foreign Legion (FFL) officer, was killed at El Alamein. Violette accomplished two missions behind enemy lines but was captured, tortured and taken to Ravensbrück concentration camp, where she was executed three days before the war ended. She was posthumously awarded the George Cross for bravery.

Ex Royal Observer Corps and a well-known re-enactor, Howard wore a genuine World War II FFL uniform for the event, and showed not only his vast range of artefacts but also his extensive knowledge of military history. The marquee was open all day and was well attended. Howard is available for talks and shows, and can be contacted at garthharding91024@yahoo.com



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## Services in the Gauzebrook Group of Churches June 2025



### Sherston

Sunday 1 June 9.30am Worship Together  
6.00pm Holy Communion \*

Sunday 8 June 11.00am Music Sunday  
Celebration,  
(Pentecost) followed by Ploughman's Lunches  
and Open Gardens

Sunday 15 June 9.30am Holy Communion  
(Trinity Sunday)

Sunday 22 June 9.30 am Holy Communion  
6.00pm Evening Prayer \*

Sunday 29 June No morning service  
6.00pm Holy Communion

### Alderton

Sunday 1 June 9.30am Holy Communion

### Easton Grey

Sunday 8 June 6.00pm Evening Prayer  
(Pentecost)

### Foxley

Sunday 15 June 11.00am Holy Communion \*  
(Trinity Sunday)

### Hullavington

Sunday 1 June 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 15 June 11.00am Holy Communion  
(Trinity Sunday)

Sunday 22 June 11.00am Worship Together

### Luckington

Sunday 1 June 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 15 June 11.00am Worship Together  
(Trinity Sunday)

Sunday 29 June 10.00am Pet Service

### Norton

Sunday 22 June 11.00am Holy Communion

### Stanton St Quintin

Sunday 1 June 9.30am Morning Praise

Sunday 15 June 9.30am Family Service  
(Trinity Sunday)

Sunday 22 June 9.30am Celtic Holy Communion

Details of services in our churches are also published  
on [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) and [www.gauzebrook.org](http://www.gauzebrook.org)  
Services with \* use the Book of Common Prayer

## Sherston Living Churchyard : Creating a haven for wildlife



Saturday 3 May was yet another beautiful, sunny day for the volunteers who gathered to work in the churchyard. The area continues to look particularly attractive this year, with the meadow wildflowers starting to appear. Dry weather and a good turnout from the Community Payback team mean that the grass has been mowed and strimmed regularly, and we have been able to maintain the grass areas following our Management Plan.

Following the visit by Mary Hinton of Hogwards in Tetbury, part of the local Help a Hedgehog Hospital group, to assess the suitability of the churchyard as a place to release rescued hedgehogs, our churchyard was judged to be an ideal place for them to live. Two were indeed introduced to their new home one evening last month. On 10 May – today as I write this – Malmesbury and District Natural History Society are carrying out a Bioblitz in the churchyard. This will attempt to record as much of the wildlife there as possible. Hedgehog tunnels with cameras were put in place last weekend in preparation for this event so we may be able to see how the hedgehogs are faring. Generally, they are secretive and not always easy to see - except, sadly, when flattened on our roads.

Slow worms have also been seen in the churchyard over the last month. Commonly mistaken for snakes, they are actually a species of legless lizard. They are a beautiful golden-bronze colour, females with a dark stripe down their backs and males sometimes with blue spots. If you are lucky, you may see one basking in your garden, especially if you have a traditional open compost heap. The move to plastic bins for compost has reduced one of their favourite places to live. They are also preyed on by cats so, if you have one, you're unlikely to see a slow worm around your garden. Like so much wildlife, slow worms need our help to survive in a world we are making difficult for them to live in.

On 7 and 8 June, the Living Churchyard group will be supporting Sherston Open Gardens so there will be no working party in June. However, there will be the usual plant stall by the church porch on Thursday 5 to Sunday 8 June, with all proceeds going to Holy Cross Church.

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# Victory in Sherston for Group Camp



1st Sherston Scout Group enjoyed a fantastic weekend camp last month. With a VE Day theme, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were split into different 'regiments' (green berets, purple berets, black berets and red berets) to take part in various wartime games and challenges (from making their own pick-up sticks to tracking down boxes of army supplies on the riverbanks). They tucked into hearty 1940s food (corned beef hash and baked apples), followed by a celebratory VE Day tea party! Thanks to Sean Richards for lending us his field again.



## Improved acoustics at the Scout Hut



After many years of talking about it, we're pleased to share that a new acoustic ceiling has recently been installed in Sherston Scout Hut!

The new ceiling significantly reduces echo and improves sound quality, making it easier to hear (and be heard!) during meetings, events and activities. This upgrade is part of ongoing efforts to improve the comfort and usability of the Scout Hut and we hope that users will notice the difference and enjoy the improved environment.

A big thank you to Ian Bennett who organised this project!

Don't forget that the Scout Hut is available for hire and, with easy access to the park, is the perfect venue for children's parties! If you are interested, please email [join@sherstonscouts.org.uk](mailto:join@sherstonscouts.org.uk).

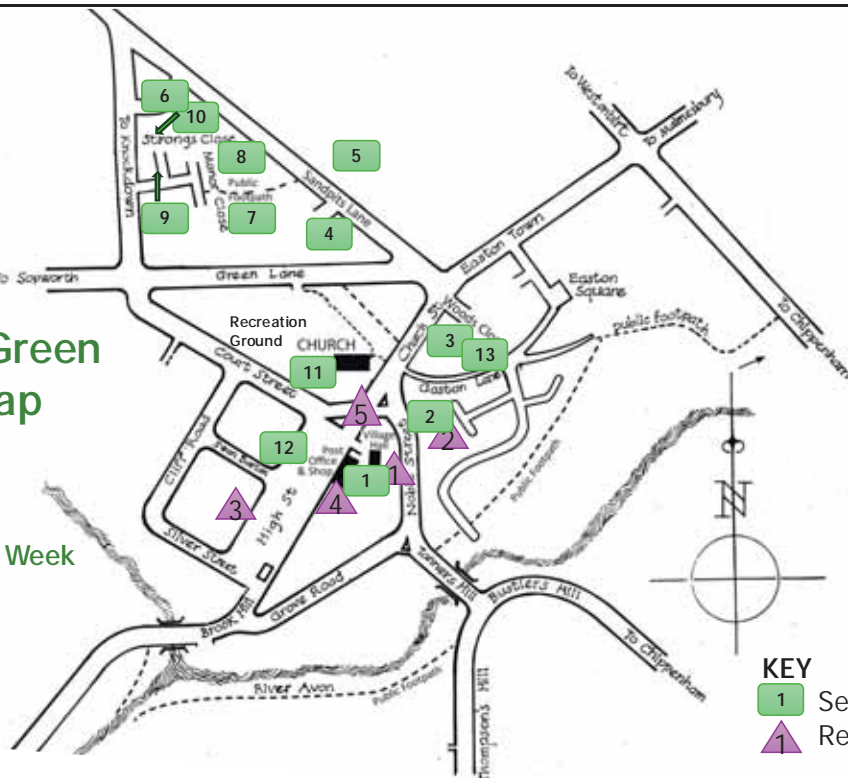




## The Great Big Green Garage Sale Map

Saturday June 14th  
10am to 3pm

Part of Great Big Green Week



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### KEY

- 1 Seller's location number  
1 Refreshments

## Find your treasures!



### 1 Refreshments

- 1 Village Hall, tea, coffee and light refreshments
- 2 The Courtyard Café, café and food
- 3 The Angel, café and food
- 4 Co-Op, sandwiches and cold drinks
- 5 The Rattlebone, Public House

### 1 What's at each location?

Number	Address	Description
1	Village Hall	Shoes and bags
1	Village Hall	Whatley Manor stall, various items
1	Village Hall	Toys, books, household and office items
2	Courtyard Cafe	Lucy Tom Interiors stall, various items
3	12 Woods Close	Kid's toys and books, household items
4	6 Sandpits Lane	Books, homewares and crafts (garage at back of house, LHS of Carriers Close)
5	4 Holmfield, Sandpits Lane	Garden gates, household items and linen
6	23 North End Gardens	Camping and caravanning items, jigsaws
7	13 Manor Close	Children's, garage and loft
8	27 Manor Close	Bric a brac, clothes rail, various sizes
9	4 Strongs Close	Children's toys, books, clothes and more
10	18 Strongs Close	Jigsaws, books, bric-a-brac, mostly £1 or less
11	1 Court Street	"Mary's Market", books and bric-a-brac for animal charity
12	15 High Street	Baby and kids clothes, bric a brac
13	10 Woods Close	Kid's stuff, cakes, cookies; for St David's Hospice

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# Sherston Boules Festival 2025! The countdown is on ....!



Sherston Boules Festival is a huge highlight in the community calendar and, as you'd expect, lots of energy and planning goes into setting everything up and making it all work. We can't wait for this year's Boules Day on Saturday 12 July!

A few reminders of what's on in the run up to the big day - we've got a fantastic week of events lined up in partnership with Matt and Charlie from our beloved Rattlebone. First off, do you know your Kir Royale from your Boulevardier?! No? Then get down to the pub to try out some French-themed cocktails which will be available all week!

## Monday 7 July

To kick off the fun, Matt and Charlie will be hosting Sherston's first-ever French-themed quiz and burger night! Maximum team size of six.

## Tuesday 8 July

Sherston Senior Club Afternoon Tea at 2.30pm in The British School Room.

Moules frites and delicious charcuterie boards available at the 'Bone.

## Wednesday 9 July

Authentic three-course French menu served at the 'Bone.

## Thursday 10 July

An evening cricket match at Sherston Magna Cricket Club – everybody welcome, with a post-match buffet put on at the 'Bone.

A full timetable will be published in the July issue of the Cliffhanger. Until then, keep an eye out for any updates on Sherston Boules social media.

Now for a few practical reminders before the big day:

## Parking

As in previous years, the High Street will be closed to all traffic from 6.00am on Saturday 12 July. We kindly ask that residents move their cars from the centre of the village the night before. This enables the pitches to be set up - obstruction free - first thing Saturday morning.

Sherston Rec will be available for parking for residents (with permits) who have been asked to move their cars from the High Street and the diversionary roads.

Stallholders with permits and disabled visitors may also park on the Rec. Permits will be issued to residents nearer the time. Additional parking will be made available at the sports field.

The High Street will officially be closed until 9.00pm on Saturday 12 July, and the Boules Festival Team will be arranging for the area to be swept at the end of the day (around 7.00pm).

As always, thank you to everybody who moves their cars to accommodate Boules Day. We do appreciate your help and cooperation.

## Sustainability

Working with Sustainable Sherston, we will be offering reusable cups to use on Boules Day. These will

be available to purchase from various stalls and at The Rattlebone. Please do support this eco-friendly initiative to help reduce waste - and do keep them for next year!

## Calling all traders!

We still have space for more trade stands. If you're interested in running one, please contact the Boules Festival Team at [sherstonboules@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonboules@gmail.com).

## Calling all volunteers!

Last but not least, every year it takes lots of hands on deck to make Boules Day the success we know and love - from setting up marquees, to putting up bunting, raking the pitches and setting up the French Café - if you are able to lend a hand either in the build-up or on the day, we'd love to hear from you: please contact the Boules Festival Team at [sherstonboules@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonboules@gmail.com)



In the run-up to Boules Day, scoring has been made easier on the boules pistes at the rec with a new scoreboard in place. Thanks to Nick Holland of N3 Design for the fantastic scoreboard and Nigel Freeth of Sherston Parish Council for installing it.

## Judith Parkyn

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# Celebrating 150 Years of Luckington Community School

This year marks a truly special milestone for Luckington village: Luckington Community School is celebrating its 150th anniversary! For a century and a half, our little school has been at the heart of the community, educating generations of local children and creating memories that have lasted a lifetime.

To mark the occasion, we're holding a celebratory Open Day on Friday 4 July at the school and, on Saturday 5 July, Luckington Village Fête has the theme of '150'. Everyone is warmly invited to join us; whether you're a former pupil, a former teacher, a parent, or simply someone with a fondness for the school, we'd love to see you at the events.

The school will be open throughout the day on the Friday and, in the afternoon, we'll be hosting a special assembly especially for past pupils - a chance to reconnect, reminisce and celebrate everything that makes Luckington Community School so unique.

We're lucky to have a treasure trove of photographs from years gone by, as well as some of the original school log books, which offer a fascinating glimpse into the school's history. These will be on display during the open day - you might even spot a familiar face or two!

In the lead-up to the event, we're also on the lookout for more school photographs and memories, especially from the years 1993, 1994, 1995, 2001, 2002, 2008 and 2010. If you have any tucked away in albums or drawers, we'd be so grateful if you could share them with us.

Please do get in touch on [admin@luckington.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@luckington.wilts.sch.uk) if you can help, or if you'd just like to know more about the day. We'd love to hear from you - and

we hope to see you at the events for a truly memorable celebration!

*Julie Gingell – Head teacher*

## 150th anniversary photo competition

To mark the 150th anniversary of Luckington Community School, the Friends of Luckington School have organised a photo competition. The theme is 'My local community' and we're looking for photos that show what it's like to live, work and play in Luckington and surrounding villages. Your photos could be of local wildlife, buildings, the environment or people. They can be recent photos or old ones, but must be landscape in orientation. There are two categories: adults and under 18s. It's really easy to enter and you can enter as many photos as you like, just visit [bit.ly/FOLS\\_photo](http://bit.ly/FOLS_photo) (you will need to create a free Google account to enter if you don't already have one). The deadline for entries is Friday 12 September.

The 12 winning photos will be chosen by the children of Luckington School and will appear in a limited-edition calendar celebrating the 150-year anniversary, which will go on sale just before Christmas. The cover picture for the calendar will be chosen by public vote. The terms and conditions are on the entry form, but please get in touch with [friendsofluckingtonschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofluckingtonschool@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



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# Sherston Arts Festival 2025

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Now is the time to dust off those paints and brushes and exercise your creativity ready for the this year's Art Exhibition in Holy Cross Church, taking place from Friday 7 November to Sunday 16 November. All details and entry forms are available on the Arts Festival website: [sherstonartsfestival.com](http://sherstonartsfestival.com)

This is always a successful event for showcasing local artists and their art, and for selling and buying new affordable art for your home. There will be a preview evening on Friday 7 November for a sneak peak with a glass of wine.

## Come and help at Sherston Baby and Toddlers Group

We're looking for friendly faces and some extra hands at Sherston Baby and Toddlers Group on Monday mornings (not bank holidays ) from 9.30am until 11.30am - but you don't have to commit every week. Whether it's setting up, helping with teas and coffees, or joining in the fun with little ones, every bit of help makes a difference. No experience needed, just a smile and a bit of enthusiasm! If you'd like to get involved, please send an email to [sherstontoddlers@hotmail.com](mailto:sherstontoddlers@hotmail.com) or give Clare Truscott-Jones a call on 07969 343059 - we'd love to hear from you!

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For full information and to obtain your online ticket, please follow the QR code or go to our events page at [www.friendsoftetburyhospital.co.uk](http://www.friendsoftetburyhospital.co.uk).

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## Sherston 300 Club: May winners



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1st prize (£50): Eleanor Lines

2nd prize (£30): Paul Moody

3rd prize (£10): Barbara Wilden

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 below 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 Sherston Village Hall to help pay the running costs and to 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:

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# 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](http://www.coop.co.uk/environment/soft-plastics/packaging-list)

Please make sure all the plastics are clean.

### Batteries

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

### Low-energy light bulbs

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

### Medicine blister packs

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

### Clothes and Shoes Collection Point

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

**Ink Cartridges** Sherston High Street Telephone Box

## Zero-Waste/Eco Shops

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

## Weekly farmers' market at Sherston Village Hall

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

Organised by Holly from The Loaf Shack Bakery  
theloafshackbakery@gmail.com

## Sherston Village Hall

Available for hire by all. Ideal for meetings, events, weddings, parties etc. For full details and the booking calendar visit [sherstonvillagehall.org](http://sherstonvillagehall.org) or contact Jake Peplow 07857 657 454

## Village Hall 300+ Club

For an annual subscription of £10 support the Village Hall, enter to win one of the four £20 prizes awarded in 10 draws each year. Contact Nic Riley (07768 603160) or Jeanna Ind (07887 853476)

## Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

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

## Link - (Malmesbury and District)

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

## Sherston Living Churchyard

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

## Children's Groups

### Sherston Baby and Toddler Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. Meets every Mon 10-11.30am British School Room with toys, craft activities, music. Contact [sherstonbabytoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:sherstonbabytoddlers@gmail.com) or regular updates on [www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers](http://www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers)

### 1st Sherston Brownies

Meet Weds 5.30-7pm 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](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and follow the parents' link to register your interest, for all other queries contact [1stsherstonbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:1stsherstonbrownies@gmail.com)

### 1st Sherston Guides

Meet Wed 5.30-7pm in term time at the Village Hall. All girls are welcome to join after their 10th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and follow the parents' link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Fi Picton via [fi.picton@outlook.com](mailto:fi.picton@outlook.com)

### 1st Sherston Beaver Scout Colony

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

### 1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

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

### 1st Sherston Scout Troop

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

### Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

### Ballet with HD Dance Studios

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

## Church and Faith Groups

### Holy Cross Church

Sunday service 9.30am - 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays ; 2nd Sunday, service at 10.00am which moves around the eight churches of the Gauzebrook Group. Check [www.gauzebrook.org](http://www.gauzebrook.org) or [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11839/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11839/) or the noticeboard near the lychgate. Sunday evening services November-March at 4.30pm please check our website to confirm details. Church of the Holy Cross Coffee Shop Morning coffee every Thurs 10-12noon – small children's play area Book the Church for concerts, lectures, exhibitions, pop-up cafes. Book via [sherston@gauzebrook.org](mailto:sherston@gauzebrook.org)

### Sherston Congregational Church

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, services held at 4pm in the British School Room/SCC, Cliff Rd. All Welcome. On 2nd and 4th Sundays, we are 'simply singing praise choruses', 12.30pm-1pm. Do pop in.

For information regarding church events, contact Mary Clements at [clementsmary@btinternet.com](mailto:clementsmary@btinternet.com) or text on 07778 934742.

To book the British School Room for any event, please contact our administrator Alicja Clark via email only: [alicjaclark076@gmail.com](mailto:alicjaclark076@gmail.com)

## Music, Culture and Social

### Church Bell Ringing

Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 – 9 pm. Contact Pip Bartlett: 07967 007969

### Drawing Classes in Sherston

Classes Weds either 10am-12noon or 1.30-3.30pm British School Room during term time. Contact Heather Martin [heather@geoffmartin.plus.com](mailto:heather@geoffmartin.plus.com) or phone 840375

### Footpaths Group

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

### Sherston Senior Club

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

### Sherston Community Choir

Meets at 7.30pm each Wed in term time in the British School Room on Cliff Road. £3 per session. All welcome. No auditions and you don't have to be able to read music. Contact Sheila Cutcher [sheilacutcher28@gmail.com](mailto:sheilacutcher28@gmail.com) or 840067, or on Facebook.



## Sherston Drama Group

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

## Sherston Gardening Club

Meets 1st Tues each month apart from Jul & Aug, 7pm for 7.30pm start in the British School Room, bring and buy stall, quiz, refreshments, £15pa £25 joint, under 18s free. Contact [sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com) for more details.

## Sherston Probus Club

Meets first Mon each month at 11am at the Rattlebone for interesting talks followed by lunch with 30 retired business and professional men in Sherston and the surrounding villages. Contact Secretary Alan Pugh [pughaandg@brinternet.com](mailto:pughaandg@brinternet.com)

## Sherston Theatre Club

Excursions with a Sherston High Street-to-venue return coach service. Annual fee £20. [sherstontheatreclub.co.uk](http://sherstontheatreclub.co.uk) or contact Helen Quirk on 840516 or [helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com](mailto:helenandjim@thequirks.plus.com)

## Yak & Yarn

Every Friday morning 10am till 12 noon at the Rattlebone. 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](mailto:kate@abelpilates.co.uk) [www.abelpilates.co.uk](http://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!) Fri 10.15-11.30am Sherston Village Hall. For a free trial, contact Stuart 07986 003602 [stuart@pulse4life.co.uk](mailto:stuart@pulse4life.co.uk) [www.pulse4life.co.uk](http://www.pulse4life.co.uk)

### Exercise for over-60s with Synchronicity

Exercise and Movement for over-60s 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](mailto: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](mailto:stuart@pulse4life.co.uk) [www.pulse4life.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:sheila.chapman@urbankandy.com) [www.urbankandy.com](http://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](mailto:ljikob@gmail.com) / 07947792919 / [lawrencebarrow.com](http://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](mailto:Hercule.Laboule@outlook.com)



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## 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](http://sherstonvelo.cc) or email [secretary@sherstonvelo.cc](mailto: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](http://www.angel-sherston.co.uk/menu) and rooms [www.angel-sherston.co.uk/your-booking](http://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](http://lucytom.com)

### Holy Cross Café, Sherston

Thursdays 10am-12 noon. Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. There's a play area for small children. Eco café theme on the 1st Thurs of each month, with recycled cards & fairtrade items for sale.

### The Rattlebone Inn, Sherston

Indoor & outdoor dining with delicious country cuisine restaurant menu and pizzas from the wood-fired oven at weekends. Mondays 8pm - Quiz & burger night. Weekday evenings April – Aug Rattlebone Boules League matches. Check boards for more details, 840871, Twitter or visit [www.therattlebone.co.uk](http://www.therattlebone.co.uk)

### The Holford Arms, Knockdown

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

### The Old Royal Ship, Luckington

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

## The Whistle Stop café, Tetbury

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

## Alderton Village Hall

### Ballet with HD Dance Studios

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

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

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

## Hullavington

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

## Luckington

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

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

## Malmesbury

### Athelstan Museum

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

### Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

### The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

Last Sat every month 11am-3pm - meet unique creatives, creators, makers, designers, producers and bakers. The Hub [www.facebook.com/TheBigMalmesburyCraftFair/](http://www.facebook.com/TheBigMalmesburyCraftFair/)

### Malmesbury Library

Rhyme times for babies and toddlers every Tues and Fri Tuesday's Public Living Room 1.30-4pm an opportunity to share a cup of tea and a chat. Reading group meets 3rd Wed each month

Rethink Mental Wellness 2nd Fri each month. Repair Café Malmesbury are here to fix your household items on 3rd Sat each month. The Summer Reading Challenge 'Marvellous Makers' for 4-11 year-olds takes place in all libraries 13 July to 7 Sept.

The library offers free wifi, a warm space and free self-service hot drinks, computer and scanner access, daily newspapers to read in the library, plus printing for a small charge, as well as latest bestselling fiction and a wide range of books to borrow. [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries) or follow Malmesbury Library on Facebook, or call 823611.

### Carer Support Wiltshire with Dorothy House Hospice

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

### Malmesbury & District u3a

Wide and varied interest groups - for an up-to-date list and other information: [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk) or e-mail [membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk) Monthly meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of the month (10.00- 12.00) at Malmesbury Town Hall. Non-members are welcome. 50p donation.



## Malmesbury Riverside Community Centre

Alzheimer's Support - Music and Movement Sessions fortnightly music and movement group for people affected by dementia along with any carers/family and friends. £3.50 per person and includes tea and biscuits and the first session is free.  
Saturday Friends - refreshments, a variety of activities inc. talks and visitors – usually first Saturday of the month, except August  
Golden Zumba - seated exercise Thurs 2-2.45pm  
[www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk](http://www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk)

## Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

## Malmesbury Concert Band

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

## Malmesbury Community Choir

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

## Malmesbury Morris

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

## Malmesbury Singers

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

## Malmesbury Film Society

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

## Tetbury

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

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

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

# WHAT'S ON

## Sherston

**Tuesday 3 June** 7.00pm for 7.30pm start, British School Room. Sherston Gardening Club meeting. Speaker: **John Biddulph of Rodmarton Manor on 'Looking after the Legacy'**. New members are always welcome. Cost is £20 single, £35 joint, U18s free. Contact our secretary for more info: [sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com)

**Wednesday 4 June**, 7pm, Sherston Village Hall small hall. **Sherston Village Hall AGM**. Everyone living in Sherston is entitled to come and very welcome to attend. Come and learn our plans for the coming year, share your thoughts on the management of the hall, vote for the committee and officers, and maybe even volunteer to join the committee.

**Thursday 5 June**, 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](mailto:info@sherstonvelo.cc)) Visit [www.sherstonvelo.cc/timetrials](http://www.sherstonvelo.cc/timetrials) to find out more.

**Thursday 5-Sunday 8 June** Holy Cross Church porch. **Plant sale**. Bring and buy good-value plants with all proceeds to Sherston Living Churchyard funds. (Note: There is no working party this month as the Living Churchyard group will be supporting Sherston Open Gardens.)

**Friday 6 June** Pay as you go Bar from 6.30pm, music and food from 7.15pm, Sherston Village Hall. **Stop Lime Down BBQ & Music Evening**. Come along for an Argentinian BBQ and music by Jigsaw Band at Sherston Village Hall, fundraising for Stop Lime Down. Tickets: £10 entrance (or £20 with the BBQ); children under 12 free. Pay bar. Reserve via google form: <https://stophilmedown.com/calendar>

**Saturday 7 June** 1pm-4pm (last entry), Sherston church tower. **Climb Sherston's church tower**. For one day only, we are offering an insight into the wonders of church bell-ringing and a view from the top in a single ticket! Each entry will be timed. £5 per adult, £2.50 for accompanied children. (No unaccompanied children under 16.) All monies raised will go towards new ropes for the bells.

**Saturday 7 - Sunday 8 June** 1pm-6pm (Saturday) 1pm-5pm (Sunday), Sherston village. **Sherston Open Gardens Weekend**. Visit a selection of lovely gardens, all loved and cared for by their owners. Tickets (also your trail map) from outside the post office 10.00am to 12.00noon on Saturday 8 June, after that from the church. £6 per person, children are free. Tea and home-made cake (£4) available in church. On Sunday, simple ploughman's lunch (£5) also available at 12.00noon - buy a ticket in advance if you can, after Music Sunday service at 11.00am.

**Sunday 8 June** 10am. **National Community Walk supporting Stop Lime Down**. Join us for a walk up the Fosseyway and through countryside at risk of development for Lime Down Solar Park. Bring family, friends and dogs! Maps and parking details: [www.stophilmedown.com](http://www.stophilmedown.com)

**Monday 9 June** 4pm-6pm, Sherston Primary School. **Greenfingers Gardening Club open afternoon**. Do come and visit us - enter through the playing field gate. Come and see what the children have learnt about gardening and nature. All welcome.

**Thursday 12 June** 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](mailto:clerk@sherston.org.uk).

**Saturday 14 June** 10am-3pm, Sherston village. **Great Big Green Garage Sale**. Bag a bargain as you walk around the village! Pick up the latest map from the village hall or online at [www.sustainablersherston.org.uk](http://www.sustainablersherston.org.uk). Who knows what treasures you might find! It's £5 to put your garage sale location on the Great Big Green Garage Sale Map, or to take a table at the village hall; email [sustainablersherston@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablersherston@gmail.com) by Wednesday 11 June with your name, address and a short description of what you will be selling. Alternatively, there is a form at [www.sustainablersherston.org.uk](http://www.sustainablersherston.org.uk).

**Thursday 19 June** 7pm-9pm, British School Room. **Sherston Drama Club junior panto auditions**. This is for anyone who will be in school years 5-9 from September and will involve acting, singing and dancing in groups. It's open to all abilities – if you're not sure if you can do any of these things, this is your chance to come and give it a try. For more info or if your child would like to audition, email [katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk).

**Thursday 26 June 7.30pm**, British School Room. **Sherston Drama Club teenager and adult panto auditions.** Adults and teenagers in school years 10 and up from September are invited to a script-reading evening - no experience necessary, everyone is welcome to just come along and give it a try! For more info, if you/your child would like to audition or if you would like to be considered for a part but cannot come to the audition/reading, email [katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk).

**Saturday 28 June 11am-3pm**, Sherston rec. Friends of **Sherston School Olympic Day.** Open to all local children from preschool age up to Year 6, with gold, silver and bronze medals for each year group (medal ceremony after 3pm). To take part, children will need a 'passport' (a special ticket for recording their scores on the day) which costs £6 per child, available from: <https://friends-of-sherston-school.sumupstore.com/> BBQ, bar, refreshments and tombola too and pizza van after 4.00pm.

## Malmesbury

**Sunday 1 June 10am-4pm**, Malmesbury Town Centre. **Eat Malmesbury.** Come and buy local food and drink direct from the producers in a welcoming environment. Family-friendly. Dogs welcome. Free to attend. More info: [www.eatfestivals.org](http://www.eatfestivals.org).

**Sunday 1 June 3.30pm**, Malmesbury Abbey. **Choral Evensong** - prayers for the new Mayor.

**Thursday 5 June 2.30pm**, Malmesbury Town Hall. **Guided walk around Malmesbury.** Join a local expert and enjoy a guided walk around Malmesbury town centre. Duration: 90 minutes. Distance: 1 mile. £7.00 Adults, £3.50 children. Tickets and more info available from the Town and Tourist Information Centre at Malmesbury Town Hall (tel: 822143) or <https://www.malmesbury.gov.uk/m-m-ticket-check/june-walks-thursdays/individual-registration>.

**Friday 6 June 6.45pm** for 7pm start, Rose and Crown. **The Malmesbury Pub Crawl Part 1:** The Rose and Crown to the Whole Hog. £7.00 Adults, £3.50 children. Tickets and more info available from the Town and Tourist Information Centre at Malmesbury Town Hall (tel: 822143) or <https://www.malmesbury.gov.uk/m-m-ticket-check/malmesbury-pub-crawl-part-1/individual-registration>.

**Saturday 7 June 7pm**, Malmesbury Abbey. **Handel's Messiah.** With orchestra, choir and professional soloists. All profits to Cancer Research UK. Suggested donation £15 adults, £5 under 16s. Tickets from Malmesbury Abbey reception.

**Wednesday 11 June 7.30pm-9pm**, The Assembly Room, Malmesbury Town Hall. **Malmesbury WI: A craft evening.** The will be decorating tote bags to take home. All women 18+ welcome. Visitors: £5. More info: [malmesburywi@gmail.com](mailto:malmesburywi@gmail.com)

**Thursday 12 June 2.30pm**, Malmesbury Town Hall. **Guided walk around Malmesbury.** Join a local expert and enjoy a guided walk around Malmesbury town centre. Duration: 90 minutes. Distance: 1 mile. £7.00 Adults, £3.50 children. Tickets and more info available from the Town and Tourist Information Centre at Malmesbury Town Hall (tel: 822143) or <https://www.malmesbury.gov.uk/m-m-ticket-check/june-walks-thursdays/individual-registration>.

**Friday 13 June - Wednesday 2 July 10am-4pm**, John Bowen Gallery, Malmesbury Town Hall. **Summer Exhibition - Six.** Six artists present a diverse collection of new paintings, prints and cards. Free.

**Wednesday 18 June 10am-11am**, St Mary's Hall, Malmesbury. **Playtime - Play-Along Theatre Adventures with The Last Baguette.** There'll be silliness, play-acting, games and music. For ages 2-6 and their grown-ups (younger and older siblings welcome). For more info and tickets: [www.thelastbaguette.com](http://www.thelastbaguette.com)

**Thursday 19 June 2.30pm**, Malmesbury Town Hall. **Guided walk around Malmesbury.** Join a local expert and enjoy a guided walk around Malmesbury town centre. Duration: 90 minutes. Distance: 1 mile. £7.00 Adults, £3.50 children. Tickets and more info available from the Town and Tourist Information Centre at Malmesbury Town Hall (tel: 822143) or <https://www.malmesbury.gov.uk/m-m-ticket-check/june-walks-thursdays/individual-registration>.

**Saturday 21 June 7.30pm**, Malmesbury Abbey. **Malmesbury Singers Summer Concert 2025:** 'Feel The Spirit'. Be transported to a world of shimmering harmonies and joyful melodies. Tickets: £20 adults £5 student/child from [www.malmesburysingers.co.uk](http://www.malmesburysingers.co.uk), Malmesbury Abbey or choir members.

**Thursday 26 June 10am-12noon**, Malmesbury Town Hall. u3a meeting: **Gardening and climate change - Claire Mitchell.** Claire is a horticulturalist with a professional background in climate change and renewable energy. She will be discussing how climate change is affecting our gardens, the hidden impacts of horticulture, and how we can adapt and mitigate in response. Non-members welcome (50p donation). Check our website for an up-to-date list of groups and other information [www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk](http://www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk) or email [membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk](mailto:membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk)

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## Tetbury

**Saturday 7 June 6pm**, Tetbury Goods Shed. **William Howard and the Dentons.** Three great friends of the Goods Shed are back for a programme of Beethoven, Shostakovich and Dvorak. Tickets in advance £24. [www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk)

**Thursday 12 June 7pm**, Tetbury Goods Shed. **National Theatre Live: A Streetcar Named Desire** stars Gillian Anderson. Tickets in advance £15. [www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk)

**Saturday 14 June 10.30am**, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Music for Miniatures.** A baby-friendly concert for children 0-4 and their grown-ups. No need to sit still and dancing is encouraged! Tickets £5 child, £7 adults, family £17. Under 1s free. [www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk)

**Sunday 15 June 3pm**, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Sunday Folk. The Picture Framers Duo** and Geoff Lakeman bring you an affordable and family-friendly way to spend Sunday afternoon enjoying excellent folk music. Tickets in advance £10 (under 16 £2). [www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk)

**Saturday 21 June 1.30pm-5.30pm**, Hookshouse Pottery, Hookshouse Lane, Tetbury, GL8 8TZ. **National Garden Scheme Open Garden.** Wheelchair access, dogs welcome, plants for sale, teas, picnics welcome, cards accepted. Adults £6, children free. More info: [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

**Sunday 22 June 2pm-6pm**, Tetbury. **Tetbury's Secret Gardens.** Join us for a walk around some of Tetbury's private gardens using the map on the reverse of your ticket. Also plants for sale and refreshments available at three gardens. Advance tickets can be purchased from Tetbury Hardware Store, 30A London Road, Tetbury, GL8 8JL. For full info or to buy your ticket online: [www.friendsoftetburyhospital.co.uk](http://www.friendsoftetburyhospital.co.uk)



**Sunday 22 June 3pm**, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Gloucestershire Youth String Orchestra**. Conducted by Nick Steel GYSO is made up of talented pupils from across the county. Today, among other things, they will premier works by local young composers. Adults £6/U18 free. [www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk)

**Saturday 28 June 7.30pm**, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Seriously Collins**. Relive the legendary hits of Phil Collins and Genesis. No gimmicks – just a genuine tribute to one of the greatest artists of our time. Tickets £22 in advance. [www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk)

## Music, Cinema and Theatre

### Theatre Royal Bath

Tel 01225 448844 [www.theatreroyal.org.uk](http://www.theatreroyal.org.uk)

### The Barn Theatre, Cirencester

**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](mailto:boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk) or visit <https://barntheatre.org.uk> for full cast details and tickets.

### Didmarton Film Club

**Friday 13 June** 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](mailto:jenny.body1@gmail.com).

## Movies@Malmesbury

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## Malmesbury Live Arts

Comedy and music each month:  
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## 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](http://shed-arts.co.uk)

## Covent Garden Royal Opera House & Ballet

Live and encore screenings at local cinemas  
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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](http://www.sherston.org.uk/application/files/9216/2394/2215/Sherston_Emergency_Plan_March_2024.pdf)

### Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

[emergency@sherston.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk) (only during an incident)

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Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm)

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Following the success of our development evenings we are excited to announce our new Green Room Summer Series available from July – September. **Volume 1 – Sushi and Sashimi** happens on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** where Japanese cuisine and the freshest ingredients are celebrated.

On **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August** fire and flavour come together for **Volume 2 – Cooked on the Coals**. Savour the rich, smoky essence of premium ingredients, including prawns, sea bass, and tomahawk steaks, expertly cooked over a wood fire.

**Sushi and Sashimi Evening** - £90 per person  
**Cooked on the Coals** - £75 per person  
Evening begins at 6pm with dinner at 6.30pm

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

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