



# THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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## Sherston Boules Festival 2025 is almost here!



Events will start on Monday 7 July leading up to the big day on Saturday 12 July, with the fun continuing until Sunday 13 July.

Entries for the Boules competition are now closed but, even if you're not playing, there's lots happening on the day: the High Street will be buzzing with food tents, live music and a host of stalls, and there will be children's activities at the village hall and field.

If you have spare time early on the Saturday or at the end of the day, we'd really appreciate some help setting up the High Street, as well as with the clean-up once the matches wind down - even if you're stuffed full of crêpes and Pimm's!

### Raffle and ducks

Raffle board squares will be available to buy from The Rattlebone and will also be for sale outside Sherston Co-op on Saturday 5 July and Saturday 12 July. Ducks for the duck race (to be held on Sunday 13 July - see below) will be on sale outside the Co-op from 9.00am-12noon on Sunday 29 June, Saturday 5 July and Sunday 6 July, and all day on the High Street on Boules Day.

### The Big Day: Saturday 12 July

The 2025 Boules Tournament starts at 8.30am, with all matches being played on the High Street. The Plate competition will be open to all first-round losers and will have its own Plate Control to supervise games.

Located at the village hall and field, this year's Family Zone is set to be bigger and brighter than ever. New for 2025, the Friends of Sherston School will be hosting a professional children's entertainer and a programme of magic shows and fun science sessions. If you're after something a bit different, there will also be a mix of giant garden games to choose from. See centre-spread programme for full details.

Sherston Guides will be running a clay modelling table until mid-afternoon.

In addition, Sherston's very own hair and beauty



salon, Shear Class, will be adding a touch of glamour and sparkle to the day, offering hair braiding, face painting and nail art.

For another fabulous new addition this year, head over to The Rattlebone to the Flash Fox Photo Booth. This charming, vintage-style booth offers a fun way to capture the day's memories - whether posing with boules-themed props or simply enjoying a spontaneous snap, it's a great opportunity to take home a personal memento of the festivities!

Back by popular demand, there will be live music in the afternoon on the High Street from singer-songwriter O'rael, with classic soul and Motown tunes.

### Boules Day for the foodies

What would Boules Day be without great food and drink? Set yourself up with breakfast baps and wraps at the pub before filling up on further delicious offerings: head to the French café for bacon sandwiches, filled baguettes, tea, coffee and pastries, grab a wood-fired pizza at The Rattlebone, or hit the High Street BBQ for good old burgers and sausages, not forgetting the crêperie with a range of sweet and savoury crêpes.

We can't wait to see you there - and let's hope for sunshine!

### Sunday 13 July: Duck Race and cream teas

The legendary duck race will start at 2.30pm on Sunday 13 July in the Stretchline field. Make sure you have already picked your duck and then cheer it on to victory whilst walking the course along the river to the finish line in the garden at Mill Cottage.

A big thank you to Mill Cottage for hosting once again. Fill yourself up with delicious homemade cakes and cream teas - and fingers crossed for a win in the raffle draw! Dogs and children are welcome. Please note that there are no toilet facilities available.

Save Tolsey Surgery P3 | Pull-out Boules Week timetable on centre spread



## Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10 July 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).



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## Sherston Footpath Group needs volunteers: can you help?



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As many of you will be aware, we restarted a coppicing plan in Grove Wood in 2022 to pick up where the previous group of volunteers left off some 14 years ago.

With the help of a number of volunteers, we have completed three rounds and are now planning our fourth round for Saturday 26 July starting at 9.00am. The planned works are to restore the top footpath and the steps, and hopefully to remove the fallen tree from the river.

- Are you a rambler, dog walker or runner?
- Do you enjoy walking or running through Grove Wood?
- Do you have two/three hours to spare?

We really could do with some help to continue to maintain and develop this wonderful village asset; it's a great way of meeting new people, as well as getting some exercise and vitamin D exposure (hopefully!).

What do you need to bring along?

- A wheelbarrow, if you have one
- Gloves, if you have them
- A smile and willingness to 'get stuck in'

If you are able to spare a few hours, please do contact [nigel.freeth@sherston.org.uk](mailto:nigel.freeth@sherston.org.uk)

Many thanks

*Tanya Burgess*

*Chair, Sherston Parish Council*



# Calling all patients of the Tolsey Surgery - we need your support!



## Sherston Parish Council

Following on from last month's front-page article and campaigning by myself and Cllr Martin Smith, the petition to 'save our surgery' now has 500 signatures. But we need more - a lot more.

There are over 3,000 patients registered at the surgery. If you are one of the 2,500+ who haven't yet signed the petition, now is the time to act! The petition is available online at [www.rozsavage.uk/campaigns/sherston-surgery](http://www.rozsavage.uk/campaigns/sherston-surgery), with hard copies in the Co-op and in The Tolsey Surgery itself.



If you have already signed the petition, please encourage everyone you know in the area to do so too.

Without significant pressure from patients and residents, both in Sherston and in the surrounding area, there is now a very real possibility that Sherston (and its patients) will be left without a surgery within the next two years.

We all need to take ownership of this. It's far too risky to sit back and just assume everyone else will sign - all it takes is two minutes of your time. We need our voices to be heard.

Our local MP, Roz Savage, will be leading the drive on Boules Day (Saturday 12 July) to increase the number of signatures on the petition.

Come on ... if we all pull together, we can do this and make a lasting difference to our local community.

*Tanya Burgess*

*Chair, Sherston Parish Council*

# Don't miss the deadline! Lime Down Solar Park targeted consultation ends soon



Friday 11 July is the deadline for the targeted consultation by Island Green Green Power, the company behind the proposed Lime Down Solar Park development, which started on Tuesday 3 June.

It specifically focuses on amendments to the development boundary outlined during the previous consultation (Jan-March 2025), and on a preferred cable route search corridor.

Further information and how to respond is on the project website: [www.limedownsolar.co.uk](http://www.limedownsolar.co.uk)

The company expects to submit its application to the Planning Inspectorate later this year. A decision as to whether it goes ahead will subsequently be made by the secretary of state.

Members of the public can also contact the Community Relations Team by emailing [info@limedownsolar.co.uk](mailto:info@limedownsolar.co.uk), writing to FREEPOST Lime Down Solar, or calling 0808 175 6656.



## Sherston Senior Club

In May, we had a short tour of the Cotswolds ending up at Cotswold Airport, where we had lunch at the AV8 Restaurant. It was a beautiful hot day to watch the aircraft. At our next meeting, we had a return visit from Ruth Sandiford with her harp. Ruth played songs and hymns relating to the British Isles and explained the history and origins of the music. Hearing Greensleeves played on the harp was magical. Members were encouraged to have a try at making musical chords on the harp. It wasn't easy!

In June, Philip Horgan joined us to speak about his career change from flowers to funerals, and we had our members' garden party - more on these events next month.

Looking forward, on Tuesday 8 July we have our boules tea afternoon - all welcome, £5 entry with entertainment by Eric Gough. This will be held in the British School Room, Cliff Road, at 2.30pm.

For further information, please contact Helen Quirk on 840516.



# Sherston School News

## Celebrating community connections



At Sherston C of E Primary School, we take great pride in being at the heart of our local community. In the final week of Term 5, every class in the school had the opportunity to visit the boules pistes on the Rec for a taster session hosted by members of Sherston Boules Committee. With Sherston Boules Festival being a highlight of the village calendar, we aim to raise the profile of boules within our school by encouraging the children to engage with this unique and exciting tradition. The sessions at the pistes provided an excellent chance for the children to refresh their skills and understanding. It was a day filled with laughter, learning, and a strengthened sense of community spirit. This is the second year Gary Muchmore and his team have lent their time and expertise and we are incredibly grateful. Long may this partnership continue!

## Fun and learning go hand in hand

Learning at Sherston School is always a joyful and enriching experience, and this was beautifully demonstrated during our recent World Religion Week. In the final week of Term 5, the children enjoyed a journey of discovery that celebrated the diversity of world religions. Highlights included trips to a Hindu temple, treasure hunts at the local church, and interactive workshops run by a member of the Sikh community. The children also had the chance to taste items from a traditional Jewish seder plate, sparking curiosity and conversations about different cultures and traditions. In addition, the children were able to express their creativity by crafting Rangoli patterns and other art pieces inspired by world religions. Thank you to Miss Corrick for organising such a vibrant, engaging and educational week. It was a wonderful reminder of how much fun learning can be.





## Learning beyond the classroom



Our school environment is the cornerstone of the exceptional learning opportunities we provide. We are incredibly fortunate to have extensive outdoor learning spaces, including a nature trail, an outdoor classroom and a pond area. These areas allow children to immerse themselves in nature as they explore the world around them. All our classrooms, as well as the school hall, have direct access to the outdoors, ensuring that learning is not confined to four walls. Whether it's a science lesson by the pond, storytelling on the nature trail, or art inspired by the natural beauty of our surroundings, we encourage the children to embrace the outdoors at every opportunity. This approach not only enriches their educational experience but also fosters a deep appreciation for the environment.



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*Some of the books written by Sally Morgan, our topical July speaker*

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 1 July with speaker Sally Morgan on 'Gardening with Climate Change'**

### Cuttings

John Biddulph was our June speaker and he provided a fascinating insight into the beautiful property that has been in his family for five generations. Rodmarton Manor sits in eight acres of gardens just outside Tetbury, so qualifies as 'local'! We were treated to a presentation that spanned over a century in the life of this Arts and Crafts house and grounds, developed and improved over the years. Today, the family welcomes hundreds of visitors to their open days, events and gardening courses.

Sally Morgan will be the speaker at our meeting on Tuesday 1 July. She is a successful published author who has created a garden that's resilient to the climate. She is passionate about teaching people how to adapt their gardens to cope with volatile weather extremes and other effects of a rapidly changing climate. It's no longer gardening as usual.

### Clippings

Club meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month (apart from August) 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. The annual fee 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](mailto:sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com)

### Community

It may have been on the cool side for our Summer Social at the home of Lise and Chris White last month but it didn't matter; the gardens at Hookhouse Pottery are glorious, and members were happy to put on an extra layer to stroll round and admire the colourful borders. As the garden had been open for the National Gardens Scheme that week, we were able to enjoy wine and canapés under cover in the marquee. Many thanks to our hosts for their hospitality.

### Coming up

**August:** No meeting

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

In addition, we are planning a trip to the American Museum gardens in Bath in mid-September - more details nearer the time.



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# Author and campaigner, Jonathan Bryan, dies aged 19

As many of you may have heard, Jonathan Bryan died last month on 5 June. Jonathan lived in Stanton St Quintin, and was the son of Sherston's previous vicar, Christopher Bryan. He regularly attended the parish church in the village.

Jonathan was born following a road traffic accident and lived with significant disabilities throughout his life. Unable to speak, he learnt to communicate by looking at letters on a spelling board and at the age of 12 published his memoir, *Eye Can Write*. His royalties went towards the charity he founded, Teach Us Too.

Jonathan campaigned throughout his life for all children to be taught to read and write regardless of their educational label or disability. He was a member of the Department for Education's youth SEND advisory board and spoke at a number of ministerial roundtables. Teach Us Too provides training to equip teachers to teach literacy to students with complex needs. It's Jonathan's legacy.

During his lifetime, Jonathan received various awards including a Diana Legacy Award, a Prime Minister's Point of Light, and the Archbishop of Canterbury's Alphege Award for Evangelism and Witness. A committed Christian, Jonathan often

shared about his faith, and had featured with his friend on a recent BBC Songs of Praise.

Jonathan was a keen poet, he enjoyed playing pool with friends, and on his 18th birthday a photo of him with his first pint went viral on Twitter.

After a short illness, Jonathan died aged 19. When Jonathan first started to communicate aged 9, he told people about a time he had spent in 'Jesus' Garden', which he subsequently wrote about in his book. He longed to go back, to have a body which worked and to see Jesus. He leaves a chasm in the lives of his family.

We are inviting Jonathan's friends and supporters to come to his funeral. Jonathan has written and prepared the whole service, which will also be live-streamed for people who can't make it.

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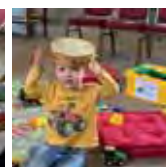


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## Summer adventures for Brownies and Guides

Sherston Brownies and Guides have been off adventuring this term at Westonbirt Arboretum where they put their den-building skills into practice using different knots. They used their imaginations to create shelters using various materials, and the Brownies even made pet areas!

Brownies have been exploring how to keep healthy for their 'Be Well' badge, making fruit smoothies and learning about the importance of staying hydrated. They celebrated VE day, finding out about the role that the Girl Guides played during the war, making cakes using a wartime recipe, dressing up in 'really old' uniforms and playing games.

Guides cooked ratatouille and kebabs on firepits, and practised putting up tents, just some of the activities required for their Camp badge. We took 13 girls away camping for two nights at Deer Park Girlguiding Centre in Cowley, Gloucestershire, with another eight girls from Great Somerford Guides. The site has fabulous adventurous activities including a giant zip wire, grass sledging and tunnels (very dark inside!).

Brownies ran their annual café on the Rec, which was a smashing success, raising over £200 for charity (to be chosen by the girls). Thank you to everyone who came along.

It's been a packed term, and we still have lots of exciting activities coming up, including a paddleboarding session for Brownies and Guides at the Cotswold Lakes.

We are currently looking for regular helpers for Brownies, all you need is enthusiasm, and to be free on Wednesdays 5.30-7.00pm. Please email [1stsherstonbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:1stsherstonbrownies@gmail.com) for more information, we'd love to hear from you!



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# Holy Cross News



## Green Lane garden wins silver trowel

Ryan and Evie Pannell were full of smiles as they were awarded the John Knight Memorial Trowel for Sherston Open Gardens 2025.

The award remembers John Knight, a loyal member of our church and a huge supporter of Open Gardens, who also ran the plant stall for many years. Every year, visitors to Open Gardens vote for The Most Enjoyable Garden, and the Pannell family's garden with a wonderful eye-catching mix of productive areas, flowers (including a wild patch), and child-friendly areas for their young children was this year's winner. The runners-up were Howard and Sue Harding of North End Gardens. Congratulations to all.

All the gardens were winners as, despite the continued rain, we had 13 gardens open alongside the Sherston community orchard on the village hall field, the allotments and our wonderful living churchyard. There was a very varied selection of gardens open this year, from large mature ones with colourful borders, wild shady ones and small ones packed with flowers and vegetables. We had a successful plant stall with a huge variety of plants donated by local gardeners and Sherston Gardening Club. Of course, the afternoon teas were popular, and provided some relief from the rain on Saturday.

Thanks to everyone who opened their gardens, all those who made cakes, served teas, sold tickets, and donated and sold plants – a great team! A special thank you to all of you who came to visit and support our fundraising on what was a very busy weekend in the village.

We had planned to open the church tower for visits during the Open Gardens weekend, but unfortunately this was not possible due to the poor weather conditions. We hope to be able to open the tower for visits later this summer. Look out for the date.

The funds raised from Open Gardens go towards the maintenance and running costs of Holy Cross Church.

## Raffle thanks

We were very pleased to welcome Elly, from Elly's Spa Boutique, to our café at the end of May to draw the raffle which she had organised as a personal effort to raise funds for the repairs to the nave in our Grade 1 listed Church. We are very grateful to Elly for her inspiration to help the local community, to the local

businesses who gave a selection of prizes, and to everyone who bought tickets. The prizes were supplied by:

Shear Class Hair & Beauty, Elly's Spa Boutique, The Three Cups, Malmesbury, Rose Seeds Alchemy, The Rattlebone Inn, The Courtyard Café, The Angel, BB Barre and Pilates, Truffle & Thyme, Mia Famiglia

## Building work and updates

You may have noticed that there has been scaffolding in the church since the beginning of the year. This is so that we could repair the damage from Storm Darragh in November 2024. The old ceiling in part of the nave was removed, new lathes installed and the ceiling replastered. Our thanks to the team from Wheatley Plasterwork, Silkwood Decorating Services, and J W Walker & Sons. We'll soon be removing the scaffolding and re-tuning the organ, which has been covered to protect it from the dust.

Despite the ongoing work, we have been very much open over the past few months. Sherston School visited us during their recent activity week, which was based on world religions. The children explored many parts of the church and discovered some of the history of this ancient building.

The scaffolding has not stopped us having a full range of services, including baptisms and our joint services with the other churches in the Gauzebrook Group.

Chris Gough kindly repainted the front doors to spruce up the church in time for VE Day, which we marked with a well-attended memorial service. Our Thursday café had a patriotic theme complete with a special VE Day cake. In the evening, the bells rang out to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day, and the church tower was lit up by the beacon at sunset. Thank you to Kevin Noble and his team who lit the beacon to mark this important occasion, and to those who consistently help to support the church and community throughout the year.



## A farewell ... and a warm welcome!

As we say goodbye and thank you to Reverend Sharon Gleed, our wonderful curate for the past three years, we are delighted to welcome Reverend Steve Wilkinson, who has been appointed interim priest in charge of the Gauzebrook Group to support us for the next year. Steve joins us from the Woodbridge Group, just the other side of Malmesbury, and his recent work to establish the Athelstan Pilgrim Trail has already brought many visitors into our church, including the children who come looking for Bones, our resident dog.



## Sherston Living Churchyard: BioBlitz results

On Saturday 10 May, Malmesbury & District Natural History Society (MDNHS) held its annual BioBlitz in Sherston Churchyard. Trail cameras, hedgehog footprint tunnels and reptile mats were set up in advance; hedgehogs were found to be present in wild areas near both the east and west walls, and a fox cub was caught on camera. The team identified 21 different birds, 34 different wildflowers, plus nine different grasses, and three lichens on graves and trees. Our slow-worm hotel mat had two slow worms resident on the day, but no other reptiles were found. Just two butterfly species were seen - a holly blue and three speckled woods - and very few insects were found, possibly due to six very dry weeks leading up to the BioBlitz. MDNHS has made a few helpful suggestions as to how we can enhance the wildlife further.

Our next Working Party will be on Saturday 5 July from 9.30am to 12.00noon, when we will be clearing the Estcourt Cresswell Enclosure again, which is on a National Heritage List, to mark 200 years since his death on 5 July 1825. Please note there will be no plant stall in July or August.

All welcome - come and join our working party or support us at coffee time.



## July services in the Gauzebrook Group of churches

### Sherston

Sunday 6	9.30am Worship Together 6.00pm Holy Communion *
Sunday 20	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 27	9.30am Holy Communion

### Alderton

Sunday 6	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 13	10.00am Holy Communion, Group Service

### Foxley

Sunday 20	11.00am Holy Communion *
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### Hullavington

Sunday 6	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 20	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 27	11.00am Worship Together

### Luckington

Sunday 6	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 20	11.00am Worship Together

### Norton

Sunday 27	11.00am Holy Communion
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### Stanton St Quintin

Sunday 6	9.30am Morning Praise
Sunday 20	9.30am Family Service
Sunday 27	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.



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# Boules Festival

## 7-12 July 2025



### MONDAY 7

From 7.00pm **French-themed quiz and burger night**  
The Rattlebone

### TUESDAY 8

2.30pm **Senior Club Afternoon Tea** British School Room  
Everybody is welcome and tickets will be £5 / £3 for members on the door.

7.00pm **Moules Frites** The Rattlebone  
Moules Frites and delicious charcuterie boards available at the pub.

### WEDNESDAY 9

From 7.00pm **Une Soirée Française!** The Rattlebone  
A three-course French menu - this evening always sells out quickly so early booking is advisable.  
Full details available on the pub website.

### SATURDAY 12

8.00am **Bacon sandwiches, croissants, pastries, tea and coffee at the French Café. Baps and wraps at the pub**

8.30am **Peal of bells** to signal the start of the Tournament

9.00am **Main bar, Pimm's bar, BBQ and stalls open**  
High Street

9.30am **Juniors (primary school age) Tournament starts**  
High Street





- 10.00am **Family Zone opens** Village Hall / Field
- 10.15am **Magic show**
- 10.30am **Village Hall Café** opens serving a selection of hot lunches, snacks, and drinks for little ones
- 1.30pm
- 11.15am **Magic show**
- 1.00pm **Fun science show**
- 2.00pm **Family Zone closes**
- 1.00pm **Live music from O'rael High Street**
- 2.30pm **Colts Tournament (secondary School ages) starts** High Street
- 6.00pm **Boules Tournament finishes with prize-giving ceremony** High Street



## SUNDAY 13

- 2.00pm **The Famous Sherston Duck Race!**  
Start at Stretchline, Brook Hill
- 3.00pm **Finish line for the Duck Race,**  
**Cream Teas and Raffle Draw** Mill Cottage Garden,  
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Last but certainly not least, this is a great opportunity to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all our sponsors whose generosity covers a large chunk of the running costs, enabling us to distribute more money to local good causes...

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## Sunday 12 October is Sherston Apple Day!



We are hosting our fifth Apple Day on Sunday 12 October from 10.00am to 3.00pm at the village hall and field!

There will be wonderful local food and flowers and hopefully one or two extra 'crafty' producers joining us, plus Whatley Manor, with the story of their unusual journey to sustainability.

With the Friends of Sherston School providing fun and games for the children (and refreshments) in the village hall and Luckington Farm bringing its wonderful BBQ, this will definitely be a great day out.

Sustainable Sherston will have a collection point for your apples outside the village hall from Sunday 21 September. Please bring any surplus apples and we will press them, then bottle and pasteurise all juice, to sell on Apple Day. The juice lasts more than a year in the unopened bottles, so come and stock up!

More details in the next issue. Any questions, contact Eleanor on 07949 292741 or email [eleanorlines53@gmail.com](mailto:eleanorlines53@gmail.com).

P.S. All helpers welcome - for planning, pressing, bottling or just on the day! Please contact Eleanor to get involved.

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## The Wessex to perform at Sherston Arts Festival

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We are delighted to announce that this year's Sherston Arts Festival concert will be by the award-winning Wessex Choir.

The Wessex, formerly Wessex Male Choir, is a Swindon-based men's amateur choir. Founded in September 2001, it currently has around 50 members across four sections: top tenor, second tenor, baritone and bass. Its aim is to differentiate itself from 'traditional' male voice choirs; members take pride in being part of a relevant, contemporary and innovative ensemble.

The skills and expertise of the choir's Musical Director, Thomas Graff, have brought a new level of excellence to the choir over recent years.

This year's concert will also feature Nicola Clark, whose beautiful voice and original songs will be remembered by anyone who attended our 2023 event.

Tickets will be available from 1 September, priced £15 adults, £10 school-age children. There will be a bar.

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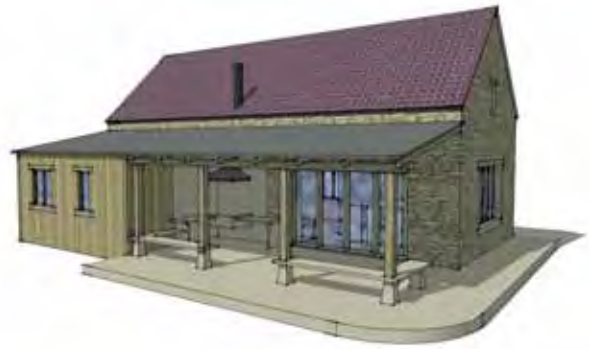
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## Season Four Finale with French hip-hop masters NoFlipe!



Malmesbury Live Arts is thrilled to announce our Season Four Finale on Saturday 19 July at Malmesbury Town Hall (doors: 7.00pm).

NoFlipe are a seven-piece French hip-hop band fusing elements of jazz, dub and catchy riffs. Dancey and explosive, this high-octane group will get you in a summer party mood in time for our Season Five date release. You will all want to be there!!

NoFlipe have released two EPs and three albums influenced by bands such as The Beastie Boys, Transplants, Stupeflip, Puppetmastaz, Funkadelic and Bad Brains, all alongside an aesthetic inspired by comics like Métal Hurlant and comics illustrators such as Franck Miller or Robert Crumb.

Let's celebrate the end of four years of events together and look forward to what we'll be doing for our fifth anniversary ...

Tickets: £15 + booking fee from [www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/no-flipe](http://www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/no-flipe)

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## Sherston 300 Club: June winners



The latest 300 Club draw of 2025 has taken place and we are pleased to announce that we have increased second prize to £30. The winners are:

1st prize (£50): Martin Smith

2nd prize (£30): Penny Hutchings

3rd prize (£10): Christopher Brant

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:

☐ 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](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.

## Zero-Waste online services

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

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

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

**Oddbox** ([www.oddbox.co.uk](http://www.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.

## Local Food Growers

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

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

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

# Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

## Sherston

### Weekly farmers' market at Sherston Village Hall

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

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

### Sherston Village Hall

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

### Village Hall 300+ Club

For an annual subscription of £10 support the Village Hall, enter to win one of the four £20 prizes awarded in 10 draws each year. Contact 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 [f.picton@outlook.com](mailto:f.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 or 840067, or on Facebook.

## Sherston Drama Group

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

## Sherston Gardening Club

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

## Sherston Probus Club

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

## Sherston Theatre Club

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

## Yak & Yarn

Every Friday morning 10am till 12 noon 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 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 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, FB: @exercise60plus.

### Fresh Air Fitness

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

## Hatha yoga class

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

## Sherston Bootcamp

Every Saturday on Sherston rec, 8-9am. Starting 3 August. £10 per session. Drop in - no commitment. Contact Coach Jonze on the Sherston Bootcamp Facebook to sign up.

## Sherston 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: roseseadalchemy.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

## 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](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: [clairesandars.co.uk](mailto: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](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.malmesburymorris.org.uk](http://www.malmesburymorris.org.uk)

## Malmesbury Singers

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

## Malmesbury Film Society

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

## Tetbury

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

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

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

# WHAT'S ON

## Sherston

**Tuesday 1 July** 7pm for 7.30pm start, British School Room. **Sherston Gardening Club meeting.** Speaker: Sally Morgan on 'Gardening with Climate Change'. 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)

**Thursday 3 July**, 6.15pm registration, 7pm first rider, The Holford Arms. **Sherston Velo Time Trial Series 2025.** U109SHORT course (13.8miles). 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.

**Saturday 5 July** 9.30am to 12noon, Holy Cross Church. **Sherston Living Churchyard Working Party.** We will be clearing the Estcourt Cresswell Enclosure, which is on a National Heritage List, to mark 200 years since his death on 5 July 1825. All welcome - come and join our working party or support us at coffee time. Note: no plant stall in July or August.

**Sunday 6 July** 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Worship Together church service.**

**Sunday 6 July** 6pm, Holy Cross Church. **Holy Communion church service.** Using the Book of Common Prayer.

**Monday 7 July** from 7.00pm, The Rattlebone. **French-themed quiz and burger night.** Part of Sherston Boules Festival. Maximum team size of six.

**Tuesday 8 July** 2.30pm, British School Room, Cliff Road. **Sherston Senior Club Boules tea afternoon.** Part of Sherston Boules Festival. With entertainment by Eric Gough. All welcome, £5. For more info, contact Helen Quirk on 840516.

**Tuesday 8 July** 7.00pm The Rattlebone. **Moules frites at the Bone.** Moules-frites and delicious charcuterie boards available. Part of Sherston Boules Festival.

**Wednesday 9 July** from 7.00pm, The Rattlebone. **Authentic three-course French menu.** Part of Sherston Boules Festival.

**Thursday 10 July** 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 12 July** From 8.30am, High Street, Sherston. Boules Day 2025. See centre spread for timings and goings-on.

**Sunday 13 July** 2.30pm, Stretchline field (bottom of Brook Hill). **Sherston Duck Race 2025.** Cheer your duck on to victory! Walk the course along the river to the finish line in the garden at Mill Cottage, where delicious homemade cakes and cream teas will be on offer! Dogs and children welcome. No toilet facilities available.

**Sunday 20 July** 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

**Saturday 26 July** From 9am, Grove Wood. **Sherston Footpath Group.** Come along and help restore the top footpath and the steps and remove the fallen tree from the river. Bring a smile and a willingness to 'get stuck in' and, if you have them, a wheelbarrow and gloves. If you can help, contact [nigel.freeth@sherston.org.uk](mailto:nigel.freeth@sherston.org.uk)

**Sunday 27 July** 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

**Sunday 27 July** 6pm, Holy Cross Church. **Evening Prayer church service.** Using the Book of Common Prayer.

## Alderton

**Sunday 6 July** 9.30am, Alderton Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

**Sunday 13 July** 10.00am, Alderton Church. **Holy Communion church service. Group service**

## Luckington

**Friday 4 July** 9.15am-11.30am, Luckington Community School. **Celebratory School Open Day.** Come and celebrate Luckington School's 150th anniversary! 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.

**Saturday 5 July** 1pm-late, Luckington playing field. **Luckington Fête & Family Fun Day.** With a theme of '150' to mark the 150th anniversary of Luckington Community School. Bar, BBQ & Deli, Pimm's Tent, teas, cakes and ice creams. Kidzone with magic show, inflatable slide, giant games, interactive bubble show, arts, crafts and face painting. Dog show, welly wanging, tug of war, skittles and coconut shy. Evening entertainment: live music, DJ, bar and BBQ. For more info, see Facebook: [fb.me/luckingtonfamilyfun](https://fb.me/luckingtonfamilyfun)

**Sunday 6 July 11.00am**, Luckington Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

**Sunday 20 July 10.00am**, Luckington Church. **Worship Together church service.** Group service.

## Malmesbury

**Saturday 5 July 10am-3pm**, Abbey House Manor Gardens.

**Workshop: Malmesbury Landscape Artist of the Year.** Join us for a four-hour painting, sketching or mixed-media landscape art challenge. £6 entry fee (includes access to gardens). Open for 12+ years accompanied by an adult. Bring lunch or take a break at a local café. Toilets available on site. Book your place or find out more at Caerbladon, 24 High Street, Malmesbury or online at [www.caerbladon.co.uk](http://www.caerbladon.co.uk)

**Saturday 5 July & Sunday 6 July 11am-3pm**, The Rausing Building. **Art Exhibition.** Artwork by Malmesbury Secondary School Pupils, inspired by JMW Turner. Sponsored by The Arts Society, Malmesbury, and Athelstan Museum.

**Saturday 5 July 7.30pm**, Malmesbury Abbey. **Wessex Concert Orchestra: Summer in Spain.** Featuring Rodrigo's Concierto de Aranjuez with soloist Richard Durrant. Leader: Christian Key. Conductor: Philip Draisey. Tickets: £14 adult, £12 concession from [who.org.uk](http://who.org.uk).

**Tuesday 8 July 4pm**, Malmesbury Abbey. **Contemplative Gathering: Refreshment.** 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. We meet for about an hour. All welcome.

**Wednesday 9 July 7.30pm-9pm**, Malmesbury Bowls Club. **Malmesbury WI: Bowls taster evening.** Flat shoes will be needed. All women 18+ welcome. Visitors: £5. More info: [malmesburywi@gmail.com](mailto:malmesburywi@gmail.com)

**Friday 25 July 7.30pm**, The Rausing Building. **Barn Owl Books: Interview with author Harriet Constable.** Celebrate the release of Harriet Constable's 'The Instrumentalist' in paperback. and gain a fascinating insight into the life of orphan Anna Maria, pupil of Antonio Vivaldi whose rising star threatens to eclipse that of her mentor. With musical interludes from Vivaldi's Four Seasons. Tickets £15 event plus a copy of the book or £10 event only from <https://www.barnowlbooks.co.uk/>

**Saturday 26 July 7pm-11pm**, Malmesbury Town Hall. **No WOeMADness.** Relive the WOMAD Festival vibe with a 'one-night only' mini WOMAD! We are seeking to raise £5,000 to buy and equip a second-hand ambulance and drive it to Cherkasy in central Ukraine. Live music, dancing, disco, bar, Thai buffet by chef Tania Sikand, festival food and snacks on sale, cake corner and Cosy Cone ice cream. The brilliant line up will include energetic acoustic band Opa Rosa, local musicians Paul Mason and his band Manhattan featuring Ania Drewniok and Aaron Shotton, Theo May, Samba dance workshop and a DJ/disco to end the evening. Tickets £35 with Thai supper, music and dance (7-11pm) or £15 dance only (8-11pm) from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/no-woemadness-malmesbury-festival-night-for-ukraine-tickets-1316423822089> or from the TIC at Malmesbury Town Hall.

**Sunday 27 July 11am-4pm**, Abbey House Manor Gardens. **Abbey House Manor Gardens Open Day.** As we reimagine the gardens, bold decisions are being made to rejuvenate key areas and restore them into the much-loved, vibrant spaces they once were. This is just the start of our journey, please join us to explore the beautiful grounds. Food and drink available. £8 per person, children under 13 go free. No dogs allowed, apart from guide dogs.

## Tetbury

**Friday 4 July-Sunday 6 July 11am-5.30pm**, Hookshouse Pottery, Leighterton Lane. **Exhibition: Returns of the Day.** The exhibition marks the 50th anniversary of the pottery's establishment. It will include pots, paintings, prints, jewellery and indoor and outdoor work in wood, metal glass and leather. Plant sales and teas also available. For more info: 07703 288615

**Saturday 5 July 8pm**, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Alfie Moore: A Face For Radio.** A surprising career shift in his mid-40s turned Alfie Moore from a street cop to the star of his own Radio 4 show 'A Fair Cop'. It proved an immediate success and his wealth of hilarious stories come from experiences you couldn't make up! Tickets £18 in advance. [www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk)

**Friday 11 July 7pm-10pm**, Worwell Farm, GL8 8RY. **Tetfest: Flashback Friday 2025!** Come and get your rocks off to some retro rhythms from the 80s and 90s. Tickets £5. Over 18s only. <https://tetfest.co.uk/>

**Saturday 12 July 12noon-11pm**, Worwell Farm, GL8 8RY. **Tetfest 2025: Tetbury's Music Festival.** Family-friendly music festival organised by a team of volunteers. Bars, live bands, food stalls, silent disco, fairground rides, free kids' entertainment! Tickets £10 adults, £5 16-17 years, £2.50 15 and under plus booking fee. <https://tetfest.co.uk/>

**Friday 25 July 6pm**, Tetbury Goods Shed. **The Wild Robot (U).** A children's showing of an adaptation of Peter Brown's New York Times bestseller 'The Wild Robot'. Follow the adventures of Roz the Robot shipwrecked on a desert island. Tickets £7.50 in advance. [www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk)

**Sunday 26 July 7.30pm**, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Jazz with BD Lenz Trio and guest Kim Cypher.** Enjoy an evening of jazz, blues funk and soul with the acclaimed guitarist and his popular guest. Tickets £15 in advance. free.[www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk](http://www.tetburygoodshed.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

**Wednesday 2-Saturday 5 July Jekyll & Hyde: The Musical.** Murder and chaos are pitted against love and virtue in this sweeping gothic musical Age guidance: 12+. **From Monday 14 July FRIENDS: The Musical Parody.** A show-stopping, fast-paced, original musical that brings Ross, Chandler, Monica, Phoebe, Joey, and Rachel back into your life in a whole new way - singing, dancing, and reminding us why we can't get enough of their wacky misadventures in 1990s Manhattan. Age guidance: 13+. 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 11 July** 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

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

## Malmesbury Live Arts

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

## The Three Cups, Malmesbury

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

## Tetbury Goods Shed

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  
[www.roh.org.uk/cinemas](http://www.roh.org.uk/cinemas)

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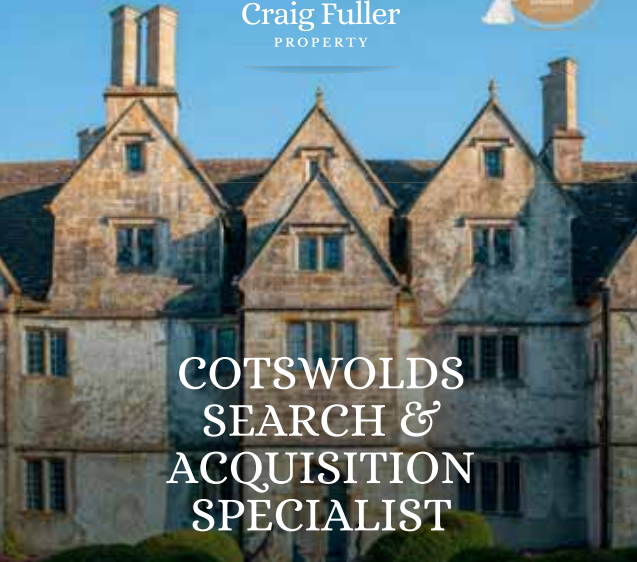
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## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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](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)

Floods: 0300 456 0105 or [drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk)

### Useful Information

Wiltshire Council Online Gritting routes [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/gritting.htm](http://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](http://www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack) for a map of faults

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### WATER – Bristol Water

[www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/](http://www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/)

Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

### WATER – Wessex water

[www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/](http://www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/)

Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

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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
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the green room

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

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