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Boules & blazing sun: Sherston does it again

Saturday 12 July saw the village erupt into its annual festival of gravel-based Gallic sport, civic camaraderie and gentle one-upmanship, as the Sherston Boules Festival returned with a generous helping of boiling summer sun.

A HUGE thank you goes out to the army of volunteers - sun-hatted, clip-boarded and fuelled by heroic levels of community spirit - everyone who came

out at the crack of dawn and raked pitches, staffed the bar, manned the Pimm's tent, served crêpes, burgers, and baguettes to keep the village fed and watered, and everything in between. And not forgetting the Boules Festival team who kept things ticking with military precision and whose months of planning paid off. We really couldn't do it without you.



Boules Tournament: the results!

Open final winners

In a repeat of last year's open final, a proper clash of the Titans saw defending champs Team Bradshaw - including Sherston's own Alex Moriarty - take on Cassanis, led by seven-time winner Mark Gay, in a cracking match in which Team Bradshaw prevailed. Well done to Phil Bradshaw, Alex and Steve Daykin.



Team Bradshaw

Local winners

Everyone loves an underdog - and Boules Deep delivered in spades! Unknown, unseeded and (one suspects) slightly surprised themselves, they toppled last year's winners No Sharking. Well done to Andy Tweedle, Matt Metcalfe and David Pitt.



Team Boules Deep

Plate winners

It was youth versus experience as the energetic Boule Busters took on the superb veteran team of MGB. Cheered on by a partisan crowd (who may or may not have been bribed with crêpes), the Busters squeaked through to lift the plate.



Team Boule Busters: Stacey Dryden, Stuart Dryden and Vicky Ward

Colts winners

The Bomber Boys flew high and fast, unseating previous champions Gucci Gang in a brilliant final match.

Team Bomber Boys: George Breakspear, Ben Meheust and Maddie Clark



Junior winners

With a record-breaking 24 entries, the Junior tournament was an all-day spectacle of concentration and competitiveness. In the end, The Gamers triumphed over Pandemonium in a nail-biter of a final that had parents more tense than the players.

Team The Gamers:

Daniel Robinson, Charlie Britton and Digby Beare



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Parish Council meeting



There is no meeting in August, the next meeting will be held on Thursday 11 September 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.

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Tolsey News



We Need Your Signatures

Further to last month's Cliffhanger article, we ask that you consider signing our petition if you have not already done so. This can be done in physical form at the surgery and the Co-op or in digital form via www.rozsavage.uk/campaigns/sherston-surgery.

Discussions are ongoing with the ICB about our new surgery, but there is a real time pressure and so all the support we can get is greatly appreciated.

Flu clinics 2025

We will soon be publishing details about the Autumn Flu Vaccination campaign. Please use the Tolsey surgery for this important service as it helps support us.

Weight-loss medication on the NHS

We are starting to get enquiries from patients believing that, as of the end of June, GPs can prescribe certain injectable medications for weight loss if patients meet set criteria. Unfortunately, at the time of writing we regret to inform our patients that GP practices have not yet been commissioned to prescribe this treatment. The ICB have shared messaging with the public and have kindly asked patients not to contact their GP practice with requests for weight-loss treatment at this time.

Teaching Nomination

We are pleased to report that at the end of the academic year, the Tolsey Surgery was shortlisted for a Best Teaching Award by the University of Bristol. Unfortunately, we were not successful on this occasion but we did receive some very positive and glowing feedback from medical students who had spent time at the practice. We are extremely grateful to all our patients who help with the teaching of medical students at the surgery.

Sherston Book Sale is back!

Yes, a revival of the famous book sale at the village hall, last run by the charitable organisation 1016. So, start thinking about what books you would like to donate, clear some space on your bookshelves to make way for buying more! All kinds of books will be welcome - hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books ...

We will be providing refreshments so you can sit down with a cup of tea or coffee and catch up with friends too.

The date to put in your diary: Saturday 4 October (10.00am to 4.00pm).

Wow! How much?!



Sherston Old School
COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY

The Sherston Old School Community Interest Company (SOSCIC) was formed in 2010 for the purpose of renovating and converting the Old School so as to provide increased employment opportunities and additional services for the community, and to help preserve the character of the High Street.

Since 2012, the Old School has been a great success and home to a number of prosperous businesses, employing over 30 people.

Sometimes the income from the rent of these businesses allows SOSCIC to donate to local good causes.

This year £10,000 - yes, £10,000! - was donated via Sherston Parish Council to the Holy Cross Sherston Church and Sherston Football Club, at the recent Annual Parish Meeting.

Here we see Mike Johnson and Jill Woodward with Tanya Burgess, Chair of Sherston Parish Council, and the sizeable cheque.

Congratulations to all on this wonderful moment!



Save the date!



Sherston Drama Group is excited to announce that we will be performing Rumpelstiltskin during October half-term, from Wednesday 29 October to Saturday 1 November. Tickets for this hilarious family panto will go on sale on Monday 29 September.

We have a full cast, but there's still time to join our friendly offstage team! There's loads of ways to get involved, from prompting to make-up, costume-sewing to prop-making, there's a role suitable for everyone. Adults and teenagers welcome – if you're interested, don't hesitate to contact us at sherstondramagroup3@gmail.com



Sherston School News

Celebrating together: Sherston's vibrant spirit



This term, Sherston Primary School came alive with the spirit of competition and togetherness during our annual Sports Day. Every child in the school had the opportunity to participate, showcasing their determination, teamwork and enthusiasm. We could not be prouder of the children for their effort and sportsmanship throughout the day.

While staff ensured the event ran smoothly, the Friends of Sherston School (FSS) supported the day by selling refreshments and providing each child with a much-needed ice lolly to cool down after their events. Parents and families cheering from the sidelines added to the joy of the occasion.

Building on this momentum, the FSS organised Sherston's annual Olympic Day, another highlight of the term. This extraordinary event brings families together to celebrate sport and community spirit and, this year, raised over £3,000 for the school. What a fantastic achievement! Congratulations to all the children for their incredible efforts - you made us all proud! - and a huge thank you to the FSS for their tireless dedication.



Adventures that spark joy

Year 6 recently enjoyed a residential trip to Braeside, and it was a resounding success. The week was packed with exciting activities, including high ropes, archery, orienteering and a thrilling night walk under the stars. These experiences helped the children to build confidence, develop new skills, and strengthen friendships, making it a week they will treasure forever.

We are incredibly grateful to the staff who accompanied the children and ensured their safety and enjoyment throughout the trip. Congratulations to our Year 6 children for embracing every challenge with enthusiasm and positivity. As they prepare to move on to secondary school, we will miss their energy, creativity and leadership. They leave behind a wonderful legacy, and we wish them all the best for the future.



Shaping the future of learning

Thanks to our fantastic facilities and exceptional staff, we are excited to announce an exciting new development for the next academic year: science lessons will be taught to individual year groups, just like our successful approach to maths.

Children in mixed-year classes will now have the opportunity to come together in smaller, focused year-group lessons, ensuring that the teaching is tailored even more closely to their needs. This change will enhance their learning experience, allowing for more personalised support and engagement. We are thrilled to be able to implement this improvement, which is a testament to the dedication of our staff and the flexibility of our school environment.

Thank you to everyone in our community who continues to support Sherston Primary School. Together, we are building a place where children thrive, have fun and are inspired to achieve their best.



The end of Soup Lunch

So, it's the time of year when I should be telling you the date we'll be starting Soup Lunch again, but unfortunately I can't. There are a few reasons for this that all seemed to dovetail at the wrong time which means that collectively the team is unable to continue.

You probably already know that our wonderful Sharon Gleed was given an opportunity too good to pass up (even for us!) to progress in her growth and service with the Anglican Church. Unfortunately, this means she has left the area.

You will also no doubt be aware of the new minister now supporting the Gauzebrook churches which has meant, with the loss of Sharon, more work for the indomitable Susan Harvey.

The news you may not be aware of is that, after the Methodist Church in Sherston closed, the Rev Janet Evans started a new church in Luckington Village Hall. Her new church is flourishing and with that comes more work for her.

And finally, Andrew and I have now moved out of Sherston, which makes continuing Soup Lunch more problematic for us, especially with the other members of the team off on new busy adventures.

It has all happened at once, which we never saw coming and did not think to put in a succession plan just in case.

The Congregational Church has offered to continue providing the space so, if there is anyone in the village who is able to run Soup Lunch, please get in contact with them.

On a personal note from all of us, we have loved having you as guests, your laughter, conversation and support of each other as well as us has been a light through some cold Monday lunchtimes! The pleasure it has given us is priceless and we will miss it more than words can express. You should also be proud of yourselves for all of the donations given and charities supported. We made a collective decision at the very beginning that the team would provide all the food, so all the money you gave would be used for each cause chosen. The last one was for the Big Tommy Sleep Out supporting the RBLI (Royal British Legion Industries) and raised £203 pounds!! You are an amazing bunch!

With much love and sorrow,

Susan, Sharon, Janet and Candi

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SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB



American Museum and Gardens overlooking Bath

Next Meeting: Tuesday 2 September. Speaker: Derry Watkins on 'Gravel Gardening with Low Maintenance Plants'.

Cuttings

Published author and organic gardener, Sally Morgan spoke to us last month about adapting our gardening practices to cope with climate change. The relevance of the topic was even more starkly underlined by the two heatwaves we were sweltering through! It was a fascinating, topical look at creating outdoor spaces that are resilient and water-saving, with colourful, drought-resistant planting.

August remains the month of gardening leave so we're resuming on 2 September with a talk by renowned plantswoman and owner of the Special Plants nursery, Derry Watkins. As anyone who has visited her nursery and gorgeous garden near Bath knows, Derry is a fascinating, colourful character who is always happy to share her knowledge and plant expertise.

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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

Community

The plants on our High Street stand during Boules Day required frequent watering as the sun was merciless! We (almost) sold out, with profits given to Boules funds for distribution to local causes.

The next outing will be to the American Museum and Gardens on 17 September. The grounds and views are stunning, with mass plantings of late season perennials and grasses to wander through. More details are available from our secretary.

Coming up

Tuesday 7 October:

'Confessions of a Plant Freak' by Nick Macer.

Tuesday 4 November:

'Gardening with Wildlife' by Dede Liss.

Tuesday 2 December: Christmas Decoration

Demonstration with Julia Armstrong.

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Boules & blazing sun: Sherston does it again (continued from front page)



Duck Race results

In scenes that required a photo finish and a possible VAR review, Duck 5 (Pauline Lock) nosed ahead of Duck 181 (Emma Garcia) to clinch victory by a beak. Duck 211 (Claire Evans) waddled into third. And in the role of gallant loser, defiant floater Duck 486 (George Garnett) drifted home last.

An enormous thank you to Caroline and Phil Moore for hosting the duck race teas once again - and for the final time, ahead of their move. They have kindly given up their garden for this event for 17 years!!! I'm sure readers join us in thanking them for their generosity and wishing them well for the future.

In good news, we are happy to report that the tradition is set to continue next year under the new owners.

Raffle results

The raffle saw three lucky winners head home happy:

- £100: George Garnett, square 160
- £50: Maggie Towle, square 16
- £25: Caroline R, square 381

With the temperature high and spirits even higher, this year's Boules Day will be remembered as one of the most vibrant yet. However, the team are already talking about next year, as 2026 will be the 40th anniversary of the festival ... and because where else can you spend a day in the blistering sun while sipping a pint from a bar that magically appeared in the middle of the street? This is Sherston. And this is what we do. See you in 2026!

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Scouts! The Musical entertains 1st Sherston Scout Group



Back in February, eagle-eyed Cub leader Candi Williams Tarling spotted that Scouts! The Musical was coming to Bath, so leaders quickly set about organising a trip to see it. Fast forward to last month and a group of 1st Sherston Beavers, Cubs and Scouts headed to The Egg Theatre to enjoy the show. And enjoy it, they did:

'It was interesting how the actors were also the musicians and, instead of having background music or an orchestra, they did it all on stage. I thought this was



very entertaining.' Peter, 1st Sherston Scouts

'I loved it when the bird flew over our heads' Emily, 1st Sherston Scouts

'It was amazing. I loved the music and the performance.' Ivan, 1st Sherston Cubs

'I loved it when we were all squirted by water pistols!' Conrad, 1st Sherston Cubs

'It was amazing and made me laugh a lot!' Finley, 1st Sherston Beavers

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150th ANNIVERSARY

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Sherston Magna Cricket Club celebrates 25th anniversary



Sherston Magna Cricket Club is excited to be celebrating its 25th anniversary on Monday 25 August. With an outside catering company booked to serve free-range rotisserie chicken for lunch in our wonderful outside area, it's shaping up to be a brilliant day of cricket and celebration! Full report next month ...

Sherston Senior Club

Last month we promised to report on Phillip Horgan's talk, about his career switch from floristry to funerals. He took us back to his childhood in Ireland, where the floral industry often intertwines with the funeral business. Phillip spent some time learning the combined business and discovered he had a talent for flower arranging, particularly interpretive work. He moved to London where he won many accolades, before moving to Malmesbury and opening a flower shop. After many successful years, where he was much in demand for interpretive work, he felt a career change was due. After several years learning on the job, he went into the funeral business with a partner in Tetbury. Members were able to ask questions after the talk which were answered with Phillip's natural empathy.

Our next get-together was our annual garden party, by kind permission of Sue and Peter Thompson in their lovely garden at Easton Grey. It was a beautiful day, if a little windy. The committee provided cakes and scones which were enjoyed by all, fresh strawberries were added to the mix and everyone left feeling replete.

Our Boules tea afternoon was held on Tuesday 8 July, so more work for the committee providing savouries and cakes. We were entertained by Eric Gough who played a medley of 60s music. This was a very enjoyable afternoon.

On Boules Day we had a stall on the High Street and were very grateful to Howard for the loan of his gazebo, and to Howard and Gail for erecting it, shade being important on such a hot day. The Committee worked hard to set up and manage the stall and clear down at the end of the day. We are very fortunate to have such a willing, cheerful, hardworking team of committee and non-committee members who help as needed.

At the end of July, we had Steph Bond talking about her fundraising challenges - more on this next month.

Looking forward, on Tuesday 5 August we have a coach outing to Burnham-on-Sea - £15, with pick-up at The Bridge (Carps) at 10.00am, return 4.00pm. Contact Helen Quirk on 840516 to book your place.

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Sherston Living Churchyard



In early July, the churchyard working party began to remove some of the long grass, raking off areas cut a few days earlier by the Community Payback team. In contrast with much of the weather recently, we worked through periods of drizzle but it was not wet enough to make us break off from our efforts. Sadly, a young hedgehog was found dead that morning. It was too small to be one of those released into the churchyard and was probably one of this year's youngsters. Given the very hot dry weather this spring and summer, it is quite likely that it died from hunger and/or thirst. Slugs are one of the hedgehog's favourite foods but these creatures are keeping well hidden to save themselves from drying up. Gardeners will probably be very pleased about this, but please spare a thought for the hedgehogs which are a gardener's friend as they can remove so many of these pests. Leaving out a shallow dish of water could be a lifesaver for a hedgehog, as well as many insects which are also suffering in the current conditions.

A survey of butterflies in the churchyard in early July discovered eight species – large, small and green-veined whites, meadow brown, ringlet, gatekeeper, speckled wood and peacock. This is a 'good' year for them, although generally their numbers are in serious decline. It's good to know that our churchyard is playing a small part in their continued existence by providing the right conditions for them to prosper.

Our next working party will be on Saturday 2 August from 9.00am and I look forward to seeing you there. The plant stall is now closed until next spring but should be back in March 2026.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tricia Lawrence for her hard work and enthusiasm for the Living Churchyard over the past two years. She is stepping back from some of her many commitments and will no longer be taking a lead role in the churchyard.

Sue Robinson

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August services in the Gauzebrook Group of churches



Sherston (note morning and evening services)

Sunday 3 9.30am Worship Together
6.00pm Holy Communion *

Sunday 17 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24 9.30am Holy Communion
6.00pm Evening Prayer*

Sunday 31 6.00pm Holy Communion

Alderton

Sunday 3 9.30am Holy Communion

Foxley

Sunday 10 10.00am Holy Communion,
Group Service

Sunday 17 11.00am Holy Communion*

Sunday 31 10.00am Open Air service at
Bremilham for cycle Sunday

Hullavington

Sunday 3 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 10 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 17 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 24 11.00am Worship Together

Luckington

Sunday 3 11.00am Holy Communion

Sunday 17 11.00am Worship Together

Norton

Sunday 24 11.00am Holy Communion

Stanton St Quintin

Sunday 3 9.30am Morning Praise

Sunday 17 9.30am Family Service

Sunday 24 9.30am Celtic Holy Communion

Details of services in our churches are also published on www.achurchnearyou.com and www.gauzebrook.org
Services with * use the Book of Common Prayer.

Holy Cross News

The summer holidays



We have already had many visitors to our church this summer, as during the recent heatwave, we were one of the coolest places around. Don't forget that we will be open during the next heatwave!

The summer is a good time to visit some of the thousands of churches, chapels, meeting houses and cathedrals in the country. If you are out and about, do take the opportunity to explore them, both outside and inside. The National Churches Trust has a helpful guide on its website - www.nationalchurchestrust.org - with ideas for explorers and visitors of all ages. You will be able to find details of many churches on the website's interactive map, and you can also use www.achurchnearyou.com to find details of service times for many churches.

The National Churches Trust, along with the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust, is once again promoting the annual Ride+Stride (<https://ridestride.org/>) to raise funds specifically for the care and repair of historic churches. If you would like to take part by walking, cycling or riding on Saturday 13 September, please contact sherston@gauzebrook.org for more details. Most churches nationwide will be open on the day for the bike ride so, even if you are not taking part directly, do take the opportunity to visit some amazing places: you could use the Athelstan Pilgrim Way (<https://athelstanpilgrimway.org/>) as a guide for your travels.

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Phew, it's a scorcher! What can we do about climate change?



With temperatures recently reaching 32°C in Sherston and surrounding villages - and 31°C on Boules Day - we are all now starting to feel the impact of our changing climate. The latest data from the Met Office shows that, in the last decade, the number of days exceeding 32°C (90°F) in each county of the UK has more than trebled compared to 1961-1990 (1961-1990 is widely used for historical comparison, climate change monitoring, and climate modelling).

The cause? High levels of CO₂ emissions because of our use of fossil fuels (oil, coal and gas), which trap the Earth's heat - the 'greenhouse effect'. The main culprits are: transport (cars, ships and planes); building construction and heating buildings; industry (manufacturing and other industrial processes); agriculture (intensively farmed livestock, fertilisers plus global land use changes); power generation and waste (landfills, incineration).

We express our energy usage as our 'carbon footprint' and most of it is carbon dioxide (CO₂) but nitrous oxide (N₂O) and methane are also products of the way we live. For calculation purposes, they can be converted into 'carbon dioxide equivalent emissions' and this helps get us to the overall picture.

Have we got so used to the way we live that we can't change this? There are many solutions at an individual level.

Fossil fuels

Most important!! The use of fossil fuels - common in processing, packaging, refrigeration, waste, transportation and manufacturing goods - is the biggest producer of human-caused CO₂ emissions.

Plastic

One of the main culprits. Refuse plastic packaging! See how many plastic items you can do without.

Meat

Look for low-input farms (minimum fertilisers and pesticides) with small numbers of livestock. This minimises climate emissions and improves the health of soils and the amount of carbon they can store.

Energy

Fossil fuels are still used to power agricultural equipment and for raising crops and livestock.

We should support moves to renewable energies - solar and wind (and tidal when we have good enough technology) - while being cautious about them being in competition with productive farmland and mindful of the long-term intentions of investors.

Houses and home-heating

Broadly, think about insulating your home - start with thick curtains and double glazing. For home heating, many plumbing engineers will still recommend oil boilers, but air source heat pumps can win on efficiency, especially when a house is

insulated. Talk to several suppliers before deciding!

Transport

A new Electric Car Grant of £3,750 has just been introduced. Doubtless, electric cars are the least polluting but are still expensive. And manufacturing them uses large batteries as well as the usual bodywork, brakes and tyres. The situation will improve when the power on our electric grid is 100% from renewable sources.

Trees

Plant trees! Trees draw down huge quantities of CO₂ from the atmosphere. Cutting down trees releases the CO₂ back into the atmosphere. Support the use of trees in agricultural systems (agroforestry, sylvopasture).

Peat

Peatland, bogs and marshes can store vast amounts of CO₂. Draining bogs and harvesting peat do the opposite. Look for peat-free compost (quite a new product, so look for a consistency that works for your planting).

Soil

This is the source of plant growth, so its health is critical. Underground fungal networks (a bit like roots) - called mycorrhizal networks - help plants absorb nutrients. This is why 'no dig' gardening is becoming popular. Don't disturb your soil more than you need to for planting! Plant deep-rooted plants to improve the soil structure and keep plants in the ground all year.

Biodiversity

When farms grow single crops (monoculture) over large areas, fewer insects are supported, so biodiversity is reduced. This makes crops susceptible to disease and reduces pollination.

Even in your own back garden, grow a variety of flowers, fruit and veg to encourage pollinators and protect from predators.

Climate emergency

In 2019, the UK Parliament passed a motion declaring a climate and ecological emergency, though no legal obligations were added to the Climate Change Act of 2008.

Also in 2019, Wiltshire Council declared a climate emergency and set legally binding targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2050. However, its actions are limited to its areas of responsibility: local transport; local house planning; schools; the care of older people; waste management; local police and water supplies.

To take action on these issues at a local and individual level and help us all move into a climate-secure future, join the Sustainable Sherston group for our monthly meetings at the Rattlebone.

Eleanor Lines, Email: sustainablesherston@gmail.com

A thank you from the Bryan family

We have been deeply moved by the kindness and generosity of so many people during the past couple of months. Jonathan's last illness had moments of real blessing when he was alert enough to catch up with old friends in the sunshine. The messages, practical support and prayers made a huge difference to our ability to cope when he died. We are most grateful – thank you.

It has been humbling and awe-inspiring to hear about the difference Jonathan made to so many lives. We were astonished that over 400 people attended his funeral service, with many more watching online. Jonathan had written it to combine thanksgiving for a life well lived, joy in a strong sense of Christian hope, yet held alongside grief at our parting. Generous donations to his charity Teach Us Too were given in his memory, which will help ensure that his legacy lives on in better educational provision for young people like him.

Thank you all so much for your love and support,
With love from us all

Christopher, Chantal, Susannah and Jemima.



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Every 3rd Sunday – Visiting Preacher or Motivational Speaker.

ON 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS just half an hour of informal 'JOYFUL PRAISE' - COME AND SING! 12.30 – 1.00pm in SCC/BSR.



A WARM WELCOME AWAITS ANYONE WHO WISHES TO POP IN

Sherston Arts Festival Workshop

SHERSTON
ARTS 2025
FESTIVAL



Mommas Mosaics – Saturday 8 November
10.00am-12.00noon or 2.00pm-4.00pm

Come along to this fun workshop and learn a new skill. You can choose any shape you wish, choose from a selection of recycled china and take your gorgeous creation home with you.

Available to book from Monday 1 September - see www.sherstonartsfestival.com for more details.

On Reflection – exhibition at Tetbury Goods Shed by Bath Textile Artists

Bath Textile Artists is a group of 12 from across Bath and North Wiltshire, showing a wide and interesting range of textile skills. The artists include Heather Martin from Sherston and Gloria Pugh from Luckington.

The exhibition is open on Wednesdays to Sundays, 10.00am to 4.00pm, and runs until Sunday 7 September. . Check website for events as the exhibition may not be accessible at certain times. tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Meet the artists on Thursday 7 August, 10.30am-12.00noon. Come along and meet us and have a coffee in the café.

Sherston Arts Festival: Catherine Beale - Art Demonstration Capturing Light

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Sunday 8 November, 2.00pm Sherston Village Hall
(tickets available from Monday 1 September)

Inspired by the fluidity and luminosity of watercolours, Catherine Beale, member of the Society of Women Artists (UK), has developed her own spontaneous 'gravity painting' techniques to capture the British landscape. She will use the seasonal subject of Cotswold mists to demonstrate her particularly loose version of wet-in-wet watercolour

www.catherinebeale.com

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Sherston 300 Club: July winners



The winners of the 300+ Club July prize draw are: :
1st prize (£50): - Amanda Bailey-Turner
2nd prize (£30): Rosie Tweedale
3rd prize (£10): Kate Tullberg

There's still time to join up! There are five more draws this year, plus the mega Christmas Bonus draw.

Complete the form below to help support the village hall and give yourself a chance to win!

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: _____

Address: _____

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

Luckington School's 150th: A truly special day



We just wanted to share a lovely update following our 150th anniversary celebrations at Luckington Community School - and to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make it such a warm and memorable day.

On Friday 4 July, the school was filled with smiles, stories and a real sense of community as we welcomed past pupils, families, friends and staff to mark this special milestone. It was wonderful to see people of all ages reconnecting with old classmates, spotting themselves (or their parents!) in old school photos, and sharing memories over a cup of tea.

One of the highlights was the display of original school log books, kindly loaned by the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre. These precious records gave a fascinating glimpse into the school's past and were a big hit with visitors as well as the current schoolchildren, who had been exploring the school's history in class.

Our pupils loved stepping back in time and imagining what life was like at Luckington School over the past 150 years. It really brought history to life - and hearing from past pupils made it even more special.

The whole day was full of warmth, laughter and a shared pride in everything the school has meant - and continues to mean - to our village.

Thank you again to everyone who came along or helped behind the scenes. It really was a day to remember.

The 150th celebrations continued at Luckington's annual summer fête, marked by an unforgettable moment - a flyover by a WWII Lancaster. It was an incredible honour and a deeply moving tribute that left many in awe.

Councillor Martin Smith joined in the fun too, lending his expertise as a judge for the much-anticipated, 150th-themed 'Luckington Bake Off.' Congratulations to winner Jessie Valentine.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible community spirit that Luckington is known for. A heartfelt thanks to every single person who turned up, pitched in, baked cakes, ran stalls or simply cheered from the sidelines - it was a real team effort.

Visitors enjoyed all the fête favourites: the sizzling BBQ, the deli stall, the buzzing kids' zone, live music from Ben the Hat, and the lively Fanzone streaming Wimbledon and The Lionesses. The dog show was a big hit, and the fiercely contested tug-of-war had the crowd cheering from the sidelines.

A big shout-out to Hobbs House Bakery and Sherston Co-op and to Eagle Plant Hire for ensuring everyone stayed comfortable with top-notch toilet facilities. And to the Friends of Luckington School, the church fundraisers, and the playground committee - your hard work brought the day to life.

Luckington truly shone. Here's to the next 150 years of making memories together!

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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

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 Air 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.

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

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

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

The Greenshop, Holbrook Farm, Calf Way, Stroud GL6 7BX - a whole group of businesses dedicated to providing sustainable goods and services. See www.greenshopgroup.co.uk

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

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

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

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

Milk in glass bottles (no plastic!)

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

Zero-Waste online services

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

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

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

Oddbox (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

Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Sherston

Weekly farmers' market at Sherston Village Hall

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

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

Sherston Village Hall

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

Village Hall 300+ Club

For an annual subscription of £10 support the Village Hall, enter to win one of the four £20 prizes awarded in 10 draws each year. Contact 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 or mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk or www.apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/route/Index/6

Link - (Malmesbury and District)

Link is a charity run by volunteers to provide transport for people living in the Malmesbury area to hospitals and other health related appointments. Volunteers always needed.

Helpline: 840861 or coordinators@malmesburylink.co.uk

Sherston Living Churchyard

1st Saturday of the month 10am - work to support wildlife diversity to create a more beautiful place for the community. Everyone welcome. Come along and see what's happening, and join in if you like.

www.gauzebrook.org/churches/holy-cross-sherston

Children's Groups

Sherston Baby and Toddler Group

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

British School Room with toys, craft activities, music. Contact sherstonbabytoddlers@gmail.com or regular updates on 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 and follow the parents' link to register your interest, for all other queries contact 1stsherstonbrownies@gmail.com

1st Sherston Guides

Meet Wed 5.30-7pm in term time at the Village Hall. All girls are welcome to join after their 10th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the parents' link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Fi Picton via 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 for an application form.

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

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

1st Sherston Scout Troop

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

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

Ballet with HD Dance Studios

Ballet classes for primary-aged children. Fridays at 3.45pm. More info: Harriet Dyke on 07810 864162 or email hd_dance@outlook.com

Church and Faith Groups

Holy Cross Church

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

Sherston Congregational Church

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 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

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 or phone 840375

Footpaths Group

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

Sherston Senior Club

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

Sherston Community Choir

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

Sherston Drama Group

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

Sherston Gardening Club

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

Sherston Probus Club

Meets first Mon each month at 11am at the Rattlebone for interesting talks followed by lunch with 30 retired business and professional men in Sherston and the surrounding villages. Contact Secretary Alan Pugh 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 and rooms www.angel-sherston.co.uk/your-booking or 841627 for more details.

The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's, Sherston

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Holy Cross Café, Sherston

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

The Rattlebone Inn, Sherston

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

The Holford Arms, Knockdown

theholfordarms.com or call 01454 238669

The Old Royal Ship, Luckington

www.oldroyalship.co.uk or 840222

The Whistle Stop café, Tetbury

Open for takeaway coffees and takeaway food on Tues to Sun 10am–4pm www.shed-arts.co.uk

Alderton Village Hall

Ballet with HD Dance Studios

Ballet classes for primary-aged children. Fridays at 3.45pm. More info: Harriet Dyke on 07810 864162 or email hd_dance@outlook.

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

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

Hullavington

Weekly Zoom French clubs for children contact Anna-Kate on admin@clubs4kids.com for more details.

Luckington

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

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

Malmesbury

Athelstan Museum

Talks and Exhibitions www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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

Malmesbury Library

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

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

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

Carer Support Wiltshire with Dorothy House Hospice

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

Malmesbury & District u3a

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

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

Malmesbury Riverside Community Centre

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

Saturday Friends - refreshments, a variety of activities inc. talks and visitors – usually first Saturday of the month, except August Golden Zumba - seated exercise Thurs 2-2.45pm www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Malmesbury Concert Band

www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

Malmesbury Community Choir

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

Malmesbury Morris

www.facebook.com/malmesburymorris www.malmesburymorris.org.uk

Malmesbury Singers

www.malmesburysingers.co.uk

Malmesbury Film Society

www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk

Tetbury

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

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

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

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WHAT'S ON: August 2025

Sherston

Saturday 2 August From 9am, Holy Cross Church. Sherston Living Churchyard Working Party. All welcome - come and join our working party or support us at coffee time. Note: no plant stall until spring 2026.

Sunday 3 August 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Worship Together church service.**

Sunday 3 August 6pm, Holy Cross Church. **Holy Communion church service.** Using the Book of Common Prayer.

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

Sunday 17 August 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Thursday 21 August 9-10am, T H White, Knockdown. **Come and meet your local policing team** What matters most in your community? Tell us your views!.

Sunday 24 August 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Sunday 24 August 6pm, Holy Cross Church. **Evening Prayer church service.** Using the Book of Common Prayer.

Sunday 31 August 6pm, Holy Cross Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Alderton

Sunday 3 August 9.30am, Alderton Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Foxley

Sunday 10 August 10am, Foxley Church. **Holy Communion church service. Group service.**

Sunday 17 August 11am, Foxley Church. **Holy Communion church service.** Using the Book of Common Prayer.

Sunday 31 August 10am, Bremilham. **Open-air church service. For cycle Sunday.**

Luckington

Sunday 3 August 11am, Luckington Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Sunday 17 August 11am, Luckington Church. **Worship Together church service.**

Malmesbury

Friday 1 & Saturday 2 August 7.30pm (also matinee at 2.30pm on Sat), St Mary's Hall, SN16 0AH. **Athelstan Players doing Carnival: All the World's a Stage.** An entertaining evening of songs and sketches. Tickets £10 (£8 concessions) from Malmesbury Town Hall or TicketSource: www.ticketsource.co.uk/athelstan-players

Saturday 2 August 2.30-4.30pm, Malmesbury Town Hall. **Malmesbury Guided Walks.** Join a local expert and enjoy a guided walk around Malmesbury town centre. Distance: 1 mile. Tickets: adults £7, children £3.50. £10 (£8 concessions) from Malmesbury Town Hall or online: www.malmesbury.gov.uk/your-council/committee-meetings/august-walks-saturdays/individual-registration Also: **Saturday 9 August, Saturday 16 August, Saturday 24 August and Saturday 30 August.**

Monday 4 - Friday 8 August 10am-4pm, St Mary's Hall, SN16 0AH. **Play-in-a-week: Devised Theatre Workshop.** For ages 10 - 18 (25 for SEND). Create your own characters & devise your own story, leading to a dynamic and fun performance on Friday. Gain skills in acting, writing an directing, and learn about theatre in a supportive environment while making new friends. We will be sharing stories, creating scenes and working collaboratively to make our very own show. Booking on: www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-last-baguette/t-gaveaax

Thursday 7 August 2.30-4.30pm, Malmesbury Town Hall. **Malmesbury Guided Walks.** Join a local expert and enjoy a guided walk around Malmesbury town centre. Distance: 1 mile. Tickets: adults £7, children £3.50. £10 (£8 concessions) from Malmesbury Town Hall or online: <https://www.malmesbury.gov.uk/your-council/committee-meetings/august-walks-thursdays/individual-registration> Also: **Thursday 14 August, Thursday 21 August and Thursday 28 August.**

Friday 8 August 7-9pm, The Whole Hog (meet from 6.45pm). **Malmesbury Guided Walks: The Malmesbury Pub Crawl Part 2**. The Whole Hog to The Three Cups. Tickets: adults £7, children £3.50. £10 (£8 concessions) from Malmesbury Town Hall or online: www.malmesbury.gov.uk/your-council/committee-meetings/malmesbury-pub-crawl-part-2/individual-registration

Wednesday 13 August 10.30am-3pm, Malmesbury Library. **Story Garden Summer Reading Challenge Craft Bonanza**. Free drop-in sessions for everyone age 4+. Join us to transform Malmesbury Library's gallery space into a Story Garden. Also: **Wednesday 27 August**

Wednesday 13 August 7.30pm-9pm, Venue TBC. **Malmesbury WI: Summer Picnic**. Join us for a fun picnic in the park. Individual picnics to be provided by WI members. All women 18+ welcome. Visitors: £5. More info: malmesburywi@gmail.com

Friday 15 August 3.30pm, Malmesbury Abbey. **VJ Day 80th Anniversary**. Malmesbury Abbey is holding a short special service for VJ Day, followed by tea and cakes. All welcome. For further info, contact the Abbey.

Friday 15 August 8.30-9.30pm, Cuckingstool Mead. **VJ Day - Victory over Japan Day**. Join Malmesbury Town Council in remembering the contribution of all British, Commonwealth and Allied Forces, without whom victory and the freedoms and way of life we enjoy today would not have been possible. They will be lighting the Beacon to commemorate VJ Day.

Saturday 16 August 10.30am, Market Cross. **Malmesbury High Street & Art Gallery 2025: Exhibition Launch**. Attend the exhibition launch by the Mayor of Malmesbury. From 23 August to 21 September, visit Malmesbury High Street as shops and businesses exhibit work by local artists in their windows in a special free exhibition. Artwork available for purchase.

Monday 18 August 9.30am, Cloister Gardens, Malmesbury Abbey. **The Athelstan 1100 Pilgrim Way: Day One**. 9.30am: Registration, briefing and walk opening ceremony. 10am: Set off. 5.30pm: Arrive at St Sampson's Church, Cricklade (minibus option back to Malmesbury). Distance: 15 miles. For more info or to register: hello@athelstan1100.co.uk

Sunday 24 August 10am-4pm, St Mary's Hall, SN16 0AH. **Free Carnival Arts workshops - Avian Adventurers**. Drop-in sessions for everyone age 5+. Make your own beautiful birds for Malmesbury Carnival Procession! Get creative and messy making your own Carnival sculptures for the procession in a fun, relaxed and supportive environment. Come along as an individual, with a group of friends or with your family. Procession on Saturday 30 August from 5pm onwards. Also: **Monday 25 August and Tuesday 26 August**.

Saturday 30 August 2.30-4.30pm, Malmesbury Town Hall. Malmesbury **Guided Walks: The Women of Malmesbury**. Join a local expert and enjoy a guided walk around Malmesbury town centre. Distance: 1 mile. Tickets: adults £7, children £3.50. £10 (£8 concessions) from Malmesbury Town Hall or online: www.malmesbury.gov.uk/your-council/committee-meetings/the-women-of-malmesbury-2/individual-registration

Tetbury

Saturday 2 August 11am-2pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Adult Drawing Class with Claire Sanders**. A series of friendly and relaxed classes with artist and tutor, Claire Sanders (clairesanders.co.uk). Claire will help you capture the fruit, flower and foliage of the emerging seasons. Whether you are looking to hone your skills, re-ignite old

enthusiasms, or have a go at something new, you will come away feeling refreshed and inspired. Tickets: £20. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Saturday 16 August 7pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **The Festival Players present Shakespeare's As You Like it**. As You Like It is probably Shakespeare's most entrancing romantic comedy. Rosalind, the daughter of a displaced Duke, is banished from the court by her father's brother. Along with her cousin, Celia, she escapes to the Forest of Arden and disguises herself as a man. She teases Orlando, a young man, who does not recognise her as the girl he loved at a distance. **Please note**: this is an outside performance so please do bring your own rugs and cushions to sit on. If the weather is bad, then we will move the performance into the Main Hall. Tickets: £17 (under-18s £10). www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Saturday 23 August 6pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Supper Club with Chef Andrew Jenkinson**. Make a night of it at the Goods Shed by treating yourself to a three-course pre-show meal in our characterful Finnish Dining Car, prepared for you by South West Chef of the Year 2023, Andrew Jenkinson. Tables of two and four available, £25 per head. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Saturday 23 August 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **2024 BBC Young Musician of the Year finalist – violinist Shlomi Shahaf**. Born in December 2006, Shlomi began studying both the violin and piano at the age of four. His musical journey started at Kiev's Lysenko Specialized Music School. From 2019 to 2022, Shlomi continued his studies at the Central Music School of Tchaikovsky, in Moscow, under the guidance of the esteemed Professor Vinnitsky. He is accompanied by pianist Debbie Shah. Licensed bar. Doors open 7pm. Concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets: £24 in advance (under-25s £5). www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Sunday 31 August 11am, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Off the Rails - the Shed's one-day festival**. End your Summer holidays on a high with our fabulous Off The Rails festival of music, entertainment and family fun.. Tickets £8.50 in advance (under-16s free). free. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

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Didmorton Film Club

No film in August.

The Orangery Theatre, Westonbirt School

Monday 25 August, 5pm. Antonio Salieri's La locandiera (The Landlady). A production by Bampton Classical Opera to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Salieri's

death. Tickets: Adults £45, under 18s £22.50 from <https://bamptonopera.org/onlinebooking2.htm?event=104>.

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The Three Cups, Malmesbury

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Tetbury Goods Shed

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

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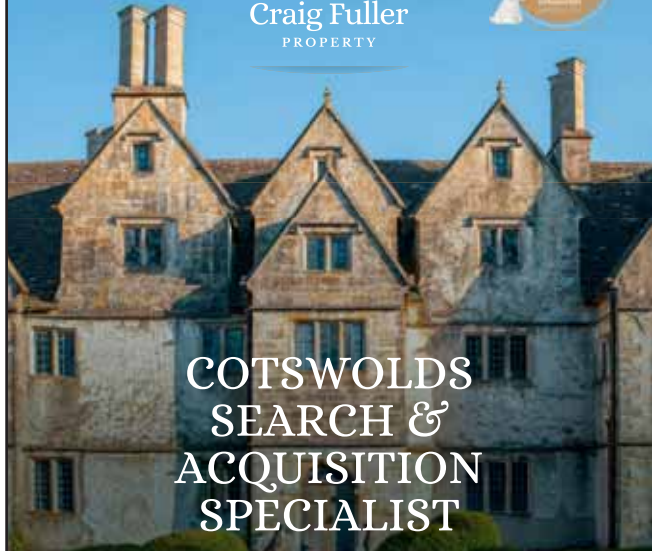
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Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

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

Wiltshire Council

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

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

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

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Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP Roz Savage	07808 719881
Sherston Parish Council	01666 800242
Sherston School	01666 840237
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