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With this issue of The Cliffhanger, we enter a new advertising term (April 2025 to March 2026) and, as such, the Cliffhanger Team and Sherston Parish Council would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have chosen in the past - and continue in the immediate future - to promote your products and services in our monthly publication. Thanks to your financial contribution, the lion's share of the annual printing costs is covered and gratefully appreciated.

We trust that our 980 readers take note of your contributions and show their appreciation by giving serious consideration to your products and services.

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: 7 & 8 June



Now is the time, with longer days and warmer weather, to be thinking of preparing your garden for the summer. Please do consider joining in with the Open Garden Trail. We are very happy to include gardens that have been open before, but we would love to include new gardens too, as this attracts more visitors. Any garden, whether large or small, would be most welcome, and it does not have to be perfect or weed-free. Gardens are open both Saturday and Sunday but can be just one day. Times to be confirmed.

Please get in touch with Heather (heather@geoffmartin.plus.com) to be included or for more information.

This event is a major fundraiser for the Church of the Holy Cross, and as always, money is needed for repairs to our beautiful, but ancient building.

River resilience



L to R; Richard Skeffington, Martin Smith, Pete Jeffs, taking the Q&A session at the event

Sustainable Sherston held the Flooding; Impact and Action talk on 10 March. The speakers were Dr Pete Jeffs of Sustainable Devizes and Richard Skeffington of Sustainable Sherston, with Councillor Martin Smith as chair.

In an informative evening, topics ranged from world weather systems, through beavers in Cornwall, to river watershed resilience, the Bristol and Avon Valleys Trust's activities, and floods in Alderton.

Some key takeaways:

- weather patterns are tending towards 'blocking', leading to longer periods of intense rain,
- water and land management has a legacy of design for previous weather patterns which can be overwhelmed,
- watershed resilience, considered as a whole for the watershed, is vital, slowing rivers, absorbing water safely, not passing the problem downstream,
- the farming community is hugely important, Bristol Avon Rivers Trust is working with local farmers on resilience and there are (some) government funds available,
- locally, we need to consider the impact of Storm Bert on local rivers and look at local resilience to flooding, and
- last but not least, don't build on flood plains!

River resilience and flooding is a huge topic which won't be going away. Look out for future Sustainable Sherston river activities.

Extracts from the slide decks from the evening and follow on information can be found at www.sustainablesherston.co.uk

High Street Parking Charges to be introduced from the beginning of April - see page 25



Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10 April at The North Building at 7.30pm.

Everyone's welcome to attend - you will have the opportunity to raise questions and pass comment.

If you're unable to attend but have something to raise, please email clerk@sherston.org.uk.

Village groups

Many of Sherston's groups already contribute regularly to the Cliffhanger and, as not everyone is on Facebook or has a computer, it keeps everyone up to date with what's going on in the village. Please keep the news coming in!

Gateway signs

The gateway signs welcoming people into the village have the first signs of the daffodils and narcissus bulbs coming. These were planted by Sherston Gardening Club and Blooming Sherston members back in the autumn.

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The size and content of the Cliffhanger depends entirely on the amount of copy we receive from individuals and groups. So, if you feel you have something of interest, please don't hesitate to tell us. Around 400 words would be a maximum but the shorter the better and less editing would be needed.

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

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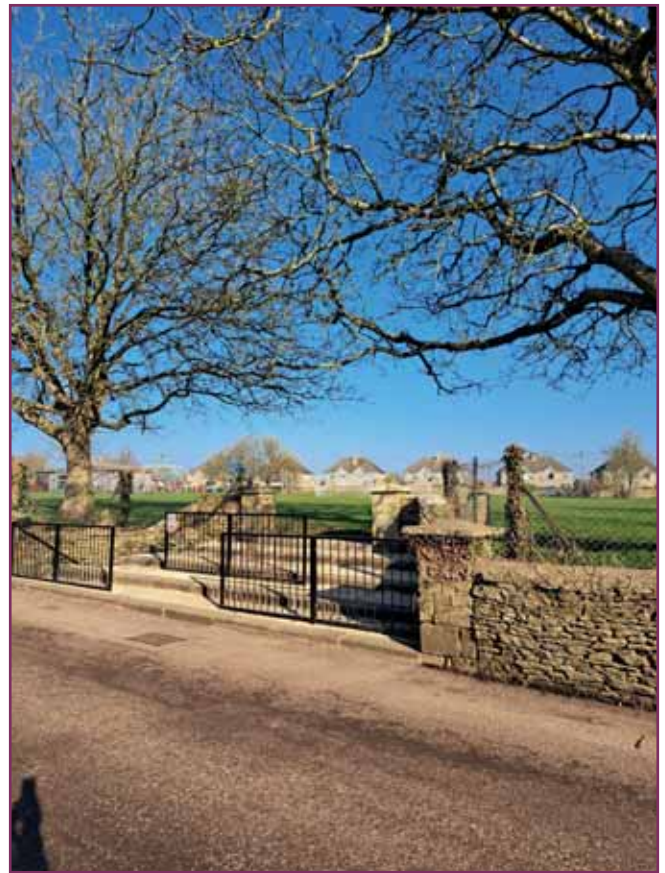
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Village maintenance



We are very lucky and grateful to share with other villages the use of the Parish Steward and to have Ryan, our village maintenance man. Between them - and along with our councillors who also do lots in the village - they keep Sherston tidy and sort out any problems in the village (such as the rec railings pictured above). . If you see anything that is a hazard or needs fixing please contact our clerk@sherston.org.uk .

Wiltshire Bobby Van: Doorbell cameras



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The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust is offering doorbell cameras to the over-60s, over-18s who are registered disabled, and victims of domestic abuse to help keep them safe in their homes. The charity has received funding for the project from parish councils in Corsham, Calne Without, Box, Malmesbury Without, Durnford, Devizes, Lyneham and Bradenstoke. Recipients will need Wi-Fi access and a smartphone, and must agree to a £4.99 monthly subscription to the manufacturer. For more information, visit <https://wiltshirebobbyvan.org.uk> or email BobbyVan@wbvt.org.

New combined dog waste and litter bins



A reminder that the new bins located on Tanners Hill and opposite the school (by the corner of Strongs Close) can be used for both litter and dog waste.



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Be vigilant



There are still reported break-ins happening in the village and surrounding areas, so please be vigilant and supportive of your neighbours and report any suspicious activity to the police. You never know when it could be you!!

Free dementia wristbands



If you, or someone you know, is worried about a friend or relative who has been diagnosed with dementia, a dementia wristband could bring some peace of mind. The bands contain a microchip with the wearer's details, which can be scanned by a smart phone if they become lost or confused to allow them to be reunited with family or carers. This initiative is the result of a collaboration between Wiltshire Police and its partners, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Wiltshire Bobby Van, Alzheimer's Support and Carer Support Wiltshire. They do not contain any GPS or tracking technology or an alarm and are not a replacement for dialing 999. To apply for a free wristband, go to: www.alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk/forms/dementia-safeguarding-wristband-referral-form

Tolsey News



New practice nurse

We are delighted to announce that Clare Lewis has joined the Tolsey Team. Clare is an experienced District Nurse and is looking forward to moving into rural practice. Her most recent role was Clinical Lead for District Nursing for Wiltshire Health and Care. We are sure that our local community will make her feel very welcome and help her settle in.

Breast screening

Had an invite for breast screening? Make sure you mark the date in your diary!

Breast screening uses a test called mammography which involves taking X-rays of the breasts. Screening can help to find breast cancers early and these cancers are usually easier to treat than larger ones.

It's important to remember that screening won't prevent you from getting breast cancer, but it aims to find early breast cancers. Regular breast screening is one of the best ways to spot a cancer that's too small to feel or see yourself. It saves around 1,300 lives each year in the UK.

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Sherston School News



Celebrating World Book Day in style

World Book Day at Sherston Primary School was a magical affair, brimming with creativity, excitement and a shared love for stories. Both children and staff embraced the day in full fancy dress, transforming the school into a vibrant tapestry of beloved characters. The packed schedule of activities included a thrilling 'mystery reader' event and the ever-popular reading buddies, where older children shared stories with younger peers. To top it all off, we were honoured to welcome author Charlie Brooks and his delightful dog, Mildred, who inspired everyone with tales of their adventures.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Moran for his tireless efforts in organising such a memorable day. Thank you also to Judith Parkyn Photography for capturing



this special day for us. At Sherston, we firmly believe in the transformative power of reading, and days like these remind us of its ability to spark imaginations and foster a lifelong love of learning.

Chestnut and Willow classes explore the Roman Baths

Chestnut and Willow classes recently enjoyed an exciting trip to the Roman Baths in Bath, bringing their classroom learning to life. For Chestnut class, this visit supported their work on the Romans, while Willow class explored connections to local history. The day included a fascinating workshop led by the Roman Baths' team, where children delved into life in Roman times by handling real and replica artefacts. They also learned memorable facts about Roman Britain, deepening their understanding of this pivotal period in history. The children had the opportunity to explore the awe-inspiring Roman Baths, marvelling at this well-preserved piece of history. Trips like these highlight Sherston Primary School's commitment to extending the learning environment beyond the classroom, ensuring that education is both engaging and immersive.





Growing connections and green spaces

If you've passed by the school recently, you may have noticed a flurry of activity in the front garden. Our newly established Gardening Club is already making a big impact, bringing life and colour to the school grounds. This wonderful initiative, supported by volunteers and the fantastic team at Sustainable Sherston, has quickly become a highlight of the week for participating children.

The club not only teaches practical gardening skills but also fosters teamwork, responsibility and a deeper connection to nature. We extend our thanks to all those who have contributed their time and expertise to make this venture a success.

(See next article for more information on what's been going on at Gardening Club.)



Sherston School's Gardening Club



Since January, we have been preparing the plot for spring sowing and planting by building a raised keyhole garden and creating wildlife habitats with a dead hedge, log piles and renovating the bug hotel. We have replanted the autumn fruiting raspberries and strawberries, and planted donated rhubarb and a plum tree.

The children have learnt about soil and compost, biodiversity and habitats, parts of plants, seeds and germination, and enjoyed sowing seeds and digging - especially for worms!

Our thanks go to Knockdown Quarry and Sallie Stratton for providing stone, T H White for compost, Anne Andrews for a wheelbarrow and tools and Mike Pope for his strong-man digging and help erecting our mini-greenhouse.

With warmer weather, we look forward to lots of seed sowing and planting out, and eventually enjoying the fruits and flowers of our hard work.

Tricia Lawrence, Eleanor Lines and Marion King, Sustainable Sherston

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Celebrating 10 years of Judith Parkyn Photography

I'm excited to announce that Judith Parkyn Photography is celebrating its 10th anniversary this month. Specialising in weddings and family photography, I've had the privilege of capturing heartfelt moments for so many wonderful clients over the past decade.

Since starting my business in 2015, I've photographed over 200 weddings across the Cotswolds and surrounding areas. It's been an honour to provide people with images that capture such important moments in their lives. I've also had the pleasure of capturing candid moments of love, joy and connection for countless families, celebrating everything from birthdays to anniversaries.

In recent years, I've expanded my services to include commercial photography, offering high-quality team photos and marketing images tailored to the needs of local businesses. This has been a fantastic opportunity for growth, and I'm thrilled that 2025 is shaping up to be the busiest year yet.

One of my wonderful clients, Claire Dobson, Director of Bristol Osteopaths and a Sherston resident, kindly shared her experience: 'Judith is a brilliant photographer. She captured wonderful shots of my family, including my camera-shy youngest, who was totally relaxed with her and stole the show! I also used Judith for a professional photoshoot at my osteopathic clinic, and once again,



the results were sensational. She captured the essence of the business with her brilliant eye for detail and creative flair. She is a pleasure to work with. I would highly recommend her.'

To celebrate this 10-year milestone, I'm offering a discount to Sherston residents until the end of this year. I'm also excited to announce the upcoming launch of my new website, which will showcase my evolving portfolio and enhance the client experience. The new website will make it easier for both individuals and businesses to book photo sessions, including family photoshoots at popular outdoor locations.

At the heart of my work is my commitment to delivering stunning, timeless photographs and, as my business enters its second decade, I'm more excited than ever about the future. I am incredibly grateful for the support of my clients and the local community over the last ten years. I've thoroughly enjoyed every minute of this journey and I am really looking forward to what's ahead.

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SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB



Sweeping views of Capability Brown-inspired landscape at Bowood Gardens

Next meeting: Tuesday 1 April. Speaker: Dr Hugh Vaux on Capability Brown

Cuttings

At our March meeting, Tricia Lawrence gave us an entertaining and beautifully illustrated talk about her passion for plants. Tricia has gardened since her mid-teens in gardens of all shapes and sizes, culminating in downsizing to her current patch. As her many visitors during Sherston Open Gardens will confirm, Tricia's walled garden is delightful in June but her slides showed her skills at creating colour in all seasons. All the more impressive because she started from scratch with a plan in her head, a few inherited plants and the experience to know what would thrive in different conditions.

On 1 April, our AGM is to be followed by the postponed talk from January on Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. Member Hugh Vaux has studied at length this gardening genius of the 18th century who ushered in a sweeping, informal landscape style which was continued by his 'successor', Humphrey Repton. Before he and Sue moved to Sherston, Hugh was part of the Kent Gardens Trust and has delivered talks and contributed to books on both garden design legends.

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New members are always welcome. Cost (for now) is £15 single, £25 joint, U18s free. We communicate with members via a monthly newsletter, on the sherston.net website and on our SGC Facebook page. Our Secretary can be contacted at sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Coming up

Tuesday 6 May: 'A Year at Spring Cottage' by writer and broadcaster Val Bourne

Thursday 8 May: Trip to Morton Hall, Worcestershire, for Tulip Festival

Save the date for Apple Day!



**Sustainable
Sherston**

Come and share the best of Sherston at the Village Hall and field on our next Apple Day. This year it's on Sunday 12 October, from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Sustainable Sherston will be pressing local apples and selling bottles of the gorgeous juice.

Luckington Farm will bring their BBQ (as they did last year) and showcase their organic meat and eggs. The local food theme will be very strong, and we may branch out by inviting other local, sustainable producers. More news later!

We will start pressing beforehand and the juice is pasteurised so it lasts more than a year. If you are likely to have spare apples, we would welcome them. Please drop them off in our large builder's bags outside the Village Hall on the afternoon of Sunday 21 September.

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Holy Cross News



Storm Bert left its mark on the church building when it passed over us last November. A couple of ceiling bays inside the church have fallen, and we have now started work to repair these. Although there is now scaffolding inside the church again, we hope that this won't inconvenience services and other activities too much. The popular Holy Cross Café will continue to be open on Thursday mornings. The church remains open every day for visitors and the Lady Chapel continues to be open for private prayer.

As we approach Easter, we have some changes to our normal services, starting with Mothering Sunday on 30 March at 9.30am, and the School's Easter service in church on the afternoon of Friday 4 April. Palm Sunday (13 April) will be celebrated at 6.00pm in Holy Cross but at 10.00am in Hullavington (one of the other churches in our Gauzebrook Group). There is an evening service for Maundy Thursday at 7.00pm.

Good Friday is on 18 April and, after the service at 2.00pm there will be a Pilgrim Walk to Luckington Church where at 3.30pm we will hear the concluding parts of the Easter story through music and word and then refresh ourselves with hot cross buns in the Old Vicarage.

The Reverend Tom Hunton, whom you may remember from our Christmas Day service, returns to Sherston to take Holy Communion on Easter Sunday morning at 9.30am.

If you would like to order an Easter lily in memory of someone dear to you, for inclusion in the floral display over Easter, please see the notice inside church.

Details of all our services and other activities are shown on the website 'A church near you'.

(www.achurchnearyou.com/)

Sherston Senior Club

In February, we had a very interesting talk by Rachel Illsley entitled 'My Adoption'. At certain moments in the talk, Rachel played the flute to enhance the poignancy of the story.

At our first March meeting, we had a social afternoon (our AGM having been postponed) with a quiz and bingo and, at our second March meeting, Commander Andy Benford gave a talk about his career in submarines.

Looking forward, on Tuesday 1 April, Rachel Illsley will be back to tell us all about her sewing adventures, including being televised. Then, on Tuesday 15 April, we have our first outing of the year. Details will be posted about the outing at Sherston Co-op. Keep your eyes peeled!

All are welcome to join us on outings or at meetings. More details from Helen Quirk on 840516.

Sherston Living Churchyard

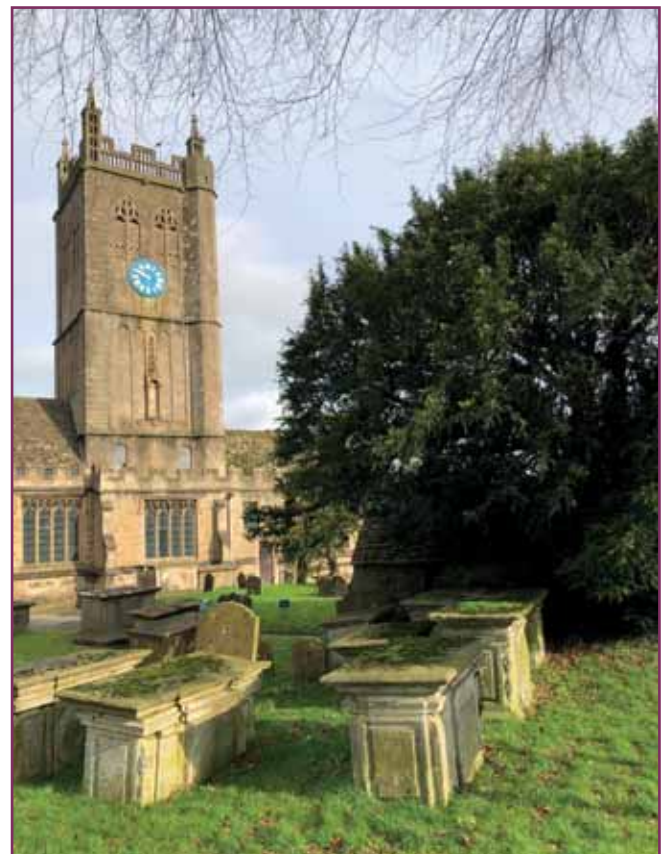


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Welcome to spring. At last the sun is shining and the churchyard is colourful with flowers. We had a bright sunny work day on Saturday 1 March and were able to get a lot done in the dry conditions, including removing ivy from the yew tree by the lych gate.

Caring for God's Acre (CfGA) is a charity that offers support to local communities across England who are looking after their churchyards and burial grounds with conservation in mind. It featured churchyard yews during 'Love Your Yew Week' in February. You can see our yew tree pictured in their gallery – just search for 'CfGA' online. In particular, CfGA drew attention to the damage that can be caused to yews by ivy in the branches. Ivy is usually seen as beneficial to wildlife because its flowers provide nectar for insects late in the year when few other plants are flowering, and birds get berries for food and an ideal place to nest. Older yew trees, however, need a full crown of needles to support the photosynthesis needed to keep them going to the great ages they achieve. The weight of ivy combined with the evergreen foliage can also cause branches to break. Following CfGA's advice several people spent the work session removing a lot of ivy from around the base and crown of our yew tree which should help to keep it safe for the future.

You may wonder how old our yew tree is. The



usual method of working this out is by measuring the girth of the trunk but you have probably noticed as you walk past that our tree grows up from behind the churchyard wall and it isn't possible to do this. It seems likely that the tree was there before the upper part of the wall and railings were constructed; this is thought to have been in the 18th century although no exact records exist. The lower part of the wall may be much older. If you look closely, you can see that the tree has enveloped some of the railings on top of the wall which are now enclosed within its trunk.

The Ancient Yew Group classifies yew trees as Ancient (800+ years old) or Veteran (500+ years old). It is believed that the Sherston yew falls into the Ancient category and, as such, is of great interest and value.

Do go into the churchyard if you do not do so already. Look at our ancient yew and the beautiful spring flowers. A lot of people walk through regularly and it's encouraging to receive their feedback about what we are doing. There is a new i-Spy trail leaflet available in the porch if you would like a guided walk.



Our next work session is on Saturday 5 April from 9.30am and we welcome anyone who wants to come and help or to look round. The plant stall will be open by the church porch from Thursday 3 to Sunday 6 April and again from Thursday 1 to Sunday 4 May.

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A grand day out - Brownies and Guides visit Longleat!



Sherston Brownies and Guides joined units from across Wiltshire for a fabulous day trip to Longleat. It took place on Saturday 22 February to mark Thinking Day, an annual event when 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide celebrate being part of an international movement.

'The red pandas are always cute - one of them was poking its head over the side of the platform to look at us. I'm glad we got to go there with Guides.' Grace

'It was great to see loads of other Girlguiding groups and feel part of a large community. The maze was awesome too - we had great fun getting lost!' Rosie

'Seeing the lions and tigers up close in the coach was brilliant and the car-destroying monkeys were hilarious. It was really fun feeding the parakeets too.' Edie

'I enjoyed it because we got to see lots of different animals, and I liked how we got to meet lots of other Brownies and Guides.' Florence






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




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**SHERSTON
DRAMA
GROUP**

Rumours



Rehearsals are nearly over for Sherston Drama Group's hilarious Easter production of *Rumours* by Neil Simon, which is running from Wednesday 9 to Saturday 12 April, 7.30pm in Sherston Village Hall.

When Ken and Chris arrive at an anniversary party, they're surprised to find their host Charley, a prominent Government official, in his bedroom too dazed to speak with a bullet hole in his ear lobe! To deepen the mystery, Charley's wife Vivian is nowhere to be seen. This riotously funny play explores the challenges and comforts of relationships as the four couples invited to the party attempt to piece together what has happened and work out how to spare their hosts, and themselves, from scandal.

Tickets (£10/£8.50 concessions) are on sale from Sherston Co-op (cash or cheque) or on TicketSource (ticketsource.co.uk/sherston-drama-group, booking fee applies).

Sherston's Great Big Green Garage Sale 2025



**Sustainable
Sherston**

Saturday 14 June, 10.00am–3.00pm, Sherston and the Village Hall

Do you have stuff getting in the way that could be passed on or recycled? Do you want to raise funds for your favourite charity? Get together with Sustainable Sherston on Saturday 14 June to share, reuse and recycle, with a little decluttering and bargain-hunting on the side! There will be stalls, events and refreshments in the Village Hall too.

Garage Sale visitors will get a map of the Garage Sale locations in the village with a short description of what's on offer. The Village Hall will be set up with stalls, refreshments and events, along with printed versions of the map. We will promote the Garage Sale as part of Great Big Green Week and via Sustainable Sherston's posters, socials and website.

You can join in the sale from your home or garage, or by taking a table at the village hall or field. Sell what you wish - household or garage items, baked goods or plants.

It's £5 to get yourself on the map. Send your name, address and a description, eg 'children's books' to sustainablesherston@gmail.com or use the form on our website: www.sustainablesherston.org.uk/events. We'll organise payment with you and put your location and description on the map.

Any queries, just email sustainablesherston@gmail.com

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The Bolt at Badminton is back! Saturday 17 May



The Bolt at the Badminton Estate returns for its 3rd year and we invite everyone to join us! The format is the same as last year with both a 5K and 10K run.

This event is organised by the Friends of Trinity C of E Primary School, with all profits going for Trinity C of E Primary School in Acton Turville.

We can't think of a better way to raise money for the school, than getting everyone outside and running or walking around the picturesque Badminton Estate! Everyone is welcome, regardless of whether you are trying to set your best time or simply complete the course. Entrants will receive a race bib with their race number and chip for timing, and all participants will receive a medal when they finish!

Finally, to make it even more fun for the children, a parent dressed as the 'bolt', will be running to cheer you on! Children under 5 are free and children under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Refreshments will be available and there will be a BBQ selling hot food to replenish all those calories burned!

The Bolt at the Badminton Estate 2025 takes place on Saturday 17 May. Gates to the event open at 9.30am and race registration starts at 9.45am, with the race starting at 11.00am. For more information or to buy tickets, visit: <https://race-nation.co.uk/register/the-bolt/the-bolt-at-badminton-estate>

Visit Tetbury moves to the heart of town



Visit Tetbury is pleased to announce the relocation of its Visitor Information Centre to a new home in the heart of the town. You will now find Visit Tetbury within the Town Council offices at The Old Court House, 63 Long Street, Tetbury, GL8 8AA. Our email address (tourism@tetbury.gov.uk) and telephone number (331222) remain unchanged. We look forward to welcoming you to our new location and continuing to showcase everything Tetbury has to offer. For more details, please visit www.visittetbury.co.uk, follow us on Instagram @ [visit_Tetbury](#), and like our Facebook page Visit Tetbury.

Managing passwords on Mac and iPhone: Tuesday 15 April

Do you struggle to keep track of passwords? Are you worried about password security and related warning messages?

Learn how to use the new Mac and iPhone Password app at this free event at Malting Hall, Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 15 April, 2.00pm-3.30pm.

With recent upgrades to macOS and iOS, Apple has made it much easier to manage your passwords. You can now see your saved passwords, know which ones need changing, create and use passkeys, and more, all in one convenient app. In this class, I will show you how to synchronise passwords between your devices, access them easily when needed, and improve both security and efficiency.

The workshop will include a half-hour Q&A session where you can ask any Apple Mac or iPhone questions.

The class is free, but please let me know if you'd like to attend. You can email me at hugo@heriz-smith.com or message/call 07943 199484.



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The Malmesbury Singers present 'Feel the Spirit'



Join The Malmesbury Singers for an uplifting summer concert at Malmesbury Abbey on Saturday 21 June at 7.30pm.

The concert, led by Musical Director Thomas Mottershead, will feature three harmonious works: Bob Chilcott's 'Canticles of Light', Franz Schubert's 'Mass No. 2 in G major' and Sir John Rutter's 'Feel the Spirit'. This programme promises an evening filled with light, harmony, and spirit.

Tickets (£20 for adults, £5 for children and students) are available now from <https://malmesburysingers.co.uk/> or from Malmesbury Abbey.

More information about The Malmesbury Singers can be found on their website: <https://malmesburysingers.co.uk/> add or scan the QR code above.

Tetbury Hospital Hike: Saturday 18 May

Come and join us on Saturday 18 May for a charity walk - or run - in aid of Tetbury Hospital. This year, the Friends of Tetbury Hospital are fundraising to help the hospital to buy a new X-ray machine at an estimated cost of £250,000. The event offers a rare opportunity to see glorious Estcourt Park, to have a great day out with your family and friends, to meet other runners and walkers and to help Tetbury Hospital at the same time. Starting and finishing in Shipton Moyne, near the church, conveniently close to the Cat and Custard Pot pub. Starting between 10.00am and 11.00am, there are two route options available of five and seven miles, finishing with a hog roast served from 12.00noon to 2.30pm, and bar open from 12.00noon.

Tickets cost £20.00 per adult and £15.00 per child (16 years and under), and include a hog roast! Children under 16 must be supervised by an adult. Children under five are free. Dogs on leads are welcome too.

Tickets are available from friendsoftetburyhospital.co.uk/event/tetbury-hospital-hike-18-may-2025/ or scan the QR code:



Sherston 300 Club: March winners



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

Ally Buxton (1st prize of £50), Juliet Blows (2nd prize of £20) and Jill Nash (3rd prize of £10).

There will be draws and prizes every month until the end of the year, plus there will be a generous Christmas bonus too. It's not too late to enter; simply complete the form and return to the Co-op

and pay £10 by cash, cheque or bank transfer.

Half of all money raised is distributed in prizes, the rest goes to the Village Hall to help pay the running costs and fund major upgrades like the new heating system we're planning this year. Please complete this form and return it in an envelope to the Co-op/ Sherston Post Office.

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)

Local recycling and zero waste outlet information



Recycling Facilities

Candles - Holy Cross Church porch. The Recycled Candle Company will make them into more candles.

Kerbside Collection - check the Wiltshire Council website for up-to-date information of what they do and do not take.

The Household Recycling Centre at Stanton St Quinton - take a look at their website to see what they take.

Soft plastics

Tesco Tetbury and Tesco Yate - collection points available in the stores.

Sherston Co-op has a soft plastic collection scheme. A list of all the packaging they can accept can be found here: www.coop.co.uk/environment/soft-plastics/packaging-list

Please make sure all the plastics are clean.

Batteries

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

Low-energy light bulbs

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

Medicine blister packs

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

Clothes and Shoes Collection Point

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

Ink Cartridges Sherston High Street Telephone Box

Zero-Waste/Eco Shops

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Milk in glass bottles (no plastic!)

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

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

Zero-Waste online services

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

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

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

Local Food Growers

Close Farm, Highgrove, Tetbury - veg stall

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

Shipton Mill Flour - locally grown and excellent online shop www.shipton-mill.com

Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Sherston

Weekly farmers' market at Sherston Village Hall

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

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

Sherston Village Hall

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

Village Hall 300+ Club

For an annual subscription of £10 support the Village Hall, enter to win one of the four £20 prizes awarded in 10 draws each year. Contact 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 Rooms with toys, craft activities, music. Contact sherstonbabytoddlers@gmail.com or regular updates on www.facebook.com/sherston.toddlers

1st Sherston Brownies

Meet Weds 5.45-7pm in term time at the Scout Hut. All girls are welcome to join after their 7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the parents' link to register your interest, for all other queries contact 1stsherstonbrownies@gmail.com

1st Sherston Guides

Meet Wed 5.30-7pm in term time at the Village Hall. All girls are welcome to join after their 10th birthday, there's no waiting list. Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and follow the parents' link to register your interest, for all other queries contact Fi Picton via fi.picton@outlook.com

1st Sherston Beaver Scout Colony

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

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

1st Sherston Scout Troop

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

Sherston Whitewall Explorers

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

Ballet with HD Dance Studios

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

Church and Faith Groups

Holy Cross Church

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

Sherston Congregational Church

Sunday service 10am. All services can be joined in person in the British School Room, Cliff Rd, or via Zoom. Please contact Rev Andrew who will send a Zoom link. Bible Study or Prayer Group, alternating Mondays 7.30pm, also via Zoom. Contacts the Minister - Rev Andrew Williams Tarling - awtcharfield@hotmail.co.uk or If you would like to book the British School Room for any event, please contact our Administrator (Alicja Clark): via email only: alicjaclark076@gmail.com

Music, Culture and Social

Church Bell Ringing

Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 – 9 pm. Contact Graham Morris 07484 838330 or Jim Bartlett 07980 119320 or come along.

Drawing Classes in Sherston

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

Footpaths Group

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

Sherston Senior Club

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

Sherston Community Choir

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

Sherston Drama Group

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

Sherston Gardening Club

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

Sherston Probus Club

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

Sing-along a Sunday School Song

Every Saturday (until end of May) 10.00am-11.00am in the British School Room/ Congregational Church. Join Mary Clements and sing-along to some old and new Sunday School favourites. For all ages, 0 to 90+! Toddlers toys, floor cushions and mats, tables of Lego, and tea, coffee and squash.

Yak & Yarn

Every Friday morning 10am till 12 noon in the British School Room, Cliff Road. A friendly group for anyone who wants to knit, crochet or do anything with yarn, whether experienced or a beginner!

Fitness

ABEL Pilates

Monday evening classes held in Sherston North Building (former pre-school building on the Rec). Fully certified body control teacher. All ages, bodies and abilities warmly welcome. 6pm Mixed Ability Class, 7:10pm Absolute Beginners' Course. Contact Kate: 07957 313109 or kate@abelpilates.co.uk www.abelpilates.co.uk

Ashtanga Yoga

An excellent practice to develop whole body strength & flexibility whilst calming the mind. (NB. you don't need to be flexible to do this class!) 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 Nordic Walking classes

A gentle full-body workout, accessible for people of all ages and abilities. Contact Kate 07792 064438 or katemchardy@hotmail.co.uk

Sherston Pilates

Daytime and evening classes held in the village hall. Run by Saara Sharman, Chartered Physiotherapist. All ages and abilities welcome. Contact Saara on 07739 552336 or sherstonpilates@gmail.com

Women's Yoga Circle

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

Yoga for All

Mon evenings 7.30pm to 8.45pm in the village hall. Drop in rate £8 reducing to £7 if you take up the course. For more details contact 07779 600786 after 6pm or leave a message.

YogaForEveryone

An inner awareness practice open to all levels focussing on functional mobility and strength. Tuesdays 9am-10.15am at North Building on the Recreation Ground. (former pre-school). More details from Sheila on 07584 177712, sheila.chapman@urbankandy.com www.urbankandy.com

Zen Meditation Group

10am-12noon on a Sunday at Scots Farm, Pinkney. All welcome. If you would like to have an introduction to Zen meditation, contact Lawrence Barrow - ljikob@gmail.com / 07947792919 / lawrencebarrow.com

Sports

Rattlebone Boules League

48 teams playing in 3 Leagues weekday evenings at the Rattlebone's boules pistes April – August. Contact Graham Hayman Hercule.Laboule@outlook.com

Sherston Badminton and Table Tennis Club

Every Tues evening from 7.30-9.30pm Village Hall from Sept to the end of May. New members welcome – mixed ages (over 18) and abilities. Contact Antony Lodge antonylodge8@gmail.com

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

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

Sherston Shooters Netball Club

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

Sherston Short Mat Bowls

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

Sherston Tennis Courts

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

Sherston Town FC

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

Sherston Velo Cycling Club

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

Pubs and cafés

The Angel Café with Rooms, Sherston

Hot and cold drinks, breakfast, brunch, lunch and freshly made cakes daily 8am–5pm summer (8am=4pm winter), takeaways and bike parking in courtyard accessed via Cliff Road (the gate is by the big red refuse bin). www.angel-sherston.co.uk/menu and rooms www.angel-sherston.co.uk/your-booking or 841627 for more details.

The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's, Sherston

Illy coffee, tea, herbal infusions & homemade cakes in Tucks Yard with covered seating – takeaways available. Bicycle parking. 841433 or //lucytom.com

Holy Cross Café, Sherston

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

The Rattlebone Inn, Sherston

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

The Holford Arms, Knockdown

theholfordarms.com or call 01454 238669

The Old Royal Ship, Luckington

www.oldroyalship.co.uk or 840222

The Whistle Stop café, Tetbury

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

Alderton Village Hall

Ballet with HD Dance Studios

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

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

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

Hullavington

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

Luckington

Luckington Mobile-PO Service outside The Old Royal Ship (SN14 6PA) each Tues 1.30 - 2.30pm
Luckington Village Hall Book via Stephanie Stephenson on 0778 6275328 or luckingtonvillagehall@gmail.com

Malmesbury

Athelstan Museum

Talks and Exhibitions www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Malmesbury Artisan and Farmers' Market

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

The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair

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

Malmesbury Library

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

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

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

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

Malmesbury & District u3a

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

Malmesbury Riverside Community Centre

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

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

Golden Zumba - seated exercise Thurs 2-2.45pm
www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Malmesbury Concert Band

www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

Malmesbury Community Choir

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

MalmesburyCommunityChoir.

Malmesbury Morris

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

Malmesbury Singers

www.malmesburysingers.co.uk

Malmesbury Film Society

www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk

Tetbury

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

Sherston

Tuesday 1 April 2.00pm, British School Room. **Sherston Senior Club** meeting. Rachel Illsley will be talking about her sewing adventures, including being televised. We are an informal club and welcome anyone 16+. For more information, please contact Helen Quirk on 840516.

Tuesday 1 April 7.00pm for 7.30pm start, British School Room. **Sherston Gardening Club** meeting. Speaker: Dr Hugh Vaux on Capability Brown. New members are always welcome. Cost is £15 single, £25 joint, U18s free. Contact our secretary for more info: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Thursday 3-Sunday 6 April Holy Cross Church porch. **Plant sale**. Bring and buy good-value plants with all proceeds to Sherston Living Churchyard funds.

Thursday 3 April 10am-12noon, Holy Cross Church. **EcoCafé**. Tea, coffee, cake and biscuits, with recycled cards and Fairtrade items for sale. Play area for small children.

Thursday 3 April, 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/timetrials to find out more.

Saturday 5 April 9.30am-12noon, Holy Cross Churchyard. **Sherston Living Churchyard**. Come prepared for the weather and bring tools and wheelbarrows if you can. Refreshments will be available.

Monday 7 April 12noon-2pm, British School Room. **Sherston Churches Together Soup Lunch**. All welcome. Free but donations encouraged!

Wednesday 9 to Saturday 12 April 7.30pm, Sherston Village Hall. **Sherston Drama Club presents 'Rumours'**. This riotously funny play explores the challenges and comforts of relationships. Tickets (£10/£8.50 concessions) from Sherston Co-op (cash or cheque) or TicketSource (ticketsource.co.uk/sherston-drama-group, booking fee applies).

Thursday 10 April 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.

Sunday 13 April 6.00pm, Holy Cross Church. **Palm Sunday Service**.

Tuesday 15 April Sherston Senior Club outing. Details will be posted about the outing at Sherston Co-op. Keep your eyes peeled! All are welcome to join us. More details from Helen Quirk on 840516.

Thursday 17 April 7.00pm, Holy Cross Church. **Maundy Thursday Service**.

Friday 18 April 2.00pm, Holy Cross Church. **Good Friday Service**. After the service, Pilgrim Walk to Luckington Church to hear concluding parts of the Easter story at 3.30pm, followed by hot cross buns in the Old Vicarage

Sunday 20 April 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Easter Sunday Service** with Holy Communion, led by Reverend Tom Hunton

Sunday 20 April 10.00am-11.00am, The Rattlebone. **FREE Easter Egg Hunt** with special guest, the Easter Bunny! This is a community event for everyone, so whether you're bringing the kids, grandkids, or just fancy soaking up the Easter spirit, we can't wait to see you there. (Note: Easter breakfast available from 8:00am to 10.00am.)

Malmesbury

Thursday 3- Saturday 5 April 7.30pm, St Mary's Hall. Athelstan Players present **'A Bunch of Amateurs'**. This programme promises an evening filled with light, harmony, and spirit. Tickets (£12 adults, £10 concessions) available from ww.ticketsource.co.uk or from Malmesbury Tourist Information Centre.

Friday 4- Sunday 6 April various times. **Thomas Hobbes Festival 2025**. Includes guided walks, illustrated talks and archaeology digs. For the full programme of events, visit www.thomashobbesmalmesbury.org.

Saturday 5 April 11.00am, From Malmesbury Abbey. **10-mile Celtic Pilgrimage** to St Peter & St Paul, Great Somerford. Led by Revd Adam Beaumont, in partnership with the Rhythm of Life initiative from the Diocese of Bristol. For more info and to sign up: <https://athelstanpilgrimway.org/>

Saturday 5 April 7.30pm, Malmesbury Abbey. **The Malmesbury Singers present 'A Journey to Eastertide: Voices of Solace'**. This programme promises an evening filled with light, harmony, and spirit. Tickets (£20 for adults, £5 for children and students) available from <https://malmesburysingers.co.uk/> or from Malmesbury Abbey.

Tuesday 15 April 2.00pm-3.30pm, Malting Hall, Malmesbury Town Hall. Free workshop. **Managing passwords on Mac & iPhone** with Apple expert Hugo Heriz-Smith. Email hugo@heriz-smith.com or message/call on 07943 199484 if you pan to attend. More info: hugocanhelpp.com.

Wednesday 16 April 11.00am-12.30pm OR 1.15pm-3.00pm, Malmesbury Library. **Noticing Nature Art Workshop**. With local artist James Aldridge. Free workshop for all ages. No need to book, drop in any time. All materials provided. Suitable for all abilities.

Thursday 24 April 10.00am-12.00noon, Malmesbury Town Hall. Malmesbury & District u3a monthly meeting. Speaker **John Tulloch MBE on The Borneo Graveyard 1941-1945 (The Japanese occupation of Borneo 1941 – 1945)**. The story of the POWs, the Death marches, the internees and the locals. John served in the NZ Army, RNZIR, RNZA from 1965 – 1973. His service included two tours in Northern Ireland, working with the Sultan of Oman's SAF, clearing-up operations in Dhofar, and postings in the UK, Germany and the Falkland Islands in 1982.

Saturday 26 April 11.00am-3.00pm, Malmesbury Town Hall. **The Big Malmesbury Clothes Swap**. Free entry (cash/card donations welcome). Donate preloved adult and teen clothing 1-25 April at Malmesbury Tourist Information Centre.

Saturday 26 April 7.00pm-10.30pm, Malmesbury Abbey. **Malmesbury Acoustic Sessions presents Eddi Reader**, with support from MG Boulter. Tickets £28 from malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk

Tetbury

Saturday 5 April 10.30am, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Music for Miniatures**: music for babies where there is no need to sit still and dancing is encouraged! Enjoy 45 minutes of live classical music with your little ones, ages 0-4. Tickets: adults £6, Children £4, under-1s free. Booking fee applies. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Sunday 6 April 7.00pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Chris Treglown Awards**. An exciting concert featuring 14 up-and-coming singers from the world of musical theatre and opera competing for the Chris Treglown Memorial prize. Tickets in advance: £12.50. Booking fee applies. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Saturday 12 April 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Faeland**. Timeless folk meets contemporary Indie with echoes of Jodie Mitchell and Fleetwood Mac but in unique and original formats. Tickets in advance: £12.50. Booking fee applies. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk

Saturday 26 April 7.30am, Tetbury Goods Shed. **The Remi Harris Hot Club Jazz Trio**. A spellbinding evening of Gypsy Jazz and Blues inspired by legends like Django Reinhardt, Peter Green, Wes Montgomery, Jimi Hendrix, and Joe Pass. Tickets in advance £15. 7. Booking fee applies. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk

Great Somerford

Saturday 5 April 2.30pm, St Peter & St Paul Church, Great Somerford (SN15 5HZ). **Launch of the Athelstan Pilgrim Way extension**. Speaker: writer, environmentalist and broadcaster Martin Palmer. on 'Walking Gently: From Sacred Land to Storied Churches'. Plus performance by Malmesbury Choir, and an exhibition of photographic artwork by our artist in residence, Sheona Beaumont. Tickets: £15 (children £5) from: <https://athelstan1100.co.uk/>. Following the launch, there will be an organised 1.5- mile walk to the church of St James the Great, Dauntsey, where there will be a short talk by Carole Britton, author of Past, Present, Presence - The Companion Guide to the Athelstan Pilgrim Way. For more info: <https://athelstanpilgrimway.org/>

Little Somerford

Thursday 10 April 7.00pm-9.00pm, Little Somerford Village Hall. Local author talk. Carole Britton: **Past, Present, Presence - The Companion Guide to the Athelstan Pilgrim Way**. For more info, contact Liz Ireland: ea.ireland@btinternet.com

Music, Cinema and Theatre

Theatre Royal Bath

Tel 01225 448844 www.theatreroyal.org.uk

The Barn Theatre, Cirencester

Until Saturday 10 May. In the Mouth of the Wolf. Based on a true story about Sir Michael Morpurgo's uncles during World War II, Francis is a fierce pacifist, and Pieter is a man who believes that peace can only be achieved by action. Age Guidance 8+. Box office: 01285 648255 or boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk or visit <https://barntheatre.org.uk> for full cast details and tickets.

Didmarton Film Club

Friday 11 April Showing Conclave Doors open at 6.30pm for the Bar with film starting at 7.30pm Didmarton Village Hall Donation of £5 per film. Guests are welcome. Bar available. To join or to become a member of the Film Selection Committee, or to let us know you're coming beforehand (this helps with chairs), email jenny.body1@gmail.com.

Movies@Malmesbury

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

Malmesbury Live Arts

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

The Three Cups, Malmesbury

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

Tetbury Goods Shed

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

The Electric Picture House, Wotton-Under-Edge

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

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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

Useful Information

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

Utilities

ELECTRICITY – SSEPD Power track
To report a problem or for information call 105 www.ssepd.co.uk/Powertrack for a map of faults
0800 072 7282 or 0345 072 1905 from a mobile phone @SSEPD for updates on twitter

WATER – Bristol Water

www.bristolwater.co.uk/contact/
Emergency Helpline: 0345 702 3797 (24 Hour)

WATER – Wessex water

www.wessexwater.co.uk/Contact-us/
Emergency Helpline: 0345 600 4 600 (24 hours)

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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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Sherston School	01666 840237
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