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Sherston Boules Festival donates £8,000 to the local community



Following the success of the 2025 Sherston Boules Festival (and despite rising expenses and increased costs this year), the Boules Committee has been able to donate a fantastic £8,000 to support a wide range of local community groups.

Among the recipients are Sherston Parish Church, Sherston Village Hall, Sherston Magna Cricket Club and Sherston Football Club. The Festival also supports youth and recreational groups, including 992 Squadron ATC, the Friends of Sherston School, 1st Sherston Scout Group, 1st Sherston Brownies and Guides, Sherston Drama Group, Sherston Netball Club and the Friends of Luckington School.

Other beneficiaries include Sherston Senior Club, Sustainable Sherston, Sherston Gardening Club, Sherston Badminton Club, Sherston Community Choir, Sherston Baby and Toddler Group, and Sherston Bell Ringers. The Wiltshire Air Ambulance also received a donation, helping to sustain their crucial emergency services.

Many of these groups contributed to Sherston Boules Festival by dedicating considerable time and effort as volunteers. Their active involvement before and during the festival was vital to its success and it couldn't happen without them.

Whether you played, participated or volunteered, thank you to everybody who came along to make this another wonderful event!

Sid's been wounded



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You'll know Sid, you'll probably have driven past him countless times. Constantly looking out for the safety of our children, our old folks, in fact all of us. He stands steadfast and faithful at the edge of our village, helping us to drive at a safe speed.

But now, our trusty Speed Indicator Device (SID), has had his source of energy slashed, his lifeline deliberately cut.

Why? An act of vandalism? An act of malice? An act of vengeance? Who knows? Why would anyone do such a thing on purpose? SID is there to protect us - from injury and death from speeding cars, from irresponsible drivers.

And now we have to repair him. Your Parish Council has to pay - which actually means we are all paying - for the repair. This is a misdeed against us all.

If you know anything about this mindless act, please do something about it. Call out the perpetrators, let them know you are aware of their antisocial behaviour.

Thank you.

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Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 October 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.

Stop Lime Down Art Exhibition



This special art exhibition brings together a wonderful collection of local artistic talent, all in support of the Stop Lime Down campaign. Held at Fosse Farm, Brokenborough (SN16 0QZ), the exhibition takes place on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 October, 11.00am-3.00pm. Entry: donations welcome.

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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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Sherston's recycling TARDIS: come on in!



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Welcome to the refurbished recycling TARDIS on Sherston High Street, alongside the Old School.

Here, you can recycle used ink cartridges and toners, along with used low-energy lightbulbs. Please note only branded ink cartridges and toners can be recycled ... no substitutes please. The containers will be regularly emptied, so please help to keep our TARDIS tidy.

Unfortunately, we cannot recycle used batteries. However, Wiltshire Council can - simply place your used batteries in a sealed, plastic bag and leave them on top of your blue-lidded recycling bin on collection day.

Many thanks

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Chil and Hawkeye celebrate five years in scouting



Sherston Cub leader Candi Williams Tarling and Beaver leader Sophie Cheetham were recently presented with their Chief Scout's Five Years' Service Award! Well done Chil and Hawkeye!

Being a volunteer leader is fun, rewarding and full of surprises! We are always on the lookout for more volunteers to join our friendly 1st Sherston team - at our sessions and/or on our camps, or to help behind the scenes. If you would like to get involved, please email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk We'd also love to hear from you if you have a skill, talent or passion you could share at a one-off session.

Tolsey News



Flu season 2025

We are delighted to announce that we are offering a weekend bookable flu clinic on Saturday 4 October, and weekday clinics for flu and Covid. We have sent out invitations to those eligible.

Please remember to book your flu and Covid vaccinations with the Tolsey surgery as this is a vital way to support your local GP service. We have recently seen a rise in local Covid cases so please do not be alarmed if the GP asks you to do a test.

Dispensary news

The dispensary team would like to remind everyone that it takes four working days for them to safely process routine repeat prescriptions. The team has recently had a run of patients coming to collect their medications only a day or two after submitting their request, meaning they left disappointed.

Dr Gurung

Unfortunately, Dr Sima Gurung has now moved to a practice nearer her home in Swindon, having completed her training time at the Tolsey. She plans to take her Royal College of GP examinations. Dr Gurung has been a very popular GP Registrar and will be missed by her patients and colleagues alike.

Our next GP Registrar, Dr Robert Duncan, will not be starting at the Tolsey until January 2027. This will have an impact on appointment availability which the practice is addressing.

Books, books, books!



Most of us love books but we have too many of them. Here is an opportunity to clear a space on your shelf and buy some different ones as a change.

Bring your books to Sherston Village Hall on Saturday 4 October at 9.00am. If you can, beforehand, check that your books are in good condition and remove those that really should go in the bin.

The Book Sale will start at 10.00am after we have done a bit of sorting into categories.

Come along from 10.00am to 4.00pm to browse and buy, have a cup of tea or coffee and chat to friends.

All proceeds will go towards paying for our new heat pump system in the main hall of the village hall.

P.S. If you are able to drop off your books the day before, please bring them on Friday 3 October, 2.00pm-4.00pm.



comes to Sherston

It's panto time! Oh, yes it is!! Sherston Drama Group is excited to perform Rumpelstiltskin this October half-term. When Dame Dottie boasts that her daughter Bella can spin straw into gold, she inadvertently places her in terrible danger. Will Bella be rescued from the clutches of the villainous King Zagan? Why is the Big Bad Wolf trying to disguise himself as a chicken? Will Harry Potter make a success of his new business idea? And what will become of Twinkle, a fairy who can't get any magic spells to work? Find out all the answers by joining us in this hilarious, madcap adventure, fun for all ages!

Performances will take place every evening from Wednesday 29 October until Saturday 1 November at 7.30pm in Sherston Village Hall. On the Saturday, there will also be a matinee performance at 2.30pm. Tickets (£10/£8.50 concessions) are available from Sherston Co-op (cash or cheque) or online at ticketsource.co.uk/sherston-drama-group (booking fee applies).



Sherston Senior Club

Back in August, Cilla Liddington gave an interesting talk about the various shops that existed in Sherston during her childhood. At that time, Sherston had two bakeries, several pubs, a café, a bank, a building society, a drapers, a barber (who terrified Cilla, when she needed a haircut!), sweet shops, hardware stores and several grocers. This talk was well attended by visitors and members alike. Cilla has promised to return to tell us all about the 12 Sherston men transported to Australia. We look forward to the next episode in our local history, and we'll let you know when a date has been arranged.

On Tuesday 2 September, we enjoyed a mystery coach outing to Cadbury Garden Centre at Congresbury. We were glad to be under cover as the weather was not good.

Our next meeting was the Harvest Auction on Tuesday 16 September, followed by our final outing on Tuesday 30 September - more on these next month.

Looking forward, on Tuesday 14 October, Jay Dunn will be giving a talk entitled 'Ooo Matron! Keep calm and carry on' and, on Tuesday 28 October, musical group Jaybirds will be returning.

We are a friendly club - and welcome members and visitors to our meetings. For more information, please contact Helen Quirk on 840516.



Sherston School News

Reception Open Day: Discover our wonderful EYFS



We warmly invite prospective parents to our Reception Open Day on Tuesday 25 November at 1.30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to experience first-hand the calm, welcoming environment of our school and to see our lovely EYFS setting in action. The afternoon will begin with a presentation about life at Sherston, with a focus on our Reception Class, followed by a guided tour where you can explore our learning spaces and outdoor areas. Refreshments will be available. Children are welcome, and we will be offering a crèche to help parents make the most of the presentation and tour. Alternatively, parents may prefer to bring their child along to a one-to-one tour at another time, so they can see the school more personally.

With applications for September 2026 already looking strong, we encourage families to move forward with their applications early. To book your place, please contact admin@sherston.wilts.sch.uk.



Small groups, big smiles



At Sherston Primary, we believe learning should be an adventure. This year, we've taken another step towards making lessons even more engaging by teaching science in year groups, alongside our existing approach in maths. This means children enjoy smaller group sizes, with teaching tailored precisely to their stage of learning.

The results have been fantastic. Smaller groups bring more opportunities for children to get hands-on, ask questions, and share their ideas. Science has become one of the week's highlights, with experiments, investigations, and lively discussions filling our classrooms. Whether it's exploring electricity, learning about habitats, or making careful observations, the children are learning while having fun - and teachers are loving the chance to get to know each child's thinking in more detail.

Parents often comment on the buzz their children bring home after a science lesson, and that's exactly what we want to see: curiosity, confidence and excitement about the world around them. We know that when children enjoy their learning, they thrive, so we are committed to making sure every child finds joy in the classroom.



A space to grow



Creating the best environment for learning and play is the cornerstone of life at Sherston Primary. Inside the school, we recently celebrated the installation of new electric Velux windows and an updated heating system, ensuring bright, airy classrooms that are warm in winter and cool in summer. It's a calm, clean setting where children can concentrate and feel comfortable throughout the day.

Beyond the classrooms, our school grounds have taken another big step forward thanks to Mike Pope and Sustainable Sherston. Together, they have designed and built a clubhouse for our ever-popular Green Fingers Club. This fantastic space gives our young gardeners a base to start their sessions, store their tools, and take shelter when the weather turns. With the club in such high demand, the new building means more children than ever can enjoy planting, growing and learning about the natural world.

We are incredibly grateful for the time, effort and generosity shown by the whole team who made this project possible. It's another shining example



of how Sherston's community supports the school and, in turn, how the school enriches the lives of local children. From bright classrooms to inspiring outdoor spaces, our school continues to be a fantastic place to learn, play, and grow.

Festive Wreath Workshop



On Saturday 29 November (10.00am to 12.30pm), join the volunteer flower team at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston, for a relaxing morning crafting your very own festive masterpiece for your door. You will use a sustainable moss base, a variety of seasonal foliage and decorations. All essential materials provided.

Cost £45.00 per person. Refreshments and mince pie included. Proceeds will go to the Church Flower Fund.

Please contact Julia Armstrong on jarmstrong58@sky.com or 07766 687731 for more information and to register your interest.



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*Nick Macer of
Pan-Global Plants is
our October speaker*

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7 October with speaker Nick Macer on 'Confessions of a Plant Freak'.

Cuttings

Derry Watkins of the Special Plants Nursery lived up to her flamboyant reputation at our September meeting. As a feisty, Connecticut-born American, married to an English architect, Derry proved an entertaining speaker on the subject of gravel gardening and the best plants for the job. Derry's prime passion is drought-tolerant, changing-climate planting and the beautiful slides of her garden illustrated the vibrant colours she adores. Most perennials were self-sown or grown from seeds available from the adjacent nursery. A visit to both is highly recommended at any time of the year.

We look forward to hearing Nick Macer talking about 'Confessions of a Plant Freak' on Tuesday 7 October. Nick set up Pan Global Plants near Frampton-on-Severn in 1997 and grows and sells rare and special plants in his specialist nursery. 'Neglected, beautiful, in the wild and in cultivation' is how he describes the plants that are his passion. Not to be missed!

Clippings

Club meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the

month at the British School Room, Cliff Road, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Plant ID, plant sales, raffle, gardeners' question time, jobs in the garden for the month and friendly chat over homemade refreshments.

New members are always welcome. 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



Dahlia divas: autumnal tints in the post office trough

When this lot above have finished flowering, we'll remove them, keep them dry in the hope they'll last another season and replace them with narcissi and tulip bulbs for another colourful spring display. We also hope to dot more daffodils around village verges for some welcoming pops of colour.

Coming up

Tuesday 4 November:

'Gardening with Wildlife' by Dede Liss.

Tuesday 2 December: Christmas decoration demonstration with Julia Armstrong.

Our exciting 2026 programme is being finalised and should be ready to reveal soon!

Sherston Advent House 2025: Sign up now!

We know mentioning Christmas in October should have the elf police on alert but, if you enjoy the Sherston Advent House Trail each year, we need to know who is in for 2025 so we can get our (ice) skates on and get organised! Lots of people have been asking if the Sherston Arts Festival can help put together the trail again and we have said absolutely ... IF we have enough interest. If you have never taken part before, this might be the year to give it a go!

As a quick recap, it's like an advent calendar but for houses. You decorate a window (or windows) or a garden with a Christmas theme and make it look all sparkly! Each night from 1 December, a few houses light up their numbered scene until 23 December when everything is lit and we can take a stroll around our magical village for the full Sherston Advent House Trail. Number 24 will be at Holy Cross Church.

The windows/gardens don't need to be complicated

or elaborate and, as many of us will be putting up fairy lights anyway, adding a few festive decorations to your house would be easy. You can even do the same as last year!

From wine bottle choirs to Moomins on ice, it's always fun to see what Sherston creates! Simple is wonderful too; taking part is the key! Every window is special - and the more, the merrier. You only have to light up on your night but, if you fancy keeping them switched on every night, that's fine too!

To sign up, please email kirsty.strachan@icloud.com with a 'Yes, I'm in' along with your address and we can get you on the map. The deadline is Monday 3 November (but please email ASAP so we can start getting organised). We had over 70 houses and businesses take part last year - bringing a little Sherston community magic to December - and we would love as many houses as possible to take part again this year.

Sherston Apple Day 2025: latest news!



Due to the huge quantity of early local apples available, we started pressing on 10 September this year and have continued weekly in order to have Sherston Apple Juice ready for Apple Day on Sunday 12 October (10.00am-3.00pm, Sherston Village Hall). This year's juice will be on sale at £4 per bottle or you can buy three bottles for just £10. Our delicious, pasteurised juice lasts for over a year unrefrigerated.

On Apple Day (only) fresh juice will also be available, bottled for you straight from the press. This unpasteurised juice will last for at least two days in the fridge and will cost £3.50 per bottle. We will be pressing apples all day and will have our smaller demonstration press for children to practise their skills!

The Friends of Sherston School will be offering lots of entertainment in the village hall, including fun science shows, plus face painting and hair braiding. They might even have a tuck shop!

Food will be a big feature this year, with Knead Bakery offering fabulous bread and cakes, plus hot drinks. Luckington Farm will bring their barbecue and have burgers and relishes with their excellent beef. Roz from Adeline's Farm will be there with her organic veg, Chris Exton with his Malmesbury honey, and Sarah and Paolo with their family's Sicilian olive oil for sale and to taste. This year, we will also have Rachel Golding Barrett's Tetbury Flower Company with buckets of flowers for sale, so come early to get the pick of the crop! Rachel recently won a 'silver gilt' award at Hampton Court Flower Festival, so she arrives in Sherston fresh from this huge success.

There will be bulbs on sale and locally crafted walking sticks. Whatley Manor will be there with information about their approach to ecology, and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will be on hand with updates on how our local wildlife is faring.

Come along at 10.00am to join us on the day! Bring good weather and we will spread out into the field behind the hall. If it's rainy, we'll be inside.

Any questions, please email sustainablesherston@gmail.com or call Eleanor on 840369.

From pulling pints to pushing pedals!



After 36 years of pulling pints, Helen Johnson-Greening from The Old Royal Ship in Luckington has decided to have a go at pushing pedals. This month, she will be cycling 400km in Kerala, India, to raise money for Marie Curie.

Before she heads off on her Indian cycling challenge though, Helen will be hosting a coffee morning for Marie Curie on Saturday 25 October from 10.00am at The Old Royal Ship. Please pop in for a coffee and a cake, and help boost Helen's fundraising total. If you can't make the coffee morning but would still like to donate, please scan the QR code below.

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Sherston Living Churchyard



Now on display in the church porch, you can see our latest award for management of the churchyard for the benefit of wildlife (see above). Some may be surprised to see that this has now been happening in Sherston for 17 years. Although the Living Churchyard in Sherston was relaunched at the beginning of 2024, work has been going on for many years as part of the Church of England's Living Churchyards and Cemeteries Project.

Caring for God's Acre was set up in 2000 to support the many volunteers nationwide who are working to preserve and enhance all kinds of burial grounds. The charity's website - caringforgodsacre.org.uk - is a mine of information about all the different types of wildlife to be found in burial grounds, how to conserve what is there and how to record what you

find. It is well worth a look. The latest blog posts include 'Looking for slow-worms and other reptiles or amphibians' and 'A Parliament of Rooks'. Both of these are relevant to us in Sherston: slow-worms in our churchyard have their own 'hotel' (a sheet of black corrugated roofing material under which they can bask and warm their cold blood before venturing out); and we have lots of rooks in the churchyard and village, noisy, attention-grabbing and an annoyance to some!

Last month, our working party volunteers concentrated mainly on strimming and raking and generally clearing areas. We uncovered a grave with the inscription, 'In memory of John Deverell who departed this life on 3rd May 1846 aged 76 - Sarah Deverell wife of the above died 10th March 1849 aged 73'.

We also cleared around areas of cyclamens and discovered a toad nestling under the long grass, putting into practice the core message of Caring for God's Acre: Protecting Wildlife - Preserving Heritage - Involving People.

Our next working party will be on Saturday 4 October from 9.30am. All welcome to come and help or join us for coffee and show your support.

Sue Robinson

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Donate your marvellous medlars for a bee-rilant cause!



This autumn, as part of its commitment to be environmentally friendly, Tracklements is calling for donations of unwanted medlars. Tracklements turns this peculiar fruit into its delightful Aromatic Medlar Jelly. Fifty pence from the sale of each jar goes towards helping the bees: 25p goes towards purchasing medlar trees (which blossom later in the year, after other blossoms have faded, providing an invaluable source of pollen for bees); and 25p is donated to the British Beekeepers' Association, a charity committed to promoting the importance of and protecting the British honey bee.

The project is now in its 15th year and has helped plant over 150 medlar trees across Britain and contributed to Tracklements donating over £3,000 to the British Beekeepers' Association last year alone!

If you have any medlars that you'd like to donate to this bee-rilant cause, please drop them off at Tracklements (SN16 0RD) before Saturday 29 November. For full details on the project and on how to win a tree, visit www.tracklements.co.uk.

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Remembrance Sunday 2025

Sherston's Remembrance Service will take place on the morning of Sunday 9 November at the lychgate outside the Church of the Holy Cross, as usual. Unfortunately, the army is unable to attend this year; we were originally expecting 90 Headquarters Squadron of 9 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps from Buckley Barracks in Hullavington to lead the parade, but they've been allocated to support a different area. However, a Captain and a Warrant Officer will come to lay a wreath and deliver a reading at the service. All the village uniformed youth groups, Sherston Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides, along with pupils from Sherston Primary School, will be on parade as usual. All are welcome, from all denominations and none, to come and show support for the Armed Forces in general, and for the youth organisations as they march through the village. We are delighted that the Sherston Community Choir will again lead the singing. Look out for more details next month.

Get ready for Disco Bingo in Sherston!



Sherston Village Hall is set to become the ultimate dance floor from 7.30pm on Saturday 15 November with a night of Disco Bingo! It's bingo with a twist - the ultimate mash-up of bingo and cheesy tunes, ending in a disco!

There'll be music, dancing, a bar and plenty of laughs – the perfect way to brighten up an autumn evening.

The event is raising money to support Amélie and Oli, students at Malmesbury School, for their expedition to Nepal next year. They will be taking part in community projects, such as building waterways for schools, and learning about important global issues.

This event is over-18s only so book yourself a babysitter, dust off your dancing shoes and buy your tickets now by scanning the QR code or searching 'Disco Bingo Sherston' on Eventbrite!



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Malmesbury & District u3a

Our Open Morning for prospective members is on Saturday 4 October (9.30am-12.30pm) in The Hub (Old School Room) at Malmesbury Town Hall. Find out in person about our various interest groups (we have over 40!), meet the group leaders as well as other new and existing members. No need to book, just come along on the day. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information, visit www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk or email membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk.

Our monthly meetings with a guest speaker take place on the fourth Thursday of the month (10.00-12.00) at Malmesbury Town Hall. Non-members are welcome to attend the monthly meetings. 50p donation. Details of this month's meeting:

Thursday 23 October.

Horatio Nelson: Picturing Britain's Greatest Admiral - Dr James Taylor FRSA

Discover the extraordinary life and loves of Vice-Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson (1758-1805) through period paintings, drawings and prints. Nelson was a charismatic and complex character who met his death on deck of HMS Victory on 21 October 1805, aged 47.

Dr James Taylor is a former specialist in Victorian paintings at Phillips Fine Art Auctioneers, an author, curator and exhibition organiser at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.



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Sign up for The Last Baguette drama workshops!



Sherston Drama Group is excited to bring you a day of children's drama workshops on Saturday 15 November with professional theatre group The Last Baguette. Come along for a session of confidence-building fun and games! There will be two workshops: the first for children in Reception to Year 3: 9.30am-11.00am (£10); and the second for those in Year 4 and above: 11.30am-4.00pm (£20, bring a packed lunch). Secondary school age children are very welcome – activities will be tailored to the ages of those attending. To book, please use the booking form on the Sherston Arts Festival website: sherstonartsfestival.com/the-last-baguette-workshop/ Places are limited!

Bring an object: Sunday 16 November



Marc Allum, a specialist on BBC's Antiques Roadshow, invites you to come along to Sherston Village Hall at 2.00pm on Sunday 16 November with an object for discussion. He will spontaneously contextualise a whole cross section of artefacts with anecdotes and historical facts, garnered from his several decades of experience in the art and antiques business. A fascinating afternoon is promised. £10 per person. Refreshments available.

Tickets for Arts Festival events on TicketSource



Tickets are available from TicketSource for the following events:

- Wessex Choir, with guest Nicola Clark. Saturday 15 November, 7.30pm, Holy Cross Church. Tickets: adults £15, children £10. www.thewessex.org.uk
- Packhorse Ceilidh Band, a traditional barndance with live musicians. Saturday 8 November, 7.30pm, Sherston Village Hall. Tickets: adults £10, family £20.
- Capturing Atmospheric Landscapes, a watercolour demonstration by Catherine Beale. Sunday 9 November, 2.00pm, Sherston Village Hall. Tickets: £10.
- Bring an Object with Marc Allum from BBC Antiques Roadshow. Sunday 16 November, 2.00pm, Sherston Village Hall. Tickets: £10.

Spread the cost of your tickets and be sure of a place by buying now! Just go to www.ticketsource.co.uk/ and type 'Sherston Arts Festival' in the search box. (NB: TicketSource charges a small commission.)

If you prefer to buy tickets in person, they will be available outside the Co-op (not inside) on several dates in October and November. Look out for further information or check the Arts Festival website: www.sherstonartsfestival.com

Sherston 300 Club: September winners

The winners of the 300+ Club September prize draw are:

- 1st Prize (£50) - Geoff Martin
- 2nd Prize (£30) - Jane Milne
- 3rd Prize (£10) - Caroline Moore

It's still worth joining for the rest of the year, there are still four more monthly draws, plus a bumper

Christmas bonus prize. 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)

Sherston Scarecrow Trail 2025



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A very popular event during the Arts Festival is the Scarecrow Trail. To get your scarecrow on the 2025 map (no charge), email Kirsty Strachan: kirsty.strachan@icloud.com. And if you don't have a house in Sherston – but fancy making a scarecrow – we have a few places to put them, just drop Kirsty a line!

If you would like to join in the fun without the hassle, why not book on to the Scarecrow Making Workshop on Saturday 18 October at Sherston Village Hall (2.00pm-4.30pm, £15 per group). All the materials will be provided and there will be lots of help on hand to make your scarecrow. Spaces are limited so get in quick! Email: kirsty.strachan@icloud.com to book your place.

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1825-2025: Celebrating 200 years of Sherston Congregational Church



Do join us at 7.00pm on Thursday 30 October to celebrate 200 years of Sherston Congregational Church! Alongside cheese, wine, tea and coffee, there will be an exhibition of memorabilia (including ancient minutes and membership books usually lodged at Chippenham Archive Centre) and we will be unveiling a commemorative plaque. The history of the chapel building was given in the September Cliffhanger, but then ... this church provided, in 1844, the British School Room in which we now worship.

An indenture dated 17 May gave power of ownership to the Reverend Daniel Best Sherry (wonderful name!) of Great Sherston. It was built to encourage and promote ... fun, friendship and faith. Seventeen years later, Rev. Sherry then sold it on 26 April 1861 for £190 to 10 local trustee benefactors. They stated on the Deeds (which will be on show on 30 October) that they wished to secure it 'in perpetuity for public use and the advancement of the Christian faith'.

These were the 10 benefactors:

The Reverend Thomas Mann of Trowbridge.

The Reverend John Spicer Binder of Great Sherston.

William Somerville the younger of Bitten, a 'Gentleman of Gloucester'.

Handel Cossham of Pucklechurch, a 'Gentleman of Gloucester'.

Henry Holborow of Great Sherston, a farmer.

William Newth of Great Sherston, a farmer.

Samuel Jobbins of Great Sherston, a farmer.

Ebenezer Witchell of Sopworth, a corn merchant.

William Pritchard of Easton Grey, a miller.

Peter Cook of Tetbury, a draper.

(It is worth remembering that Sherston was once a busier market town than Tetbury.)

If you enjoy using the British School Room, remember times past with affection, or would just like to look round for the first time, we invite you to join us at 7.00pm on Thursday 30 October.

The members, management and friends of Sherston Congregational Church/British School Room

For general bookings, please contact the BSR manager: alicjaclark076@gmail.com For other enquiries, phone 07778 934742.

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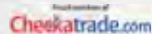
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Local recycling and zero waste outlet information



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](http://www.apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/route/Index/6)

Link - (Malmesbury and District)

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

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
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 time 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 Thurs 7-8.30pm in term time at the
Scout hut. There is a waiting list for Scouts, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk for an application form

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/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11839/) or the noticeboard near the lychgate.
Sunday evening services November-March at 4.30pm
please check our website to confirm details.
Church of the Holy Cross Coffee Shop Morning coffee
every Thurs 10-12noon – small children's play area
Book the Church for concerts, lectures, exhibitions, pop-
up cafes. Book via sherston@gauzebrook.org

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

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

Women's Yoga Circle

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

Yoga for All

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

YogaForEveryone

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

Zen Meditation Group

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

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 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.

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 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: October 2025

Sherston

Saturday 4 October From 9.30am, 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.

Saturday 4 October 10am-4pm, Sherston Village Hall. **Book Sale.** Come along to browse and buy, have a cup of tea or coffee and chat to friends. All proceeds go towards paying for our new heat pump system in the main hall of the village hall. If you have books to donate, please drop off on Friday 3 October, 2pm-4pm, or from 9am on Saturday.

Saturday 4 October 11am-3pm, Fosse Farm, Brokenborough (SN16 0QZ). **Stop Lime Down Art Exhibition.** This special art exhibition brings together a wonderful collection of local artistic talent, all in support of the Stop Lime Down campaign. Entry: donations welcome. **Also: Sunday 5 October.**

Sunday 5 October 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Worship Together church service.**

Sunday 5 October 6pm (supper at 7pm), Holy Cross Church. **Harvest Festival service followed by Harvest Supper.** All are welcome to come to either or both to celebrate the harvest season. If coming to the service, we will enjoy the wonderful special hymns with particular relevance to our farming community and the abundance of the season. If you wish to join in with the Harvest Supper, it is a 'bring and share' event if you are able to do so, but no pressure. There will be a list in church to sign up so we can cater for more or less the right number of people. We ask for a donation of £8 per person to be paid on the night, which includes a glass of fair-trade wine, jacket potatoes and cooked ham. We also make a donation from this to the local food bank.

Tuesday 7 October 7pm for 7.30pm start, British School Room. **Sherston Gardening Club meeting.** Speaker: Nick Macer on 'Confessions of a Plant Freak'. New members are always welcome. Cost is £20 single, £35 joint, U18s free. Contact our secretary for more info: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Thursday 9 October 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 12 October 10am-3pm, Sherston Village Hall. **Apple Day.** The Friends of Sherston School providing games, face painting and a bouncy castle! BBQ and meat from Luckington Farm; fruit and

veg from Ros at Adeline's Farm; beautiful blooms from The Tetbury Flower Company; Chris Exton's Malmesbury Honey; olive oil from Sicily (from Sarah and Paolo, the growers in Malmesbury); cheeses from Armadeli; and Sherston Apple Juice for sale! Any questions, please email sustainablesherston@gmail.com or call Eleanor on 840369.

Tuesday 14 October 2.30pm, British School Room. **Sherston Senior Club: Jay Dunn talks on 'Ooo Matron! Keep calm and carry on'.** Members and visitors welcome. For more info, contact Helen Quirk on 840516.

Saturday 18 October 2pm-4.30pm, Sherston Village Hall. **Scarecrow Making Workshop.** Sign up if you would like to join in the fun of the scarecrow trail without the hassle. All materials provided and there will be lots of help on hand to make your scarecrow. Spaces are limited so get in quick! £15 per group. Email: kirsty.strachan@icloud.com to book your place.

Sunday 19 October 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Sunday 26 October 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Sunday 26 October 4.30pm, Holy Cross Church. **Evening Prayer church service.**

Tuesday 28 October 2.30pm, British School Room. **Sherston Senior Club: Jaybirds.** Enjoy entertainment from this musical group. Members and visitors welcome. For more info, contact Helen Quirk on 840516.

Wednesday 29 October-Saturday 1 November 7.30pm (plus 2.30pm on Saturday), Sherston Village Hall. **Sherston Drama Club presents Rumpelstiltskin.** Entertainment for all the family! Raffle and bar. Tickets: £10/£8.50 concessions from Sherston Co-op (cash or cheque) or ticketsource.co.uk/sherstondrama-group (booking fee applies).

Thursday 30 October From 7pm, British School Room. **Celebrate 200 years of Sherston Congregational Church.** Cheese and wine (or tea and coffee) available. Memorabilia will be on display, and a plaque will be unveiled. If you enjoy using our premises, or remember times past with affection, or would just like to look around for the first time, we invite you to join our 200th anniversary celebration.

Alderton

Sunday 5 October 9.30am, Alderton Church. **Sunday service.**

Foxley

Wednesday 1 October 7-9pm, Foxley Church. **A history talk in aid of Foxley Church.** Local historian David Mitchell will talk on 'The North Wessex Way - putting Foxley on the map for thousands of years'. Tickets: £12. Including tapas evening with a glass of sherry or wine. To book, email: foxleyparish@gmail.com

Sunday 19 October 9.30am, Foxley Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Luckington

Sunday 5 October 11.00am, Luckington Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Tuesday 7 October 2pm, The Old Royal Ship. **Luckington Bible Study.** Also: 14, 21 and 28 October.

Sunday 12 October 10.00am, Luckington Church. **Gauzebrook Group monthly pilgrim service.**

Saturday 25 October 10.00am, The Old Royal Ship. **Marie Curie Coffee Morning.** Helen Johnson-Greening from The Old Royal Ship will be cycling 400km in Kerala, India, to raise money for Marie Curie. Join her for her fundraising coffee morning before she heads off

Sunday 19 October 11.00am, Luckington Church. **Morning praise.**

Malmesbury

Friday 3 October 7pm, Malmesbury Abbey. **GBO Oldtimer Big Band.** An evening of music from our new twin town or Bad Hersfeld. Tickets: £10 adults, £5 under-16s. www.malmesbury.gov.uk/what-s-on/community-events/gbo-oldtimer-bigband/individual-registration

Friday 3-Sunday 5 October 9am-5pm, Fosse Farm, Brokenborough (SN16 0QZ). **Protect our Countryside Exhibition.** Local exhibition as part of Stop Lime Down fundraiser. This special art exhibition brings together a wonderful collection of local artistic talent, all in support of the Stop Lime Down campaign. Entry: donations welcome. For full details, visit www.stoplimedown.com/art-exhibition

Saturday 4 October 9.30am to 12.30pm, The Hub (Old School Room) at Malmesbury Town Hall. **u3a Open Morning.** Find out in person about our various interest groups, meet the group leaders as well as other new and existing members. Just come along on the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sunday 5 October 10am-3pm, Malmesbury Abbey. **Strings Incognito: Vivaldi's Four Seasons.** With music inspired by nature from Newbold, Grieg, Beach, Gershwin and more. Soloist: Sara Stagg. All proceeds to Cancer Research UK. Tickets: £12 adults, £5 under-16s. www.strings-incognito.org.uk

Wednesday 8 October 7-8pm (doors open 6.30pm), Malmesbury Abbey. **Malmesbury Abbey Music Society presents: Papagena - Love, Legends & Lullabies.** The international all-female a capella vocal group pioneering music for women's voices. Tickets: £12 adults, £5 under-16s from malmesburyabbeymusic.com or in person from Caerbladon, 24 High Street.

Wednesday 8 October 7pm-9.30pm (doors open 6.30pm), Malmesbury Town Hall. **French Supper.** Malmesbury & District Twinning Association invite you to celebrate 25 years of partnership between Malmesbury and Gien. Menu: tomato tart and courgette loaf; cassoulet (chicken/vegetable); profiteroles and fruit. Bar and raffle. Tickets: £20 from Malmesbury Tourist Information Centre or malmesburytwinning@gmail.com.

Friday 10 October 7.30pm-9.00pm, The Assembly Room, Malmesbury Town Hall. **Malmesbury WI: A talk and demo by artist Rupert Aker.** Join us for an evening where Rupert gives us a talk whilst demonstrating how he paints. All women 18+ welcome. Visitors: £5. For more info, email: malmesburywi@gmail.com.

Saturday 18 October 10am-2.30pm, Little Somerford Hall. **Malmesbury Textile Group Workshop: Leather bound books with Kate Lennon.** This workshop is recommended for beginners and enthusiasts alike. Kate will show you how to hand-stitch a leather covered book (alternatives to leather available). £45 (members £35). To book, email Ruth Vaughan: r.vaughan56@btinternet.com

Tuesday 21 October 10am-11am, St Mary's Hall. **Playtime.** Play-along theatre adventures for 2-6-year-olds and their grown-ups (younger and older siblings also welcome). Expect to play, move, watch and laugh. For more info: thelastbaguette@gmail.com or thelastbaguette.com

Thursday 23 October 10am-12noon, Malmesbury Town Hall. **Malmesbury & District u3a monthly meeting: Horatio Nelson: Picturing Britain's Greatest Admiral - Dr James Taylor FRSA.** Discover the extraordinary life and loves of Vice-Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson (1758-1805) through period paintings, drawings and prints. Non-members welcome, 50p donation. Check our website for an up-to-date list of groups and other information: www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk. or email membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Saturday 25 October 11am-3pm, Malmesbury Town Hall. **The Big Malmesbury Craft Fair.** We showcase handmade products by local artisans. For more info, search thebigmalmesburycraftfair on Facebook

Tetbury

Sunday 5 October 5.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Quiz Evening.** Make up a team and take on the challenges of our Quiz Master, David Walker, who over the years has collected obscure facts from a range of sources and now has a use for them! Tickets: £2 in advance. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Sunday 12 October 10am-4pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Wool Fair.** Following the great success of last year's event we bring you a wide range of stalls, demonstrations, workshops and talks – and even

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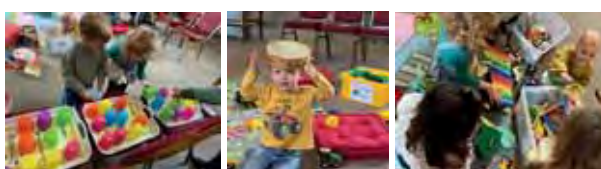


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the attendance of some sheep! Tickets: £3.50 in advance. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk

Thursday 23 October 7pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Film Night: National Theatre Live Mrs Warrens Profession.** Imelda Staunton joins forces with her daughter Bessie Carter in Bernard Shaw's incendiary classic. Tickets: £15 in advance. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk

Saturday 25 October 2-7pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Derailed: a daytime house music event with Danny Toft!** If you're over 30 come and party during daylight hours with DJ Danny. A chance to dance your socks off and still be home for supper. Tickets: £10 in advance. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk

Sunday 26 October 7pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Candlelit Classical Masterpieces.** Join the Bristol Ensemble and soloist Viv McLean for a candlelit celebration of classical greats by Chopin, Mozart and Shostakovich. Tickets: £24 in advance. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk

Music, Cinema and Theatre

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Didmarton Film Club

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, to find out what's

showing 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

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

The Electric Picture House, Wotton-Under-Edge

A refurbished local cinema run by volunteers – check website for upcoming films www.wottoncinema.com

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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/

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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
Sherston Parish Council	01666 800242
Sherston School	01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings)	07857 657 454
Sherston Co-op PO Stores	01666 840190
Tolsey Surgery	01666 840270
Wiltshire Council	0300 4560100

Celebrate Christmas 2025

Join us to celebrate Christmas with seasonal menus, fine wines and happy times with family and friends.

The Dining Room
Our Michelin starred restaurant, available for dinner Thursday to Sunday up to 21st December. Then again from Friday 26th December.

Grey's Seasonal Dining
Open for dinner every evening throughout the festive season up to 21st December. Then again from Friday 26th December. Alternatively, enjoy our festive set lunch menu on a Friday or Saturday from the 1st December up to 20th December.

Grey's Festive Sunday Lunch
Join us for a traditional Sunday roast menu each Sunday in December up to 21st and again from 28th December. Bookings for 10 or more guests will be required to pre-order, a menu will be sent to you in advance to circulate to your group.

Festive Afternoon Tea
Our festive afternoon tea is served every day, Monday - Saturday 12.30pm - 4pm and Sunday 2pm-4pm, until 21st December. Traditional afternoon tea available as usual from the 26th December.

Private Dining
If you would like to enjoy a festive event in one of our private dining rooms, please contact our events team who will be happy to help you organise this. Please email events@whatleymanor.com

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