



THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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A massive shout-out and thank you to.....



Nigel Freeth – for coordinating, and for his ability to control and direct the volunteers for the day as well as for recently fixing the rotten kissing gate at the entrance to Grove Wood. Our volunteers David, Paul, Fredrick and Tom, for giving up their Sunday morning to help with the fifth phase of coppicing in Grove Wood on Sunday 25 January. It certainly was hot, thirsty work. The sun did appear very briefly but the conditions remained wet and slippery.

It was great to see the enthusiasm and teamwork as well as people making new friends during the course of the morning.

With five coppicing phases now complete, we continue to build on the original work by John Lloyd and his merry band many years ago. The wood is slowly returning to a more managed state which hopefully will allow the flora, fauna and wildlife to thrive as well as providing us with a wonderful facility to enjoy.

If you would like to help support future projects, please email either Nigel.freeth@sherston.org or Tanya.burgess@sherston.org and we will pop your name on the list.

Sherston Boules Committee: Volunteers wanted!



The Sherston Boules Committee is looking for friendly volunteers to help make our Boules events a success. Whether you can spare a whole day or just an hour, every little helps.

We're keen to build a list of people who might be happy to lend a hand with:

- Setting up or packing down
- Running stalls
- Helping our core team manage the day
- Providing general support during events

The more folk we have involved, the better the day is for everyone. No experience needed, just a willingness to help and be part of a great community event.

If you'd like to join the team or find out more, please email: sherstonboules@gmail.com

Thank you – we'd love to have you on board!



Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12 February in the Village Hall small hall at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated or informed. Everyone is welcome to attend. You will have the opportunity to raise questions and pass comment. If you're unable to attend but have something to raise, please email clerk@sherston.org.uk.

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As with articles, submissions for the new section should be sent to the Cliffhanger (editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk) by the 10th of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

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What's On: contact us at
info@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk

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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Reporting issues to Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Council 

Sherston Parish Council

How do you report issues to Wiltshire Council and what type of issues can you report?

There are two main ways to report an issue to Wiltshire Council:

1. Using the Wiltshire Council website
2. Using the 'MyWilts' app

Both are really simple to use. If you register on either system, you'll be provided with a reference number and will be able to track the progress of your issue. (If you don't register, you'll still receive a reference number, but you won't be able to track progress.)

To report via the website, simply type 'Wiltshire Council' into your search bar and you will be presented with the screen below:



Click on 'MyWilts' (indicated by the red arrow above) and it should be pretty straightforward from there on.

Alternatively, you can log an issue using the MyWilts app which you might find easier as you can do it there and then, and you have the ability to take and attach photos of the issue on the spot. You are in control!



What type of issues can you report?

- Abandoned vehicles
- Benefits
- Empty homes
- Fraud
- Parking
- Play areas
- Roads, footpaths and pavements – this includes potholes, road markings, street lighting, road signs, bollards or railings, road hazards, drains, manhole covers, public rights of way, pavements and kerbs
- Rubbish or recycling – this is where your bins and, topically, dog poo bins come into play
- Street scene
- Trading standards
- Trees, hedges and grass
- Unauthorised encampments
- Unlicensed scrap metal collection
- Unlicensed waste collection
- Weather emergencies

As a Parish Council, we really do need your support to help identify and report these issues to ensure the environment and infrastructure in and around our village is maintained. If you contact us, we simply end up logging for you, which results in extra work for us and means that you will not receive updates on the issue you have reported. Please, please help us to help you, we really would appreciate it.

Dog owners, please pick up!



There has been a noticeable increase in dog waste around the village of late. This includes further examples of dog owners bagging up dog mess and then throwing the bags into hedges and gardens, and generally not clearing up after their dogs in and around the village, as well as in and around local fields.

If you are a dog owner, please be considerate to other people, as well as livestock, and ensure you pick up after your dog EVERY time, irrespective of where you are.

In the UK, it is the law for dog owners to clean up after their dog in public places:

- Failure to clean up: You could be issued with a fixed penalty notice of up to £100, or face a maximum fine of £1,000 if taken to court which could leave you with a criminal record.
- Leaving waste behind: You must not leave bags of dog waste on the ground or in a hedge.
- Litter: You must not litter in public.
- Burying or covering: It is not enough to bury or cover up dog waste, it must be removed.

You should always carry a poop scoop or bag to pick up and carry the mess to a litter or waste bin – there are plenty of them dotted around the village. Please note that you can now put dog waste in the round black and gold general waste bins (they will be marked up shortly). You can also buy dog poo bag dispensers that attach to your dog's lead.

Registered blind people are not required to clean up after their guide dogs.

If you need further encouragement, please consider the following four reasons why you should pick up after your dog:

1. It will not break down on its own

If you believe that dog poop will break down or just wash away, you're wrong. Dog waste can take up to 12 months to fully break down. Plus, when rainwater washes over dog poop, it flows into the drainage systems. The contaminated water is then carried into lakes, streams, and rivers.

2. Dog waste contains disease-causing bacteria and parasites

The parasites and bacteria in dog waste can spread disease to other dogs, and even you, if not properly picked up. E. coli and salmonella are some of the bacteria that are carried in dog waste. Your dog may not have any symptoms, but their waste can carry diseases that are harmful to humans and other pets.

The parasites and bacteria can stay in the soil for years. By not picking up after your dog, you're putting other people's pets at risk for exposure to harmful bacteria. Children who play outside and gardeners are at the most risk for contamination.

3. It's common courtesy to pick up after your dog

Picking up after your dog is not only common courtesy but your duty as a pet owner. When faeces are not picked up, the smell can quickly become overwhelming. It stinks! When you take your dog for a walk away from your home, you are entering public property. Because you own your dog, any waste your dog produces is your responsibility to pick up. Plus, it's just good manners.

4. Dog poop is not a fertilizer

If you think, as many people do, that dog waste is a natural fertilizer, think again. Since most dogs' diets are high in protein, it actually has the reverse effect of fertilizer. Dog poop is exceptionally high in nitrogen and phosphorus, so if you leave your dog's waste in your grass, it can cause burns in your lawn. It will kill your grass if it isn't picked up because it's so acidic.

Dog waste isn't the same as cow manure since cows eat plant matter. While cow poop can be used as compost in gardens and fields, dog poop can contaminate fruit, vegetables and surrounding areas with harmful bacteria if not composted properly.

Please help us to help you by reminding owners to pick up their poo!

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Sherston School News

Preparing with purpose

Sherston CofE School is currently in its inspection window, and we'd like to share what this means for our whole community. The inspection framework has evolved, but our approach remains simple and clear.

We believe in three things:

- children learning and having fun,
- families feeling happy with the school and their child's progress, and
- staff who enjoy working here.

We are quietly preparing for inspection, but we are not overworking our staff. Our emphasis is not on running a school to chase a grade; it is on running

a school that focuses on children, families and staff. When those three things are in place, the inspection outcome will take care of itself.

We are proud of the progress the school has made over the years and hope it continues to grow. Thank you to the whole Sherston community for your ongoing support and kindness – it makes all the difference.

We also have a 'What They Say' folder, filled with emails, cards and letters from people who have shared positive feedback about the school. This folder is shown to visitors and will be shared with inspectors too. If you would like to contribute, please email admin@sherston.wilts.sch.uk or drop in a handwritten letter or card. We value all feedback and would love to hear from you.

RE that inspires – learning with curiosity



We believe learning should be meaningful and engaging, and our Religious Education (RE) is a shining example of this.

We have a strong link with the church, and every week Becky Fisher joins us to lead 'Learning Worship', teaching the children a Bible story connected to our value of the term – this term, it's Curiosity.

Alongside these sessions, children love their classroom RE lessons. They explore big questions, learn about different faiths and traditions, and take part in interactive activities that make the subject come alive.

We are also working closely with the Local Authority to develop and enhance our RE curriculum further, ensuring it remains rich, inclusive and inspiring.

RE at Sherston is not just about knowledge – it's about understanding, respect and curiosity. It helps children see the world through different lenses and encourages them to think deeply about values and beliefs.

Continuing to create spaces to be proud of

First impressions matter, and we want every child to feel proud as they walk into school. That's why we are continuing to improve our environment this year.

You may have noticed the new fencing and gates at the front of the school. These changes help create a welcoming, secure entrance that reflects the care we put into our school.

We've also made significant improvements to our trim trail, ensuring it is safe and ready for active play. Opportunities for children to climb, swing and balance outdoors are so important – not only for physical health but also for confidence, resilience and well-being.

And there's more to come! We are currently working on a new school website, which we look forward to sharing with you soon. This will make it easier for families and the wider community to access information and celebrate all the wonderful things happening at Sherston School.

Thank you to everyone who has supported these projects – your contributions help us create a school we can all be proud of.



Greenfingers celebrates its first birthday!



Greenfingers, the after-school gardening club at Sherston Primary School started last January, so we have now completed our first full year and achieved a lot.

We have built a dead hedge and log piles, renovated the bug hotel, and created a small pond, hoverfly lagoon, pollinator patch and wildlife corridor along the existing hedge providing habitats for all sorts of wildlife.

Last summer, we grew a variety of vegetables and flowers in two raised 'keyhole' gardens that we built. We also replanted strawberries and raspberries and pruned the apple trees giving us (and the birds) abundant fruit crops. We now have a learning shed built from locally sourced and recycled materials with water butts, ready to collect water for this coming summer's crops.

We created a 'Green Man' scarecrow as part of Sherston's scarecrow trail in November, and we have twinned our garden with one in Africa through the development charity Ripple Effect (formerly Send a Cow).

In April last year, we achieved our RHS School Gardening Award Level 1 and, in November, we achieved Level 2. We will be working towards Level 3 this term. The children have learnt about the importance of soil and compost, trees and water, pollinators, habitats and fungi for the health of our planet. We have sown seeds and bulbs, and learnt about different methods of propagation, including collecting seeds and companion planting.

Each session ends with 'Quiet Time' when we discuss the 'Five Ways to Wellbeing' - Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning, Connect & Give - promoting happiness, which seems to be working as the club is proving very popular!

Huge thanks go to: Mike Pope, who built our learning shed and has helped with other heavy work, Sherston Parish Council and Whatley Manor for help in funding the Learning Shed, T.H.White for providing compost and seeds, Knockdown Stone for stone and gravel, Wiltshire Gardens Trust for funding our mini-greenhouse and the many individuals who have donated tools, plants, pots, seeds and other help.

Thanks also to our helpers Marion King, Ann Booth and Gail Whale, and to Head Tommy Towers and the parents for their support and encouragement.
Tricia Lawrence & Eleanor Lines - Sustainable Sherston

An opportunity to support Sherston School: Governor vacancy

Sherston School is currently looking for a volunteer to join its friendly governing body and get involved in the strategic planning and oversight of the school.

Being a school governor is a voluntary role, and would suit someone who is keen to have a positive impact on the school and outcomes for the children. Governors don't have any involvement in the day-to-day running of the school so experience in the educational sector isn't essential.

We are specifically looking for a new governor with some experience of financial planning or management. For many years, the role has been held by Mike Ward who has recently stepped down. We'd like to thank him for all the support he's given the school.

If you would like to find out more about the role and what's involved, please email the Chair of Governors, Dominic Koole via MrKoole@sherston.wilts.sch.uk.

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Sherston Living Churchyard



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Monday 9 February to Sunday 15 February is 'Love Your Yew Week 2026', another chance to appreciate the wonderful ancient yew tree in the churchyard at the Holy Cross. The Ancient Yew Group classifies yew trees as 'veteran' (more than 500 years old) or 'ancient' (more than 800 years old). The age of a tree is usually calculated by measuring the circumference of the trunk but, as the yew at Holy Cross is growing behind the churchyard wall and the lychgate, this isn't possible. However, the size of the visible trunk has led to an estimated age of more than 800 years. Britain is a stronghold of veteran and ancient yew trees and the 800 or so of them in churchyards in England and Wales are globally important.

Although ivy is now understood to be very good at helping to support wildlife, last year we removed a lot of it from our yew as it can add too much weight to the crown of an evergreen tree and cause damage. This year, Love Your Yew Week focuses on looking at the ground below the tree canopy to ensure that it is clear so that the roots can spread freely. Generally, there is little footfall around our tree because of its position in the churchyard but the area around some notable and much-visited trees can become heavily compacted, leading to damage. We will also be rechecking to make sure that regrowing ivy has not taken too much of a hold on the tree.

Do come into the churchyard this month, go up to the left and have a closer look at this treasure we have growing there.



Our next working party will be on Saturday 7 February from 9.30am as usual. In January, we made a slightly later start due to the very cold weather but managed some work followed by a warming celebration of our second anniversary with soup and cake. You can see some photographs on our Facebook page.

Advance notice - the plant stall returns on Saturday 7 March. Come and buy for your garden. Donations of plants welcomed.

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Holy Cross News

New £92 million Places of Worship Renewal Fund

The church tower, which houses the bells, is the second tower of our church. The original 13th century tower and steeple were taken down and replaced in 1730. If you visit Dursley, look at the church tower, which was also designed by the architect Thomas Sumsion. The original tower at Dursley had collapsed in 1699 with the loss of several lives, whilst the bells were ringing. Mindful of this, the vicar of Sherston and others petitioned the Bishop of Sarum for permission to replace the tower. Of course, we have a continual programme of work to keep our Grade I listed building and churchyard in good condition. As many of you will have noticed, we recently had to repair a section of the churchyard wall, and more work will need to be done to prevent further collapses.

A recent report from Historic England shows that today the public are largely unaware of who foots the bill for church repairs, with only 11% of people surveyed knowing that the responsibility for the upkeep of historic churches falls on the shoulders of the local congregation, local staff – but in almost all cases mainly volunteers – at each church, chapel or meetinghouse. These Grade I, II* or II listed buildings are some of the nation's most important heritage, housing amazing art (stained glass, monuments, wall paintings) spanning hundreds and hundreds of years. However, there is no consistent government funding for them, which places a great burden on local communities. We have previously been able to receive a grant towards the VAT component of the cost of major repairs, but this grant scheme - The Listed Places of Worship Grants Scheme - from the Department of Culture, Media & Sport is scheduled to be withdrawn at the end of March. However, in recognition of the important role religious heritage buildings play in the UK's national story, the grant scheme is to be replaced by a new £92 million fund called the Places of Worship Renewal Fund. This means that these important buildings will have access to the same level of financial support from the Government as historic houses, monuments and other heritage sites.

Our bell-ringers

Our team of bell-ringers rings before each of our major services - did you hear them ringing some well-known Christmas tunes on Christmas Eve? For more information on our bell-ringers, see the report on page 8.

Services

Details of services in Sherston and throughout the Gauzebrook Group are in the 'What's On' section of the Cliffhanger (see page 17) and can also be found on achurchnearyou.com and www.gauzebrook.com.



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New ropes keep village bells pealing

The Sherston band of bell-ringers are delighted to have received delivery of a brand-new set of ropes for the six bells in the tower of Holy Cross Church. The bells weigh between 8 cwt and 3 cwt (church bells are still very much in 'old weights', these are 416kg – 180Kg). The oldest of the bells were cast in the early 1660s, making them by far the oldest, heaviest and largest musical instrument in the parish.

The bells are 'hung' on a wooden frame in the belfry and controlled by the ropes wrapped around wooden wheels so that they can turn a full circle, and, crucially, also be held in the upright position to allow one bell to swap places in a sequence with another. By pulling on the 'sally' (the fluffy woollen bit on the end of the rope), the wheels cause the bells to swing further and further in an arc until they are swinging almost 360 degrees at each pull of the rope.

With regular use causing friction and wear, together with the effects of moisture, the ropes inevitably deteriorate. The ropes were last replaced 20 years ago and all had been repaired at least once, some many times.

The new ropes, made locally in Bristol by Avon Ropes, were made using centuries-old methods on a 'rope walk'. The lower part of each 50ft long rope is traditional hemp, with the coloured sally made out of British wool, and the top section made of a man-made fibre that is less likely to change length in damp weather, and much less likely to rot. We chose the colours for the new sallies based on those representing Sir John Rattlebone, of Battle of Sherston fame – a light wine, gold and royal blue.

We are extremely grateful to the PCC for funding the new ropes, and also to the Chippenham Branch of the Guild of Bell ringers and the Sherston Boules committee for their generous donations.

Two of the old sallies can be seen at The Rattlebone - the traditional meeting place for refreshment after an evening's ringing! If you would like to experience bell-ringing, please get in touch (bartlettjim@btinternet.com). It doesn't take too long to get in the swing of it, and it gives the brain and body a good workout. You don't need to be musical, religious or physically fit, as long as you can manage the stairs up the tower.



SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB



Gill Hazel; Part of the garden at Ashwood Nurseries

Tuesday 3 February:

'Classic, Rare & Unusual Bulbs' by Gill Hazel

Cuttings

House plants were the perfect topic for our January meeting after a week of cold, wet weather when gardening was definitely not our top priority. Kate Holtom of Fern & Ivy proved to be an engaging and knowledgeable speaker who left a career in teaching to turn a part-time passion into a successful business.

There is to be a change to the published programme at our 3 February meeting. Gill Hazel will now visit us a month early to talk about her interest in unique and rare bulbs. Gill and her husband bought the west country based Great Western Gladiolus nursery to develop knowledge of bulb cultivation, and their expertise has had a lasting impact on the industry.

Later in the month, we are heading to the Midlands for a visit to the renowned Ashwood Nurseries and the garden there, owned by John Massey VMH. Regarded as one of the finest private gardens in the UK, there are magnificent collections of trees, shrubs, herbaceous perennials, conifers and bulbs adding to the interest all year round, with an abundance of rare plants as well as familiar favourites. There may be spaces left on the coach so please contact our secretary, as detailed below.

Clippings

Club meetings remain on the first Tuesday of each month throughout 2026 (apart from August), at the British School Room, Cliff Road, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Plant ID, plant sales, raffle, questions (hopefully answers) and friendly chat over homemade refreshments.

New members are always welcome. The annual fee is £20 single, £35 joint, U1's 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

From plastic waste to flood prevention - learn about sustainability initiatives at the Co-op



Supermarkets get criticised over many issues, including unfair buying practices targeting farmers and other suppliers, excessive use of single-use plastics, wasting food, failing to meet sustainability or climate targets, and maintaining high food prices. In Sherston, we have our own supermarket, part of the Midcounties Co-op, a business wholly owned by its members.

Have you ever wondered how the Co-op deals with issues like these? Behind the scenes, a lot of thought goes into how to run a sustainable business while simultaneously trying to keep prices down.

Sustainable Sherston is delighted to announce that Mike Pickering, Head of Sustainability at Midcounties Co-op, will give a talk on Thursday 5 March, at 7.00pm for 7.30pm in the British School Room.

Mike will address the Co-op's wide range of sustainability-related initiatives, such as tackling plastic and food waste, renewable energy, lowering emissions, and how it engages with its suppliers, including farmers. He will also describe some of the Co-op's work on wider issues, including nature stewardship, rain gardens and flood prevention, and discuss nature partnership opportunities. There will be a chance to ask Mike questions and to learn how you can support these initiatives.

Mike is an engaging speaker, so do come to what promises to be an informative and interesting talk. Tickets, £5 to include refreshments, are available from Sherston Co-op (cash/cheque) or on the door.

SHERSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The British Schoolroom, Cliff Rd.



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Tolsey News



Reigniting the Friends of the Tolsey Surgery (FOTS)

We are very keen to reignite our Patient Participation Group. This is a voluntary group of patients, carers and practice staff who meet regularly to discuss and improve the services that the Tolsey offers.

Why is it important?

Your experiences matter and you can bring different ideas to the surgery to help us treat patients better or to improve what we do in some way. FOTS provides a forum for patient voices to be heard and help make services more patient-centred.

If you would be interested in finding out more about our group, or to sign up, then please leave details via reception at the Tolsey.

Medical students from Bristol University

We are delighted to welcome our new pair of fourth-year medical students to the Tolsey. Esther and Hamzah will be with us for the next 18 weeks as part of their Primary Care attachment. During that time, they will be honing their consultation and examining skills, taking blood tests and learning a lot about prescribing before sitting their final exams in July. We hope that they will be made to feel very welcome by all our patients.

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White Horse Opera to perform Cosi Fan Tutte at Sherston Village Hall



White Horse Opera is currently touring with Mozart's masterpiece *Cosi fan Tutte* - and you can enjoy it here in Sherston on Saturday 7 February at 7.30pm. Expect a fabulous production, extremely funny and entertaining with stunningly beautiful music.

Those who attended the last time White Horse Opera performed here will remember it was the very first event after the village hall's building work and the creation of the very popular Butterfly Hall. This is a great opportunity to hear and see one of the most popular operas here at our very own village hall, performed by a group, based in Devizes, but with a growing reputation for high-quality musicianship. If you're not sure whether you like opera or not, this is a good place to start.

Here is a recent review:

Ladies and Gentlemen

Just wanted to congratulate all concerned with the brilliant performance

I attended at Devizes Town Hall last night.

As a retired West End CSM I was swept away by the stunning voices,

clever staging and brilliant pianist and conductor.

I loved every minute - well done.

I would easily compare you to productions I worked on in my career and you are superb.

Look forward to future shows.

Keep up the brilliant work

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Burns Night at Sherston Village Hall: Friday 27 February



Malmesbury sixth-formers Mae and Alyce are inviting the local community to join them on Friday 27 February at Sherston Village Hall for a Burns Night charity fundraiser celebrating the life and poetry of Robert Burns.

The evening will raise funds for Global Action which works alongside Nepalese charities and international organisations such as the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, the World Wildlife Fund, ICIMOD and the The Gurkha Welfare Trust.

Global Action projects contribute towards Nepal achieving Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) under the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Funds raised will support a 2026 community project school trip, during which Mae and Alyce will help install clean drinking water tanks at a local Nepalese school, take part in a cultural exchange and assist with teaching English.

With food, live ceilidh music and fundraising activities planned, the sixth-formers hope the community will come along to enjoy a lively evening and support a worthwhile cause.

Tickets cost £27.50 (to include Burns supper and ceilidh band with caller) and are available from burnsnight2026@gmail.com. Doors open 7.30pm

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Sherston Craft Fayre: Saturday 28 February

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To book a table, contact Dawn on dgibbings@hotmail.com.

Alderton Quiz Night

Join the fun at Alderton Village Hall on Saturday 28 February (7.00pm-10.00pm). Bring your own picnic and drinks. Be as creative as you wish (cocktails and canapés, pizza and beer, tea and cake, formal dining!) - there will be a prize for the picnic the judges would most like to eat!

To book your place, please contact Jackie Muggleton on jackie.muggleton@icloud.com stating team name and size of team (4-6 people per team) or stating if you'd like to be matched with others on the night. It's £5 per adult, children are free.

As well as the quiz, hosted by Ian Valentine, there will be a fabulous raffle. All proceeds to go to the maintenance of Alderton Village Hall.

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Great Tommy Sleep Out 2026



Last year, our Great Tommy Sleep Out challenge raised an incredible £2,200 which was amazing.

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All the brilliant Sherston folk who donated to our Tommy Sleep Out fundraising page.

Matt and Charlie at The Rattlebone, thanks so much for fundraising and breakfast.

Thanks Sophie, Tahiti, Candi and Rachel for placing small children (Beavers and Cubs) into cardboard boxes for the night! Stella, thanks for braving the ghost of John Rattlebone. Nick, thanks for lending us kit. Thanks Gin for sleeping out and raising funds at the Co-op. Thanks to Sian and Doug for pitching up from Didmarton and not commenting on our terrible field admin! Thanks Dan for another successful year. Thanks Caroline for bullying your co-workers. Thanks Oli for taking the time off work for our little caper.

Apologies Graham, for my appalling snoring - I promise to sleep a minimum distance of 50m from you all this year ...!

Yes, we are going again this year - on Friday 20 March. More details will follow next month ...



Alabama Rot: Information for dog owners

The Parish Council would like to raise dog owners' awareness of Alabama Rot. The disease is very rare, but can be life-threatening. Common symptoms include skin sores. In more severe cases, it can cause severe dysfunction of the kidneys, and can lead to kidney failure. Recovery is expected for dogs that only develop skin sores, but survival is unlikely for those that develop kidney failure.

It is not yet known what causes the disease or why some dogs suffer more than others so diagnosing and treating it can be very difficult. There is active research ongoing to try and understand more. However, it is understood that the disease is more common in the winter and spring, and in dogs who walk in muddy, woodland areas. Current RSPCA advice is to wash the mud off your dog to reduce risk and enable you to more easily spot any lesions.

For more information, go to the British Veterinary Association link: www.bva.co.uk/news-and-blog/blog-article/alabama-rot-what-dog-owners-need-to-know/



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Sherston Village Hall 300 Club



Happy New Year Sherston - it's time to rejoin the 300+ Club for 2026. The 300+ Club collects money to help support the Village Hall and keep it upto date and well equipped for all our hirers. Half the money collected goes to the Village Hall, and the other half is awarded in prizes every month from March to December, chosen by a draw from all the names of people who have joined up. We also have a larger Christmas prize in December.

The Village Hall is a well-used and much-loved village resource, good for all sorts of activities, from children's parties to pantomimes, from badminton club to guides, from parish meetings to pilates. It's an old building and takes a lot of upkeep. In 2025 we renewed the old heaters in the Main Hall, having replaced the heaters in the Small Hall the year before. This year we are hoping to install a sound system and projection, funds permitting, as we've had lots of requests to give talks with slides.

Please join up for £10 and join us in supporting the Village Hall

Nic Riley, Chair, Sherston Village Hall

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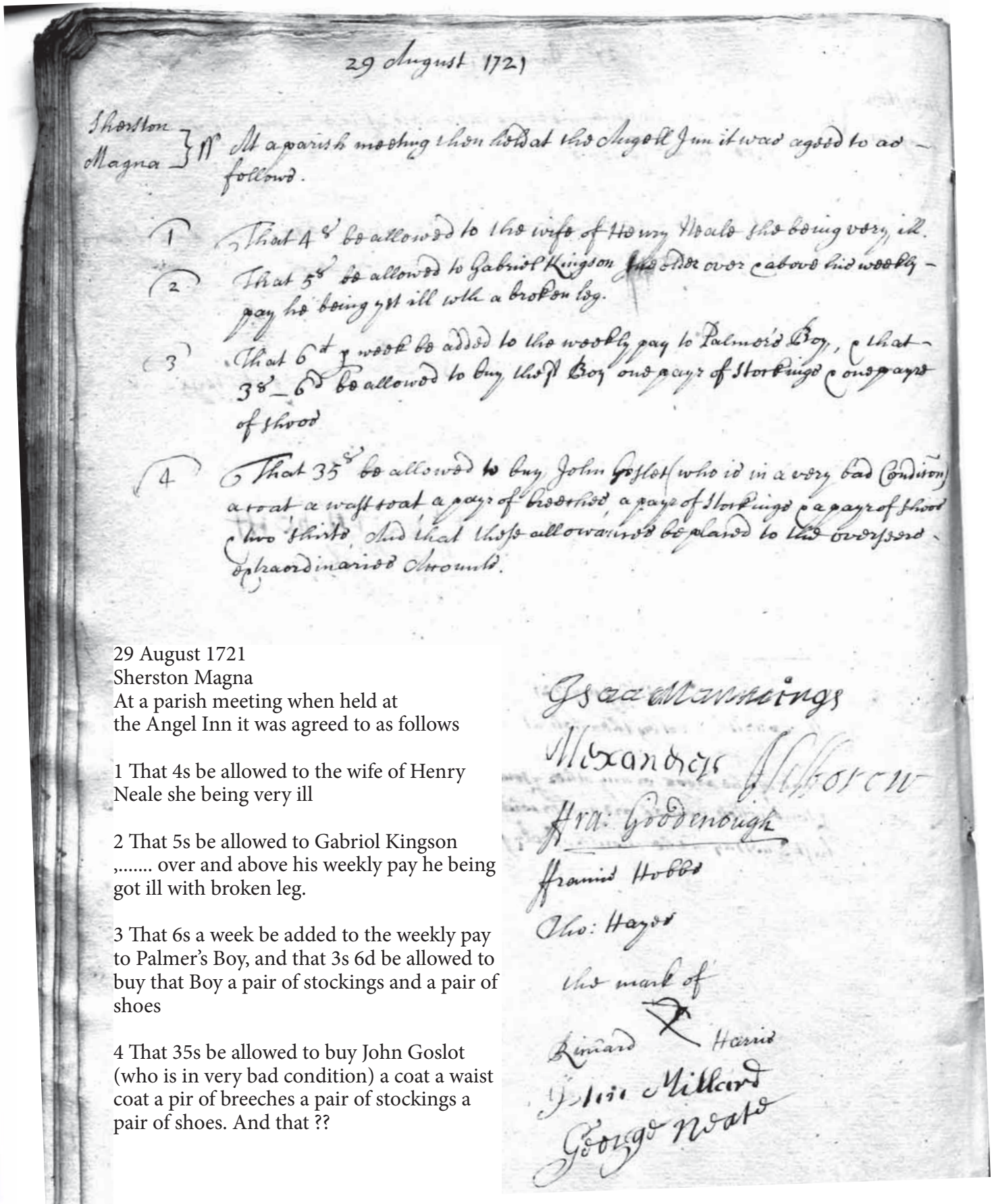
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From the parish archives

For over 200 years parish meetings have been held in the village, often at one of Sherston's many pubs (but also the chancel in the parish church).
Where was The Crown?



29 August 1721

Sherston
Magna } At a parish meeting when held at the Angel Inn it was agreed to as follows.

- 1 That 4^s be allowed to the wife of Henry Neale she being very ill.
- 2 That 5^s be allowed to Gabriel Kingson ~~the~~ over and above his weekly pay he being yett ill with a broken leg.
- 3 That 6^s a week be added to the weekly pay to Palmer's Boy, & that 3^s 6^d be allowed to buy that Boy one pair of stockings & one pair of shoes.
- 4 That 35^s be allowed to buy John Goslot (who is in a very bad condition) a coat a waist coat a pair of breeches, a pair of stockings & a pair of shoes & two shirts. And that these allowances be paid to the overseer - extraordinary amounts.

29 August 1721

Sherston Magna

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- 4 That 35s be allowed to buy John Goslot (who is in very bad condition) a coat a waist coat a pair of breeches a pair of stockings a pair of shoes. And that ??

Isaac Mearns

Alexander Sherston

Mrs. Goodenough

Francis Hobbs

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Richard Harris

John Millard

George Watts

The 29th of April 1718

Sherston }
Magna } At a parish Monthly Meeting then hold in the Chancel of the
parish Church of this parish & then adjourned to the 5th day of
May 1718 It was agreed to as followe .

2^d March 1720

Sherston }
Magna } At a parish meeting then hold at the Swan Inn it was agreed to
as followe . .

28th March 1721

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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 sherstontoddlers@hotmail.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, there
is currently 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 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 every two weeks in the British Schoolroom Cliff road at 2.00pm all year round. Membership of £20.00 per annum includes Speakers on various subjects or musical entertainments and in the summer coach outings to places of interest.

We are a friendly informal Club and welcome men and women of all ages.

For further information please 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, £20 pa single, £35 joint membership, 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

Sustainable Sherston

A friendly group encouraging sustainable living in Sherston.

See www.sustainablesherston.org.uk/

Contact sustainablesherston@gmail.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

Ashtanga Yoga

An excellent practice to develop whole body strength & flexibility whilst calming the mind. (NB. you don't need to be flexible to do this class!) Fri 10.15-11.30am Sherston Village Hall. For a free trial, contact Stuart 07986 003602 stuart@pulse4life.co.uk www.pulse4life.co.uk

Exercise for over-60s with Synchronicity

Exercise and Movement for over-60s on Wed 10am Sherston Village Hall. All abilities, men and women. No exercises performed lying on the floor. First class always FREE. Contact Emma to reserve a place 07843 256081, emmacope@synchronicity.me.uk, FB: @exercise60plus.

Fresh Air Fitness

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

Hatha yoga class

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

Sherston Bootcamp

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

Sherston Pilates

Daytime 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 [//lucycom.com](http://lucycom.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.com.

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

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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.

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WHAT'S ON: February 2026

Sherston

Sunday 1 February 9.30am, Holy Cross Church.
Worship Together church service.

Sunday 1 February 4.30pm, Holy Cross Church.
Candlemas church service and Holy Communion.

Tuesday 3 February 7pm for 7.30pm start,
British School Room. Sherston Gardening Club
meeting. **'Classic, Rare & Unusual Bulbs'** by **Gill Hazel**. New members are always welcome. Cost is £20 single, £35 joint, U18s free. Contact our secretary for more info: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Saturday 7 February From 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Sherston Living Churchyard Working Party**. All welcome - please come along for fresh air and exercise, coffee and friendly chat. Note: plant stall returns on Saturday 7 March.

Saturday 7 February 7.30pm, Sherston Village Hall. **White Horse Opera: Cosi fan Tutte**. Expect a fabulous production, extremely funny and entertaining with stunningly beautiful music. Tickets are £15 adults, £10 school-age children, from Ticketsource or from Sherston Co-op.

Sunday 8 February 10am, Holy Cross Church.
Holy Communion church service.

Thursday 12 February 7.30pm, Sherston Village Hall, small hall. **Parish Council Meeting**. All welcome. If you're unable to attend but have something to raise, please email clerk@sherston.org.uk.

Sunday 15 February 9.30am, Holy Cross Church.
Holy Communion church service.

Sunday 22 February 9.30am, Holy Cross Church.
Holy Communion church service.

Friday 27 February 7.30pm, Sherston Village Hall. **Burns Night charity fundraiser**. With food, live ceilidh music and fundraising activities. Funds raised will support Malmesbury sixth-formers Mae and Alyce on a 2026 community project school trip to Nepal. Tickets: £27.50 (to include Burns supper and ceilidh band with caller) from burnsnight2026@gmail.com.

Saturday 28 February 11am-3pm, Sherston Village Hall. **Sherston Craft Fayre**. Local small businesses - crafts, jewellery, cards, housewares, wood art and sweet treats! To book a table, contact Dawn on dgibbings@hotmail.com.

Alderton

Sunday 1 February 9.30am, Alderton Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Saturday 28 February 7-10pm, Alderton Village Hall. **Alderton Quiz Night**. Bring your own picnic and drinks. Be as creative as you wish - there will be a prize for the picnic the judges would most like to eat! To book your place, please contact Jackie Muggleton on jackie.muggleton@icloud.com stating team name and size of team (4-6 people per team) or stating if you'd like to be matched with others on the night. It's £5 per adult, children are free. All proceeds to go to the maintenance of Alderton Village Hall.

Foxley

Sunday 15 February 9.30am, Foxley Parish Church.
Holy Communion church service.

Grittleton

Friday 13 February 7-10pm, Grittleton House. **Stop Lime Down: Quiz Night**. Quiz, silent auction and supper. Tickets: £25 from www.stoplimedown.com/quiz

Luckington

Sunday 11 February 11am, Luckington Church.
Worship Together church service.

Tuesday 3 February 2pm, The Old Royal Ship.
Luckington Bible Study. Also: 10, 17 and 24 January.

Sunday 15 February 11.00am, Luckington Church.
Morning praise church service.

Malmesbury

Friday 13 February 7pm, Rausing Building. **Quiz Night**. Teams of four. Prizes and a raffle. Bar available. In support of Athelstan Museum. Tickets: £12.50 (light supper included) from Athelstan Museum or <https://malmesbury.gov.uk/what-s-on/athelstan-museum/athelstan-museum-quiz-night-3/individual-registration>.

Sunday 22 February 1.30-3.30pm, The Rausing Building. **Athelstan Museum History Club: Wartime in Malmesbury**. Free interactive workshop for children aged 4-11 years old. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 26 February 10am-12noon, Malmesbury Town Hall. Malmesbury & District u3a monthly meeting: Marcus Ward - Returning the Pine Marten to the New Forest. Check website for more info and an up-to-date list of groups: www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk. or email membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Saturday 28 February 7.30pm (7pm doors), Malmesbury Abbey. John Bramwell. Mercury music nominated 'I am Kloot' singer-songwriter comes to Malmesbury. John's songs will make you laugh, make you cry, make you think, but all the while putting a big smile on your face. Tickets: £25 from <https://malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/john-bramwell>

Tetbury

Sunday 1 February 7.15pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. Sound Bath Experience. Join Rosie from Rose Seeds Alchemy for a relaxing sound experience. Experience the powerful vibrations of the gong, accompanied by crystal singing bowls, drums and chimes. Tickets in advance: £25. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk

Saturday 7 February 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. James Morton's Groove Den. Join saxophone player

James and his band for an evening of soul, jazz, hip-hop and tough grooving beats. Tickets in advance: £16.50. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk.

Friday 13 February 7pm and 8pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. Tango Calor and Dance Workshop. Join us for a special Valentine's Day milonga – Latin music and dance night – with Bristol's own Tango Calor. The workshop at 7 will teach you to tango for the milonga. Tickets for both in advance: £30, workshop £15, Milonga £18.50. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk.

Saturday 21 February 2pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. Fail Fail Fail Fail Win! A fun family circus show for ages 3-10 with circus performers Mark and Loz. And you'll find it's okay to fail as long as you try! Tickets in advance: £12 (family of four £40). www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk.

Saturday 28 February 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. The Amy Experience. Back to Black: A tribute to the often misunderstood and sadly missed Amy Winehouse. The show is modelled on her 2007 show 'I told You I was Trouble'. Tickets in advance: £25. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk.




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Movies@Malmesbury

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