



THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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New Tolsey Surgery update



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We are delighted to announce that on Tuesday 17 March, Dr Watkins was notified of a decision by the Integrated Care Board (ICB) about our new surgery. Following the Primary Care Executive Committee's discussion on 12 March, the Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) ICB has agreed, in principle, the Tolsey Surgery's new premises scheme. This means that it will support the revenue costs of the new building in the future, and this decision now enables Wiltshire Council to proceed with development of the surgery.

This is a major step forward as we have been seeking this approval for the past few years. The BSW ICB has accepted the business case made by the Tolsey and the recommendations of the local Primary Care Network (PCN) Estates planning document. Dr Watkins, Catherine Taylor (Practice Manager) and Rex Mackrill (Former Practice Manager) have been having weekly correspondence with the ICB and have been responsible for refining and submitting the business case over the past two years. This was a continuation of a project that started 12 years ago and developed the previous work done by Dr Pettit, Dr Harris and former managers at the Tolsey.

There are still many challenges ahead, but the next steps will be spearheaded by Wiltshire Council and Sherston Parish Council, and they are determined to see this scheme through.

We would like to thank all those who have helped and supported our plans thus far, including all our patients, those who have signed the petitions, our staff, Sherston Parish Council, Tanya Burgess, Wiltshire Councillor Martin Smith, Roz Savage MP, Dr Barbara Salt, Graham Wilson at the ICB for his determination to see the project reach the next phase, North Wiltshire PCN and managers, and the continued support and encouragement of Dr Pip Pettit.

We look forward to creating a surgery that Sherston and our local communities deserve and will be proud of. We will provide you all with any updates as they emerge.

Dr Simon Watkins

Update on preschool plans



As you may be aware, the Parish Council's intention is to provide for a facility for the childcare needs of Sherston residents. We had identified a provider and intended to move forward with a lease of the North Building on the rec, to enable the establishment of a 'Baby Barn' for the care of children aged 0-2 years.

As you may not be aware, the land known as Sherston Recreation Ground (the rec) was gifted to the village in 1934 and is held in charitable trust by the Pennymead Recreation Ground Trust, of which residents are the beneficiaries and the Parish Council acts as trustee. After a resident complained that using the North Building for a Baby Barn does not fall within the objectives of the Trust, the Parish Council has been obliged to review the situation in light of restrictions under the Trust, the legal implications and the costs involved to meet the requirements of the charity commissioners. The regrettable conclusion is that we are unable to go ahead due to the terms of the Trust, which restricts any use to 'purely recreational purposes', and legal advice has been that a preschool cannot be argued to be 'purely recreational'. The Parish Council understands that this outcome will disappoint a number of families but we are afraid our hands are tied. In the longer term, given that preschool childcare should be seen in the context of 'essential infrastructure' for any community, the Parish Council will of course explore what alternatives may be possible, but any such possibilities may take some time to come to fruition. As ever, your views are paramount to how we work as a council. Please send any comment to clerk@sherston.org.uk

Litter bin outside the Co-op



Many of you may have noticed that the litter bin outside the Co-op has been removed. This is a shame but the reason is that some members of the public have been using it inappropriately and disposing of such items as dog mess and broken bottles in it. This has caused unacceptable hazards for the staff who have to empty it, and the Co-op management has decided that there is too great a risk of harm to its workers and has felt it necessary to remove it.

There are other litter facilities in the village, which we would urge everyone to use and hope that if we can guarantee that a rubbish bin outside the Co-op will be used correctly, it might be restored in the future.



Parish Council meeting



The next meeting will be held on Thursday 9 April in the Village Hall small hall at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated on the agenda. 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.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

How to submit announcements

- Births: Please provide the name of the boy or girl, date of birth and parents' names.
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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.

Copy deadline: 10th of the previous month.
Send to editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk
or hard copy to Sherston Post Office Stores.

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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Please remember the Cliffhanger is delivered free to every home and business in the parish – approx 1000 copies. This and all previous editions are also available online at www.sherston.org.uk

Sherston litter pick



The Parish Council and local residents are organising a litter pick on the morning of Saturday 18 April in the lanes around Sherston. If you can volunteer a few hours to help out, please contact the PC's Clerk at clerk@sherston.org.uk.

Sherston Archaeology and Explorers' Society

Heavy rain during January and February brought some pleasant surprises for members of the Archaeology and Explorers' Society who were probing the open ground just off Nobel Street. A drone survey showed up unusual patterns across the grass and closer inspection revealed an entrance to the small network of tunnels under Sherston High Street and some of the neighbouring roads which were discussed at last year's meetings. In the 19th century, Sherston's High Street had at least 17 inns and public houses as well as shops and merchants' business premises. Some buildings on the east and west of the High Street were built with extensive cellars, occasionally with a double underground cellar, making tunnel connections possible between the buildings' lower cellars. There was even a secret chapel, dedicated to Saint Rong, which was used to hide the local priest after the reformation. St Rongs Close, near to Sherston's Manor, was named to remember this small and strange underground edifice. Nobel Street reflects the inventor of TNT, used to collapse some of the tunnels in the first part of the 20th century to restrict access by underage drinkers attempting to evade the new licensing laws. Clues to the line of the tunnels can be seen by looking at the small marks on buildings in the High Street and nearby roads. The tunnels are not as large as those found in other North Wiltshire villages, such as Box, Corsham and Gastard which were used as ammunition stores during the Second World War, and nuclear bunkers during the Cold War.

Meetings of the Archaeology and Explorers' Society are on the first Wednesday of each month. April's meeting will be at 11.00am, and after a short talk by Mr O S Nock on the 'Missing Steam Locomotives of Box Tunnel', there will be a visit to Sherston's High Street tunnels, recreating an underground pub crawl. All welcome, but please bring a hard hat, hi-vis vest and a small torch. You can reserve your space on our membership site.

Future visits are planned to the PLUTO (pipeline under the ocean) site along the Fosse Way by Easton Grey.



Become a Parish Councillor!



Whether you have just moved to the village or have lived here for years, we need you. We are looking for Parish Councillors who care about our community and want to help shape what happens here. Fresh perspectives and local experience are both incredibly valuable. No special skills needed - just your ideas, your voice, and a bit of time.

Firstly, and most importantly, you would attend the Parish Council meetings which are held on the second Thursday of each month at the village hall, unless otherwise stated on the agenda.

What does a Parish Councillor do and what skills are required? This is a question often asked. The Parish Council consists of people from many walks of life so they have wide-ranging views and therefore bring their life experiences to benefit and represent the people who live in the village. Below is a list of how the council helps keep our community running smoothly:

- Maintains and enhances the facilities on the recreation ground (on behalf of the Pennymead Trust).
- Owns the Old School and leases it to the Sherston Old School Community Interest Company (SOSCIC).
- Owns and manages the allotments.
- Lobbies for and part funds highway improvements in the parish including the 20mph limit in Sherston, the EV charging points and the forthcoming speed limit in Willesley.

- Manages the work of our maintenance man and identifies work for Wiltshire Council's highways steward.
- Owns the North Building and lets it out to community groups for all types of recreation and children's events.
- Maintains and owns the sports field.
- Manages Grove Wood.
- In association with Wiltshire Council and landowners, keeps an eye on public rights of way.
- Reviews the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Reviews local planning applications.
- Provides waste bins on the recreation ground and the sports field.
- Supports local groups with funding (e.g. village hall, football club, Sherston Arts Festival and more).
- Publishes the Cliffhanger.
- Reports issues to Wiltshire Council as appropriate.

What do you get back? Well, you have real say in what is going on in your village and you can make a difference. Meet other village folk. Be part of a team. Put something back into your neighbourhood. Have a better understanding of how a Parish Council works. Help plan the village for the future and our children. Your village needs you! If you are interested in serving your community on the Parish Council please email clerk@sherston.org.uk

One Man, Two Guvnors

Tickets are on sale now for Sherston Drama Group's Easter production of the comedy One Man, Two Guvnors by Richard Bean. Set in 1963 in Brighton, it's the day of Roscoe and Pauline's engagement party, but there's a problem: Roscoe's been murdered. Fortunately, Pauline's come up with an alternative – aspiring actor Alan. So as 'not to waste the sausage rolls', Pauline's mother agrees to go ahead with the party. However, in a surprising turn of events, Roscoe arrives five minutes into the party with his minder, Francis, and a hilarious madcap comedy ride ensues, full of fast-paced physical comedy and witty banter. We've had great fun rehearsing this show and we can't wait to perform it!

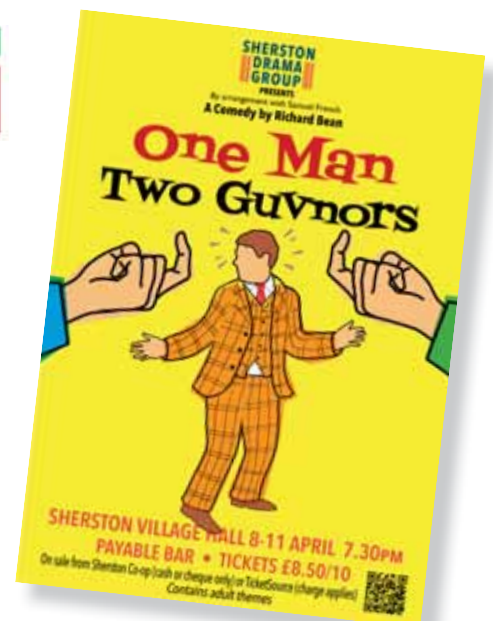
Performances will take place on Wednesday 8 April until Saturday 11 April, 7.30pm in Sherston Village Hall. Contains some adult themes. Tickets (£10/£8.50 concessions) are on sale from Sherston Co-op (cash or cheque) or on TicketSource (ticketsource.co.uk/sherston-drama-group, booking fee applies).

Panto Junior waiting list

We've launched a new system for panto 2026 –

children interested in joining the cast who haven't been involved in at least one of the previous two years must apply by joining a waiting list. For more information and to sign your child up, please visit the Membership page of our website www.sherstondramagroup.org/membership

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GROUP**





Sherston School News

Building brilliant minds, one brick at a time

Our after-school clubs continue to grow, offering children an ever-widening range of opportunities to explore new interests and enjoy working with friends. The latest addition is our Lego Club, held every Wednesday and open to all ages.

It has quickly become one of the most eagerly anticipated sessions of the week. The children throw themselves into building, designing and imagining, whether they are working on free-build projects or tackling one of the challenges set for them. From tall towers to creative characters, every week brings a different flurry of ideas and proud smiles.

We are incredibly grateful to Rachel Watchorn and Karli Jones, who generously volunteer their time each week. Their enthusiasm and support help make the club a fun, welcoming space for all children.

With each new club we introduce, the school

grows ever more vibrant. Opportunities like Lego Club help bring children together, giving them a sense of belonging and shared enjoyment that strengthens our whole school community.



Lucky Plate Day brings joy and surprises to lunchtime

Our recent Lucky Plate Day, inspired and designed by our brilliant School Council, proved to be a wonderful success and brought a burst of excitement to lunchtime.

Children who had a school dinner were eager to check underneath their plates once they had finished eating, hoping to discover one of the special lucky stickers hidden there. Every time a sticker was found, cheers and smiles spread across the hall as the winners received their prizes. It created a fantastic atmosphere full of anticipation, fun and plenty of happy surprises.

We are incredibly grateful to The Angel Café and Barn Owl Books for supporting this event by donating gift vouchers. Their generosity meant that the children's prizes were not only exciting but also meaningful, offering something they could truly enjoy.

To add to the celebratory mood, our caterers prepared a special menu chosen by the School Council, with hot dogs followed by ice cream. This



extra touch helped make the day feel even more special for everyone taking part.

Lucky Plate Day was a brilliant example of how pupil voice can shape and enhance school life. Our School Council should feel very proud of themselves for coming up with such a joyful idea that brought the whole school community together.

World Book Day: A celebration of reading for fun



This year's World Book Day brought an extra spark of excitement to school as we celebrated the theme 'Reading for Fun'. The whole day was filled with stories, imagination and shared moments that reminded us just how powerful - and enjoyable - reading can be.

A standout feature of the day was our Mystery Storyteller activity. Children had the chance to choose a book they wanted to hear, but with a twist: they had no idea which adult would be reading it. This added a wonderful sense of anticipation and surprise. As children settled in with their selected story, different teachers and staff members appeared in each room, creating gasps, giggles and big smiles. It was a delight to see how captivated the children were, and how much they enjoyed the element of choice mixed with mystery.



The school was also awash with colour and creativity thanks to the children's fantastic fancy-dress costumes. From classic characters to modern favourites, the effort and imagination on display made the day feel magical. These costumes helped bring stories to life in the corridors and classrooms, and the children loved sharing the tales behind their chosen characters.

Another lovely element of the day was reading with a buddy. Older and younger children paired up to enjoy stories together, creating a warm, supportive atmosphere across the school. These moments highlighted how reading can build confidence, friendships and connections between children of all ages.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Barn Owl Books, which very kindly gave each child a book to take home. Finally, a special thank you goes to Judith Parkyn, who captured the day so beautifully through her photographs.

World Book Day was a wonderful reminder of why reading matters - not just for learning, but for pleasure, connection and imagination. Judging by the enthusiasm of the children, the stories they shared and the characters they embodied, 'Reading for Fun' was truly celebrated in every corner of the school.

Village Hall 300+ Club winners

- 1st prize (£60) - Sharon Blake
- 2nd prize (£40) - Pauline Lock
- 3rd prize (£20) - Richard Marshall

For those who haven't yet joined, there will be another nine monthly draws this year, plus the mega Christmas bonus draw, so join now to be in with a chance, and support your village hall.

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Tolsey News



The Tolsey is hosting a tea party for all its patients who are unpaid carers for relatives, friends and others. This will be held at The Barn @ The Rattlebone which is located opposite the church in Sherston. If you are an unpaid carer, please come along on Thursday 30 April between 1.00pm and 4.00pm. There will be tea, coffee and cake for your enjoyment, along with advice and information that may help and support you in your caring role.

Sherston Living Churchyard



Another damp grey day for our March working party but a large group of volunteers came along and we managed to complete quite a few jobs. We were joined for coffee by some of our social members and quite a large group of walkers who were meeting Rev'd Steve before starting a pilgrimage walk. We didn't know they were coming and they knew nothing of us but we were able to offer them hospitality and talk to some of them about our Living Churchyard. It's always good to spread the word about the need to help wildlife in your local area and how it can be done.

The trees in the churchyard are flowering beautifully as I write. I hope you will have had time to go and appreciate them before the flowers fall. I managed to photograph them on a rare sunny day. Bullfinches, one of our most colourful birds, can often be seen eating the blossom. In the past, these birds were treated as pests by farmers trying to protect the future crops of their orchards but now they are protected by law, as is our wildlife of every form.



This photograph above shows the wild daffodils we have been planting in the churchyard, much smaller than many garden varieties. For those who like to be absolutely clear, these are *Narcissus pseudonarcissus*, the kind of daffodils William Wordsworth wrote about in his famous poem and which I wrote about last month. They used to be a widespread and common wildflower but are now only found in very limited areas. Our native wildflowers are of great importance in the whole ecosystem as many insects



have evolved to interact with particular plants in extremely specific ways. Some butterflies rely solely on a single type of plant to feed their caterpillars. If that plant becomes scarce or disappears so does the butterfly. We have a policy in the churchyard of only planting native British wild plants in order to support our native wildlife and thus the whole interconnected web of wildlife.

Our next work session is on Saturday 11 April from 9.30am – a change from the usual first Saturday of the month as that is Easter weekend this year. We welcome anyone who wants to come and help or to look round and see what we are doing to support wildlife in our churchyard

The plant stall will be open by the church porch from Thursday 9 April until Sunday 12 April.

Sue Robinson jimandsue4@btinternet.com

Holy Cross News



We hope that by the time you read this, you will have received our Easter Card, which gives details of all the services in the benefice during Holy Week, from Palm Sunday on 29 March through to our celebration of the Risen Lord on Easter Day.

We would like to welcome you to our church at any time, but now you can see our lovely floral displays prepared by our team of flower arrangers for Easter. Thank you to the flower arrangers who work hard throughout the year to help make the church look so beautiful. We are very grateful for all those who help in so many ways, to look after our building, take part in the monthly churchyard working group, assist in the Holy Cross Café on Thursday mornings and with the organisation and smooth running of our services. We would also like to thank the editorial team of the Cliffhanger for keeping the events pages at the back of each issue up to date with the details of all the services in the Gauzebrook Group. You can also find details on www.gauzebrook.org and www.achurchnearlyou.com

Open Gardens Weekend: 6 & 7 June



We are moving gradually towards summer and looking forward to enjoying Open Gardens Weekend. We will contact all those who have opened their gardens recently but if you are a newcomer to the trail, or haven't done it for a while, do get in touch. Ideally, gardens are open for both Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 June but, if it suits you better to do less, please still get in touch. There will also be tea and cakes, and a plant stall at church, so please do contribute to those if you can. All proceeds from the weekend go to the upkeep of Holy Cross Church. heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

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Sherston Boules Festival gears up for a spectacular 40th anniversary celebration!



*Sunshine and sandy pistes!
Photo by Tea Smart*

The excitement in the village is building as preparations are in full flow for this year's Boules Festival, set to take place on Saturday 4 July. Marking the event's incredible 40th year, the committee is working hard to deliver an unforgettable spectacle, promising a whole week of festivities commencing with the return of the Festival Fete in the village hall on Sunday 28 June and concluding with the ever-popular Duck Race on Sunday 5 July. In addition, the committee is working with local artists and businesses to offer some wonderful merchandise, including jigsaws, prints and even a boules-themed poem!

Calling all volunteers!

Putting on Sherston's favourite summer event truly takes a village, and the committee is issuing a friendly call for local talent! Whether you have a knack for selling cakes, crêpes or sandwiches, can pull the perfect pint, set up boules pitches, clean up after the festivities, or calmly direct traffic, we need your help. Volunteers are invited to get involved behind the scenes by emailing the festival team at sherstonboules@gmail.com

We are also very grateful to the local companies who sponsor the festival and help to make this event a success. If you have a local company that may be interested in sponsoring, please email us.



Lovely volunteers running the Boules Café! Photo by Tea Smart



How the festival benefits the local community

Here are just a few examples of how the Boules Festival helps to spread community joy.

Sherston Drama Group was delighted to receive a donation from the Boules Committee last autumn, which was put towards its pantomime in October. The money was used to buy paint for scenery, some new lighting equipment and props - there were quite a few props needed for this production, ranging from spinning wheels to garden forks! Most of these items will be used again in future productions. The panto was greatly enjoyed by the cast of 28 adults and children, as well as the several hundred people who came to watch it.

Sherston Magna Cricket Club put its donation from the Boules Festival towards upgrading and maintaining its junior training kit. With a junior section of over 80 children ranging from five to 16 years old, the club is always trying to offer the best training equipment possible and the donation has helped towards that.

Sherston Badminton and Table Tennis Club used its donation to purchase a new table tennis table (a great help in putting up and storing), and to pay a professional coach to help improve the standard of badminton played. The table tennis group travels to Chippenham for advice and coaching. The club has almost doubled its membership over the past few years and these moves are helping with its improvement programme.

Schedule and updates

A full programme of events is due to be released shortly, giving everyone plenty of time to plan their week, gather teammates, and perfect their throwing technique. Keep an eye on the official Sherston Boules Festival website - www.sherstonboules.com - for the latest updates as well as the opportunity to get your hands on some of the amazing merchandise. With the 40th celebration shaping up to be the biggest yet, festival organisers are dreaming of sunshine, cold beverages, great food, live music, sandy pistes, and a fantastic community spirit to mark this milestone and remember all festival profits are donated to local good causes.

Thank you to Pat Starke of Starke Creative for designing our new logo and posters!

Sherston Theatre Club seeks new leader

AGM Thursday 9 April, 7.00pm at the British School Room

This is a very important meeting to discuss the future of the club. The present leader is retiring, so we need a new leader.

We also need new members to sign up for the events to make the club viable. Since the pandemic, ticket and coach prices are higher but, with group discounts and a door-to-door transport service, it is still good value to see top shows and venues.

If you are new to the village, newly retired or haven't renewed your membership lately, you are very welcome to join us at the meeting and hear all about the places we go and to have your say about where you would like to go. Open to surrounding towns and villages. Free glass of wine on entry!

If you are interested in helping with the leadership of the club and would like more information, Helen Quirk will be delighted to hear from you. You can contact her at helenquirk2@gmail.com or on 840516.

Sherston Senior Club

On Tuesday 3 February, we had a games and puzzles afternoon, followed a week later by the folk singers 'The Peekies'. Members enjoyed their songs so much, some of which were their own compositions, that they requested their return later in the year.

On Tuesday 3 March, Trish Lawrence gave an illustrated talk, 'Year-round interest in a small garden', and gave us hints and tips to encourage wildlife. Trish has been a lifelong gardener and has many talents and ideas - her most recent being starting the after-school gardening club 'Greenfingers' at Sherston Primary School, with the help of dedicated adult volunteers.

We are a friendly club open to anyone over 16 years male or female, for more information contact Helen Quirk on 840516.

Apple Day - save the date for this autumn!



Sherston Apple Day 2026 will be on Sunday 11 October, 10.00am-3.00pm, at Sherston Village Hall and field. Don't miss our village day out, with this year's apple juice on sale! There will be activities for families plus local, sustainable lunches and produce. All the local talent will be there! See you there.

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Sherston High Street - Boules exhibition

If you have any old black and white photographs, postcards or other commercial images pre-1950, we are looking to compile a small exhibit at this year's boules weekend. For instance, The Rattlebone Inn, The Old School, No 6 Foresters pub, the former Post

Office, No 14 the old pharmacy 1930, No 17 Golding butchers, No 30 Platt's Stores, No 15 Lloyds Bank, the Tolsey Surgery, No 23 the Angel Pub.

All images will be copied and returned. Thank you. Contact Richard at richard.stancomb@gmail.com

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SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB



Bob Brown of Cotswold Garden Flowers

Next meeting:

Tuesday 7 April: 'Plants that have recently grabbed my attention' by Bob Brown of Cotswold Garden Flowers.

Cuttings

We enjoyed an entertaining talk at our March meeting by Luckington resident Paul Fletcher of Cherry Orchard Barn. Paul had prepared an excellent slide presentation of his beautiful, colourful garden, created out of a bare, windy field over a decade ago. A profusion of plants in a variety of garden rooms, each with a special identity, had members making notes of names. We hope to organise a visit to the garden during June or July when, Paul assured us, everything is at its best.

On Tuesday 7 April, we shall be welcoming nurseryman Bob Brown to talk about plants that have recently grabbed his attention. Bob purchased an acre of land down a remote lane near Evesham in 1990 to start the famous Cotswold Garden Flowers company. The plot was originally intended for use

as a burial ground but has flourished into one of the UK's most renowned plant nurseries, offering an extraordinary collection of unique and unusual perennials. His visit will at least save us trying to find the place!

Coming up

Tuesday 5 May: Andrew Jeanes will return to talk about Climbing Plants

Tuesday 20 May: We're organising a self-drive trip to delightful Cadenham Manor, near Foxham. The lovely gardens were created in the 1950s with 'rooms' divided by yew hedges and moats and filled with old roses, specimen trees, fountains and statues. More details at our next meeting or from our Secretary.



Gorgeous plants at Cadenham Manor garden

Clippings

Club meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month (apart from August) at the British School Room, Cliff Road, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Plant ID, plant sales, raffle, questions (hopefully answers) 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

Stop Lime Down Fundraiser



Join us on Saturday 16 May at The Vine Tree for a special Stop Lime Down fundraising event, featuring live music from The Tin Shack Band, tickets £10.00.

Stop Lime Down is a strong and peaceful campaign opposing the Lime Down Solar

plans. This is not about opposing renewable energy. It is about protecting our land, environment, and future from large-scale corporate developments that risk damaging rural communities for profit.

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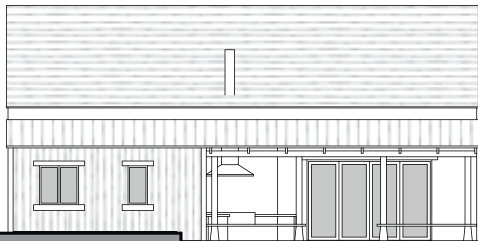
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Sherston Beavers and Cubs take on the Great Tommy Sleep Out in the Scout Hut



Seventeen brave Beavers and Cubs swapped their warm beds for a night in the Scout Hut, all in support of The Great Tommy Sleep Out 2026 - a national campaign raising awareness and funds for veterans facing homelessness.

The young people arrived with sleeping bags, torches and plenty of excitement, ready for an evening of adventure. Before settling down, they learned about the challenges faced by some former members of the armed forces and why The Great Tommy Sleep Out exists. To help them understand the reality of rough sleeping, the group built their own 'beds' from cardboard boxes. Working together, they created makeshift shelters and talked about how difficult it must be for those who have no choice but to sleep outside.

As darkness fell, everyone gathered around the firepit for one of the highlights of the night. With flames crackling and faces glowing in the firelight, the Beavers and Cubs toasted marshmallows, shared stories and enjoyed the simple pleasure of being together outdoors.

After a final mug of hot chocolate, the group settled into their cardboard-box beds inside the hut. For some of the younger Beavers, it was their first night away from home, but with the support of the older Cubs - and a fair bit of giggling - everyone eventually drifted off to sleep.

Max and Theo, both 10, said: 'It was really fun building our dens and staying overnight with our friends but we were pleased we weren't on the streets in the cold.'

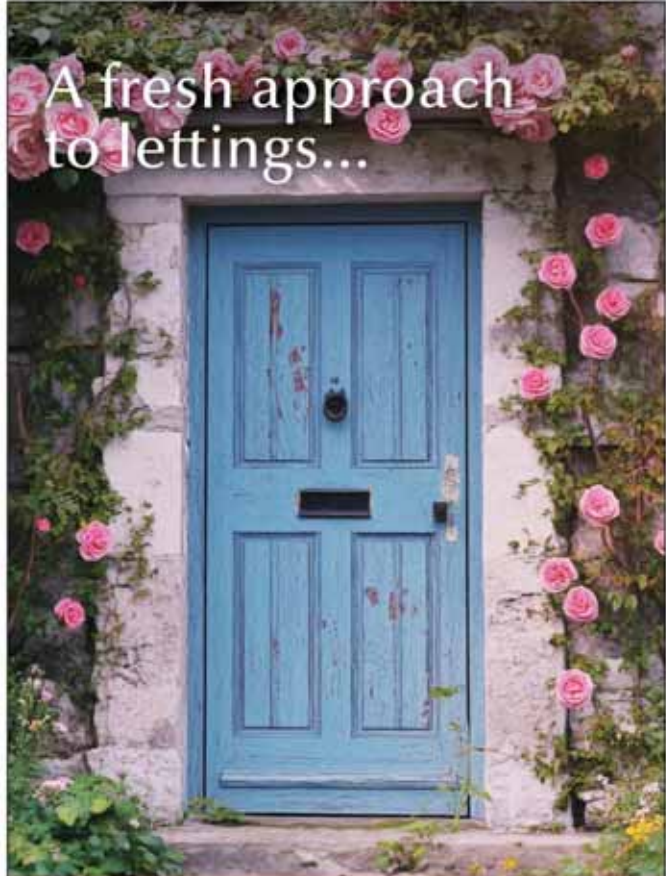
The sleepover not only raised awareness of The Great Tommy Sleep Out but also gave the children a powerful lesson in empathy, resilience and community spirit. Events like this show what Scouting does best: giving young people the chance to learn, grow and make a difference.

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Local recycling and zero waste outlet information



Recycling Facilities

Candles - Please don't leave any candles in the Holy Cross Church porch at present. The Recycled Candle Company has paused collections due to an overwhelming response.

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

Please don't leave these at the Sherston High Street telephone box at present as there is no company to take them, it's hoped this will be sorted in the near future.

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 can't take these at the moment, see above.

Zero-Waste/Eco Shops

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

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

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

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

The Wild Food Company, High Street, Malmesbury - large selection of zero waste and plastic-free goods,

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

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

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

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

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

Milk in glass bottles (no plastic!)

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

Zero-Waste online services

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

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

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

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

Local Food Growers

Close Farm, Highgrove, Tetbury - veg stall

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

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

Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Sherston

Weekly farmers' market at Sherston Village Hall
Thurs 10.30am-1pm. Stalls include meats, fish, cheese, sourdough and bakes, chutneys, dog treats etc.
Organised by Holly from The Loaf Shack Bakery
theloafshackbakery@gmail.com

Sherston Village Hall

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

Village Hall 300+ Club

For an annual subscription of £10 support the Village Hall, enter to win one of the four £20 prizes awarded in 10 draws each year. Contact Nic Riley (07768 603160) or Jeanna Ind (07887 853476)

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

Every fortnight on Saturdays 10.30am – 12.45pm
Sherston High Street For further details email clerk@sherston.org.uk or mobilelibraries@wiltshire.gov.uk or www.apps.wiltshire.gov.uk/librariesinformation/route/Index/6

Link - (Malmesbury and District)

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

Sherston Living Churchyard

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

Children's Groups

Sherston Baby and Toddler Group

The group is a fun way for babies, toddlers and their parents to meet and play. Meets every Mon 10-11.30am British School Room with toys, craft activities, music. Contact 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/ 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 entertainment 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 class for Over 60's to improve strength, co-ordination and balance. Exercises all performed standing or sitting. 10.00am Tuesday mornings The British School Room, Cliff Road. FREE trial class. Contact Emma: 07843 256081. emmacope@synchronicity.me.uk.

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Sherston Bootcamp

Every Saturday on Sherston rec, 8-9am. £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.

MovementForEveryone

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

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Pubs and cafés

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The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's, Sherston

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

Holy Cross Café, Sherston

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

The Bridge Restaurant

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The Rattlebone Inn, Sherston

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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.

Yoga with Rosie. Every Monday 12-1pm. Tel: 07402 317826.

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 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
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www.riversidecommunitycentre.org.uk

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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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: April 2026

Sherston

Friday 3 April

2pm, Holy Cross Church.

Good Friday Hour at the Cross.

Sunday 5 April

9.30am, Holy Cross Church.

Easter Sunday Holy Communion church service.

Tuesday 7 April

7pm for 7.30pm start, British School Room.

Sherston Gardening Club meeting.

'Plants that have recently grabbed my attention' by Bob Brown of Cotswold Garden Flowers. New members are always welcome.

Cost is £20 single, £35 joint, U18s free.

Contact our secretary for more info:

sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Wednesday 8 April until Saturday 11 April

7.30pm, Sherston Village Hall.

One Man, Two Guvnors.

Sherston Drama Club's spring production, full of fast-paced physical comedy and witty banter. Contains some adult themes.

Tickets: £10/£8.50 concessions, from Sherston

Co-op (cash or cheque) or on TicketSource (ticketsource.co.uk/ sherston-drama-group, booking fee applies).

Thursday 9 April until Sunday 12 April

Holy Cross Church porch.

Plant Stall.

Funds raised go to help further work in the Living Churchyard.

Thursday 9 April

7.00pm at the British School Room.

Sherston Theatre Club AGM.

If you're new to the village, newly retired or haven't renewed your membership lately, you are very welcome to join us at the meeting and hear all about the places we go and to have your say about where you would like to go. Open to surrounding towns and villages.

Free glass of wine on entry! For more info, contact Helen Quirk - helenquirk2@gmail.com or 840516.

Thursday 9 April

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.

Saturday 11 April

From 9.30am, Holy Cross Church.

Sherston Living Churchyard Working Party.

A change from the usual first Saturday of the month as that is Easter weekend. All welcome - please come along for fresh air and exercise, coffee and friendly chat. We welcome anyone who wants to come and help or to look round and see what we are doing to support wildlife in our churchyard.

Sunday 19 April

9.30am, Holy Cross Church.

Holy Communion church service.

Sunday 26 April

9.30am, Holy Cross Church.

Holy Communion church service.

Thursday 30 April 1-4pm

The Barn @ The Rattlebone.

Carers' Tea party.

Hosted by The Tolsey Surgery, for all patients who are unpaid carers for relatives, friends and others.

Tea, coffee and cake, plus info and advice and information on caring roles.

Alderton

Sunday 12 April

9.30am, Alderton Church.

Holy Communion church service..

Foxley

Sunday 5 April

11am, Foxley Parish Church.

Easter Sunday Family Worship church service.

Luckington

Friday 3 April

3.30pm, Luckington Church.

Good Friday Open-Air church service.

Sunday 5 April

11am, Luckington Church.

Easter Sunday Holy Communion church service.

Tuesday 7 April

2-3.30pm, The Old Royal Ship.

Luckington Bible Study.

Also: 14, 21 and 28 April.

Sunday 19 April

11am, Luckington Church.

Worship Together church service.

Malmesbury**Wednesday 15 April**

2.30pm (doors open 2.15pm, talk starts 3pm), The Rausing Building.

Athelstan Museum Teatime Talk. **Malmesbury as a Border Town – from Wessex/Mercia to WW2.** Anne Goodyer will share her research into Malmesbury's history as a border town. Tea and cake included.

Tickets: £8. www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk/events/

Thursday 23 April

10am-12noon, Malmesbury Town Hall.

Malmesbury & District u3a meeting. Aid to Ukraine - Brendon Ball. Just before this talk is planned to take place Brendon will have recently returned from taking an Ambulance out to Ukraine, so will be incredibly well placed to talk about what the current situation is like in Ukraine.

This should be a fascinating talk about this terrible conflict. For more info, go to www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk or email membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Tetbury**Wednesday 1 April**

10-11am, Tetbury Goods Shed.

Playtime Theatre.

Play-along session for pre-schoolers from The Last Baguette company – join them for story-telling, music and puppetry.

Tickets £5, under-ones free.

www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Thursday 2 April

7pm, Tetbury Goods Shed.

Film: Coppelia.

The Royal Ballet's performance of this much-loved classical ballet.

Tickets in advance: £10.

www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Saturday 11 April

7pm, Tetbury Goods Shed.

Chris Treglown Singing Awards.

A concert concert featuring 12 up-and-coming young singers competing for the singing awards before a panel of international experts!

Tickets in advance: £12.50.

www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Sunday 12 April

6pm, Tetbury Goods Shed.

Ninebarrow.

The Dorset folk group are back again for a night of music and storytelling with their songs and stories inspired by British history and landscape.

Tickets in advance: £18.

www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Friday 17 April

8pm, Tetbury Goods Shed.

Mitch Benn – The Lehrer Effect.

Songs of the legendary comic songwriter Tom Lehrer are given a twist by satirical song-writer Mitch Benn of Radio 4 fame.

Tickets in advance: £20.

www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Saturday 18 April

7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed.

This Flight Tonight.

A tribute to singer/songwriter Joni Mitchell's much-loved Blue album from Paul Zervas and Kathryn Pepper and their five-piece band.

Tickets in advance: £25.

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Sunday 19 April

2pm, Tetbury Goods Shed.

Gardening Questions. your horticultural hassles answered by our panel of experts.

Tickets in advance: £6.50.

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Saturday 25 April

7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed.

Jazz – The Transatlantic Hot Club.

Relive the decadent Parisian jazz scene of the 1930s with the Hot Club on their first visit to the Goods Shed. Relive the music of Reinhardt and Grappelli with a bit of bossa nova.

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Monthly film screening. 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](https://www.facebook.com/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:
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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Live and encore screenings at local cinemas
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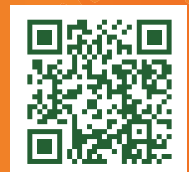
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Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator
emergency@sherston.org.uk (only during an incident)

Wiltshire Council

Highways, Social Care, Emergency Transport 24hr telephone contact: 0300 456 0100 EPRR@wiltshire.gov.uk (only during an incident)
Floods: 0300 456 0105 or drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk

Useful Information

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

Utilities

ELECTRICITY – SSEPD Power track
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0800 072 7282 or 0345 072 1905 from a mobile phone @SSEPD for updates on twitter

WATER – Bristol Water

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

WATER – Wessex water

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

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Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	01666 825825
Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
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MP Roz Savage	07808 719881
Sherston Parish Council	07349 296639
Sherston School	01666 840237
Sherston Village Hall (bookings)	07857 657 454
Sherston Co-op PO Stores	01666 840190
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Easter Sunday

Join us this a traditional roast, served with all the seasonal trimmings. Gather with family and friends and make the most of the long spring afternoon around the table.
3 courses £47.50. 2 courses £39.50.
Scan the QR code to view the menu. *Book online, email reservations@whatleymanor.com or call 01666 822 888.*



Spring Pour Candle Making Workshop
Saturday 11th April

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