



THE SHERSTON CLIFFHANGER



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Community Bleed Kit



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Sherston Parish Council has decided to buy and install an emergency bleed kit for the village. It is one of those things you hope never gets used, but it is reassuring to know it is there if needed. The bleed kit has been installed next to the defibrillator outside the village hall.

Bleed kits are not just for stabbings - they are for any serious bleed accidents. They are designed to help someone until the ambulance arrives.

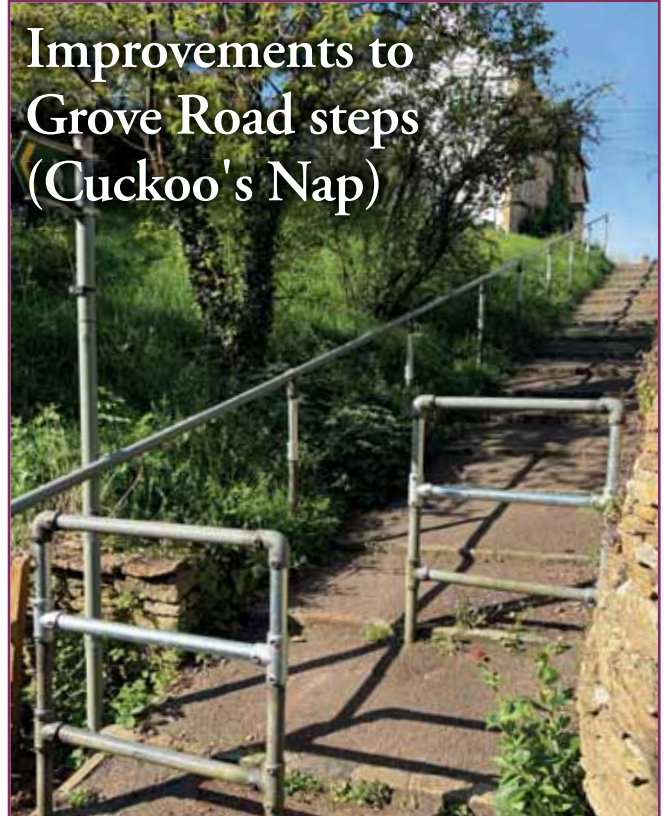
Common scenarios where a bleed kit can save a life:

- Road traffic collisions - sharp metal, shattered glass or impact injuries.
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- Falls - especially from height or onto sharp edges.
- Outdoor activities - cycling, hiking, horse riding or sports injuries.
- Workplace incidents - construction, manufacturing, warehousing, agriculture.
- Farming and machinery accidents - heavy equipment, tools, animal injuries.
- Industrial or workshop environments - lathes, grinders, presses, cutting tools.
- Everyday mishaps - even something as simple as tripping and landing badly.

What is inside? A tourniquet, special dressings, a pressure bandage, gloves, scissors, and simple instructions. Nothing complicated - just the essentials to help in an emergency. It is all made so that anyone can use it, even if you have never done first aid before.

The bottom line: bleed kits are not about expecting trouble. They are about being prepared for any serious bleed. They are simple, quick and they can save a life.

In the event that any items from the bleed kit are used, please email clerk@sherston.org.uk to arrange replacement.



Improvements to Grove Road steps (Cuckoo's Nap)

In every community, there are individuals whose quiet contributions make a lasting difference to the safety and well-being of others. Today, Sherston Parish Council would like to extend their sincere thanks to Chris Brant, Colin Wootton and Xander Edgecombe for their thoughtful, practical and voluntary act of service in improving the handrail along the steps from Grove Road onto Tanners Hill.

Navigating those steps has long been a challenge for many residents, particularly older members of the community, parents with young children, and anyone needing a little extra support. By volunteering their time and effort to increase the height of the handrail, they helped make this everyday route safer and more accessible for everyone.

It's easy to overlook how small changes to our shared spaces can have a big impact. Their initiative is a perfect example of how community spirit and attentiveness to local needs can lead to meaningful improvements. Their actions not only enhanced physical safety but also reflect a genuine care for neighbours and passersby alike.

On behalf of all who use those steps, thank you for your generosity and commitment to making our area a better place.

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Parish Council meeting



The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14 May 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.

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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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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Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 June



Thanks to those people who have offered to open their garden this year. If you are still thinking about it, please get in touch by the third week of May. If you haven't done it before, do consider it! It is quite fun to share your garden with visitors. If you love your garden – so will other people! Make sure you put the date in your diary and enjoy wandering around our lovely village, discovering new corners and ending with tea and delicious cakes in church.

We welcome donations of plants for the plant stall, open over the weekend at the church. Tickets for the Open Garden Trail are £6, teas are £4. Tickets will be on sale outside the Co-op, 10.30am-12.00 noon on Saturday 6 June (after 12.00 noon, they will be on sale at the church). Cash or card payment. All proceeds go toward the upkeep of Holy Cross Church.

Gardens will be open 1.00pm-6.00pm on the Saturday and 1.00pm-5.00pm on the Sunday, although some gardens will not be open both days. For any queries, contact heather@geoffmartin.plus.com

Tolsey News



Dispensary News

Many congratulations to Caron Todd for obtaining her Level 2 National Vocational Qualification in Dispensing Services. She has now moved from the reception and joined our dispensary team.

We sadly said goodbye to Rachel Brown in March. Many of you will know Rachel, who lives in the village, and has been working with us for several years. She will be a greatly missed team member. We would like to wish her all the best for the future!

New Doctor

We are pleased to announce that Dr Mostafa Hassan will be coming to do some regular clinics at the Tolsey. Dr Hassan is a local GP who will also be working in some of our neighbouring practices. He is due to start in May and we hope that everyone will make him feel very welcome.

Wanted: Articles for the Cliffhanger



Sherston Parish Council is calling on residents to help shape the editions of the Sherston Cliffhanger magazine by sharing stories, updates, and ideas from across our community. Whether you're a long-time contributor or someone who has never submitted before, this is a great opportunity to get involved and celebrate the people, places and projects that make our parish such a vibrant place to live.

What we're looking for

We welcome a wide range of contributions, including:

- **Local news and updates** - community projects, village improvements, club activities, or noteworthy achievements.
- **Historical pieces** - memories, old photographs, or stories that capture the heritage of our parish.
- **Nature and environment** - wildlife sightings, gardening tips, conservation efforts, or seasonal observations.
- **Creative writing** - poems, short stories, reflections, or artwork inspired by village life.
- **Events and announcements** - upcoming gatherings, group meetings, or volunteer opportunities. If it matters to you, it will matter to someone else in the parish.

Why contribute

The Sherston Cliffhanger is more than a magazine - it's a shared space where the community can connect, learn and celebrate together. Your contribution helps ensure the publication reflects the full diversity and spirit of our parish. Even a short paragraph or a single photo can make a meaningful difference.

How to submit

Please send your articles, photos, or ideas to the editorial team editorial@sherstoncliffhanger.co.uk or clerk@sherston.org.uk. If you're unsure whether your piece is suitable, feel free to get in touch - we're always happy to help shape a submission.

Deadline for copy

The deadline is the 10th of the previous month.

THIS AND ALL PREVIOUS ISSUES ARE AVAILABLE TO VIEW AND DOWNLOAD AT WWW.SHERSTON.ORG.UK

Planning permission - is it necessary?



How do you know whether or not you need planning permission for work you would like to undertake on your property?

Applying for planning permission through Wiltshire Council is usually straightforward. Most applications require a form, a site location plan, and clear drawings showing size, materials, and how the proposal fits its surroundings. Larger projects may need extra reports.

If you live in a listed property, you will also need Listed Building Consent for any works affecting its character - inside or out. If your home is in a conservation area, stricter rules apply, and even small changes (such as replacing windows or demolition) may require permission. Similarly, if you are considering installing an electric vehicle charging point, you should check the relevant regulations - particularly if your property is listed, within a conservation area, or does not have off-street parking.

We have recently seen an increase in works being carried out without the necessary permissions, which has led to enforcement action being taken. We would also recommend consulting neighbours early to help avoid unnecessary conflicts during the application process or later on.

In summary, it is always best to carry out an early check with Wiltshire Council if you are unsure what steps to take or whether planning permission is required, helping to avoid delays or potential enforcement.

For more information, go to www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-building-control.

Litter pickers on patrol



In response to Dennis Kuijpers' recent request for volunteers to litter pick around Sherston, eight people came along last month and all enjoyed it. As there were lots of events on around the village, it was a reasonable turnout. With high-vis vests, grabbers and bags, the volunteers collected rubbish around the village roads. We look forward to another litter pick soon.



(L-R) Gail Whale, Mark Walsh, Adrian Whale and Matthew Walsh.

Charity walk for Winston's Wish



My nephew, Andy Stephens, is currently walking from Land's End to John o'Groats to raise money for the childhood bereavement charity Winston's Wish. Andy is the son of my late brother, David Stephens, a Sherston man who grew up in the village and attended Sherston School.

Andy was 12 and his sister 10 years old when they lost their dad in 2002. Winston's Wish was there for them, giving them vital support and counselling.

Several people in the village have asked how they can contribute to this very worthy cause, so I thought it would be helpful to include information in the Cliffhanger (see below).

In March, Andy was joined on the Bath to Sherston leg by my daughter (his cousin), Alice. As of 30 April,

he has reached Loch Lommond, aiming to get to John o'Groats before the end of May.

We would be so grateful for any donation, no matter how small. A big thank you to everyone who has supported him so far!

Sue Ormiston

You can follow Andy's progress here:

www.instagram.com/andylejog/



If you would like to donate to the charity, you can do this here:

www.justgiving.com/page/andrew-lejog



Cub Leader Wanted – Can You Help?



1st Sherston Cubs, for children aged 8 to 10½, is looking for a new adult to join the team and help run weekly sessions.

This is not about taking on a big title. You will be part of a team, helping with simple, practical tasks. You might help plan activities, run games, support trips, or just be another pair of hands.

Cubs gives young people the chance to build confidence, learn practical skills, and enjoy new experiences with their friends. It is direct and rewarding work.

You do not need previous experience. You already

have useful skills. Full support and training are provided. You can also try it out before making any commitment.

We are flexible. You do not have to attend every week. Even occasional help makes a real difference and eases the load on the current team.

Cubs meet Wednesdays, 6.00pm to 7.30pm at Sherston Scout Hut.

If you are interested, or just curious, get in touch by emailing join@sherstonscouts.org.uk. Come along, see a session, and decide from there.

Sherston Senior Club

Our first outing of the year took place at the end of March. We visited Highfield Garden World in Whitminster, which was enjoyed by all.

At our next meeting, on Tuesday 7 April, we were entertained by a very talented trio called The Songbirds. Members enjoyed them so much they have requested a return later in the year. Our second meeting in April was a boat trip - more on this next month.

Looking forward, on Tuesday 5 May, the Willow Singers will be providing entertainment, and on Tuesday 19 May, Bernard Purrier will be giving an illustrated talk on the flora and fauna of Costa Rica.

We are a very friendly relaxed group. If you're interested in coming along, please contact Helen Quirk at helenquirk2@gmail.com

Sherston Living Churchyard



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Tomorrow (as I write) our April working party will be moving a delivery of limestone chippings into the churchyard to improve some of the paths that have become eroded by the passage of many feet over the years. A perhaps surprising number of people walk through the churchyard every day and I hope they appreciate the natural beauty of their surroundings as they do. There are several seats to allow you to stay longer, relax and enjoy the proven benefits of the green space. The spring brings the best displays of wild flowers and, at the moment, the violets are particularly beautiful.

This month, I am going to pass on some information about hedgehogs. I've written about them before but I think it's worth repeating. The State of Britain's Hedgehogs 2022 report stated that numbers of hedgehogs in gardens and other urban areas seem to be stabilising after decades of decline. This encouraging fact highlights the importance of our gardens in helping their numbers to recover when the wider countryside often no longer offers them the kind of habitats where they can survive and prosper. British hedgehogs have declined by a third since 2000. Last year, we introduced two rescue hedgehogs into the churchyard where they should be prospering.

The Hedgehog Street campaign (www.hedgehogstreet.org/) is just one source of information with ideas about what you can do to help. I've chosen to mention one of its suggestions because it's very important. Hedgehogs need to wander nightly over quite a large area to find food, and securely fenced gardens stop them from doing this. However, they only need a hole 13cm/5 inches square to get under a fence. Could you get together with your neighbours and create a Hedgehog highway? You may already have done so.

Our next work session is on Saturday 9 May from 9.30am. 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 7 May to Saturday 9 May, with a selection of very reasonably priced plants for your garden. If you have any plants you could donate to help raise funds for work in the churchyard, please bring them along.

Sue Robinson

jimandsue4@btinternet.com


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Sherston School News

A joyful Easter Service to end a wonderful term

Last term was a particularly busy but wonderfully successful one at Sherston CofE School, and it was brought to a perfect close with our Easter Service at the church. The children gathered together and sang beautifully, filling the space with warmth and joy as they celebrated the Easter story through music.

We are very grateful to the church community for hosting us once again. Their continued partnership and kindness mean so much to the school, and the welcome they offer helps to make these shared moments truly special for the children.

Thank you also to Judith Parkyn, who captured the service through her wonderful photographs.



As we reflect on the term - filled with learning, events and community support - our Easter Service felt like a fitting and uplifting way to finish. We look forward to the new term ahead and to many more opportunities to come together as a school and village community.



Growing spaces, growing futures

There's a real buzz around school at the moment as preparations begin for opening our sixth classroom. This is an exciting milestone, reflecting how much we have grown over the last two-and-a-half years.

With the school continuing to expand, we are now ready to recruit an additional teacher and look towards splitting classes, ensuring we maintain the small, nurturing learning environments that support each child. Creating this extra space allows us to keep class sizes manageable and provide the calm, purposeful atmosphere families value.

Behind the scenes, there is plenty of clearing and organising happening. Over Easter, we filled another skip as we continued preparing the site. Maple Class will once again become a standalone classroom, refreshed and ready to welcome children into a bright, inviting learning space.

The physical transformation of our school is something we are incredibly proud of. Each improvement - big or small - helps shape an environment where children feel excited, motivated and supported in their learning. Our school continues to grow not only in size, but in spirit, and we look forward to the next stage of this journey.

Leaping, running and learning: why PE is pure joy at our school

PE remains a firm favourite for many children and, with two lessons each week, they have opportunities to enjoy being active, try new skills and work together. Children take part in a broad mix of activities designed to build coordination, balance, fitness and confidence. Lessons emphasise teamwork, imagination and enjoyment, helping children develop positive attitudes towards sport and physical activity.

Their enthusiasm was on full display during last term's cross country event at Westonbirt. With over 100 children competing in each race, we were thrilled to see several of our runners finish in the top 20 - a brilliant achievement that reflects not only their determination but also their love of taking part. The camaraderie among our children on the day was just as impressive as their athletic efforts.

Whether learning new games, developing core physical skills or celebrating personal bests, PE at Sherston school is all about discovering that learning can be active, joyful and full of shared success.



Sherston Theatre Club - Act 2

Sherston Theatre Club held its AGM on Thursday 9 April in the British School Room. The event was well attended, with over 50 enthusiastic people from Sherston and the surrounding area who came to show their support over a glass of wine and nibbles.

The outgoing chair, Helen Quirk, was highly commended for her running of the club for the last two decades. In this, she was assisted by outgoing deputy chair, Sue McKechnie and a committee of enthusiastic members who managed the lines of communication behind the scenes. The latter were warmly thanked for their efforts. Lots of memories were shared of the various outings that had been attended over the years.

A new chair, Rachel Wagstaff, was voted in with two new committee members, Arabella Perry and Tahiti van Rooyen. Two former committee members, Trish Day and Jenny Smith, also stayed on to ensure continuity and to share their wealth of information. With the changeover, it will be some time before we will be able to book tickets for popular performances. Many of the tickets we looked at are sold out until 2027. Nonetheless, the committee has been researching other options to keep us entertained in the meantime.

For those who expressed an interest in joining Sherston Theatre Club, keep a lookout for an email from Rachel giving details of how to sign up, as well as a poll on what you might be interested in. For anybody who could not make the AGM, please feel free to contact Rachel on rachel_wagstaff@hotmail.com for details of how to sign up. In the foreseeable future, each member will be assigned to a committee member who will be your first point of contact. For now, we look forward to getting this show on the road!

New Sensory Storytelling Classes for under-5s

My name is Charlotte, and I am delighted to be bringing sensory storytelling classes to The North Building in Sherston every Thursday morning. I have a degree in Education, specialising in Children's Literature, and have worked in Early Years for the past 13 years. I have taken the opportunity to bring my experience and passion for working with children into communities across my local area.

These classes take families on a magical adventure each week, focusing on a different story and are created to develop communication and language skills through hands-on sensory play. They provide a wonderful opportunity to bring the community and families together, creating precious moments to share with children or grandchildren while nurturing a love of books and storytelling from babyhood through to preschool age.

To book a class, please visit the Adventure Babies website at www.adventurebabies.co.uk, where these sessions can be found under the South Cotswolds area.

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Boules Festival



Celebrate 40 Years of Boules with a French Fête and a Wine-Lover's Delight!

The 40th Anniversary of the Sherston Boules Festival and Tournament is promising to be an incredible week of activities, and two key dates have been added for the celebration.

The Relauched French Fête

To start the week-long festivities, the hugely popular French Fête will be relaunched for Sunday 28 June. The event will take place in the village hall starting at 12.30pm and will feature a delicious four-course meal. The menu includes a choice of starters, followed by a beef, chicken, or vegetarian main course, and concludes with numerous delectable desserts and a cheese selection. Obviously no French meal would be complete without the added option of 'a wine so sophisticated, it refuses to speak English'.

- Tickets: £35 per adult and £15 per child under 10. Wine and soft drinks are extra.

Boules Festival Wine-Tasting Evening

Whilst we are on the topic of wine, join the festival in raising a glass (or several) at the Boules Festival Wine-Tasting Evening. This event takes place at The Angel on Tuesday 30 June at 6.30pm.

Guests will receive a welcome glass of 'bubbly' followed by a handpicked selection of locally produced wines from Bow in the Cloud (Malmesbury) and Larkhill (Tetbury) vineyards. The event will also feature a delicious grazing board from our own Truffle & Thyme, offering local cheeses and pairings designed to complement the wine tastings, with a vegetarian option available.

- Tickets: £50 per person. Every ticket sold includes a £10 donation towards the Boules Festival, supporting fantastic local causes. (NB: if you are lucky enough to look under 25 years old, identification will be required)

Tickets for both events go on sale outside the Post Office on Saturday 9 May.

Any unsold tickets will be available from the festival website (www.sherstonboules.org) from Monday 11 May. Spaces are limited, so reserve your spot early to ensure you can enjoy these great events while making a difference to the local community.

Local Partners:

- The Angel: www.angel-sherston.co.uk
- Bow in the Cloud Vineyard: www.bowinthecloud.co.uk
- Larkhill Vineyard: www.larkhillvineyard.co.uk
- Truffle & Thyme: truffleandthyme.co.uk

We are featured in Country Life magazine! Get yourself a copy of the May edition to read an interview with Bob Rumble which includes the Sherston Boules Festival.

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The Origin of Sherston High Street

Mathias (De Bessiles) Bezill (abt. 1200-1268) was a Norman born in Touraine, France. A military tutor to Henry III, he was Marshall Steward of the Queen's Household, appointed a constable of Gloucester castle from 1251 to 1262, and received many gifts of land from the King.

After the fall of Simon de Montfort at the Evesham battle of 1265, Bezill was awarded lands confiscated from the rebel barons including Sherston. It was Bezill who laid out Sherston market square, now 800 years old, surrounded by burgess plots for dwellings



to be built by any purchaser. Sherston market was never successfully developed, so remains the finest unspoilt Anglo Saxon market square, on a par with Castle Combe or Lacock, and more so than Devizes or Marlborough.

Mathias Bezill was an unpopular alien known as the 'Plunderer'!

We hope to have an exhibition based on the High Street on Boules Day.

Richard Stancomb

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Holy Cross News

At the end of May, we will be saying 'au revoir' to the Rev'd Steve Wilkinson, who has been our Interim Priest for the last year. He has been supporting all the churches in the Gauzebrook Group and helping us to work together while we seek a new Rector for the Benefice. It's not 'farewell' as Steve returns to his appointment as Rector of the Woodbridge Group (the nearby churches of Brinkworth, Dauntsey, Gardson, Great Somerford, Lea and Little Somerford) and his important role as Area Dean and so will continue to be supporting the Church of the Holy Cross over the coming months. He has been an inspiration to many of us and we will miss his optimism and sense of humour. He showed his characteristic support for us two weeks ago when, sadly, another section of



our ceiling fell into the nave, but his encouragement has helped us to keep the church open while we go through another long process of remedial works. Services and other church activities will continue as usual, please see the notices on the lychgate or on the website www.achurchnearyou.com or www.gauzebrook.org

Our annual report and accounts are available in church to read before our annual meetings on Sunday 3 and Sunday 10 May.

We look forward to the Open Gardens over the first weekend in June and we hope you will support this local event, which will help raise funds to support the ongoing work of the church (see page 2 for more information).



SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB



Andrew Jeanes, our May speaker

Next meeting: Tuesday 5 May - 'Climbing Plants' talk by Andrew Jeanes

Cuttings

Bob Brown of Cotswold Garden Flowers proved an entertaining speaker at our April meeting. His talk about plants that had recently grabbed his attention included those he didn't like as well as those he did. He also stymied us with a number of questions about species that were less popular or well known and jokingly asked us if we were in fact gardeners at all! His plant recommendations did however prove useful and interesting.

On Tuesday 5 May, Andrew Jeanes of Guernsey Clematis nursery will return to talk about climbing plants. He was a mine of information when he spoke to us two years ago about clematis in particular, so we look forward to hearing about all the other options for our walls and fences.

Coming up

Wednesday 20 May: Self-drive trip to Cadenham Manor, near Foxham. This will be a treat for lovers of old, fragrant roses which should be looking glorious by then.

Tuesday 2 June: 'Diary of a Keen Gardener', a talk by renowned gardener, broadcaster and author, Mary Keen. Mary welcomed the BBC 2 Gardeners' World team to her gorgeous garden recently so we are anticipating an amazing and inspiring slide presentation!



A corner of Mary Keen's lovely Cotswold 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.

Don't forget that we will be selling plants on the High Street on Sherston Boules Day, Saturday 4 July. A good time to add to your garden cheaply! Donations are appreciated.

New club 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

Sherston Magna Cricket Club

Another year, and another cricket season is just around the corner. We are looking forward to an action-packed summer at Sherston Magna CC.

We are a friendly, family-focused club based at Pinkney Park, offering cricket for all ages and abilities. Whether you are an experienced player or completely new to the game, there is something for everyone.

What we offer:

- Two senior Saturday league teams
- Senior Sunday friendly matches
- Senior midweek T20 friendlies
- Ladies' softball cricket
- Junior league teams from Under 11 to Under 15
- Under 9s taking part in local festivals

- ECB-accredited All Stars Cricket programme for younger children



With so much happening, we are always keen to welcome new players and volunteers. If you would like to get involved in any way, please do get in touch.

We pride ourselves on being a welcoming club with excellent facilities, so come along to Pinkney Park – we would be delighted to show you what we are all about.

Contact us:

cricket@sherstonmagnacc.co.uk

Senior enquiries: Ben – 07979 831960

Junior enquiries: James – 07985 050791

One Man, Two Guvnors ... and a grinning audience!

SHERSTON
DRAMA
GROUP



Last month, Sherston Drama Club had a fantastic time performing Richard Bean's comedy, *One Man, Two Guvnors*, directed by Joanna Maddams with assistance from Katie Skeffington. Somewhere between a farce and a pantomime, this fast-paced comedy featured slapstick, audience participation and a lot of foam! The plot followed out-of-work musician, Francis Henshall, who had taken on two jobs at once. Graeme Strachan played the lead role of Francis with brilliant physical comedy and a likeability that had the audience cheering him on as he attempted to keep his two bosses a secret from each other whilst simultaneously eating as much as he could.

The two bosses in question were upper-class twit Stanley Stubbers (perfectly portrayed by Clive Whitehouse) and Rachel Crabbe, who was impersonating her own dead brother (played with macho swagger by Nicola Pearce-Smith). Sarah Scherer was brilliant as sassy, in-control Dolly, Katie Skeffington captured the endearingly idiotic Pauline, and Sue Ormiston's portrayal of the shady gangster 'Charlie the Duck' was spot on. Chris Fisk used great comic timing both as Alan, an over-dramatic wannabe actor, and as head waiter Gareth, whilst Andrea Porter navigated legal phrases with ease in her role as dodgy solicitor Harriet Dangle.

It was great to have several newcomers join the cast for this production. The audiences loved Bob Charman's physical comedy as accident-prone Alfie (a geriatric waiter with an overactive pacemaker) whilst Elaine Sexton created a brilliant character for ex-

convict Lil. Another first-timer, Tom Roberts showed off some great facial expressions in his role as a barman and as a vicar, whilst Caty Tappin was excellent both as a taxi driver and an old lady, really getting the most out of the roles.

The cast was rounded off by Richard Warren, who managed to fill in as a policeman whilst simultaneously prompting, and a special mention must be given to Sally Clayton and Caty Tappin who were great sports in their shared role as a 'plant' in the audience. The team of stagehands (Phil Clark, Tom Roberts and Debbie Luter) coped well with the pressure of changing the scenery in full view of the audience - and by the end of the week had developed their own characters and back stories!

Sarah Scherer did a fantastic job with the costumes - never have we seen so many wigs on Sherston's stage at once! Special mentions must also go to Paul Ormiston, who operated the lights and sound effects, lighting designer Colin Wootton, Helen Fisk for running the box office, Vee Skeffington and Minnie Hulme who organised Front of House, and Sue Ormiston and Kirsty Strachan for painting such great scenery. Also huge thanks to Tea Smart Photography for the amazing photos you see here!

We had so much fun with this production and enjoyed watching the audience leave with grins on their faces. Panto is next ... we're always looking for new members, both onstage and off, so don't hesitate to get in touch (sherstondramagroup3@gmail.com) if you'd be interested in joining our friendly group!



Rattlebone Boules League

Boules league season concludes with Annual Awards Night at The Rattlebone

Back in February, the Rattlebone Boules League celebrated another successful season with a lively presentation evening, honouring the league's stars and volunteers. The league, which boasts 48 teams and around 200 participants across three divisions, continues to be a driving force for community spirit and support for the local pub.

A Season of Thanks and Milestones

The evening began with heartfelt thanks to key individuals. A 'colossal thank you' went to Matt and Charlie at The Rattlebone for hosting the weekly matches and making huge investments into the whole Boule 'environment'. Graham, known affectionately as 'Hercule LaBoule,' was praised for his massive effort in determining the league schedule and collating the results. The ladies of 'Pascal Petanque'—Elisabeth, Gail, and Lynda—were also celebrated for all the league administration.

A major highlight of the season was the achievement of playing all 15 fixtures in each of the three leagues for the very first time.



The Champions Crowned

The focus quickly turned to the 2025 League Winners, presented in reverse order:

League 3: After languishing since 2019, Phoenix found a bit of form to convincingly win the League 3 crown, earning promotion. The 3Ds finished as runners-up, with Vintners in third. Hillbillies also celebrated a hard-fought fourth place and promotion to League 2.



League 2: Relegated in 2024, Jac'd'or showed their true class by returning to comfortably win the League 2 title. Les Miseraboules finished as runners-up, returning to the top tier after just one season. The promotion battle was intense, with Press Ganged clinching fourth place on points difference from Sherston Antiques.

League 1: Tommy's Tigers lost their opening match to newly promoted Pet Tonkers but rallied to win all of their remaining 14 games, finishing as clear winners of the top prize. THE Bungers took secondplace, and Bill's Boules Hitters finished third.



The Tony Towle Trophy

The most coveted honour, the Tony Towle Trophy, a memorial to the late Tony Towle who led the league for many years, was also presented. In a hard-fought contest, The Youngsters defeated the League 1 champions, Tommy's Tigers, to become the 2025 Trophy Winners.



The evening concluded with a look forward to the new season which is well under way.

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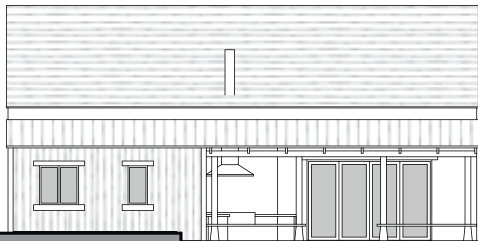
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Tetbury Woolsack Races Return: Monday 25 May



On Bank Holiday Monday 25 May, Tetbury will once again host one of the most unique and exciting sporting events in the country — the Tetbury Woolsack Races.

Dating back to the 17th century, the Woolsack Races see competitors race up the steep Gumstool Hill carrying 60lb sacks of wool on their shoulders. What began as a tradition among young drovers looking to impress the local ladies has become a nationally recognised community sporting event, attracting thousands of spectators and media coverage from across the UK and beyond.

The 2026 event promises to be bigger and better than ever. Races run throughout the day across several categories, including men's and women's individual races, team relays, mixed relays, and a youth relay. Whether you are a seasoned competitor or a first-timer, there is a race for everyone. Entries are still open at tetburywoolsack.co.uk.

But the Woolsack Races are about much more than just the racing. The day is a full celebration of the Cotswolds, with live entertainment, a fairground,



a market quarter on Long Street, a food quarter on Church Street and Market Place, and activities for all ages. Keep an eye out for local businesses entering the window display competition, and don't forget to vote. It truly is a day for the whole community.

The event is made possible by the generous support of local businesses who sponsor the event. Sponsorship opportunities are still available at two levels, and the committee would love to hear from any businesses interested in getting involved. Full details of sponsorship packages are available on the website (see below).

Whether you want to watch, compete, volunteer, run a stall, or simply enjoy a fantastic Bank Holiday day out in one of the Cotswolds' most beautiful towns, the Tetbury Woolsack Races have something for you.

For more information, to enter a team, or to discuss how you can get involved, visit: tetburywoolsack.co.uk

Come and be part of this beloved Cotswold tradition. We look forward to seeing you on Gumstool Hill.

Malmesbury Concert Band to play at Mid Summer Festival

The Malmesbury Concert Band will be one of the musical attractions at the Mid Summer Festival in Malmesbury's Abbey House Gardens on Saturday 20 June, from 2.00pm to 2.45pm.

The Festival will include performances in the afternoon from Flutopians, Andy Duncan & Friends, the Malmesbury Choir and Malmesbury Morris. In the morning, there will be a range of children's activities. A BBQ and bar will be provided by the Old Bell Hotel.

This will be part of a busy summer schedule for the band, which will include playing at local fêtes and bandstand performances in Swindon, Keynsham, Chippenham, Cirencester and Stroud.

The band will be playing selections from popular musicals, including Cats, alongside classical works, TV themes and famous film scores.



Director of Music John Holland said: 'We are much looking forward to playing at this important event, one of our summer highlights. We have put together an imaginative programme, which we are sure everyone will enjoy.'

The Malmesbury Concert Band has around 25 playing members. It is currently seeking clarinet, bassoon and horn players. For more info, visit: www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

Malmesbury & District u3a


Malmesbury & District u3a has over 600 members and 40 different interest groups. Check our website for an up-to-date list of groups www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk. For more information e-mail membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk.

Monthly meetings with a guest speaker take place on the fourth Thursday of the month (10.00am-12.00noon) at Malmesbury Town Hall. Non-members are welcome to join us at the monthly meetings. Coming up ...


Thursday 28 May: Talk on the Grand Old Duke of York and Mary Anne Clarke - a right Royal Scandal. Dr Graham Cope

Includes the lives of Prince Frederick, Duke of York and the courtesan Mary Anne Clarke. Details of their affair and the scandal that ensued.

Dr Graham Cope was a medical research scientist and is the author of numerous scientific papers. Since retirement, he has concentrated on his schoolboy interest in late Georgian military history and has recently published his first historical novel about the exploits of the young Duke of York.



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Recycling Facilities

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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

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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
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Village Hall 300+ Club

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Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

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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
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coordinators@malmesburylink.co.uk

Sherston Living Churchyard

1st Saturday of the month (excluding bank holiday
weekends) 9.30am - 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
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1st Sherston Guides

Meet Wed 5.30-7pm in term time at the Village Hall. All
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all other queries contact Fi Picton via
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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
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1st Sherston Scout Troop

Open to both girls and boys aged between 10½ to 14
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Church and Faith Groups

Holy Cross Church

Sunday service 9.30am - 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays ;
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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
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To book the British School Room for any event, please
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Contact Pip Bartlett: 07967 007969

Drawing Classes in Sherston

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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 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

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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

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

Sherston Town FC

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

Sherston Velo Cycling Club

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

Pubs and cafés

The Angel Café with Rooms, Sherston

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

The Courtyard Café @ Lucy Tom's, Sherston

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

Holy Cross Café, Sherston

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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.

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

Malmesbury & District u3a

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

Malmesbury Riverside Community Centre

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

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Malmesbury Film Society

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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: May 2026

Sherston

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

Tuesday 5 May 7pm for 7.30pm start, British School Room. **Sherston Gardening Club meeting.** 'Climbing Plants' talk by Andrew Jeanes. New members are always welcome. Cost is £20 single, £35 joint, U18s free. Contact our secretary for more info: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Tuesday 5 May 2.30pm, British School Room. **Sherston Senior Club meeting.** Entertainment by the Willow Singers. If you're interested in coming along, contact Helen Quirk: helenquirk2@gmail.com.

Thursday 7 May until Saturday 9 May Holy Cross Church porch. **Plant Stall.** Funds raised go to help further work in the Living Churchyard.

Saturday 9 May Outside the Post Office. **Tickets on sale for the Boule French Fête and Boule Festival Wine Tasting.** Grab your tickets for the French Fête taking place from 12.30pm on Sunday 27 June at the village hall (£35 per adult and £15 per child under 10) and/or the Boules Festival Wine Tasting on Tuesday 30 June at 6.30pm at The Angel (£50 per person). More info: www.sherstonboules.org

Saturday 9 May 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.

Thursday 14 May 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 17 May 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Tuesday 19 May 2.30pm, British School Room. **Sherston Senior Club meeting.** An illustrated talk on the flora and fauna of Costa Rica by Bernard Purrier. If you're interested in coming along, contact Helen Quirk: helenquirk2@gmail.com.

Wednesday 20 May **Sherston Gardening Club: Self-drive trip to Cadenham Manor, near Foxham.** Contact our secretary for more info: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Sunday 24 May 9.30am, Holy Cross Church.
Pentecost Holy Communion church service.

Sunday 31 May 10am-4pm, Sherston Village Hall. **The Shabby Sheep Pop-up Bookshop.** Over 3,000 titles. Huge discounts from online and high-street prices. Free tea/coffee. Free entry.

Alderton

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

Badminton

Saturday 16 May Gates open 9am, Badminton Estate. **The Bolt at the Badminton Estate.** Choose to run 1.5km, 5km or 10km! Refreshments and BBQ. All profits go to Trinity C of E Primary School to fund new equipment that the school needs. Tickets from £5. race-nation.co.uk/register/the-bolt

Foxley

Sunday 5 April 11am, Foxley Parish Church.
Easter Sunday Family Worship church service.

Luckington

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

Tuesday 5 May 2-3.30pm, The Old Royal Ship. Luckington **Bible Study. Also: 12, 19 and 26 May.**

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

Malmesbury

From Friday 1 to Saturday 23 May. Caerbladon, 24 High Street. **Malmesbury Textile Group exhibition: 'On the Edge'.** Includes work by local artists, and a wide range of contemporary textile techniques.

Friday 8 May 7.30pm, Rausing Building. **Athelstan Museum Talk.** A Career in Ruins. Julian Richards. Julian presented Meet the Ancestors. His stellar career as a leading archaeologist will be a fascinating insight into our history and how it is still being revealed to us. Tickets: £20 to include a drink. Advance tickets only - high demand. All tickets available online and in Museum: www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk/events/

Saturday 9 May 8pm (doors open 7.30pm), King's Arms. **Malmesbury Live Arts: Around About Dusk.** This Bristol band performs a sensational fusion of New Orleans jazz, European folk and myriad other influences - think busked virtuosity layered with soaring melodies and harmonies. If you could harness their energy, an Around About Dusk gig could power a small village for a week! Tickets: £15 malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/around-about-dusk

Thursday 28 May 10am-12noon, Malmesbury Town Hall. **Malmesbury & District u3a meeting.** Talk on the Grand Old Duke of York and Mary Anne Clarke - a right Royal Scandal by Dr Graham Cope. Dr Cope has a keen interest in late Georgian military history and has recently published his first historical novel about the exploits of the young Duke of York.

For more info, go to www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk or email membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Norton

Saturday 16 May From 5pm, The Vine Tree. **Stop Lime Down Fundraiser.** Come along for a great evening of live music (from The Tin Shack Band), food and drink. £5 from every ticket sold and 10% of all food and drink sales will go to the Stop Lime Down Campaign. Tickets: £10 from thevinetree.co.uk/shop/stop-lime-down-fundraising-event-live-music-from-the-tin-shack-band-live-at-the-vine-tree/

Tetbury

Friday 1 May 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Alistair McGowan 3-IN-ONE.** An evening of classic comedy, poetry and beautiful piano music with Alistair McGowan – three great shows in one. Tickets in advance: £30. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk.

Saturday 2 May 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **James Morton's Groove Den.** This amazing saxophonist saxophonist with new material drawing on his influences from soul, jazz, hip-hop and tough, grooving beats. Tickets in advance: £16.50. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk.

Wednesday 6 May 6pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Prints at The Shed - an open evening.** A specially curated show celebrating 20 years of the Gloucestershire Printmaking Co-operative across a broad range of print disciplines. Admission free. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk.

Thursday 7 May 7pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **All My Sons: National Theatre Production.** Bryan Cranston (Breaking Bad) and Marianne Jean-Baptiste (Hard Truths) feature in an acclaimed new production of Arthur Miller's classic. Tickets in advance: £15. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk.

Saturday 9 May 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Fitzwilliam String Quartet.** Performing the String Quartet No 1 Op 49 by Dmitri Shostakovich and works by Beethoven and Mozart. Tickets in advance: £24. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk.

Saturday 16 May 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **A CODA to Led Zeppelin.** The music of the greatest rock band ever, Led Zeppelin, performed live on stage with no tricks, backing tracks or safety net! Tickets in advance: £25. www.tetburygoodshed.co.uk.

Monday 25 May 10am-5pm, Gumstool Hill. **Tetbury Woolsack Races.** Tetbury will once again host one of the most unique and exciting sporting events in the country! Races run throughout the day across several categories, plus live entertainment, a fairground, a market quarter, a food quarter, and activities for all ages. For more info: tetburywoolsack.co.uk

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Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

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