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The Role

Sherston Parish Council is seeking a highly motivated, proactive individual for the role of Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. This is an exciting opportunity and would suit a community-minded individual with the relevant experience to undertake an interesting and varied post within an active parish council. Working predominantly from home, the role requires someone with the confidence and interpersonal skills to deal with a wide range of individuals from the local and wider communities.

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Administration (FILCA)

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Hours

The role comprises 20 hours per week general clerking (plus two hours per month to allow for Parish Council Meetings), plus additional hours to allow for meetings, training requirements and other duties as agreed and required to support the Parish Council.

Salary

Salary will be dependent on experience and whether or not the candidate has relevant clerking qualifications.

To apply, please send your CV to Tanya.Burgess@sherston.org.uk. Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 26 June with interviews taking place as soon as possible after that date.

Tanya Burgess, Chair, Sherston Parish Council

Malmesbury League of Friends reimburses Sherston Parish Council for Community Bleed Kit



Sherston Parish Council would like to express its sincere appreciation to the Malmesbury League of Friends, who have generously reimbursed the full cost of the village's newly installed community bleed kit. Their support ensures that this vital emergency resource is now available to residents at no cost to the parish. The bleed kit is an important addition to Sherston's emergency preparedness, providing immediate, potentially life-saving assistance in incidents involving severe bleeding. The League of Friends' decision to fund the equipment reflects their long-standing commitment to improving health and wellbeing across the Malmesbury area. The Parish Council warmly acknowledged the organisation's contribution, noting that acts of community-minded generosity like this make a meaningful difference to rural villages such as Sherston.

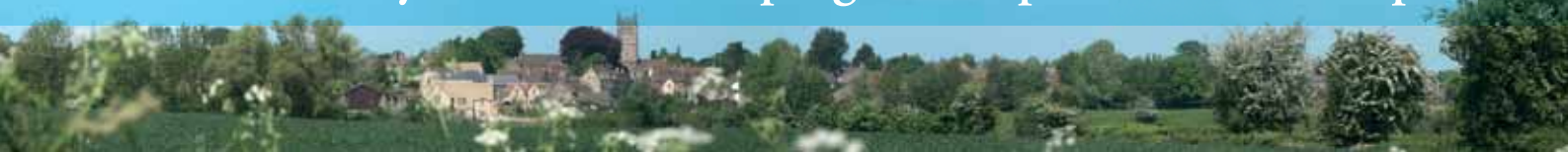
Climb the Tower of Holy Cross Church!



As part of Sherston Open Gardens weekend (see page 5 for more info), we are hoping to run tours of the tower of Holy Cross Church on Saturday 6 June. We had planned to do this last year but it was cancelled due to adverse weather. We are raising money to offset the cost of the new bell ropes installed in December.

Tickets will be available on the day at £10 each for adults, £5 for children (minimum age 8, under 16s must be accompanied by an adult) for a booked, timed visit to the ringing room with demonstration of the bells, the belfry and the top of the tower. The stairs - over 100 - are narrow and steep and there are various hazards and you should feel comfortable climbing them (although there is no compulsion to go to the top!).

40th Anniversary Boules Festival programme pull-out - centre spread



Parish Council meeting



The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11 June in the North Building 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 May winners

1st (£60) - Patricia Lawrence
2nd (£40) - Guy Simpson
3rd (£20) - Julie Roberts

For those who haven't yet joined, there will be another seven 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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Correction

We would like to offer our apologies to The Bungers, who kindly pointed out that it was in fact them who played against The Youngsters in the Tony Towle Trophy final, not Tommy's Tigers.

Therefore, on page 12 of the May Cliffhanger, it should have read:

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 Bungers, to become this year's Trophy Winners.

Pascale Petanque had obviously had a few too many Pernods...

Ukrainian Folk Choir

Coming to Sherston!



Whilst attending Malmesbury Abbey Service on 21 February, marking four years of Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, we were touched to hear Berehynia, Ukrainian Folk Choir of Malmesbury, sing their traditional songs so fervently and to learn that their small community have raised enough funds to purchase and send an ambulance 'back home'.

This amazing gift will take five days to get to Cherkasy, the town whose hospital they support, and is due to leave the week commencing 29 June. However, their dearest wish is to provide with it a stretcher that would lock into place, so we offered free use of our premises, The British School Room, for a concert. They accepted gladly and have chosen Saturday 13 June, 4.00-6.00pm, for this event.

Their music (and some of ours) plus afternoon tea with Ukrainian cakes will be on offer plus a 'Bring and buy table' for more donations. The aim is that everything - music, cakes and all items gathered will raise funds for this very worthy cause. Please do support them! (If willing to help serve tea, please get in touch on 07778 934742.) No need to buy a ticket in advance, just bring a donation on the day

Members of Sherston Congregational Church

The purchased vehicle.



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Sherston Scout Group Celebrates Birthdays for Beavers and Cubs



Last month, Sherston Beavers, Cubs and Scouts enjoyed a weekend full of laughter, teamwork and adventure during a special camp celebrating 110 years of Cubs and 40 years of Beavers. Working together in mixed groups, the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts took part in a range of activities from archery to metal-detecting, cooked over open fires and learned outdoor skills. The campfire was a real highlight of the weekend and, of course, no birthday celebration would be complete without cake!

Thank you to the leaders for running such a great camp, the parents for all their help and support, and Sean Richards for providing the campsite.



Friends of Sherston School Olympic Day

The Friends of Sherston School warmly invite you to join us for our annual Olympic Day, taking place on Saturday 27 June from 11.00am to 3.00pm on Sherston Rec. This event is open to all local pre-school to Year 8 children, with gold, silver and bronze medals being awarded for the top children in each year group. (The medal ceremony will take place after 3.00pm.)

Events will include long jump, netball, boules, sprint and shooting. To take part, children need a 'passport' (a special ticket in which we can record their scores on the day) which cost £7 per child. Passports are available here: <https://friends-of-sherston-school.sumupstore.com/>

During the day, there will be a BBQ, bar, refreshments (including The One Pizza Van and Marshfield Ice Cream Box), tombola and much more!

We hope to see as many of you there as possible for this fun-filled family day.

Friends of Sherston School



Sherston Living Churchyard

The working party in May continued the improvements that were started in April by wheelbarrowing limestone chippings from the lychgate to the churchyard paths. This is very hard work and thanks go to the volunteers who are willing and able to put in the effort to make the churchyard safer and more accessible for the many people who walk through it.

As daylight hours reach their peak in June, the natural world can be seen at its best in the churchyard, in your gardens and all around you. This is a great time to think about what you can do to support wildlife. My thoughts have been turning particularly to the migratory birds which can be seen each year in the centre of Sherston – swallows, house martins and swifts. In common with others in the village, I supported the campaign a few years ago to put up swift boxes and had some put up on my house. However, no swifts came to nest so I did some research about how to make my nest boxes more attractive to them and discovered that they respond to recorded calls as they like to nest with others. The next year what I believe were young birds responded to the calls in July and came 'banging' - that is, flying right up to the nest box and prospecting it, actually striking it with their wings, which is said to be prospecting for a nest site for the following year. Standing in the garden as the birds flew only feet above our heads was an amazing experience. Their wingspan is up to 48cm/19in which seems enormous as they fly right over you at great speed. I had great hopes but sadly nothing followed. I think I'm now on my fourth year of trying to attract them but, as my house is not in the village centre, they don't come my way that often. Has anyone who had swift boxes installed been able to attract the birds to nest? If so, perhaps we could exchange the secrets of success. If you want to see how effective nest boxes can be for swifts, go to the Bristol Swifts blog (www.bristolswifts.co.uk/) where you can find out about a man in Bristol



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who has 25 occupied boxes on his house after a 20-year campaign to support them. Numbers of swifts are in severe decline due to loss of nesting sites, enormous decreases in insects – their main food – and habitat loss in their wintering grounds in Africa. I think I notice far fewer birds this year and they need help from us to survive. We seem to have already lost the cuckoo from our immediate area – have you heard one call around Sherston recently? It would be such a loss if these birds went the same way

To end on a more optimistic note, the churchyard slow worms have had babies. They are difficult to observe for long as they rapidly disappear into the long grass but a quick look into their 'hotel' showed two adults and at least three young. As slow worms are a type of lizard rather than snakes, they give birth to live young, rather than laying eggs. At least they are thriving. In June, you will also see the peak of grassland flowers there which support the insects that are so essential to maintain life on earth.

On Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 June, the Living Churchyard group will be helping with Open Gardens in support of Holy Cross Church so there will be no working party. However, the plant stall will be open 1.00pm-6.00pm on Saturday 6 June and 1.00pm-5.00pm on Sunday 7 June, with all proceeds going to the church.

Sue Robinson

jimandsue4@btinternet.com

Sherston Drama Group panto auditions



It's time to start planning this year's panto! Oh yes it is! Production week will be during October half-term (Sunday 25 to Saturday 31 October) and rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from the start of September. We need both adults and children (aged at least nine years old on 1 September 2026) for the cast. No experience required, we're a fun and friendly group who welcomes new members!

If you or your child are interested in joining the cast, please email katie.skeffington@bristol.ac.uk for more information. Auditions will be held in mid-June.

Completed!

Thank you to all those who supported Andy. After 2,230,748 steps (1072.59 miles), he reached John o'Groats on 20 May, raising over £2,800 so far for the childhood bereavement charity Winston's Wish.

You can follow Andy's journey here:
www.instagram.com/andylejog/

Sue Ormiston



Park Life Café



Come and join Sherston Brownies and Guides for a 'Park Life Café' on Sherston Rec, on Wednesday 17 June from 3.30pm-6.00pm. Preloved books, toys and games for sale, as well as tea, coffee, homemade cakes, and face painting by the Guides. Please join us for a fun afternoon, all proceeds will support activities for Sherston Girlguiding.

Sherston Open Gardens Weekend: 6 & 7 June



Our gardeners have been battling rain, wind and late frosts but are looking forward to welcoming you for your visit to Sherston Open Gardens. It has been a difficult spring for everyone but, at the time of writing, the forecast is good for a change and hopefully June will be lovely.

Buy your tickets outside the Post Office from 10.30am on Saturday 6 June and from 12.00noon onwards at the church. There are 12 gardens in total. Gardens will be open 1.00pm-6.00pm on the Saturday and 1.00p-5.00pm on the Sunday. A few gardens are only open one day but your ticket covers both days. Enjoy tea and cake in church both afternoons, and there will be a plant stall. Don't forget to vote for your favourite garden for the John Knight Award. All proceeds go towards maintenance of the Church of the Holy Cross.

Saved from the final curtain call!

I am delighted that Sherston Theatre Club has been saved, thanks to Rachel Wagstaff agreeing to be our new Chair. I wish her, and her new committee voted in at our AGM in April, every success.

Thank you to Sue Mckechnie and the outgoing committee for their support through many of my 20 years in post as Chair. Lastly, thank you to the members who so generously donated to my retirement present. It was overwhelming.

Helen Quirk

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Sherston School News

A record start: 2026 sees a full Reception Class

We are delighted to share that we have officially offered 30 places to Reception children for September 2026. This is the first time in over a decade that we will have a full Reception class, and we could not be more thrilled. It marks a significant and joyful milestone for our school.

It is a truly exciting time for Sherston, as we also welcome a brand new EYFS teacher, Miss Newman, who will be leading the department, alongside a new KS1 teacher, Mrs Howitt. Together, they will bring fresh ideas, energy and expertise to our youngest children.

Starting school should be filled with joy, exploration and a sense of belonging, and that is exactly what we pride ourselves on offering. Our children learn through play, creativity and meaningful experiences that nurture curiosity and confidence. From outdoor adventures to imaginative role play, every day is designed to spark excitement and make learning genuinely fun.

We cannot wait to welcome our new children into a Reception class that is buzzing with enthusiasm and opportunity. The future looks incredibly bright.

Small school, big environment

We are incredibly proud of the environment we provide for our children. While our school may be small, we make the very most of every pocket of space to ensure it is purposeful, welcoming and inspiring.

A particularly exciting development has been the creation of our new dedicated library space. We know how vital it is that children develop a love of reading, and our children now have a snug corner where they can access a wide range of high-quality texts, encouraging both imagination and a lifelong enjoyment of books.

A huge thank you to Mr Brown, whose hard work modifying the bookshelves has ensured they fit perfectly within the space. His efforts have transformed the area into something very special.

Across the school, we aim to create an environment where every child feels calm, supported and ready to learn - an environment where curiosity is sparked and nurtured every day.



Proud to be at the heart of our community

Sherston School is more than just a place for children to learn, it is a place where community matters.

We were pleased to welcome Ofsted in early February, and we are proud to reflect on the many positive elements highlighted. Inspectors recognised the warm, caring ethos of the school, the positive attitudes and behaviour of the children, and the strong relationships that exist between staff and pupils. They also noted the supportive environment we create, where children feel safe, valued and encouraged to do their best.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all

our staff, whose dedication and professionalism shone throughout the inspection. We are equally grateful to our parents for their continued support, particularly as 100% said they would recommend the school. This speaks volumes about the strength of our relationship with families.

Being part of the community is at the core of everything we do. We are proud to be a school where children are known as individuals, where families feel welcomed, and where we work together to create something special.

Adventures at PGL for Sherston Guides



I particularly liked the zip wire, the abseiling and climbing up the tower. (Lottie)

I loved abseiling, it was really thrilling even though my instinct told me not to do it; and the zip wire was the best, it was really high and long. (Peggy)

I liked all the activities and I enjoyed being away with my friends. (Florence)

We went canoeing in torrential rain and it was really fun, we got soaking wet in the rain and jumped in the lake. (Evie)

I loved that we were with other young people and I did challenges I wouldn't usually do. I liked making friends with girls from other Guide groups. (Grace)

It was a great experience, the activities were challenging and fun. (Penelope)

It was nice being with my friends, and all the instructors were really friendly. (Sophie)

It opened my eyes to other opportunities for going away with Girlguiding in the future – I had a great time and made friends too. (Charlie)



We currently have spaces from September for girls aged 10 to 14 years old. We meet from 5.30pm to 7.00pm every Wednesday during term time at Sherston Village Hall. If your daughter is interested, you can register her with us via the Girlguiding website, www.girlguiding.org.uk If you have any queries, please contact Guide Leader Fi Picton via fi.picton@outlook.com

Greenfingers@Sherston Primary School



We welcomed three new members and one returner to Greenfingers this term who have all settled in well.

We will be opening our garden as part of Sherston Open Gardens on Saturday 6 June and Sunday 7 June, so do come and see what the children have learnt, sown, planted and built over the last 15 months. Children will have the opportunity to sow seeds in pots to take home!

We are also exhibiting at RHS Badminton Flower Show from Wednesday 8 to Sunday 12 July, as we are signed up to the RHS Campaign for School Gardening and will, hopefully, have achieved Level 3 by July. A planted-up wheelbarrow will be the centrepiece of School Exhibits and ours will be packed with pollinator-friendly flowers surrounded by mini-elements from our garden - a keyhole garden filled with vegetables, a bug hotel, dead hedge and log piles.

Thanks go to Mike Pope and Paul Haenel for erecting our new pergola (part-funded by Wiltshire Council) outside our Learning Shed, which will give us shade

in hot weather and protect us from summer showers.

Thanks, too, to my team of helpers - Eleanor, Ann, Marion and Gail - and the children for being so keen to listen and learn, sow, plant, rake, build and make our sessions so enjoyable.

Tricia Lawrence



'The Plunderer'

Matthias (de Besiles) Bezill (1200 est.-1268) French Norman Catholic. Steward & Marshall of the Queen's household, Sherston Market Square 1260.

Astonishingly, a discovery of Sherston Charter Calendar Rolls dated 786 years ago has been identified at The National Archives in Kew by Sherston resident Dr Hugh Vaux. The original documents, which are in Latin, are fragile, so can't be copied but below is a translated summary:

3 December 1240 at Windsor - Gift to Matthew Bezil, for life, the manor of Shorestan in exchange for an annuity of 6 l, granting to him in lieu of the manor of Westhal, which he formerly held of the King's gift (Henry III 1216-1272) ... to the said Matthew is to hold the manor of Shorestan by rendering 15 l, at the Exchequer of Michaelmas.

22 June 1241 at Marlborough - Grant to Matthew Bezill, who holds the manor of Shorestan of the king's bail for life, and to the holders of the said manor after him, of a weekly market there on Tuesday.

16 December 1246 at Clarendon - Grant to Matthew Bezill and his heirs, of free warren in his demesne lands in the manor of Shorestan.

20 May 1248 at Woodstock - Grant to Mathew Bezill and his heirs, a yearly fair at his manor of Sherestan on the vigil, the feast and the morrow of St Cyrus.

25 July 1252 at Marlborough - Grant to Matthew Bezill and his heirs, of a yearly fair at his manor of Schorstan, co. Wilts, on the vigil, the feast and morrow of St. Matthew.

29 June 1253 - Gift to Matthew Bezille, for his homage and service Schorestan with advowson of the church of the said manor and the services of the free men, to be held by the service of the fourth part of the fee of one knight ...

Black and white photographs of the High Street will be displayed from Wednesday 1 July at The Angel in conjunction with Boules week. Following this, there is talk of a presentation, starting from when Sherston was first supplied with piped water in 1904 up to 1952 when the sewerage system was built. This month's Mystery Sherston property is the Swan Hotel, owned by Mrs Winifred Goodcheap (Samuel Goodfield), built in 1643 but closed in 1933, when one part became a branch of Lloyds Bank.

Dr Hugh Vaux and Richard Stancomb MA



Sherston Senior Club

On Tuesday 28 April, we had a wonderful day out on a canal boat at Frampton on Severn. We were very well looked after by the staff from The Willow Trust and enjoyed sitting for several hours, chatting and observing the wildlife that thrives on the canal. Some of our members were even given the opportunity to go on deck and steer the boat for a period of time. It was a very enjoyable day and we hope to go again next year.

On Tuesday 5 May, we were entertained by The Songbirds whose choice of songs resonated with our members. Many of us joined in with the lyrics on our song sheets. It was very enjoyable and was followed by a lovely afternoon tea provided by members.

Later in May, we had a speaker talking about the flora and fauna in Puerto Rico (more on this next month).

Looking ahead, on Tuesday 2 June, we have a coach outing to Clevedon.

If anyone is interested in coming along to our meetings, please contact Helen Quirk at Helen.Quirk2@gmail.com or by phone on 840516.

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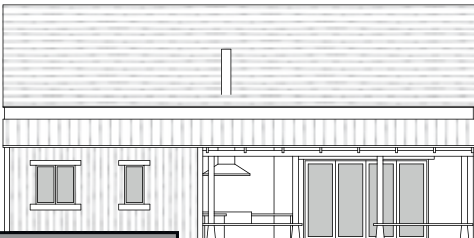
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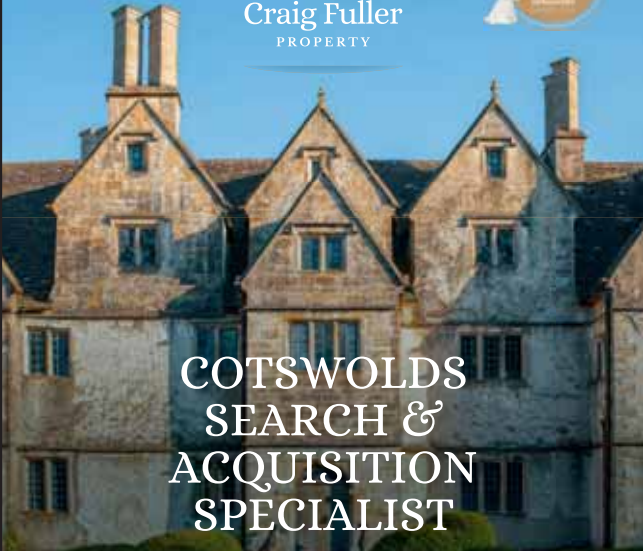

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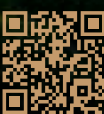


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SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

We are hotly anticipating the visit by famous garden designer, author and broadcaster, Mary Keen on Tuesday 2 June. Mary is known for designing gardens in France, Corfu and America, as well as for high-profile clients in England. In addition to Lord Rothschild's properties, she designed the lovely gardens around the new opera house at Glyndebourne. However, in her new book (which will be the basis of her talk), she says: 'Design gets too much coverage, so I wanted to shift the emphasis to the everyday watchfulness that keeps a garden growing. The fact that gardening is a skilled and creative craft is not recognised enough.' Should be an interesting talk!

Coming up on Tuesday 7 July, another exciting evening, especially if you like salvias (and everyone does, surely!). Robert Champion, the current Chair of the Gloucestershire Federation of Garden Societies, will talk about the 'Salvia Family'. Salvias offer masses of colour late in the growing year, with upright spikes of jewel-toned flowers. And there are far more varieties than you think ...



Salvia x jamensis
'Nachtvlinder'

On Saturday 4 July, we'll be selling lots of lovely donated plants on the High Street on Boules Day so please visit us and help boost Boules funds which are distributed in the community.

There will be no meeting in August (we're taking gardening leave) but will resume on Tuesday 1 September.

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 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

Tolsey News



Carers' Tea Party

We would like to thank all those who recently attended our Carers' Tea Party and for their positive feedback. It was a wonderful occasion, and we were grateful to have support from Beyond Dementia, Wiltshire Farm Foods, Warm & Safe and a local solicitor's firm which all attended the event and were able to give advice and information to our local carers about what help might be available. We are also thankful to the Rattlebone for hosting us, and all those who made cakes and treats for the party.

This year's Carers Week will take place between 8 and 14 June and the theme will be 'Building Carer Friendly Communities'. If you have any questions about being a carer, please contact the surgery and speak to our coordinator.

New Practice Nurse

We are pleased to welcome our new nurse, Helen Dent, who joined The Tolsey Surgery in mid-May. Helen has been a Practice Nurse for around 25 years and has worked in Primary Care for much of that time, and therefore brings a wealth of experience with her. We are sure that all our patients will make her feel very welcome.

Helen has taken over from Tracy Quigley who has decided to retire. We would like to wish Tracy all the best for her future.

Wiltshire Living Churchyards and Cemeteries Project Seminar 2026

Wiltshire Living Churchyards and Cemeteries Project (LCCP) Annual Seminar and Bishop's Award Ceremony will take place on Saturday 11 July, 10.00am- 3.00pm, Stratton St Margaret Community Centre, Swindon (SN3 4NY, What3Words: lodge.clarifies.moderated).

The programme for the day: 10.00am: Registration, coffee/tea and welcome. 10.30am-10.45am: Introduction by Rev Elveen Mead and briefing by Mark Claybrough. 10.45am-11.45am: Talk by Mark Preece - 'Beekeeping and Churchyards'. 1.45pm-12.45pm: Talk on the Hawk and Owl Trust by Chris Sperring MBE. 12.45pm-1.30pm:

Lunch. 1.30pm-2.00pm: Presentation of certificates by Belinda Martin, Environment & Sustainability Officer. 2.00pm-2.50pm: Talk and tour of the churchyard by Mark Claybrough. Finish at 3.00pm (or thereabouts).

Lunch, tea/coffee will be provided - please advise of any food allergies. A recommended donation of £8 per person towards the day would be appreciated. For further information and to book a place, contact Ivan Randall at Ivanrandall27@googlemail.com or Liz Cullen on 07743 681363 or at liz_limoncello@hotmail.com. Sherston Living Churchyard is a part of The Wiltshire LCCP.

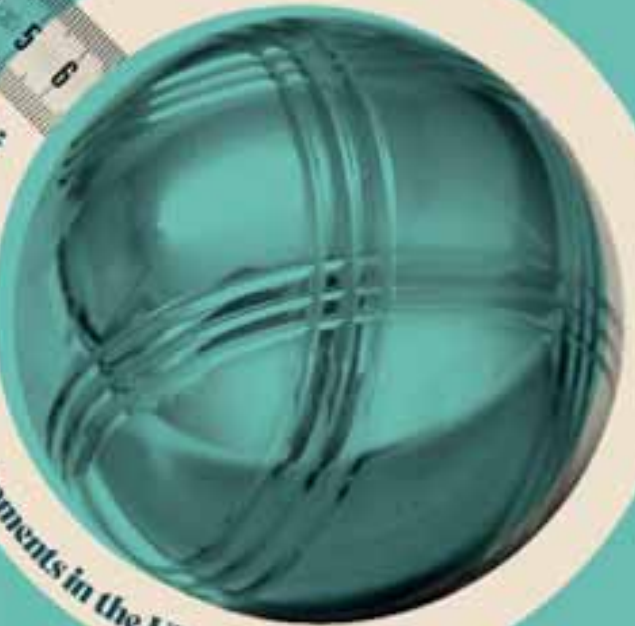
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Sunday – June 28th



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TICKETED EVENT

Monday – June 29th



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The Rattlebone

Tuesday – June 30th



Wine Tasting

The Angel 18.30
TICKETED EVENT

Wednesday – July 1st



French Night

The Rattlebone

Friday – July 3rd



Moules Frites

The Rattlebone

Saturday – July 4th

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Local recycling and zero waste outlet information



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

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

Local Food Growers

Close Farm, Highgrove, Tetbury - veg stall

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

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

Groups and Regular Events in and around Sherston

Sherston

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

Sherston Village Hall

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

Village Hall 300+ Club

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

Wiltshire Council Mobile Library

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

Link - (Malmesbury and District)

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

Sherston Living Churchyard

1st Saturday of the month (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
Building. All girls are welcome to join after their
7th birthday, but there is a waiting list. Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk
and follow the parents' link to
register your interest, for all other queries contact
1stsherstonbrownies@gmail.com

1st Sherston Guides

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

1st Sherston Beaver Scout Colony

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

1st Sherston Cub Scout Pack

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

1st Sherston Scout Troop

Open to both girls and boys aged between 10½ to 14
years old. Meet on Thurs 7-8.30pm in term time at the
Scout hut. There is a waiting list for Scouts, email join@sherstonscouts.org.uk
for an application form

Church and Faith Groups

Holy Cross Church

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

Sherston Congregational Church

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, services held at 4pm
in the British School Room/SCC, Cliff Rd. All Welcome.
On 2nd and 4th Sundays, we are 'simply singing praise
choruses', 12.30pm-1pm. Do pop in.
For information regarding church events, contact Mary
Clements at clementsmary@btinternet.com or text on
07778 934742.
To book the British School Room for any event, please
contact our administrator Alicja Clark via email only:
alicjaclark076@gmail.com

Music, Culture and Social

Church Bell Ringing

Practices are every Wednesday 7.30 – 9 pm.
Contact Pip Bartlett: 07967 007969

Drawing Classes in Sherston

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

Footpaths Group

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

Sherston Senior Club

Meets every two weeks in the British Schoolroom Cliff Road at 2.00pm all year round. Membership of £20.00 per annum includes speakers on various subjects or musical 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. Contact Rachel Wagstaff at rachel_wagstaff@hotmail.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.

Fresh Air Fitness

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

Private small group Hatha yoga

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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

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

Indian cuisine to eat in or take away daily. Call 840665 or info@thebridge.restaurant www.thebridge.restaurant/sherston/

The Rattlebone Inn, Sherston

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

The Holford Arms, Knockdown

theholfordarms.com or call 01454 238669

The Old Royal Ship, Luckington

www.oldroyalship.co.uk or 840222

The Whistle Stop café, Tetbury

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

Alderton Village Hall

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

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

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

Malmesbury Area Board Meeting

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

Malmesbury Morris

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

Malmesbury Singers

www.malmesburysingers.co.uk

Malmesbury Film Society

www.malmesburyfilmsociety.org.uk

Tetbury

Tetbury Art Society tetburyartsociety.org.uk

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

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



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WHAT'S ON: June 2026

Sherston

Tuesday 2 June. Sherston Senior Club outing. Coach outing to Clevedon. If you're interested in coming along, contact Helen Quirk: helenquirk2@gmail.com or 840516.

Tuesday 2 June 7pm for 7.30pm start, British School Room. Sherston Gardening Club meeting. Talk by famous garden designer, author and broadcaster, Mary Keen. New members are always welcome. Cost is £20 single, £35 joint, U18s free. Contact our secretary for more info: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com

Saturday 6 June 1-6pm, around Sherston. Sherston Open Gardens Weekend. There are 12 gardens in total. Enjoy tea and cake in church both afternoons. All proceeds go towards maintenance of the Church of the Holy Cross. Tickets: £6 available from outside the Post Office from 10.30am and from 12noon onwards at the church.

Saturday 6 June Holy Cross Church. Climb the tower. As part of Sherston Open Gardens, enjoy a tour of the tower of Holy Cross Church. Tickets available on the day: £10 adults, £5 children (minimum age 8, under 16s must be accompanied by an adult). All proceeds will go to offsetting the cost of the new bell ropes installed in December.

Saturday 6 June 1-6pm, Holy Cross Church porch. Plant Stall. All proceeds to the church. Also: **Sunday 9 June, 1-5pm.**

Sunday 7 June 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. Worship Together church service.

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Thursday 11 June 7.30pm, the North Building. Parish Council Meeting. All welcome. If you're unable to attend but have something to raise, please email clerk@sherston.org.uk.

Saturday 13 June 4-6pm, British School Room. Berehynia, Ukrainian Folk Choir of Malmesbury. Concert plus afternoon tea with Ukrainian cakes and a 'Bring and buy table'. Raising funds to send a stretcher to Cherkasy (with an ambulance, already purchased). (If willing to help serve tea, please get in touch on 07778 934742.)

Sunday 21 June 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. Holy Communion church service.

Tuesday 16 June 2.30pm, British School Room. Sherston Senior Club meeting. If you're interested in coming along, contact Helen Quirk: helenquirk2@gmail.com.

Wednesday 17 June 3.30-6pm, Sherston Rec. Park Life Café. Run by Sherston Brownies and Guides. Preloved books, toys and games for sale, as well as tea, coffee, homemade cakes, and face painting by the Guides. All proceeds will support activities for Sherston Girlguiding.

Friday 26 June Closing date for applications for Sherston Parish Council Clerk. For a full job

description, email Tanya.Burgess@sherston.org.uk

Saturday 27 June 11am-3pm, Sherston Rec. Friends of Sherston School Olympic Day. Open to all local pre-school to Year 8 children, with medals being awarded after 3pm for the top children in each year group. BBQ, bar, refreshments (including The One Pizza Van and Marshfield Ice Cream Box), tombola and much more. All children need a 'passport' to take part: £7 per child from <https://friends-of-sherston-school.sumupstore.com/>

Sunday 28 June 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. Holy Communion church service.

Sunday 28 June From 12.30pm, Sherston Village Hall. Boules Festival: French Fête. Featuring a delicious four-course meal. Tickets: adults £35, children £15 from www.sherstonboules.org/events

Monday 29 June The Rattlebone. French Themed Quiz.

Tuesday 30 June 2.30pm, British School Room. Sherston Senior Club meeting. If you're interested in coming along, contact Helen Quirk: helenquirk2@gmail.com.

Tuesday 30 June From 6.30pm, The Angel. Boules Festival: Wine Tasting. Featuring wine from Bow in the Cloud and Larkhill, and a delicious Truffle & Thyme grazing board. Over 18s only. Tickets: £50 from www.sherstonboules.org/events

Alderton

Sunday 7 June 9.30am, Alderton Church. Holy Communion church service.

Foxley

Sunday 21 June 11am, Foxley Parish Church. Holy Communion church service.

Luckington

Sunday 7 June 11am, Luckington Church. Holy Communion church service.

Sunday 14 June 10am, Luckington Church. Holy Communion church service.

Sunday 21 June 10am, Luckington Church. Worship Together church service.

Tuesday 2 June 2-3.30pm, The Old Royal Ship. Luckington Bible Study. Also: 9, 16, 23 and 30 June.

Malmesbury

Wednesday 3 June 7.30pm, Rausing Building. Athelstan Museum Special Event. Did King Arthur Exist? by Professor Ronald Hutton. J.Ronald Hutton is Professor of History at the University of Bristol, has held a number of public posts and has published a wide range of books and essays. King Arthur is probably the best-

known royal hero in Western tradition. This talk will consider the evidence for and against the existence of a genuine leader behind the legend. We anticipate high demand for tickets for this event - please book early!

Tickets: £20 to include a drink, available now online and in Museum: www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk/events/

Saturday 6 June 7.30-11pm, Malmesbury Town Hall. **The Mighty Soul Destroyers (ft The Rev Phil Harmonic) + Arkansaw Jukebox.** Two of the best party bands on the UK festival scene causing mayhem in support of live arts in their home town. All profits to Malmesbury Live Arts. Tickets: £15 (plus booking fee) from malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/fundraiser

Wednesday 17 June 2.30pm (doors open 2.15pm, tea & cake 2.30pm, talk 3pm), Rausing Building. **Athelstan Museum Teatime Talk.** Malmesbury Union Workhouse Why? Where? When? Who? Susan Mockler has been researching the Malmesbury Union Workhouse for several years. Were the stories Charles Dickens told in his books true of the Malmesbury Workhouse? Tickets £8, including tea & homemade cake, available now online and in Museum: www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk/events/

Thursday 25 June 10am-12noon, Malmesbury Town Hall. **Malmesbury & District u3a meeting.** John Craig - 'Going to Blazes'. A glimpse at the lighter side of the Fire and Rescue service including a collection of true anecdotes, drawing on his experiences of 36 years. John joined the Fire Service at the age of 18 years. He rose through the ranks from Fireman to Chief Fire Officer and commanded the Wiltshire Fire Brigade for 13 years. For more info, go to www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk or email membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Friday 26 June 2.30pm and 7.30pm, Malmesbury Town Hall **The People's Emergency Briefing.** Join Malmesbury Sustainable Planet Group (part of Malmesbury & District u3a) for a screening of an eye-opening film created by The National Emergency Briefing, who are supported by organisations including the National Trust, Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust and CPRE. Nine leading UK scientists and experts talk about the latest evidence and how it will affect us all in the UK. Our local MP, Roz Savage, is booked to attend the evening event. Tickets are FREE: buytickets.at/emergencybriefingmalmesbury.

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Tetbury

Saturday 6 June 7pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Da Fuchaman and his Fire Blaze Band.** If you saw Da and his band at our Off The Rails Festival last summer, you won't need telling about his infectious optimism and electric energy. If you didn't - come and experience it!

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Saturday 13 June 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Charles Owen Piano Concert.** International pianist Charles Owen will be playing a programme of Mozart, Schumann and Chopin. When not performing at major venues like the Wigmore Hall, he is a professor of piano at the Guildhall school of music. Tickets £26 in advance. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk.

Saturday 20 June 10.30am, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Music for Miniatures.** A baby-friendly concert by professional musicians. Dancing is encouraged, so enjoy 45 mins of music with your little ones. Tickets in advance £7 adult/£5 child/Family £17/under 1s free. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk.

Sunday 21 June 2pm & 7pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Gloucestershire Youth String Orchestra.** We welcome back this award-winning ensemble of youngsters from our county schools for two special concerts. The afternoon event features work from a collaborative youth project. The evening event features music from Bach to Jenkins. Tickets £5 afternoon and £10 evening. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Friday 26 June 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Swing From Paris.** Jazz and gypsy swing from this popular quartet who have starred at many jazz festivals over the years. Tickets in advance £17. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk.

Saturday 27 June 8pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Pauline Eyre in Anyone for Tennis?** The comedian and

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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)

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