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A Sun-Drenched Triumph: Sherston celebrates a spectacular 40th anniversary Boules Festival

What a weekend! Sherston was bathed in glorious summer sunshine as our community came together to celebrate the landmark 40th anniversary of the Sherston Boules Festival and Tournament.

The grand finale on Saturday 4 July was the climax of a spectacular week-long extravaganza, which included a delightful French Fête and a wine-tasting evening showcasing our finest local vineyards.

See pages 10 and 11 for more pics and details.

Pics: Tea Smart www.teasmart.co.uk

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Parish Council meeting

Please note there is no meeting in August; the next meeting will take place on Thursday 10 September in the North building. 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.

Neville Burne

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our much-loved dad, Neville Burne, on 13 July, aged 91 at Rush Court Care Home, Wallingford. He loved living in Sherston and felt very much part of the village community. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him. In accordance with his wishes, there will be no funeral. We are grateful for the kindness, support, and condolences we have received during this difficult time.

Sarah Bulpitt

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A splashing end to the term for 1st Sherston Scout Group

Sherston Beavers, Cubs and Scouts enjoyed a sunny end-of-term evening on and off the water at 4Lakes Water Ski School last month. They didn't actually do any water skiing but had a great time kayaking and paddle boarding - and generally splashing around in the lake! After drying off, they had the opportunity to make 'paracord buddies' and then it was burgers all round, before an al fresco AGM. A wonderful way to round off another successful term!

To add your son or daughter to our waiting list or to get involved in helping out, email Victoria at join@sherstonscouts.org.uk

Horsewash Land – Understanding its history, use and future

Sherston Parish Council

The Horsewash, at the bottom of Tanners Hill (see image below), is one of those small but important pieces of village heritage — a place many residents have walked through, used, or simply taken for granted as part of the shared landscape. Recent changes around the site have prompted questions, so this article sets out the background, the current situation, and what the Parish Council is doing to protect public access and clarity for the future.

The Horsewash is a historic area of public land, originally used — exactly as its name suggests — for washing horses. For decades, residents have enjoyed free and unrestricted access to this space. It has served as a practical route, a connection to adjoining farmland, and a familiar part of village life.

Although widely understood to be public, the land had never been formally registered. This historic oversight only came to light recently, following changes made by the neighbouring property owner.

Recent changes and resident concerns

A fence and gate have recently been installed beside and behind the adjacent residential property (see photo below). While placed on the boundary line, the appearance created by the fencing suggested that the Horsewash had become part of a private garden. Several residents contacted the Council to express concern about:

- The impression of private ownership
- Reduced visibility and access
- Additional items placed near the riverbank, including wooden edging and scaffolding
- Temporary obstructions such as a skip

These concerns were understandable, given the long-standing public use of the land.

Clarifying ownership

Once enquiries began, the Council discovered that the Horsewash had never been formally registered. To protect public access and remove any ambiguity, the Parish Council is now completing the formal registration of the land. This will ensure that its status as public land is clear, permanent and legally recognised.

It is important to emphasise that the Horsewash does not belong to the adjacent residential property. It remains public land, available for residents to use just as they always have.

Discussions with the neighbouring property owner

The Council has asked the neighbouring owner to remove the fencing and gate so that the land can return to its usual open and accessible state. Conversations are ongoing, and the Council is approaching these discussions constructively and respectfully.

The aim is simple: to restore the appearance and access that residents have been accustomed to for many years.

Access for farm vehicles

The Horsewash also provides essential access for the owner of the adjoining farmland who needs to be able to reach the land with farm vehicles when required. Ensuring this access remains unobstructed is part of the Council's responsibility during the registration process.

Next steps

The Parish Council will continue working with all parties to ensure that:

- Public access is fully protected
- The land is registered and safeguarded for future generations
- Farm access remains open and practical
- The site reflects its historic role and public character
- Any items that give the impression of private garden land are addressed appropriately

Residents will be kept updated as the registration progresses and discussions continue.

Oscar's 100-mile challenge for charity

My name is Oscar Corcoran and I am seven years old and I live in Sherston. Over the summer holidays, I am planning to ride 100 miles on my bike (not all at once!!). I am raising money for Sherston Primary School and Winston's Wish – a charity that supports children who have lost a parent. This charity supported my cousin so it is very important to me.

If you feel able to donate £1 towards my goal of riding 100 miles – please do so below using the QR code or the link. I'd be really grateful!

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rebecca-smith-185?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL

Also, if you would like to join me on a bike ride, please get in touch with my mum, Bex, on 07891 950625.

Village Hall 300+ Club July winners

The lucky winners of the 300+ Club July draw were:

1st (£60) - Roy Startup
2nd (£40) - Ray Clifton
3rd (£20) - Linda Robbins

It's not too late to join up if you're not already a member!

Sherston Senior Club

Our second meeting in June was a repeat visit from Nikki Pearce. She started by asking all the members for their favourite songs, and then proceeded to entertain us by singing them beautifully. As before, she got all our members engaged, singing along and doing the actions.

Next up was our Boules Tea Afternoon. This was very pleasant, with the Jaybirds entertaining us, followed by a cream tea. Our thanks to the committee for organising the cream tea, together with non-committee members Mo and the two Janes, who worked so hard.

In July, Goug Wilcox came along to tell us about her Brazilian journey, and we had a garden party in Pete and Sue Thompson's garden - more on these events next month.

This month, on Tuesday 11 August, Farm Foods will be running a free tasting event - do come and join us at 2.00pm in the British School Room.

For further information on the Senior Club, contact Helen Quirk on 840516.

Sherston screening of Field & Folk

Come along to Sherston Village Hall on Friday 7 August for a special screening of the acclaimed Cotswolds documentary Field & Folk, featuring an introduction from the film's director and Sherston resident, Tea Smart.

Filmed across the Cotswolds National Landscape, Field & Folk tells the stories of the farmers, families and communities whose lives continue to shape this remarkable countryside. Through stunning cinematography and intimate storytelling, the film offers a rare glimpse into the lives of the people behind the landscape.

6.50pm – Introduction from Director Tea Smart

Hear about the inspiration behind the project, the challenges of bringing the film to life, and why these stories matter.

7.00pm – Screening of Field & Folk
8.30pm – Event Close

For this special screening, tickets are just £5 each, and are available from www.cotswoldsfilm.co.uk/screening-tour/p/sherston-village-hall

I/We* would like to join/renew membership of the 300+ Club for 2026 and will pay £ …… (£10 per person) by:

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For help/queries, please contact Nic Riley (07768 603160) or Jeanna Ind (07887 853476)

Sherston's Swifts

Thank you to the people who got in touch to tell me about swift boxes they had had installed on their houses. I think I now have a fairly complete picture of where they are, although there may still be some unaccounted for. Sadly, it seems that no one has been able to get swifts into their boxes, even when they have played attracting calls. Sparrows and starlings have, however, made use of them in a number of cases so they have been valuable in supporting those birds, which are also falling in numbers nationally.

I met a bird expert from Malmesbury Natural History Society in the village a couple of weeks ago to see if it was possible to identify swift nesting sites by watching them go in to roost at dusk. We patrolled the High Street for an hour and did manage to spot some of the birds shooting into their nest sites. Because they have only tiny legs and are unable to perch, they fly directly in – one minute they're there, the next they've gone. This makes them quite difficult to see, especially as dusk closes in. He told me that he believed the number of swifts in Sherston to be greater than that in Malmesbury and that we had a good situation to work from.

What is important now for these existing nest sites is to ensure that they remain available in future years. The biggest threat to them is building work, but it is possible to carry this out while still providing places for the swifts. Swift bricks and special boxes that can be integrated into a building's structure can allow nesting to continue in places that the birds may have used for many years

If you think your house is hosting swifts, please think before you have building or repair work carried out. Sustainable Sherston can offer advice and there is also a lot of information available on the internet.

As to the nest boxes, I will carry on researching to see if I can find anything that might offer a more successful outcome. As ever, please get in touch with any information that will build up a bigger picture and improve our efforts to help the swifts.

To see what can be achieved, have a look at www.bristolswifts.co.uk

Sue Robinson *sue.m.r1951@gmail.com*

Sherston School News

A year of fun, laughter and 'Rocky Monster' magic!

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, it's a perfect time to reflect on the magical moments our children have experienced. From exciting lessons to enriching trips and creative projects, there has been so much to celebrate. But one highlight stands out above the rest: our unforgettable Year 6 leavers' performance.

This year, our Year 6 children took to the stage with The Rocky Monster Show, a wonderfully funny and delightfully whacky musical, packed with catchy songs, eccentric characters and plenty of humour. The story, filled with strange happenings, mysterious monsters and larger-than-life personalities, gave every child a chance to shine. Their confidence, energy and comedic timing had the audience laughing from start to finish. Thanks as always to Judith Parkyn for her wonderful photos of the children on stage.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children, not only for delivering such a brilliant performance but also for achieving some of our strongest end-of-KS2 academic results to date. An impressive 94% of our children reached the national standard in reading, writing and maths - an outstanding achievement that reflects their hard work and determination.

A huge thank you must go to all the staff who supported the children throughout their time at Sherston Primary School, especially Mr Stewart, whose dedication and guidance helped make these successes possible. What a way to end the year - full of joy, pride and lasting memories.

A summer of sport and community spirit

This term has been a celebration of sport, teamwork and community spirit, with our children embracing every opportunity to get active and support one another.

Sports Day was, as always, a standout inclusive event, where every child had the chance to participate, challenge themselves and contribute to their house team. It was wonderful to see the determination, encouragement and camaraderie on display as children proudly competed in their house colours. A huge congratulations to the winning house, Wilberforce, for their fantastic effort!

Events like this would not be possible without the support of our dedicated staff, encouraging parents and the ever-supportive Friends of Sherston School (FSS). Thank you to the FSS for providing ice creams for all the children - a much-appreciated treat on a warm and active day.

This sense of togetherness continued with the brilliant Olympic Day, which was another huge success. The children enjoyed taking part in a variety of activities and challenges, all while raising an amazing £3,600 for the school. We are extremely grateful to the FSS and everyone involved in organising such a fantastic event. It truly showed what can be achieved when our school and wider community come together.

Investing in our learning environment

As we head into the summer holidays, there is plenty happening behind the scenes to ensure our school continues to provide a nurturing and inspiring environment for every child.

Many in the community will remember the significant improvements made last year, including the installation of new heating and Velux windows, which made a real difference to the comfort and feel of our school. This year, we are delighted to share that we have secured funding for a brand-new hall floor - something that is long overdue.

This important upgrade will give the hall the lift it needs, bringing it in line with the high standard of the rest of the school environment. It will enhance the space for assemblies, performances, PE lessons and community events.

Alongside this, our staff are already hard at work preparing for September, when we will welcome children back to a newly organised school with six classes. Classrooms are being refreshed and thoughtfully set up to create calm, engaging and purposeful spaces where children can thrive.

We are excited about the future and look forward to welcoming everyone back to an even better school environment in September.

SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

No August meeting! Gardening leave extends throughout August as we rescue our pots and borders from the ravages of two heatwaves!

Hotly anticipated for Tuesday 1 September is the talk by Stephen Anderton on 'Christopher Lloyd and Great Dixter'. Stephen is a renowned journalist and broadcaster whose biography of the legendary 'Christo' is still regarded as one of the best. There should be some amazing slides of the gorgeous gardens that are deservedly world-famous. Not to be missed and open to all members and guests.

Clippings

Club meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month (except August) at the British School Room, Cliff Road, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start. Plant ID, plant sales, raffle, questions (and 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.org.uk website and our SGC Facebook page.

Our secretary can be contacted on sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com.

Greenfingers @ Sherston Primary School

We took part in Sherston Open Gardens weekend in June and welcomed visitors to see what our children have learnt, sown, grown and built over the last 16 months.

We have now achieved Level 3 of the RHS School Gardening Awards and, in July, exhibited at the first RHS Badminton Flower Show. Our wheelbarrow was packed with pollinator-friendly flowers and surrounded by mini elements from our school garden - a raised keyhole garden edged with local Cotswold stone, full of vegetables, a bug hotel, log wigwam, herbs in pots and old wellies, tall sunflowers and teasels. Visitors loved our display and we hope we inspired others to encourage children to learn about gardening and nature.

Our new pergola and awning has helped protect us from the hot sunshine, especially during 'Quiet Time' over the last few sessions. We will keep watering through the summer holidays, and hope to be harvesting pumpkins, squash and tomatoes when we return in September. Happy holidays!

Tricia, Eleanor, Ann, Marion & Gail

The People's Emergency Briefing: Screening in Lea

If you missed the sell-out events in Malmesbury in June, join us at 7.30pm on Wednesday 2 September in Lea Church for another free screening of this eye-opening film about climate and nature. The film brings together nine leading scientists and experts to talk about the latest evidence and how it will affect us in the UK.

To book your free ticket, scan the QR code or visit: buytickets.at/emergencybriefinglea/2309686

More information and details of other screenings can be found at www.nebriefing.org

Sherston Apple Day 2026

Apple collection starts in September

James Allen by his new micro-tannery at Great Cotmarsh Farm

Jumper by Katie Allen, Great Cotmarsh Farm

Katie checks a fleece for quality

With Apple Day approaching (Sunday 11 October, 10.00am-3.00pm) at Sherston's village hall and field, plans are afoot to create another great day out, with our freshly made Sherston Apple Juice on sale!

New this year, Great Cotmarsh Farm team Katie and James Allen are joining us from their farm at Royal Wotton Bassett, with samples of their wool and their botanical dyes, plus their impressive woollen jumpers. This will also be a chance to see James's leather goods, made on their farm at his newly constructed veg micro-tannery. They will explain everything!

In addition to wool, jumpers and leather items, Katie and James will bring their lamb and beef for sale. They show how clothes and food can be produced while looking after the health of the farm. James and Katie have built a farm classroom which schools can visit. They also offer farm visits to demonstrate organic farming at work, where 'Good for Nature; Good for You' is a guiding principle.

Come to Apple Day! With lots of family fun from the Friends of Sherston School. Meet local food producers and crafters, plus extra-virgin olive oil tastings with Alivu olive oil.

And can you help us make Sherston Apple Juice? We will be collecting apples shortly - dates to follow in the September issue of The Cliffhanger.

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Camp adventures for Sherston Guides!

On a gloriously sunny July weekend, a group of Guides enjoyed a weekend camp at Cowley Adventure near Cheltenham.

They experienced adventurous activities including archery, problem-solving tasks on the low ropes, and a vertical challenge; with some Guides successfully negotiating the tyres and ropes to get to the top!

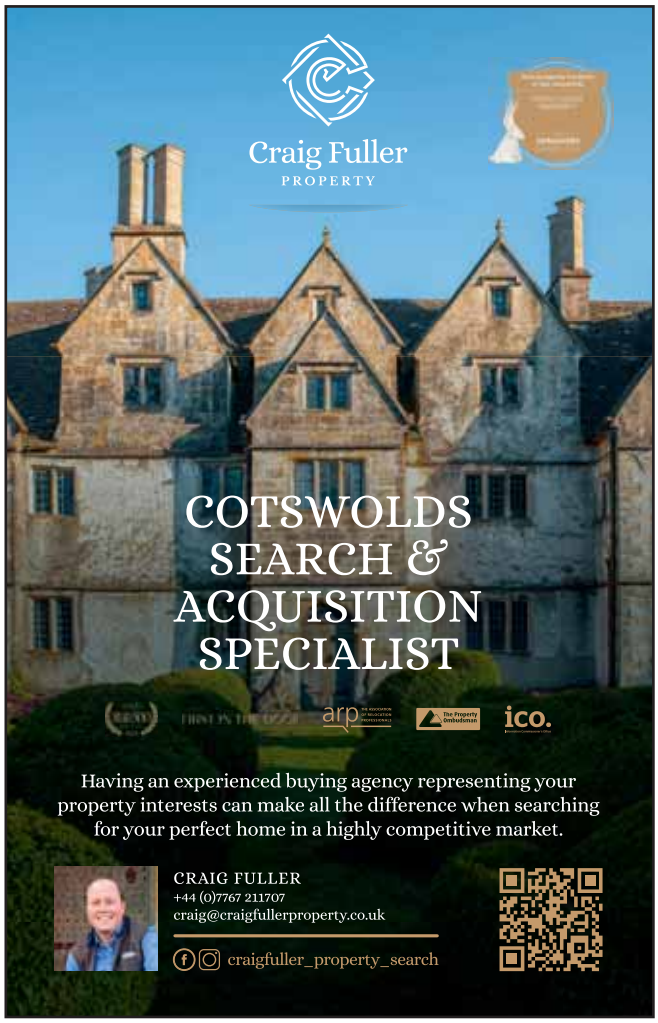
We camped alongside other Guides and Rangers from units in Malmesbury, Great Somerford and Lea, and met girls from across the South West, sharing activities and experiences.

In the evenings there were wide games, campfire songs, a silent disco, and the England versus Norway World Cup match on a big screen!

Girls take what they do in Guiding with them as they grow up. Everything from team working, to leadership skills, to speaking out on issues that they care about. They have fun and adventures, and try new activities, developing the confidence to become the young women they want to be.

We have spaces at Sherston Guides for September for girls aged 10 upwards. If your daughter will be joining year 6, it's a great opportunity to meet girls from other villages before the move up to Malmesbury Secondary School next year.

We meet on a Wednesday in term time from 5.30pm-7pm at Sherston Village Hall. To register, go to www.girlguiding.org.uk, select the parents' tab and choose Sherston as the unit, and we will be in touch.



Continued from front page: # Sherston celebrates a spectacular 40th anniversary Boules Festival

Early birds and iron-cast pistes

The big day kicked off in the quiet dawn hours. At 5.30am, while most of the village was still sleeping, a dedicated army of volunteers closed the High Street and set to work transforming the tarmac into professional-grade boule pistes.

By 8.15am, the atmospheric pealing of the church bells provided the perfect soundtrack for the gathering crowds. Right on cue at 8.30am, the local teams threw the first boules of the competition, officially launching a fiercely contested tournament.

Throughout the day, delicious aromas filled the High Street. Visitors and locals alike were spoiled for choice, with a café, bbq, Indian food and the ever-popular crêpe stall, which saw queues all day. All of this washed down with a choice of beer, cider, wine and Pimm's.

High-flying celebrations and family fun

The Winners

The Open Tournament: Team Bradshaw:
Alex Moriarty, Phil Bradshaw, Drew Roe

The Local Tournament: Crème Boulée:
David Webb, Alejandro Bengochea, Filip Babic

The Plate: Expected Toulouse:
Adam Fitzpatrick, Alex Scott, Tom Punter

The Colts: Celtic Colts:
Henry Clark, Llywelyn Jones-Morris, Heulyn Jones-Morris

The Juniors: Terrific Trio:
Harry, Alexander, Rory

At 10.00am, all eyes turned to the skies for a breathtaking commemorative moment. Spectators were treated to a magnificent flyover by a classic Boeing Stearman biplane and a roaring Yak-52, painting a perfect picture against the cloudless blue sky.

Down on the ground, the Family Zone was a hub of laughter and creativity, hosting circus shows, games and facepainting that kept the younger festivalgoers thoroughly entertained.

A soundtrack for the day

Fantastic live music added to the atmosphere of the day. In the morning, the traditional, rich tones of the Nailsworth Silver Band echoed down the High Street. As the afternoon warmed up, the fantastic 'Busy Fools' took to the stage and got everyone dancing and cheering.

Sunday sizzler: ducks and delectable cakes

The fun didn't stop on Saturday. Sunday brought searing summer heat for the annual and ever-popular Duck Race.

As the plastic ducks battled it out on the water, the spectators onshore were kept cool and content thanks to the hospitality of the church ladies. Their offering of traditional cream teas and a stunning array of delicious homemade cakes ensured that the hot weather was met with nothing but smiles.

A massive thank you!

An event of this scale doesn't just happen. The Boules Committee would like to extend a huge thank you to all our wonderful residents for their patience and enthusiasm, our generous sponsors for their vital support, and the army of tireless volunteers who gave up their time.

A very special thank you goes to Nigel Freeth, whose dedication, calm expertise and tireless commitment for more than 10 years has been at the heart of making the event run so smoothly. From the countless practical details to the key physical elements that bring the festival to life, Nigel has been the quiet force ensuring everything comes together seamlessly. As he steps back into a more consultative role, his presence, energy and hands-on leadership will be deeply missed by us all.

Pinkney Estate 1832 / 'Bleak House' 1852

Estcourt Cresswell senior (1745-1823) MP, JP, DL *(In 18th-century England, DL stood for Deputy Lieutenant, an official local leader who helped the Lord-Lieutenant manage the military, keep the peace, and protect the county*) inherited the Pinkney estate in 1781, when it was already in a run-down, unstable state. He was first married in 1771 to Anna Maria Wooton, who died only a year later aged 26, after giving birth to their daughter Ann. Then, in 1781, he married the Sheston blacksmith's glamorous daughter, Mary Gregory, who bore him six sons. In July 1823, Cresswell senior died aged 78, heavily in debt and following his lunacy order granted in Bath (In the 1800s, a lunacy order was the legal mechanism used to declare someone insane). His Tetbury solicitors renounced probate in 1832 on all his estates and, as in Charles Dickens' 1852 novel 'Bleak House', the estate was transferred to the High Court in Chancery in London. It was ordered that all his properties be liquidated to meet legal fees in the first instance, with any remaining money to be left to any bona fide beneficiaries.

You may remember that all the television adaptations of Dickens' ninth novel, Bleak House, revolve around Jarndyce v Jarndyce, a never-ending inheritance lawsuit in the Court of Chancery. Similarly, this case, concerned the fate of a large inheritance due to the existence of multiple beneficiaries, trusts and wills, even where the beneficiaries could be identified. As this fictional probate progressed through the Court of Chancery and, after it dragged on for generations due to indeterminate legal proceedings, the conclusion was similar to the Pinkney estate. When concluded, it was almost completely worthless and unable to meet the legacies. The Pinkney case has little or no direct bearing on Charles Dickens' novel. However, this was when the Holfords managed to accumulate and extend their Sherston estate properties.

Following Cresswell's Pinkney 'fire sale', the estate was put up for auction in Tetbury. It included many Sherston properties within Sherston Magna and Parva. Included was lot 19 - now No 8 the High Street - where Cresswell's fifth son, Estcourt junior (1788-1828) had lived. This unfortunate miller at Ford had died aged only 39, possibly drowned, and was buried at St Mary's in Ford. No 8 was then sold to John Henry Howell for £375, leaving Estcourt's widow Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Jane Gibbs of Ford, and her seven children without a roof over their heads.

Following 20 years' drain on the English Exchequer as the result of the Napoleonic wars and the extravagance of King George IV (1820-1830) and despite the Industrial Revolution, the advent of the railways and the expansion of the Empire, the country was in dire straights. This led to the First Reform Act in 1832, the suffrage movement, the Tolpuddle Martyrs, the Metropolitan Police and agricultural labourers riots. Times were particularly hard in real economic terms so, by 1832, England was near revolution. By 1835, Sherston officially lost its borough status, becoming a village.

From 1832, Pinkney Park's elegant Jacobean House was in different private ownership for about a century, and was lastly owned by Colonel Wyatt William Turner in the 1930s. After which, the property was requisitioned by the War Office for use by the US Army Engineers ahead of D-Day in June 1944. Following the Second World War and without sufficient materials or money, Pinkney was demolished, with the interior oak panelling, stairs and doors being shipped to a South African purchaser. There remains a more manageable modern reduced conversion in the current ownership.

Richard Stancomb, July 2026

News from the Church of the Holy Cross

Pimm's and Hymns

Lazy summer afternoons need something a little bit different. We'll be serving Pimm's in church on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August. Join us from 5.00pm for a pleasant afternoon, as we sing some favourite hymns and enjoy a refreshing drink to start our fundraising to replace the church ceiling. Tickets are £10, and are available from the Co-op.

The Athelstan Pilgrim Way

This continues to be a popular route for visitors to explore North Wiltshire and to find the lovely historic churches in our area. We have guidebooks in church available to help both local people and visitors to the area to explore the routes between our villages and to see the magnificent buildings and find out more about each church. We also have guides for children, making this a great summer holiday activity.

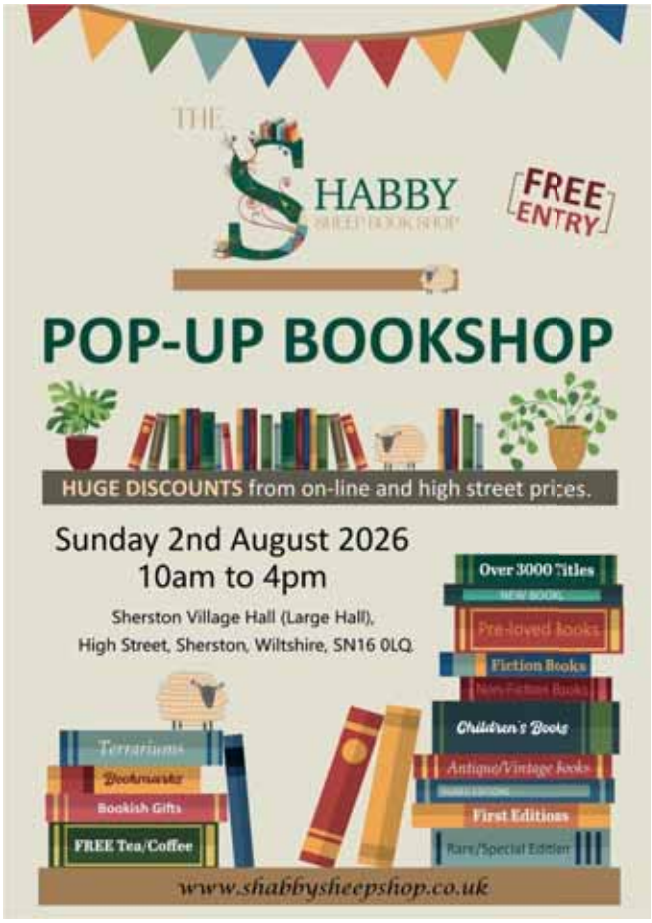
Ride and Stride Day

Each year, the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust organises a sponsored 'Ride and Stride' day – raising funds for the maintenance and preservation of the historic churches in our county. It's open to cyclists, horse-riders and walkers and, as usual, we'll have our doors open on Saturday 12 September to welcome participants to the church. If you would like to take part and raise some funds for the Trust, please let us know – contact sherston@gauzebrook.org

Morning coffee and Sunday services

Our church is much more than just an old building – our weekly café is a cool place for a Thursday morning coffee this summer.

In July, we welcomed the other parishes in the Gauzebrook Group to our joint Sunday service. Do check the times of our services on the website achurchnearyou.com, especially during the summer, as some service times and venues have had to be changed.



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Sherston Theatre Club

At the end of June, 24 members of the relaunched Sherston Theatre Club enjoyed our first outing to Forde Abbey & Gardens in Chard, Somerset, and we could not have asked for better weather. Everyone enjoyed the abbey and a private guided tour of the house. Afterwards, there was time for tea in the gardens, before we got back on the coach and headed home.

We have three more trips planned:

1. The Comedy About Spies at the Adelphi Theatre, London, on Tuesday 22 September.
2. Hadestown at the Lyric Theatre, London, on Thursday 12 November .
3. Jesus Christ Superstar at the Millennium Centre, Cardiff, on Thursday 4 March.

Tickets are still available for the above, however our trip in September to The Theatre Royal in Bath to see A Man for all Seasons is now fully booked!

If you want to join the Sherston Theatre Club or find out what is on offer, email us at sherstontheatreclub@gmail.com

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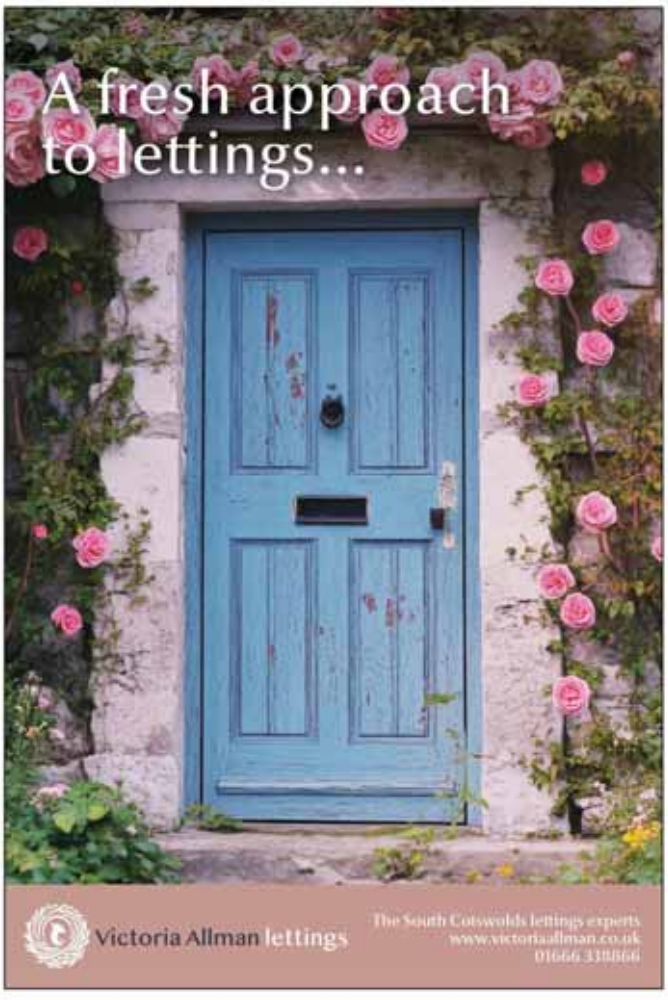
Tolsey Surgery News

Dr George Crisp

Dr Crisp will be finishing his post at the Tolsey Surgery this month. He will then be relocating to London to finish his training as a General Practitioner. He will need to do several more hospital posts before becoming a GP registrar and sitting his final examinations. We have all enjoyed working alongside him these last few months and hope that we have done enough to persuade him to return to Sherston one day! We wish him all the best for the rest of his training.

Dr Robert Duncan

We are delighted to announce that Dr Robert Duncan will be joining the Tolsey in August to complete his training as a GP. Dr Duncan has been working in our local hospitals for the past few years, specialising in acute medicine, paediatrics and dermatology. He has also been working at the Rowden Surgery in Chippenham and gaining valuable experience in Primary Care. Dr Duncan has visited the Tolsey on several occasions since starting his training scheme, as Dr Watkins is his Educational Supervisor. We are sure that everyone in the local area will make him feel very welcome.



Pilot Booking System for Stanton St Quintin Household Recycling Centre

Wiltshire Council

Where everybody matters

Wiltshire Council is introducing a pilot booking system at six of its Household Recycling Centres, including the Stanton St Quintin site.

The booking system will open on Tuesday 8 September, with bookings required for any visits from Monday 14 September. You'll need a Citizen ID to access the online booking system. To sign up, visit: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/login However, if you do not have internet access or are unable to use the online form, bookings can also be made by phone: 0300 456 0102.

The pilot will initially allow residents to book a 30-minute slot up to one week in advance, with some same-day appointments available. The length of slots will be regularly reviewed to ensure maximum capacity.

The pilot aims to reduce queuing, improve customer experience and minimise disruption for nearby communities and businesses. It will not affect existing opening hours, permit requirements or accepted waste types.

For more information about the pilot, go to: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/bookhrc

Local recycling and zero waste outlet information

Recycling Facilities

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

Kerbside Collection - check the Wiltshire Council website for up-to-date information of what they do and do not take.

The Household Recycling Centre at Stanton St Quinton - take a look at their website to see what they take. *A heads up that there is a pilot booking system starting in September. See page 15 for more info.*

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 long 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 Please leave Brother, Canon, HP and Epson printer inkjet cartridges in the box in the red phone box on Sherston High Street. No other makes and no toner cartridges are accepted.

Zero-Waste/Eco Shops

The Sherston Market on Thursdays, 10.30am-1pm, in front of the Village Hall - a selection of artisan stalls (inlcuding 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 Dora's 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.go.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/ 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 Co-op, The Angel and The Rattlebone. 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
Joyful, relaxing breath-driven practices to bring self-compassion, commitment, balance and strength into your daily life, with options to develop home yoga, deep relaxation and meditation practices. £22 for initial class, £80 for 4-class short course, discounts possible. russellhtownsend@gmail.com or 07818 918595.

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 Paul Robbins 07799 898559

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

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.
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

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/areaboards

Malmesbury Concert Band

www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk

Malmesbury Community Choir

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

Malmesbury Morris

www.facebook.com/malmesburymorris www.mamesburymorris.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: August 2026

Sherston

Note: No Parish Council Meeting in August and no Sherston Gardening Club meeting.

Sunday 2 August 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Worship Together church service.**

Tuesday 11 August 2pm, British School Room. **Sherston Senior Club.** Farm Foods will be running a free tasting event - do come and join us at 2.00pm in the British School Room. For further info, contact Helen Quirk on 840516.

Friday 7 August 7.00pm, Sherston Village Hall. Film: **Field & Folk.** Special local screening of a feature documentary, which looks at the people working across the Cotswolds National Landscape to care for and manage the land, and the challenges they face in doing so. Sherston's director Tea Smart and the Leaping Fox Films team will be in attendance for an introduction and discussion. To book tickets, please visit: www.cotswoldsfilm.co.uk/screening-tour

Sunday 16 August 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Sunday 23 August 9.30am, Holy Cross Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Monday 31 August 5pm, Holy Cross Church. **Pimm's and Hymns.** Join us for a pleasant afternoon, as we sing some favourite hymns and enjoy a refreshing drink to start our fundraising to replace the church ceiling. Tickets: £10 from Sherston Co-op.

Foxley

Sunday 16 August 11am, Foxley Parish Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Luckington

Sunday 2 August 11am, Luckington Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Tuesday 4 August 2-3.30pm, The Old Royal Ship. **Luckington Bible Study. Also: 11, 18 and 25 August.**

Sunday 16 August 11am, Luckington Church. **Worship Together church service.**

Sunday 30 August 11am, Luckington Church. **Holy Communion church service.**

Malmesbury

Saturday 8 August 7.30pm, Malmesbury Town Hall. **Carnival Quiz.** An interactive and entertaining evening of general knowledge tests, musical mash ups and puzzling pictures. £12 per person. Includes light food. Refreshments from the bar. Max of 6 people per team. Register online: malmesburycarnival.co.uk/event-listing-test/1342-carnival-quiz/individual-registration

Friday 14 August 7.30pm, Malmesbury Town Hall. **Call my Wine Bluff.** Think you know your Malbec from your Merlot? Or your Chenin from your Chardonnay? Well, here's a chance to prove it; Malmesbury's wine bluffers will temp you with another collection of fine wines. This year we are joined by Jamie from The Malmesbury Wine Company, a new bluffer with plenty of experience (and wine!). Tickets: £20 from malmesburycarnival.co.uk/event-listing-test/1344-call-my-wine-bluff-4/individual-registration

Tuesday 18 August 7.30pm, Rausing Building. **Carnival Talk: Malmesbury Characters.** Bill Reed will recount colourful stories from Athelstan Museum's 'Voices' project, which is now in its 11th year. Tickets £10: malmesburycarnival.co.uk/event-listing-test/1347-history-talk/individual-registration

Tuesday 25 August 7.30pm, Rausing Building. **Carnival Talk: Malmesbury Pubs.** Susan Mockler will provide an entertaining account of the pubs of Malmesbury. Tickets: £10: malmesburycarnival.co.uk/event-listing-test/1351-malmesbury-pubs/individual-registration

Norton

Friday 21 August 8pm, The Vine Tree. **Queen Open Air Tribute Concert.** An electrifying performance packed with the greatest hits! BBQ and bar available all evening. Buy tickets via The Vine Tree website: thevinetree.co.uk/shop/flash-a-tribute-to-queen-the-uks-no-1-authentic-live-queen-tribute-band-live-at-the-vine-tree-norton/

Tetbury

Saturday 8 August 7.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **Rupert Egerton-Smith Piano Concert.** Starting out out as a strategy consultant, Rupert left the corporate world in 2020 to build up a career as composer and pianist – an ambition he has clearly achieved! Tickets in advance £20. www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Saturday 15 August 2pm/6.30pm, Tetbury Goods Shed. **The Festival Players Comedy of Errors.** This open-air play is one of Shakespeare's shortest and most farcical comedies. Bring a cushion and a picnic but indoors if wet! Tickets in advance £18 (U18s: £12). www.tetburygoodsshed.co.uk

Lea

Wednesday 2 September 7.30pm. Lea Church. **The People's Emergency Briefing.** An eye-opening film about climate and nature that brings together nine leading scientists and experts to talk about the latest evidence and how it will affect us in the UK. Tickets are free but must be booked in advance: buytickets.at/emergencybriefinglea/2309686. For more information and details of other screenings: www.nebriefing.org

Music, Cinema and Theatre

Theatre Royal Bath

Tel 01225 448844 www.theatreroyal.org.uk

The Barn Theatre, Cirencester

Award-winning professional theatre, based in the heart of the Cotswolds.
Box office: 01285 648255 or boxoffice@barntheatre.org.uk or visit barntheatre.org.uk

Didmarton Film Club

Monthly film screening. Doors open at 6.30pm for the Bar with film starting at 7.30pm, Didmarton Village Hall. Donation of £5 per film. Guests are welcome. Bar available. To join or to become a member of the Film Selection Committee, to find out what's showing or to let us know you're coming beforehand (this helps with chairs), email jenny.body1@gmail.com

Movies@Malmesbury

Run entirely by volunteers, for schedules, synopses, trailers etc, visit the MoviesatMalmesbury Facebook page or go to www.malmesbury.gov.uk/cinema.html

Malmesbury Live Arts

Comedy and music each month:
www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/whatson

The Three Cups, Malmesbury

Live music each month: three-cups.co.uk/#events

Cotswold Playhouse, Stroud

Film screenings and theatre.
www.cotswoldplayhouse.co.uk/

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The Electric Picture House, Wotton-Under-Edge

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

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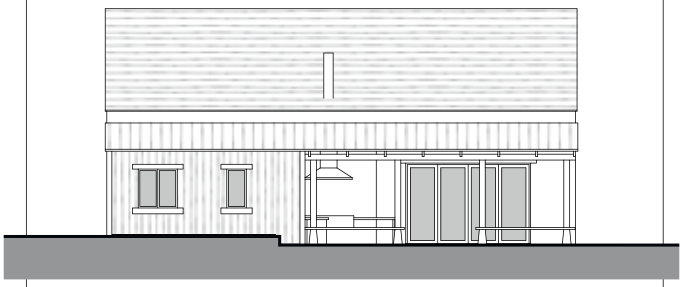

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Sherston Emergency Response Coordinator

emergency@sherston.org.uk (only during an incident)

Wiltshire Council

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Floods: 0300 456 0105 or drainage@wiltshire.gov.uk

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

Utilities

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

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Malmesbury Secondary School	01666 829700
Malmesbury Youth Centre	0799 0908550
MP Roz Savage	07808 719881
Sherston Parish Council	07349 296639
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