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+Malmesbury+ What's On Guide

FROM YOUR **LOCAL** TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

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Open Mon – Thurs 9am -4.50pm, Fri 9am -4.20pm, Bank Holidays 10am -3.50pm

[The John Bowen Gallery](#)

12th April to 2nd May

The Nick Carey Exhibition

Artist, musician, milkman and bus driver: this one-off showcase brings together a collection of Nick's paintings from the 70s,80s & 90s.



Movies at Malmesbury

Bob Marley: One Love – Friday 26th April at 8pm and Monday 29th at 2pm (104 mins)

Carmen – Wednesday 1st May 6.45pm (190 mins)

Vindication Swim – Thursday 9th May 8pm & Monday 13th 2pm (98 mins)

National Theatre: Nye – Friday 10th May 2pm & 7pm (160 mins)

Godzilla X Kong: The New Empire – Monday 13th May 8pm & Friday 17th May 2pm (115 mins)

Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire – Friday 17 May 8pm & Monday 20 May 2pm (115 mins)

The Trouble with Jessica – Monday 20 May 8pm (89 mins)

The Royal Ballet: Winter's Tale – Wednesday 22 May 7.15pm

Back to Black – Friday 24th May 8pm & Monday 3rd June 2pm (122 mins)

The Royal Ballet: Message in a Bottle – Thursday 30th May 7.20pm

Tickets are available online, at the Tourist Information Centre, or on the door before each screening (subject to availability)

EXPLORE MALMESBURY

Your companion to your visit to Malmesbury



Welcome to Explore Malmesbury: www.exploremalmesbury.com. Explore Malmesbury tells the stories of Malmesbury at the places they happened. Follow a themed trail, enjoy an Explore tour, follow a quiz or make up your own guided journey. There are new discoveries around every corner.

www.exploremalmesbury.com or visit the Tourist Information Centre in the Town Hall.

PLEASE CHECK EACH EVENT FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

Malmesbury Community Wardrobe

Riverside Community Centre, Gloucester Road

We are extending the opening times of the Community Wardrobe to give more opportunities to come along, browse and take what you need. The wardrobe is there for everyone to donate warm, clean, bagged clothing AND to take any item/s you wish to, completely free of charge.

Tuesdays 9 to 11.30am weekly

2nd Saturday of the month 9 to 11.30am - next opening Saturday 11th May

Last Thursday of the month 6.30pm to 8pm – our next evening opening will be Thursday 30th May

All items are completely free and available to all; pop in and have a browse.

Donations of clean, bagged, warm clothing for adults and children welcome.

Drop off points: Gloucester Road Coop and Town Hall Tourist Information Centre

Any queries please message us via our Facebook page Malmesbury Community Wardrobe or email

heals.malmesbury@gmail.com

Caerbladon Exhibition – ‘Distant Echoes’ Wiltshire landscapes by Simone Dawood

Thursday 18th April to Saturday 25th May – Caerbladon, 24 High Street. Malmesbury, SN16 9AU

Opening times Monday to Saturday 10am to 4.30pm

Malmesbury Abbey Café Church

12th May 9th June 14th July 3.30pm – Malmesbury Abbey

Afternoon tea to start, creative worship, informal fun, all ages welcome.

Malmesbury & District u3a –Events

Monthly meetings take place on the 4th Thursday of the month (10.00- 12.00) at Malmesbury Town Hall Non-members welcome. 50p donation.

Retired? Semi-retired? Looking for new interests? Why not join us? Most of our interest groups are now meeting in person once again as we continue to emerge from the pandemic.

We have 40 different interest groups including history, gardening, dancing, languages, walking, book groups etc. Check our website for an up –to-date list of groups and other information: www.malmesburyu3a.org.uk.

For more information e-mail membership@malmesburyu3a.org.uk

Our next meetings:

Thursday 23rd May – **Introducing the Amazing Honeybee - Richard Rickitt**

Do you know how many eyes a bee has? (not two) which part of their body is used to taste? (not the tongue!) Beekeeper and author, Richard Rickitt, gives a fascinating and entertaining talk on bees and beekeeping where we will learn about the extraordinary lifestyle of honeybees, how they live, breed, and most importantly – make their honey!

The talk will be of interest to those who garden or are curious to know more about bees and beekeeping or simply enjoy a bit of honey on their porridge!

Richard is the co-editor of BeeCraft, the UK's beekeeping magazine, in print since 1919. The magazine was recently awarded Gold at the Worldwide Beekeeping Congress in Chile

Malmesbury Good Afternoon Choir – Hopes & Dreams with Special Guests The Blackbirds

Saturday 27th April 4pm- Malmesbury United Reformed Church-, St Mary's Street, Malmesbury SN16 0BJ

Join us for music tea and homemade cake.

Free Admission with a retiring collection for Alzheimers Support

Email: gac@grenvillemusic.co.uk Tel: 01761 472468

www.goodafternoonchoir.org

Malmesbury Walkers - Hawkesbury Upton

Sunday 28th April meet 9.50 am for 10am start outside The Fox pub, Hawkesbury Upton, GL9 1AU (what 3 words: retiring reclusive artist). Allow 30 minutes' drive time and parking from Malmesbury.

5.3miles with some steep uneven sections. We will meander along tracks and country lanes and through a newly planted woodland with some inevitable muddy sections! Great views looking back towards Newark Park

and Tyndale Monument, landscape features of our February walk. We will pass the Somerset Monument and St Mary's church.

For further details or on day contact Sarah on 07516 623358

All walkers walk at their own risk

Nordic Adventures in Malmesbury Abbey

Saturday 27th April 7.30pm - Royal Wootton Bassett Orchestra's Spring Concert

The RWBO 2024 Spring Concert explores Nordic composers and landscapes in the beautiful surroundings of Malmesbury Abbey. The programme includes Grieg's much-loved piano concerto with soloist Dominic Irving.

The orchestra will take the audience on a journey to frozen forests, enchanted woods and to join a Danish steam railway! As with all the orchestra's concerts, they are pleased to include a work by a female composer, Swedish born Elfrida Andrée's Concert Overture in D Major. For the full concert programme and to buy tickets please visit our website www.rwbo.org.uk

NWMA - Quiz Night

Saturday 27th April 7 to 9.30pm - Minety Village Hall

Fund raising event for NWMA Youth trip to Spree SW Festival

Compete to win a trophy to display in your local church.

Maximum team size 6 adults. Fully licensed bar.

Tickets £7 via Eventbrite

More information contact: jessica.price@nwma.org.uk

Russia 1812: Napoleon's Greatest Defeat?

Wednesday 1st May at 7pm - Rausing Building

In this illuminating talk historical novelist Ben Kane will delve into the history behind Napoleon's disastrous invasion of Russia in 1812. An author of many historical novels, Ben will also reveal how he came to write his latest work, the bestseller 'Napoleon's Spy'

Tickets £15 (cash bar) available at Athelstan Museum Shop or online www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk

Malmesbury's Devereux Weekend

Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th May

Friday 3rd May: 7.30pm - Malmesbury Town Hall

Wiltshire and Malmesbury in the English Civil War

A talk by Dr Chris Scott, former Director of Education for the Royal Armouries.

Tickets £10

Available at Malmesbury Tourist Information Office and

on-line @ malmesbury.gov.uk/devereux where you will find further information on all the events.

Saturday 4th May: 10am to 4.30pm - Cloister Gardens and Malmesbury Town Hall

Visit a Civil War military camp and displays in the Town Hall. See live presentations of food preparation and cooking, the officers tent, scribing, dyeing and making, sword skills, a beer shop and tavern, C17th music and dancing, period games and meet Chuck and his rider.

PLUS: 12 noon – 4pm at Market Lane

See the original unique Birds Eye View Map of Malmesbury produced at the time the Devereux were in Malmesbury from 1644 to 1646 and important Warden and Freeman of Malmesbury memorabilia.

Saturday 4th May 2pm (Tea & coffee served) to 3.30pm - Meet the Devereux – with Friends of riverside Saturday Friends (Over 60 Years) – Malmesbury Town Hall

The event is mainly intended for those over 60 years of age, but accompanying family, friends and carers are welcome too.

A talk about the exciting 1640s by members of the Colonel Devereux's Regiment living history group! This is a **FREE** event, but booking is required. Please call into the Tourist Information Centre at the Town hall or phone 01666 823748.

Sunday 5th May: 10am – 4.30pm at Cloister Gardens and Malmesbury Town Hall

All of Saturday's activities in the Cloister Gardens and Malmesbury Town Hall, plus two showings of the live re-enactment of the last attack on Malmesbury in May 1644...Abbey Row, Gloucester Street, Market Cross

THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION: In 1644 Colonel Nicholas Devereux and his Regiment garrisoned Malmesbury for two years after it was seized for the last time by Parliamentarians. The current Colonel Nicholas Devereux's Regiment of Foot from the English Civil War Society is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2024 and will be arriving in Malmesbury in force! They are also bringing some Royalist opposition with them!
What better way to mark a birthday?

Malmesbury Concert Band Performance

Saturday 4th May 10.30 to 12 Noon – Market Cross Malmesbury
Music from Carmina Burana, the Muppet Show theme and much more!

Trio Paradis - Monthly Café Concerts at Malmesbury Abbey

First Tuesday of each month 2pm – Malmesbury Abbey
Versatile trio playing classical pieces alongside jazz, folk, pop and songs from the shows.
Monthly daytime concerts with café open at least half an hour before. With the aim of cultivating 'Friendship through Music'

Entrance by donation with a retiring collection
Tuesday 7th May – **The English Romantics** – Early 20th Century masterpieces.
Tuesday 4th June- **The Flower Garden** – Roses and more...

Act? Sing? Dance? Athelstan Players Need You Now!

Tuesday 7th May - Be in our Carnival Revue – First rehearsal
Contact: theathelstanplayers@gmail.com

Malmesbury & Bad Hersfeld Town Councils Present – CHOR Youth Choir from Bad Hersfeld, Germany

Wednesday 8th May 7.30pm, admission from 6.30pm – Malmesbury Abbey
CHOR – Youth choir from Bad Hersfeld, Germany with over one hundred singers will entertain with English and German folk and international pop.
Admission free, donations welcome

Malmesbury WI - Programme of Events

Malmesbury WI. All women over the age of 18 welcome - new members and visitors welcome – Visitors £5
When – The second Wednesday of each month, Where – Malmesbury Town Hall, Time – 7.30 to 9pm
Wednesday 8th May – A cheese and wine evening whilst hosting tax, care, and inheritance experts Silvertime Legal

Wednesday 12th June – **A guided walk around Malmesbury** with Campbell Ritchie

RUH Walk of Life

Saturday 11th May
Walk 10 or 26.2 miles from Wiltshire to Bath
Sign up today – ruh.org.uk/events.

Malmesbury Textile Artist – Set the Town Alight – Workshop with Anne Hellyer

Saturday 11th May 10am – 4pm, Little Somerford Village Hall SN14 5JW
Create a beautiful 'Winter' or 'Snowy' townscape or a townscape of your own choosing using your own hand painted, printed or commercially bought fabric. Then embellish with paint and/or pen and free machine embroidery. Your designs can be free standing, manipulated into a wrapped shape or hung flat. A nightlight can be added if required.

Members £35, non-members £45

NB – A kit containing everything you need (apart from a sewing machine and threads) can be purchased on the day for £13.50.

For further information, requirement list and to book: Ruth Vaughan r.vaughan56@btinternet.com

Malmesbury Live Arts - Dizraeli - Animal Noises presented by Lexicon featuring Jemima Hughs and local poets as support.

Saturday 11th May Doors open 8pm - The Kings Arms, Malmesbury
Ticket Price £14 from: <https://www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/dizraeli>

Athelstan Museum Teatime Talks 2024

Doors open at 2.30pm and the talk starts at 3pm – Rausing Building, Malmesbury

Tickets £7 (Includes tea and cake)

Wednesday 15th May – **Anne Goodyer – Finding Athelstan in Malmesbury**

Tickets available online www.athelstanmuseum.org.uk and in the Museum Shop

Plant Sale – Malmesbury and District Garden Club

Saturday 18th May 8am – 12pm – Market Cross, Malmesbury

www.malmesburygardenclub.org.uk

Never Mind the Somerfords Summer Quiz Night – Fund raising for Ukraine

Saturday 18th May 7.30pm – King’s Arms Hotel, Malmesbury

Up to 6 teams (any number per team)

£10 per person with a free bowl of chips at half time!

Tickets from the King’s Arms or email: adam@thetwistedomentum.com

MALMESBURY CONCERT BAND’S BUSY SUMMER 2024 PROGRAMME

The Malmesbury Concert Band (MCB) is back in action with a busy schedule for summer 2024, and its most varied musical programme ever:

Sunday, 19th May – Stratford Park, Stroud - 1-3pm

Sunday, 2nd June – Town Gardens, Swindon - 3-4.30pm

Thursday, 6th June – Cuckingstool Mead, Malmesbury – D Day 80th anniversary – 8.15pm

Saturday, 15th June – Great Somerford Fete – 4-6pm

Sunday, 7th July – John Coles Park, Chippenham – 3-5pm

Sunday, 21st July – Abbe Grounds, Cirencester – 2.30 – 4.30pm

A further band programme for the autumn will be announced later in the year.

The summer programme includes numbers from the Beatles, musicals, films, jazz and established favourites such as Moon River and Nine to Five, made famous by Dolly Parton.

Art Robb, MCB Musical Director said: “We would warmly welcome more members, especially trombone, horn, clarinet and bassoon players. Details are on our web site: www.malmesburyconcertband.org.uk.”

More information: David Hide – 01666 846348/07887 932253 or davidhide@hotmail.co.uk

Dementia Awareness Session

Wednesday 22nd May 2-2.30pm Malmesbury Library

Alzheimer’s Support dementia awareness session aims to help you understand more about dementia. The session includes:

- The differences between normal aging and dementia
 - Its symptoms and most common causes
- Tips on how you can support people living with dementia in our community
 - How Alzheimer’s Support can help

Sign up by contacting the library 01666 823 611 or libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk

Malmesbury Live Arts - Season Finale - Long Players

Saturday 15th June - Town Hall, Malmesbury

Further information: <https://www.malmesbury-live-arts.org.uk/longplayers>

Malmesbury Singers Concert- Midsummer’s Eve – Folk, Fancy & Faith!

Saturday 22nd June 7.30pm – Malmesbury Abbey

Immerse yourself in Holst’s charming English folk songs. McDowall’s playful Celtic dance, and Gjeilo’s uplifting Sunrise Mass. This enchanting choral tapestry weaves tradition and innovation for a truly unforgettable Midsummer’s Eve

Thomas Mottishead - Musical Director

Tickets £20 Adults, £5 Students /Children from: The Abbey , Choir Members or <https://malmesbury-singers.co.uk>

Athelstan 1100

GET READY TO ENJOY

Speaker Programme

Banners in the Town Centre

Athelstan Museum – A Stunning special exhibition about Athelstan

Friday 28th June – ‘Oh! Athelstan’. A fun musical performed by pupils of St. Joseph’s RC school at the Abbey

Sunday 30th June – The opening of the Athelstan Pilgrim Way

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July – ‘Malmesbury’s Big Athelstan Dig’. Community archaeology at sites around town

Saturday 13th July – Anglo-Saxon food and drink craft fair

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July – ‘Athelstan – A United Kingdom’. The exciting live telling of Athelstan’s story at the Abbey

Sunday 14th July – Children’s Big Athelstan picnic

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July – ‘Anglo-Saxon Malmesbury’. A large scale re-enactment village and hands on experiences.

Plus Themed Guided Walks and Self-Guided trails, pop up activities, Athelstan to Aldi album launch, ‘By Appointment of King Athelstan’ along the High Street and Athelstan 1100 inspired products and services.

Saturday 31st August – Malmesbury’s Carnival Procession, with an Athelstan theme.

Saturday 19th to Saturday 26th October – Malmesbury’s famous annual Wessex Week continues the Athelstan and Anglo-Saxon theme with a brilliant programme of talks, walks and entertainment

Tickets and Information for all Speakers and Events:

www.athelstan1100.co.uk/events-ticketing (See Event Details for specific ticketing and attendance information. Not all events require ticket purchase in advance. Many are free)

Sign Up for our Newsletter: www.athelstan1100.co.uk

Tetbury Goods Shed

For information on all events and to buy tickets visit

<https://shed-arts.co.uk/>

The Barn Theatre - Constellations

Friday 29th March to Saturday 18th May - The Barn Theatre, Beeches Road, Cirencester

A new production of the Olivier Award Winning show by Nick Payne. Directed by Jessica Daniels, starring Faye Brookes and Tom Lorcan

BARNTHEATRE.ORG.UK or Telephone 01285 648255

National Garden Scheme Gardens

For full details of The National Garden Scheme Garden openings please go to: www.ngs.org.uk

Wiltshire & Gloucestershire booklets are available in the Tourist Information Centre.

It is always best to check the website before leaving for your garden visit.

Crudwell Bike Ride 24

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th June

33rd Annual 24-hour Charity Bike Ride Festival –

Be entertained – come for an hour to watch or stay for the whole weekend.

Open to teams – families, friends, schools, and individuals

Raise money for your chosen charity and Crudwell Village Hall.

Enter your team at: crudwellbikeride.co.uk

Cirencester Choral Society

Saturday 4th May 7.30pm (doors open at 6.45pm)

A concert to mark the centenary of the death of Charles Villiers Stanford with works by Stanford, his contemporaries, and his pupils.

Tickets: £16 (Student £6, Child £3) (unreserved seats)

Available online at www.cirencester-choral-soc.org.uk, from choir members or, In April, from Cirencester Town Council (Bingham House, Dyer St)