SHALBOURNE CONNECT AND BOOKS ON THE WALL

Tuesday afternoons from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Board games orientated. Come for the afternoon or just drop in. Tea, cake, chat, board games and crafting. Charge to cover costs £3.

SHALBOURNE CONNECT TO CRAFTS

Wednesday evenings, 7.30 - 9.30pm

Shalbourne Village Hall

Suspended in September, hoping to restart in October.

Crafts, table and board games. Experiment with alcohol inks, encaustic waxes, polymer clay, pyrography, needle felting, papier mâché, and more. First visit as our guest. There will be a charge to cover costs & coffee. Additional supplement may be payable for some crafts. Contact Lesley 01672 870488 for further details. Donations of games, crafting equipment and materials are always welcome.

AVEBURY MANOR

11 May - 5 November, 11.00am - 5.00pm. r

Avebury, Marlborough SN8 1RF, 01672 2539250

Explore the lives of some of Avebury Manor’s female residents thought the lens of needlecraft. Find out more about the women of Avebury’s historic crafts from Tudor times to the 1920’s and the role they played at Avebury and beyond.

THE LORD OF THE RINGS BY J.R.R. TOLKIEN

25 July - 15 October

The Watermill Theatre - Bagnor, Newbury RG20 8AE 01635 46044 [www.watermill.org.uk](http://www.watermill.org.uk)

As the Hobbits celebrate Bilbo Baggins’ eleventy-first birthday, he gifts his nephew Frodo his inheritance-including his most precious belonging- a gold ring. Little does he know that his legacy will confront Frodo with an immense and impossible task: a perilous journey across the darkest realms of Mordor to foil the Dark Lord’s quest for total dominion.

Bursting out of the theatre and into the Watermill gardens, be immersed in the magical landscape of Tolkien and join an ensemble cast and large-scale puppets on an epic journey celebrating the power of friendship and common goodness to conquer unimaginable evil.

SHALBOURNE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

5 September, 7.30pm

Shalbourne Village Hall

Our meeting will feature **Marcel Floyd** who is an expert on Clematis and Climbers (plants not people!).

HUNGERFORD BOOKSHOP TALK

12 September, 7.30pm

The Herongate Club

**Sebastion Faulks** in conversation with Hannah MacInnes about his new novel The Seventh Son. Tickets and details from the Hungerford Bookshop, 24a High Street, Hungerford RG17 0NF 01488 683480.

20 HISTORICAL WOMEN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

15 September - 19 November

The Base Greenham, Greenham Business Park, Thatcham RG19 6HN

This bold, colourful and historically inspired exhibition features the work of Nigerian-born, Doncaster artist, **Chinwe Russell**. The exhibition gives an insight into the lives of some incredible women from around the world, whose achievements in different sectors have had a massive impact on the contemporary world and continue to do so. More information is on the website www.thebasegreenham.co.uk. Box Office 0845 5218218.

BOOK SALE

16 September, 10.00am-2.00pm.

Shalbourne Village Hall

In addition to books, we have jigsaws and DVD’s. Donations of good quality books and jigsaws are always welcome. The hall is open on Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings for dropping off or you can borrow the village hall key from the shop at other times.

SHALBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

21 September, 7.30pm

Shalbourne Village Hall

Come and have your say. More on page 5.

CROFTON BEAM ENGINES SEPTEMBER WEEKEND

23 - 24 September, 10.30am - 16.30pm

Step back in time to when Steam ruled all and explore this hidden gem in Wiltshire’s history. Explore the grounds with views over the Kennet and Avon Canal. Bring a picnic and enjoy it on the new picnic benches to the sound of 200 years of history. Booking recommended Adults £12 children under 16 free. [www.croftonbeamengines.org](http://www.croftonbeamengines.org)

HISTORY OF HIGHGATE CEMETERY

27 September, 7.30pm

The Corn Exchange, Hungerford RG17 0NJ

A talk by **David Drake** to the Hungerford Historical Association. More on page 12.

SHALBOURNE FILM SHOW

MIDNIGHT IN PARIS

28 September, 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Shalbourne Village Hall

HUNGERFORD BOOKSHOP TALK

28 September, 7.30pm

Hungerford Town Hall,

**Julia Bradbury** in conversation with Rebecca Fletcher about her new book Walk Yourself Happy. Tickets and details from the Hungerford Bookshop, 24a High Street, Hungerford RG17 0NF 01488 683480.

MARLBOROUGH LITERATURE FESTIVAL

28 September - 1 October

The festival is held at the end of September every year in the historic market town. To celebrate the best of writing and books with events for all ages and tastes. This year’s line-up includes **Sebastian Barry, Robert Harris, Amanda Craig, Matthew Rice and Daniel Finkelstein.** The full festival programme is available from The White Horse Bookshop in Marlborough and also online, [www.marlboroughlitfestival.org](http://www.marlboroughlitfestival.org)

FOR YOUR OCTOBER DIARY

SHALBOURNE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

3 October, 7.30pm

Shalbourne Village Hall

The meeting will feature **Geoff Hodge,** a writer and broadcaster on all things horticulture. Subject is yet to be confirmed.