SHALBOURNE CONNECT AND BOOKS ON THE WALL

Tuesday afternoons from 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Shalbourne Village Hall

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 from 7.30-9.30pm

Shalbourne Village Hall

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 always welcome.

SHALBOURNE ACTIVITIES GROUP

Shalbourne Pavilion

Every Tuesday from 7.00pm

Future events could include: a demonstration of dog training; a talk on ‘Life as a Gamekeeper’; a creative writing workshop; line dancing; axe throwing; bingo and other guest speakers. If you would like to become a member, we ask for £10 per year which will give you concessions on future events and support us to enable us to continue to provide materials, pay speakers, etc. All adults welcome. More details on page 5.

THE SUSPICIONS OF MR WHICHER

5 May - 10 June

The Watermill Theatre, Bagnor, Newbury RG20 8AE

Summer 1860, an elegant country house, a young boy is found dead in an outside privy. All clues point towards the murderer being a member of the grieving household. Called to the scene is the most celebrated detective of the day, Jonathan Whicher from Scotland Yard. Box office 01635 46044 [www.watermill.org.uk](http://www.watermill.org.uk).

LIVE MUSIC

5 May, 8.00pm

The Plough

Two Complicated - Get your Coronation weekend off to a good start with some live music, maybe a bit of dancing and a singalong with Two Complicated.

NEWBURY SPRING FESTIVAL

6 May - 20 May

Details at [www.newburyspringfestival.org.uk](http://www.newburyspringfestival.org.uk) 01635 522733.

INSIGHT - OPEN STUDIOS 2023

6 May - 29 May

Over 100 artists will exhibit their work at this year’s Open Studios flagship exhibition giving visitors a taster to help them choose which artists to visit as part of Open Studios 2023. More info on [www.open-studios.org.uk](http://www.open-studios.org.uk).

BERKSHIRE COUNTRY FAYRE - FAMILY FUN DAY

7 May, 9.00am – 5.00pm

Newbury Showground RG18 9QZ

Tickets [www.berksyfc.org.uk](http://www.berksyfc.org.uk).

LIVE MUSIC AT THE PLOUGH

13 May

Plough Shalbourne

Live music with Harriet Jane, more on page 18.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

18 May

The Plough

Live music from your favourite bands.

HUNGERFORD HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION - OUTING

18 May

Annual Outing to Chavenage House, Tetbury.

Details at [www.hungerfordhistorical.org.uk](http://www.hungerfordhistorical.org.uk).

SHALBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

18 May, 7.30pm

Shalbourne Village Hall

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. Come along and have your say. The agenda will be on the Shalbourne website.

HUNGERFORD BOOKSHOP AUTHOR’S TALK

19 May, 7.00pm

Hungerford Town Hall High Street Hungerford RG17 0NF

In Memoriam - **Alice Winn** in conversation with AJ West about her new novel

Alice Winn talks about her breath-taking debut, In Memoriam, to author AJ West.

BOOK SALE

20 May, 10.00am – 3.00pm

Shalbourne Village Hall

Lots of fabulous new books and children’s books plus jigsaws in aid of the village hall. If you have good quality books or jigsaws to donate please contact Erica on 07564 342730.

HUNGERFORD HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

24 May, 7.30pm

The Corn Exchange, Hungerford RG17 0NJ

"Littlecote Roman Villa". A talk by **Dr Hugh Pihlens.** Details at [www.hungerfordhistorical.org.uk](http://www.hungerfordhistorical.org.uk).

QUIZ NIGHT

25 May

The Plough.

CROFTON BEAM ENGINES LATE MAY STEAMING

Weekend 28 - 29 May

Step back in time to when steam ruled all and explore this hidden gem in Wiltshire’s history. Learn of the station’s history, and its restoration.

FOR YOUR JUNE DIARY

SHALBOURNE & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

6 June, 7.30pm

Shalbourne Village Hall

Our speaker will be **Matt Simpson** of Simpson's Seeds - The Walled Garden Nursery, Horningsham, Nr Warminster. His subject will be hydroponics, chilies and tomatoes. All welcome free to members, guests/visitors £3.00. I think he will be bringing plants to sell.

OPEN GARDENS

10 June

Including The Grange, the lake at The Mill and Shalbourne Manor. Craft stalls, tea and cakes. In aid of Shalbourne Village Hall. More info next month or contact Erica on 07564 342730.