May Diary

- **5 Rhyme Time** Pontesbury Library 2:00.
- 7 Grand FoPL Spring Plant Sale The Pavilion 10:00 - 1:00. See front page for details.
- 8 Dawn Chorus Walk Stiperstones 5:30 a.m. See page 8 for details.
- Mon 9 Pontesbury WI Pontesbury Public Hall 2:00. Visitors welcome.
- Tue 10 Pontesbury Women's Club Visitors welcome. Public Hall 7:30. See page 9.
- Wed 11 Probus Club The White Horse, Pulverbatch 12:45.
- Thur 12 Spring into the Garden Pontesbury Gardeners Association event. Public Hall 7:30.
- 8 Birds of the Stiperstones Walk See page 8 for details.
- Mon 16 Parish Council meeting The Pavilion 7:30.
- Tue 17 Mon 30 Bishops Castle Round and About Walks See page 5 for more information.
- Sun 22 Pontesbury Open Gardens A chance to see village gardens in aid of St George's Church and Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. 12:30 – 4:30.
- Wed 25 Cruckton Village Hall AGM 7:00 Cruckton Village

Evening Wildlife Walk 7:00 See page 8 for details. Flower Club Westbury Village Hall 7:30.

Future Events

Post your future events here to avoid clashes

- June Thur 2 Mon 6 Art exhibition and sale St George's Church.
 - 4 Callow Run As part of Hope Church Fête. Sat See Hope Newsletter for more information.
 - and page 3.
 - Wed 8 Probus Club The White Horse, Pulverbatch 12:45.
 - **Sun 12 Open Gardens** Phil and Liz Tudor, Edge Grove and Bill and Chris Neil, Edge Villa, Yockleton SY5 9PY. Refreshments, homemade cakes and plant stall. See page 9 for more info.
 - Tue 14 Pontesbury Women's Club Visitors welcome. safely crossing the road. Public Hall 7:30. See page 9.
 - Wed 15 U3A meeting Minsterley Parish Hall 2:00. See page 9 for details.
 - Wed 22 Flower Club Visit.
 - 7:30. See page 8 for details.
- July Wed 13 Probus Club The White Horse, Pulverbatch 12:45.
 - Wed 27 Flower Club Westbury Village Hall 7:30.
 - **Sun 31 Afernoon teas** St George's Church.
- Aug Wed 10 Probus Club The White Horse, Pulverbatch 12:45.
 - Wed 24 Flower Club Westbury Village Hall 7:30.
 - Sun 21 Garden open for National Garden Scheme Chris and Bill Neil, Edge Villa, Edge, £5 chd free. Plants for sale. 2:00 - 5:00.

Carnival Route

3 Parish Council planning meeting The Pavilion 6:30. Plans are now in full swing organising the Pontesbury event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

The Carnival route has now been planned.

- Leaving Mary Webb School at 2pm
- Travel down alongside the cemetery
- Turn left then right onto Stallion Lane
- · Then turn right and then left onto Main Road
- Travel past School Green following the one way system down onto Minsterley Road
- Turn left onto Ashford Drive making our way around the estate to the end
- Then turn back onto Main Road past the Horseshoes Pub
- Up Hall Bank to the top turning Right onto Chapel Street
- Then left onto the road leading to the cemetery
- Then right turning into Linley Avenue, following route around the avenue
- · Turn left past the Primary school
- Right past Mary Webb School
- Travel down Bogey Lane and turn into the Mary
- Webb school field. • Parking stewards will be there to park the floats.

Come and join in the fun, line the streets and wave flags and banners and cheering the carnival along. So far, the carnival has vintage cars, floats, alpacas, 1st Rea Valley Scouts on bicycles, Pontesbury Runners, The Plough Inn with a Brit Awards float and a float from Allcare. For a float application please email deputy@pontesburypc. org.uk or call into the Pavilion and speak to Anna.

Any children that are part of the carnival must be accompanied by an adult, decorate your pushchairs and join the fun, dress up, be a king or queen for the day and wear those crowns with pride.

To ensure things run smoothly, we are asking if people would please move cars onto drives, off the carnival Sun 5 Jubilee celebrations See right, front page route before 1pm on the 5 June, with the added message from the Local Policing Team – "Please can all cars to be removed from street before the carnival".

After the Carnival join us on the Mary Webb school field: parking is via the top entrance to the field top of Bogey Lane – if you are walking you can enter through the gate at the bottom of the field opposite the Nags Head pub – stewards will be positioned to assist with

Nicki Young, Deputy Parsh Clerk

- Sat 27 Pontesbury Gardeners Association Annual Show Public Hall 2:30.
- Fri 24 Acoustic Concert Snailbeach Village Hall Sept Wed 14 Probus Club The White Horse, Pulverbatch 12:45.
 - 23 Mon 26 Harvest Flower Festival St George's Church.
 - Wed 28 Flower Club Westbury Village Hall 7:30.
 - Oct Wed 12 Probus Club The White Horse, Pulverbatch
 - Wed 26 Flower Club Westbury Village Hall 7:30.
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 - Yockleton SY5 9PY. Home-made teas. Adm Dec Wed 14 Probus Club The White Horse, Pulverbatch

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PONTESBURY



Platinum Jubilee Party Sunday 5th June 2022 Carnival from 2pm followed by Party on Mary Webb School Field 3.30pm to 9.30pm



Carnival , stall and bake-off application forms available from Anna at The Pavilion, Hall Bank or email deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk



Pontesbury Repair Cafe:

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Our thanks to Simon Cooter, Senior Manager for Natural England

who presented a wonderfully detailed talk about the Stiperstones, following our AGM. The stunning slides revealed so much more than the assembled company already knew about this amazingly rich and diverse area. It was obvious from questions afterwards that Simon's passion and expertise had nurtured a keen enthusiasm in his audience to explore this Shropshire hill further as he revealed its natural and human history.

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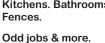






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As restrictions have lifted the volunteers have returned to hospitals, however we continue to offer the helpline, which has proven to be a invaluable resource for people regardless of where they are.

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Suzanne Brown

Pontesbury Celebrates Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

Plans are in full swing for the Pontesbury Jubilee Event with **Musical entertainment** sponsorship so far from Shropshire Homes, Hignett's of Pontesbury, Salop Caravans Sites Ltd – Spring Lea Fishery, Minsterley Motors, Pontesbury Tractors, Pontesbury Co-op, Allcare and The Ark Nursery. Thank you all so much for helping make this community event happen.

We are still looking for sponsorship so if you are a local business and would like to sponsor the event, we would love to hear from you, just email Nick Hignett or Roger Evans for more information.

The Baking competition is being sponsored by Allcare - recipes and entry forms are available from the Pavilion and Pontesbury Primary School.

Entry age categories are:

- Age 4–6 years: 6 x large decorated Chocolate Cupcakes
- Age Group: 7–10 Years: 10 x Decorated Shortbread Biscuits - Royal Theme (Shape and/or decoration)
- Age Group 11–13 years: Chocolate Brownies
- Age Group: 14–16 years: Decorated Victoria Sponge - Think Great British Bake Off Show Stopper -Roval Themed

Carnival float application forms and also forms for stalls at the event can be picked up from Anna at the date for all applications is 20 May 2022.

Following the Carnival there will be entertainment on the Mary Webb School field with performances from local artists: Brian Carrington, Sadie-Beth Holder, Good Grief, Ukulele Band and Tin Soldiers. This party runs from 3.30pm to 9pm so bring along your chairs, picnics and enjoy. There will also be a licensed bar, BBQ, Percy the and portable toilets will be on site.

We are still looking for stewards to walk with the Carnival and join in the fun, if you would like to take part please get in touch with any of the Pavilion working group.

Platinum Jubilee Working Group contact details: Sharon – sdavies@pontesburypc.org.uk Duncan – dfletcher@pontesburvpc.org.uk Nick – nick.hignett@shropshire.gov.uk Roger - roger.evans@shropshire.gov.uk Nicola Young, Deputy Parish Clerk

Sadie-Beth Holder: Sadie-Beth is a local singer, born and raised near Pontesbury. She has been performing in gigs, concerts and shows in the Shropshire area since a young age, eventually moving to study Musical Theatre. Sadie-Beth now performs contracts across the North West and Midlands, singing many genres including jazz, acoustic, classical and musical theatre.

Brian Carrington: Brian, a local singer songwriter has performed for many years, latterly as part of a duo called Daylevel, and more recently as a solo performer. His style is influenced by artists such a Mary Black, Joni Mitchell, Don McClean, James Taylor, John Dener. With guitar and voice, he works to create thought provoking entertainment.

Good Grief: This quartet of very talented young people features Leo Needham on bass guitar, Jonah Scott on piano, Jacob Preater on drums and Louis Meehan on saxophone. They formed the band after discovering a common interest in jazz music and play a mixture of blues, Latin, swing and modern.

Clun Ukulele Band: The band members have been playing together for just over 3.5 years and are all about having a good time! They like to prove that music is for everybody, regardless of age, it's never too late or Pavilion or email deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk. Closing too early to learn to play, go out there, and have fun! Guaranteed to put a smile on your faces, they perform a wide variety of all time favourites that will have you singing along, whether you want to or not! This band is ever growing in popularity and just loves performing bring your dancing shoes!

Tin Soldiers: This band was formed by Marko Ivanovic, guitarist and singer, who began his career busking in the Pizza Oven and a number of stalls. Qualified first aiders early 70s. He formed his first band in 1975 and then formed Tin Soldiers in 2018, first as a duo. The band has since expanded to include Les Parker, bass player a multi-instrumentalist since the age of 14. His early career was in skiffle, rock 'n roll and jazz. Rob Davis (together with his wife Yvonne), has lived in Pontesbury for 40 years, his instrument is guitar, incorporating genres of folk, blues, country. Val Marciandi has been singing since the age of 4 and joined her first band at 17. Her instruments are concertina, mandolin, banjo, bass-guitar. Val lives in Bishops Castle, also plays with the Irish Band 'The Flying Toads', and duos in 'Bouzatina' with her husband Keith.

Nicola Young, Deputy Parish Clerk

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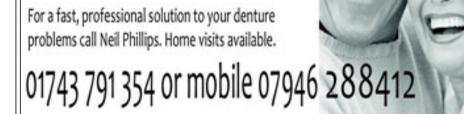
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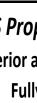


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May 2022

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June 2022

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Pontesbury WI

Pontesbury Woman's Institute met on Monday 11 April. Our guest speaker was Jonathan Walton who gave us 3rd Shona Wood. Congratulations everyone. a comprehensive talk about his time in Antarctica. Antarctica was his passion from an early age. He had followed in his fathers footsteps and had spent two and a half years in Antarctica working as a surveyor/ took home a lovely bunch of flowers. Jonathan also gave explorer. He showed the group his favourite photograph of his father and himself with their medals for being in was won by Lena Rowson. Antarctica. He told us of his concerns re global warming.

in Britain affecting what happens on the ice caps of Antarctica. He told us how high levels of lead was found in the ice in Antarctica. However, when we had leadthe importance of taking global warming seriously.

Jonathan kindly judged our Easter bonnet competition.

1st place went to Lena Rowson, 2nd Maxine Pittaway,

The single stem of the month competition winners were 1st Shona Wood, 2nd Sue Brooks, 3rd Sue Brooks.

The raffle this month was won by Irene Windows who us a book his father had written about Antarctica, which

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 9 May at 2 He gave an interesting example of what happens o'clock. Our guest speaker will be Sue Pearson who will be giving flower demonstration. After the demonstration we will be auctioning the presentations.

If you would like to join us new members are most free petrol in Britain the amount of lead in the ice was welcome. We meet at Pontesbury Public Hall. Please dramatically reduced. He really made the group realise contact Irene Windows, President, on 791903 for further information.

Maxine Pittaway, Events Organiser

Flower Club

West Shropshire Flower Club were once again treated to an evening from one its demonstrator members, Lizzie Harratt, with Hope Springs Eternal, taking inspiration from the Alexander Pope quote. She started with a Woodland Walk, a traditional style arrangement on great slabs of oak made into a stand, and followed up with Day of Reflection based around an open lantern. Lizzie went on to produce some foam free designs starting with a potted up basket of spring, with muscari, polyanthus, daffodils and pinks. She then did a handtied design with multi-coloured tulips. Her swag design had terracotta pots holding polyanthus interspersed with woodland foliage. Her last design was her take on a garden on a plate, with an all-round arrangement of roses, ranunculus and lisianthus in a continental style, complete with slate path and painted and chocolate eggs ready for Easter.

The next meeting will be on 25 May, Jackie Jones – Village Curios

All meetings at Westbury Village Hall at 7.30. Annual membership £30, Visitors £7 (deducted off membership)

Pontesbury Parish Council: Planning Committee

The Parish Council Planning Committee meets on the first Monday every month at 6.30pm in the Pavilion, Hall Bank. Agendas for this meeting are posted on the Parish Council website and on several noticeboards around the parish.

The Committee members make comments on planning applications within the parish as a statutory consultee. Shropshire Council are the planning authority and have the ultimate decision regarding application, but they take serious consideration of the comments from parish councils.

The Planning Committee members discuss planning applications, application for work on trees with Tree Preservation Orders and also for agricultural and single plot exception sites, and the Committee are keen to hear the view of residents about planning matters within the parish. To this end, there is a 15 minute public question session at the beginning of the meeting, for more information please contact the Deputy Clerk, deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk.

Planning Discharges

If a planning application is approved it will be subject to a number of conditions such as:

- the plans to be followed
- the time allowed for the project to start
- details of landscaping

When one or more of the conditions have been met the applicant will apply for a discharge of the condition to the Planning Authority. Pontesbury Parish Council does not usually concern itself with discharges unless it is aware that the work required for a discharge has not been carried out.

Sometimes a considerable time will elapse before the work required is done. If anyone is concerned about an apparent noncompliance with a planning condition they should check the relevant application on Shropshire Council's website to check whether a discharge or change to the original application has been made. Contact the Parish Council if you are still concerned.

Nicola Young, Deputy Parish Clerk

Bishops Castle Round and About Walks 2022

Preparations are well under way for this year's Bishops Castle Round and About Walks, on a circular route between BC and Clun, taking in Oakley Mynd, the Walcot Estate and Bury Ditches, along with bits of the Shropshire Way and Offa's Dyke. The whole circuit covers 23 miles, but is divided into roughly 3 mile sections, allowing walkers to either complete the whole route in one go between May 17 - 30, spread it over two or three days, or choose which parts to sample. Last year, the youngest walker was 14 and the oldest 92.

A band of willing volunteers produces maps and signs and clears the route. They regularly check the arrows that mark the route and replace those which disappear into the wind or the stomachs of passing cows. This was much appreciated last year, inspiring Karen Crawford to say: The walks are fantastic; the arrows are very clear, giving us the opportunity to really enjoy looking at the beautiful views instead of having our heads in the maps.

There is a serious purpose behind the walks, which is to help beat blood cancer, by donating to Blood Cancer UK. The 2022 target is £5,000:

- £10 buys vital information booklets for 10 people newly diagnosed with blood cancer
- £100 pays a researcher to analyse 120 blood cell samples - any of which could hold the key to possible new treatments
- £1,000 funds a research nurse for three days in supporting patients testing new treatments.

For more information on both walks and donating: https://ads-ventures.co.uk/wp-content/uploads Jean Shirley

News from the Library



Plans for the village to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee are now well under way, the carnival and picnic promise to be a great day, fingers crossed for good weather. The library will be joining in celebrations by looking back at other jubilees.

We hope to gather memories, photos and objects from either the coronation or other jubilees. It would be lovely if these things could be loaned to the library for a few weeks. Mugs and coins or tea towels! However, if these items are precious, we'd love a photo of them instead. Did you watch the coronation? Did you buy a television? Do you have memories that you could share, we can add them to the display. I remember the 1977 Silver Jubilee, my granddad planting red, white and blue flowers in his front garden and the beacon being lit on the Wrekin.

Easter Rhyme time was great fun, eleven children joining in rhymes, sleeping bunnies, and marching around the library. May's will be early this month on the Thursday 5th at 2pm. We had a fun craft of creating an Easter 'bonnet'. We will have another craft activity for half term, watch out for details in the library.

The Library Owl

Pontesbury Library Opening hours

Monday	10am -1pm			
Tuesday	10am -1pm	2pm - 5pm		
Wednesday	Closed			
Thursday		2pm - 5pm		
Friday	Closed			
Saturday	10am -1pm			
Sunday	Closed			
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Support if you are struggling financially Work, Skill, Money Guide

Shropshire Council have recently developed a guide which aims to support residents with matters concerning Work, Skills and Money. The guide covers the whole cycle of job loss, financial support, housing, and upskilling for people who are looking for work. The guide can be located via the following link - https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/information-for-thepublic/work-skills-and-money-guide/

Help with food or heating

If you are in need of some help with food please either contact the Community Good Neighbour's Scheme (see details on page 6) or Shrewsbury Foodbank who offer a wide range of support including help with food. The FOOD BANK AT BARNABAS IS OPEN:

Monday, Tuesday and Friday (not open on Bank Holidays)

9.30am – 12pm

01743343336/07421745857. https://www.barnabascommunityprojects. org/shrewsburyfoodbank also lists other support available, such as help with cooking, budgeting and employment.

https://www.shropshirelarder.org.uk/ also lists support available to you. Anyone worried about their bills or staying warm at home can call Marches Energy Agency on 0800 112 3743 or email advice@mea.org.uk



Parish Council meeting: April

At April's meeting Councillors received updates including the following:

The defibrillator cabinet at the public toilets was unfortunately damaged in a recent incident. Councillors agreed to replace the cabinet with one that isn't locked so that life-saving access to the defibrillator is instant. There are also defibrillators at The Pavilion and Cruckton Village Hall and the code to access the defibrillators is written on the outside of the box for ease of access.

The parish council had received positive feedback about traffic speed reduction since the ANPR cameras were installed, as did Minsterley and Hanwood parish councils. There have been a lot of guestions raised about what information is collected. We are collecting the questions and there will be a Frequently Asked Question sheet with answers published in the June newsletter. If you have any questions please contact the Clerk.

Cllr Davies gave an update about the Platinum Jubilee events planned – news of which is featured elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Deputy Clerk had updated the councillors on play area repairs highlighted in the Rospa inspection and these are being addressed. It is good to see such a well-used area. Hopefully over Easter families will have made use of the new picnic benches provided from the Welcome Back Funds received by the council.

The parish council were also asked for their views on the Shropshire Council consultations on car park charges. Councillors also approved that the parking restrictions temporarily in place on Bogey Lane, be made permanent. Councillors asked the Clerk to write to Yvonne Davies, the outgoing Chair of Friends of Pontesbury Library to say thank you for all her hard work and commitment to the development of Pontesbury Community Library.

Councillors agreed that the next parish council meeting will be held on Monday 16 May, 7.30pm at The Pavilion. Please note we are returning to the 7.30pm start for the summer months.

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 May 2022 at 6.30pm at the Pavilion. Please contact Deputy Clerk deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk if you would like to attend and/or raise any issues.

If you wish to comment on a planning application please use the Shropshire Council planning portal at https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/ Or pass your comments through Cllr A Hodges at ahodges@pontesburypc.org.uk. All new planning applications for the area are listed on the parish council website.

Debbie Marais. Parish Clerk

MINSTERLEY and District 59th annual EISTEDDFOD Saturday, 19 March 2022 RESULTS

Morning & Afternoon Classes		Winners	
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	1st:	Martha Franks, Shrewsbury	
nstrumental Solo - up to & including KS2	2nd:	Olive Coales, Shrewsbury	
	3rd:	Annie Cogles, Shrewsbury	
Recitation - KS1 & Reception	1st:	Aoife Clifford, Minsterley	
<u>'</u>	1st:	Medi Rowles-Lloyd, Shrewsbury	
ocal Solo Recitation - KS1 & Reception	2nd:	Sian Rowles-Loyd, Shrewsbury	
Recitation - KS2 Years 5/6	1st:	Olive Coales, Shrewsbury	
Children's Choir - up to & including KS4	1st:	TACT Choir, Telford	
Original Children's Poem	1st:	Iona Mandal, Birmingham	
(S3 & 4	2nd:	Ruby Allen, Acton Burnell	
Instrumental Solo - KS3	1st:	Natalia Sheldon da Silva, Shrewsbury	
	2nd:	Richard Pinsent, Shrewsbury	
	3rd:	Poppy Besterman, Shrewsbury	
Solo from any Musical Show or Film -	1st:	Olive Coales, Shrewsbury	
(S3 & 4	2nd:	Annie Coales, Shrewsbury	
Recitation - 18 years & under /ocal Solo - 18 years & under	1st:	Annie Coales, Shrewsbury	
	2nd:	Ruby Allen, Acton Burnell Ruby Allen, Acton Burnell	
	2nd:	Ben Richards, Shrewsbury	
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Evening Classes		Winners	
		WILLIETS	
	1st:	Ruby Allen, Acton Burnell	
Open Individual Speaking	2nd:	Carol Burt, Church Stretton	
	1st:	Liz Cass, Worthen	
Original Short Story	2nd:	Sarah Cowen-Strong, Worthen	
	1st:	Diana Platts, Oswestry	
Original Poem	2nd:	Bryan Roberts, Shrewsbury	
Limerick	1st:	Diana Platts, Oswestry	
	2nd:	Carol Minton, Minsterley	
	1st:	Sarah Cowen-Strong, Worthen	
Original Hymn Words	2nd:	Michael Dennis, Snailbeach	
Original Hymn Tune	1st:	Diana Platts, Oswestry	
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Open Instrumental Solo	2nd:	Richard Pinsent, Shrewsbury	
olo from any Musical Show or Film - :4 & Adults pen Vocal Solo	1st:	Ruby Allen, Acton Burnell	
	2nd:	Mara Musciano, Bedstone	
	1st:	Ruby Allen, Acton Burnell	
	2nd:	Mara Musciano, Bedstone	
Open Group Singing	1st:	The Richards Family, Shrewsbury	
Open Choirs Competition	1st:	Of One Accord, Shrewsbury	
	2nd:	Rockspring Community Choir, Ludlow	
		Special Awards:	
		opociai / wraitas.	
Outstanding Child Instrumentalist		Natalia Sheldon da Silva, Shrewsbury	
Instrumental Bursary (up to & including KS3)		Richard Pinsent, Shrewsbury	
Outstanding Child in Elocution events		Ruby Allen, Acton Burnell	
Outstanding Child Vocalist (KS1 & KS2)		N/A.	
Outstanding Child Vocalist (KS3 & KS4)		Ben Richards, Shrewsbury	
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who lives within a radius of fifteen miles of Minsterl		Olive Coales, Shrewsbury	
Best Original Composition in the Childrens classes		Iona Mandal, Birmingham	
'With the heart and understaning' award		Ruby Allen, Acton Burnell	
Best Original Composition in the Adults classes		Diana Platts, Oswestry	

Earl's Hill

The acquisition of Earl's hill, 60 years ago by the Wildlife Trust has made it an amazing amenity for the village and surroundings. It's a landmark to be seen from afar, and a place to walk and enjoy the most fantastic views. As part of the planned celebrations of this anniversary, I would like to organise an exhibition of paintings of the Hill, and the views from it, by both adults and children.

This will be held in July along with the other celebrations. So this is advance warning so you have time to produce artworks – get painting! Details to be posted later.

Can anyone interested get in touch with me, gillscriven@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01743 790430.

Gill Scriven







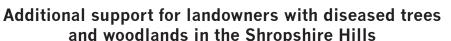












With new and emerging tree diseases, the health of our local woodlands continues to be of some concern. Ash dieback, a disease caused by the fungal pathogen Hymenoscyphus fraxineus, is spreading across the UK and its impact is accelerating in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

The loss of ash, along with the wildlife it supports, both at a woodland scale and as an individual tree will have a significant impact on the Shropshire Hills landscape. We hope to limit this by promoting sensitive management to safeguard remaining ash trees and woodlands.

A recently launched Forestry Commission tree health pilot grant scheme is providing additional support for landowners with disease affected trees and woodlands. The Shropshire Hills is one of four protected landscapes where this pilot is being run. It is targeted within the AONB and where there may be risk to the public from diseased trees. Grants are specific to each species and rates vary dependent on whether trees are within or outside of a woodland setting. The following tree species are eligible:

- Ash with dieback (Hymenoscyphus fraxineus)
- Larch with Phytophthora ramorum

Sunday Services for May, at 10:00.

Rev. Debbie Martin

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The services for May are as follows:

1st at 10.45am with Mr Nigel Gibbon

22nd at 10.45am with Church Members

29th at 10.30am at Stiperstones

Services for May:

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8th at 10.45am with Rev. Andrew Champley

to include Holy Communion.

10.30am Morning Worship

10.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion

2.30pm Tea Service

15th at 10.45am with Rev James Eaton-Challinor

David Gent, Birmingham

Joint service with Marton and Minsterley

Methodist Church

St George's Church

www.st-george.org.uk

• Sweet chestnut with blight (Cryphonectria parasitica) or Phytophthora ramorum

Dependent on species and woodland setting there is support for road closures, protected species surveys, restocking and maintenance, felling, chemical killing, Infrastructure/access and biosecurity. There is also funding for infrastructure to isolated and hard to reach woodlands.

These grants are in addition to the Countryside Stewardship Tree Health Scheme. For more information about the scheme, along with information about managing ash dieback, see: https://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/ news/tree-health-pilot-grant-scheme

Thank you, **Lunt's Pharmacy**

would like to say a huge thank you from the village to our wonderful team at Lunt's pharmacy who looked after people so well throughout Covid. They were very generous with their time, help, advice and skills during a difficult time. We are all very grateful to them for all they did. Thank you seems hardly enough.

Sheila Crowther

Sadly, the pandemic is not yet over and people should continue to take precautions to protect themselves.

Stephanie Hayes

St George's Treasurer

After 27 years as loyal Treasurer at St George's Church, Gerald Worrall is retiring this Easter. Therefore, the church is looking for a replacement and is hoping that someone reading this might be interested. While the day-to-day responsibilities can be handled internally (counting and banking of monies), the record keeping requires someone with a basic knowledge of accounts, who may or may not be a member of the church. This can be done remotely but would entail providing quarterly reports to the church council. While ill-health prevents Gerald from continuing in role, he has kindly offered to provide a full induction and ongoing support during the first year. A small annuity is payable. If you would like more information about this, please get in touch with Greg Smith on 07902 794653 or rectorpontstip@gmail.

The Alpha course has become the nation's most popular means of exploring the Christian faith. It is a ten-week course designed to lay out the faith in systematic order, covering subjects such as Who is Jesus; Why did Jesus die; How should I pray; Why and how should I read the Bible? The course is ideal for those wanting to explore whether the Christian faith is for them; as well as longstanding Christians who are not sure about how it all fits together. The course begins on Tuesday May 3rd and will be hosted at The Deanery in Pontesbury (opposite Hignett's). Each session will begin with a full meal, followed by a talk, and then allow for small group

Congregational Church www.pontesburycongs.com

com or Gerald at worrallwaverley@hotmail.co.uk

Greg Smith



Cost of living help

Increases in the cost of food, fuel and utilities is affecting many households in Shropshire and we know that it is a worrying time for everyone.

To help, we have brought together a number of useful links, tips and pointers on where and how people can find help across the county

(www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/).

This will help people see the range of services we and our partner organisations have on offer. This includes a benefits calculator so that people can check whether they're getting the benefits they're entitled to, advice about energy bills and reducing energy costs from the Marches Energy Agency, as well as information about how to manage debt from Citizens Advice.

We also recently announced that every household in council tax bands A to D will receive £150 rebate towards rising energy costs, to be paid from April 2022.

To find out more about this, please have a look on our website (Energy bills rebate and newsroom (Direct debit energy rebate).

We hope that you find our webpage helpful, and we will of course continue to add to this as more help becomes available.

If you can, please share this information so that we can help as many people as possible.

Lifting the veil: Removing the invisibility of Adult Social Care

House of Lords Call for Evidence – They want to hear from carers as well as individuals who use social care services.

'The House of Lords Adult Social Care Committee was established in 2022 to consider how to improve the planning and delivery of adult social care services in England. The committee has launched a major enquiry, 'Lifting the veil: Removing the invisibility of adult social care'.

The call for evidence has a section for family and unpaid carers to give their feedback on seven questions relating to support that would make a difference for carers, including support to remain in or start paid work if they wish to do so and how carers' wellbeing and resilience can be supported.

The questions and how to provide feedback can be found at https://committees.parliament.uk/call-for-evidence/2600/

The deadline for submissions is 27 May 2022.

If a family and unpaid carer would like to take part they can

Respond individually through the link above, or

Send feedback to Margarete Davies, Shropshire Carers Manager and Carers Lead. Deadline to contact Margarete is Please email: Margarete.Davies@shropshire.gov.uk



Shrewsbury Sports Village are encouraging the community to support Cancer Research UK with their Race for Life event to be held on 19 June at the Quarry Park, Shrewsbury.

The Sports Village are offering a free 10 week training programme to help motivate and improve fitness levels leading up to the Race for Life.

Please call Shrewsbury Sports Village on 0345 0007002 for more information.

John Campion West Mercia PCC

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To find out more about the work I do as your PCC, please visit the details

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7.00pm Ascension Day Service discussion. For further information or to secure a place. 10.30am Morning Worship Wednesday 11 May 2022. She will collate everyone's responses. please contact Sue on atxst3@exmail.nottingham.ac.uk



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Notes from the Stiperstones

Every year we note the date of the first cuckoo that we hear on the Stiperstones, and it has ranged between the 15th of April and the 13th of May, but invariably is around the end of April. This year I head a cuckoo calling outside of my office on the 29th of March which is on average a whole month early. I imagine that this was a bird moving through on migration as the cold snap at the beginning of May seemed to put a halt to most arrivals and indeed most bird song on the hill. The heathland



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is not only a good spot for breeding cuckoo but also seems to be a staging post on migration as we have had some very late records too. Cuckoos like to feed on caterpillars, particularly big caterpillars and the

heathland supports a good number of large moths like the fox moth that in larvae form are the big dark hairy caterpillars that can often be seen crossing the tracks up on the hill.

A key part of managing the Stiperstones is the grazing of animals. Too much grazing and heathland tends to move towards grassland and too little and it succeeds to woodland. In order to get sufficient grazing over the hill Natural England encourage the farms with common rights on the hill to graze a mix of cattle and sheep. Away from the common we use graziers with cattle and of course we have our own flock of Hebridean sheep and Exmoor ponies. On top of this we have a few natural grazers like roe deer and hares.

Getting the right grazing animals and the right amount of grazing across the hill is a difficulty that we wrestle with regularly, however this year we have the help of a shepherd, funded by the Common Cause project, who will be assisting with moving animals to less grazed

One particularly relevant issue regarding grazing is uncontrolled dogs. In the last 'Notes from the Stiperstones', I talked about their effect on the ground nesting birds, however since then there has been a dog attack on livestock next to the nature reserve. Another reason why we ask that dogs are kept on a lead on the site is the danger they represent in respect to grazing animals. The worse cases of dog attacks on the nature reserve have been where local dogs have run loose on the hill, so if anyone sees loose dogs, they should report them to the police.

Don't miss our events this month, Dave Pearce is a superbly knowledgeable wildlife guide and he is leading the dawn chorus and evening walks:

Sunday, 8 May – Dawn chorus walk at 5.30am followed by optional breakfast at the Stiperstones Inn. £7.50 plus breakfast.

Saturday, 14 May – Birds of the Stiperstones walk with the Upper Onny Wildlife Group. Free.

Wednesday, 25 May – Evening Wildlife Walk at 7pm with Dave Pearce. £7.50.

Booking is essential, for more details email: Stiperstones.events @naturalengland.org.uk or follow our Facebook page.

Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoreoak

Pontesbury & District Gardeners' Association

After the two years when we were unable to hold it, our social evening, Spring into the Garden, will be held on the evening of 12 May, at 7.30 in Pontesbury Public Hall; entry is free. There will be plants and gardenrelated material for sale and demonstrations of interest throughout the evening. Refreshments are provided free of charge, but there will be a chance to contribute to a local charity in lieu of any payment.

Our Annual Show, which will be on Saturday 27 August has a photographic competition as part of the Art Section. To give everyone time to seek out suitable subjects the four topics for this year are:

Something related to Royalty

A Red Rose

Anything Silver / Platinum

My Bicycle

The prints should have a maximum size of 7x5" / 18x13 cm, and be unframed. Entries can be made any time at the Trading Post and entry forms, and schedules for the rest of the Show will be available during the

The Trading Post, in Station Road, is open every Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon.

Rob Dixon



Pontesbury & District Gardeners' Association

Spring into the Garden

Thursday 12 May, 7:30

Pontesbury Public Hall

Pontesbury Women's Club

Tuesday, 10 May

Charlie Bell will tell us about the 'Stepping Stones Project' which aims to create and link wildlife-friendly spaces between the Long Mynd and Stiperstones

Tuesday, 14 June

'Buttons, Bags and Business' Sandra Harris describes her unusual career.

PWC meets at 7.30pm on second Tuesday of the month at Pontesbury Public Hall. Visitors and New Members are always welcome.

Wine And Cheese Party

Brookgate Barn, Plealey 7 May 6.00 - 9.00. To Support Ukraine Disaster Emergency Committee (D,E,C,) And Plealey Jubilee Celebrations • Suggest donations of £12.00 which can be grant aided. Donations by cash cheque or on

More infomation from Richard Martinali 790245 Or Richard-Martinali@Hotmail. co.uk

Pontesbury Open Gardens 2022 Sunday 22nd May 12.30 - 4.30pm.

We will again be opening gardens in Pontesbury in aid of George's Church and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust.

We are offering you the chance to visit some interesting local gardens - it is great fun and a chance to join in a worthwhile fund raising campaign.

Entry is £5 per adult, maps available from the Church.

Look out for further details or contact Martyn Cribb on 07912627847.



The Fiddle

by Natalie Cumming

15 June

Minsterley Parish Hall Free

A fascinating talk by the author of the evocative true story of the survival of a violin through the Russian revolution, horrors of the concentration camps to the present day

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PEN MEETING

Open Gardens

Sunday 12 June 2pm-5pm

raising money for Lingen Davies Cancer Fund

Phil and Liz Tudor, Edge Grove Bill and Chris Neil, Edge Villa Yockleton SY5 9PY

> Refreshments Homemade Cakes and Plant Stall

