

# Pontesbury Parish Newsletter

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P3 Group member,  
Richard Evans

## Pontesbury P3 Footpaths Group - Annual Report

The 'Pontesbury P3' (Parish Paths Partnership) is a group of local volunteers working in partnership with Shropshire Council, helping landowners meet their obligations to maintain public footpaths across their land. With materials provided by the council, the team provides volunteer labour one morning per week to keep footpaths open and maintained - only with permission of the landowners of course.

2023 was a busy year for Pontesbury P3 Group, apart from limitations caused by the various floods. A new member joined the group, who is also an active member of the Friends of Pontesford Hill group, which is a useful link. Chris Hearn has retired as Treasurer this year and Ken Jenks has retired from the group, both after many years of service for which we are very grateful.

Man-hours worked in 2023 were 487, completing 74 different items of work, covering path surveys, stile repair/replacement, vegetation clearing, bridge and gate repair, signposting & waymarking.

Regarding other local groups, again we have worked with the Friends of Pontesford Hill Group to find areas on Pontesford & Earl's Hills co-ordinating efforts to complete projects. The Pontesbury P3 Group continue to ask for direct referrals of problem paths with position references and photos from members of the public. The team is always on the lookout for footpaths, stiles, bridges, fingerposts etc. needing maintenance work in the Pontesbury Parish area and beyond as far as Longden, Minsterley and Snailbeach. If you see anything that the team could possibly repair or improve, please contact them at [pontesburyp3@gmail.com](mailto:pontesburyp3@gmail.com). For each report they preferably require:

a) Grid reference (or What3Words); b) A photograph; c) Path number (Route Code) available from the map Shropshire outdoor recreation map.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who give up their Tuesday mornings to work for the group whatever the weather, the farmers and landowners for their co-operation in helping us access the routes on their land, and also Helen Beresford at Shropshire Council Rights of Way Office for all her help and assistance given to us.

Please report any improvements or repairs to footpaths to:  
**[pontesburyp3@gmail.com](mailto:pontesburyp3@gmail.com)**



People from outside the Parish are interested in what's going on in our vibrant parish, so please bring your newsletter back to the Pavilion to be reread. Many thanks

## Pontesbury Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Pontesbury Public Hall. This is the meeting where councillors and residents get to hear annual reports from local community, cultural, leisure and support organisations, the local policing team and the parish council. Cllr Fletcher wished to thank all the many hardworking volunteers who make up these organisations, and expressed his delight in living and working in such a vibrant, lively community. All of the reports can be viewed on the parish council website. The Annual Parish Meeting was followed by an Extraordinary Full Parish Council meeting to conduct business. This included discussion about some requests for speed restrictions around the parish. A working group has been set up to look at these requests in more depth. Councillors also approved the purchase of two pop-up gazebos for use at The Pavilion for events which can be borrowed by other organisations around the parish.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm at The Pavilion

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6.30pm at the Pavilion. Please contact the Deputy Clerk: [deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:ahodges@pontesburypc.org.uk). All new planning applications for the area are listed on the parish council website.

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**PONTESBURY COMMUNITY  
FOOD GARDEN**

**OPEN DAY**

**SATURDAY APRIL 6TH  
FROM 10AM**

**COME AND PLANT UP THE  
GARDEN WITH US.**

**INFORMATION AND TALK AT THE  
LIBRARY COFFEE MORNING.**

**MEET THE STREET ALLOTMENT GUYS AND A  
MASTER COMPOSTER**

**seed and plant swap**

**BRING VEG SEEDS AND PLANTS IF YOU  
HAVE THEM OR JUST COME ALONG AND  
JOIN IN AT CRICKETERS' MEADOW**

CREATING A GREENER CLIMATE  
**SOS**  
CARBON  
SAVE OUR SHROPSHIRE

STREET ALLOTMENT PROJECTS

**Rea Valley Probus Club – 2024 meeting dates:** All meetings are at Arcscott Golf Club, on the second Wednesday of each month at 1pm. For further information and contact details please visit our website, [reavalleyprobus.org.uk](http://reavalleyprobus.org.uk)

10 April 2024

8 May 2024

12 June 2024

10 July 2024

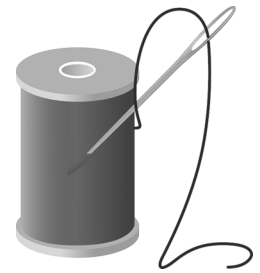
4 August 2024

11 September 2024



We hope to see you at the  
**'Get Creative groups':**

at The Pavilion from 11am to 1pm on  
**Thursday 4th & 18th April 2024**



Drinks and biscuits are provided and there is no charge.

Bring along any project you are working on and have a chat with fellow creators.

Everyone welcome.

## Pontesbury Carers Support Group

Last Friday of each month

**Friday 26th April**

**10.30am - 12 noon**

**Free to attend, with  
refreshments**

On Friday 26th April, the **Pontesbury Carers Support Group** will be discussing Advance Care Planning.

Jayne Morris, who works with the NHS Engagement Team is coming to speak about a project in progress to improve Advance Care Planning and how to make the planning process suitable and available to anyone who would benefit from having an Advance Care Plan.

Currently people attending Severn Hospice, in care homes and those with long term neurological conditions receive help from health and social care professionals to complete an ACP which records their wishes for care and treatment over the last years of their life. We know that planning like this helps prevent unwanted hospital admissions and reduces stress on families and carers because everyone is clear who to contact when.

Carers have valuable insight and experience to be able to contribute to the thinking and re-design of the ACP.



**Wednesdays 10-12am –  
Sea Change Trust  
Family Drop-in & Craft –  
FREE Term Time Only**



**Pontesbury Dementia  
Support Group**

Alternate Wednesdays in the  
Pavilion

3rd & 17th April @ 11.30am

### Pontesbury Library - April News.

Did you know you can join the library online, in the comfort of your own home? Then just pop in and collect a card! Our new information leaflet now has QR codes for quick access. I have shared two of these below to take you straight to the page to join and the quick link to our E-library. Most modern phones will read the QR code from your camera, just hover the camera over the code. I had a quick look at the Pressreader App and spotted BBC Good Food, National Geographic Traveller, Empire and Gardeners World, all free to read on your phone or tablet.

**Rhyme Time is on 11<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm.**

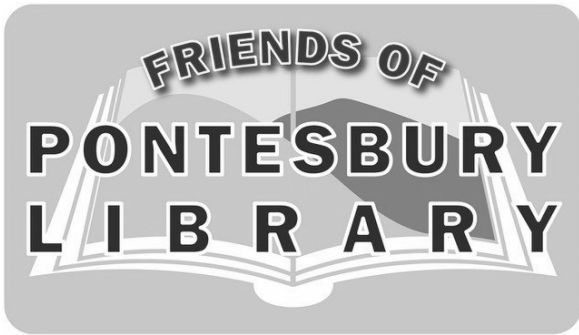
To join and access your account

To access the E-library, magazines and books

The Library Owl







# News from the Friends of Pontesbury Library

## Shropshire Council Budget Cuts

Shropshire Council is £62 million in debt and looking for drastic savings that will affect all our lives. Leisure Services, which include libraries, will not be exempt. Thanks to your support in recent years our library is a success story. As we understand it recent data shows it's the most successful branch library in 2023/24. However no library is safe. The Council plans to meet each library and Friends' group to discuss their future. FOPL want to be ready to make the case to keep our library open so here's what you can do to help in the first instance:

Become Library members, if you're not already. It's free to join!

Join the 100 Club Library Lottery for just £1 per number per month

Support Library events, like the upcoming Spring Plant Sale

Send us your comments about why our Library is important to you

You can drop your comments off at the Library postbox outside the doors, inside to Beverley the Library Manager or email [yvonne@pontesburylibrary.co.uk](mailto:yvonne@pontesburylibrary.co.uk). And please encourage family, friends and neighbours to do the above. THANK YOU

DATES for your DIARY

**Saturday 6th April 10.00 – 12.30 - FOPL Coffee Morning** is combining with the **Climate Action Group's Open Day** to launch the new **Community Garden** at Cricketers' Meadow. There's a chance to help plant, swap seeds and find out about compost, compost and more compost! (see poster on page 2)/ It will be a wonderfully busy morning at the Pavilion, and as usual the 100 Club Library Lottery will be drawn at 11am.

**Thursday 11th April 2.00 till 2.45pm -**

**Rhyme Time for 0 to 3-year olds** Enjoy songs and rhymes with other parents, carers and little ones. A fun way to help children's language and social development.

**Spring Plant Sale Saturday 4th May** We welcome donations of plants and seedlings and raffle prizes. (see poster)

**FOPL AGM Thursday 20th June 6.30pm at the Library** Speaker tbc

**Saturday 7th September** Val Sinclair Shades of Indigo Concert at the Library

And finally . . . . congratulations to our March 100 Club Library Lottery Winners!

1st.....Dulcie Yates

2nd.....Annie Draper

3rd.....John Croxton



**FRIENDS OF PONTESBURY LIBRARY**

## PLANT SALE

**Saturday 4th May 2024**  
10am to 1.00pm  
Pontesbury Library & Pavilion Garden

PLANTS, SEEDLINGS, GARDENING PRODUCTS, BOOKS, MAGAZINES

TEA, COFFEE & CAKE & RAFFLE

Donations of plants, books, cakes, and raffle prizes are most welcome during library opening hours and from 10.am and 4.pm on Friday 3rd May. Plants can also be left from 9.am- 10.am on Saturday 4th May, the morning of the sale.

Further information from [pontesburylibrary.co.uk](http://pontesburylibrary.co.uk)  
FaceBook: Use Pontesbury Library  
[yvonne@pontesburylibrary.co.uk](mailto:yvonne@pontesburylibrary.co.uk)



Community  
Good  
Neighbours  
Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

## News & Events

### April 2024

#### Future Events

For all upcoming events & updates please view our Facebook page.



#### Coffee Morning - Friday 12th April 2024

10:30am to 12:00pm - Plough Inn  
All are welcome to come along.

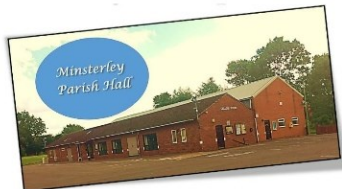
#### Next Luncheon Club - Friday 26th April 2024

11.45am to 1.30pm - Public Hall

Two course lunch for £8 - tickets from Hignett's or coffee mornings at The Plough - entrance with Tickets Only please

#### Gentleman's Club

Play cards, read the paper and catch up with other men. Call Rob Davies on 07720 010353 for more info.



### MINSTERLEY PARISH HALL are HIRING CARETAKER

The Trustees wish to appoint a Caretaker whose role will be to ensure that the facilities are clean and safe, and that rooms and equipment are kept maintained in a satisfactory condition for use by local residents and community groups.

Responsibilities will include: regular cleaning, purchasing supplies as needed, emptying of bins, basic maintenance and monthly checks, daily locking of the main gate (early evenings), and providing access and support to Hall Users on some occasions when required.

The Caretaker's post is offered on a 'self-employed' basis, for approximately 28 hours per month (7 hours per week) to be paid monthly. Hours will require arranging around hall bookings and events, with some late nights or early starts when required.

**For further information or to apply for this post:**

Please contact [chair.minsterleyparishhall@gmail.com](mailto:chair.minsterleyparishhall@gmail.com)  
or phone 07985719005.

(CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2024)



**FILM NIGHT...**

**at Habberley Village Hall**

**FRI 26th APR. Doors Open...  
7.00 PM for 7.30 PM start!**



Presenting...

**The  
Holdovers**

**Cert: 15. Running time 133mins**

**Admission: Adults: £6.00  
Children (12 and under): £4.00**

**Pay on the door!**

- **INTERVAL**
- **Licensed bar**
- **Other refreshments including popcorn will be available.**

**arts  
alive** **FLICKS  
IN THE  
STICKS**

**Starring: Paul Giamatti,  
Da'Vine Joy Randolph  
and Dominic Sessa.  
Nominated for  
Best Picture  
at this year's Oscars**

**Enquiries: 07977 127161**

**St. George's Church**  
[www.st-george.org.uk](http://www.st-george.org.uk)

Services and activities for April 2024

2nd 2.30pm Tea Service  
7th 10.30am All Age worship  
14th 10.30am Morning Prayer with Hymns  
21st 10.30am Holy Communion  
28th 10.30am Holy Communion

**Pontesbury Congregational Church**

Services for April 2024  
Sunday 7th April 10 am The Deacons  
Sunday 14 April 10am Olwen Lethbridge  
Sunday 21st April 10am Rev David Gent  
Sunday 28th April 10 am Rev Debbie Martin

**Wednesdays 10.45 – 12 Noon**  
**Warm Space**  
Tea and Coffee and Fellowship  
All are welcome

**Welcome to**  
**The Coffee Stop**



**Fridays, 10 - 12 Noon**  
**St George's Church**  
**Pontesbury**



**Pontesbury Baptist Church**

Pontesbury Baptist Church  
[www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk](http://www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk)

We have services twice every Sunday – at 10:30am and 6:30pm – where we sing hymns of worship, hear the Bible read, pray, and listen as God's Word is preached.

	10:30 AM	6:30 PM
Sunday 7th April	Rod Ward	Rob Jack
Sunday 14th April	Mike Wells	Mike Wells
Sunday 21st April	Mike Wells	Mike Wells
Sunday 28th April	Martin Wells	TBC

Everyone of all ages is very welcome! You don't have to book ahead, and there's no dress-code - please just come as you are. We run a creche for toddlers and a Sunday School for children under the age of 11 during our morning service.

In addition, every service is streamed live via our church website, and recordings of previous sermons are available on the website and our YouTube channel.

If you'd like more information, please email:  
[info@pontesburybaptist.co.uk](mailto:info@pontesburybaptist.co.uk)

**The Methodist Services for the April 2024 are:**

7th April 10.45 am with Church Members  
14th April 10.45 am with Mrs Helen Pearson  
21st April 10.45 am with Rev. Richard Hall - to inc. Holy Communion  
28th April 10.45 am with Mr Alan Priestley

**Pontesbury Congregational Church**  
**will be Hosting a Table-Top Sale**  
**on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**  
**10am -12 Noon**

Any organisation which would like a table (cost £10) to raise funds for their own use please contact the Church Secretary Tel. 01743 790489 or email [janewardropper@btinternet.com](mailto:janewardropper@btinternet.com) to book a table

St. George's Church



**To raise money for the upkeep of the extended churchyard, (Cemetery)**

**We will be holding a Coffee Morning**

**Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Coffee and cake.**

**10 - 12noon**

**Please come and support this.**

**This is the burial ground for the whole parish.**



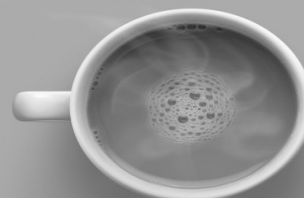
*A Welcome Brew*

**COMMUNITY DROP-IN**

**Tuesdays 10.30am - 12pm**

A place to come along, grab a drink and have a chat. Free refreshments and activities.

All ages welcome







Wednesday 2pm  
Minsterley Parish Hall  
A488, Minsterley, SY5 OEH  
Refreshments available  
Free entrance

learn,  
laugh,  
live

# POLITICS, SCIENCE AND ADVENTURE IN THE ANTARCTIC

A talk by  
Jonathan Walton

OPEN MEETING

Members & non-members welcome

**u3a** Pontesbury  
& Rea Valley



## Conservation Grazing with Goats on Earl's Hill.

The scree on the east face of Earl's Hill is a very rare and precious habitat. In recent years it has become overgrown with bramble, which is shading out the unique flora. We are trialling "conservation grazing" with six Golden Guernsey goats, who love to eat bramble, bracken and scrub and should be ideal for controlling the vegetation and restoring a natural balance. Golden Guernseys are a native breed, ideally suited to this habitat. They are very hardy and capable of living outside in all seasons.

The grazing trial is a partnership between Mossy Oaks, the Friends of Pontesford and Earls Hill, and Shropshire Wildlife Trust. The area that the goats graze is being controlled using NoFence collars. This means that the collars create invisible electric boundaries you cannot see. This allows us to graze the otherwise inaccessible slopes and target specific areas of ecological need.

Your dog must be kept on a lead in the area of the scree. Please do not approach or feed the goats. This will keep them safe and allow them to carry out their valuable work.

If you have any queries please contact the graziers Danni 07495785056 or Oli 07852772332 or visit <https://mossyoaks.co.uk/>



**The Friends of Pontesford and Earl's Hill invite you to our open AGM, with guest talk:**

**Caught on Camera: Wildlife in Shropshire and beyond by Stuart Edmunds (as seen on TV)**

As well as being the Shropshire Pine marten expert, Stuart has recently been camera-trapping in the Czech Republic.

7pm on Thursday 18th April in the Pavilion  
AGM from 7pm, followed by Stuart's talk.

Entry free - there will be a departing collection for Stuart's project



## Have you seen a Curlew?

Curlews are returning to our local landscape, please help Curlew Country's essential Curlew recovery work by reporting any sightings in and around your parish!

Follow this link to our website or scan the QR code to report a sighting!

<https://curlewcountry.org/report-a-curlew/>



Or call Amanda Perkins on **07458147161** or email: [curlewcountry@gwct.org.uk](mailto:curlewcountry@gwct.org.uk) for more information.



## Pontesbury & District Gardeners Association

The Annual General Meeting was held on 5th March. The Committee and Trustees were all re-elected *en bloc* and in their annual reports the Chairman, Treasurer and Trading Secretary all commented on how well the Association is doing. A lease on the trading Post was recently signed giving us security of tenure for the next 110 years.

### Spring Planting

April in the garden is the time for potatoes to be planted. Traditionally it was Good Friday when this happened – that day being the first one in the Spring when the workers had a day off. However the date for Easter is determined by the lunar calendar and there are many gardeners who now plant and harvest by the phases of the moon, so both approaches seem to tie in well together!

There is still a danger of frost until the middle/end of May so look after tender plants and seedlings until then. If you don't have a greenhouse in which to shelter the smaller plants you can wrap them in horticultural fleece when frost is forecast.

### Spring into the Garden

Don't forget the social evening at 7.30 on Thursday 16 May in the Public Hall. Admission is free, as are the refreshments, so all you have to pay for is anything that you buy from the plant and garden-related stalls that will be there. More information will be in next month's Newsletter.

At this point it is worth reminding ourselves that, although the Gardeners Association has been in Pontesbury for over eighty years, there are people new to the area who may not know how we work. The Association was formed with the aim of promoting gardening in the local area and now its main function is as a co-operative: buying garden consumables in bulk and reselling to members at rates lower than are normally found in garden centres, etc. The centre of activity is The Trading Post, which is a former railway shed by the old line in Pontesbury, and a view of the building itself is worth a visit.

For planting in Spring we have several varieties of seed potatoes, beetroot, pea and bean seeds and onion and shallot sets, which are sold in whatever quantity you want to buy. We sell loose grass seed all year round. .

The Trading Post is situated in the Old Station Buildings on Station Road and is open every Saturday from 9.30 to 12 noon.

## CATS PROTECTION



## NEUTERING SCHEME cat neutering & microchipping is available for £10

### Am I eligible for help with the cost of neutering?

If you meet any of the following criteria you can get your cat neutered and microchipped at one of our participating vets for **£10**:

- \*receipt of any of the following means-tested benefits: universal credit, income support, housing benefit, council tax benefit, pension credit, income-based ESA, income-based JSA, working tax credits and child tax credits
- \*have a household annual income of less than £25,000 before tax
- \*are a full-time student living away from home

### YOU DON'T NEED TO CONTACT CATS PROTECTION YOU DON'T NEED A VOUCHER

Visit <https://www.cats.org.uk/what-we-do/neutering/find-a-vet-new-scheme> to find your nearest participating vet.



### Pontesbury Open Gardens

12.30-4.00pm on Sunday 19th May 2024

We are delighted to announce that on Sunday 19th May there will be up to 10 gardens open in the village displaying the very best of design, plant growing and pleasure in the gardens of Pontesbury. Tickets, in aid of St. George's Church & Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, will be available from St George's Church and will cost £6.00 for adults and free for children under 12 years of age.

Tea and cakes will on sale at the church and a plant stall will be in the churchyard.

A programme and a map will be available on the day.

### Edge Village Garden Open

Sunday 14th April 2-5pm. Garden open for National Garden Scheme.

Chris and Bill Neil. Edge Villa, Edge, Yockleton SY5 9PY Home made teas. Adm £5 Chd free. Spring plants for sale.

Sunday 18th August 2-5pm. Garden open for National Garden Scheme.

Chris and Bill Neil. Edge Villa, Edge, Yockleton SY5 9PY Home made teas. Adm £5 Chd free. Plants for sale



Great gardens. great cake. great causes



## Pontesbury WI

Pontesbury WI met on the 11th March, starting our meeting with a presentation of a Cheque to Pontesbury Public Hall, our chosen charity this year. Mrs Shona Wood, Treasurer presented a cheque for £500 to Mr Neville Lewis representing Pontesbury Public Hall. The WI want the money to support the community who use the public hall, ensuring a local charity received the funds.

Our speaker was Susan Ord who talked about the Secrets of Handwriting. Susan spoke about how she is able to analyse handwriting. She helped us look at handwriting to determine the persons personality. For example looking at handwriting can tell you if the person likes or dislikes company, how people behave in certain situations. Susan's talk was extremely informative and we can not wait to invite her back next year to show us more techniques to discover how to understand handwriting.

Our raffle this month was won by Julie Jones a prospective new member, who won a beautiful plant donated by Shona Wood. The hostesses Barbara Scott, Sue Ward and Lena Rowson provided us with really lovely cakes.

Our flower of the month competition was won by 1st Lena Rowson, 2nd Shona Wood, 3rd Mary Crowther. This month we held a new fun competition where members were asked to bring a pretty button. The WI members had to vote which button was the prettiest. 1st place went to Shona Wood, joint 2nd Lena Rowson and Irene Windows & 3rd place, Sue Ward.

Our next meetings of the craft club will be on 16th of April. The craft club takes place at The Cock Inn Hanwood at 10am to 1 pm.

The next WI meeting will be on Monday 15th of April and the guest speaker will be the Singing Florist Jane Pugh.

### Pontesbury Women's Club

If you would like an entertaining Tuesday evening come along to our meetings

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

Annual General Meeting

With Cheese, Wine & a Quiz to mark Our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Strawberry Tea **6pm** at Edge Villa

Please contact June on 821772

If you would like to join us

PWC usually meets at 7.30pm on The second Tuesday of the month

**West Shropshire Flower Club** Dorothy Monks Shakespeare themed demonstration 'As you like it', took us through her interpretation of his many plays. She started with a double placement design using all the wonderful spring flowers around at this time of year in a very natural setting of garden foliage. Her design based around The Tempest showed the bubbling frothy waves using pampus and dried leaves with white snapdragons and anthuriums, and orange Leucospermum proteas and alstroemerias. Her Much Ado About Nothing was a simple jam jar arrangement.

Meetings are at Westbury Village Hall starting at 7.30pm, visitors welcome. The next meeting is on 24th April – 40th Anniversary Celebration Elizabeth Graham – Floral time travel

Why not join us for the flower arranging demonstration.

Please contact Irene Windows President on 01743 791903 for further information. Maxine Pittaway. Events Organiser.

### Green-winged Orchids of Minsterley Meadows

As reported in last month's newsletter Minsterley Meadows is up for sale and the Minsterley Meadows working group is hopeful for the success of ongoing negotiations. If so, a campaign will be launched to raise the necessary funds to purchase the meadows. Minsterley Meadows (SSSI) is a threatened habitat of national importance. It contains an abundance of Green-winged Orchids, characteristic of this type of land, which are nationally scarce.

#### Green-winged Orchids

Green-winged Orchids (*Anacamptis morio*) are short plants with narrow leaves (height 7-15cm) which live on unimproved grassland. Their name comes from the green veins in the 'hoods' of the flowers. (See photo below). They are mainly a stunning purple but colours can range from shades of purple to pink and even white.



Bumblebee on Knapweed

These orchids bloom in May and June and are pollinated by bumblebees.

Grasslands such as Minsterley Meadows, the home of the Green-winged Orchid, are ancient habitats which are vulnerable to change.

They need careful management and

hay cutting at the right time to ensure that they are kept in good condition. Cutting time is from mid-July to the end of August, after the flowers have set seed.

#### Green-winged Orchid

We have a valuable opportunity to safeguard the future of Minsterley Meadows and the Green-winged Orchids. More updates will follow but in the meantime for further information please contact: [in-fo@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk](mailto:in-fo@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk) See website: <https://middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk/>

The **Rounders** Season is due to kick start the third week of April with four teams playing in Pontesbury. The Mytton, Pontesbury, The Stables & The Plough Girls will be playing on Tuesday & Wednesday nights on the sports ground & Mary Webb Field.  
Pop along and watch - games start at 7pm

### PONTESBURY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB



Are you looking for a new activity? Have you thought about crown green bowling? We are a well established bowling club with 2 crown greens in the village with various teams catering for all abilities.

The bowling green will be open on Saturday 13th April as we are part of Pontesbury Sports Association Giant Funday when you can join in with members and try your hand at bowling.

For more information contact Lynette on 07970607913 or email lynettedbeedles@gmail.com

### Junior Cricket at Pontesbury 2024

This summer we will be running All Stars and Dynamos along with hardball cricket for both boys and girls. On Monday evenings we will be running a Dynamos session for boys and another for girls only.



On a Monday we will also be running our hardball coaching for the more experienced juniors. Juniors playing either hardball or softball will have the opportunity to play competitive matches throughout the summer.

Dynamos Cricket provides girls from 8-11 years old with non-stop fun. Each week there will be a focus on a different cricket skill to build their confidence and ability, before they take part in a 60-ball countdown cricket match.

Dynamos Cricket will help grow your child's love of the game, and will give them the opportunity to socialise and make friends in a safe environment.

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For more information contact Darrell Corfield - [darrell.corfield@shropshirecricketboard.co.uk](mailto:darrell.corfield@shropshirecricketboard.co.uk)



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### BOOK FAIR

In February, we held our annual book fair in partnership with Scholastic Books. The fair was held over 5 days, giving all pupils and their families an opportunity to purchase a range of books. We had a fantastic turnout and made over £800 in sales! This resulted in the school being awarded £400 from Scholastic to purchase books for our children. We are incredibly thankful to all who came to support and help with the fair.

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In January our Year 5 & 6 students spent the week at the Arthog Outdoor Education Centre, in Wales. It was wonderful to see them enjoying a range of challenges and activities, including climbing, gorge walking and orienteering. We were all so proud of how they approached the week by working together, supporting each other and persevering when things were tough.

### Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

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**The Friends of Pontesford and Earl's Hill invite you to our open AGM, with guest talk:**

**Caught on Camera: Wildlife in Shropshire and beyond by Stuart Edmunds (as seen on TV)**

As well as being the Shropshire Pine marten expert, Stuart has recently been camera-trapping in the Czech Republic.

7pm on Thursday 18th April in the Pavilion

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Please only send Word or .jpg documents, please DO NOT sent .pdf documents.

**Size of Articles.** There is a finite number of pages in each edition of Pontesbury Parish Newsletter, therefore groups are requested to adhere to the following guidelines when submitting articles for inclusion in the newsletter: to write a maximum of 250-300 words per article: to preferably include at least one photograph with each article, more can be provided to the editor to choose the best – groups' agreement on permission of people included in the photograph must be gained.

## APRIL 2024 DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Every Mon	6.30-7.30pm	Pontesbury Runners (advanced/intermediate runners)	Meet corner of Brookside & Minsterley Road
Every Tue	10am to 1200	Rea Valley Foodbank	Holy Trinity Minsterley
Every Tue	10.30am-1200	A Welcome Brew	Baptist Church
Every Tue	2pm	Tai Chi	Public Hall
Every Wed	1000-1200	Sea Change Drop-In for parents/carers of under 5s - free session with refreshments	Pavilion - Term-time only
Every Thu	1000-1200	Rea Valley Foodbank	St George's Church
Every Thu	7-9pm	Badminton Club	Mary Webb School
Every Fri	1000	Walking Local Footpaths	Meet at School Green
<b>Tue 2nd</b>	6.30pm	Pontesbury Planning Committee Meeting	Pavilion
Thu 4th & 18th	1100	Get Creative Group - free, refreshments provided	Pavilion
Sat 6th	1000-1pm	PCEAG Pontesbury Community Food Garden - come & plant some veggies & hear a talk at the coffee morning	Pavilion
Sat 6th	10.30am	FoPL Coffee Morning	Pavilion
Mon 8th	7pm	Pontesbury Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion
Tue 9th	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club	Public Hall
Wed 10th	1pm	Rea Valley Probus Club	Arscott Golf Club
Thu 11th	2pm	Rhyme Time	Library, Pavilion
Fri 12th	1030-1200	Good Neighbour's Coffee Morning	The Plough Inn
Sat 13th	1000-1200	St George's Coffee Morning	St George's Church, Pontesbury
Sun 14th	2pm-5pm	Edge Village Garden Open	Edge Villa, Edge, Yockleton SY5 9PY
Mon 15th	2pm	Pontesbury WI	Public Hall
Wed 17th	6.30pm	Pontesbury Festival 2025 - Working Party Meeting	Pavilion
Wed 17th	2pm	u3a - Politics, Science & Adventure in the Antarctic	Minsterley Parish Hall
Thu 18th	7pm	Pontesford & Earl's Hill AGM followed by a talk "Caught on Camera: Wildlife in Shropshire" by Stuart Edmunds	Pavilion
Sat 20th	1000-1200	Table Top Sale	Pontesbury Congregational Church
Fri 26th	10.30 - 1200	Pontesbury Carer's Support Group	Pavilion
Fri 26th	1145-1300	Good Neighbour's Luncheon Club	Public Hall
Fri 26th	7.30pm	Arts Alive presents The Holdovers	Haberley Village Hall
Sat 4th May	1000-1300	FoPL Plant Sale	Pavilion

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