

# Pontesbury Parish Newsletter

December 2023

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## Merry Christmas

*Pictured, left to right:*

*Nick Hignett, of Hignett's Stores, Pontesbury*

*Craig Pugh, Pontesbury Coop Manager*

*Ruby Hartshorn, Chair of Safe Places Shropshire*

*Councillor Duncan Fletcher, Chair of Pontesbury Parish Council*

**Safe Places in Pontesbury Parish** - the aim of Safe Places throughout Shropshire are to help make safer communities. Community venues, shops and businesses can all be safe places. ***Safe Places are for everyone.***

So, as well as Allcare in Pontesbury, new Safe Places include Hignett's, the Pavilion and the Coop, who have all recently signed up to be a Safe Place.

Each safe place will display a building sticker such as that pictured and cards can be issued to people who wish to use the scheme, the cards give someone's name and contact details for a family member or carer, to assist the person in the Safe Place to make contact with a family member or guardian.

Initial funding to set up the Safe Places initiative was from West Mercia Police (WMP) who totally support the project, and the scheme is currently financed by car boot sales/table top sales. Safe Places has just had a successful bid to Mid Counties Coop to assist with funding to improve the website.

Cards are available for your loved ones at each venue, call in and see us to sign up.

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

# Pontesbury Parish Council

The parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all those volunteers within our community for all the hard work you put in and to everyone within the Parish of Pontesbury for making this such a special community. The Parish Council wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



At the November council meeting the councillors listened to local comments and concerns about the proposed traffic calming measures in Pontesbury and discussed the parish council response to the consultation. This has now been delivered to Shropshire Council taking on board many of the comments made by local residents. Councillors also reviewed the Parish Council Strategic Plan now running from 2023-2026. This lists the priorities for parish council action and helps the council to budget and set the precept for the next financial year. The parish council invite feedback from local residents – the plan can be found on the parish council website

[www.pontesburyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.pontesburyparishcouncil.org.uk). Please send any comments to [clerk@pontesburypc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@pontesburypc.org.uk) or through your local councillor.

Councillors received a report on the management of Poles Coppice from Shropshire Council and have agreed to contribute £2000 for 2024-25 towards the management of this local nature reserve. The full report can be viewed on the parish council website. There are plans for an open day to let the public know how species rich the area is and how residents can get involved in conserving the area.

The council is looking for local residents to get involved in various community initiatives below, please contact [clerk@pontesburypc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@pontesburypc.org.uk) if you are interested in one or more of them.

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**D-Day celebrations.** The council is looking to organise activities to commemorate D-day and is looking for local residents who would like to get involved in planning an event

The parish council have recently taken ownership of the **green open spaces on the Hall Bank development**. Various ideas have been put forward about how these areas could be developed to benefit wildlife and for community use. The council would like to hear from anyone in the parish of Pontesbury who would like to join a working group to take ideas forward.

The well-used **play area** off Station Road needs to be reviewed and equipment replaced. If you have skills/interest in this area, please do get in touch.

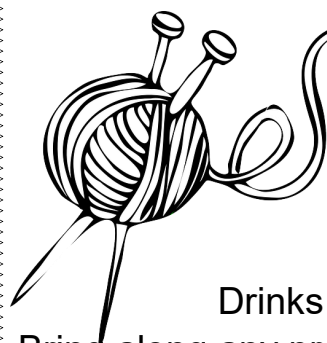
The next parish council meeting will be on Monday 11th December at 6.30pm at The Pavilion, Hall Bank.

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday 4th December 2023 at 6.30pm at the Pavilion. Please contact 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.

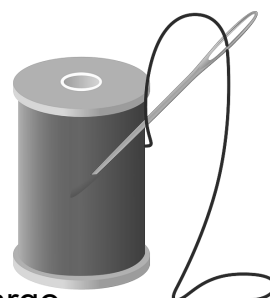
Thank you once again for saving your used stamps and taking them along to our post office in Pontesbury and popping them in the box provided. They go to The Rural Charity whose offices are based in Shrewsbury. As usual please just rip the stamps off the envelopes leaving plenty of envelope around them, don't attempt to cut the stamps off. Your contributions are very important and the money raised provides much needed help to our local communities. Thank you once again, Sheila

# the PAVILION

## Pavilion News December 2023 - What's On



We hope to see you at the  
**'Get Creative groups' on:**  
**Thursday 7th & 21st December**  
**at The Pavilion from 11am to 1pm**



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.

**Merry Christmas and best wishes for the new year from us all at the Pavilion.**

Come and visit the Pavilion and Library to see the snow people, who have been made by local children. There will also be a lit tree outside the Pavilion, and festive events happening in the building.



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



**Pontesbury Dementia  
Support Group**

Alternate Wednesdays in the  
Pavilion  
13th December @ 11.30am

| Pontesbury Library<br>Opening hours |           |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Monday                              | 10am -1pm |           |
| Tuesday                             | 10am -1pm | 2pm - 5pm |
| Wednesday                           | Closed    |           |
| Thursday                            |           | 2pm - 5pm |
| Friday                              | Closed    |           |
| Saturday                            | 10am -1pm |           |
| Sunday                              | Closed    |           |

    [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)  
General Enquiries: 01455 678 9000

### Pontesbury Library December Library News.

*"Snow had fallen steadily all night long and in the morning I woke in a room filled with light and silence, the whole world seemed to be held in a dream-like stillness. It was a magical day... and it was on that day I made The Snowman."* Raymond Briggs. The Christmas books are out! I have checked our library catalogue for books with Snowman in the title, there are 22. It's the theme this year, so come along and see our decorations and tree. There are plenty of crafting and Christmas preparation books, cookery books and heart-warming Christmas stories. Stock up, as we will be closed from 24<sup>th</sup> December to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. If you run out don't forget our E-library is available 24/7, ask us for your PIN to download the Cloud Library reading App and Pressreader for magazines.

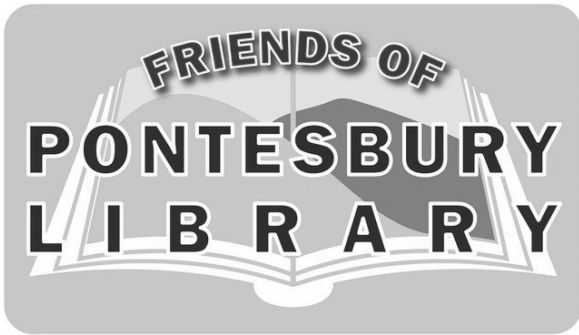
Christmas Jingle Rhyme Time will be Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

Merry Christmas from the Library Owl.



For all Pavilion enquiries please contact Anna at: [admin@pontesburypavilion.co.uk](mailto:admin@pontesburypavilion.co.uk)





## News from the Friends of Pontesbury Library

Our November coffee morning was the best supported yet, when many people came along to hear Caroline Wright talk about Miss Lily Chitty, a colourful local figure who made a huge contribution to the local and national archaeology archives and was remembered by many present. The Library Manager, Bev, has put together an exhibition about her life, and anyone who has more information about her is welcome to talk to Bev or Caroline, as a bigger picture emerges of all that she accomplished.

The lucky lottery winners were: 1st prize Sandra Hallett / 2nd prize Robert Davies  
3rd prize Marion Womack.

This month, after the usual coffee morning on the 2nd, we are excited to welcome Elvis himself, in the embodiment of 'Andy Elvis King', on Friday, 15th December in the Public Hall. Tickets are available from the usual local outlets and online at Eventbrite. The bar will be open, and a raffle will raise funds for FoPL.

During December the Friends are holding a family workshop on 2nd December from 10.30am to decorate the Pavilion for Christmas. Once all the festivities are over you can chip your Christmas tree for charity, by bringing it to the car park at The Ark Nursery on Saturday 6th January between 10-12am, (not the previous venue in Station Yard). This coincides with our January coffee morning so you can pop in for a cuppa and cake as well.

Wishing everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and thanks to everyone who volunteers and supports FoPL throughout the year.

**Pontesbury Public Hall**  
**Friday 15th December 7.30pm .**  
**Tickets £12 from Hignetts, Library,**  
**Connections, [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)**  
**Bar, Raffle Proceeds in aid of Friends**  
**of Pontesbury Library**

**Chip it for Charity!**  
Turn your Christmas Tree into chippings and please make a donation to raise much needed funds for the Community Library in Pontesbury

**Saturday 6th January 2024**  
**10.00am to 12.00noon**  
**Ark Nursery Car Park, Hall Bank, Pontesbury**

Great for:  
• Kindling  
• the garden

Suggested donation £5

• Reduce  
• Reuse  
• Recycle

WOOD MATTERS Professional Tree Care

FRIENDS OF PONTESBURY LIBRARY

For more info. contact Ben: 07974 300328

**Rhymetimes**  
Second Thursday of the month  
at 2pm - 2.45  
Songs and shakers!

The next Rhyme Time will be on  
14th December starting at 2pm.



Community  
Good  
Neighbours  
Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

## News & Events

### December 2023

#### Future Events

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



#### Coffee Morning - Friday 8th December 2023

10:30am to 12:00pm - Plough Inn

All are welcome to come along.

#### CGN Stall at Plough Inn Christmas Market - Saturday 9th December 11-4pm

*If anyone has any raffle donations and bottles they will be gratefully received by the Community Good Neighbours committee to help go on the fund raising stall for Good Neighbours Christmas stall at the Christmas Market at the Plough.*

#### Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 20th December

Still a few places available, contact Sharon

The Corbet Arms, Uffington, £30 including coach & two courses

#### Next Luncheon Club - Friday 27th January 2024

Public Hall from 11.45am to 1.30pm -

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



The first **Community luncheon club** took place on Friday 27th October. Lunch was served by our wonderful volunteers, cooked by Ali & Kim & enjoyed by 45 attendees with 5 meals delivered.

#### 100 Club Winners

##### September 2023

|     |               |
|-----|---------------|
| £25 | Alan Price    |
| £15 | Alan Crowther |
| £10 | Julie Kinsey  |

##### October 2023

|     |                |
|-----|----------------|
| £25 | Marie Rowson   |
| £15 | Kathy Oldfield |
| £10 | Chris Cousins  |

Please contact Sharon Davies at any of the events to claim your winnings.

**Shropshire Mental Health Support's Wellbeing Bus is visiting Minsterley on Tuesday December 12th from 10-2 p.m. and will be found on the Parish Hall car park.**

**It offers FREE mental health support from trained staff and volunteers. Information about other services available will be provided. For further information, please telephone 01743 368647**

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

**Services and activities for December**

3rd 10.30am Morning Worship  
 5th 2.30pm Tea service  
 8th-10th Christmas Tree and Crib Festival.  
*Fri 10am-6pm / Sat 10am-8pm /*  
*Sun 12.30-6pm*  
 10th 10.30am Holy Communion  
 17th 10.30am Holy Communion  
 6.30pm Carol Service  
 23rd 2pm Crib Service  
 24th 10.30am Group Service, Holy Trinity,  
 Minsterley  
 6pm Carols on the Green  
 11pm Midnight Communion.  
 25th 10.30am Holy Communion

**Pontesbury Baptist Church** [www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk](http://www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk)  
 We have services twice every Sunday – at 10:30am and 6:30pm.

For more information please email: [info@pontesburybaptist.co.uk](mailto:info@pontesburybaptist.co.uk)

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.

**Pontesbury Congregational Church Services for December 2023**

|               |                         |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| 3rd December  | 10am Deacons            |
| 10th December | 10am Rev. Debbie Martin |
| 17th December | 10am Rachel Powell      |
| 17th December | 6.30pm Carol Service    |
| 24th December | 10 am Rev Debbie Martin |

**Methodist Services for November 2023**

3rd Dec 10.45am Rev Richard Hall with Holy Communion  
 10th Dec 10.45am Church Members  
 17th Dec 10.30am Carol Service with Dr John Woolley  
 24th Dec 10.45am Rev Richard Hall  
 31st Dec 10.45am Mr Mike Hallworth

**Pontesbury Baptist Church**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

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

Sun 17th December @5pm

Carols by Candlelight

Sun 24th December @10.30am

Christmas Eve Service

Mon 25th December @10.30am

Christmas Day Service



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH PONTESBURY  
 INVITES YOU TO A PLOUGH SERVICE  
 TO CELEBRATE AND PRAY FOR OUR  
 FARMING COMMUNITY

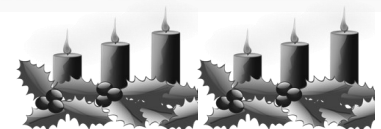
28th January 2024 at 7pm

Come and hear stories of hopes,  
 plans and challenges for the coming  
 year from our farmers.

Service followed by a light supper.

**St George's, Pontesbury**

|                         |                 |                |                                |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>           | <b>Dec 17th</b> | <b>6:30pm</b>  | <b>Carol Service</b>           |
| St George's, Pontesbury |                 |                |                                |
| <b>Saturday</b>         | <b>Dec 23rd</b> | <b>2:00pm</b>  | <b>Crib Service</b>            |
| St George's, Pontesbury |                 |                |                                |
| <b>Sunday</b>           | <b>Dec 24th</b> | <b>6:00pm</b>  | <b>Carols on the Green</b>     |
| Pontesbury              |                 |                |                                |
| <b>Sunday</b>           | <b>Dec 24th</b> | <b>11:00pm</b> | <b>Midnight Communion</b>      |
| St George's, Pontesbury |                 |                |                                |
| <b>Monday</b>           | <b>Dec 25th</b> | <b>10:30pm</b> | <b>Christmas Day Communion</b> |
| St George's, Pontesbury |                 |                |                                |



**St. George's Church**  
**Annual Christmas Tree & Crib Festival**

The Theme This Year is "Love"

Opening times

Friday 8th 10:00 - 6:00

Saturday 9th 10:00 - 8:00

Sunday 10th 12:30 - 6:00

Stalls, Raffle, Refreshments,  
 Toilets, Disabled Facilities

Entrance £3, children under 16 free  
 Proceeds to Severn Hospice &  
 St. George's Church

If you would like to enter a tree  
 please contact  
 Marianne McCall  
 Phone: 07944 333830  
 Email: [marianneccall17@gmail.com](mailto:marianneccall17@gmail.com)

**Pontesbury**

**Congregational Church**

**Come and join us for Carols  
 with the Carillion Choir**

**On**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**At 7.30 pm**

St George's Church with Holy Trinity  
 Minsterley has employed Emma  
 Stevenson as its new administrator.  
 Emma, will be the first point of contact  
 for all administrative matters and is  
 available on [officepontstip@gmail.com](mailto:officepontstip@gmail.com)

**Carols by Candlelight**

**@ Pontesbury Baptist  
 Church**

**Chapel Street, Pontesbury,  
 SY5 0RJ**

**Sunday 17th December  
 5pm**

Well-known Carols, Scripture  
 readings, and a Christmas  
 message, followed by mince pies  
 and hot drinks!

No need to book in advance –  
 just come as you are! Everyone  
 is welcome!

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



ST GEORGE'S CHURCH CRIB SERVICE

*Christmas:  
what's it all about?*



Saturday 23rd December  
2pm at St George's Pontesbury

*come and join us - everyone is welcome*



## Festive Friends 2023

Will you be on your own this Christmas Day?

If so, you are invited to join us for Christmas Lunch in Norbury!

Transport can be provided.  
Arrive for drinks and mince pies.  
Enjoy a two-course lunch.

Relax and enjoy some light entertainment and conversation.

Time: 11:30am - 3pm  
Venue: Norbury Village Hall  
Cost: Suggested donation of £7 to help cover costs.  
Contact: Adrian on 07948 327498 or Linda on 01588 630409 for more information and booking.



# What's on for Christmas

**BIG CHRISTMAS SING!**

COME AND SING  
CAROLS WITH THE  
**MARCHES CHOIR**

Conductor - Alistair Auld

WEDNESDAY  
**DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> 2023**  
7.00 pm

**ST JOHN'S CHURCH**  
Bishop's Castle

Children and families especially welcome!

Tickets £8 on 07806 433394  
or online from TicketSource



Children and students FREE

[www.marcheschoir.org.uk](http://www.marcheschoir.org.uk)

**CHRISTMAS MARKET**

JOIN US FOR CRAFT STALLS, MUSIC  
AND DELICIOUS TREATS!  
SANTA'S GROTTO

DECEMBER 9 • 11:00 - 4:00 PM  
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**u3a** Pontesbury  
& Rea Valley

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Wednesday  
2pm  
The Pavilion, Pontesbury  
*Sesaonal refreshments*

**u3a** Pontesbury  
& Rea Valley

Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a  
wishes all our members, past,  
present and potential, a very  
Happy Christmas.

Our Christmas celebration, for  
members of our u3a group only,  
will take place on Wednesday  
20 December 2023 at The  
Pavilion at 2:00pm.

There will be some seasonal  
refreshments and the event  
offers members the opportunity  
to meet up, share Christmas  
memories and have a jolly good  
time! We hope to see you there.



Our u3a is part of a UK and  
worldwide charity which helps  
retired and semi-retired people  
come together and learn for fun.

[u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley](http://u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley)



# What's on for Christmas



## A Christmas Concert

with **Shrewsbury Brass Band**

and special guests

**Minsterley School Choir,**

in St. George's Church Pontesbury

on **Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Tickets available on the door:

£10 (£5 for under 16s), refreshments inc.



## Wend's Winter Wonderland Charity Night

In Memory of Wendy Beesley

Friday 8th December  
19.00 - 00.00

Pontesbury Public Hall

Tickets £25

Includes:

Bucks Fizz On Arrival  
Christmas Yorkshire Pudding Wrap  
& Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake

**Live music from The Ronaldos**

Raffle Tickets Available

To purchase your tickets please contact:  
**Alltair Shropshire Ltd on 01743 792980**





## Pontesbury WI

Pontesbury WI met on Monday 13th November holding our annual Craft Fair. Many members of the public attended where numerous stalls selling Christmas gifts and crafts were available. The committee worked extremely hard to make it a successful Craft Fair. Our thanks to everyone who helped and to everyone who attended. There was a wonderful buzz in the room with people enjoying the refreshments and socialising.



Our next meeting is on 11th December where we will be having a Christmas Party for our members and we will be entertained by La Foley Gabriela, a Musical Comedy Act. There is also be having a table decoration competition along with a Christmas Raffle and other surprises. We are all looking forward to the event which should get us in the festive mood.

The WI Craft Club will be held at the Cock Inn Hanwood on Tuesday 5th of December. We will be making material wreaths ready for Christmas.

All Pontesbury WI members have prepared material hearts for our themed Christmas tree which will be displayed at St George's Church Christmas Tree Festival. We hope this will be a successful event for the church.

We are a vibrant club who enjoy many activities, events and outings. Our WI meetings are held on the second Monday Afternoon of the month at 2pm at Pontesbury Public Hall.

Please contact Irene Windows President on 01743791903 for further information.

Maxine Pittaway. Events Organiser.

### Pontesbury Women's Club

If you would like an entertaining  
Tuesday evening.....

**Tuesday 13th December**

Our Christmas Celebration!

A delicious Buffet, Music and a Quiz.

&

After New Year

**Tuesday 9th January**

A Fish 'n Chip Supper

With 'Show & Tell'

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



Rea Valley  
foodbank

The Rea Valley Foodbank supports anyone unable to meet their food bills and will provide a weekly parcel of food and other essential household goods

until financial circumstances improve. You need a referral to ensure that your parcel meets your needs, but it's really easy, just call: Greg 07902 794653 / Richard 07922 830488 or contact your Medical Practice or child's school.

Our teams give you a warm welcome when you come to either of these two venues to collect your parcel

Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley Tuesdays 10am-12.00

St George's Church, Pontesbury Thursdays 10am-12.00

**THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF CHRISTMAS HAMPERS** Referrals for these need to be made before 6 December – referral contacts are as above.

If you would like more information then please email  
[support@reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk](mailto:support@reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk)

Thank you from the family of Ben Worrall.

Benjamin 'Ben' was involved in a tragic traffic accident which resulted the loss of his life early on the first of October. With this tragic situation the family have been devastated. The grieving goes on.

On behalf of the whole family especially, Mark and Vikki, as grandmother to Ben, i would like to thank the people of this village and surrounding areas.

The two simple words 'thank you' are not adequate for all the messages, cards, gifts and hugs received. We feel that we are so lucky to live in such a loving, caring community. Your love and care means so much to each one of us.

We would also like to say a special thank you to both our local police and those from elsewhere.

The care given to the family from the start, when Ben was so brutally taken from us right through to the organisation involving the funeral. Thank you for everything. It was such an incredible occasion, helped by your care to detail.

Thank you everyone. Mary and Gerald Worrall, and family.

January 2024 Newsletter deadline is 11th December 2023, all info to [deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk](mailto:deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk)

## Pontesbury Cricket Club Women Scoop Top Prize

Pontesbury were named Shropshire Cricket Women and Girls club of the year for 2023. The presentation was made at the Shropshire Cricket Board awards held at the Albright Hussey Hotel on Friday 10th November.

The award was recognition for continued development of the Pontesbury CC women and girls section both on and off the field. On the field the club has girls representing Shropshire at U11 and U13 age groups, with those girls picking up awards at the recent junior awards.

Off the field the women have taken up coaching and team management roles to support the ongoing development of the clubs juniors.

To support the growth of women and girls cricket in Pontesbury the England and Wales Cricket Board gave a grant of £10,000 towards the upgrading of the facilities in the pavilion including an additional changing room with toilet and showers for women and girls.

Our women play hardball and soft ball cricket catering for players of all abilities from beginners to experienced hardball players.



Featured: Lucy Wilson, Justyna Jones, Katy Barber and Johan Gwilt

**PONTESBURY SPORTS ASSOCIATION** Work is well underway at Pontesbury Sports Association Pavilion with two changing rooms showers fitted and up & running. Still work to be done but all coming together now.

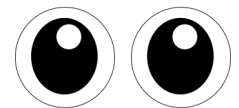
If you're handy with a paintbrush or eager to help we will be painting all of the inside and won't say no to any help. Give Tim or Darrell a shout.

Don't forget it's PANTO TIME in January.

### Pontesbury Players Pantomime - Pied Piper

31st January 2024 to 3rd February 2024

Poster to follow for the January issue, keep your eyes peeled.



## Pontesbury Primary School

Pontesbury CE Primary School visited the cenotaph at St. George's Church on Friday 10th November. They marked respect for all of those fallen in WW1 and WW2 and all those affected by war. Year 6 led the reflection and read the names of the fallen from the local community. The school then observed a 2-minute silence followed by a reading of Flanders's Fields. They were joined by members of the church and community too.



## NATURAL ENGLAND

### Notes from the hill

Well we have certainly had our fair share of rain this autumn with storm Babet delivering an awful lot of water in a short time, which as many will be aware, has caused considerable damage to some of the tracks on the hill, particularly up Perkins Beach. We have put up closed signs on this bridleway for safety reasons, due to there being an eroded crevasse over a metre deep in places. Work should be starting on its repair soon and will certainly be completed before Christmas and the boxing day "Dash or Dawdle".

If you are out and about on the hill over Christmas look out for the large flocks of thrushes that come to the reserve to feed on the berry bearing trees such as rowan, hawthorn and holly. The redwings and fieldfares come all the way from Scandinavia to join our resident thrushes, and mistle thrushes can often be heard defending their favourite bushes from these viking raiders.

Also take time to watch the ravens as they are likely to be showing off their aerial skills to each other as they pair up ready to nest as early as January. They are best watched at the top of the steep hillsides where they use the uplifting air to better perform their acrobatics.

*Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a happy New year from Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoroak*



### Pontesbury Local Causes Reap Rewards from Coop



Pictured Coop Store Manager Craig Pugh, Scout Leader Euan Bent & Coop Pioneer, Sharon Davies, celebrating Coop Local Causes payout of £1,648.99 to Pontesbury Scouts.



Pictured Coop Store Manager Craig Pugh, Coop Pioneer Sharon Davies and Good Neighbours Representatives Amanda Andrews & Rob Davies celebrating receipt of £2,140 from the Coop Local Causes Fund.

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The class will start again on Tuesday 9 January 2024. Do come along and join us at any time. We stop for a cup of tea and a chat at around 3pm, and then continue until four. Anyone is welcome - especially those who came once or twice and then gave up - and, of course, any newcomers.

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## **DECEMBER 2023 DIARY**

| Date                             | Time             | Event  | Venue                          |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 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 - see message on page 12   | Public Hall                    |
| Every Wed<br>Term-time only      | 1000-1200        | Sea Change Drop-In for parents/carers of under 5s - free session with refreshments | Pavilion                       |
| Every Thu                        | 1000-1200        | Rea Valley Foodbank  | St George's Church             |
| Every Fri                        | 10am             | Walking Local Footpaths  | Meet at School Green           |
| Wed 13th Dec                     | 11.30am          | Age UK Dementia Support Group  | Pavilion                       |
| Thu 7th Dec<br>Thu 21st Dec      | 11am             | Get Creative Group   | Pavilion                       |
| Sat 2nd Dec                      | 1030-1230        | FoPL Coffee Mornings   | Pavilion / Library             |
| Mon 4th Dec                      | 6.30pm           | Pontesbury Planning Committee Meeting  | Pavilion                       |
| Fri 8th Dec                      | 1030-1200        | Good Neighbour's Coffee Morning  | The Plough Inn                 |
| Fri 8th Dec                      | 7.30pm           | Carols with Carillion Choir  | Congregational Church          |
| Fri 8th Dec                      | 7pm to mid-night | Wend's Winter Wonderlight Charity Night  | Public Hall                    |
| Fri 8th Dec to<br>Sun 10th Dec   | Various          | Tree & Crib Festival   | St George's Church             |
| Sat 9th Dec                      | 11am to 4pm      | The Plough Inn Christmas Market  | The Plough Inn                 |
| Mon 11th Dec                     | 2pm              | Pontesbury WI  | Public Hall                    |
| Mon 11th Dec                     | 7.30pm           | Pontesbury Parish Council Meeting  | Pavilion                       |
| Tue 12th Dec                     | 7.30pm           | Pontesbury Women's Club  | Public Hall                    |
| Tue 12th Dec                     | 10am to 2pm      | Well-being & Mental Health Bus   | Parish Hall, Minsterley        |
| Wed 13th Dec                     | 7pm              | Marches Choir Big Christmas Sing   | St John's, Bishops Castle      |
| Thu 14th Dec                     | 2pm              | Rhyme Time   | Pavilion / Library             |
| Fri 15 Dec                       | 7pm              | A Christmas Concert with Shrewsbury Brass Band                                     | St George's Church, Pontesbury |
| Fri 15 Dec                       | 7.30pm           | A live tribute to Elvis Presley - FoPL   | Public Hall                    |
| Sun 17th Dec                     | 10.30am          | Methodist Carol Service  | Methodist Church, Pontesbury   |
| Sun 17th Dec                     | 5pm              | Carols by Candlelight  | Baptist Church, Pontesbury     |
| Wed 20th Dec                     | 1.00pm           | Probus Club Meeting  | Arscott Golf Club              |
| Wed 20th Dec                     | 2pm              | U3a Christmas Celebrations   | Pavilion                       |
| Wed 20th Dec                     |                  | CGN Christmas Lunch (inc coach travel)   | Corbett Arms, Uffington        |
| Mon 25th Dec                     | 11.30am to 3pm   | Festive Friends Christmas Lunch  | Marbury Village Hall           |
| Sat 6th Jan 24                   | 1000-1200        | Chip It For Charity  | The Ark Nursery Car Park       |
| 31st Jan 2024 to<br>3rd Feb 2024 | Various times    | Pontesbury Pantomime - Pied Piper  | Public Hall                    |

Closing Date for submissions for January 2024 edition of Pontesbury Parish Newsletter is Monday 11th December 2023. Please send all articles to [deputy@pontesbury.pc.org.uk](mailto:deputy@pontesbury.pc.org.uk).

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