

Pontesbury Parish Newsletter

February 2023

Issue No: 294

"it is the way of lovers to think that none can bless or succour their love but their own selves. And there is a touch of truth in it, maybe more than a touch."

~ Mary Webb

February is known for Valentine's Day, but here are two more fun facts about the shortest month:

Theory of Evolution

Charles Darwin was born on 12th February 1809, in Shrewsbury. He studied medicine at Edinburgh University, later obtaining a degree in Theology. Darwin's most famous work "Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection" was published in 1859.

Pounds, shilling and pence

Up until January 1970, we paid for goods and services in pennies and shillings - with 12 pennies to a shilling, and 20 shillings to the pound. On 15th February 1970 the country converted to decimal. Banks were closed for four days in advance to prepare for the change. The cost of converting telephone boxes across the country was £3m. While some new currency had been in circulation prior to the change over date, with the 50p coin appearing in 1969 (known as a 10 shilling coin at the time), it wasn't until 15th February that the new 1p and 2p coins were introduced to the general public.

Many apologies for the late delivery of the January edition of the parish newsletter. This was due to a delivery company (who shall remain nameless!) losing 15 boxes of newsletters & not finding them until 2 weeks later well at least it arrived in time to get your panto tickets!!!

**Closing Date for the March 2023 edition is
10th February 2023**

Please email contributions to deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk



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Pontesbury Parish Councillor in the Spotlight

Name: Michelle Trow

Occupation: Part-time administrator for NHS & the paperwork and general help on the farm.

Pontesbury Parish Council role: Parish Councillor, member of Planning Committee; Personnel Committee; Vice Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee; also member of Newsletter Working Group and Automatic Number Plate Recognition Working Group.



What ward do you represent? Cruckton Ward

Why did you become a parish councillor? I became interested in the Parish Council after speaking for a planning application on behalf of a neighbour, with the help of Councillor Allan Hodges. I then got involved with the Neighbourhood Plan Committee, we have successfully submitted a draft plan to Shropshire Council for approval. This then sparked my interest in becoming a Parish Councillor, wishing to become more involved in the community.

If you had enough money to fund a project in Pontesbury parish, what would you do? I enjoy gardening, growing my own fruit and vegetables, and it's a great way to get fresh air and exercise. I think a project to give people with small or no gardens the same opportunity would be good for the community, a small area for allotments or community garden.

There is still a vacancy for the Pontesbury ward of the parish council following a resignation. If you are interested in becoming a councillor please contact your local councillor or the Parish Clerk. Further useful information about what is involved in being a councillor can be found on the parish council website www.pontesburypc.org.uk

Pontesbury Parish Council News

At the January meeting each year councillors turn their attention to setting the precept for the following financial year – 2023-24. This done in two phases with the Finance and General Purposes Committee going through the previous year's costs in detail (prepared by parish council staff) and thinking about the year to come, before drawing up a budget. The proposed budget is then presented to full council at the January Full Council meeting. This thorough double examination means that as a council we are confident that we have prepared well and provided best value for money for the local community. This year was particularly difficult in the light of the cost-of-living crisis, so we have kept meeting our rising costs to a minimum. The precept is a 12.69% increase on last year, which means £1.40/month or 32p per week increase for a Band D property. Chairman Cllr Duncan Fletcher and/or Parish Clerk are happy to take questions from anyone about the precept.

The parish council have funded a new community noticeboard which is sited on School Green. One side is for parish council news, the other for community events. Please feel free to put up your posters. Please don't post over somebody else's event but feel free to take down posters of events that have already happened.

You will also have noticed near the noticeboard is the long-awaited replacement Platinum Jubilee Oak tree which was given to us by Shropshire Council. We have also planted one in Cruckton.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Monday 13th February, 6.30pm at The Pavilion. Please note the change of time. From October to April the parish council meetings start at the earlier time of 6.30pm.

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday 6th February 2023 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.



Pavilion News

February 2023

What's On in February?

A few of us returned in January to share projects we had been working on over Christmas, but we welcome more members to come and

Join us for another 'Get Creative group' on:

Thursday 2nd February 2023 at The Pavilion from 11am to 1pm

We look forward to seeing you - it's free! Bring along your project.

If you have any wool/needles, patterns or other craft materials that you would like to donate for this group, please bring them to The Pavilion any morning of the week. Thank you

Carer's Support Morning - Friday 24th February 2023 - from 10.30am

Shropshire Council, Age UK STW, Alzheimer's Society and Pontesbury Parish Council are working together to support carers in and around the parish. Everyone is welcome to attend and we aim to bring information you, the carer, wants to know about. The sessions are free to attend and refreshments are served, thanks to the Community Good Neighbours volunteers.



February in the Library

Snowdrop Time

Ah, hush! Tread softly through the rime,
For there will be a blackbird singing, or a thrush.
Like coloured beads the elm-buds flush:
All the trees dream of leaves and flowers and light.
And see! The northern bank is much more white
Than frosty grass, for now is snowdrop time

Mary Webb

It's that time of year when I look forward to woodland walks full of snowdrops, thought I'd share this short poem by our local author and poet. We have so many new families in the area I wondered whether they had yet discovered her work. I think it's time for a display!

Rhyme Time will possibly be on a different Thursday in February, so look out for posters and social media posts.

The Library Owl

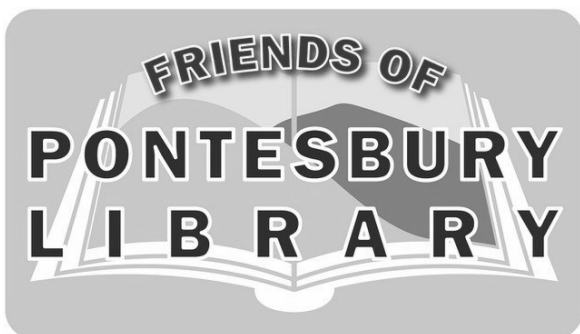


Pontesbury Library		
Opening hours		
Monday	10am -1pm	
Tuesday	10am -1pm	2pm - 5pm
Wednesday	Closed	
Thursday		2pm - 5pm
Friday	Closed	
Saturday	10am -1pm	
Sunday	Closed	

www.shropshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries: 0345 678 9000

Looking to hire a room, the Pavilion has rooms, large and small to hire. Please contact Anna Lawson, admin@pontesburypavilionc.co.uk or call in for a chat.



News from the Friends of Pontesbury Library

We have been fortunate to have the Friends' funds boosted by Val Sinclair's fantastic Mood Indigo concert in December, by the sale of Christmas trees at Hignetts', and Ben Jones (Woodmatters) chipping the trees on January 7th. This puts us on a good footing for the target fundraising for the year. By the time this newsletter goes to print we will also have the revenue from the raffle at the Pantomime by Pontesbury Players, all helping to keep our library not only open but thriving.

The Friends have donated a supply of colourful notebooks and pencils, to be given as a gift to any young person borrowing 'Be Calm' or 'Be Kind', in memory of author Marcus Sedgwick who donated the books to us in October and sadly died in November. Borrowers will be able to write down their own thoughts and keep the notebook for personal use, without spoiling the library books.

The lucky winners of the Lottery for January were:

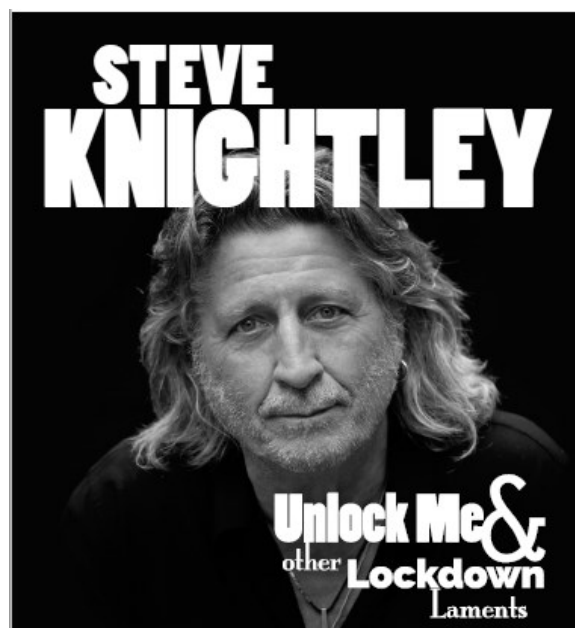
1st Polly Osborne

2nd Phil Dunn

3rd Victoria Walton

Our next coffee morning will be on Saturday 4th February – do come along for delicious cakes, the chance to browse the library, the February lottery draw, and perhaps some spontaneous poetry reading.

On 18th February acclaimed singer-songwriter Steve Knightley is performing at Minsterley Parish Hall, a rare chance for a local evening of top quality musicianship and storytelling. Profits after expenses will be donated to FoPL. See the advert and book your tickets on eventbrite.co.uk.



Minsterley Parish Hall
Saturday 18th February 2023
7.30pm
Tickets from eventbrite.co.uk
07971002682

Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks? Walking in Shropshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/shropshire> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

john@walkinginengland.co.uk



Community
Good
Neighbours

Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

News & Events

February 2023

10th February 2023

Coffee Morning

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

All are welcome to come along.

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

100 Club - January 2023 Lucky Winners

£25	Julie Kinsey
£15	Sharon Davies
£10	Dylan Jones

There is no Luncheon Club in February 2023

If you would like to volunteer OR you (or someone you know) would like a service, please leave a message on:

07944 891953



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/) and also www.shropshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help/cost-of-living-checklist/

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.

To find out more about energy bills updates that you may be entitled to, please have a look on our website (<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/council-tax/energy-bills-rebate/>).

Anyone worried about their bills or staying warm at home can also call Marches Energy Agency on 0800 112 3743 or email advice@mea.org.uk

We now have our own logo so look out for further information over the next few weeks as we continue to grow and become better known throughout the Rea Valley

The support of Shrewsbury Food Bank Plus continues as we become more established and enables us to help the many households where budgets are under huge pressure. In these unprecedented times, sudden illness, a delay in benefits, a large unexpected repair bill, etc, can easily cause a financial crisis. We will bridge the gap until your circumstances improve by providing a weekly parcel of nutritionally balanced food.

Throughout the county of Shropshire, people are keen to share with others and the Rea Valley community is no exception. We're here to pass that support on to those who could do with a bit of extra help.

You do need a referral but just call:

Reverend Greg Smith on 07902 794653 OR Reverend Richard Lonsdale on 07922 830488

and you will be warmly welcomed by our team when you come to your collection point.

Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley Tuesdays 10am-12.00

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

FINANCIAL DONATIONS ARE HUGELY WELCOME AND ENABLE US TO BUY ITEMS WE RUN SHORT OF: HERE ARE THE ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Name: The Rea Valley Foodbank

Sort Code: 51-61-06

Account Number: 76841804

The reference is: Donor . If you would like more information then please email support@reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk

Pontesbury WI

Pontesbury WI held it's first meeting of 2023 on Monday 9th January. We were delighted to have Gill Castle with us giving a talk about her time on Bargain Hunt. All members were really interested to hear about her appearances on this popular television programme. At the meeting our stem of the month competition was won by 1st Sue Ward; 2nd Lena Rowson; 3rd Marion Burgess. The raffle was won by Jean Drury.



The W.I. had a very busy December, one of the highlights being our craft stall at The Plough. Although cold Maxine and Shona had met many local Pontesbury friends. Another highlight had been the Sherry Morning at Barbara Raybould's house another wonderful festive event. Barbara made us most welcome with lovely warm mince pies and cheese scones and of course sherry. We held a raffle which was won by Shona Wood.

As we were very busy in December we will be holding our Christmas lunch on Tuesday 24th January at The Horseshoes, Dorrington. Our next meeting will be held on Monday 13th February. It will be an interesting meeting with our guest speaker talking about Recycling Rackets and Junk. Our craft Club is held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. (21st of February).

If you would like to join the W.I. we meet on the second Monday afternoon of the month at Pontesbury Public Hall. Please contact Irene Windows President on 01743 791903 for further information.

Maxine Pittaway Events Organiser

Shropshire Carers: We are pleased to share with you our new Winter Wellness Guide 2022. Full of information, all in one place. We hope you find this useful - please take a look via the link below: <https://shropshire.gov.uk/shropshire-choices/caring-for-someone-else/>



On a low budget? Want to save money

Visit shropshirelarder.org.uk to find out about low cost or free food and help with debt, benefits, housing and more in Shropshire.

Rea Valley Community Good Neighbours

For Food Parcels, Pop-Up Larders, Luncheon Club and help with prescription deliveries:

Call: 07944 891953 for a confidential chat



Keep Shropshire
Warm

0800 112 3743
advice@mea.org.uk

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

A Warm Welcome during the cold winter months. Each morning of the week through December & January, there is a warm building open where tea and coffee (and perhaps a little more) will be served. There is no charge for this and people are welcome to pop in for a short time or the whole session. Venues are open for this as follows:

Mondays 10-12 The Pavilion

Tuesdays 11-2 Pontesbury Baptist Church

Wednesdays 10-12 Congregational Church

Thursdays 10-12 St George's

Fridays 10-12 St George's

Any queries to Greg at rectorpontstip@gmail.com or 07902 794653 or to the venue in question



Snowdrop Walk



Saturday 18th February &

Sunday 19th February 10.30am - 4pm at Winsley Hall, Nr Westbury, SY5 9HB

Tea, Coffee & Cake Available

Entrance: Adults £5.00 - Children free

Dogs on Leads Welcome

in aid of Lingen Davies Cancer

Registered Charity No 1160922

A Warm Welcome at the HEAT HUB

Every Tuesday 11 – 2 pm

Pontesbury Baptist Church

Chapel Street, Pontesbury, SY5 0RJ

A warm welcome and a safe place this winter!

Hot drinks and refreshments free of charge / Free Wi-Fi / Games & Magazines / Children's toys / Easy Access / Toilets available

All welcome!

More details at:

www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk

Pontesbury Women's Club

Tuesday 14th February

'Get Crafty with paper, beads and wire'
Barbara Davis will give us instructions.

Tuesday 14th March

PC Jimmy Clarke on the subject of
'Cyber Crime and Fraud'

PWC meets at 7.30pm on

The second Tuesday of the month

At Pontesbury Public Hall

Visitors and New Members are always welcome



Habberley Village Hall 'Brian and Charles' PG cert on Saturday
4th February at 7.30pm .

Saturday 4th March 2022 at
Habberley Village hall at 7.30-pm -
film is called **The Duke**. cert 12a.

TACKLING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Pontesbury Parish Council

Declaration of Climate Emergency

January 2020

In January 2020 PPC resolved to declare a climate emergency and to aim for net zero carbon by 2030.

The council also helped to bring together interested local residents to form a community group - [Pontesbury Climate Emergency Action Group](#) (PCEAG) who first met in February 2020 and were very excited to undertake all sorts of projects.

During Lockdown, within guidelines, PCEAG held a series of virtual talks including: Centre for Sustainable Energy, Phil Holden from Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Beauty, Hedgehog Officer from Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Nancy the Wildlife Gardener

Raise awareness through monthly 'just one thing' articles in the village newsletter. We also carried out a series of quick win activities that also served to raise awareness locally of the group and its aims inc.;

- planting a hedge alongside a main thoroughfare,
- planting an area of pollinating plants and planting wildflowers and bulbs along the footpath to the play area.

In each of these areas we put up a weatherproof sign telling people what we had done and why, accompanied by the group's logo (designed by a young resident).

As restricted lifted, regular events were held:

- 'Spring back on your bike' event to encourage active travel; an information event about waste and recycling; Repair
- Cafes and a series of talks including topics such as wildflower verges and tree planting.
- Members of the group have also held 'Carbon Conversations' by sitting in the local library on Saturday mornings and chatting to people who want to find out more about how to reduce their carbon footprint.

Areas the action group plan to focus on next are:

Local food and community growing. By matching residents who are struggling to maintain their garden with people looking for space to grow food and to promote growing your own food - an event is planned for Spring 2023 at The Pavilion

Continuing with projects to increase biodiversity in the parish – tree/hedge planting and wildflower meadow creation including a verge alongside the cycleway – there will also be educational events to raise awareness locally

Encouraging people to use carbon footprint tools to raise awareness of areas in which to reduce consumption/carbon emissions and then annually reviewing their footprint to see what effect the changes have made

[Parish Council climate mitigation activities](#)

As well as supporting the work of the Pontesbury Climate Emergency Action group, the parish council aim to audit council buildings, services and activities and draw up an action plan to work towards these being net zero carbon by 2030.

One of the largest sources of carbon emissions for the council is the community building that they own and run. A carbon and energy audit of the building has been undertaken, and the parish council are currently exploring installing energy generation equipment such as an Air Source Heat Pump and photovoltaic cells/battery in order to reduce the carbon emissions of the building by up to 85%. The aim is for the building to model ideas that local residents could implement in their own homes, including reducing single plastic use in the building; increasing recycling, rainwater harvesting and community growing in planters around the building.

Other climate change mitigation projects the parish council are exploring/have completed include:

- Solar lighting along a cycleway linking Pontesbury to Minsterley – to further encourage cycling & walking for school, work and leisure purposes
- Converting all of the streetlights to LED units to reduce energy use
- An approved list of local contractors/suppliers to reduce transport distances
- Speed calming projects to reduce traffic speed and carbon emissions throughout the parish
- Cycle to work scheme for parish council staff and councillors
- Tree and hedge planting on parish council land and with local landowners/groups

If you are interested in getting involved locally with combatting climate change, please contact clerk@pontesburypc.org.uk or Liz Knowles (Chair of Pontesbury Climate Emergency Action Group) on elizabethknowles1@googlemail.com


JUST ONE THING.....to help save the planet

Tip No. 11 Think Twice when making Travel Plans

Are you contemplating making plans for a summer holiday ? Perhaps, think twice before confirming your holidays and research how best to travel, where to stay and what activities to do whilst there. If you are going to fly consider ways to be more sustainable, for example by reducing your baggage and travelling lighter. A good source of suggestions can be found at National Geographic – a beginners guide to sustainable travel in 2023.



Pontesbury Climate Emergency Action Group



**we're
talkin'
trees**

It's only a tree:
50 years of trying
to get it right...
for trees and people!

**A humorous
look at the
world of trees**
through the eyes of
Ian McDermott
Professional Arboriculturalist.

Habberley Village Hall
18th Feb 7.30pm
Tickets £7.50pp
...to include cheese & biscuits
Pay on the door or phone:
01743 790179

Wildlife and Wonder from the Shropshire Borders and Beyond

– a talk by Andrew Fusek Peters

Interested in wildlife on your doorstep? Then come along to the Annual Meeting of the Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group is on Thursday 16th February 7pm at Minsterley Parish Hall.

The evening will feature an entertaining and informative talk from top photographer Andrew Fusek Peters telling the stories behind his incredible wildlife and landscape photographs. There will also be updates on local wildlife surveys and projects.

The event is free to attend (Funded by the Green Recovery Challenge Fund) and all are welcome. For further information contact reavalleycwg@gmail.com

Photographs courtesy of Andrew Fusek Peters

Swallowtail in flight, Norfolk




Moon rise over Edgton



Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a

The *Best of the* Stony Ridge Flights



Photographs by Ric Morris
Feather and Hay Photography

u3a
Pontesbury & Rea Valley

OPEN MEETING
Members & non-members welcome

Speaker:	Ric Morris
Date:	2pm
Time:	Wed 15 Feb 2023
Place:	Minsterley Parish Hall, SY5 OHS
Cost:	Free

Refreshments available

Learning for fun and friendship, for the retired and semi-retired

Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 2pm Minsterley Parish Hall

Join Ric Morris with Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a at 2pm on Wednesday 15 February 2023, at Minsterley Parish Hall, at our next Open Meeting, for a feast of aerial photography of the Stiperstones area.

The show features rarely seen images captured from Espiritu hot air balloon flights during the early 2000s. We fly south from Plox Green along the Stiperstones Ridge on an evening in late summer 2001 before doubling back on a second flight northwards from Linley Hill, in the crisp early morning light of spring 2004.

Our gorgeous Shropshire countryside and villages change subtly from season to season and from year to year, so as

these are all photographs from around 20 years ago, why not spend an afternoon enjoying the landscape of our recent past from a whole new perspective!

The u3a is a charity that promotes lifelong learning across a wide range of activities and subjects and which fosters friendship and fun, open to anyone who is retired or not in full-time employment. Our Open meetings are available to both members and non-members alike. Please come and join us for a fascinating presentation.

For more information check our website: u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley.

Pontesbury Repair Café On Saturday 14th January we had another Repair Cafe in St George's Church Pontesbury. It was again a huge success with numerous items coming in for repair of which the majority were fixed, sadly one or two items were beyond salvage...but you never know until you ask or try. For every item repaired this meant less things going to landfill. This is a vital part of helping the climate crisis.

It was an absolute pleasure to see so many people bring their possessions to the Repair Cafe in January. The wonderful volunteers again did an amazing job fixing most items. We had radios, clocks, a chair, clothes, a toy tractor, a carpet cleaner, a picture frame, a broken bowl, a nativity scene, lamps, a steamer, a bread maker... a couple of things couldn't be fixed but most of them could. All the clothes were repaired and given a new lease of life. Our seamstresses and all the volunteers were super busy.



We will be holding our **next Repair Cafe** on the second Saturday in March between 10 and 12 in **St George's Church**. **Date for your diary is: 11th March 2023. time 10 - 12**, please arrive early to give the volunteers chance to fix things. Glue can take time to set, some items take longer than others.

If you enjoy trying to fix things please do come along as a volunteer to help us, we are a friendly bunch and welcome all helping hands.

Thank you to everyone: from the fantastic volunteers that give their precious time to do this wonderful act towards helping the climate crisis, to the church wardens and Greg who kindly allows us to use his church and also to those of you that bring your items to be repaired. A warm thank you to every single one of you.

St. George's Church

www.st-george.org.uk

Services and activities for
February 2023

5th 10.30am Morning Worship
7th 2.30pm Tea Service
12th 10.30am Holy Communion
19th 10.30 am Holy Communion
21st (Shrove Tuesday)
11am St. George's Explorers
(Pancake races)
22nd (Ash Wednesday) 6.30pm
Holy Communion
26th 10.30am Holy Communion

Pontesbury Baptist Church

Chapel Street, SY5 0RJ
www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk

We have services twice
every Sunday – at
10:30 am and 6:30 pm

Our services are open to everyone, so you don't have to book ahead or inform anyone you're coming. There's no dress-code, please just come as you are. We have no set or reserved seats, you're welcome to sit wherever, and with whomever, you like.

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

For more information about the wider work of our church, or if you want to get in touch with our Pastor Mike Wells, please use the following email address: info@pontesburybaptist.co.uk

Methodist Church

Services for February 2023

5th Feb at 10.45 am with Mr. Wesley Morris
12th Feb at 10.45 am with Mr. Nigel Gibbon
19th Feb at 10.45 am with Mr. Wesley Morris
26th Feb at 11.00 am Cluster Service at Wattlesborough

Pontesbury Congregational Church

Services for February

Sunday 5th Feb. 10:00 Congregation
Sunday 12th Feb 10:00 Rev Debbie Martin - Communion
Sunday 19th Feb. 10:00 Roy Ellis
Sunday 26th Feb. 10:00 Rev. Debbie Martin

NB Wednesdays 10:30 - 12:00 Warm Place for all, coffee and fellowship. All welcome.

Pontesbury Thursday Night

Badminton Club have recently started up the Pontesbury Thursday Night Badminton Club and are looking for new members.

Mary Webb School, Pontesbury on
Thursday nights between 7pm & 9pm.

Places are limited, there is a waiting list which names are placed once capacity is reached. Anyone of 18 years old or older and any playing standard, including novices. The only condition is that you must be able to freely move around the badminton court. The cost is currently £40 per school term or £5 per week for a 3 week trial period. If you have any queries about this then please let me know.

If you are interested in playing please email naoakley01@gmail.com or call 07821643685 for further information. Please do not attend on a Thursday night unless you have been specifically invited as we may be at our membership limit and may have to politely send you away.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER



By the women of Taiwan

**"I have heard about your
faith" Ephesians 1:15-19**


**Methodist
Church**

Pontesbury Hill

Friday 3rd March 2.30pm


Followed by refreshments

Everyone is very welcome!



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Rea Valley Probus Club

2023 Meeting Dates:

8th February
8th March

Venue & Time:

Arscott Golf Club at 1pm



Open 5:30pm to 10pm

Special 4 course Banquet Night
Every Sunday £14.95 per person

Buffet Night Tuesdays £14.95 per person

We are closed Mondays except Bank Holidays

Private parties can be catered for,
please ring 07763839775


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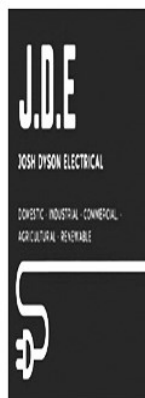
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For details of all that our Eisteddfod has to offer, and how to enter please visit our website: minsterleyeisteddfod.com. Any enquiries can also be directed to our Facebook page or email at minsterleyeisteddfod@gmail.com. The closing dates for entry into written classes is 6th February and for all performance classes it is 13th February 2023.

If you would prefer to have a schedule sent to you then please contact Lesley on 01743 791045.

Our Eisteddfod day is open to the public to enjoy yet the amazing array of talent does not end there. We conclude our weekend with a wonderful concert featuring Rhos Male Voice Choir under the direction of James Llewelyn Jones. The concert will feature special guests, local soprano Joanna Cooke and mezzo soprano, Sadie-Beth Holder. Both ladies have been competing at the Eisteddfod since the age of four and have gone on the study music in their respective genres. The evening will also feature the mesmerising talents of violinist Jody Smith and is guaranteed to be a wonderful musical extravaganza.

Tickets are available by contacting Mrs J Blyth on 01743 791908 or any other committee member.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to join us at Minsterley Parish Hall on Saturday 18th March for Eisteddfod Day and Sunday 19th March for our celebrity concert.

FEBRUARY 2023 DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Every Tue	10-12am	Rea Valley Foodbank	Holy Trinity Minsterley
Every Tue	2-4pm	Tai Chi	Public Hall
Every Thu	10-12am	Rea Valley Foodbank	St George's Church
Every Thu evening	7-9pm	Pontesbury Thursday Night Badminton Club	Mary Webb School
Thu 2 Feb	11am - 1pm	Get Creative Morning - Free with refreshments	Pavilion
Sat 4 Feb	10.30am	Friends of Pontesbury Library Coffee Morning	Pavilion
Sat 4 Feb	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks film showing of 'Brian & Charles'	Habberley Village Hall
Mon 6 Feb	6.30pm	Planning Committee Meeting	Pavilion
Wed 8 Feb	1.00pm	Probus Club Meeting	Arscott Golf Club
Fri 10 Feb	10.00-12.00	Community Good Neighbours Coffee Morning	The Plough Inn
Mon 13 Feb	2pm	Pontesbury WI	
Mon 13 Feb	6.30pm	Pontesbury Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion
Tue 14 Feb	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club	Public Hall
Wed 15 Feb	2pm	u3a Best of Stony Ridge Flights talk	Minsterley Parish Hall
Thu 16 Feb	7pm	Wildlife & Wonders from Shropshire Borders talk	Minsterley Parish Hall
Sat 18 Feb	7.30pm	We're Talking Trees	Habberley Village Hall
Sat 18 Feb	7.30pm	Steve Knightly - Unlock Me & other Lockdown La-	Minsterley Parish Hall
Sat 18 & Sun 19 Feb	10.30am to 4pm	Snowdrop Walk in aid of Lingen Davies	Winsley Hall, Nr Welsbury SY5 9HB
Fri 24 Feb	10.30am	Carer's Coffee Morning - join us for free refreshments & expert help	Pavilion
Mon 6 Feb	Closing date	Minsterley Eisteddford Written Classes	
Mon 13 Feb	Closing date	Performing Classes	

MARCH 2023 DATES

Fri 3 Mar	2.30pm	World Day of Prayer	Methodist Church
Sat 4 Mar	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks film showing "The Duke" 12A	Habberley Village Hall
Wed 8 Mar	1pm	Probus Club Meeting	Arscott Golf Club
Sat 11 Mar	10-12.00	Repair Café	St George's Church
18/19 Mar		Minsterley Eisteddford	Minsterley Parish Hall

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