

Pontesbury Parish Newsletter

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Well done Netty!



Local lady, Jeanette Hamer ran the London Marathon on behalf of Lingen Davies charity on Sunday 23rd April.

Her aim was to raise £4,000 for Lingen Davies, but so far her fund-raising events and sponsorship for the London Marathon have raised a whopping £9,693.88.

Thanks are extended to her amazing family & friends, along with all her supporters throughout Jeanette's marathon journey.

See the full interview with Jeanette Hamer over the page.

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Deadline for July edition is 13th June 2023 - please send all articles, requests for adverts and event dates to

deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk

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

What was it like running the London Marathon?

Why did you decide to run the London marathon?

I watched my niece's husband run the London Marathon back in 2019, it was an amazing atmosphere just being a spectator, I thought then that I'd love to actually run it one year. Sadly, my brother in law, Alan Hughes, passed away last September, so I knew all about Lingen Davies and the Cancer Charity. I decided, what better way to take part in this incredible event by helping to raise money for this wonderful charity.

What was your training plan?

A 16-233k training plan for beginners, mainly consisting of 3 runs per week, so I added strength training and lots of swimming into it as well, because I needed to get myself fit and healthier.

Did you ever feel like giving up and what motivated you to keep going?

As soon as I started training I posted my JustGiving page and sent out lots of emails to businesses. I started to receive sponsorship from people and businesses straight away – with my determination and now sponsorship - that was great motivation.

Also, thinking of the amazing treatment and care that my brother-in-law received during his 2-year battle with cancer kept me going. The charity enabled him to enjoy family holidays, walk his youngest daughter down the aisle – spend extra-special time with his gorgeous grandchildren and see his beautiful granddaughter being born. The family were able to make lots more memories to treasure during those 2 years thanks to Lingen Davies.

How did you feel arriving in London?

I was super-excited about the whole experience, from picking up my bib, to taking part on the day.

Were you nervous or excited on the day?

I was only a tad nervous on the day, but my excitement totally outweighed any nerves.

What was the atmosphere like?

It's very hard to describe just how amazing the atmosphere was, from start to finish it was just incredible. Considering we had lots of rain I couldn't believe how many people still lined the streets, there were bands & singers playing all over the place, people on their balconies dancing to music, kids waiting to high-five us (I tried to high-five as many as I could), and people offering refreshments. It's an experience that I'll never forget.

How did you feel running round?

I felt emotional at times, but also proud that I was taking part in the London Marathon. There were lots of poignant parts; Tower Bridge was one of them, seeing Big Ben and Buckingham Palace; having your name shouted out by complete strangers was very overwhelming; they say you normally hit a wall, but I never did, I was never going to give up – I could not have let all my supporters down.

What went through your mind when you heard/saw family cheering you on?

I was extremely emotional when I saw my family at 3 different points, I knew roughly where they'd be which helped, but to see your name on a banner and have that support from my family really got to me.

How did you feel when you ran over the finish line?

Seeing the finish line was amazing, the last 200m felt like the longest 200m I'd ever run in my life – knowing that you'd completed a marathon (but not just any marathon, the actual London Marathon) is simply awesome, a feeling of great achievement that I will never forget. I have raised £9,693.88 for Lingen Davies so far. A huge thank you to everyone of you who has supported me.

Pontesbury Parish Council News

The Council held its last Parish Meeting on Tuesday 9th May 2023, due to the bank holiday. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 12th June 2023, at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

The last parish council meeting was the annual meeting where councillors elect a Chairman, Vice Chairmen and Committee members are nominated and agreed. By a unanimous vote, Councillor Duncan Fletcher was once again voted in as Chairman and Councillors Nick Hignett and Michelle Trow are Vice Chairmen. The Chairman gave a vote of thanks to Councillor John Pritchard for his welcome advice and work throughout his tenure as Vice Chairman.

PCSO Sarah Edwards attended the meeting on behalf of the Safer Neighbourhood Team and several issues were raised. One matter was parking near junctions - vehicles should park 10m or 33 feet away from any junction. The local policing team will be monitoring the situation in the parish and may issue B20 advisory notices regarding the matter. Shropshire Councillor Roger Evans reported that the Local Government Boundary Commission report had been received by Shropshire Council, giving details of the Shropshire Councillor ward boundaries - currently open for consultation. A parish council boundary review will take place following this.

Please can dog owners keep their dogs on a lead when walking on the footpath past the play area of Station Road, Pontesbury – there have been a number of incidents recently with dogs fouling in the play sand and owners not picking it up or are unaware as the dogs have run off after getting out of the car.

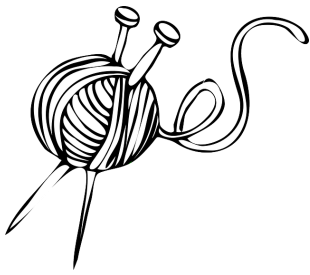
The next Planning Committee meeting will take place on Monday 5th June at 6.30pm in the Pavilion and all members of the public are welcome. If you wish to comment on a planning application please use the Shropshire Council planning portal at <https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/> or pass your comments through Cllr A Hodges at ahodges@pontesburypc.org.uk.

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and there is a dedicated 15 minute spot for people to raise issues, bring news or you can just come along and listen.

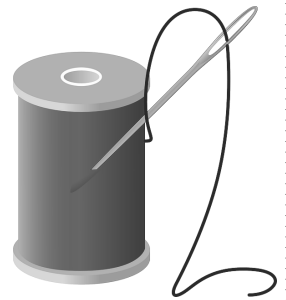


the PAVILION

Pavilion News June 2023 - What's On



We hope to see you at the
‘Get Creative groups’ on:
Thursday 1st and 15th June 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 - no charge!

Carer's Support Morning - Pavilion, Hall Bank, Pontesbury

Friday 30th June 2023 - from 11.30am [please note change of start time]

Shropshire Council, Age UK STW, Alzheimer's Society, Pontesbury & Worthen Care Coordinator, Pontesbury Parish Council and Rea Valley Community Good Neighbours are all working together to support unpaid carers locally. Everyone is welcome to attend and we aim to bring information you, the carer, wants to know about. The sessions are held on the last Friday of each month, 10.30-12.00, they are free to attend and refreshments are served, thanks to the Community Good Neighbours volunteers.

Everyone is welcome to attend and the sessions are a chance to have a cuppa, chat, share information and connect with others who are supporting family or friends

Please note the 30th June carers group session will be a later start time of 11.30 - 13.30 and will include a light sandwich lunch and entertainment as a celebration of carers week earlier in June. We require numbers for the lunch so please call Celia on 01743 250679 or email h.tazewell@nhs.net or Celia.macintyre@shropshire.gov.uk to book by 23/6/23



Elevate Strength & Balance Classes

held in the Pavilion
on Mondays from 2-3pm &
Thursdays from 10-11am

Contact Energize to book your place:
Email: elevate@energizestw.org.uk
Call: 07852 871589 or 01743 297191

Elevate classes are designed to improve strength and balance for local people aged 60+



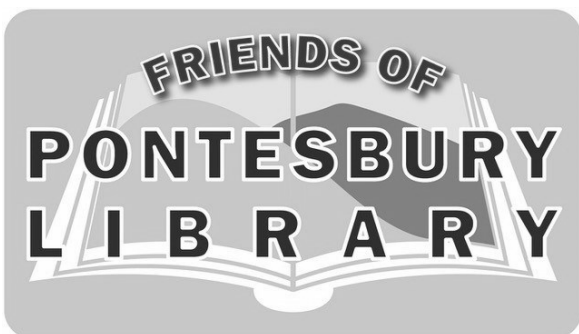
Wednesdays 10-12am – Sea Change Trust Family Drop-in & Craft – FREE Term Time Only



Pontesbury Dementia Support Café

Alternate Wednesdays in the Pavilion

7th & 21st June @ 11am



News from the Friends of Pontesbury Library

The plant sale at the Pavilion on April 29th was a huge success, raising over £1,000 for FoPL funds. The sale also featured second hand books, jigsaws, and of course, coffee and cake. The fine weather on the day was an added bonus. The committee offers a huge thank you to everyone who donated plants and books, the volunteers who baked and served, and to all who helped with the setting up and clearing up, thereby helping the event to run like clockwork and boost the coffers. Prior to that, on April 15th, Sal Tonge and Mary Keith had entertained a very appreciative audience with 'Stories and Songs for Spring', complete with seasonal and foraged refreshments, and after costs, donated £100 to FoPL. We also thank Pontesbury WI for their generous donation of £300. By the time this newsletter is published, we will have had the AGM on May 18th, with guest speaker Emily Bell, from the homeless charity The Ark in Shrewsbury. Our vice chair, Bob Tune, who has been on the committee since its inception, is standing down, leaving a vacancy for that role. We would like to thank Bob for his dedicated commitment to FoPL. We do need more volunteers to become involved with the Friends of Pontesbury Library. If you value the presence of the library in our village, please do consider joining the committee – it is not an arduous task, and the reward is knowing that you will be helping to secure our library service for the future, in the face of the ever-present threat of cuts in funding.

At the Coronation coffee morning on 6th May, the lucky lottery winners were:
1st prize Andrew Calder 2nd prize Viv Boden 3rd prize Robert Davies

The lottery winners for June will be drawn at the coffee morning on 3rd June. For updates on all FoPL events, you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram.




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



Rhymetimes

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

Thursday 8th June from 2pm to 2.45pm



Enjoy hundreds
of publications
all available with
your library card







Community Good Neighbours

Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

News & Events

June 2023

9th June 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.



*Lady's
Afternoon Tea*

£20 a ticket to include
Afternoon Tea & a
Welcome drink

Tickets available shortly
(limited availability)

29TH JULY 2PM-5PM
at the Plough Inn Pontesbury

There will be Irish Bingo,
Ladies Tombola and a Raffle

In memory of Alan Hughes & Wendy Beesley

PROCEEDS TO LINGEN DAVIES
CENTRE & THE LITTLE RASCALS
FOUNDATION



In the event of rain the event will
move to Pontesbury Public Hall



**Do you have some spare time
to help your community?**

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

07944 891953

Rea Valley Community Good
Neighbours need volunteers, if you
can spare an hour a week to pick
up prescriptions, have a chat over
the phone or visit someone who is
isolated, please call us on the
number above, we'd love to hear
from you. Thank you

100 Club winners for April

£25 Jackie Daves

£15 Connie Clayton

£10 Joan Rogers

100 Club winners for May

£25 Kath Sherry

£15 Joy Jones

£10 Denise Evans



Rea Valley
foodbank

There are now more foodbanks in the UK than
there are McDonalds!

No-one wants to see foodbanks but they are
now an essential service and we are really encouraged by the
following figures since we began the Rea Valley initiative last
September:

- 299 people living in the Rea Valley have been supported
- 1634 kilos of food and other essentials have been donated
- 4425 kilos have been distributed

So, THANK YOU to Shrewsbury Foodbank PLUS for donating 2971
kilos of food to make up our shortfall and enable us to support so many families. However, we know that many
more people still need our help to get them through financial difficulties. Please don't choose between buying food
or paying household bills. Let us sort the food until your situation improves. See details on page 7.

Pontesbury WI AGM & Afternoon of Coronation Celebrations



Oh what an afternoon. Firstly we held our AGM where we recapped on a wonderful year of interesting talks and visit. We had also completed many Pontesbury community based activities either by giving money to local charities or by giving practical help. Mrs Irene Windows was re-elected as President & all committee members re-elected.

We are looking forward to another successful year with lots of interesting talks and events.

The highlight of our afternoon was a Coronation Celebration. An afternoon tea organised by a great cook, Lena Rowson and her helpers. We all toasted the King and sang God Save our King in a fantastically decorated room, with metres of bunting, thank you to the Committee. Maxine Pittaway had made a Coronation Cake which was cut by our President.

The Coronation Quiz was won by Sue Ward. She certainly knows all about the Royal Family. She liked her royal gift as did Shona Wood who, unfortunately, scored the least points. There were a large number of entries for the table decoration - Jane Rushworth judged all the beautiful flowers. Maxine Pittaway took 1st place winning a bottle of Prosecco; 2nd place went to Shona Wood and 3rd place went to Lena Rowson. The raffle was won by Doreen Wigley. who won a grow your own Sun Flower Kit donated by Lorna Wright.

Every member who attended along with our guests received a WI Coronation Mug made specially for the WI to celebrate the Coronation. It really was an afternoon of fun and laughter, entertained by the brilliant Paul Ray, (Paul Rushworth) comedian /magician. I have never heard the WI members laugh so much. Paul and Jane joined us for the afternoon tea. His imaginative performance really made the afternoon complete. Thank you Paul.

You are welcome to join the WI at our our next meeting on June the 12th. You can attend for 3 meetings without payment. We meet on the second Monday afternoon of the month at Pontesbury Public Hall. Please contact Irene Windows President on 01743397903 further information.

Pontesbury Women's Club

Tuesday 13th June

Keeping Active
with Dan Lewis

Tuesday 11th July

Shrewsbury Flax Mill
a talk by Richard Bonella

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

West Shropshire Flower Club The April meeting was a Club evening on leaf manipulation. Penelope Harrison started the evening by presenting a variety of leaves that had been shaped, rolled, plaited or woven to create interesting forms and textures, showing how they could be used in arrangements. Penelope went through step-by-step instructions on a variety of techniques with different leaves. We started with some fatsia leaves, then went on to discover how to split a phormium leaf into 6 and weave the strands into a rose. The game was then raised, a demonstration on how to weave a phoenix palm leaf, and also a platting technique, this was a bit trickier and needed quite a lot of concentration. A great evening and some new skills learnt!

The next meeting of the West Shropshire Flower Club is on Wednesday 24th May 2023 – with a demonstration by Kath Hones and Betsi Davies – It takes two!

Meetings are at Westbury Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.
Following meetings are: 28th June 2023 – Visit

JUST ONE THING to help save the planet

Tip No 15: Be careful what you buy

Take up label reading! When making a purchase we can all be more conscious about what we buy and where it comes from.

We can check product information, including the country of origin, quality and what the item is made from.

By supporting eco-friendly products and produce that are less damaging to the environment, we will encourage companies to consider more sustainable ways of bringing their goods to market.



Pontesbury Climate Emergency Action Group

Pontesbury Congregational Church Services for June 2023

4th June 10 am Deacons
11th June Rev Debbie Martin
18th June Rev Richard Lonsdale
25th June Rev. Debbie Martin

Wednesdays 10.45 -12 noon -
Coffee/tea and fellowship. Everyone
welcome

St. George's Church www.st-george.org.uk

Services and activities for
June 2023

4th 10.30am Morning Worship
6th 2.30pm Tea Service
11th 10.30am Coronation Service
18th 10.30am Holy Communion
21st 10.30 am 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. You don't have to book ahead, and there's no dress-code - please just come as you are. Everyone is welcome! For more information please email: 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.

June Services:

Sunday 4th June 10:30 am: Mike Wells / 6:30 pm: Songs of Praise

Sunday 11th June 10:30 am: Mike Wells / 6:30 pm: Rod Ward

Sunday 18th June 10:30 am: Rob Jack / 6:30 pm: Martin Wells

Sunday 25th June 10:30 am: Mike Wells / 6:30 pm: Mike Wells

Methodist Services for June::

4th June 10.45 am with Mr Wesley Morris

11th June 10.00 am Cluster Service at Minsterley Methodist

18th June 10.45 am with Dr. John Woolley

25th June 6.30 pm cluster service at Asterley Methodist

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



SONGS OF PRAISE

Pontesbury Baptist Church
Chapel Street,
Pontesbury, SY5 0RJ



Sunday 4th June

6:30 pm

Discover the stories
behind the hymns!

With Pastor Mike Wells

All are welcome!

Coffee and Cake

at St. George's
Church, Pontesbury

10am to 12 noon
on

Saturday 3rd June

Big Stall of home made
cakes, and produce.

Please come along and
support your local
church

Caring and sharing within the community

If you are currently in a financial crisis then we can bridge the gap until your circumstances improve by providing a weekly parcel of nutritionally balanced food, along with other essential household items. You do need a referral but just call the numbers below or email support@reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk

Reverend Greg Smith 07902 794653

Reverend Richard Lonsdale 07922 830488

A referral ensures that your parcel will meet the needs of you and your family and take into account any diet requirements. 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

We are in need of donations of men's toiletries, women's toiletries and carrier bags. These can be dropped off at Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley or St George's Church, Pontesbury.

Financial donations are also welcome, enabling us to buy items we run short of: here are the account details:

The Rea Valley Foodbank 51-61-06 76841804

The reference is: Donor

Coronation news from around the parish

Pontesbury Primary School celebrated the coronation on Friday 5th May. Alongside a lovely banquet, full of British classics, the children received a commemorative bookmark (kindly purchased by our Friends group), dressed in red, white and blue or regal dress and made their own crown. Each class had a winning crown creator who was crowned in assembly and became the King/Queen for the day (see picture right) - Tom Lowrie-Herz (Acting Headteacher)



Pontesbury WI celebrated with a Coronation Celebration afternoon tea . The King was toasted and we all sang God Save our King , with metres of union bunting & a Coronation Cake cut by the President

Cruckton Village Hall celebrated with a Coronation Dinner, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

St Thomas & St Anne's Primary School, Hanwood pupils received a King Charles III commemorative medal each, as a special keepsake of the Coronation.

Plealey Residents Association organised a King Charles III Coronation event which was attended by 91 people.

Future Ready Homes

Future Ready Homes is an MEA project (delivered in partnership with SWEA) to promote retrofit and energy efficiency in homes across the Marches. In this work we keep coming up against the same issue - householders are confused, they're not sure what's the best way forward, they want to decarbonise their homes but they need really clear, accurate, impartial advice.

So MEA have launched a new website <https://futurereadyhomes.org.uk/> with lots of useful FAQs answered.

If your question isn't covered there, get in touch via the website and we'll get our boffins onto it right away. We have resident experts at MEA and at SWEA, and if they can't help we've gathered an expert panel of architects, structural engineers, heritage specialists and others, so we're confident we can find you an answer, no matter how tricky the question.

MEA is an independent charity supporting communities in the Midlands. We deliver practical solutions to reduce fuel poverty and cold homes, promote energy reduction and encourage the uptake of renewable energy.



Living in Brittany
France

OPEN MEETING
Members & non-members welcome

Wed 21 June 2023
2pm to 4pm
Minsterley Parish Hall
Refreshments available

u3a Pontesbury & Rea Valley

Make the most of life, join our u3a

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

- 20 plus interest groups in our local u3a; something for everyone
- start at any level
- a warm welcome
- meetings are in person or by zoom, depending on the group
- new groups are formed when sufficient members express interest



learn, laugh, live

Contact
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u3a
Pontesbury & Rea Valley

The Pontesbury Perambulation

Join Our Charity Walk in aid of
Shropshire Rural Support & Rea Valley First Responders

August 13th 2023

Registration opens at 10am
in field next to The Nags Head
Pub (Pontesbury)

Two overlapping, circular routes
to choose from :-

- **10 miles (3-4 hours)**
- **5 miles (2-3 hours)**

A voluntary £10 donation per walker. Maps
will be given to all walkers at registration

Walking Local Footpaths

Would anyone like to explore the local footpaths with a group of friendly people?

A little bit of background - in 2008 Pontesbury Walking for Health was set up with support from Pontesbury Medical Practice. We met each Friday outside the Surgery at 10am and took a circular walk for about an hour (2-3 miles) and finished at St George's Church for tea/coffee and biscuits.

Unfortunately COVID put a stop to group walking and we also lost a few walk leaders due to a variety of reasons.

Last year a small group of us met up again and continue local walks. We meet on School Green at 10am on Fridays for a walk lasting an hour or so, finishing at St George's for refreshments.

If you would like to join us you are very welcome, it won't cost you anything but do wear sensible shoes.

Contact Barbara Davis davisb459@yahoo.com for more information.

Shropshire's draft Cycling and Walking Plan

Now is the chance to inform Shropshire Council of your thoughts and ideas about walking and cycling in the county.

From Tuesday 2 May 2023 people can share their thoughts about an ambitious proposed network of new and upgraded walking and cycling routes across Shropshire – including new cycle lanes, footpaths, crossings and bridges.

A six-week consultation into Shropshire's draft Cycling and Walking Plan runs until 16 June.

The cycling and walking plan (also referred to as the LCWIP*) sets out a 10-year plan for delivering new or improved infrastructure for walking and cycling in Shropshire – to encourage more people to choose active modes of travel wherever possible.

The plan focuses on seven key market towns – Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Bridgnorth, Market Drayton, Church Stretton, Ludlow and Whitchurch. These areas have the largest numbers of people and therefore offer the greatest opportunity to increase levels of cycling and walking.

A list of proposals has been drawn up for each town, with schemes ranked in order of priority based on their effectiveness and deliverability. To comment, please follow this link: <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-lcwip/>

Get Growing ...

The Get Growing event, organised by the Pontesbury Climate Emergency Action Group, was a great success. Fortunately the sun shone for us and we were able to plant up the community planters on the Pavilion patio with vegetables. Several children helped with this, putting in runner beans, squash, lettuce and mixed salad seeds, so many thanks to Alex, Nicholas and Lana.

We are establishing a group of local people who are interested in doing more community food growing in the future. This will produce good quality fresh food free of road miles and chemicals for people in our community. If you are interested in joining the group please get in touch:



elizabeth
knowles1@gmail.com



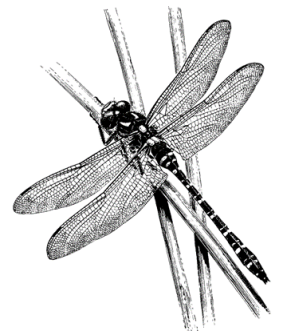
Pontesbury Gardeners' News (100th message)

This is the time of year when you can sit back for a while and enjoy your garden. The last frost should have been and gone, and summer bedding planted out, the hanging baskets and pots placed outside where they look the best, and the fruit bushes starting to bear their crops. Pontesbury Gardeners Association have developed a mixture of various composts and growing media specifically for hanging baskets and patio pots: this is PonGarMix (Pontesbury Gardeners Mixture), and comes in reasonable sized, and reasonably priced, bags.

Work isn't over entirely as the pots and baskets need watering and the weeds are also growing. You also need to feed your flowers and veg crops to ensure that you get the best from both. Tomato food is a good general purpose food for flowers and fruit, and at the Trading Post we have other feeds for particular groups of plants. We have a good stock of netting to protect your crops from pests that would eat them before you get the chance.

NATURAL ENGLAND Notes from the hill

It has been a wet spring this year which has benefitted some of the wetland habitats on the hill. The Stiperstones is not known for its wetlands, however the springs that emerge from the hill feed some of the sites richest wildlife areas with clean water of varying acidity. These areas of spring fed mire and bog are known as flushes and they are home to a wealth of plantlife, insects and birds. Unfortunately they are not as large as they might be, for when they meet the adjoining farmland they are often channelled into drainage gulleys to hasten the water downhill. In recent years, with hotter summers, many of the springs have been drying up, which puts these wet flushes at risk of disappearing altogether. It is in these wet flushes and pools that our upland dragonflies can be found. The two key upland species in our area are the black darter and the golden-ringed dragonfly.



The golden-ringed dragonfly is our longest dragonfly and is associated with small acidic streams on heaths and moors. As a flying adult it is an impressive and fast predator, large enough to take other dragonflies, wasps and bumblebees. It is also an ambush predator in its larval form, when it lives buried at the bottom of small streams. Acidic streams have few nutrients and so have limited productivity, for this reason the larvae are very slow growing and can spend as long as seven years in the water before emerging as an adult dragonfly. This long period of time as a larvae makes them particularly sensitive to periods of drought or pollution incidents.

The black darter is at the other extreme, it is the smallest dragonfly in the UK. It is a delightful dragonfly with stunning black and yellow markings. Unlike the golden-ringed it prefers still water and breeds in shallow acidic pools. It is a late flying species best seen between July and September and again is an efficient predator of other insects.

Generally dragonflies are coping well with climate change, they benefit from higher temperatures and are a mobile adaptable group. The 2021 state of dragonflies report, reported that 41% of our dragon and damselfly species have significantly increased in their ranges since 1970. Only 5 species have declined and these included the black darter and the golden-ringed dragonflies.

For more information on Shropshire dragonflies see the Shropshire Dragonflies website, or join your local community wildlife group. Our forthcoming events include:

- Blakemoorgate cottages open day – Sunday 11th June 11am-3pm.
- Introduction to scything courses – Sunday 9th July and Monday 24th July.
- We will also be helping to run the Shropshire Hills Hay Meadow Festival at the Discovery Centre in Craven Arms on the 15th July, see you there.

PONTESBURY PLAYERS PRESENT:

AN AMATEUR
PRODUCTION OF ~

BY DAVID
TRISTRAM

LAST TANGO IN LITTLE GRIMLEY

FROM FLYING DUCKS
PUBLICATIONS
BY KIND PERMISSION OF SAMUEL FRENCH

WARNING:
CONTAINS
ADULT THEMES

PLUS
SKETCHES
AND
MUSIC

CERT:
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SATURDAY 3RD JUNE

7.30
PM

AT
PONTESBURY
PUBLIC HALL

TICKETS

£5
FROM
HIGNETT'S
790228

BAR & RAFFLE

Junior Pontesbury Players:

Roald Dahl's

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

A Play adapted by
Richard George
Published by Puffin Books



SUNDAY 2ND JULY

FREE ENTRY
NO GOLDEN
TICKET REQUIRED

2.30
PM

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Public Hall

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Mozart - Regina Coeli

Sunday June 4th


7.30 pm
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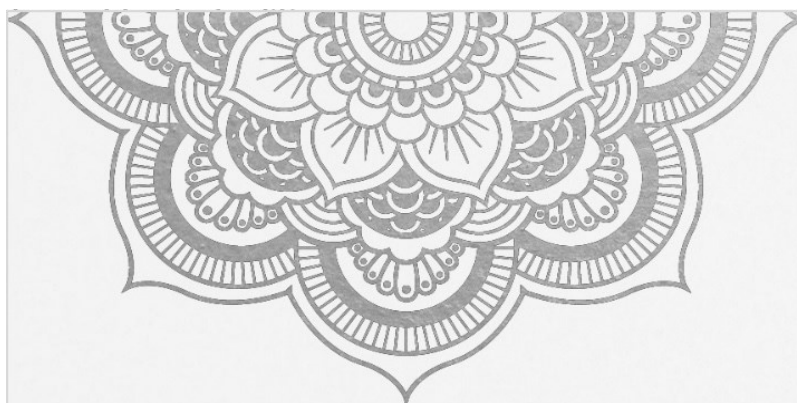


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Date	Time	Event	Venue
Every Tue	10am to 12 noon	Rea Valley Foodbank	Holy Trinity Minsterley
Every Tue	10.30am-12 noon	A Welcome Brew	Baptist Church
Every Wed Term-time only	10am to 12 noon	Sea Change Drop-In for parents/carers of under 5s - free session with cuppa	Pavilion
Every Thu	10-12am	Rea Valley Foodbank	St George's Church
Every Fri	10am	Walking Local Footpaths	Meet at School Green
Thu 1 Jun	11am - 1pm	Get Creative Morning - Free with refreshments	Pavilion
Sat 3 Jun	10am to 12 noon	St George's Coffee & Cake	St George's Church
Sat 3 Jun	10.30am	Friends of Pontesbury Library Coronation Coffee Morning	Pavilion
Sat 3 Jun	7.30pm	Pontesbury Players presents "Last Tango in Little Grimley"	Public Hall
Sun 4 Jun	6.30pm	Songs of Praise	Baptist Church
Mon 5 Jun	6.30pm	Pontesbury Planning Committee Meeting	Pavilion
Fri 9 Jun	10.30-12.00	Community Good Neighbours Coffee Morning	The Plough Inn
Mon 12 Jun	2pm	Pontesbury WI AGM	Public Hall
Mon 12 Jun	7.30pm	Pontesbury Parish Council meeting	Pavilion
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Wed 14 Jun	1.00pm	Probus Club Meeting	Arscott Golf Club
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Wed 21 Jun	2pm	u3a Living in Brittany!	Minsterley Parish Hall
Wed 28 Jun	7.30pm	West Shropshire Flower Club	Westbury Village Hall
Fri 30 Jun	10.30am	Carer's Coffee Morning - join us for free refreshments & expert help	Pavilion
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