

Pontesbury Parish Newsletter

May 2024

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Pontesbury Parish - Community and Events

As you will see month on month, the village diary is full of events and things to do. From films and table top sales, to open gardens, plant sales and community gardening.

In celebration of all the wonderful community groups and activities, a band of willing volunteers has got together, under the auspices of Rector Greg, to start to organise a Pontesbury-wide festival in 2025.

Date for your diary: Friday, Saturday & Sunday 27th - 29th June 2025 - Pontesbury Festival.

A shout out to all groups who would like to put on an activity or event during the Festival weekend, please get in touch via email:

pontesburyfestival@mail.com

Emails will also be sent out to the contacts we already have, but don't wait, just get in touch with us, we'd love to hear from you.

The purpose of the Festival is to celebrate the life of Pontesbury through activities and shows for all ages, throughout the whole weekend. If you'd like to get involved with the organising of the Festival event please come along to one of the upcoming meetings or get in touch via email and we can tell you more. Working party meeting dates:

Monday 20th May @ 6.30pm in the Pavilion

Monday 24th June @ 6.30pm in the Pavilion

Monday 22nd July @ 6.30pm in the Pavilion

We look forward to hearing from you.

One such annual event is coming up at the beginning of May - Saturday 4th May sees the annual Friends of Pontesbury Library Plant Sale - always a good turnout, come rain or shine - some sunshine this year please - more details on page 4.

There are also several community venues in the village, the Public Hall, the Congregational Church Hall and the Pavilion Community Hub & Library - all of these venues have events and also rooms to hire.

Other villages in the Parish also have Village Halls;

Cruckton Village Hall is holding its AGM on 29th May at 7pm in the village hall, pop along & see what Cruckton has on offer.

Habberley Village Hall, the setting for many a lively event, including birthday parties, Karoke, the Summer produce show, the Harvest Festival, Burn's Night supper and dance, the summer BBQ and skittles matches, along with Arts Alive shows and films.

We have a table top sale and the annual duck race at St George's Church on 1st June to look forward to.

The Pontesbury Parish Newsletter is a great place to advertise your event, and it's free. Just email deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk and your event will be added to the diary and if you have a poster, this can be included too.

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

Pontesbury Parish Council

Before the April parish council meeting councillors and staff received cyber security training from Greg Lawrence at Shroptech. It is crucial to keep up with the latest fraud and scamming schemes for those in public office and protecting public funds. At the April parish council meeting a verbal report was received from PC Rich Walters including an update on a large operation in March which resulted in 7 arrests. PC Walters also asked people to be vigilant about possible sightings of suspicious vehicles in known wild bird nesting sites as we enter the season of wild bird egg theft. As always PC Walters urged people to report on 101 any incidents of anti-social behaviour and crimes committed. The councillors also received an update from the Pontesbury Youth Group who are now firmly up and running with a member of staff who is liaising closely with Mary Webb. Councillors agreed to give a grant of £4000 to Pontesbury Sports Association so that they could complete their Phase 1. Works to bring the sports pavilion up to date. Councillors thanked all involved in the hard work at the Sports Association.

The next parish council meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 13th May, 7.30pm at The Pavilion. This is the meeting where Councillors are signed up to parish council committees, and for representing the parish council on various external organisations. In addition, Councillors receive the Parish Council Annual Report which will be included in the June newsletter.

The parish council wish to thank Amy Brookes who has served recently as a parish councillor in the Pontesbury ward. Amy is now moving out of the 3 mile radius of the parish in which Councillors have to reside. This leaves a vacancy for a new councillor.

Local Councillors are the champions of their community who invest time in local projects and issues to the benefit of residents and the neighbourhood. Councillors attend to local needs of residents, local groups and businesses, make decisions on local services, collaborate with the local authority to adhere to local needs, and progress vital projects to invest in the future of the community. If you think you have

the enthusiasm and experience to be as a parish councillor, please contact your ward councillor or the Parish Clerk via email; clerk@pontesburypc.org.uk to state your interest.

The next Planning Committee meeting will be held on **Tuesday 7th May** 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 Councillor Hodges at ahodges@pontesburypc.org.uk. All new planning applications for the area are listed on the parish council website.

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Rea Valley Probus Club – 2024 meeting dates: All meetings are at Arscott Golf Club, on the second Wednesday of each month at 1pm. For further information and contact details please visit our website, reavalleyprobusteam.org.uk

8 May 2024	12 June 2024	10 July 2024
4 August 2024	11 September 2024	

Closing date for submissions for the June edition of the Pontesbury Parish Newsletter is Friday 10th May 2024, please send articles & adverts to deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk



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

**at The Pavilion from 11am to 1pm on
Thursday 2nd & 16th May 2024**



Drinks and biscuits are provided and there is no charge.

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

Everyone welcome.

**Pontesbury Carers
Support Group
Friday 31st May
10.30am - 12 noon**

A chance to meet and chat to others in a relaxed and informal meeting. There is lots of information sharing with coffee and company and a chance to speak to professionals if you wish to. We will also be doing some singing for well being to lift our spirits and have some fun.



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



**Pontesbury Dementia
Support Group**

Alternate Wednesdays in the
Pavilion

1st, 15th & 29th May @
11.30am

Pontesbury Library News

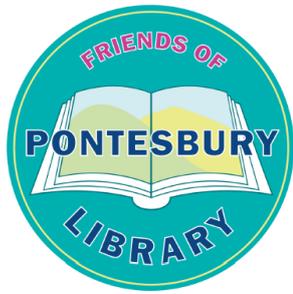
As you will read on the FoPL news, May is the time for their grand Plant Sale. It's been so wet this year, hoping May will bring some dry, sunny weather. There are lots of gardening books in the library to give ideas and tips, from planting pots to crops and flowers. The Pavilion Patio is starting to bloom, some families have already been out to stretch their legs. After the children have chosen their books feel free to bring some snacks and take a break on the garden furniture before you set off back home.

You may recall in the April newsletter I shared some QR codes. These should take you straight to your account, I'd be interested to know whether you have tried it out. Let me know next time you are in the library.

Rhyme Time will be 9th May at 2pm.



**FOPL Plant Sale - Saturday 4th May 2024
10am to 1.00pm in Pontesbury Pavilion**



News from the Friends of Pontesbury Library

SPRING PLANT SALE – DON'T MISS IT!

Help out your garden and help keep our Community Library open. Donations of plants, seedlings and all things garden-related plus good condition books will be gratefully received beforehand during Friday 3rd May at the Library & Pavilion garden and on Saturday morning 4th May at 9am.

FOPL coffee morning and Community Garden launch

Thanks to all of you who came along to this joint event on 6th April, Phil Bradshaw, from the Climate Action Group, gave a very well-received summary of progress so far about the Community Garden, based behind the Ark Nursery on Cricketers' Meadow. Do go and have a look at the raised beds, trees and the newly erected shed. To progress the project further more volunteers are needed to help: the reward will be to share in the benefits of the flowers, veg and fruit that's cultivated. You won't need your own tools to join in. Get in touch with the Pavilion about how to take part. You don't have to make a regular commitment, so why not give it a try?

School Library Service

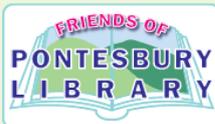
Shropshire Council budget cuts have hit the School Library Service. Four staff have been made redundant and the service wound up, as we understand it, with immediate effect. The service provided additional resources for both primary and secondary schools county-wide, particularly appreciated when schools are already struggling with their own finances. For more information about a petition challenging the decision can be seen at change.org Save Shropshire's School Library Service

Congratulations to our April Library Lottery Winners! 1st David Sharp / 2nd Steve Anderson / 3rd Andrew Hill



It wouldn't be a FOPL Plant Sale without a book stall - hardbacks and paperbacks at bargain prices





PLANT SALE

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

PLANTS, SEEDLINGS, GARDENING PRODUCTS, BOOKS, MAGAZINES

TEA, COFFEE & CAKE & RAFFLE



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

Further information from pontesburylibrary.co.uk
Facebook: Use Pontesbury Library
yvonne@pontesburylibrary.co.uk





**Community
Good
Neighbours**
Pontesbury & Rea Valley District

News & Events

May 2024

Future Events

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



Coffee Morning - Friday 10th May 2024

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

All are welcome to come along.

Gentleman's Club

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



**REA VALLEY FOODBANK IS LOOKING FOR A
STORAGE FACILITY IN THE PONTESBURY -
MINSTERLEY - REA VALLEY AREA**

It needs to be a clean, dry, weather and rodent proof area, able to accommodate 2-3 tonnes of canned and packaged food.

We are willing to pay for what would be a permanent facility but are hoping for charitable rates. If you have something to offer or know where a suitable storage facility might be available, please contact the Chair, Greg Smith on 07902 794653 or at rectorpontstip@gmail.com

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. The Foodbank is available to people living within the Rea Valley ie, Hanwood, Pontesbury, Minsterley, Hope, Worthen, White Grit, Brentlawnt, Yockleton, Westbury, Habberley, Snailbeach, Stiperstones, Brockton, Cruckton & Cruckmeole

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

Alternatively GP's and schools are able to make referrals



Cruckton Village Hall AGM

Wednesday 29th May 2024 at 7pm

Cruckton Village Hall



Rhyme Time

9th May at 2pm



Pontesbury Library @ the Pavilion

Rhymes, stories and songs for children under five years old

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

Services and activities for May 2024

5th	10.30am	All Age Worship
7th	2.30pm	Tea Service
9th	7.00pm	Ascension Day service
12th	10.30am	Morning Worship with Hymns and Children's Church
19th	10.30am	Holy Communion Whit Sunday and Children's Church
26th	10.30am	Holy Communion

Pontesbury Congregational Church

Services for May 2024

Sunday 5th May 10 am The Deacons
Sunday 12th May 10am Rev Debbie Martin
Sunday 19th May 10am Rev Brian Spence
Sunday 26th May 10am Rev Debbie Martin

Wednesday 10.30 - 12
Coffee and Chat and Fellowship
All Welcome

Pontesbury Baptist Church

Pontesbury Baptist Church
www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk

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

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

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

If you'd like more information, please email:
info@pontesburybaptist.co.uk

The Methodist Services for the May 2024 are:

5th May 10.45 am with Dr John Woolley
12th May 10.45 am with Rev Richard Hall
19th May 6.00 pm Songs of Praise with Mr Wes Morris
26th May 10.45 am with Rev Brian Spencer to inc Holy Communion

SONGS OF PRAISE

Pontesbury Baptist Church

Chapel Street, Pontesbury, SY5 0RJ

Sunday 2nd June at 6:30 pm



Discover the extraordinary stories behind the hymns!

with Pastor Mike Wells

Light refreshments served free of charge!



St George's Church, Pontesbury



And



Saturday 1st June

**Table Top Sale 10am - 12pm
and Duck Race
(£1 each, race at 12pm)**

Refreshments will be served

Book a table for £10 from Mary Worrall 01743 791069

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



Pontesbury Open Gardens

Sunday 19th May 2024 - 12.30 - 4pm

Gardens open in aid of St. George's Church & Shropshire Historic Churches Trust.
Refreshments & Plants for sale.

Entry map from the Church SY5 0PS

Entrance £6, children under 12 free.



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u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley

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& Rea Valley

MINSTERLEY MEADOWS APPEAL – SALE AGREED!

We are now launching a campaign to raise the funds to purchase these two species-rich meadows on the outskirts of Minsterley to safeguard them for future generations. Amongst many other species, the meadows support the largest colony of Green-winged Orchids in Shropshire. This has led to their designation as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by the government's nature conservancy body, Natural England. The meadows adjoin Callow Lane and are well used by local people for dog walking, and as a pleasant walking route towards Poles Coppice.

Minsterley Meadows would be owned by the Middle Marches Community Land Trust, a local community-led Trust dedicated to helping create an ecologically healthy and sustainable countryside. The Marches Meadows Group would help manage the meadows.

The appeal is supported by Minsterley Parish Council, CPRE Shropshire, Friends of Pontesford and Earl's Hill, and other local groups.

**Can you help us purchase
Minsterley Meadows?**

**PUBLIC MEETING
on Saturday 11th May
1pm-4pm
Minsterley Parish Hall**

**Minsterley Meadows
Fund-Raising Appeal Launch
Sunday 9th June**

10am-3pm

Minsterley Parish Hall

**Further details to follow in the June
newsletter**

PONTESBURY WI met on 15th April for an actioned-packed meeting. Our guest speaker was singing florist Jane Pugh. She did a wonderful flower presentation while also singing her way through the making of very beautiful flower displays. Our members were in awe of the wonderful displays which were later raffled. Winners were Sue Brookes, Julie Jones, Maxine Pittaway and Shona Wood. All went home with exquisite floral arrangements.

The unusual kitchen item was the talking point of the meeting. Shona Wood took first place with an unusual garlic stripper. 2nd Irene Windows and 3rd place Mary Crowther.

Flower of the month single stem was won by Lena Rowson, 2nd place also went to Lena, 3rd place went to Mary Crowther.

To add to our competitions this month we held our Easter Bonnet Competition judged by Jane Pugh: 1st place went to Maxine Pittaway, 2nd Shona Wood and 3rd place Lena Rowson who all made decorative Easter hats.

Another highlight of our meeting was our plant sale. Members were delighted to be able to purchase plants. Hostesses this month were Sue Brookes, Marion Burgess and June Cribb who made lovely cakes which everyone enjoyed.

This has already has been a very busy month for Pontesbury WI: on Saturday 13th April we organised a tombola stall at the Pontesbury Activity Day, thanks to Shona Wood, Barbara Scott, Irene Windows and Lorna Wright for manning the stall on what was a very cold and windy day.

Our next meetings of the craft club will be held 21st May. The craft club takes place at the Cock Inn, Hanwood at 10am to 1pm.

The next WI meeting will be on Monday 13th May and our guest speaker will be Bernard O'Connor, who will be talking about Training Women to be secret agents in World war 2.

Please contact Irene Windows President on 01743 791903 for further information.

Maxine Pittaway Events Organiser

Pontesbury Women's Club

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

Tuesday 14th May

Strawberry Tea 6pm at Edge Villa
Please contact June on 821772
if you would like to join us

Tuesday 11th June

Mike Haynes
'Everything you've wanted to know about Supermarkets!'

PWC usually meets at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month at Pontesbury Public Hall

Visitors and New Members are always welcome

Deadline for June edition is Friday 10th May- please send all articles, requests for adverts and event dates to deputy@pontesburywc.org.uk.

When submitting an article, please remember the 250 word limit and a photograph if you have one. Please only send .jpg, .png or Word pictures - no .pdf please!

HELP US TACKLE WILD BIRD EGG AND CHICK THEFT

Now until late May, nests may be raided for eggs by collectors or for chicks for the illegal trade.

Report anyone acting suspiciously around a nest to police immediately. Call 101 and quote 'Operation Easter'.

Get a description/photo and vehicle registration if safe to do so.



**OPERATION
EASTER**

CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE
IN AN EMERGENCY
DIAL 999





Pontesbury Community Garden

Pontesbury Community Garden had its “Grand Opening” on Saturday April 6th. The site was open for planting by volunteers led by Bill Sample, while Phil Bradshaw gave a short talk at the Friends of Pontesbury Library coffee morning at the Pavilion .

Shropshire Master Composters and Street Allotment Guys came along to help and advise us, and Mal Brown from the U3a Folk Group serenaded us outside the Pavilion accompanied by his Ukelele.

Pontesbury Climate Emergency Action Group Many thanks to all who attended and joined in.

The next work party at the garden site at Cricketers’ Meadow is on Sunday May 5th from 10.00am.



Mal Brown, u3a Folk Group - serenading!



Shropshire Street Allotment



Community Garden member, Phil Bradshaw



Shropshire Master Composters

Getting the Mix Right

50% Browns 50% Greens

Carbon-rich Nitrogen-rich





The Illusionist

Cert: PG - 109 mins



Fri 17th May - 7.30 pm

Marton Village Hall

Admission: Adults: £5 Child: £2.50

Film only £5. Film and Fish & Chips £10.
(Fish & Chips must be pre-ordered)
Bar and refreshments available from 7.00p.m.
All enquiries to 01743-792790 or 07810-230860.

The acclaimed illusionist Eisenheim has not only captured the imaginations of all of Vienna, but also the interest of the ambitious Crown Prince Leopold. But when Leopold's new fiancée rekindles a childhood fascination with Eisenheim, the Prince's interest evolves into obsession...

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

Rounders fixtures May at Mary Webb & Sports Ground
7pm Start

7th May Mytton v Nesscliffe
7th May Stables v The Black Lion
8th May Pontesbury v The Wheatsheaf
14th May Stables v SCC
21st May Mytton v Welshpool
21st May Ploughgirls v The Bell
22nd May Pontesbury v Minsterley
28th May Ploughgirls v The Plough



PONTESBURY AND DISTRICT BOWLING CLUB

Are you looking for a new activity? Have you thought about crown green bowling?

We are a well established bowling club with 2 crown greens in the village with various teams catering for all abilities.

For more information contact Lynette on 07970 607913 or email lynnettedbeedles@gmail.com

Update on Sports Association

The Sports Association refurb is well underway, with a new kitchen fitted, new changing room, showers and toilets have been updated and there is a disabled toilet and baby changing facilities. Painting has been completed by volunteers over a period of two months and the refurbishment is now starting to take shape.

The next phase is flooring for the building which needs to be updated and replaced as it is tired and some of it is no longer fit for purpose.

We also plan to sort out the drainage, this has been a huge problem with all the rain making the fields unplayable for the Football Teams for a huge majority of their season.

We have met with Shropshire Council and The Mary Webb and have a solution that should help, unfortunately we are unable to start this work until the end of May.

The PSA would like to say huge thanks to Pontesbury Parish Council, particularly Cllr Fletcher & Cllr Hignett, The Mary Webb School, The Atherton Trust, Good Neighbours and the ECB who have all contributed towards the refurbishment.

We look forward to a dry Summer and being able to see all of the Sports facilities being used.

NATURAL ENGLAND Notes from the hill

This month's species seems very apt as we are starting to hear the arrival of many of our migrant songbirds as they return from sunnier climes to our rather wet landscape. It has been the longest wettest winter that I have known and it has made some of our management work on the hill impossible. Fencing projects have been postponed and it is the first year

when we have not been able to carry out any heather burning.

The species that I am featuring this month is the tree pipit. This is one of the twelve species for which action plans have been produced by the Stepping Stones Project. These plans can be found on the Middle Marches Community Land Trust website. Each of these species now has a champion that will encourage the delivery of the plan's actions and there will soon be a species factsheet produced detailing how everyone can help these declining species in our area.



The tree pipit is what is commonly known as an LBJ, or a little brown job. It is a small streaked brown bird which can be easily confused with the more common meadow pipit. Apart from a few differences in appearance the main way of distinguishing between the two species is by its song and its habit of perching in trees. They arrive back at this time, from their overwintering grounds in the Sahel, the region of Africa below the north African deserts.

Tree pipits nest on the ground but use trees for song perches, where they can be seen flying up and parachuting down to a branch, singing their characteristic song. They are one of the few birds that seems happy to continue singing through the middle of the day and this can be a good time to look for them. Their preferred habitat is scattered trees in grass and heathland, although they will also use woodland edges and newly planted plantations. It is for this reason that the tree pipit was chosen by the Stepping Stones project as an indicator species for one of its key habitats the ffridd, also called heath/woodland mosaic.

It is the relatively natural habitat structure of the ffridd and the range of insects that will live on them, particularly if they are south facing that then benefits insect eating species such as the tree pipit.

There is a bird walk on the Stiperstones on the 4th May, where hopefully we will see and hear tree pipits. We will be meeting at the Stiperstones carpark at 9.30am, see Facebook for more details.

Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmooak

Pontesbury Primary School

After learning about World War II over the Spring Term, our Year 6 pupils celebrated VE Day. The children dressed up in clothing, similar to that of the time; they all looked amazing!

They made traditional cakes using wartime rationing recipes - which actually tasted really good. They listened to 1940s music, played some games and even had a cup of tea with their cake. Further to this, one of our volunteers brought in some letters her father had sent in during the war alongside his discharge papers.



Pupils of Pontesbury Primary School - all dressed up VE Day & 1940s style.

From soldiers to young ladies, to land-army girls to tea and cake; "That's a lovely cuppa & cake missus!"





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You can advertise for one month, or a full year of 11 months (there is one newsletter for December/January).

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The production of the January edition has always been a bit problematic, due to the time of year and therefore the Working Group are discussing the possibility of having a joint December/January issue - therefore there will only be 10 issues per year. Your paid-for advert will just be moved on one month and you will not lose any advertising. Confirmation in next issue.

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

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

MAY 2024 DIARY

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Every Mon	6.30-7.30pm	Pontesbury Runners (advanced/intermediate runners)	Meet corner of Brookside & Minsterley Road
Every Tue	10am to 1200	Rea Valley Foodbank	Holy Trinity Minsterley
Every Tue	10.30am-1200	A Welcome Brew	Baptist Church
Every Tue	2pm	Tai Chi	Public Hall
Every Wed	1000-1200	Sea Change Drop-In for parents/carers of under 5s - free session with refreshments	Pavilion - Term-time only
Every Thu	1000-1200	Rea Valley Foodbank	St George's Church
Every Thu	7-9pm	Badminton Club	Mary Webb School
Every Fri	1000	Walking Local Footpaths	Meet at School Green
Thu 2nd & 16th	1100	Get Creative Group - free, refreshments provided	Pavilion
Sat 4th	1000-1pm	FoPL Plant Sale & Coffee Morning	Pavilion
Sun 5th	From 10am	Community Garden Working Party	Cricketers Meadow - Community Garden
Tue 7th	6.30pm	Pontesbury Planning Committee Meeting	Pavilion
Wed 8th	1pm	Rea Valley Probus Club	Arscott Golf Club
Thu 9th	2pm	Rhyme Time	Library, Pavilion
Fri 10th	1030-1200	Good Neighbour's Coffee Morning	The Plough Inn
Sat 11th	1-4pm	Minsterley Meadows	Minsterley Parish Hall
Mon 13th	2pm	Pontesbury Wi	Public Hall
Mon 13th	7pm	Pontesbury Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion
Tue 14th	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club	Edge Villa
Fri 17th	7.30pm	Film: The Illusionist	Marton Village Hall
Sun 19th	12.30 - 4pm	Pontesbury Open Gardens	See page 6
Mon 20th	6.30pm	Pontesbury Festival Meeting	Pavilion
Wed 22nd	7.30pm	West Shropshire Flower Club - Eleanor Davies - This is my life	Westbury Village Hall
Wed 29th	7pm	Cruckton Village Hall AGM	Cruckton Village Hall
Fri 31st	10.30-1200	Pontesbury Carer's Support Group	Pavilion
Sat 1st Jun	1000-1200	Table Top Sale & Duck Race	St George's Church
Sun 2nd Jun	6.30pm	Songs of Praise	Pontesbury Baptist Church

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Please use the same email address if you would like to advertise and we will send you a form.