

Pontesbury Newsletter



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u3a Pontesbury & Rea Valley 40th Anniversary Celebrations

The u3a 40th anniversary celebration on the 24th September at the Pavilion in Pontesbury went better than we could have hoped for, with an exceptional turn-out; excellent singing by the incredible jazz-blue's singer, Val Sinclair, supported by Clive on guitar and great music from the Folk Music Group.

The interest groups put together remarkable displays and many of us learned a lot more about Shropshire than we ever thought possible.

The baking prowess of the u3a was spot on - with a special celebratory cake from June Tune. And I'm sure we didn't need the free glass of bubbles to help make this a lively, fun and friendly event - but it seemed to have been appreciated!



Thanks to everyone for attending and so many people for all their hard work and donations - including the Crown & Sceptre Inn at Minsterley for the £25 food and drink voucher and Susan Lockwood for her excellent quilted bags - and the help from the Pavilion staff and St George's Church - without you all this just wouldn't have been possible.

Thank You Everyone



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Pontesbury Parish Council News

Platinum Jubilee oak tree on School Green We have been receiving enquiries about the oak tree planted on School Green as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Unfortunately the tree died, despite being regularly watered by residents. Further investigation by a Shropshire Council Tree Officer established that "our" tree along with most of the other Platinum oaks supplied to other parishes died because of poor nursery preparation. They had too few roots to survive. The nursery has agreed to replace the trees with container grown ones and we are expecting to receive a replacement from Shropshire Council over the winter.

At the **October meeting** councillors considered what the main policing priorities should be for the area. After some discussion they felt the following should be prioritised:

Rural crime / Anti-social behaviour / Speeding / Drugs

The councillors will be meeting with PC Simon Lewis to discuss issues of concern, that you as residents have raised with your local councillors.

We have had some vandalism recently at the play area and this has been reported as an incident on the West Mercia site. <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/> It is important that any anti-social behaviour/criminal activity is reported to the policing team. However trivial it may seem; the police would prefer to know about it. This local information helps them build a picture of what is going on locally and provides evidence that a local policing presence in the parish is needed.

The parish councillors wanted to express their huge thanks to the residents that keep an eye on the play area and litter pick there and around the village.

There is still a vacancy for the Pontesbury ward of the parish council following the resignation of Cllr Lynette Charles. If you would be 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

The next parish council meeting will be held on Monday 14th November, 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 7th November 2022 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.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Pontesbury Parish Neighbourhood Plan has been sent to Shropshire Council. They are required to conduct a further consultation before sending the plan to an external inspector, whose approval will trigger a Parish referendum on the plan. Comments made in response to the Parish consultation earlier this year have led to some modifications, but not all comments could be acted upon for the following reasons:-

1. The Shropshire Local Plan already includes some suggested local changes.
2. The Neighbourhood Plan applies to future development, not to existing properties.
3. Traffic management, improvements to bus services are not within the remit of a neighbourhood plan.
4. Neighbourhood Plan policies must be viable for a proposed development.
5. The number of new houses to be built by 2038 has already nearly been reached.



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What's On at the Pavilion - November 2022

7th October saw the third Feel Good Friday event - this time with the theme "Get Creative". With the winter months drawing in, the team thought that people would love to learn new handicrafts and hobbies as a great way to keep our fingers nimble through the cold months. Free workshops were held; drawing with Emma Lawrence; cartoons with Malcolm Whittall; a crochet workshop with Sandra Harris; soap carving with Dave from Shropshire Woodcarvers and demos about rag-rug making from Malcolm - it was a really fun-filled morning.



A number of people who came to the Feel Good Friday 'Get Creative' event said how much they enjoyed meeting other people and making things together. This may be knitting, crochet, sewing, felting, or whatever creative project you are currently working on. The Getting Creative sessions start on **Thursday 3rd November, 11am – 1pm** at The Pavilion and continue on the first Thursday of each month. We will be serving tea, coffee and biscuits and **it's free**, just turn up, bring along your project, get creative and chat.

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

Getting Creative Group

A new Getting Creative Group starts on:

Thursday 3rd November

and will continue to run on
the first Thursday of every month
from 11am to 1pm.

FREE - come along, sit and socialise with a cuppa whilst getting creative, bring your latest creative project, ie crochet blanket, sewing or knitting baby hats for RSH - patterns available

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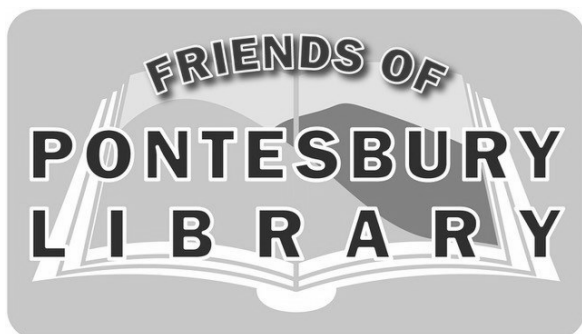
Sandra Harris from Buttonbury introduced people to the art of crochet. Her workshop was full with everyone having a go. We are following this up with a

**Crochet Workshop with Buttonbury Crafts on:
Friday 18th November 10am-1pm at The Pavilion,
£20 per person.**

We will be making crochet Christmas chains, a technique that can then be used to make blankets.

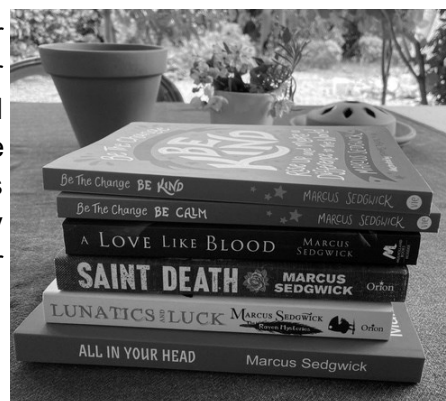
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Looking to hire a room, the Pavilion has rooms, large and small to hire. Please contact Anna Lawson, admin@pontesburypavilionc.co.uk or call in for a chat.



News from the Friends of Pontesbury Library

We have some exciting news this month. The award-winning author Marcus Sedgwick has donated a selection of his books to be held for borrowing exclusively from Pontesbury library (we have a small collection of books that are not part of the county's circulating stock). He writes engagingly for children, young adults and adults, and has published a large number of highly acclaimed titles. We are very grateful for this generous gesture, and his books will be available for borrowing by the time this newsletter reaches you.



The monthly lottery winners were drawn at the coffee morning on 1st October, and the lucky winners were:

1st prize: Mike Mortimer / 2nd prize: Maggie Challinor / 3rd prize: Rhoda Hannigan

The next lottery draw will take place the coffee morning on Saturday 5th November, 10.30 onwards, when we will also be welcoming Sharon Davies, Coop Pioneer, to formally thank the Co-op for their support of the Friends through their community support scheme.

Forthcoming diary dates:

3rd December: Mince Pie coffee morning

10th December: Afternoon children's party at the Pavilion, with food, games, and a special visit from Santa Claus. This event is free, but please book in advance at the library as there will be a limit on numbers.



17th December: Mood Indigo concert with Val Sinclair at Pontesbury Public Hall, to raise funds for FoPL. Tickets are available from Hignett's

What were we up to in October? We started the month with 'Libraries Week' which ran from 3rd to 9th October. The motto was 'Never Stop Learning!' We would love to know whether and how libraries have made a difference to you. Tell one of our library staff, or fill in the form online at www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries.

We now have some lovely postcards supplied by Poetry on Loan. Poetry on Loan promotes contemporary poetry through public libraries in the West Midlands. 'To enjoy a good poem is to take a step back from information overload' They promote contemporary writers within the West Midland. The postcards can be sent to friends or used as a bookmark.

The Reading Well for Teens collection has been updated, sixteen of the books are available as eBooks on the Cloud Library App. Pop in, join, get your PIN and you are ready to read on phones and gadgets.

We had a real treat for Rhyme Time this month, live guitar accompaniment by Rob! Back to shakers, singing and stories next month on Thursday 10th November at 2pm. Suitable for children from 0 to 5, but also enjoyed by parents and grandparents, and the Library Manager who likes to join in with Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes!



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Upcoming Events

Luncheon Club

Friday 25th November – The Public Hall, Pontesbury

Good Neighbours is holding a Luncheon Club on Friday 25th November at the Public Hall in Pontesbury. The event starts at 11.30am and all are welcome to attend.

A hearty meal will be served, for which a small charge will be made towards the running costs, and a chance to socialise and meet your neighbours and others from the local community.

Message From the Chair. Just recently Rea Valley Community Good Neighbours Scheme has noticed a significant rise in people asking for help, particularly for food. At the moment we are supplying emergency food parcels every weekend and also referring people onto the Foodbanks. The local churches have now set up foodbanks working with the Barnabas Church, allowing local people who are referred to have a parcel. Foodbanks offer 3 to 4 food parcels following a referral, they also offer advice on money matters and can signpost to other organisations for specific assistance.

Good Neighbours intends to run a series of "Pop up Larders" over the coming weeks and months, look out for dates in the newsletter and on our Facebook page.

In addition to the Pop Up Larder events, Good Neighbours offers an On-Call phone service, [**Telephone: 07944 891953 - Confidential**] where many requests for help are received every week. Food parcels and additional bags with healthcare and cleaning products can then be put together and are delivered by Good Neighbours volunteers, providing a crucial service to those who have got into difficulties.

A further initiative is the setting up of a Luncheon Club for vulnerable residents in Pontesbury, where a hot lunch is provided in an environment where individuals can meet, chat, feel safe, ask for help from our volunteers or simply get out and about and meet new people. The first of these took place on 28th October at the Public Hall and, with thanks to Cllr Lewis, a minimal charge has been agreed.

Last year a donation was made to Rea Valley Good Neighbours from Pontesbury Parish Council for a volunteer thank you event, currently the Chair feels the money would be better spent on helping people in the community. Whether it's subsidising a hot meal, much needed transport to the Dr's or buying food for the 'pop up larder' - we're here to help!

November 2022

Coffee Morning 11th November -
10:30am – 12:00pm - Plough Inn
All are welcome to come along.

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

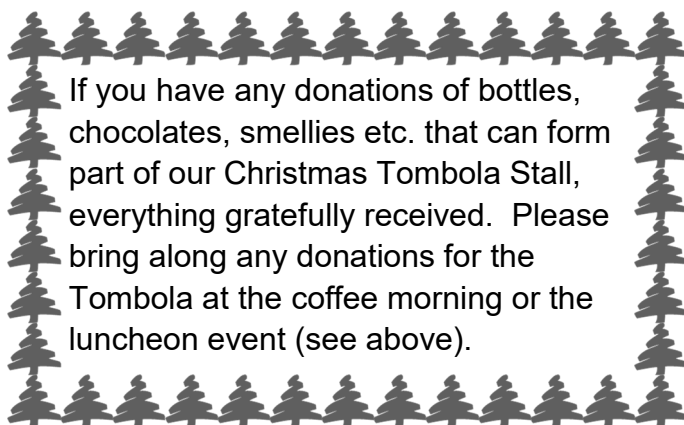
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Janice Davies	£15.00
Dawn Whittall	£10.00

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Pontesbury WI. Our President Irene Windows opened our October meeting with a tribute to Joyce Chilvers who had sadly died.

Joyce had been President of Pontesbury WI on a number of occasions. She really enjoyed the WI having taken on many different responsibilities. She worked extremely hard doing a variety of tasks often in the background, making sure the W.I. ran effectively and efficiently. She will be missed by her many friends at WI.

This month Pen Turner was our guest speaker. Pen had been a librarian in London for a number of years and had a pet dog called Bella for company. Sadly Bella had died just as Pen had got bored with everyday city life. When Bella died Pen decided to change her life and follow her dreams. Her fascinating talk told how she gave up everything, her home and her job to go on an adventure, to chase her dreams. In fact she encouraged us all to think about what we want out of our own lives and to go after our dreams without hesitation.

Pen has written four books titled "Travels with a Penguin" To follow her dreams she took along her toy penguin for company while visiting many friends in countries she had read about in her childhood. She enjoyed telling the W.I. about the wonderful experiences she had along her journey. The highlights of her adventure were going across Sydney harbour bridge in a harness and dressing up as bride in Japan. Her talk certainly got the WI keen to follow their own dreams.

Pontesbury WI held its first Craft Club meeting in October. It was hosted by Barbara Scott and Maxine Pittaway. The Craft Club takes place on the third Tuesday of the month, 10 am to 1pm at the Function Room at the Cock Inn Hanwood. Anyone from the community is welcome to join us at the Craft and Chat meeting.

Pen Turner judged our single stem flower of the month competition. First and third place went to Maxine Pittaway for her beautiful Fuchsias and second place went to Lena Rowson with another beautiful bloom.

Our raffle this month was won by Marion Elliott who went home with some lovely flowers.

All W.I. members are working hard preparing for our Christmas Craft Fair to be held on Monday 14th of November at Pontesbury Public Hall from 2.30 to 4.30. Please support this event, we hope to have lots of interesting Christmas crafts, cakes and plants.

Pontesbury WI will also have a stall at the Plough Christmas Fair taking place on the 10th December. In addition we will be decorating a tree for St George's Church Tree display.

If you would like to join the WI new members are most welcome. We have interesting speakers, exciting trips, lots of good company and lovely cakes to eat. We meet at Pontesbury Public Hall on the second Monday afternoon of the month. Please contact Irene Windows. President on 791903 for further information.

Maxine Pittaway Events Organiser



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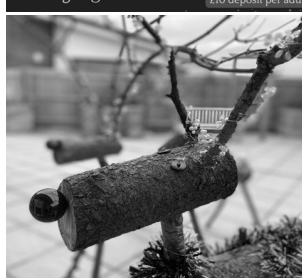
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West Mercia Women's Aid 0800 783 1359	24hr helpline for women and children suffering from domestic violence.
Crossroads Together 01743 341995	Support for young carers www.crossroadstogether.org.uk
Age UK Shropshire Telford and Wrekin 01743 233123	Confidential advice for older people, their families and carers

Pontesbury Baptist Church

Remembrance Service

Sunday 13th November at
10:30 am

A time to pause, reflect and remember



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Pontesbury Baptist Church

Saturday 17th December at
5pm

All are welcome!

www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk



Getting Support in Rea Valley

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/).

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 this, please have a look on our website
(Energy bills rebate and newsroom (Direct debit energy rebate)).



REA VALLEY FOODBANKS OPEN 07951 126 958

Holy Trinity Minsterley from 10-12
every Tuesday morning;
and
every Thursday morning from 10-12 at
St George's Pontesbury



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

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

Rea Valley Community Good Neighbours

Coffee Mornings in Minsterley Parish Hall,
from 10.00 to 11.30

- Friday 21st of October
- Friday 18th November
- Friday 9th of December

All are welcome

St George's Church

www.st-george.org.uk

Services for November:

1st 2.30pm Tea Service
6th 10.30am Morning Worship
13th 10.30 am Holy Communion
(Remembrance Sunday)
20th 10.30am Holy Communion
27th 10.30am Holy Communion

Methodist Church

Services for November

6th 10.45am with Mr Paul Trenberth
13th 10.30am at St Georges Church
20th 10.45am with Mr Nigel Gibbon
27th 10.45am with Rev Richard Hall to
inc Holy Communion

Pontesbury Congregational Church

Services in November

6th 10:00 led by congregation
13th 10:00 Communion led by Rev.
Debbie Martin
20th 10:00 tba
27th 10:00 led by Rev. Debbie Martin

Baptist Church Chapel Street, SY5 0RJ

www.pontesburybaptist.co.uk

Services twice every Sunday: 10:30am & 6:30pm

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.

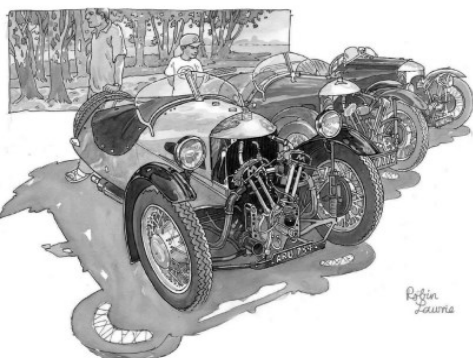
For more information about the wider work of our church, or if you want to get in touch with our Pastor Mike Wells, please use the following email address:
info@pontesburybaptist.co.uk

Pontesbury Players will be performing their annual pantomime in January 2023 and we hope to see you there!

We at Pontesbury Players are always keen to support local organisations through the proceeds of our raffle. If your organisation feel they could benefit, please get in touch with Chairman, Steve Thomas on 07779091068 before 1st December.

CLASSIC *hangups*

An exhibition of classic car artwork by
Robin Lawrie
The Pavilion, Hall Bank, Pontesbury
1st to 30th November 2022



CRUCKTON ART GROUP

**Art for all abilities at CRUCKTON VILLAGE
HALL on Thursdays 2.00 to 4.00pm**

We have materials for beginners,; Water colours, Acrylic and Pastels.

November meetings 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, then start again February 2nd and all Thursdays until April.

Professional tutors on 2nd, 9th and 23rd March, these sessions will cost £5.00 each.

Join us to see how we work and have a cup of coffee.

Contact; Richard Martinali on 01743 790245, or
Chloe Calder, 01743 860703

Handel MESSIAH

**Marches
Choir
and Sinfonia**

Alistair Auld, Conductor

Sunday November 20th
7.00 pm
St John's Church, Bishops Castle

Tickets £15 on 01588 650315
and from TicketSource
Children and Students FREE

www.marcheschoir.org.uk



MON 31ST OCT
**7.30pm PONTESBURY
PUBLIC HALL**

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Pontesbury Players
* FOR AGE 16+

Notes from the hill

This is the time of year when jays start to become much more noticeable, and we are certainly seeing them about the hill at the moment. This member of the crow family can be very shy and secretive when it is nesting, but come the autumn its harsh cry can be heard all around the edge of reserve as they come together to feed on acorns.

The jay and oak trees are linked together in a relationship that benefits both bird and tree. The jay and its offspring obviously benefit as they eat the nutritious seeds which being produced before the beginning of winter allow the birds to put on weight at this crucial time. The jays also bury the acorns which gives them a food source which stretches through the winter and right into spring.

The oak tree benefits from the actions of the jay as oaks do best in open areas where they are not out competed by faster growing trees. Unlike squirrels that will bury acorns close to the mother tree, jays will carry them hundreds of metres away and prefer to bury their hoard into open ground. This allows the tree to disperse its seeds much further than if they merely fell off the tree and they get planted at just the right depth. Research has shown that jays are so industrious that a group of 65 jays dispersed 500,000 acorns over a period of 4 weeks.

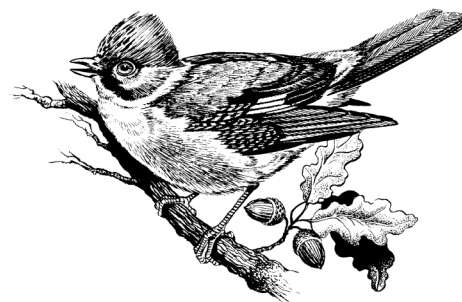
Many of these acorns will be dug up again and eaten by the jays, however come the springtime the trees are located by the growing shoot and although the acorn is eaten the now growing tree usually survives unharmed, having already put its roots down.

This year seems to be another mast year for oaks, which is a year when large numbers of acorns are produced. Mast years are a fascinating occurrence in nature and means the synchronised fruiting of trees like oak and beech over large expanses of country. A strategy used by some trees to overload the animals that eat their seeds. It was thought to happen every 4-10 years and there are various theories on how the trees communicate with each other to co-ordinate this fruiting. It is likely that it is a combination of things including the right conditions for wind pollination, communication between the trees through their roots and air-borne chemicals and the effects of the weather on the tree's resources.

The last mast year was only two years ago, and this shortening of the interval between masts may be an affect of climate change and a response to hotter drier summers. Whatever the cause, the outcome could be very significant not just for the oak trees but also for all the other creatures that depend upon them, including the jay.

Why not collect and grow on a few acorns this year to plant out in the garden.

Simon Cooter and the Natural England staff at Rigmoreoak



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

Art History



Bridge



Café Society



Cinema & Social



Creative writing



Cycling



Family History



Folk Music



Gardening



Geology



History



Italian



Literature



Local History



Painting & Drawing



Photography



Pickleball



Play reading



Recorded music



Short Tennis



Table Tennis (Minsterley)



Table Tennis (Pontesbury)



Walking (long)



Walking (short)



learn, laugh, live

Contact

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u3asites.org.uk/pontesbury-reavalley



News from St George's Church

A big "Thank You" to all who supported September's Flower Festival – whether as a visitor or as one of the dedicated team who worked so hard to decorate the church. We think it was one of the best displays for several years and we are very grateful to all who contributed to the £900 raised to help fund St. George's activities.

With Advent beginning at the end of November, St. George's is preparing for Christmas. On Saturday 3rd December, we are holding a wreath-making evening from 6:30. Tuition, materials, wine and nibbles are provided for £20.

Then we have our annual Tree and Crib Festival. This will be open at St. George's on Friday 9th December (10 to 6pm), Saturday 10th (10 to 6pm) and Sunday 11th (12 to 4pm). This year's event is the 25th Anniversary, so the theme is "silver". As ever, trees and displays of all shapes and sizes are welcome. Full details including setting-up times are available from Mary Worrall:

Pontesbury Women's Club

Tuesday 8th November

Michael Carding will read us some of his Poetry and a sale of Cakes in aid of Macmillan Nurses

Tuesday 13th December

Shrewsbury Hand-Bell Ringers will entertain us, Sandra Harris & Emma Lawrence will hold a sale And there will be a Christmas Buffet!

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

Visitors and New Members are always welcome

01743 791069. Do pay a visit – it's a great way to get into the spirit of Christmas!

Finally: We have a vacancy for a Web Master to maintain and develop our church's website. If you have suitable skills in website design and upkeep – and can spare a little of your time each week – then you may be just the person for the job. Our present Web Master is retiring but will ensure a successful "hand over". If you – or someone you know – may be interested in this, then please contact Revd. Greg Smith at rectorpontstip@gmail.com or Richard at webmaster@st-george.org.uk

TAI CHI

Pontesbury Public Hall

Tuesday afternoons at 2-4pm - cup of tea and a biscuit at about 3pm

Still spaces for people and we still maintain 2m distancing.

We hope to start again in the new year on 10th January, but there are still a few weeks left before we stop for Christmas. Anyone would be very welcome to come along at any time.

The Shropshire Tai Chi Academy have had three one-day workshops this year (after a two-year break) and are hoping to arrange another on Saturday 17 November at Mereside Community Hall.

Pontesbury Thursday Night Badminton Club

We have recently started up the Pontesbury Thursday Night Badminton Club and we are looking for new members. We play at Mary Webb School, Pontesbury on Thursday nights between 7pm and 9pm. Places are limited and if we exceed our maximum members limit then we place all others onto our waiting list. We accept anyone of 16 years or older and any playing standard and that includes novices. The only condition is that you must be able to freely move around the badminton court. The cost will be £35 to £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 then please email naoakley01@gmail.com 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 send you away.

NOVEMBER 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 in November	2-4pm	Cruckton Art Group	Cruckton Village Hall
Every Thu evening	7-9pm	Pontesbury Thursday Night Badminton Club	Mary Webb School
Throughout November	Exhibition	Classic Hang-Ups by Robin Lawrie	Pavilion
Thu 3 Nov	11am - 1pm	FREE Getting Creative Morning	Pavilion
Sat 5 Nov	10am	Friends of Pontesbury Library Coffee Morning	Pavilion
Mon 7 Nov	6.30pm	Planning Committee Meeting	Pavilion
Tue 8 Nov	3-5pm	Country & Western Afternoon	The Plough Inn
Tue 8 Nov	7.30pm	Pontesbury Women's Club	Public Hall
Wed 9 Nov	1pm	Rea Valley Probus Club	White Horse Inn, Pulverbatch
Thu 10 Nov	2pm	Rhymetime for 0-5 years - bring along parents or grandparents	Library in Pavilion
Thu 10 Nov + every Thu	7-9pm	Shropshire Woodcarvers Group	Mary Webb School
Thu 10 Nov	6pm start	Lucky 13 Bingo & Play Your Cards Right	The Plough Inn
Fri 11 Nov	10.30-12am	Community Good Neighbours Coffee Morning	The Plough Inn
Sat 12 Nov + every Sat	10am-4pm	Shropshire Woodcarvers Group	Mary Webb School
Sat 12 Nov	10am-2pm	Repair Café	St George's Church
Sat 12 Nov	8-10.30pm	Live Music with Si Alton	The Plough Inn
Mon 14 Nov	2.30pm	Pontesbury WI Craft Fair - Entrance £2 inc refreshments	Public Hall
Mon 14 Nov	7.30pm	Pontesbury Parish Council Meeting	Pavilion
Fri 18 Nov	10am - 1pm	Crochet Workshop	Pavilion
Mon 21 Nov	7.30pm	Pontesbury Parish Council Pavilion Committee Meeting	Pavilion
Fri 25 Nov	10.30am	Carer's Group	Pavilion
Fri 25 Nov	11.30am	Good Neighbours Luncheon Club	Public Hall
DECEMBER DATES			
Thu 1 Dec	11am - 1pm	FREE Getting Creative Morning	Pavilion
Sat 3 Dec	10am	Build Your Own Reindeer Workshop	Lower Camp, Pontesford Hill
Sat 3 Dec	10am	Friends of Pontesbury Library Mince Pie Coffee Morning	Pavilion
Sat 3 Dec	6.30pm	Christmas wreath-making evening	St George's Church



Stop Press!!

CAN YOU HELP WITH PONTESBURY NEWS-LETTER?

Pontesbury Parish Council is looking for a local person to assist with the production of the newsletter.

The Parish Council wish to change the newsletter to reflect the growing community of the village, to include information for all ages and the whole spectrum of Pontesbury.

If you have any ideas, and/or would like to get involved, or would even like to be the Editor of the newsletter, please get in touch with Nicola Young, Deputy Clerk - email:

deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk

Closing Date:

Friday 18th November

REMINDER: Newsletter deadline is 10th November, all info to deputy@pontesburypc.org.uk please.